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Inside!**

DTHS Board Takes Action March 15
Reading Improvement Course Added

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Several items received attention by the Dwight Township High School Board of Education when it met in regular session on March 15.

Continuing to focus on reading improvement, a course proposal targeting improved reading skills was passed by the board. Secondary Reading will be a semester-long course taught by a certified reading specialist and is designed to provide reading instruction to struggling readers.

Reading Plus is a computer-based reading intervention system which is

GSW HS Board Discusses Updates and Changes

The Gardner South Wilmington High School District #73 Board of Education held a regular meeting March 17.

Ben Seeman, technology director, was present to give his technology report to the BOE. He discussed the current GSW website, Internet, servers, student management system, e-mail and firewalls. He presented his upcoming projects and went over new technology, including upgrades, server consolidation and virtual private networks (VPNs).

He voiced concerns about the lack of drop ceilings, wiring and cables throughout the building. The phone systems, intercom system, security cameras, TVs and Internet speed all need to be upgraded when the budget permits.

He also compared three different student management systems. GSW is currently using SDS and is looking to switch to a more user-friendly system. The other two programs being discussed are STI and Teacher Ease.

In a Gardner TIF II update, a new proposal is being sent by GSW's attorneys to Dick Hileman, the Gardner village commissioner.

GSW HS had its compliance review and there were only two areas cited for non-compliance. Both issues will be corrected immediately. The overall report was very good, and the current recognition of the districts is "Full Operational Compliance."

Becky Morgan, librarian, submitted a library grant application for GSW HS, and the district was awarded a fiscal year 2010 School District Library Program Grant in the amount of \$162.79.

Gardner Grade School submitted a letter to GSW HS indicating that it decided not to renew the intergovernmental music agreement with GSW. The high school is now developing a new band/music agreement with Braceville Grade School for the 2010-2011 school year. Crystal Gamez will stay as music instructor and split her

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DURING A RECENT FIELD TRIP to the Art Institute of Chicago, Tri-Point Upper Elementary and Junior High School students (left to right) Jazymn Morrison, Cheyenne Sitfrit and Katy Haag look at Egyptian masks that had not been touched for 3,000 years. The masks were made of priceless objects and gold.



AMY FREEZE, right, a meteorologist with FOX Chicago News, visited Dwight Grade School March 15 to teach the elementary and junior high students about weather, climate and her job. Freeze later showed off her "Redbird Rowdies" T-shirt on the evening newscast. Her visit was organized with help from Kevin Holohan and the Dwight Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA).

DeWaard Captures Rural Life in Colored Pencil

by Meta Machulis

Art comes naturally to Barbara DeWaard, and coincidentally, nature is one of her greatest inspirations. Many of the Dwight free-lance artist's works include houses, barns and scenery from our rural area.

"I love the openness out here," DeWaard said of the landscape.

In addition to drawings of her own choosing, she enjoys doing commission works, which range from family portraits to preserved memories of that special hole-in-one on the golf course.

She has won a number of awards and recently taught children's classes at Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight as part of "Picturing America," a program grant the library obtained to present American history through a series of famous artworks. During the program, DeWaard taught the children about artistic techniques and explained the historical events depicted in the artworks.

DeWaard said she has been interested in art since she was a child herself. As a youth, she participated in an evaluative drawing program, and "they ended up contacting my parents and saying 'Your daughter has talent,'" she said. Although she's had no formal fine art training, she took art classes in high school and took an art correspondence course. Before college, she was required to write an essay stating her career goals.

"I wrote that I wanted to be a freelance artist," DeWaard said. "And I really don't know that I had a clue as to what that was, specifically, at that age."

But if it was a yet uninformed goal, it proved to be a good one.

DeWaard ended up earning an Associate in Applied Science degree in advertising art and design and spent 13 years working in New York City in magazine production. Originally, she was an oil painter, but that changed around the time she gave up the big city life and moved to Dwight.

"In 1988, my first daughter was born, and I wanted an art medium that I could just leave. I wouldn't have to worry about acrylics drying or oils drying," she said. "I went into an art store and I found colored pencils."

Colored pencil has remained DeWaard's medium of choice since that time.

"The pencil was the best tool for me to get the detail that I wanted in my work," she said. "I love applying the layers of different colors, which is my technique, to achieve all the different shades."

DeWaard began doing commission work several years later. She explained that, in 1994, while driving her daughters to school, she saw the old Oughton barn with horses grazing in the field.

"It was just beautiful," DeWaard said.

She took a photograph of the scene and composed it in

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THIS "SHADY RETREAT," depicted by Dwight artist Barbara DeWaard, is an example of the small-town homes and landscapes that often inspire her work. DeWaard has been commissioned to draw houses as well.

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Mar. 12: Alissa N. Webb, 18, Joliet, operate uninsured motor vehicle, fail to notify SOS of change/address.

Mar. 13: Breanne B. Chapman, 25, Lake Bluff, driving under influence of alcohol.

Mar. 14: Kelli A. Brannan, 35, Chicago, criminal trespass to land.

Mar. 15: Matthew A. Jones II, 25, Dwight, village ordinance violation; Tammy L. Lazier, 33, Ancona, theft over \$300; Norman J. Talbert, 28, Ancona, theft over \$300.

Mar. 17: David L.

Yarbrough, 20, Dwight, criminal trespass to land.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Mar. 11: 3200 N. Rd., fire; 3200 N. Rd., medical, Pontiac.

Mar. 12: Main, medical, Morris; Washington, medical, Pontiac.

Mar. 13: Spencer, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

Mar. 14: Emmett St., Kinsman, medical, Morris, mutual aid to MVK.

Mar. 15: Campus Rd., medical, refusal, mutual aid to Campus; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Franklin, medical, refusal.

Mar. 17: Mazon, medical, refusal; Rt. 17, special detail; Union, fire.

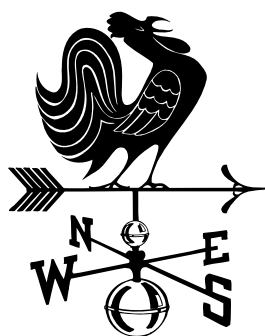
Mar. 18: North, medical, Pontiac; Union, fire.

5 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 1; disobeying traffic control device, 1; only one red tail-light, 1; no valid driver's license, 1; all other parking violations, 1.

Accident Investigated by Dwight Police

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 2:20 p.m., 801 N. Union, Dwight - Officer Charlie Houch: Randall S. Hamilton of Noblesville, Indiana, driving a 2005 Kenworth, struck an unattended, parked 2006 Freightliner at R.R. Donnelley and Sons, according to the police report.



Temps - 2009

Mar. 10 - high 65°, low 42° .11" precip.
Mar. 11 - high 64°, low 35° .38" precip.
Mar. 12 - high 49°, low 35° 1.20" precip.
Mar. 13 - high 49°, low 40° .31" precip.
Mar. 14 - high 47°, low 40° trace of precip.
Mar. 15 - high 47°, low 34°
Mar. 16 - high 61°, low 30°
One Year Ago - Mar. 24, 2009 high 71°, low 38° .13" precip.



DTHS SENIORS attending the March 17 meeting of the Dwight Rotary Club are, left to right: Kyle Seanard, Veronica Skrzypiec, Stephany Small, Ryan Struppa, John Smith and Chaney Tambling.

Women's, Men's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfasts at DUMC

The annual Women's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast will be held at the Dwight United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 31. All women of the area are invited to attend. There will be two seatings for the breakfast, at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Reservations are required

indicating which seating you will attend and may be made by calling the church office at 584-3420 by Sunday, March 28.

The Dwight United Methodist men's group also invites all area men to an ecumenical breakfast on Thursday, April 1, at 7 a.m. at the church.

Indoor Spring Yard Sale at MVK School

Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Elementary School is hosting its first annual indoor spring yard sale Saturday, April 10, at the middle school.

Doors will open at 8 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. There is no admission fee, and concessions will be available.

Vendors are needed. Anyone interested can check out the MVK website, www.mvkmavericks.org, and look in the "downloads" folder, in the flyer section or contact Nancy Dillow at 815-448-2504 between 6 and 9 p.m.

Man Linked to Kinsman FBI Raid Pleads Guilty to Terrorism

David Coleman Headley, a U.S. citizen of partial Pakistani descent, pleaded guilty March 18 to a dozen federal terrorism charges, admitting that he participated in planning the November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, as well as later planning to attack a Danish newspaper.

In pleading guilty to all 12 counts that were brought against him in December and were repeated in a subsequent indictment in January, Headley admitted that he attended training camps in Pakistan operated by Lashkar e Tayyiba, a designated foreign terrorist organization, on five separate occasions between 2002 and 2005. In late 2005, Headley received instructions from three members of Lashkar to travel to India to conduct surveillance, which he did five times leading up to the Mumbai attacks three years later that killed six Americans among approximately 164 people, and wounded hundreds more.

A written plea agreement containing a detailed recitation

of Headley's participation in the foreign terrorism conspiracies was presented when Headley, 49, of Chicago, changed his plea to guilty March 18 before U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber in Federal Court in Chicago. In light of Headley's past cooperation and expected future cooperation, the Attorney General has authorized the U.S. Attorney in Chicago not to seek the death penalty against Headley.

One of Headley's co-defendants, Tahawwur Rana, 49, of Chicago, who was indicted in January on three counts - conspiracy to provide material support to the Mumbai attacks; conspiracy to provide material support to the Denmark plot; and providing material support to Lashkar - has pleaded not guilty and remains in federal custody in Chicago while awaiting trial.

Rana was arrested October 18 in Chicago, the same day that the FBI raided First World Management in Kinsman, a meat processing plant that Rana owned.

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Airgood Charged with Felony Following Explosion in Dwight

by Meta Machulis

A Gardner man is being charged with possession of explosives following an explosion last week in Dwight.

Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson said the police were called to the 300 block of East Delaware Street at approximately 11:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, "regarding a large explosion."

"Upon further investigation, a large explosion did occur in the front yard of a residence in the 300 block," Henson said. "An investigation ensued."

On March 17, the Dwight Police solicited the assistance of the Illinois State Police, the Cook County Bomb Squad and ATF, and arrested Michael J. Airgood, 38, at his residence in Gardner. Henson said Airgood is a former Dwight resident.

Airgood is being charged with one count of unlawful possession of explosives, which is a Class I felony, Henson said. He is also charged with one count of criminal damage to property and four counts of disorderly conduct.

Airgood was taken into custody on the 17th by the Illinois State Police and was taken to Grundy County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond. He was later transported to Livingston County jail, where he posted bond on the morning of March 18 - "which would be \$10,000 cash," Henson said.

The incident remains under investigation, and the explosive materials have been sent to the Illinois State Police crime lab for analysis, Henson said.

No one was injured in the explosion.

Katelyn Joyce Benefit to Include Dessert, Entertainment

A benefit is being held for Katelyn Joyce of Essex, who was diagnosed February 13 with leukemia.

Katelyn is currently taking several chemo treatments a day at Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago.

To raise funds for her medical expenses, a benefit will be held Saturday, March 27, at the Knights of Columbus hall, 187 S. Indiana Ave., Kankakee, from 7 p.m. to midnight. A donation will be requested at the door.

A dessert bar will feature truffles, cookies, brownies, Katelyn's favorite cupcakes,



and pop. A cash bar will also be available. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the night for various gift baskets and other items, including an autographed Devin Hester Chicago Bears jersey. Entertainment will be provided by the band "Your Pop Culture Failure" and DJ Todd Giroux.

Donations can be made to the "Katelyn Joyce Benefit" account at First American Bank, Bourbonnais.

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Livingston Farm Bureau/Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarships Awarded

The Livingston County Farm Bureau Foundation Board has announced the winners of the 2010 Farm Bureau Foundation/Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarships.

Graduating high school students entering their freshman year of college this fall and majoring in an agricultural-related field had the opportunity to be awarded a scholarship up to \$1,500. This year, the committee selected 10 scholarship recipients. They included:

\$1,000 – Elizabeth Harfst, daughter of Tom and Diane Harfst, Saunemin. Elizabeth currently attends Pontiac Township High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and an Illinois State Scholar. She is a very active member in her FFA chapter and has served as an Officer, as well as National FFA Band. She is the Emington Hot shots 4-H Club President and County 4-H Queen. Elizabeth plans on attending Joliet Junior college majoring in Agriculture Education.

\$500 – Edward Ehrhardt, son of Raymond and Heidi Ehrhardt, Emington. Edward currently attends Tri-Point High School. He has been a member of the Cabery Specials 4-H club for 9 years, serving as vice-president in 2008-09. Edward has been a Tri-Point FFA member for 4 years, currently serving as Treasurer. Edward plans to attend Joliet Junior college and major in Agriculture business. His goal is to efficiently raise livestock and run the family farm. He expects to raise and sell high quality club show lambs.

\$500 – Jamie Erdman, daughter of Tom and Kim Erdman, Odell. Jamie cur-

rently attends Pontiac Township High School. She is on High Honor Roll and achieved the Greenhand Degree for FFA her freshman year. Jamie plans on attending Parkland College majoring in pre-veterinary. Her greatest professional goal is to help animals as much as she can in her own veterinarian practice.

Scholarships up to \$1,500 were also awarded to college students majoring in an agricultural or ag-related field, entering their third semester of college or beyond. Recipients included:

\$1,250 – Sara Haag, Cullom, daughter of Richard and Kristine Haag. She is majoring in Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She is on the Dean's List and received the Sigma Alpha GPA 3.5 Award. Following graduation, Sara would like to attend graduate school at the U of I in the College of ACES specializing in the areas of genetics and reproduction. Her goal is to find a job with a dairy genetic company doing research to advance genetics.

\$1,000 – Christina Bissey, Odell, daughter of Ralph and Chris Bissey. She is currently attending Joliet Junior College majoring in Agriculture Education. She will be transferring to Illinois State University this fall. Christina has been inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She has been on the Honor Roll while attending JJC. Her primary goal is to become a high school agriculture instructor in order to motivate youth and help them develop an interest in agriculture.



Anna Emm

DTHS Names Sophomore of the Month

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Anna Emm on being named DTSH sophomore student of the month of March.

She is an honor student and is active in golf, Peer Advisors and FFA.

Anna is the daughter of Tom and Janice Emm of Ransom.

Alpha Beta Chapter to Meet March 27

The Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will gather at the Elks Country Club, Pontiac, on Saturday, March 27.

The business meeting will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the program at 10 a.m. Jane Lawder will portray "Mary Todd Lincoln – live in costume." One CPDU is available for this program.

Lunch will follow the program, with a choice of taco or chef salad. Make reservations with your chairperson.

Rummage and Bake Sale at Cabery UMC

A rummage sale and bake sale will be held at Cabery United Methodist Church Friday, March 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 27, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Homemade barbecue will also be available both days.

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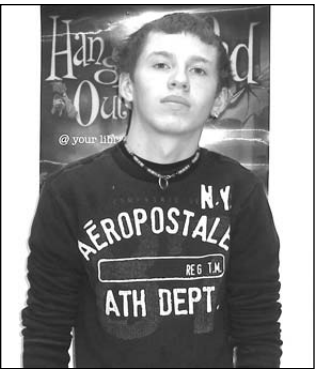
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Andrew Housman

GSW HS Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Andrew Housman – he's in the Gardner South Wilmington High School Student Spotlight this week.

The faculty and staff at GSW say, "Andrew has really worked very hard this year, improving his behavior and academics. He helps in the cafeteria and does an outstanding job. He is polite and always willing to lend a helping hand."

A senior, Andrew was nominated by Spanish instructor Ms. Kirkpatrick, who said, "I asked if some things on the table in the cafeteria were his, and he said no. But he went and picked it all up and threw it away! Yay, Andrew!"

Z. Kohlmeier Named to Olivet Dean's List

Zachary Kohlmeier of Saunemin was named to the Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, during the recently completed Fall 2009 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

Kohlmeier is a freshman majoring in music education. His university activities include orchestra, wind symphony, jazz band, marching band and intramural sports.

A 2009 graduate of Pontiac Township High School, Kohlmeier is the son of Jeff and Tracey Kohlmeier of Saunemin.

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Amy Davis Awarded Roger Naylor Memorial Scholarship

The Livingston County Farm Bureau Foundation has announced the winner of the 2010 Roger Naylor Memorial Scholarship.

Roger Naylor was the Livingston County Farm Bureau manager for 10 years and dedicated his life to the Farm Bureau organization. Roger passed away from cancer in 2002. In honor of his dedication to agriculture, a scholarship was established in 2003. The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a sophomore/junior in college based on the applicant's interest and involvement in agriculture, extracurricular activities and ability to communicate his or her potential. The committee selected Amy J. Davis, Odell, as the eighth Roger Naylor Scholarship winner.

Davis is the daughter of James and Bonnie Davis. She is enrolled at the University of Illinois with a major in Animal Science. Davis is a graduate of Pontiac Township High School. She has been granted



Amy Davis

the awards of Jonathan Baldwin Turn Scholar and ACES James Scholar. She is secretary of Collegiate FFA as well as the Hoof and Horn Club and Alpha Zeta.

Amy is currently studying abroad in New Zealand for the spring semester. Her professional goals will be to pursue a career for a major company or farm in the area of poultry nutrition research or as a production manager who focuses on what can be done to improve bird growth through diet.

Applications Available for 2010 Slattery Memorial Scholarship

Graduating, sports-minded DTSH seniors are urged to turn in their applications for the Jim Slattery Memorial Scholarship.

This award, which will be offered for the fourth time this spring, has the potential to reach \$4,500, granted in a graduated manner through the first four years of post-secondary study. By maintaining good academic standing and evidence of progress in reaching an academic goal, scholarship recipients may re-apply throughout their first four years of higher education.

Previous DTSH winners include Kelli Humbert, Cody Doran and Brianna Vigna.

Jim "Slatts" Slattery graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1975 and from Illinois State University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

Slattery's love of people, love of learning and love of sports translated into four years of active participation in DTSH sports and co-curricular activities. At DTSH he participated in football, basketball, track, cross-country, golf, D-Club, Library Club and the Trojan yearbook staff. Slattery's outgoing and fun-loving personality, work ethic, persist-

ence, love of competition and belief in the quality of every human being made a tremendous impact on many. He embraced life and brought out the best in everyone around him. Slattery died in November 2006 at the age of 49 after an inspirational three-year battle with kidney cancer.

This scholarship, established in Slattery's memory in 2007 by his wife, Nancy, his family and his many friends, is intended to reward and encourage in DTSH students a spirit of joyous participation in life, sports and lifelong learning.

The application criteria may be accessed through the DTSH school office, as well as online at www.dwighthigh.k12.il.us

The deadline for completed applications is Friday, April 23. Mail or hand deliver all materials in one package to Mr. Dale Adams, Superintendent, Dwight Township High School, 801 S. Franklin, Dwight, IL 60420. The packet should be labeled "Jim Slattery Memorial Scholarship 2010."

This scholarship is funded in part by donations to the Jim Slattery Memorial Fund. For further information, call 309-663-1107 or contact any family member.

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- Pay down some debts. In these difficult economic times, you may be carrying a higher debt load than usual. If so, you may want to use some of your refund to pay down some of these debts. The lower your debt payments, the better your cash flow and the more money you'll have to invest for the future.
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- Help fund your IRA. In 2010, you can put in up to \$5,000 to your IRA. Consequently, if you received a \$2,700 refund, you'd have more than half of what you need to fully fund your IRA for the year. (If you're 50 or older, however, you can contribute up to \$6,000 per year.) You might not think that your \$2,700 would make much of a difference in the long run. But by investing your refund and giving it many years of growth potential, you could end up with a sizable amount.

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You'd eventually have to pay taxes on your earnings, typically when you make withdrawals at retirement. And if you qualified for a Roth IRA, you'd never have to pay taxes on your earnings, as long as you had your account for at least five years and didn't start taking withdrawals until you were at least 59-1/2.

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Kelly and Michael Cornale

Kelly Griffin, Michael Cornale Married November 7, 2009

Kelly Anne Griffin and Michael John Cornale, both of Dwight, were married November 7, 2009, at the wedding chapel at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, Nevada. Rev. Adam Duckro officiated.

Parents of the bride are Jean Griffin of Peoria and James Griffin of Madison, Wisc. Parents of the groom are John and Joan Cornale of Hayward, Wisconsin.

Matron of honor was Kathleen Banfield of Madison, Wisc. Best man was Mark Denker of West Branch, Iowa. Flower girl was Hailey Griffin of Waterloo, Wisc.

An in-suite reception was held at Mandalay Bay, fol-

lowed by a dinner at the Bellagio.

The bride is a graduate of Woodruff High School, Peoria. She earned both her Bachelor of Science in history education and Master of Science in history from Illinois State University. She is a teacher at Minooka Community High School.

The groom is a graduate of Dwight Township High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science in agribusiness from Illinois State University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in technology and facilities management at Purdue University.

The couple resides in Dwight.

Beta Sigma Phi's Morris Psi Pi Chapter Elects Officers

The Morris Psi Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi elected officers for the upcoming year at its March meeting.

New officers are President Marla Mengarelli, Seneca; Vice President Pam Galloway, Dwight; Recording Secretary Cindy Bingheim, Mazon; Treasurer Kristy Shipton, Morris; and Corresponding Secretary Heather Bingheim, Morris.

The past year's theme, "Passport to Adventure," will end at the group's 79th annual

Founder's Day April 31. Members from surrounding communities will celebrate at Maria's in Morris on Tuesday, April 28.

The group's motto of "Life, Learning and Friend-ship" went from sea to shining sea as programs took members from Alaska to South Carolina and Hawaii to Maine. Beta Sigma Phi is an international women's organization that started in 1931 and was known as the "National What to Read Club."



Carrie Griffin and John Haley

Carrie Griffin Engaged to John Haley

Carrie Griffin of Sherman and John Haley of Pontiac announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Carrie is the daughter of Steve and Barb Griffin of Sherman, and John is the son of John and Kenna Haley of Pontiac.

An August 7 wedding is being planned at Knox Knolls Free Methodist Church, Sherman, with a reception immediately following at Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center.

The prospective bride attends Greenville College in Greenville, majoring in math education with minors in English and Spanish. The bridegroom-to-be also attends Greenville, majoring in chemistry with a minor in youth ministry. Both are expected to graduate in May 2011.

Cabery Easter Egg Hunt to be March 27

Cabery's United Methodist Ladies will sponsor an Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 27, starting at 1 p.m. in the west yard of the church. This event is "B.Y.O.B." – bring your own basket!

Children in Cabery and surrounding areas are invited to attend. Age categories will be one to four years; five to eight years; and nine to 12 years. Prizes will be awarded in each category.

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In the case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held inside the church.

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Missouri Band to Perform at Emmanuel Lutheran

The band from Saxony Lutheran High School, Jackson, Mo., will perform a concert, "Walk by Faith, Not by Sight," on Friday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight.

This will be Saxony's first ever band tour, and Emmanuel is the first concert on its tour. A freewill donation will be taken in support of the concert.

The community is invited to attend.



Children's Easter Activities at Dwight Depot

The Dwight Main Street Program will sponsor children's activities April 3 beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Children and parents are invited to come to the Depot for games and visits with the Easter bunny. Food will also be sold.

The event follows the Dwight Lions Easter egg hunt.



DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS Delaney Haas, left, and Mark Taylor were selected to attend the March 16 IPA Student Recognition Luncheon in Pontiac. They received certificates commemorating the honor.

Delaney Haas, Mark Taylor Honored at IPA Luncheon

On Tuesday, March 16, the Illinois Principals Association – Corn Belt region hosted its annual Student Recognition Luncheon at Baby Bulls Restaurant in Pontiac. Dwight Grade School fifth grade teachers nominated Mark Taylor and Delaney Haas for this honor.

When acknowledging these students, Patricia Marshall, DGS principal, stated that Mark is a great listener who puts forth his best effort in whatever he is asked to do. Mark takes his schoolwork seriously, main-

taining honor roll status, yet, he has a great sense of humor that is an asset to his class.

In describing Delaney, Miss Marshall remarked that you can usually find Delaney working very diligently at her seat or asking the teacher if there is anything she can do to help. She is always willing to lend a hand to her fellow classmates. Delaney has definitely made a positive impact here at DGS.

Both students received framed certificates from the Illinois Principals Association.



YOUNG VOCALISTS AND MUSICIANS will compete in WazFest Idol March 27 in Kankakee. Dwight singer Alexandra Smith, 14, is pictured second from right.

WazFest Idol to Feature Dwight's Alex Smith

WazFest, the annual memorial music event remembering Jon Waselewski, is entering its sixth year. This year's WazFest will feature a bean bag tournament and bands Dixie Jam, Kyle & Co., JWT, Maybe Later, Trainwreck, Serilian, Hooligans and The Sea Creatures.

New this year will be the finals of WazFest Idol for contestants 16 years of age and under. Three local musicians will judge. First, second and third places will be

awarded. Among the finalists is Alexandra Smith, a 14-year-old vocalist from Dwight.

WazFest celebrates the life of Jon Waselewski, a Kankakee area musician who died at age 42. Proceeds from this year's event will go to an education fund set up through Bright Start of Illinois for his youngest son, Kyle. Also, a \$1,000 scholarship fund has been established in Waselewski's name through Bradley-Bourbon-

nais High School for a fine arts student.

WazFest 2010 will be held Saturday, March 27, at the Exposition Hall on the Kankakee Fairgrounds, Route 45, south of Kankakee. The event will begin at noon and end at 11:30 p.m. There will be food, door prizes, raffles and live entertainment throughout the day. There is an admission fee for adults; children 12 and younger are free.

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Roadshow Comes to Dwight for 2 Days Only!

By Jason DeLong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow is coming to **Dwight**. Roadshow experts are in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

Got Gold? This week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's

are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational

prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike DeLong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the VFW, Thursday and Friday in Dwight."

because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.

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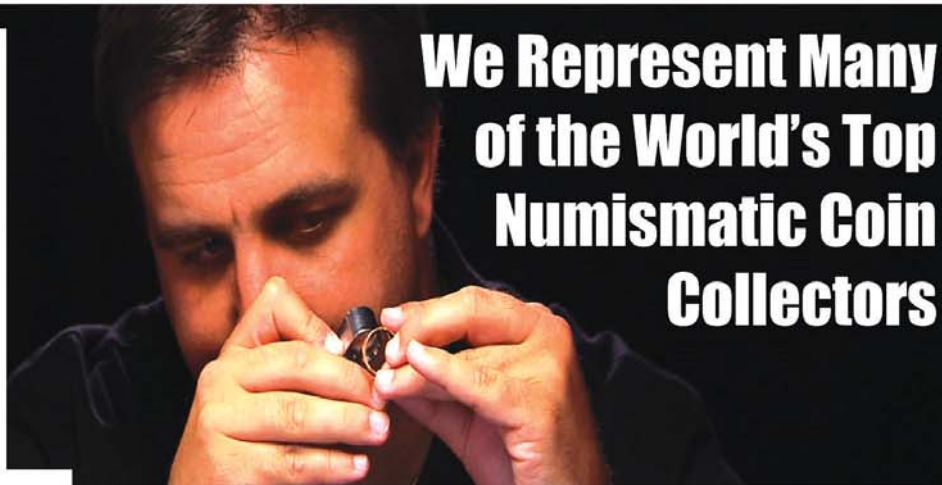
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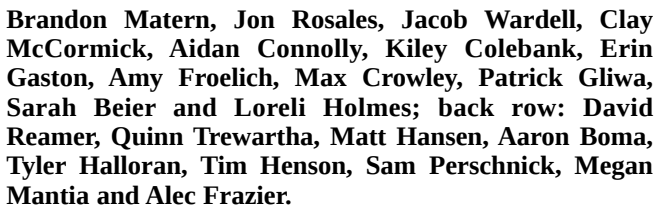


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OBITUARIES

Jessie Marie Kavanaugh-Brown

C O A L CITY – Jessie Marie Kavanaugh-Brown, 94, of Coal City, passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at her home.



Visitation was Friday, March 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City and at Coal City United Methodist Church Saturday, March 20, for one hour preceding the service at 10 a.m. Rev. Tom Logsdon officiated.

Burial followed in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Born December 11, 1915 in Coal City, Jessie was a daughter of John and Margaret Cuthbertson-Edgar. She was raised and educated in Coal City and was a graduate of Coal City High School with the class of 1930. On January 5, 1939, Jessie married Leroy Kavanaugh in Assumption Catholic Church. and together they resided in Kinsman, Wilmington and Cornell, prior to returning to Coal City in 1980. Leroy preceded Jessie in death in 1983. On January 9, 1988, Jessie married Paul Brown in Assumption Catholic Church and he preceded her in death in 2000.

Survivors include four children: Marian (Philip) Cashmer of Winter Haven, Florida; Judith (George) Conro of Lemon Grove, California; June (Douglas) Cesar of Jamul, California; and William (Patricia) Kavanaugh of Decatur; eight grandchildren: Christine

(Matthew) Smith, Catherine (Jeffrey) Pederson, Shawn (Jennifer) Driscoll, Angela (David) Corrie, Matthew (Debra) Conro, Pamela Conro, Stacey (Forrest) Edwards and Kimberly (Brian) Treacy; and 15 great-grandchildren: Ashley, Joshua Calandria, Melinda, Matty, Wyatt, Cookie, Maverick, Bronson, Delaney, Cooper, Finnian, Nancy Lynn, Devon, Sarah and Joshua Conro, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Jessie was also preceded in death by one son James Kavanaugh; one grandson, Ryan Kavanaugh; one step-daughter, Kathleen Brown; three sisters; and five brothers.

A homemaker all of her life, Jessie also worked over the years at Hornsby's in Morris, Woolworth's in Pontiac and at Saint James Hospital in Pontiac. She was a member of Coal City United Methodist Church and the Area 1 Club. Jessie was known for her love of music, Bible study and poetry and truly enjoyed the time spent with her grandchildren.

Memorials may be made as gifts in Jessie's memory to the Coal City United Methodist Church Building Fund or to a humane society or charity of the donor's choosing.

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

BRAIDWOOD – Justin R. Burger, 25, of Braidwood, passed away Monday, March 15, 2010 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Visitation and video tribute were Thursday, March 18, from 11 a.m. until the time of service and remembrances, 1:30 p.m., at Reeves Funeral Home, Gardner.

Burial followed in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Born January 4, 1985 in Morris, Justin was a son of Mike Burger and Angie Ramsey-Burger. A 2003 graduate of Reed Custer High School, Justin was employed by Nation Gutters in Wilmington.

Survivors include his father, Mike, of McLeansboro; two loved daughters, Jaylee and Serenity; two brothers, Jason Burger of Essex and Jake Burger of Cornell; and one nephew, Cayden.

Justin was preceded in death by his mother, Angie; grandparents, James and June Ramsey and Joyce Hakey; and one uncle, Randy Ramsey.

Memorials may be made as gifts in Justin's memory to his family for distribution to charities of their choosing.

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Justin R. Burger

Mary Elizabeth Weller

DWIGHT – Mary Elizabeth Weller, 87, of Dwight died at 8:15 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2010 at Heritage Manor, Dwight.



Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation was for one hour preceding her memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at Dwight United Methodist Church with Rev. William Leppin officiating. Burial followed in Round Grove Cemetery, Dwight.

Mary was born October 28, 1922 in Round Grove Township, the daughter of Anton H. Weller and Ethel Bunting Weller.

Survivors include a sister, Eileen Hampton; a brother Robert Weller; three sisters-in-law: Dorothy, Marilyn, and Beverly Weller; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John

and LaVern; and nephews Eugene Wessels and Rodney Weller.

Mary graduated from Dwight High School in 1940. She worked for Pure Oil in Chicago and National LP Gas Association in Oak Brook, but lived in Clarendon Hills. She moved back to Dwight in November 1987 after recovering from Guillaine Barr Syndrome. She was at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator and then moved to Marianjoy Rehabilitation in Wheaton.

She was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs, the Bears and the Blackhawks.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dwight United Methodist Church or the Dwight Heritage Manor.

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Trust No. 2374, ROBERT ZENISEK)
and unknown owners and non-record)
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Defendants.)

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

B. The legal description is as follows:
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D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: one story residence, 2-car detached garage.

E. The date, time and place of the sale are: April 27, 2010 at 10:00 A.M., first floor of the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

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

G. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

Donald R. McClarey,
Attorney for Plaintiff

Rev. Leo H. Gildner

OTTAWA – The Rev. Leo H. Gildner, 82, pastor emeritus of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Ottawa, died Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Ottawa Pavilion.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, March 18, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ottawa with Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., Bishop of the Diocese of Peoria, as the main celebrant.

Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bloomington.

He was born September

21, 1927 in Bloomington to Leo August and Sylvia Maria Helwig Gildner. He was ordained from St. Paul Seminary in 1953 in Peoria.

From 1956-58 Father Gildner taught mathematics at St. Paul High School, Odell, and was the chaplain at the Dwight VA Hospital.

His parents and one sister preceded him in death.

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DeWaard Captures Rural Life in Colored Pencil

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colored pencil. When she took the artwork to Tracie Wargo at the now-closed Main Street Company for framing, Wargo asked whether she had any other drawings of the Dwight area, noting that several people had expressed interest in such works. Soon, the Dwight Area Chamber of Commerce commissioned DeWaard to do two more drawings, one of the former Oughton estate's historic windmill and one of its carriage house (now the Prairie Creek Public Library), as the "Scenes of Dwight" series.

"I think that was kind of the jumping-off point, and little by little, it just grew from there," she said.

DeWaard says she enjoys doing commissioned works because "You're providing a memory for someone, giving them "a record of something that's so personal and important to them." She added, "It's very interesting getting to know the people, too. ... The ultimate is when you deliver the product. The response of the people is just

so nice."

She still draws some compositions of her own choosing as well, which are often things she sees on vacation or while driving. DeWaard said she chooses to draw "whatever attracts my attention" but is especially influenced in her choices by "the colors, the mood and the landscape." Unique lighting and high contrast are also likely to catch her eye, as in her scene of a barn in a yellow mist or her depiction of a storm squall line over a lake.

Speaking generally of her artwork, DeWaard said, "People think it's very realistic. I don't think it's absolutely photographically realistic, but it's realistic enough that I'm getting the essence and you're filling in the rest." She added, "I really enjoy capturing that and feeling like I've really got a sense of something."

DeWaard said one of her personal favorite drawings is of a scene she found while on a spring vacation in southern Illinois. The drawing depicts a gray barn in the background and bright yel-



CHILDREN STUDY a piece of historical artwork as Dwight artist Barbara DeWaard, right, explains its significance during a "Picturing America" class at Prairie Creek Public Library March 13.

low daffodils in the foreground.

However, DeWaard said, "Sometimes I think the most recent one is my favorite, until I replace it!"

DeWaard lives in Dwight with her husband, Joe, and daughters, Bridget and Elizabeth, who are both currently away at college. She works out of her home studio and can be contacted at 584-1881. Several of her works are also for sale at *The Paper* office.

GSW HS Board Discusses Updates and Changes

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time between the high school and Braceville Grade School. In regard to RIF and financial uncertainties, Dr. Decman discussed all the ways the district is trying to save money in order to hopefully not have to make any additional cuts for the 2010-2011 school year.

Several bids were submitted for fixing the pipes in the band area. Korellis Systems Control had the lowest bid. Dr. Decman will ask the BOE for approval of this bid.

Grundy Area Vocational Center is going ahead with its Life Safety updates, renovations and addition to the current building. The center will ask GSW HS for a percentage of this cost, which will be close to \$175,000 or four percent of the total cost of the project. GAVC provides vocational education for students from GSW, Morris, Coal City and Minooka.

Action items included: Approval to employ non-tenured teachers and a social worker for the 2010-2011 school year; approval to employ tenured teachers for the 2010-2011 school year; approval of teacher Susan Wheeler's request for "dock day;" approval of GSW HS School District library grant application; approval of the resignation of Marla Eltrevoog as math teacher; approval of the bid from Korellis to fix pipes in the band area;

Approval of Glynn Baker's request for early graduation; approval of the band/music agreement with Braceville Grade School; cancellation of the second board of education meeting for the month of March; approval of the resignations of Julie and Samantha Preisch as cheerleading coaches; approval of Terry Grimler and Darren Sorensen as volunteer baseball coaches for the 2010 season; approval to employ Michelle Scaccia as Pantherette coach for the 2010-2011 school year; and approval to employ Chris

Moeller as junior varsity volleyball coach for the 2010 season.

The approval of a raise for non-certified personnel was also on the agenda but was tabled.

Superintendent informa-

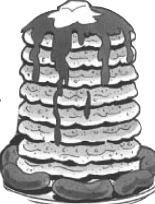
tion items included a legislative update; legal briefing; "thank you" notes from the GSW HS Business Club and Heartland Blood Centers; a certificate of completion for FOIA training; and board and administrator notes.

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A group of Will and

Kankakee County parents are forming a support group to help foster and maintain friendships and social interaction for their autistic and Asperger syndrome children.

The group will meet the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at Essex Methodist Church at 1 p.m. The next gathering will be March 27.

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2010 SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

GSW Lady Panthers Softball

DTHS Trojan Baseball



2010 GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL TEAM members are, front row, left to right: Hallie Zingre, Danielle Landry, Katie Gretz, Jamie Esparza, Missy Gretz; middle row: Abby Horrie, Allison Perkins, Sam Scholes, Alison Serena, Lauren Finn; back row: Coach Norm Lardi, Amber Eisha, Kailyn Schultz, Rachel Mack, Kelsey Lutz and Coach Michelle Lardi.

GSW Lady Panther Coach Michelle Lardi gains momentum with the Lady Panther softball program, finishing strong last season with 20-6 overall and 8-2 in the conference, with her young 2010 varsity team.

“Our team is young this year. We are relying on our upper classmen to help mold

our team together and become the strong team that we are able to be,” commented Coach Lardi.

The Lady Panthers will look for assistance from key players: pitching- senior Amber Eisha, sophomore Katie Gretz and freshman Abby Horrie; hitting- senior Rachel Mack, Eisha and K.

Gretz; players- senior Jamie Esparza, junior Alison Serena and senior Missy Gretz.

Coach Lardi and the Lady Panthers will rely on good pitching, defensive teamwork, timely hitting and creating a strong defense to help speed up the trip to Regionals.

DTHS Trojan varsity baseball Coach Dan Kaiser has strong bull pen support in his fourth coaching year.

The Trojans aren’t just throwing heat, they’re creating it with skilled baserunners, an above average team speed and power possessing hitters.

“The I-8 Conference is a strong baseball conference, much like it is for football.

The same teams that were near top in football will be near the top in baseball as well. I look for Herscher, Coal City and Wilmington to be among the leaders in the conference,” stated Coach Kaiser.

With a young team that has little varsity experience, a goal is being better than .500 in the conference and claiming another Regional Championship.

“Many of our pitchers are young as well and will have to develop command of all their pitches for us to be successful as a team,” commented Coach Kaiser.

Remember this: the Trojans were Regional Champions, Sectional Champions and part of the Elite Eight in 2009.



2010 DTHS TROJAN BASEBALL TEAM members are, front row, left to right: Cal Vigna, Trent Wiles, Pete Moyemont, Wes Lehman, Jeremy Fracaro, Mike Taylor; back row: Coach Dan Kaiser, Aaron Murphy, Dan Hansen, Mike Halloran, Nolan Hoffman, Alec Frazier and Kyle Seanard. Not pictured are Travis Roeder and Troy Hogan.

DTHS Trojan Track & Field

Tri-Point Charger Baseball

DTHS Trojan Track and Field boasts 23 competitors this spring with a large and strong group of co-op athletes from Gardner. The boys have strong senior leadership from Rem Riccolo, Jon-Paul Gallois and Alan Wade.

Juniors include: Jordan Kohrt, Christian Kulla,

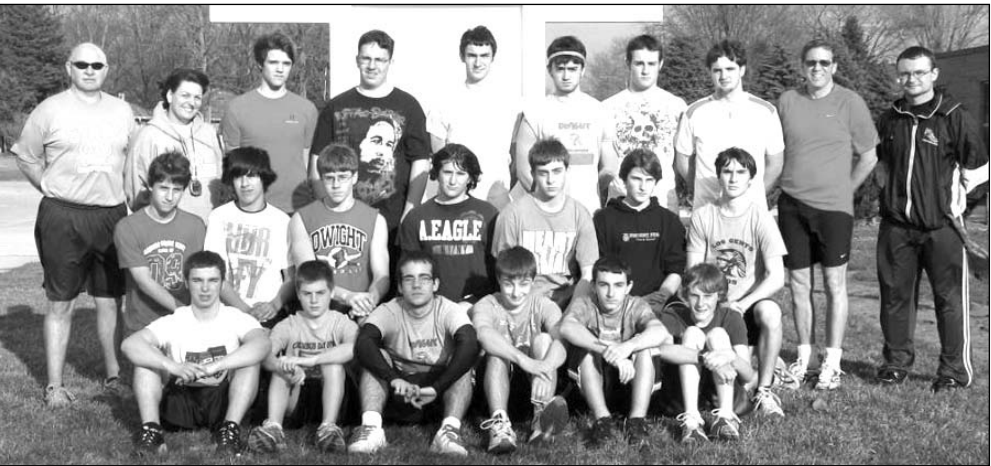
Trevor Marek, Brian Scoggin and Derek Wardell.

Sophomores: Richard Boys, Sam Perschnick and Darien Tilley.

Freshman contenders are: Ryan Burgoine, Brayden Cain, Tony Casares, Ryley Christoff, Ryan Cookingham, Hunter Eutsey, Rig Cruz, Stinnett

Gettinger, Tyler Halloran, Lane Hoffman, Jon Scudieri and Austin Walsh.

“The team is strong in the long sprints, throws, hurdles and distance races. The team is anxious to compete in a meet and ready to show their abilities,” stated Coach Larry Lane.



2010 DTHS TROJAN TRACK AND FIELD members are, front row, left to right: Trevor Marek, Lane Hoffman, Derek Wardell, Ryan Cookingham, Ryan Burgoine, Stinnett Gettinger; middle row: Jon Scudieri, Rig Cruz, Ryley Christoff, Damien Tilley, Sam Perschnick, Brayden Cain, Brian Scoggin; back row: Coaches Tim Dever and Donita Forneris, Hunter Eutsey, Tyler Halloran, Alan Wade, Remington Riccolo, Jordan Kohrt, Richard Boys, Coaches Larry Lane and Kevin Holohan.

Coach Will Patterson has a confident game plan for his second year as head coach of the Chargers. With three returning pitchers, and some flexiblity at key positions, the Chargers are working to accomplish their main goal: putting the Chargers in a position to win.

“The key to our team this year will definitely be hitting. Our pitching and defense should be solid, but we definitely need more offensive production,” commented Coach Patterson. “If we can manage to score runs, we should be able to stay in the games.”

With three key newcomers, Jordan Tharp, Derek Ifft and Nathan Hoffman, and big hitters, Jared Moritz, Dylan Juergens and Mike Johnson, the Chargers should have an energy-packed season.



2010 TRI-POINT CHARGER BASEBALL TEAM members are, front row, left to right: Troy Burns, Derek Ifft, Ryan Deford, Mike Johnson, Nathan Hoffman, Jake Walker; back row: Coach Will Patterson, Jordan Tharp, Dylan Juergens, Josh Malone, Shawn Kinkade, Jake Thompson, Jeff Meister and Jared Moritz. Not pictured is Josh Davis.

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2010 SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW



Tri-Point Charger Softball

Tri-Point Lady Charger Coach Carl Krause III and Assistant Coach Carl Krause have a strong softball team this season. The Lady Chargers have the upper hand with infield experience, two returning senior pitchers and seniors at first, second,

third and catching positions. The girls finished last year with a record 14-10 overall. “We intend to improve our conference record as well as advance in our Regional,” stated Coach Krause.

The team is also looking for improvement in scoring runs. “Sanagmon Valley Conference is always tough with St. Joe-Ogden, Momence and Central, they’re the ones to beat,” stated Coach Krause.



2010 TRI-POINT SOFTBALL TEAM members are, front row, left to right: Sabrina Cox, Alicia Giacometti, Jessica Juergens, Emily Jehle, Hope Webster; middle row: Bonnie Brewer, Krystal Brown, Taylor Moore, Taylor Roach, Kenzie Krause; back row: Coach Carl Krause III, Tessa Deany, Larissa Zalite, Veronica Mogged, Jenny Weller, Kaitlyn Krause and Coach Carl Krause Jr.



GSW Panther Baseball



2010 GSW PANTHER BASEBALL TEAM includes, front row from left: Brandon Faletti, Hector Ruiz, Tyler Posing, Shane Harty, Jacob Schultz; middle row: Joey Wren, Sean Elens, Matt Grimler, Mark Opyd, Dane Sorensen, Brandon Riggi; back row: JV Head Coach Shane Tucker, Ben Crater, Michael Ruffatti, Chris Irvin, Head Varsity Coach Jon Posing.

The GSW Panther baseball team is looking forward to a tremendous 2010 season. With Varsity Head Coach Jon Posing in his fourth season and a coaching record of 67-53 overall, last year’s 17-10 and 8-2 in the conference, the Panthers are hungry for wins. Hitting and defense will be the big strengths. With six of the top eight hitters returning, the 2010 Panthers are bound to put runs on the

scoreboard. Defense hasn’t been an issue with this ball league, year after year it’s been solid. “I think our goals will be to win the conference again, and play in our sectional,” commented Coach Posing, “if we can do these two things, we had a tremendous year!” But, with the expectations, there is room for improvement. The big improvement for the

Panthers is pitching. In the previous season, a couple players stepped on to the mound, gave it their all and became No. 1-type pitchers. Coach Posing needs it to happen again this season. “The conference will be pretty solid this year. I think the front-runners will be Beecher, Illinois Lutheran and us. Donovan and Grant Park will be tough,” stated Coach Posing.



Herscher Tiger Baseball

The Herscher Tiger varsity baseball team is looking for a promising 2010 season with 10 returning lettermen and a previous season of 22-12 overall. In his 18th year Head Coach Eric Regez has a 17-year Herscher record including 24 championships, two State appearances and four summer titles. “Team goals for the team are simple and include a championship run in the I-8 conference, win as many games as possible and a trip to Joliet in June. If the team

progresses as expected and everyone stays healthy – look for the Tigers not to miss a beat at continuing their success in 2010,” stated Coach Regez. Attaining these goals may not be as hard as they sound especially with five returning starters and 13 victories on the mound. “Last year’s underclass teams had outstanding seasons. Many of those members will be expected to immediately compete for playing time,” commented Coach Regez.

2010 HERSCHER TIGER BASEBALL TEAM			
Name	Year	Position	
Brock Pfeiffer	Sr.	IF	
Alex Petkunas	Sr.	OF	
Andy Burton	Sr.	Utility	
Luke Stetson	Jr.	2B	
Dakota Becker	Sr.	RHP-OF	
Kenny Hertz	Jr.	RHP	
Nick Bosman	Jr.	IF	
Drew Ogrentz	Sr.	Utility	
Justin Wolter	Jr.	RHP-IF	
Wes Sproul	Jr.	C	
Jeff Bruer	Jr.	OF	
Mike Krygowski	Sr.	RHP-3B	
Nick Hansen	Sr.	C	
Jake Schafer	Sr.	RHP-1B	
Tyler Evans	Jr.	1B	
Justin Ruckman	Soph.	RHP-IF	
Jordan Ruckman	Soph.	LHP-OF	



DTHS Lady Trojan Track & Field

The DTHS Lady Trojan track and field team is held together with 15 athletes this spring – eight returning lettermen: Sarah Beier, Jill Farrell, Stephanie Fisher, Nicole Glab, Lindie McCarthy, Alison McKinsey, Anna Oelschlager and Haley Residori.

“These girls are showing the coaches a strong effort to improve and leading by example with strong work ethic,” commented Coach Larry Lane. Newcomers to the Lady Trojans are: Jasmine Lemke, Miranda Faletti, Katya Harris, Kacy Murphy, Jennie Rodgers,

Chelsea Schultz and Kaley Tilley. “Several of these girls will contribute to the varsity lineup. The team is training hard and looking forward to a fun and exciting season,” stated Coach Lane.



2010 DTHS LADY TROJAN TRACK AND FIELD members are, front row, left to right: Katya Harris, Jennie Rodgers, Chelsea Schultz, Haley Residori, Miranda Faletti, Kacy Murphy, Kaley Tilley; middle row: Stephanie Fisher, Jasmine Lemke, Anna Oelschlager, Alison McKinsey, Lindie McCarthy, Jill Farrell, Sarah Beier; back row: Coaches Tim Dever, Donita Forneris, Larry Lane and Kevin Holohan.



DTHS Lady Trojan Softball

Strong pitchers, aggressive and quick baserunners and some big hitters, DTHS Lady Trojan varsity softball Coach Dawn Williams wants her third year to be successful. The Lady Trojans finished last season with 16-12 overall and 9-6 in the conference. One area for improve-

ment is hitting. “I’d like to see consistency at the plate,” commented Coach Williams. The 12-person team is hoping for a triumphant season and in the conference as well. “I think that the Interstate 8 is a tough conference but I’m confident

that we will do well,” stated Coach Williams. Members of the 2010 team: Chaney Tambling, Kolby Hoffman, Katie Sanders, Haley Gaston, Tori Grzincic, Kate Pfeifer, Sarah Butterfield, Erin Gaston, Aidan Connolly, Claire Elsey and Brooke Sassenger.

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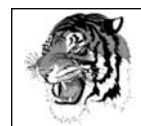
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Herscher Lady Tiger Softball

The 2010 Herscher Tiger varsity softball team is looking for their record of being named into the Elite 8 for three of the past four years to help guide first-year Head Coach Alan High to victories.

The Tigers last season boasted a record of 16-3 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

The experienced team's goals for the season are: taking each game one at a time and expand on the success they have accomplished in

the past years.

The Tigers are looking to compete with Manteno, Peotone and Lisle.

"We're in the toughest Class A conference in the state," stated Coach Alan High.

Members of the 2010 varsity softball team are: Olivia Volkman, Leah Kambi, Audrey Snyder, Taylor Harris, Bri Ferrias, Caroline Chavers, Emily Landeck, Annie Rockert, Kerri Forneris, Shelby

Merrilot, Liz Lavoie, Loryn Bruer, Emily Rosenboom, Rae Hillebrand, Hannah De Young, Gabi Tobeck, Adri Denault, Allison Lovell, Kaitlyn Reynolds and Brittany Ashburn.



SAUNEMIN EAGLES VOLLEYBALL

5/6th Grade Eagles Tournament Eagles vs. St. Mary's

The 5/6th grade Saunemin Eagles defeated St. Mary's fifth grade, 25-5 and 25-6.

Helping with the victory were: Kenzie Roahrig, 21 points, eight aces; Ashley Harfst, 10 points, three aces; Cassie Einhaus, six points, one ace; Courtney Riley, three points, one ace; Hannah Slown, two points; Molly Ruddy, one point.

Eagles vs. Odell

The Eagles flew over Odell, 25-12 and 25-7.

Scoring the win were: Molly Ruddy, 16 points, six aces; Kenzie Roahrig, 12 points, one ace; Hannah Slown, six points; Destiny

Riley, four points; Cassie Einhaus, one ace.

Eagles vs. St. Anthony's

The Eagles volleyball team beat St. Anthony's, 25-11 and 25-8.

Scoring for Saunemin were: Kenzie Roahrig, 28 points, seven aces; Ashley Harfst, six points, two aces; Bailee Osborn, three points; Molly Ruddy, one point.

Eagles vs. Ottawa St. Columba

The Eagles defeated Ottawa St. Columba, 25-7 and 25-17, to claim the tournament championship.

Helping with the victory were: Kenzie Roahrig, 17 points, one ace; Cassie Einhaus, 13 points; Molly Ruddy, three points, one ace;

Bailee Osborn, three points; Ashley Harfst, two points.

"The 5/6th Eagles played very well as a team and I have high expectations for them in the future! It has been a very successful season for this young group of girls! All of the girls played very well. Thank you for a great season," commented Coach Jen Masching.



MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

March 15 Lady Mavericks at Sectionals 8th Grade-

The MVK eighth grade Lady Mavericks defeated Crescent City, 22-25, 25-14 and 25-5, in Sectional play.

Helping score the win were: Terah Coughlin, 20 points, eight aces, three kills; Danielle Hauch, 11 points, four aces, two kills; Mallory Misener, nine points, 11 assists, two kills; Mackenzie Granby, five points, one kill, one dig; Maggie Thomas, four points, two kills, one ace; Lexi Harty, one point, one kill; Ariel Brozovich, one point; Taylor Creed, seven kills.

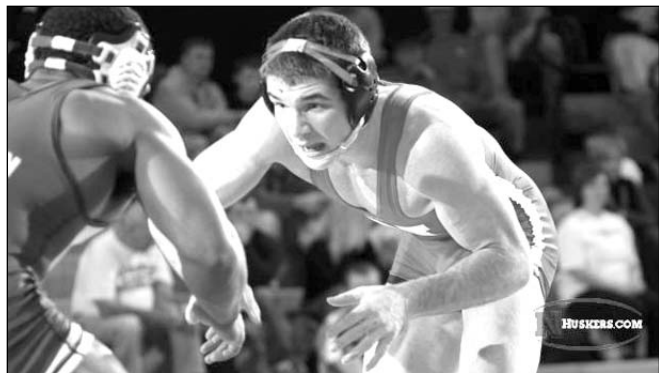
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JAMES NAKASHIMA, junior 165 lb. Cornhusker wrestler at University of Nebraska, was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll for the 2009 fall semester. The honor roll gives recognition to athletes achieving at least a 3.0 GPA. James is a 2007 DTHS graduate and son of Janet Voyles and John Nakashima of Dwight.

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The MVK Lady Mavericks seventh grade volleyball team clinched third place in the Class 1A State Tournament. Pictured after winning the Regional, front row, left to right, are: Allyson Storm, Naomi Cortez, Delta Carter, Madison Wyss; back row: Michaela Coughlin, Kaitlyn Harty, Dana Potter, Jessica Clubb, Josie Lanter, Breanna Foster, Neeka Garcia, Alex Hardie and Lexi Wilkinson.

MVK Lady Mavericks Capture Third in State

The MVK seventh grade Lady Maverick volleyball team finished its season with a 25-1 record and added bling, a third place trophy in the IESA Class 1A State Tournament in Divernon.

The seventh graders defeated Oakland Lake Crest,

27-25, 19-25 and 25-22 in round one; fell to St. Columba, 26-24 and 25-16.

The Lady Mavericks scored new trophy after defeating Lovejoys in the consolation bracket, 25-18, 25-10 and 25-19.

"In the third game, Love-

joy jumped out to an early lead. MVK then took over the lead after point 11 and held on," stated Assistant Coach Rowe. "That one loss came in the State Tournament at the semi-final level of play to eventual-State Champion St. Columba.

Michael Janssen and Christopher Rieke Place Third at Illinois Special Olympics

Special Olympics Illinois crowned its state champions at the State Basketball Tournament March 12-14 at Illinois State University's Horton Field House, Normal, and Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center, Bloomington. More than 1,500 athletes competed on 128 teams and individual skills competition in the tournament.

In the senior male team competition, members of the third

place Eagles Red team from Futures Unlimited, Pontiac, included Michael Janssen of Dwight and Christopher "Chris" Rieke of Gardner.

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- Mar. 26: Odell Town-Wide Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Mar. 27: Odell Town-Wide Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Mar. 27: Rummage and Bake Sale, Cabery Methodist Church, 4-7 p.m.
- Mar. 27: Cabery Easter Egg Hunt, Cabery United Methodist, 1 p.m.
- Mar. 27: Booster Bash, St. Pat's Parish Hall, Dwight, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 27: Katelyn Joyce Benefit, Kankakee KC Hall, 7 p.m.-midnight.
- Mar. 31: Women's Ecumenical Breakfast, Dwight UMC, 7 and 9 a.m.
- Apr. 1: Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, Dwight United Methodist, 7 a.m.
- Apr. 3: Dwight Senior Breakfast, Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant, 8 a.m.
- Apr. 3: Dwight Lions' Easter Egg Hunt, Renfrew Park, Dwight, 10 a.m.
- Apr. 3: Dwight Main Street Kids' Easter Activities, Depot, 10:30 a.m.
- Apr. 9: Saxony H.S. Band Concert, Emmanuel Lutheran, Dwight, 7 p.m.
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DTHS TROJAN WRESTLERS were honored with a banquet at Vivid Spirit in Dwight, March 18. Pictured, left to right, are: Missy Gschwendtner, Trent Wiles, Austin Holland, Coach Lenny Tryner, Christian Kulla, Mikal Kelly, Luke Fink and Pat Gliwa.



THE DWIGHT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH dartball team won first place in the 2009-2010 league season. Pictured left to right are Charles Johnson, Joe Smith, Paul Schou, Ron Gosteli, Tod Nelson, Joe Forneris, Ken Jensen, Lyle "Buster" Jacobsgaard and Larry Smith. Not pictured are Jim Patten and Melvin Burger.

DTHS Trojan Wrestlers Distribute Honors at Banquet

Coach Lenny Tryner presented the DTHS Trojan wrestling team with an awards night, March 18 at Vivid Spirit in Dwight. Award recipients were: varsity letters- Mikal Kelly, Pat Gliwa, Dean Fredericks, Christian Kulla, Lucas Fink, Trent Wiles and Austin Holland; manager pins- Missy Gschwendtner and Karly Feddersen; Fink received All Academic, most reverses, most pins, most wins and Grandma Jury trophies; Kulla received most improved; Holland received All-Conference, most escapes, most near falls and most take downs, a plaque and shirt for qualifying for the State Tournament.

The wrestling team also showed appreciation for the administration, staff, parents and fans, sponsors A&S Exteriors, Route 66 Tire & Auto, DeLong Ford-Mercury and LT5 Trucking.



DTHS TROJANS Jens Kennedy, left, and Cal Vigna, right, were named to the Interstate 8 All-Conference team, March 17. The teammates are pictured with Trojan Head Coach Chris Gibson.

Two DTHS Trojans Named to Interstate 8 All-Conference Team

DTHS Trojan varsity Trojans Jens Kennedy and Cal Vigna were elected to the first-team Interstate 8 All-Conference team, March 17 at the Country Mansion, Dwight. All-Conference special mentions were also given to fellow Trojans Dillon Harris and Jason Karstens, both seniors.

Cal averaged nine points per game while leading the team in steals, averaging almost three per game. He served as one of the team

Church Dartball League Tournament Wraps Up Season

The area church dartball league annual tournament was held March 15, hosted by St. Patrick Catholic. Approximately 90 men from the nine churches were present for the tournament.

Shepherd of Peace Lutheran, Braidwood, won the tournament with a record of seven wins and one loss for the evening. The team was presented with two dozen darts for its first-place finish.

Mazon Congregational and Essex Methodist tied for second place with records of five wins and three losses. Essex was declared the second place finisher as the result of total runs scored – 23, versus Mazon's 15. Essex Methodist was presented a dozen darts.

Dwight Congregational was presented with the league plaque and a dozen

darts for being the regular season champions. The team had a record of 19 wins and eight losses. Three teams tied for second place with records of 17-10; also, three teams tied for third place with records of 14-13.

The officers of the dartball league will call a meeting of the team captains shortly, while things are still fresh in their minds.

Many hours of fun and fellowship were enjoyed by the men of the various churches.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPION in the 2010 dartball league tournament was the team from Braidwood Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church. Pictured left to right are, front row: Don Wachholz, Dan Feely, Steve Tazelaar and Frank Bradle; middle row: Tim Canaey, Dave Monteras, Red Folkstad and Ed Hajdak; back row: Ron Brown, Charlie Krik, Jim Burns and Mike Jenke.



ESSEX METHODIST'S DARTBALL TEAM won second place in the 2010 league tournament. Pictured left to right are Kurt Kurtenbach, Ralph Sharper, Tony Soltwisch, Larry Sharper, Gaylord Erickson, Marty Kirchner, Wayne Soltwisch and Paul Soltwisch.



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HG, 258, Doug Gassman; HS, 717, Chris Hickman; HTG, 984, Jensen's; HTS, 2803, Meier Bros.

League Standings	W	L
Meier Bros.	28	12
Victory Lanes	28	12
Dwight Printing	27	13
Jensen's	20	20
FJ Metals	19	21
Turtle's Tap	15	25
Dairy Queen	13	27
TBI	10	30

Wednesday Aft. Bowlers
HG, 233, Gene Morten-sen; HS, 569, Doug Gass-man; HTG, 674, Curves; HTS, 1909, Becker's

League Standings	W	L
Splitters	78½	41½
Tag-A-Longs	69	51
Vigna's	66½	53½
Curves	65½	54½
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DTHS Scholastic Bowl Team Finishes Season at Sectional

The Dwight Trojans' Scholastic Bowl team ended its season Saturday, March 13, with three matches in the IHSA Class A Sectional held at Dwight.

Dwight lost its first match of the day to The Latin School of Chicago, 349-199. Dwight fell behind early but managed to erase a 60-point deficit to take the lead on question 13. Latin tied the match at 134 points apiece and then pulled away. Michael Muzyka and Donnie McClarey each had four toss-ups in the match and Mike Halloran had two.

Dwight faced Timothy Christian of Elmhurst in round two and came away with a 221-89 victory behind

seven toss-ups from McClarey; Joel Kelleher, two; and Muzyka, one.

The final round pitted the Trojans against Lisle. The Lions avenged their earlier loss in the conference tournament by defeating Dwight 271-103. The win also gave Lisle a ticket to the state tournament. In the match, Kelleher and McClarey each scored twice and Muzyka scored once.

The Trojans finish their year with a record of 48 wins and 12 losses.

"This was a very special group, and we had a fun year," said coach Clark Reamer. "They represented the school and the community very well. Coach Fraher

and I are very proud of the things that the team accomplished. I don't know of any goals that we set that they didn't reach."

Toss-up stats for the year are: Donnie McClarey, 236; Michael Muzyka, 128; Michael Halloran, 111; Joel Kelleher, 90; Ryan Kaiser, 39; Doug Black, Aaron Boma, Kate Muller and David Reamer, three each; Gerry Holmes and Jake Thomas, one each.

Career toss-up totals for the class of 2010 include: McClarey, 456; Muzyka, 243; Halloran, 229; Kaiser, 113; Black, three; and Holmes, two. Kristina Bulian was also a senior team member.

Livingston County Scholastic Bowl Jr. High Tournament Held

Flanagan hosted the annual Junior High Livingston County Scholastic Bowl Tournament on Saturday, March 13. Teams from Dwight, Flanagan, Graymont, Odell, Pontiac Junior High, Prairie Central, Saunemin, St. Mary's and Woodland participated. Teams were divided into two pools based on enrollment.

For the first time, each school had at least one victory. Finishing pool play with

one win and three losses were four schools: Dwight, coached by Amy DeMarse and Sarah Windham; Graymont, coached by Shelly Hott; Odell, coached by Carrie Groves; and Saunemin, coached by Karen Froelich and Tammy Josefik.

Prairie Central and Woodland each had two wins and two losses. St. Mary's School had three wins and one loss. Flanagan and Pontiac Junior High finished

pool play undefeated.

St. Mary's defeated Prairie Central in the championship round for the third place trophy; Pontiac Junior High finished as runner-up after losing to 2010 county champion Flanagan Junior High.

During the tournament, leading scorers for area schools were: Dwight - Nick Schultz; Odell - Emily Carroll and Andrea Flynn; Saunemin - Michael Walker.



ART CONTEST WINNERS, along with the Art Club students at Tri-Point Upper Elementary and Junior High School, went to the Chicago Art Institute recently. Above, some of the students who went on the trip stand in front of "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte" by 19th-century French artist Georges Seurat. Pictured left to right are Rachael Miller, Tiffany Craig, Cheyenne Sitfrit, Jazymn Morrison, Katy Haag, Josh Harstick, Logan Barrett, Dolores Fabsits and Sidney Schuerr.



Cub Scout Pack 77 Den 4 visited The Paper, March 18. The troop learned about the process of creating the newspaper from start to finish. Helping with insertions, left to right, are: Quinton, Jordan, Keegan, Elijah, Joseph and Dominick.

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News and Notes From the Gardner Lions Club

The Gardner Lions Club met March 9 at the Gardner Restaurant with 11 members and one guest in attendance.

The special guest for the evening was Ken Buck, executive director of the Grundy County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He gave an informative program on the history of the Red Cross and the programs it offers, such as providing relief to victims of disasters and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. He stressed that it is important for every household to have an emergency plan in case of a tragedy or disaster.

It was reported that the club served to 246 at the March 7 pancake breakfast. Free breakfast winners were Connor Steichen, Dustin Conger and Melissa Brooke. The winner of the split-the-pot was Peyton Thomas.

The club voted to donate \$1,000 to the Jill Arbogast Fund c/o the Pontiac Lions Club. Jill suffers from ocular histoplasmosis and is quickly losing her sight. She does not have insurance to help with her condition.

The club voted to donate \$525 to the Adopt a Camper program at Camp Lions for children with sight problems.

The club also voted to order and install banners on the light poles in the downtown area on Liberty and Depot streets. The club's Beautification Committee is in charge of the project. The committee also reported that additional memory bricks have been sold. They have also been busy decorating the windows at the old pharmacy building for Easter. Lion Ida Schopp is taking orders for pink petunias which will be sold by the committee. The group is also

making plans for the Route 66 Red Carpet Days on May 1 and 2.

The next pancake breakfast will be April 11, and South Wilmington Parents Club will benefit from the breakfast. The club is in the process of purchasing new playground equipment for the South Wilmington Grade School.

The next regular meeting will be April 13 at 6 p.m. at the Gardner Restaurant. Membership is open to all in the area.

Someone recently asked a club member, "What does the Lions Club do?" President Pat Malinowski has been keeping track of the club's donated work hours, and from September 1, 2009, through March 8, 2010, they total 1,068 hours! Everyone is invited to come to a meeting to learn more about everything the Lions do.

LEGAL NOTICE State of Illinois Department of Agriculture

Notice is hereby given that the grain dealer license of Henrichs Grain, Inc., 30700 E. 1700 North Road, Saunemin, IL has been voluntarily surrendered. This company has given formal notice to the Illinois Department of Agriculture of their election to voluntarily cease purchasing grain from producers. Under the requirements of this voluntary election, grain cannot be received, picked up, or contracted for purchase after February 26, 2010.

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Eighth grade: Bethany Horrie

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Seventh grade: Kaitlin Garcia, Logan Lighty

Eighth grade: Sabrina DeMarse, Brandon Duck, Nic Stephens

Dwight Seniors
Card Game
Results

Cards were played Tuesday, March 16, at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center.

Norma Houck had the high score in bridge. Evelyn Lydigsen was the top scorer in euchre.

Evelyn Lydigsen and Velma Meier served refreshments.

The next bridge and euchre play will be Tuesday, April 20, at 1 p.m. at the senior center.

Pinochle was played March 18 at the senior center.

Carol Bush had the high score. The prize was \$2.

The next pinochle play at the senior center will be Thursday, April 15, at 1 p.m.



GARDNER SOUTH WILMINGTON High School inducted 14 members into the Athena Chapter of the National Honor Society on March 11. Inductees are, left to right, front row: Brian Scoggin, Haley Residori, Brittany Soto, Lauren Finn, Karly Shiner, Brenna Hyslop; middle row: Tyler Posing, Alison Serena, Allison Perkins, Samantha Scholes, Kailyn Schultz, Courtney Gleason; back row: Lucas Jett and Ben Marks.

Gardner South Wilmington High School
3rd Quarter Honor Roll - 2009-2010

STRAIGHT A HONORS

Seniors: Benjamin Crater, Melissa Gretz, Kelsey Lutz, Kathryn Scudieri, Cara Zazworsky

Juniors: Brooke Fosnaugh, Kevin Lardi, Tyler Posing, Brian Scoggin

Sophomores: Courtney Gleason, Brenna Hyslop, Kailyn Schultz

Freshmen: Michael Leveille, Chelsea Schultz

REGULAR HONORS

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Juniors: Michelle Blackburn, Eric Boudreau, Hannah Conger, Nathan Florey, Emily Hill, Kyle Mack, Alison Serena, Dane Sorensen

Sophomores: Heidi Brust, Trinidad Cruz, Lauren Finn, Shane Harty, Lucas Jett, Colton Lenzie, Benjamin Marks, Haley Residori, Samantha Scholes, Josh Sorensen, Brittany Soto, Hallie Zingre

Freshmen: Dakota Beegle, Taylor Daniels, Kali Evans, Miranda Faletti, Anthony Garrett, Kaidon Hibler, Abigail Horrie, Megan Jett, Danielle Landry, Nicole Mack, Alyssa Potempa, Jennie Rodgers, Jon Scudieri, Keith Serafin, Kaley Tilley, Austin Walsh

Southeastern Grundy Seniors Retain Officers, Discuss Spring

The Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens met March 12 for their regular monthly meeting at the Gardner Restaurant at noon.

There were 16 regular members present and one guest, Barbara Chandler of Columbus, South Carolina, a daughter of Irene Huston and the late Buster Huston.

The tables were decorated with St. Patrick's Day motif, with a small note pad and matching pen as favors, compliments of the club and Chairman Char Sorensen. All members enjoyed the entree of their choice from the menu, served by Kim.

After the meal, all who were able stood and pledged to the large flag on the wall.

The meeting was called to order by President Lorraine Hansen's gavel. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed of the visit to Heritage Woods of Dwight, given by Secretary Evelyn Howland.

Valentines were sent to shut-ins by Leah Christensen.

sen. "Thank you" letters were read from Irene Huston and the American Red Cross.

The treasurer's report from Wavel Needy was read, approved and filed for audit.

Birthdays for March were Jane Christensen, Irene Huston and Laverne Naretto. The birthday card parties have reconvened after a couple months of inclement weather.

Reports of shut-ins "was the big news" of Vi Mathiesen and her first pair of jeans. A chuckle filled the room.

June Olson was absent as hostess, and Char Sorensen and Leah Christensen filled in. Jane Christensen provided the cake.

There is a wish for a table for euchre.

The World Day of Prayer at the Church of Hope on March 5, and the tour of Heritage Woods, were enjoyed and discussed.

There was an election of officers; a motion was made and carried to stay at the sta-

tus quo with Lorraine Hansen, president; Irene Huston, vice president; Wavel Needy, treasurer; Evelyn Howland, secretary; Char Sorensen, table chairman; and Ida Schopp, scribe.

President Hansen reminded all to set their clocks ahead on March 13.

There was a happy conversation of spring coming. Many had seen robins, but Jackie Marks always has the eagle eye for them. On March 8, she saw seven.

Several reported having spring flowers showing – crocuses, pussy willows and pansies, etc.

The deacons of the Church of Hope pantry had a tub of fruits, vegetables, etc. to share. A plea from the deacons was: If there is a need, report it to the church at 815-237-8312 or 237-2287.

The next regular meeting will be Friday, April 9. Anyone over 55 wishing to join is welcome.

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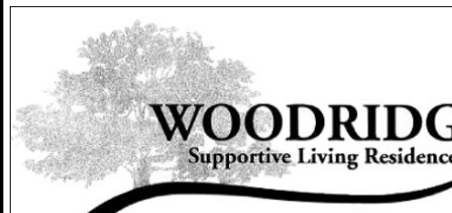
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Mar. 26: 6:30 p.m., Adult Fellowship.
Mar. 27: 5 p.m., Worship.
Mar. 28: Palm Sunday; 9 a.m., Bible Study, Sunday School; 10 a.m., Fellowship/Coffee; 10:30 a.m., Worship.
Mar. 30: 6:30 p.m., Adult Instruction.
Mar. 31: NO Weekday School, Bells or Choir.
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Mar. 25: 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures.
Mar. 26: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 8 p.m., AA Meeting.
Mar. 27: 10-11 a.m., Share Food Distribution; WELCA Spring Conference - St. Peter's Hosts.

Mar. 28: Palm Sunday; 8:15 a.m., HC Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Worship.
Mar. 29: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 9 a.m.-noon, Quilting.
Mar. 30: 9 a.m.-noon, Quilting; 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures; 5 p.m., Bell Choir practice.
Mar. 31: 7 and 9 a.m., Women's Ecumenical Breakfast at DUMC; 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Heritage Manor HC service; 5-6:30 p.m., Confirmation; 6 p.m., Choir; 6-7:30 p.m., Confirmation.

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701 S. Columbia, Dwight
584-3420, church 584-3425, fax
584-1554, parsonage
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Mar. 25: 3-4:30 p.m., Kids Club; 5:45 p.m., Handbells; 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir.
Mar. 26: Chrystalis through the 28th.
Mar. 27: Cunningham Youth Day.
Mar. 28: Palm Sunday; 7:15-8:15 a.m., Set up for UMYF Coffee Shop; 8 a.m., Traditional Worship Service; 8:30-10:30 a.m., UMYF Coffee Shop; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, Praise and Worship Team Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Praise and Worship Service; 2 p.m., Heritage Manor; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group.
Mar. 30: 8:30 a.m., Bible Study, Karla B.; 9 a.m., Bible Study, Jean V.; Mar. 31: 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., Women's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast; 1-3 p.m., Set up Youth Activities; 3-4 p.m., Children's Choir; 3-4:30 p.m., Jr. UMYF; 4:45 p.m., Confirmation; 5:30-8:30 p.m., Sr. UMYF; 7 p.m., Bible Warriors.
Apr. 1: Holy Thursday; 7 a.m., Men's Lenten Breakfast; noon, UMW; 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Service.

Mar. 25: 6:30 p.m., X-treme Youth, Women of Focus Bible Study.
Mar. 27: 8 a.m., Work Group.
Mar. 28: 9 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10 a.m., Church Service, Pre-K Church (ages 3-5); NO Kids Church; 6 p.m., Sunday Night Prayer Group.
Mar. 29: 5:30 p.m., First Place.
Mar. 30: 6 p.m., Truth-seekers Bible Study.

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Mar. 30: 6 p.m., Truth-seekers Bible Study.

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st.johns@frontiernet.net
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Mar. 25: April newsletter items into office.
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Mar. 28: Palm Sunday; NO Conf. Class; 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Worship/HC; Pick up Grocery Sacks.

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Mar. 24: 8 a.m., Prayer Service; 3-4:30 p.m., JAM (K-4th grades) and EDGE (5th-6th grades) after school programs; 6-8 p.m., STATIC Youth (7th-12th grades).
Mar. 25: 9-10 a.m., Exercise.
Mar. 26: 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.
Mar. 28: 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Worship Services - "5 Practices of a Fruitful Congregation;" Fellowship following worship.
Mar. 30: 9-10 a.m., Exercise; 6:30 p.m., Bible Study.
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Dwight Administration Committee Proposes Budget

by Madelyn Fogarty
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The proposed 2010-2011 fiscal year budget was set to be presented to the Dwight Village Board for approval on March 22 following a public hearing at 5:30 p.m.

The proposed General Fund budget is a balanced plan with \$2,780,000 in both expenditures and revenues.

Anticipated reductions in the pending State of Illinois budget is reflected in the proposal.

“We have to be really careful because we don’t know what (the state is) going to cut, but they are going to cut something,” Dwight Mayor Bill Wilkey told the Administration Committee as the group reviewed the proposal on March 15.

The proposed village budget reflects a \$12 loss in state income tax per person, or \$52,356 less than received in the current fiscal year. This is based on state estimates of income taxes to be received. The projected loss is due to the continued downturn in the economy and increased unemployment.

Additionally, the Village of Dwight, and all municipalities,

currently receive 10 percent of the state income tax, based on population. Governor Quinn in his budget has proposed municipalities receive only seven percent of the state income tax. Should Quinn’s proposal pass, that could amount to a loss of an additional \$23.10 per person, or \$100,785. The proposed village budget does not reflect this potential loss, since the state budget has not been approved and is receiving opposition to cutting funds municipalities receive. The state budget is expected to be approved by June 1.

The village budget proposal calls for a two percent salary increase for village employees. Among reductions reflected in the budget are the discontinuation of village-sponsored summer and winter recreation programs for next year and a reduction in donation dollars to the local Main Street program and the Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

Mayor Wilkey did address rumors that had surfaced regarding the possibility of replacing the Dwight Police Department with an outside source such as county police.

“There is not any truth to that,” Wilkey stated.

Route 66 Towns Prepare for Red Carpet Corridor Festival

by Meta Machulis

Plans are in the works for the fourth annual Red Carpet Corridor Festival, which will be held in area Route 66 towns Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2.

Braceville plans to have a community flea market, as well as food vendors.

In Gardner, the weekend will kick off at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 1, when runners and walkers can participate in the annual 5k “Doo-Run-Run.” Travelers will be welcomed at a “Meet and Greet” at the downtown gazebo that day, where the Gardner Lions Beautification Committee will hold a bake sale and spring flower sale.

On Sunday, May 2, the Church of Hope and United Lutheran churches in Gardner will hold a “Rock-a-thon” to raise funds to build new parking lots for the churches. “Rockers” will take their rocking chairs to Depot Street and rock to raise money for the cause. Gardner Chronicle Gifts and Antiques will also serve hot dogs and root beer floats on Sunday.

Dwight will hold its spring town-wide garage sales during the Red Carpet Corridor Festival, and the Ambler/Becker Texaco Dwight Welcome Center will be open to visitors all weekend.

In addition, IMPACT Dwight is currently in the process of acquiring approval to hold cardboard boat races at Lions Lake on Sunday afternoon.

Rodney Connor of IMPACT Dwight said this would entail people building their own boats to sit in, which hold between two and about ten people. The boats would “drag race” across Lions Lake, and awards would be given for “most creative,” “best looking” and “fastest,” as well as a “Titanic” award for the most

impressive sinking. The event’s entry fee would serve as a fund-raiser for IMPACT Dwight.

“I’m building one right now,” Connor said, noting that the boats are only allowed to include cardboard, caulk, tape, glue and water-based paint. “It’s fun for everybody.”

He noted that all participants would be required to wear life jackets and can bring their own real oars. He said cardboard boat races have become popular elsewhere, and he hopes the event will be approved and will attract more people to Lions Lake.

“Some of these pull in hundreds or thousands of people to watch the cardboard boat races,” Connor said.

Moving south, Red Carpet Corridor Festival

organizers in Odell say the Standard Oil Station welcome center will be open all weekend, and St. Paul Catholic Church will serve food to hungry travelers.

Other weekend activities include an Elvis celebration in Wilmington, motorcycle and car shows in Godley and the unveiling of the “Cruisin’ the Square” art project in downtown Pontiac, which will feature a collection of miniature cars and trucks decorated by area artists and groups.

In addition, this year’s Red Carpet Corridor Festival will include a limited edition prize for those who travel the entire route from Joliet to Towanda. At each town along the way, visitors can pick up a piece of a jigsaw puzzle to connect and create a collectable piece of Route 66 memorabilia. Maps and

more information will be available at each of the 12 towns along the route.

Other events are still being planned. For more information, visit www.il66redcarpetcorridor.org



Dwight Police Department Compared with Others

Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson presented a few facts last week from a statistical sheet he had prepared for the meeting of the Administration Committee March 15.

The comparison was between police forces in the communities of Spring Valley, Coal City, Gibson City, Wilmington, Manteno, Marseilles, Fairbury, Peotone, Seneca, Watseka, Oglesby, Braidwood and Dwight.

Populations in those communities varied from 8,200 (Manteno) to 2,100 (Seneca). The average population of the 12 communities is 4,958. Dwight’s population is 4,363.

Categories for comparison were: full time officers; part-time officer’s starting pay; officer top end pay; number of command officers; number of

marked/unmarked squad cars; Chief’s salary.

The average number of full time officers for the 12 communities listed was 10; Dwight has 9.

The average number of part-time officers was 3.5; Dwight has 3.

Officer starting pay averaged \$38,056; Dwight, \$36,190.

Officer top end pay averaged \$51,128; Dwight, \$47,014.

Average number of command officers, 2.8; Dwight 1 Sgt.

Average number of marked/unmarked squads, 7.6; Dwight 5.

Average Chief’s tenure, 6.41; Dwight 17.

Average Chief’s salary, \$68,881; Dwight \$74,831.

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Reg. & Flavors
750 ml.

Great Prices!

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Coors Light,
MGD, Lite or
BUDWEISER

\$11⁹⁹

18-pack bottles



Skol
Vodka 1.75 liter.....\$11⁹⁹

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Vodka 750 ml.....\$18⁹⁹

Crown Royal or
Jack Daniel's 1.75 liter \$35⁹⁵

Seagram's
V.O. 1.75 liter\$22⁹⁵

Jose Cuervo
Tequila 750 ml.\$11⁹⁹

Canadian Mist or
Early
Times 1.75 liter\$16⁹⁹



Southern
Comfort or
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SPICED RUM
\$21⁹⁵

1.75 liter

Jeremiah Weed
Sweet Tea
Vodka

\$16⁹⁹

750 ml.

Red Dog, Icehouse,
High Life or
Busch 30-pack cans.....\$12⁹⁹

MGD, Lite or
Budweiser 24-pack cans\$13⁹⁹

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Coors 30-pack cans.....\$15⁹⁹

Miller Chill,
Bud Light Lime or Wheat, or
Michelob
Ultra 12-pack cans or bottles\$9⁹⁹

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or
Yellow Tail
WINES
\$4⁹⁹

750 ml.



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Wines 750 ml.\$5⁹⁹

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Wines 750 ml.....\$3⁹⁹

Menage A Trois
Wines 750 ml.\$7⁹⁹

Hornsby's or Woodchuck
Hard Cider 6 pack\$6⁹⁹

Jose Cuervo Authentic
Margaritas 1.75 liter\$9⁹⁹

Mike's
Hard
Lemonade 12-pack\$11⁹⁹

Dr. McGillicuddy's
SCHNAPPS

\$12⁹⁹

750 ml.



Christian Brothers
Brandy

\$8⁹⁹

750 ml.