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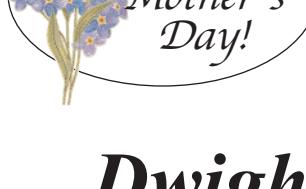
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**Dwight Seats New Village Officials**

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Results of the April 7 Consolidated General Election have brought some new faces to the Dwight Village Board Room.

At an April 27 board session, newly-elected Village President Bill Wilkey and newly-elected trustees Justin Eggenberger and Jared Anderson, along with re-elected incumbent Mike Woods, took the oath of office pledging service to the Village of Dwight.

Wilkey edged mayoral candidate Jerry Curtis out of securing the position by a narrow 19-vote margin, capturing 438 votes to Curtis' 419 votes. A third candidate, Gibbs Nielsen, took 215 votes.

Trustees Eggenberger and Anderson take seats previously held by Jerry Harris and Gibbs Nielsen.

Patty Drechsel was sworn in as village clerk. Drechsel previously held the clerk position and ran unopposed, capturing 910 votes to retain her title.

In his first order of business as mayor, Wilkey recommended the appointment of Attorney Gary Neville as Dwight village attorney – a recommendation, that split the new board on its decision. Trustees Mike Woods, Angie Airgood and Jerry

Curtis voted "no" to the recommendation while Jared Anderson, Justin Eggenberger and Ron Skinner voted to position Neville as village attorney. Wilkey cast the deciding "aye" vote.

Neville will take the place of Irv Masching, who served as attorney for the Village of Dwight for the past 33 years.

Wilkey also directed the village to move forward with taking any necessary legal action to ensure a swimming pool located at a vacated 322 S. Franklin St. location be pumped to ensure public safety.

Prior to the incoming board's placement, the former board met in regular session and addressed some final business.

A resident of 410 N. Chicago St. came before the board with a water bill complaint. According to the resident, who suspects a faulty meter or misreading, the water usage tripled in one month before returning to normal usage amounts.

Documentation presented by the village indicates water did go through the meter. The board sent the matter to the Utilities Committee for further discussion.

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara reported that two new businesses will make Dwight their home.

PopeJoy Plumbing and Heating will open for busi-

ness at 502 W. Mazon Ave. while Green's Repair and Body Shop will open at 207 E. Delaware St. On a down note, the board learned that

The Java Stop, located on Route 66 near Mazon Avenue, will close in May. Through May 9, The Java (continued on page 3)

Masching Concludes More Than Three Decades as Dwight Village Attorney



Irv Masching, Dwight Village Attorney for more than three decades, steps aside following a new appointment by the newly-elected Mayor.

by Madelyn Fogarty
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It has been more than 33 years since Attorney Irv Masching began serving as attorney for the Village of Dwight.

Now, seven mayors and some 1,000 meetings later, he steps aside following a new appointment by recently-elected Mayor Bill

Wilkey. This may make Masching the longest-serving village officer, whether by appointment or election, in the village's history.

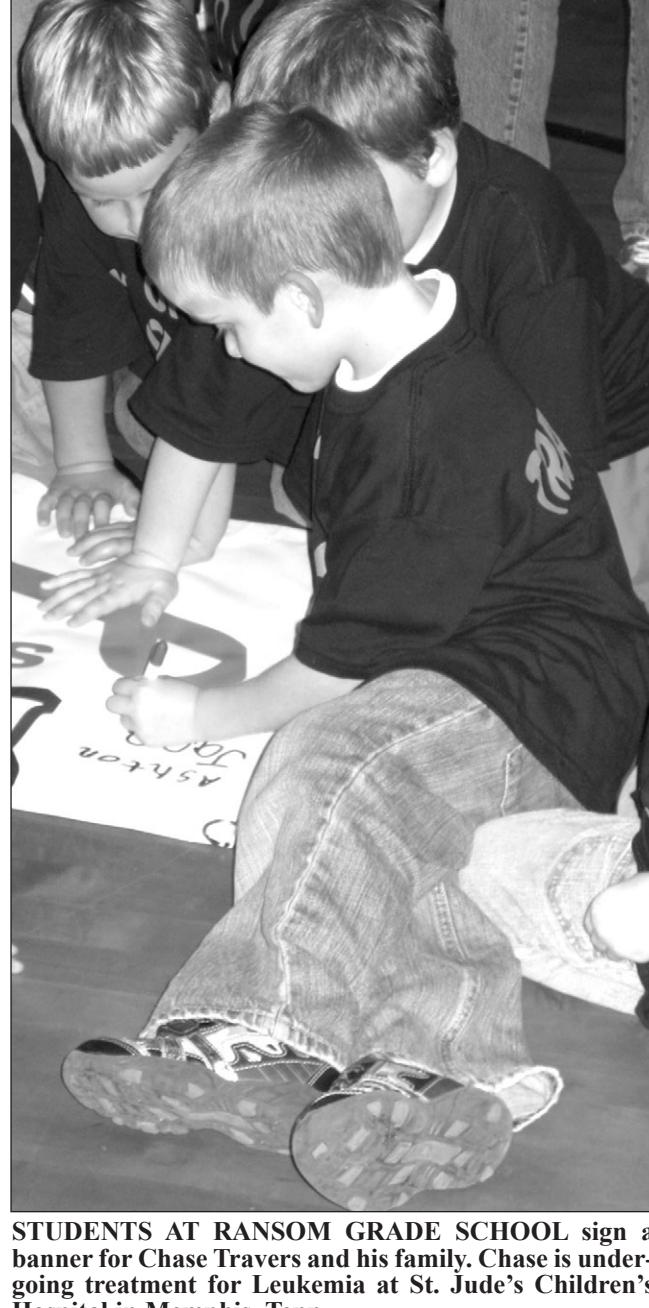
In early 1976, Masching came into the role following the appointment of then-Attorney Charles Glennon as circuit judge.

After graduating from (continued on page 3)



Newly-elected Dwight village officials were sworn in April 27. Pictured above is the entire board. L-R, front row: Village Clerk Patti Drechsel, Village President Bill

Wilkey. Back row: Trustees Jared Anderson, Angie Airgood, Mike Woods, Justin Eggenberger, Ron Skinner and Jerry Curtis.



STUDENTS AT RANSOM GRADE SCHOOL sign a banner for Chase Travers and his family. Chase is undergoing treatment for Leukemia at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Gardner Freezes Water/Sewer Rates

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board met Wednesday, April 27.

Gardner Commissioner Bill Gerrish proposed that the village abate the 5% increase on the water and sewer rates for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. After discussing the solvency of the water and sewer funds, Gerrish reported that both funds would remain solvent following the scheduled projects during the coming season. The board discussed the possibility of using TIF money for some of the projects, and the board understands from the TIF attorney that the project does not qualify for TIF funds. The motion to abate the increase passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mike Serena presented two proposals for the South Jackson Street repairs, one with a curb and one without. Village engi-

neer Guy Christensen noted that including curbs required additional lane width to allow vehicles to pull off the roadway.

Commissioner Dick Hileman suggested bidding the project in an effort to research the pricing available for the project. Christensen suggested determining which proposal they would like to have bid to prepare engineering drawings for a single project. He commented that the cost to provide engineering for both versions would be several thousand dollars. Serena motioned to seek bids for the project and communicate with Christensen on which version of the project to pursue.

Serena next reported that he was asked if the village could place barricades at some intersections to protect the 5K run during the Red Carpet Corridor weekend.

Serena reported that he

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FORMER SAUNEMIN MAYOR MIKE STOECKLIN was honored during a Pontiac Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" session in the Saunemin Community Building April 30. Stoecklin, right, was presented a plaque by newly-elected Saunemin Mayor Bob Bradford. The plaque was inscribed: "J. Michael Stoecklin, Village Mayor/Trustee — In grateful appreciation for 12 years of outstanding service and dedication. (signed) Village of Saunemin Board of Trustees." Stoecklin, who did not seek re-election as mayor, continues as the board chairman for the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council. He teaches and coaches at Saunemin Grade School. Stoecklin led the effort to establish a successful TIF District for Saunemin, which resulted in the construction of a prosperous service station/convenience store at Rts. 47 and 116.

FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Apr. 23: John H. Kleine, 56, Dwight, speeding (radar), 75/55.
 Apr. 26: Collette M. Bosso, 22, Milan, speeding (radar), 71/55.
 Apr. 29: Timothy J. Creedon IV, 30, Ottawa, speeding (radar), 75/55.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Apr. 24: 3200 N., medical, Pontiac; 3200 N., medical, Morris; S. Union, citizen assist; William, medical, Pontiac.
 Apr. 25: Spencer, trauma, Pontiac; Rt. 47, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Mazon; Spencer, medical,

Pontiac.

Apr. 26: Prairie, trauma, Morris.
 Apr. 27: Delaware, medical, Streator; James, medical, Streator.
 Apr. 28: Bannon, Lifeline; Columbia, fire; John, citizen assist.
 Apr. 29: Spencer, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

6 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 1; expired registration sticker, 1; improper lighting - one headlamp, 1; obstructed windows (tint), 1; improper lane usage, 1; only one red taillight, 1.

Temps - 2009

Apr. 22 - high 64°, low 34°
 Apr. 23 - high 70°, low 36° .10" precip.
 Apr. 24 - high 81°, low 53°
 Apr. 25 - high 78°, low 46° .50" precip.
 Apr. 26 - high 80°, low 49°
 Apr. 27 - high 69°, low 44° 1.05" precip.
 Apr. 28 - high 53°, low 44° .10" precip.
One Year Ago - May 6, 2008
 high 82°, low 55° .05" precip.

Take Tornado Siren Seriously, Urges Dwight EMS Director

With tornado season knocking on our Central Illinois door, Dwight EMS Director Al Metzke offers advice to local residents and an explanation on the use of the village warning sirens used for severe weather.

Other than a scheduled testing of the warning siren at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, Metzke advises that warning sirens should be considered an alert of tornado danger.

"The only time we actually blow the sirens is if we've

spotted a tornado coming close to town," cautions Metzke. "So, when you hear the sirens blow, it is either a test the first Tuesday of the month at 10 in the morning, or if you hear the sirens any other time, you know we are in for it. Take precautions, such as getting into the center of the building, the basement if you have one or the bathtub."

Emergency severe weather and tornado warnings are also broadcast over the local cable television system.



Happy 1st Birthday Mikey!



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THIRTY-FOUR PARTICIPANTS in the Dwight MAPPING program met again Wednesday evening, April 29, to concentrate on prioritizing goals and strategies for establishing a future that was envisioned in their draft statement: "Dwight is a highly desired destination with its rich history, small town atmosphere, outstanding schools, unique shops and sites. This thriving community is a natural magnet for further economic and residential growth. You will like Dwight."

Final MAPPING Session Thursday -- Just a Beginning?

by Tom Tock

With e-mails flying back and forth among participants concerning a name for an advisory committee to continue after the final MAPPING session May 7, interest continues to build for a sustained effort to improve various aspects of the Dwight community.

MAPPING stands for Management And Planning Programs Involving Non-metropolitan Groups. That's quite a mouthful, but it boils down to people getting together who are interested in bettering their communities and creating a vision for community development, setting goals, and establishing plans of action.

Sessions have been on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. in the DTHS Cafeteria, with the following people participating in most of the sessions:

Dale Adams, Jane

Anderson, Debbie Becker, Phil Becker, Jerry Beier, Janine Boggs, Mary Boma, Kathy Bozarth, Kelly Bruce, Sara Bunting;

Mary Carpenter, Adam Christensen, Barbara Christensen, Paul Clausen, Carol Clavey, Stacey Connolly, Steve Connor, Rodney Connor, Jerry Curtis;

Jerry Danko, Larry Deterding, Tracy Deterding, Barbara DeWaard, Kim Drechsel, Justin Eggenberg, Tracy Eggengerger, Linda Emling, Bill Flott;

Mike Goodwin, George Hager, Ryan Hansen, Bret Heinrich, Tim Henson, Jennni Hogan, Daryl Holt, Cindy Humbert;

Tom Ivey, Nick Kester, Marla Kinkade, Janice Lauritzen, Keith Lauritzen, Larry Little;

Alan Mortensen, Julie Marx, Bob McNamara, Kevin McNamara, Theresa

McNamara, Mark Milbauer, John Moyement;

Gibs Nielsen, Tammy Pulver, Patsy Riber, Scott Schultz, Brian Seabert, Shirley Seabert, Michelle Sparrow, Josh Stevenson, Dawn Sutton, Sharon Swink;

Carla Tinberg, Tom Tock, Louise Tock, Chuck Trainor, Laura Vigna, Mike Vigna, Joan Von Qualen, Traci Wargo, Julie White and Steve Wilkey.

If you haven't been to any of the first sessions, don't be shy about attending the one May 7. Not everyone has been able to make all of the previous sessions, and the more input the MAPPING program receives, the better will be the results.

The sessions have been work, but they have obviously been enjoyable, too. That's why most participants have come back again and again.

What's next?

GET INVOLVED! We Welcome Your Input!

DWIGHT MAPPING PROGRAM MEETING

Thursday, May 7: 6-9 p.m. DTHS Cafeteria

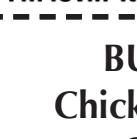
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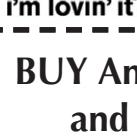


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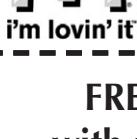
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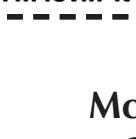
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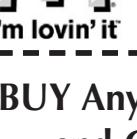
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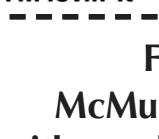
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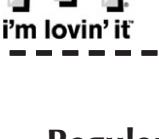
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DTHS SENIOR ELIZABETH DeWAARD shows off her art projects. DeWaard was named an All-Conference Art Student at the I-8 Art Portfolio Judging Contest April 28.

Elizabeth DeWaard Named All-Conference Art Student

Elizabeth DeWaard, a Dwight Township High School senior, was one of seven students who received the distinction of being named an All-Conference Art Student at the Interstate Eight Art Portfolio Judging Contest at Reed-Custer High School on Tuesday, April 28.

This year, 17 students participated in the annual competition. The students display their portfolios, which are then judged by the art teachers of the Interstate Eight Conference. A teacher may not judge competitors from his or her own school. Students are judged on craftsmanship, design quality, originality, degree of difficulty and diversity of media.



DTHS Senior Jamie Frazier competed in the I-8 Art Contest

Masching Concludes --

(continued from page 1) law school in 1975, Masching, a lifelong resident of Dwight, chose to stay close to his roots and practice law in his hometown. During his tenure as Dwight's village attorney, he has seen a lot of changes within the village and understands the needs and challenges that face a small, largely agricultural based community.

From Masching's perspective, technological advancements, improved services and the increasing complexity of EPA and other government-mandated requirements are some of the more notable changes that have affected the operation of the village.

Other schools receiving wins in the competition were Reed-Custer, Lisle, Herscher and Peotone.

Art students at DTHS are under the instruction of Bill Skridulis.

update and maintain facilities to provide these services, improvements must be planned well in advance prior to emergencies arising. And, true enough, if the infrastructure and equipment is not kept in good repair and updated, you will have to pay the same or greater cost down the road. I believe that our village boards and presidents have tried to maintain a balance between the revenue coming in and the need required to maintain basic municipal services."

His years of board involvement have led Masching to conclusions about how members of governing bodies need to work together.

"Probably what works best in any governing body – whether it be a town board or a school board or Congress – is each member has to be as informed as possible, listen to all sides and treat everyone with humility and respect – not that they can't take opposing sides, because on a board, everyone has differing opinions," said Masching. "But, at the end of the day, you take a vote, the majority rules, and then move on to the next thing. You can't hold grudges or have your own agenda – a board should be looking at what is the best for the community as a whole."

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Dwight Seats New Village Officials

(continued from page 1) Stop will be open normal daytime hours and then open only on weekends until the complete closing at the end of May.

Also on its agenda, the board approved:

- a resolution accepting the April 7 election results
- a Plan Commission recommendation to accept a

petition for subdivision by Heritage Woods of Dwight. The property will be zoned B-1 Business.

• payment of ordinary bills totaling \$99,643.91

The next meeting of the Dwight Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, May 11, at 6 p.m. in the Dwight Public Services Complex.

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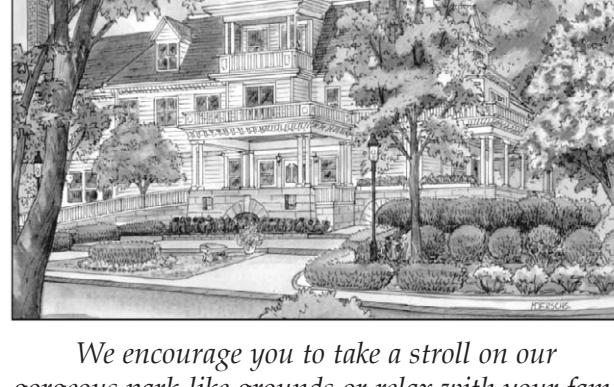
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GLCEDC Pursues Planning for 2009

by Tom Tock

The Board of Directors for The Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council met at its lower-level office in the Farm Bureau Building, Pontiac, April 23, at 6 p.m.

Some eighteen board members were present. Mike Stoecklin, Board Chairman, opened the meeting, then turned it over to the new Chief Executive Officer, Larry Vaupel.

Kevin McNamara of Dwight, treasurer, reported \$48,831 of the year's budgeted \$199,000 had been expended through April 15. Much of this amount has been for startup costs associated with the establishment of the new office.

Livingston County Farm Bureau rents the office to GLCEDC for \$50 a month.

Bill Fairfield, County Board Chairman, told the GLCEDC the county had established a committee which is researching ways the county might participate in economic development opportunities.

The GLCEDC's Executive Committee has contracted for a peace corps fellow to work with the organization for 11 months beginning in August. The Peace

Corps person, Amy Deal from ISU, will work on enhancing the economic development strategy for the county.

It was reported that the GLCEDC has 83 dues-paying members. The goal is to increase that number to 100 by the end of the year.

Vice-chairman David Ochs suggested that the GLCEDC be active in connecting schools and junior colleges with the workforce needs of Livingston County companies.

Web page proposals are being sought, with a deadline of May 18. A new web page will contain county economic data and demographics, available sites and buildings, and assistance that is available.

A mission statement for the GLCEDC and an itemized work plan for 2009 were approved.

Vaupel suggested five new committees: Business Recruitment; Business Retention/Growth; Workforce Development; Marketing/Promotions; and Membership/Finance.

Board members are to request assignment to the committee of their preference before the next meeting July 16 at 6 p.m.

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Gardner Freezes Water/Sewer Rates --

(continued from page 1) would place and remove the barricades. Cox noted that the street in front of the old bank would also be blocked, as would half of the parking lot.

Resident Gerry Von Qualen addressed the board concerning several issues. Von Qualen reported that he had heard rumors that he was running for mayor. Von Qualen reported that at this time, this is untrue. Von Qualen also noted that he had been told that Commissioner Hileman had commented that the gazebo was a \$40,000 waste of taxpayer money and that Von Qualen and the masonry worker on the gazebo had been compensated for their work on the project. Von Qualen stated that he was not compensated in any way for his work on the gazebo project. Following his reading of a prepared statement, Von Qualen requested that his comments be entered into the public record. The board did not comment on Von Qualen's comments.

Hileman opened his portion of the agenda with a motion to pay for the Gardner Senior Citizens dinner in May that will include honoring village resident Lorraine Hanson. Hileman next addressed Von Qualen's comments by beginning a discussion on the beautification committee. Hileman commented that he had heard several negative comments directed toward him regarding the beautification committee and its finances. Hileman suggested that he believes it is in the best interest of the village and the committee if the committee becomes a separate entity from the village board to avoid conflicts between board members, village employees and the committee. Hileman stated that at no time has he said that tax money was spent on the gazebo.

Hileman noted that the village did insure the gazebo for \$55,000. He further stated that there was a discrepancy in the finance of the committee and the village was related to a deposit that was not identified in the bank records. Hileman completed his comments by motioning that the profits from the beautification committee be turned over to the committee so it can become a separate entity. Cox stated that he opposes separating the beautification committee and also questioned the cost of the lift station generator and the lack of itemization on the generator bill. Hileman responded that the generator was installed on an estimate that included the itemization rather than it being included on the final bill. Cox then reiterated that he opposes separating the beautification committee from the village board.

Serena asked Village Attorney Scott Belt about the legalities of the committee separating from the village. Belt commented that there are various levels of committees of this type, from very loosely organized groups without IRS status to organizations with full IRS recognition and tax-exempt status. Belt requested clarification of the motion that the committee, as a body of the village, be dissolved and its funds be returned to allow it to reorganize as an independent entity. The motion was ultimately withdrawn.

Cox asked if the beautification committee could assume responsibility for maintaining the grass around the gazebo. He noted the cleanup weekend went well, with several areas downtown and along routes 53 and 129 being addressed. Cox asked if the Zoning Board of Appeals seat numbers had been

set. Hileman suggested that once the vacant seats are filled, the village board could set the terms.

Mayor Tom Wise presented a letter from the GSW High School prom night committee requesting a donation of \$500, as had been past practice. The board voted unanimously to make the donation, with Serena passing.

Belt reported the meeting with Mr. Piccolo concerning the village building code, and the codification process is nearing completion. Belt also suggest-

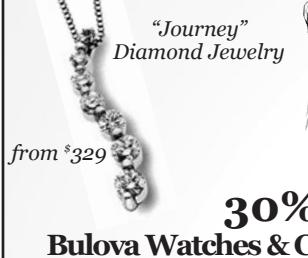
ed adopting the current, 10th edition, of Robert's Rules of Order. Belt noted that the new editions typically update or simplify language; however, the meanings rarely change.

Belt then commented on a memo he had sent out concerning a 1987 resolution concerning TIF activities. Belt shared the memo with the TIF attorney, Tom Jacob, and both agreed that the language of the current TIF supersedes the language referenced in the previous agreement. Belt noted that the changes will be in the new code.

The board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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The logo for Dwight VFW Beachhead Large Banquet Hall features a decorative border with a floral wreath on the left side. The main text is arranged in three rows: 'DWIGHT VFW BEACHEAD' at the top in large, bold, serif capital letters; 'LARGE BANQUET HALL' in the middle in a slightly smaller, bold, serif capital letters; and 'Catering Available' followed by 'Flexible Menu & Bar', 'Weddings - Graduations', and 'Reunions - Birthdays' in a smaller, italicized serif font.

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An advertisement for Walton Centre, Inc. The top half features a large, stylized logo where the letters 'W' and 'C' are intertwined, followed by the company name 'Walton Centre, Inc.' in a cursive script. Below the logo is a black and white photograph of a bride in a long white wedding gown walking down a set of stone steps. To the right of the photo is the text 'A magical place to have your wedding.' Below the photo is the address '100 W. Locust St., Fairbury, IL 61739' and a large phone number '309-824-9149'. At the bottom is the website 'www.waltonc.com'.

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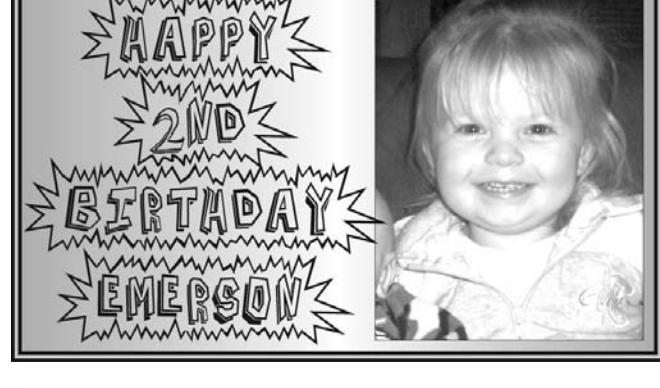
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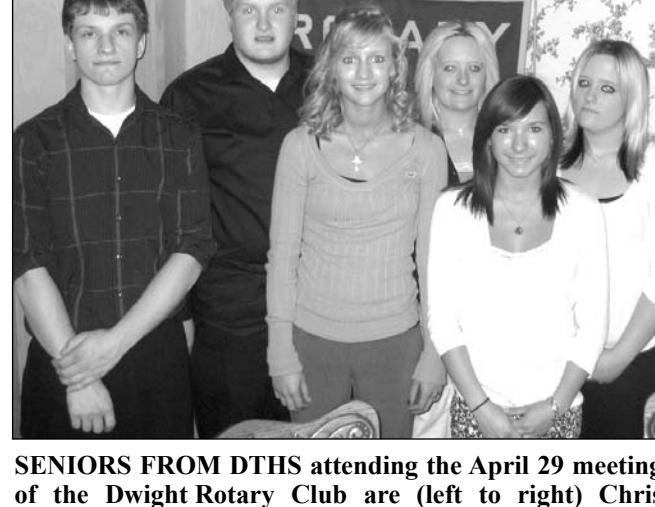
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SENIORS FROM DTHS attending the April 29 meeting of the Dwight Rotary Club are (left to right) Chris Schultz, Kyle Sancken, Leslie Sassenger, Brittany Stanton, Anita Stimac and Brandi Stanton.

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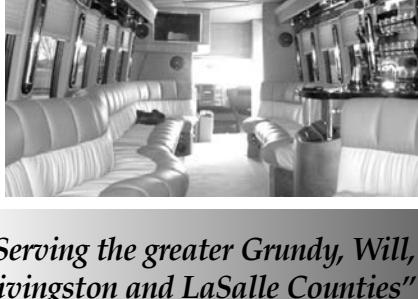
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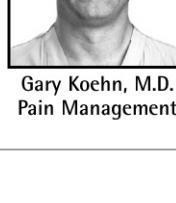
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Several employees of RR Donnelley, Dwight Manufacturing Division, recently celebrated service anniversaries with the company.

Karen M. Grubbs, accountant services professional 1, recently celebrated 30 years with the company. Karen began her Donnelley career April 2, 1979, as the receptionist in human resources. She was promoted to personnel clerk/receptionist in June 1980 and to personnel clerk in October 1980. Karen was promoted to personnel clerk II in August 1987 and to human resource coordinator in July 1993. In September 2004, Karen became a customer care rep. associate in the customer service department. She was promoted to her current position in March 2006.

Karen and her husband, Jerry, reside in Dwight. They have three children: Cathy, Jacob and Dan.

Daniel H. Voigts, press operator 2, recently celebrated 30 years with the company. Dan began his Donnelley career on April 9, 1979, as a material handler in the bindery. He was promoted to router mailer in April 1980. Dan became an apprentice rolltender in August 1983, graduating as journeyman in February 1986. He was promoted to assistant press operator in February 1992 and to his current position in December 2003.

Mini Clinic for Shriner's Hospital

The Mohammed Shrine Hospital Committee and the Red Fez Shrine Club will have a free mini clinic Saturday, May 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pontiac Masonic Lodge, 220 W. Washington St., Pontiac.

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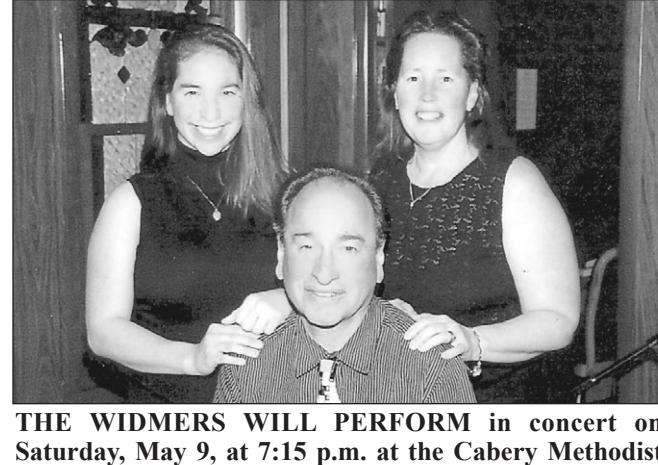
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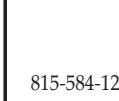
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Odell Music Students Compete in IEA State Contest

Students from Odell Grade School participated in the Illinois Elementary School Association State Music Contest, held April 18 at Prairie Central Junior High School in Forrest.

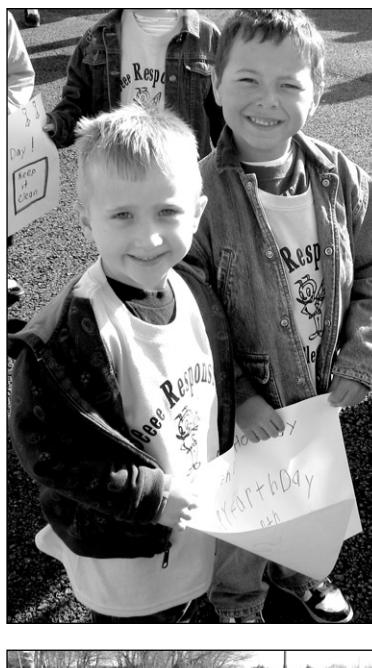
Students received 13 Division I (first) ratings, 11 Division II (second) ratings and one Division III (third) rating. There were no Division IV ratings.

Division I ratings were awarded to Lauren Cassady, piano solo; Maureen Doran, flute; Carli Grief, snare drum; Jorden Grief, flute; Alex Row, voice; Erica Flynn, voice; Daniel Dwyer,



APPROXIMATELY 30 VOLUNTEERS, including members of the National Honor Society, helped clean up downtown Dwight Saturday, April 25. Debris was cleared from the park and parking lots, flowers were planted and trash was picked up in the entire downtown area. The next clean-up will be Saturday, May 30. The monthly event is sponsored by Dwight Main Street.

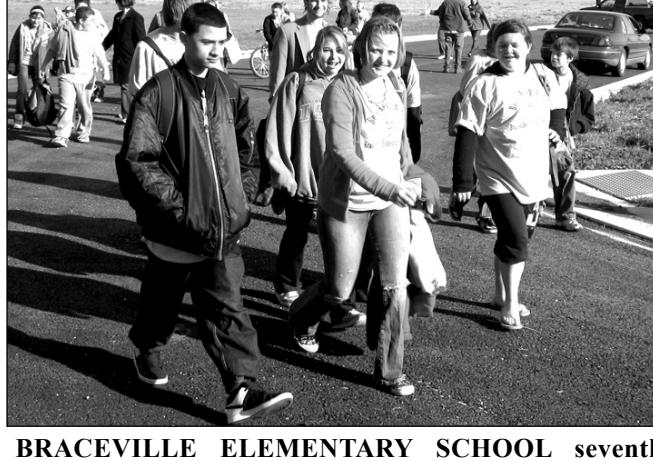
A Division III rating was awarded to Madison Grundler, clarinet.



ANTHONY BROCKMAN AND JARED H O L Z I N G E R , kindergarten students at Braceville Elementary School, celebrate Earth Day on April 22. They wore their special Earth Day T-shirts and learned all about our planet.



Earth Day 2009



BRACEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL seventh grade students (left to right) Mario Robles, Jamie Trimble, Katie Ayersman and Kelsey Galan walk to school as part of the school's celebration of Walk to School Day and Earth Day on April 22. In the afternoon, students went to a movie theater in Morris to see "Disney's Earth." Students also received Earth Day T-shirts to wear that day.



VILLAGE OF GARDNER residents now have two collection locations to dispose of old, torn, tattered flags that are no longer appropriate to be displayed. The boxes were made and donated to the Gardner American Legion by the Gardner Beautification Committee. Above, Beautification Committee members Donna Hampson, Gary Cox and Gerald Von Qualen stand alongside the drop box located in the lobby of the Gardner Standard Bank and Trust (not pictured are John Hollmeyer and Randy Wilkey). The other box is located in the east lobby of the Gardner Volunteer Fire Department. The flags collected will be retired per the American Legion protocols. Future articles will outline the proper retirement ceremony procedures.

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Obituaries

Sharon M. Sancken

WEST CHESTER - Sharon M. Sancken, 66, of Westchester, died of cancer April 8, 2009, at Adventist LaGrange Memorial Hospital.

Visitation was held Monday, April 13, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Hursen Funeral Home, Hillside/Westchester, and for one hour preceding funeral services at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Westchester Community Church, Westchester.

Interment was held Wednesday, April 15, at Union Cemetery, Emington.

Ms. Sancken was born in Pontiac and raised in Dwight.

She is survived by a sister, Sandra (Dale) Weikum; a brother, Leo "Bill" (Jackie) Ehman; five nieces and nephews: Steve (Heather), Tara (Karen) Todd, Bryan Weikum, Melissa (Jamin) Giersbach and Jason (Kelli) Ehman; and five great-nieces and -nephews: Jacob, Caleb, Brady, Annabelle and Arian-na.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Ms. Sancken started her nursing degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and finished the last two years at the university's Chicago campus in 1965. She began her career as a staff nurse at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago in the research



and education department and moved on in 1970 to Hines VA Hospital near Maywood. At Hines, Ms. Sancken was a leader and organizer who became head nurse of the intensive care unit in the mid-1970s. She ran the emergency department from 1990 to 1995.

Also during those years, she organized and was the clinical coordinator of Stand Down, a yearly event that provided more than 700 homeless veterans with medical, social and legal help. Ms. Sancken was also clinical coordinator for the National Veterans Golden Age Games the VA hosted in Lisle in the early 1990s.

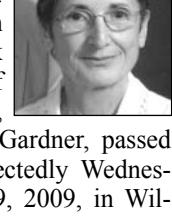
Hundreds of disabled senior veterans left nursing homes and hospitals to compete in games from bowling and checkers to blind archery and bicycling. After she left her position as head nurse, she became a home health nurse for veterans with spinal cord injuries. She retired from Hines in 2006.

Through her church, she worked once a month at the BEDS Plus homeless shelter in LaGrange, taking the midnight shift. She also accompanied teens on mission trips across the country and was part of the hospice care ministry.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Westchester Community Church, 1800 S. Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Marjorie L. Woodcock Banks

WILMINGTON - Marjorie L. Ardaugh Woodcock Banks, 66, of Wilmington, formerly of Gardner, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, April 29, 2009, in Wilmington.



Funeral services were held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braid-Wood Chapel, Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. with visitation two hours preceding services. Pastor Andrea Boggs officiated.

Cremation rites were accorded following services. Inurnment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at a later date.

Marjorie was born July 19, 1942, in Chicago to Martin and Louise Johnson Ardaugh.

Surviving are her husband, Oren S. Banks of Wilmington, whom she mar-

Vicky L. Scott

EMINGTON - Vicky L. Scott, 52, of rural Emington, died Monday, April 27, 2009, at 5:19 p.m. at her residence.

A visitation was held Thursday, April 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Martin-Burke Funeral Home in Cullom. Funeral Services were held Friday, May 1, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Gretchen Stinebaugh officiating.

Burial was in Round Grove Cemetery in rural Reddick.

Vicky was born September 3, 1956, in Pontiac, a daughter of Maynard and Carol Wright Rieck.

She is survived by one son, Adam (Jessi) Bolatto of Lowgap, NC; two grandchildren, Lane and Memphis Bolatto; one brother, Lee (Tami) Rieck of Joliet; and three sisters: Janette (Marlin) Donley of rural Emington; Brenda (Jeff) Strachan of

rural Cabery; and Carrie Fraher of rural Buckingham.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Vicky graduated from Tri-Point High School and the nursing program at Kankakee Community College. She was a Registered Nurse at Provena St. Mary's in Kankakee and Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac. She had been a bookkeeper and a secretary in the administration office at the Tri-Point School District for 15 years. She was a member of the Cabery United Methodist Church. She was an avid reader and enjoyed sewing and cooking, and she loved spending time with her family.

Memorials in Vicky's name may be left for an education fund for her grandchildren.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.martinburkefuneralhome.com

David J. Malinowski

GARDNER - David J. Malinowski, 63, of Gardner and formerly Chicago, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at his home.

Visitation was held Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service, 2 p.m., at Reeves Funeral Home, Gardner. Pastor Jan Chandler from Church of Hope officiated.

Burial followed in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Born October 26, 1945 in Chicago, Dave was the son of Walter and Helen Lanucha-Malinowski. He was raised and educated in Chicago and was a graduate of Tilden Tech High School. On October 18, 1969, Dave married Patricia Oysko in Chicago, and together they resided in Chicago prior to moving to Gardner. Dave was a proud member of the Gardner Lions Club as well as the Gardner Beautification Committee. In his free time, Dave enjoyed gardening, camping and woodworking and was known to be a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan. Dave also truly loved his toys.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; and one sister, Ann (Mike) Breier; one nephew, Nicholas (Stefanie) Breier, one niece, Jennifer Breier, and one great-

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made as gifts in Dave's memory to the Gardner Lions Club or the Gardner Beautification Committee.

Friends may sign the online guest book or send private condolences to the family by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Odell Township will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the township clerk's office at 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois for the purpose of appointing three trustees for the term ending May, 2013.

Robert Legner,
Supervisor

JJC Spring Concerts to Feature Jason Stanton of Dwight

The Joliet Junior College Guitar and Percussion Ensembles and the JJC Chamber Singers will present their spring concerts on Tuesday, May 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Main Campus, 1215 Houbolt Road in Joliet.

The Chamber Singers' spring concert, formerly scheduled May 2, has been rescheduled for May 12 and will immediately follow the guitar and percussion performance. The Chamber Singers concert will not feature food from JJC's Culinary Arts Department as was previously released.

The concert presented in the Fine Arts Theatre is entitled "If Music Be the Food of Love," with each selection focusing on an aspect of the art of music-making. The concert will open with the Guitar Ensemble

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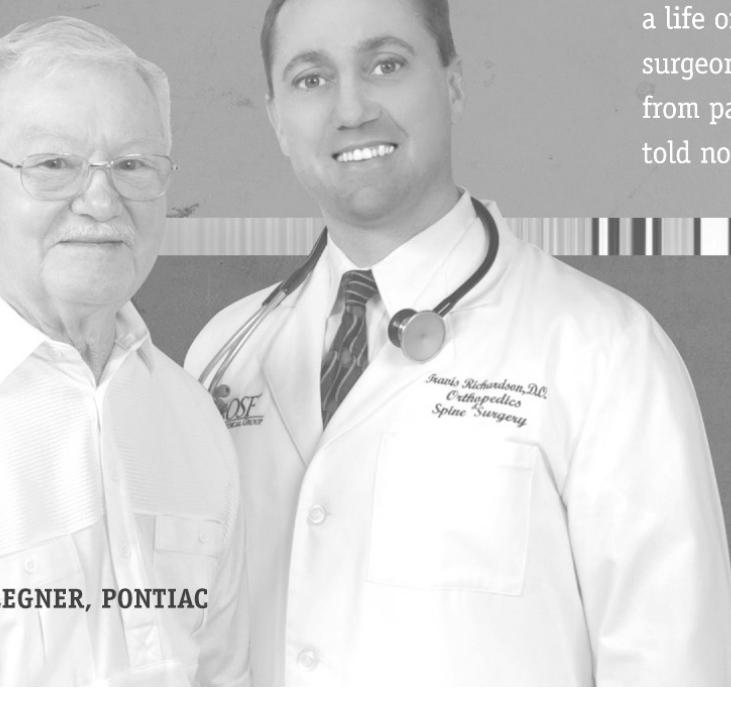
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Dwight School Boards Seat Members, Take Joint Actions

By Madelyn Fogarty
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Following approval of the April 7 Consolidated General Election results, newly-elected members of the Dwight grade and high schools boards were seated.

At the grade school, the election resulted in no changes, as all board members retained their seats. Incumbents Steve Tock, Ron Colebank, Tim Harris and Stacey Connolly were sworn in and join Deb Christoff, Bret Heinrich and Rob Pulver to make up the Dwight Grade School Board of Education.

Members elected Deb Christoff to continue as board president, with Ron Colebank as vice president. The DGS Board has designated the Bank of Dwight as the depository for the district's financial funds.

For the high school district, new runner Brian Perschnick received the top number of votes at 1,099 and joined incumbents Amy Hansen, Gerald Earing and Kathy Perry in winning the election. Appointed to fill the open position created by the passing of John Kresl was fifth-place vote-getter Paul Ferrari. The newly-seated members join Irv Masching and Kim Rodosky to complete the Dwight Township High School Board of Education.

Masching was unanimously voted by his peers to serve as board president, with Kathy Perry acting as vice president. The DTHS

Board has designated the First National Bank of Dwight as the depository for the district's financial funds.

Both boards appointed Deb Conroy to serve as board secretary.

On the joint agenda was approval of the 2009-10 school calendar with the following major dates being accepted:

- August 24 – first full day for student attendance
- December 21 through January 3 – Christmas break
- April 2 through April 11 – Spring break
- May 28 – last day of student attendance (pending no emergency days used).

In other joint business, the boards discussed two new systems that could provide enhanced services.

An all-call system, "Alert Now," received approval by both boards and will be installed at an approximate annual cost of \$2,705 to be split between the districts.

The cost is calculated on a per-student basis.

The system provides year-round 24-hour support and is used as an emergency

notification system between the school and parents. It can also be used to effectively relay last-minute schedule changes. The system is expected to be in place for the start of the 2009-10 school year.

Also discussed by the boards was a "point of sale" system option. The proposed debit card system would eliminate the need for students and school employees to manage cash for purchases such as lunch while allowing better tracking of sales. Parents would manage and apply money to the student's account that would be used for school purchases. "Meal Time" was the preferred system option and bears a price tag of \$9,607.50 per district along with a \$569.50 per district yearly support fee.

Decisions on moving forward with the system will take place at a later date.

In closed session, the boards reviewed shared employee evaluations and discussed support staff salaries.

Addressing individual board concerns, the DGS

Board approved a low bid of \$16,900 from Universal Asbestos Removal for removal of the asbestos floor tile in the school's cafeteria. The floor tile project is slated for this summer. The high school board discussed the summer roof project and addressed some drainage concerns.

High school board members retired into closed session to hear comments from coaches regarding parent concerns, which have been raised about the high school boys' basketball program. At the May 18 DTHS session, board members will take action on rehiring coaches for the next school year.

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MEDIACOM CABLE EMPLOYEE CAMI PARKS, right, said goodbye to customers including Carla Douglas, left, during an open house recently held at the Dwight Mediocom office to thank patrons. The Dwight office closed on May 1. Mediocom customers who wish to conduct their business in person may now do so through the Mediocom office located at 903 E. Howard St. in Pontiac.

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READY, SET, GO! DGS Redbird Brayden Cain, left, runs while Carson Banks, hands off the baton in the 4x200m at the Seneca Raider Invitational, April 25. TOP RIGHT: Harley Ledwa launches the shot; BOTTOM RIGHT: Hannah Trainor leaps into the air during the long jump event.

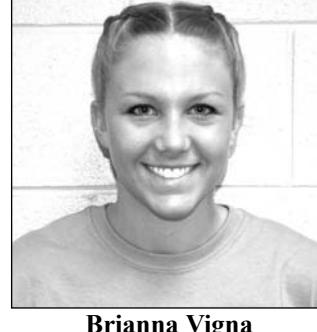
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Dwight Township High School is proud to recognize senior runner Brianna Vigna as its athlete of the week for April 20-26.



Brianna Vigna

club.

Brianna's favorite athlete is Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps. Her favorite memory is winning state titles in the 4x200m and the 4x400m at the 2007 state track meet.

She is the daughter of Dale and Pam Vigna of Dwight.



FAIRBURY SPEEDWAY AREA RESULTS

April 25

Late Models- qualify: Cody Watters, Dwight, :13.860, 17th; heat one: Watters, fourth; feature: A. Funk, 15th; J. Funk, 16th.

Modified- qualify: Dave Porth, Gardner, :14.235, fastest time; Jim Farris, Odell, :14.537, seventh; George Aimone, Gardner, :15.011, 16th; T.D. Burger, Saunemin, :15.238, 21st; heat one: Burger, fifth; heat two: Aimone, second; heat four: Porth, second; Farris, sixth; semi-feature one: Burger, second; feature: Aimone, 12th; Porth, 16th;

Burger, 19th; Farris, 20th. Sportsman- heat two: Joel Funk, Dwight, second; Andrew Funk, Dwight, fifth; feature: A. Funk, 15th; J. Funk, 16th.

Street Stock- heat one: J. Funk, first; heat two: Rick Thomas, Dwight, third; feature: Rick Thomas passed Joel Funk with six laps remaining to claim his first win of the season, Thomas, first; J. Funk, second.

Hornets- heat two: Werkmeister, Braceville, first; feature: Werkmeister, third.

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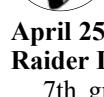
Thurs., May 7: DTHS- Baseball and Softball Varsity @ GSW, 4:30 p.m.

Fri., May 8: DTHS- Baseball and Softball Varsity vs. Seneca, 4:30 p.m.

Sat., May 9: GSW- Baseball Junior Varsity vs. Reed Custer, 10 a.m.

Mon., May 11: DTHS- Baseball and Softball Varsity vs. Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; Baseball Junior Varsity @ Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; Trojan Track Girls' Black Diamond @ Coal City, 4 p.m.; GSW- Softball Varsity and Junior Varsity @ Yorkville, 4:30 p.m.; PTHS- Junior Varsity and Varsity Tennis @ Metamora, 4 p.m.; TRI-POINT- Softball vs. Grant Park, 4:30 p.m.; SENECA- Irish Track Girls' Black Diamond @ Coal City, 4 p.m.; Baseball and Softball @ Sandwich, 4:30 p.m.

Tues., May 12: DTHS- Baseball and Softball Varsity @ Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; Baseball Junior Varsity vs. Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; Trojan Track Home, 4 p.m.; PTHS- Varsity Tennis vs. St. Bede/Mendota, 4:30 p.m.; TRI-POINT- Softball vs. Iroquois West, 4:30 p.m.; SENECA- Baseball and Softball vs. Sandwich, 4:30 p.m.



DGS REDBIRDS TRACK AND FIELD

April 25

Raider Invite

7th grade girls: Hannah Trainor, 100m, :15.03, second; 200m, :32.33, fifth; Amber Curl, 1600m, 6:40.10, third; 800m, 2:56.79, fourth; 800m Relay: Savannah Schuler, Emily Soto, Grace Twagilimana and Hannah Trainor, 2:15.25, first; 400m Relay: Katie Hogan, Lili Ferrari, Rachel Gschwendtner and Payton Christensen, 1:10.06, sixth; Summer Schuler, 400m, 1:13.27, fifth; Savannah Schuler, 400m, 1:13.41; long jump, 12'3.5", sixth; 1600m Relay: Emily Soto, Summer Schuler, Savannah Schuler and Amber Curl, 5:15.11, third; Emily Soto, high

jump, 3'8", sixth.

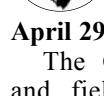
8th grade girls: Kacy Murphy, 100m hurdles, :19.86, third; 200m, :31.24, fourth; Lisa Bruner, 100m hurdles, :20.57, fifth; 100m, :15.50, third; high jump, 4'2", fourth; Alyssa Brownlee, 800m, 3:02.29, fourth; 1600m, 6:55.53, fourth; 800m Relay: Megan Jensen, Lisa Bruner, Kacy Murphy and Hayley Sparrow, 2:08.08, first; 400m Relay: Elizabeth McKinsey, Paige Sciacca, Haley Hansen and Megan Jensen, 1:05.67, fifth; Hayley Sparrow, 400m, 1:09.64, second; Rachel Groll, 1:15.55, sixth; 1600m Relay: Rachel Groll, Alyssa Brownlee, Kacy Murphy and Hayley Sparrow, 5:15.11, third; Emily Soto, high

8th grade boys: Luke Arnold, hurdles, :18.6;

400m, 1:03; Carson Banks, 100m, :15.05; 200m, :28.57; Brayden Cain, 800m, 2:28, long jump, 13'11"; high jump, 4'6"; Stinnett Gettinger, 800m, 2:40.9; Tyler Halloran, discus, 95'7"; Kiefer Kiouss, hurdles, :20.3; Ryan Kodat, 200m, :26.7; Jacob Wardell, shot put, 31'5"; Winston Watkins, 100m, :15.01; shot put, 33'1.25"; discus, 92'4"; 4x100m: Kiouss, Halloran, Cody Gibson and Watkins, :58.39; 4x200m: Banks, Cain, Arnold and Kodat, :1:51.26; 4x400m, Ryley Christoff, Banks, Arnold and Kodat, 4:19.58.



THE DWIGHT XTREME SOFTBALL TEAM took second place in the Chenoa ASA tournament April 25. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Maranda Residori, Megan VanAmpburgh, Sydney Christensen, Haley Hoekstra and Zoe Smith; middle row: Becky Ruder, Lexi Black, Emily Hopwood, Dezi Leonard and Lexi Ramon, back row: Coaches Tom Leonard, Scott Christensen, Mike Hoekstra, John Hopwood and Tracey Bolte. The girls defeated Bloomington Xplosion, 6-0, with Maranda Residori pitching a no-hitter, Zoe Smith, Haley Hoekstra, Residori and Megan VanAmpburgh scoring, and Lexi Black, Lexi Ramon, Sydney Christensen and Becky Ruder adding hits; defeated Morris Rowdie Katz, 2-1, after Paige Fieldman jumped in as pinch hitter and runner; and were defeated by Illinois Chaos, 3-0, with Dezi Leonard making key defensive plays. Not pictured are Paige Fieldman and coaches Jodi Residori and Ryan Ramon.



GSW TIGERS TRACK & FIELD

April 29

The GSW Tigers track and field competed with Minooka and Braceville with the eighth grade boys taking first, 61 points, and the seventh grade boys taking second, 36 points.

7th grade girls: Kayla Garret, 800m, 3:17, second; hurdles, :20.40, third; discus, 39'3", third; Kylie King, 1600m, 7:13, third; 200m, :39.12, third; Mady Patten, 800m, 3:27, fourth.

8th grade girls: Chelsea Schultz, hurdles, :19.03, second; 400m, 1:12, second.

7th grade boys: Michael Mankowski, 1600m, 6:06, second; 800m, 2:58, third.

Jordan Wilkey, 200m, :33.56, second; 1600m, 6:28, third; Nathan Ruffatti, 800m, 2:54, second; shot put, 21'10", third; long jump, 12'10%", third; Nate Seabert, discus, 58", second; 100m, :17.6, fourth; Alex Bunna, 100m, :17.53, third; discus, 45'9", fourth; 400m, fourth; Danny Housman, 400m, 1:22, third; hurdles, :27.67, fourth; 200m, :39.15, fourth; 4x200m: Mankowski, Scott Horrie, Ruffatti and Housman, 2:27, second.

8th grade boys: Austin Walsh, hurdles, :18.59, first; 400m, 1:09, fourth; high jump, 5'2", first; Dalton

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DTHS Athlete of the Week

Dwight Township High School is proud to recognize senior runner Brianna Vigna as its athlete of the week for April 20-26.

Brianna won the 400m and was a winning member of the 4x200m and 4x400 coed relay teams at the Livingston County Open track meet on April 23. In addition to being a three-time state qualifier in track, Brianna was a state qualifier in swimming and a member of the back-to-back Regional Champion Lady Trojan basketball team.

Brianna will attend ISU as a scholarship swimmer. She is a Peer Advisor and a member of the National Honor Society and the drama club.

Brianna's favorite athlete is Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps. Her favorite memory is winning state titles in the 4x200m and the 4x400m at the 2007 state track meet.

She is the daughter of Dale and Pam Vigna of Dwight.

FAIRBURY SPEEDWAY AREA RESULTS

April 25

Late Models- qualify: Cody Watters, Dwight, :13.860, 17th; heat one: Watters, fourth; feature: A. Funk, 15th; J. Funk, 16th.

Modified- qualify: Dave Porth, Gardner, :14.235, fastest time; Jim Farris, Odell, :14.537, seventh; George Aimone, Gardner, :15.011, 16th; T.D. Burger, Saunemin, :15.238, 21st; heat one: Burger, fifth; heat two: Aimone, second; heat four: Porth, second; Farris, sixth; semi-feature one: Burger, second; feature: Aimone, 12th; Porth, 16th;

Burger, 19th; Farris, 20th. Sportsman- heat two: Joel Funk, Dwight, second; Andrew Funk, Dwight, fifth; feature: A. Funk, 15th; J. Funk, 16th.

Street Stock- heat one: J. Funk, first; heat two: Rick Thomas, Dwight, third; feature: Rick Thomas passed Joel Funk with six laps remaining to claim his first win of the season, Thomas, first; J. Funk, second.

Hornets- heat two: Werkmeister, Braceville, first; feature: Werkmeister, third.

AREA H.S. SPORTS SCHEDULES

Thurs., May 7: DTHS- Baseball and Softball Varsity @ GSW, 4:30 p.m.

Fri., May 8: DTHS- Baseball and Softball Varsity vs. Seneca, 4:30 p.m.

Sat., May 9: GSW- Baseball Junior Varsity vs. Reed Custer, 10 a.m.

Mon., May 11: DTHS- Baseball and Softball Varsity vs. Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; Baseball Junior Varsity @ Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; Trojan Track Girls' Black Diamond @ Coal City, 4 p.m.; GSW- Softball Varsity and Junior Varsity @ Yorkville, 4:30 p.m.; PTHS- Junior Varsity and Varsity Tennis @ Metamora, 4 p.m.; TRI-POINT- Softball vs. Grant Park, 4:30 p.m.; SENECA- Irish Track Girls' Black Diamond @ Coal City, 4 p.m.; Baseball and Softball @ Sandwich, 4:30 p.m.

Tues., May 12: DTHS- Baseball and Softball Varsity @ Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; Baseball Junior Varsity vs. Wilmington, 4:30 p.m.; Trojan Track Home, 4 p.m.; PTHS- Varsity Tennis vs. St. Bede/Mendota, 4:30 p.m.; TRI-POINT- Softball vs. Iroquois West, 4:30 p.m.; SENECA- Baseball and Softball vs. Sandwich, 4:30 p.m.

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KEITH MILLER, left, athletic director at Wilmington High School, was among the honorees at the 39th annual Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association banquet held on April 19. Keith was among three nominated for Administrator of the Year. **Rob Murphy**, right, head wrestling coach at Wilmington High School, nominated Keith for his devotion and commitment to the sport of wrestling.

DTHS Student of the Month

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Chloe Trewartha on being named DTHS Senior student of the month for May. She is involved in cross-country, basketball, and track and is an honor roll student.

Chloe is the daughter of Bob and Tracy Trewartha of Dwight.



Chloe Trewartha

GSW Lady Panthers Softball

April 25 Lady Panthers vs. Tri-Point

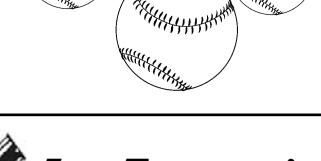
The GSW Lady Panther softball team pounced on Tri-Point, 3-0.

Amber Eisha, 11-3, picked up the win, pitching 10 strikeouts, two walks and three hits.

Hitting for the Lady Panthers were: Eisha, 2-3, double, triple, run and RBI; Katie Simms, 1-3, RBI;

Missy Gretz, 1-2, run; Jamie Esparza, 1-3, run.

"Both pitchers did a great job today. Our defense was able to stay strong and keep Tri-Point from scoring," stated Coach Lardi.



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DTHS Lady Trojans Softball

April 29

Lady Trojans vs. Peotone

The Lady Trojans varsity softball team was defeated by Peotone, 2-1.

Erin Gaston took the loss, pitching two innings, four strikeouts and one walk.

Hitting for the Lady Trojans were: Rachel Fink, 1-2, single; Kate Pfeifer, 1-3, double.

April 25

Lady Trojans vs. Newark

The Lady Trojans marched over Newark, 3-0, in the opening game of double header play. The DTHS softball team improved its record to 9-5-1.

Erin Gaston picked up the win, pitching seven innings, four strikeouts, one walk and no earned runs.

Hitting for the girls' softball team were: Kate Pfeifer, 2-2, single, triple; Chaney Tambling, 2-3, two singles; Rachel Fink, 1-2, triple; Kolby Hoffman, Gaston and Tori Grzincic, 1-3, single each.

In game two, the Lady Trojans continued their confidence while defeating Newark, 11-2.

Kate Pfeifer picked up the

win, pitching seven innings, six strikeouts, no walks and no earned runs.

Key hitters for DTHS were: Kolby Hoffman, 3-4, single, double, triple; Aidan Connolly, 2-3, single, double; Brooke Passenger, 1-2, single; Rachel Fink, 1-3, double; Kirby Gereaux, 1-3, single; Claire Elsey and Chaney Tambling, 1-4, single each.

April 24

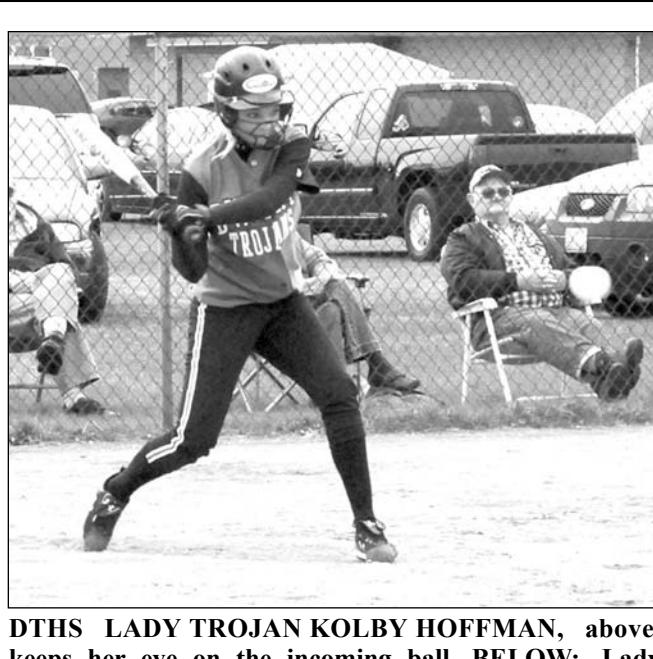
Lady Trojans vs. Westmont

The DTHS girls' softball team knocked over Westmont, 9-3.

Chaney Tambling picked up the win, pitching four innings, six strikeouts, two walks and three earned runs; Erin Gaston, relief, pitched two innings, two strikeouts, one walk and no earned runs.

Hitting for the Lady Trojans were: Kolby Hoffman, 3-4, single, triple, home run; Sarah Butterfield, 3-4, three singles; Kate Pfeifer, 2-4, single, double; Kirby Gereaux, 2-4, two singles; Claire Elsey, 2-3, two singles; Rachel Fink, 1-2, single; Tambling, 1-4, double; Haley Gaston, 1-4, single.

Hitting for the Lady Trojans were: Kolby Hoffman, 3-4, single, triple, home run; Sarah Butterfield, 3-4, three singles; Kate Pfeifer, 2-4, single, double; Kirby Gereaux, 2-4, two singles; Claire Elsey, 2-3, two singles; Rachel Fink, 1-2, single; Tambling, 1-4, double; Haley Gaston, 1-4, single.



DTHS LADY TROJAN KOLBY HOFFMAN, above, keeps her eye on the incoming ball. BELOW: Lady Trojan Kirby Gereaux bunts a fair ball.



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Darian is so full of love and light that we refuse to be discouraged. Although St. Jude covers medical expenses, there are still so many extra expenses that occur when you are traveling to Peoria quite often. Not being able to work while you care for a sick child means loss of income, but the bills still have to be paid. Your generosity means we are not struggling for gas money, buying meals during our trips to Peoria and our house can continue to run in a normal fashion.

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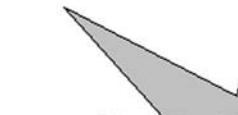
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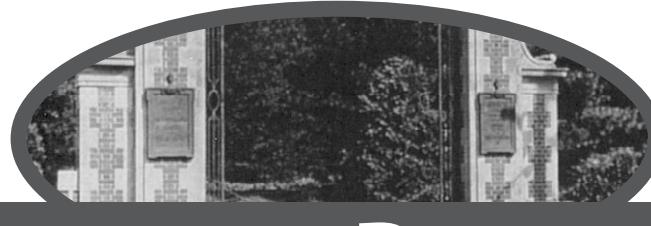


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Dwight Summer Recreation 2009

Unless noted, registration for all activities will be held downstairs at the Dwight Public Services Complex (Village Hall).

All Fees are to be Paid at Registration time. Checks for Summer Rec Activities should be made payable to the Village of Dwight. Checks for activities at the pool should be made payable to the Stevenson Pool.

... REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES ...

Friday, May 15 • 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

All Summer Rec Activities and Stevenson Pool Swimming Lessons

Saturday, May 16 • 9 a.m. - Noon

All Summer Rec Activities and Stevenson Pool Swimming Lessons

Late Registration for Summer Recreation Activities can be made after May 19 at the Village Hall.
Late Registration for Stevenson Pool Activities can be made at the pool during regular swimming hours.

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Dwight Park and Recreation and Dwight Prairie Creek Library have partnered for two kids parties. The library has funded a portion of the parties to make them affordable for all. Both parties will meet at Prairie Creek Library and are limited to 20 guests.

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Thursday, July 23 • Girls Ages 5-8 • \$3 Fee

Cowboy Party

Thursday, August 6 • Boys Ages 5-8 • \$3 Fee

• Trips •

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Cost: \$15 (includes transportation)

Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

White Sox Game

Monday, July 20

A chartered coach will leave the Village Hall at 3:30 p.m. for the 7:11 White Sox vs. Tampa Bay game. Tickets are in right field section 150.

Cost: \$32 (includes transportation and ticket)

Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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May 2

Trojans vs. Herscher

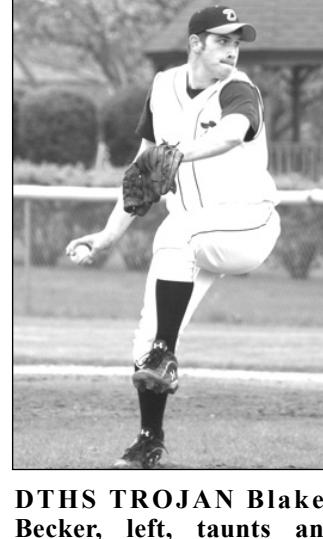
Dwight lost a pair of games to Herscher, playing makeup games due to poor weather earlier in the week.

"In the first game, Joe Briner connected for a two-run homer over the center field fence in the second inning driving in Kyle Cahill who had singled ahead of him. Dan Hansen singled in the fifth inning and came around to score on a passed

ball. Other Trojans getting hits in the game were Kirk Telford and Cal Vigna, each with a single," stated Coach Kaiser.

In the second game, Dan Hansen pitched extremely well as he went the distance only to fall, 2-1. He only allowed four hits and struck out four Herscher batters.

"Kirk Telford scored the lone Dwight run as he singled in the first inning, stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball. After an errant throw by the catcher to third base, Telford scored



DTHS TROJAN Blake Becker, left, taunts an opposing pitcher at the third base line. ABOVE: DTHS Pitcher Kyle Cahill winds up the heat.

DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL

to make the score 1-0 Dwight. The Trojans played great defense behind Hansen as the 1-0 lead held into the bottom of the fifth inning. In that frame, Herscher led off with a single and followed with a deep home run to left field. Dan Grubbs (single) and Joe Briner (double) also connected for Trojan hits," stated Coach Kaiser.

May 1

Trojans vs. Lisle

DTHS fell to Lisle, 13-5 in conference action, May 1. "Miscalcs in the field allowed Lisle to rally twice in the contest making it difficult for the Trojans to recover. Offensively, Dwight produced 10 hits in the contest with Joe Briner and Noah Trainor collecting a pair of hits each. Blake Becker led off the game with a single and was driven in by a Trainor single. Kirk Telford had a hit and a run scored as Cahill drove him in with a base hit in the fourth inning. Cahill later scored on a base hit by Travis Roeder. Roeder took second on the play at the plate and was driven in by Nolan Hoffman who delivered a single to center. Kyle Seanard completed the hitting with a single of his own in that same inning. Briner took the loss going 4.2 innings striking out two.

Hoffman pitched 1.1 innings and struck out one," stated Coach Kaiser.

April 29

Trojans vs. Peotone

The Trojans held a 5-2 lead going into the sixth inning, but timely hitting by Peotone allowed them to put up two runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh to take a 6-5 victory.

Kyle Cahill pitched a complete game and deserved a better fate. He struck out six batters and scattered seven hits throughout the contest.

Cahill also led the Trojans at the plate with two hits, a run, and an RBI. Dan Grubbs went 1-4, reached base twice, and scored on each occasion. Kirk Telford went 1-3, with a two-run single in the second inning that put the Trojans on top 3-2. Joe Briner contributed in a big way with a two-run homer in the fifth that made the score 5-2. Other offensive contributors were Blake Becker and Nolan Hoffman (one hit each), and Kyle Seanard (one run).

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ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET**

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Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:00 o'clock P.M., 16th day, June 2009 at Garfield Township Hall in this Garfield Road District and that final action will be taken by the Board of Trustees at the public hearing.

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10:08.87, fifth; Nicole Glab, 800m, 2:55.74, seventh; Alison McKinsey, 100m high hurdles, :19.47, fourth; 300 low hurdles, :54.09, second; 4x100m: Residori, Vargocko, Anna Oelschlager and McCarthy, :56.87, second; 4x200m: Residori, Oelschlager, McCarthy and McKinsey, 1:59.09, third; 4x400m: Residori, Fisher, Oelschlager and McKinsey, first.

Boys: Christian Kulla, shot put, 40'8", second; discus, 106'9", fifth; Jordan Kohrt, 100m, :11.17, first; Brian Scoggin, 800m, 2:10.41, third; 1600m, 5:04.01, fourth.

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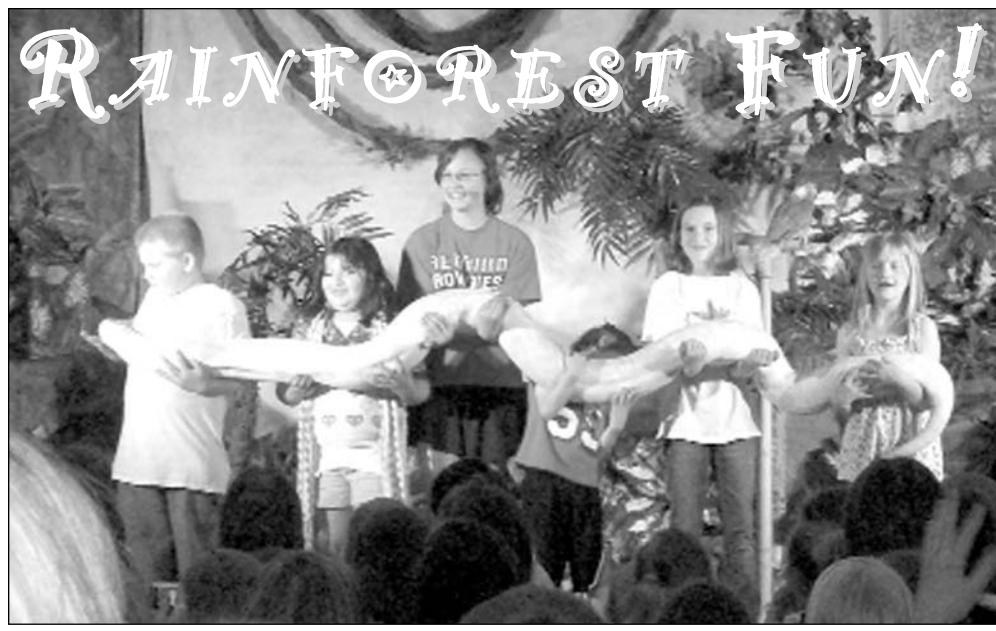
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Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:15 o'clock P.M., on the 16th day, June, 2009, at Garfield Township Hall in this Town and that final action will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing.

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Investing Lessons from the Vineyards

As an investor, you can get plenty of advice from financial experts on the evening news or cable financial shows. But you may actually be able to learn some deeper truths about investing by observing other professionals — such as winemakers.

At first glance, you might not see what these “guardians of the grape” can teach you about building an investment portfolio. After all, they’re shaping Sangiovese while you’re seeking stocks, they’re bottling Burgundy while you’re buying bonds, and they’re mastering Malbec while you’re monitoring mutual funds. Where’s the connection?

Start by considering the life cycle of wine and the concept of “vintage.” For example, a particular wine is labeled a 2005 vintage if it is made from grapes that were predominantly grown and harvested in 2005. Yet given the requirements of wine production, this 2005 vintage may not actually hit the markets until 2008 — and some aficionados may think the wine won’t taste its best until 2018.

If you translated this type of scenario to the financial world, you could say that the 2008 investment “vintage” was not promising, given that the value of almost all investments — even the quality ones — fell last year. But if you were to hold these quality investments for the long term — as you should, because investing is a long-term activity — you might find that the 2008 vintage investments may eventually become productive vehicles that can help you achieve your financial goals.

So, what lessons can you learn from winemakers? Here are a few suggestions:

* Be patient. Winemakers put a lot of time, effort and money into planting today’s grapes — for which they will not see one penny of profit for many years. Yet they have the discipline to wait patiently until the products of their labors come to fruition. Are all their wines successful? No — and all your investments may not be, either. But given enough time, quality investments can usually help you work toward your financial goals.

* Have faith in your strategy. Wine drinkers’ tastes can change from year to year. Yet winemakers don’t rip out their vineyards and replant them with today’s “hot” varietal. Instead, they cultivate the grapes they’ve planted, make the best wine they can and maintain their belief that their products will find a market. As an investor, you can’t allow yourself to be swayed by today’s hot tips and trends. Instead, build a portfolio of quality investments that can stand the test of time.

* Adapt your goals to your situation. One of the most famous winemaking regions in the world, Napa Valley, contains a number of microclimates that vary by temperature, rainfall and soil. Napa Valley winemakers know which grapes will do best in which microclimate, and they concentrate their efforts accordingly. And you, as an individual investor, should make your investment decisions based on your own “microclimate” — your risk tolerance, family situation, time horizon and other factors. In other words, you should choose those investments that are best suited for you and that have the best chance to help you meet your goals.

Investing, like winemaking, is filled with challenges. But by observing how winemakers work, you may learn some things that can eventually help you raise a glass to your own success.

‘Ball Game’ Parade May 9 in Essex

“It Takes a Village...” is inviting everyone to come watch the First Annual “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” Parade in Essex on Saturday, May 9, at 9 a.m.

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Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 8:00 p.m. on June 8, 2009, at Mazon Township Hall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2009

Roger Schlickman,
Supervisor
Charles E. Adkins, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Mazon, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009, and ending March 31, 2010, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Mazon Township Hall from and after 6:00 P.M. on May 9th, 2009.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 8:00 P.M., June 9th, 2009, at Mazon Township Hall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Mazon Township Hall at 8:30 P.M., June 9th, 2009.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2009

Roger Schlickman,
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GARDNER BOY SCOUT TROOP 463 recently went on a 20-mile Abraham Lincoln Hike. Participating were, front row, left to right; Trevor, Morgan, Justin, Billy, Ryan, Josh, and ScoutMaster Chuck Williams; back row: Scouter Dan Pitkin, George, Thomas, Scouter Tom McDaniel, Harry, Trevor, Samuel, and Assistant Scoutmaster Rob Benson.

Gardner Boy Scouts Take 20-mile Lincoln Hike

Boy Scout Troop 463 of Gardner hiked 20 miles from New Salem State Park to Springfield for the Abraham Lincoln Hike.

On April 25, 11 scouts and four adult scouters started their day at New Salem State Park and began walking toward our state capital, Springfield. About four to five miles into the hike, adult scouter Rob stepped into a small pothole on the road and hurt his knee. Rob continued until the next station, but the National Guard Medics would not let him continue. He did, however, travel by vehicle from station to station to be with the troop during the entire hike.

Even with some higher-than-normal temperatures for April and some rain at the end of the day, the rest of the troop did make it to the end of the hike. One of the

newest scouts with the troop was Justin, who just earned his Arrow of Light, the highest award a Cub Scout can earn, from Cub Scout Pack 462. A special patch is given to all scouts who hiked the entire trail and have written a 300-word essay about Abraham Lincoln. Longtime Gardner Scouter Tom Perkins read the essays and said all the scouts did a great job.

This year is the 64th annual Lincoln Pilgrimage, but the trail actually opened in 1926. Four scouts finished the trail that day, and more than 75,000 scouts have since. A scouter, R. Allans Stephens, thought up the idea of a hike to make Boy Scouts realize the struggles Abraham Lincoln had when trying to further himself to finally become president.

Abraham Lincoln started living at New Salem in 1831.

He became a store clerk and millhand. This is where he taught himself grammar, literature, math, surveying and law. There were no law books in New Salem, so Lincoln had to walk 20 miles to Springfield to borrow law books to read.

On Sunday, April 26, there was a special ceremony at Lincoln’s Tomb during which all the scouts paid their respects to the 16th president of the United States. Scouts lined up around the tomb with American flags, and the United States Marine Silent Drill Team performed the opening ceremony. This year is Lincoln’s bicentennial birthday, 1809-2009, so the entire weekend had a very special meaning to all the scouts involved.

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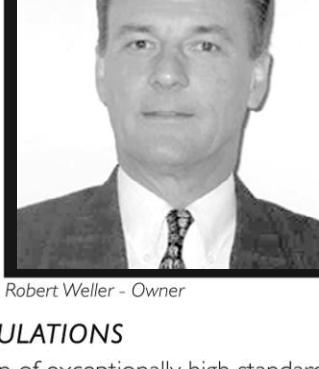


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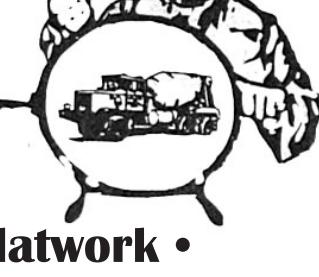
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Skridulis, Rosenbaum Among Dwight Teachers Retiring

by Meta Machulis

Four Dwight teachers – three from the high school and one from the grade school – will retire with the close of the 2008-2009 school year.

A party honoring the teachers for their more than 100 combined years of educating was held Sunday, May 3, in the Dwight Township High School cafeteria. Friends and current and former students came to congratulate retiring DTHS teachers Bill Skridulis, Barbara McKeever and Elaine Mortensen and Dwight Grade School teacher Linda Rosenbaum.

Skridulis said he feels his time teaching has encouraged many students.

"I know I've made many mistakes along the way and probably turned a lot of students off, by my personality and attitude," he said, "but I've also touched a lot of minds and influenced people to become something they may not have thought possible and be better persons, so I feel successful and feel my efforts have not been in vain." He added, "I really hope that after all is said and done, that I have made a difference and influenced someone's life for the better."

Skridulis plans to continue to live in rural Streator with his wife, Sally.



Bill Skridulis has taught art classes at DTHS for 34 years. He has also been a class sponsor, environmental group sponsor, scholastic bowl advisor and produced the yearbook in some capacity, whether in helping to construct the book or teaching yearbook photography, for 29 years.

When asked why he decided to retire now, Skridulis replied, "Without appearing sarcastic – because I can. Life is too short to work it all away, at least all at once."

He said his immediate plans after retirement are to visit his son, Michael, who lives in Colorado. In September, he plans to travel to Paris. He also hopes to "become an artist," something he said he gave up to be a teacher because "you can't do both well." He also intends to travel America "via the camping, hiking and exploring route," noting that he sees his future as "an untraveled highway." Despite his travel plans, Skridulis said he intends to spend his days "not thinking about what (I) will be doing the next day and the next."

Although Skridulis looks forward to his future, he said he will miss interacting with his students.

"There were students who cared as much about me as I did them; we had a great relationship and enjoyed each other's company," he said. "I miss them and think fondly on our experiences – they were truly grand times."

Some of those experiences included taking eight seniors to Colorado for a week of camping during the 1970s; sponsoring yearbook photography club camping trips to southern Illinois and southwestern Michigan in the 1980s and 90s; and sponsoring two trips to Italy, two to France, one to Costa Rica and one to Germany in the late 1990s and early this decade.



Linda Rosenbaum, perhaps better known as "Miss Rosie," will retire from Dwight Grade School after 35 years of teaching. She began teaching in Dwight in 1974 as a fourth grade teacher and is currently completing her 33rd year as a second grade teacher.

Rosenbaum graduated from Illinois State University in 1974 and later received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from ISU. She continued to take graduate classes and attend educational workshops and

seminars.

Throughout her career, Rosenbaum co-authored several articles on cooperative learning for "Arithmetic Teacher" magazine and has been a co-presenter for math, science and cooperative learning workshops. She has also served on many school committees and is a member of the Dwight Education Association, IEA and NEA. She has served in many facets of the local DEA, including as its president, and was nominated for Who's Who recognition in its American Women, American Education and American Teachers divisions and was nominated by her peers to be recognized at a luncheon sponsored by the Illinois Principals Association of the Corn Belt Region.

Although Rosenbaum plans to stay involved in education through subbing, workshops or other opportunities after her retirement, she said she feels it is time to move on from full-time teaching.

"I've had the privilege and opportunity to challenge young thinkers for 35 years, and it's time for me to take a step away from that part of my life and let others have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child," she said. "What a priceless, rewarding experience it has been!"

She said she'd like to "keep the door open to all sorts of opportunities" in the future but is looking forward to a slower pace. Rosenbaum's plans include home remodeling projects, biking, crocheting, gardening, vacationing, crafting and "just relaxing."

But of course, Rosenbaum said she will miss many aspects of being a teacher, especially the students and the staff.

"I will miss the 'aha' moments and pride I feel when a child makes learning connection and knowing that I had a small part in making it happen," she said; "the frenzied excitement in 20 voices calling my name at the same time: 'Miss Rosie, Miss Rosie, come and look at this!' and collaborating with peers on projects and seeing the success from that project; seeing things over and over again through young eyes who are seeing it for the very first time; watching a shy child bloom as they 'become the character in a play,' and learning and applying new ideas from my peers and from workshops to keep my teaching fresh and exciting."

Bullock Garages graduated from Illinois State University in 1974 and later received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from ISU. She continued to take graduate classes and attend educational workshops and

Rosenbaum said she has enjoyed hearing former students' memories of their days in her class, and some of her most cherished memories include baking with the students and taking them on hunts for Monarch caterpillars.

"I've never really tired from teaching a lesson, because it's been with a new group of students each year who bring their own excitement to the moment. There are so many things I've learned from my students. Teaching is a continuous learning experience."

In addition to teaching, Rosenbaum has been a longtime member of the Dwight Crafts Guild and is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts of the USA. Her interests in crafting and scouting prompted the start of the annual craft workshop in Dwight for students in grades one through eight. She coordinated the Christmastime event from 1984 through 2008.

Rosenbaum plans to continue living in Dwight for a while. She is the daughter of Phyllis and the late Jim Rosenbaum and has two sisters, two brothers, three nieces, one nephew and is looking forward to becoming a great-aunt this fall.

Biographies of Barbara McKeever and Elaine Mortensen will be featured in next week's issue of The Paper.

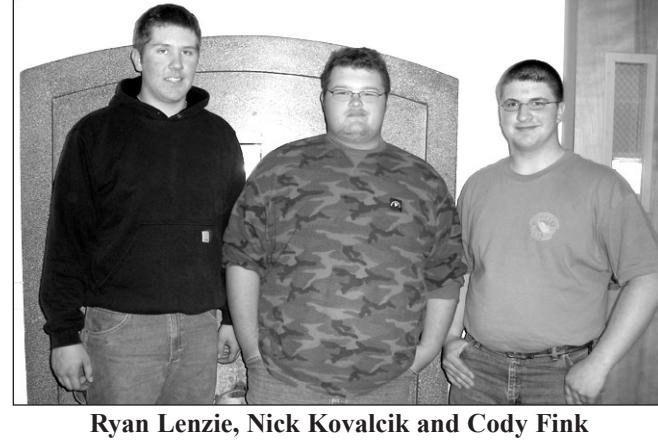
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Used Book Sale at Dwight Main Street

Dwight Main Street is

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A large selection of books includes authors James Patterson, John Grisham, Danielle Steele, V.C. Andrews and more. There are also many westerns and Harlequin



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GSW Student Spotlight

Three Gardner South Wilmington High School students who helped save the day for a stranger are the GSW students of the week.

Ryan Lenzie, Nick Kovalcik and Cody Fink recently were on their way to school and saw a woman

whose car had a flat tire. While trying to change her tire, they found a problem with the jack, so Ryan and Nick picked up her car and eventually got the flat tire changed.

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www.stpeterselca.com Pastor Heidi Punt May 6: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 11:30 a.m., Volunteer Lunch; 2 p.m., Bingo @ Heritage Manor; 5-6:30 p.m., Confirmer, (Sr.), 6 p.m., Choir; 6-7:30 p.m., Confirmer, (Jr.) May 8: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 8 p.m., A.A. Meeting. May 9: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Multi-Synod Candidacy. May 10: Mother's Day; 8:15 a.m., HC Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Worship. May 11: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 8 p.m., A.A. Meeting. May 12: 9 a.m., Text Study at Flanagan; 5 p.m., Bell Choir; 6 p.m., Fundamentals of Faith; 7 p.m., Council meets. May 13: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 5-6:30 p.m., Confirmer, (Sr.); 6 p.m., Choir; 6-7:30 p.m., Confirmer, (Jr.)

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia St., Dwight 584-3420, church 584-1554, parsonage Rev. William Leppin, Pastor

May 7: 6:30 p.m., Trustees Special Meeting; 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir. May 10: 6:30 a.m., United Methodist Men (UMM); 7:15-8:15 a.m., Set Up for UMYF Coffee Shop; 7:45 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; 8 a.m., Traditional Worship Service; 8:30-10:30 a.m., Coffee Shop; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, Praise & Worship Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Praise & Worship Service; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group; 6:30 p.m., Bible Study.

May 12: 8:30 a.m., Bible Study - Karla Behounek; 9 a.m., Bible Study - Jean Voigts. May 13: 8:30 a.m., Willing Workers; 1-3 p.m., Set up for Youth/Children's Choir; 3:05-4 p.m., Children's Choir; 3:05-4:30 p.m., Jr. UMYF; 4:45 p.m., Confirmation; 5-6 p.m., VBS General Meeting; 6-6:30 p.m., Sr. UMYF Praise and Prayer; 6:30 p.m., Sr. UMYF Meal; 7 p.m., Bible Warriors; 8 p.m., Bible Study - Corilyn.

May 14: 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir.

Church of the Nazarene
410 E. Philmar St., Dwight

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Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Mazon and Prairie Avenues, Dwight Rev. James Rickey, Pastor

584-3522, Rectory May 9: 4-4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.

May 10: 8 a.m., Mass; 10:30 a.m., Mass.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

200 W. Delaware, Dwight Phone 584-1260, church Pastor Patricia Morton May Mission: "Blanket Sunday"

May 8-9: Eastern association clean-up at Pilgrim Park.

May 10: 10:15 a.m., Worship.

May 13: 6 p.m., Mother & Daughter Banquet.

Trinity Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study.

Thursdays: 6:30 p.m., X-treme Youth, Ladies Bible Study.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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584-1023, parsonage Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, Sr. Pastor

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May 6-8: God-with-Us Preschool.

May 9: Saturday worship service canceled.

May 10: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.

May 11-15: God-With-Us Preschool.

May 14: 6:30 p.m., Evangelism Meeting; 7 p.m., Council Meeting.

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May 13: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Program.

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United Church of Odell

109 N. Morgan St., Odell

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CAMPUS

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Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Holy Communion served the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

DTHS Students Get Honorable Mention for Dwight Memories

by Sara Peters
sahpeters2@gmail.com

Three Dwight Township High School students received honorable mention for work they did on the Dwight Memories DVD.

The project, put together by Yearbook Photography students Katie Goodwin and Steph Small and Technology II student LissaCate Marshall, was entered in the University of Illinois Chic-Tech Technical Ambassador's Competition.

The competition encourages computer science among high school women, said Technology II instructor Mary

Lou Bevers.

"I think they were excited to be involved in a community project through their school," Bevers said. "It was good for the community too. We were able to meet a need, and it gave the girls on the team some real-life experience."

The hour-long DVD documents the memories of six long-time Dwight residents: Ken Jensen, Lee Fuerstenberg, Jack Clement, John Metzke, Phyllis Mathiesen, and Harley Schmitt.

Those residents were interviewed for the project on May 10, 2008 at the Dwight public library. In addition to their

words, old postcards from throughout the years appear as they speak.

Goodwin and Small scanned the postcards. Marshall compiled the DVD using the captured video and scanned post card images.

The DVD was finished in December.

On April 19, Bevers attended the ChicTech conference at University of Illinois in Champaign to present the DVD. It received honorable mention.

The girls received prizes including certificates, T-shirts, bags, umbrellas, pens and water bottles.

Teachers who assisted on

the project included Technology Coordinator Chuck Butterbrodt, Media Specialist Becky Trewartha and Yearbook Photography Instructor Rich Benzik.

Students were first approached about the project by the Dwight Historical Society.

"Projects like this help bridge the gap between school and community," Bevers said.

She encourages Dwight residents to purchase a copy of the DVD.

"It's going to help the Dwight Historical Society, and it's just a way to preserve these memories," she said.

The Dwight Memories DVDs are available for \$10 at Emling Florist, the Village Hall, the Dwight Historical Society Museum and Prairie Creek Public Library.

Boil Order in Dwight Following Water Stoppage

The "boil order" for Dwight water was removed sometime Monday.

Saturday evening, for one to two hours, water availability in Dwight was cut off after a gauge malfunctioned. A call should have automatically gone to 911 to warn of an impending problem.



THREE DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL students received honorable mention for the Dwight Memories DVD project. Those involved in making the DVD are, from left: Chuck Butterbrodt, technology coordinator; student Katie Goodwin; Mary Lou Bevers, technology II instructor; student Steph Small; Daryl Holt, Dwight Historical Society; Becky Trewartha, media specialist; Mary Flott, Dwight Historical Society; and Rich Benzik, yearbook photography instructor. Not pictured: student LissaCate Marshall.

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