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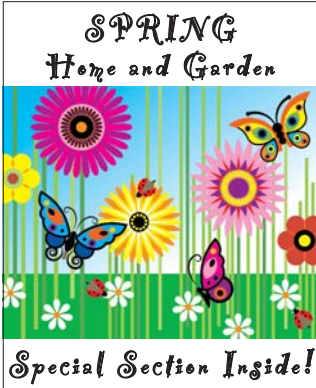
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Family Movie
Night Apr. 7 at
Odell Library
The next Odell Library family movie night program will be Wednesday, April 7, at 6 p.m. and will feature "Pride of the Yankees."
Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Family Fun
Day Planned
at New Life
New Life Assembly of God Church, Dwight, will hold a Family Fun Day Saturday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.
More details will appear in next week's issue of *The Paper*.

Dwight Native Vies for UFC Contract on 'The Ultimate Fighter'

by Meta Machulis

Former Dwight resident James Hammortree, 23, is making his Ultimate Fighting TV debut tonight, when he stars as one of 28 contestants on Spike TV's reality show "The Ultimate Fighter" ("TUF").
In its 11th season, the network's most popular original series ever features professional fighters competing for a \$100,000 Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) contract. The show airs on Mediacom channel 29 at 9 p.m. March 31.
Hammortree will be back in Dwight for a meet-and-greet at Willy's Pub on Wednesday, May 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. during an airing of "TUF."
Hammortree, one of four children in his family, was raised in Dwight. Back then he was known as "Little Jimmy." At seven years old and just 55 pounds, Hammortree joined the youth wrestling team under coaches Bob DeMarse and

Joe "Eggy" Eggenberger.
"You could see that he was going to be something special as an athlete, because he would do anything you asked him to do," Eggenberger said. "He's a dream to coach, because he'd work his tail off for you. He takes it serious." He added that Hammortree was a straight-A student.
Eggenberger's son and Hammortree's friend, Justin Eggenberger, added "Whenever he wanted to do something, he just worked on it and did it."
For five years, Hammortree went on to win match after match and every Regional and Sectional event, according to a press release. He was unable to compete at the state level due to his age.
In sixth grade, under Dwight Grade School wrestling coaches Stinnett Gettinger and Lenny Tryner, he placed sixth in State, weighing 80 pounds. In seventh grade, at 85 pounds, he placed fourth in state.



JIM HAMMORTREE, center, is pictured in 1999 with his Dwight Junior High wrestling coaches, Stinnett Gettinger, left, and Len Tryner.

During his eighth grade year, Hammortree's family moved to Florida, but he stayed in Dwight and lived with the Eggenberger family for about five months to continue his junior high wrestling career. But missing

his family, he soon joined them in Florida, where he joined the local youth wrestling team and placed first in State in Greco Roman-style wrestling. He continued to win wrestling titles during high school.

He had also begun playing football in Dwight at age 10 and began to focus more on football during high school. He played at the varsity level all four years on offense, defense and special (continued on page 3)

Information Provides Key to Dwight Grade School Tax Referendum Support

by Madelyn Fogarty
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A special meeting called by the Dwight Grade School Board of Education was held on March 24 to discuss pending budget reductions and the proposed tax referendum. As promised in an earlier March session, the board will take extra measures in the coming months to educate the public on the operation of school finances and answer questions regarding the District's financial situation along with the determined need to move forward with seeking a referendum to increase the district's current maximum tax rate.
Largely impacted by pending State budget reductions along with planned State funds not being received, DGS District #232 is facing a nearly \$600,000 projected deficit in the 2010-11 school year if no actions to reduce expenditures are

made. This bleak financial picture has prompted the board to consider many cost cutting measures including staff reductions, elimination of fine arts, sports and co-curricular activities, in addition to a long list of other ways to possibly reduce costs.
However, rather than move forward with cuts that could impact students by changing or eliminating many of the educational and recreational services the district now offers, the board stepped back to allow the public the opportunity to help make decisions on the school's future by moving for a tax referendum on next November's ballot.
"Before I went to the taxpayers, I wanted to do everything we can do in house. So I was ready to cut those things," said Board President Deb Christoff. "When we had a public showing at a board meeting, the public

said 'we don't want you to cut those things.' So, then we started to rethink. And, if the public doesn't want those things cut, we are going to referendum."
Christoff then cautioned the group, "Next year, if the referendum doesn't pass, our job is easier - it's quicker - because we don't have much choice. Those things will be cut."
"We [the board] were voted to be here in public service and be the protector of taxpayer dollars," said Christoff. "We do that on a regular basis and try to protect that money, and the taxpayers, the best that we can. Now we are going to take it to the public."
Gaining community support is key because the push for a tax referendum needs to be driven by the citizens of a community.
"We need the citizens' support," stated Superintendent (continued on page 18)

Area Sales Tax Figures Remain Depressed

by Tom Tock
The area's economic woes were once again reflected in the Illinois Department of Revenue's sales tax figures for the 4th quarter of 2009, as well as for the calendar year.
Dwight's sales tax receipts for the 4th quarter were \$167,945, compared to \$179,429 in the 4th quarter of 2008, a 6.4% decrease.
In the third quarter of 2009, Dwight received \$168,702, reported at the time as the lowest quarterly sales tax receipts in a decade.
For the calendar year 2009, Dwight's total sales tax receipts were \$710,264, compared to \$797,216 for calendar year 2008, a 10.9% decrease.
Dwight was not alone in bemoaning a drop in sales tax revenue during the previous year. Fairbury had a 9.7% decrease; Pontiac, 7.3%; and Morris an 18.2% drop.
There was some positive news for Dwight in some categories. *Drinking & Eating Places*, both in the Grundy

and Livingston County portions of the village, showed increases in sales tax revenue.
In Grundy, Dwight's municipal tax from drinking and eating places grew from \$52,330 in 2008 to \$52,829 for 2009; in Livingston, from \$41,794 to \$49,478.
The category of *Lumber, Building, Hardware* increased its sales tax revenue from \$40,312 in calendar year 2008 to \$51,883 in 2009.
Dwight's most serious decrease occurred in the category of *Automotive and Filling Stations*, \$231,165 in 2008 to \$152,750 in 2009.
Total sales tax revenues for Dwight and other Livingston and Grundy County communities are:

	2008	2009
Dwight	797,216	710,264
Fairbury	626,121	565,012
Pontiac	2,232,072	2,067,573
Saunemin	41,613	32,948
Odell	40,593	39,531
Gardner	216,835	205,628
Mazon	39,784	40,118
Morris	4,694,931	3,839,999

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Dwight
Holy Thursday, Apr. 1: 6:30 p.m., Mass of Lord's Supper
Good Friday, Apr. 2: 12:10 p.m., Ecumenical Service
6:30 p.m., Good Friday Service
Holy Saturday, Apr. 3: 7:30 p.m., Vigil and Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday, Apr. 4: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Dwight
Thurs., Apr. 1: 6 p.m., Seder Service at United Church of Odell
Fri., Apr. 2: 12:10 p.m., Ecumenical Service at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Dwight
7 p.m., Tenebrae Service at First Congregational
Sun., Apr. 4: 6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service at United Church of Odell
7:15 a.m., Easter Breakfast at UC of Odell
8:45 a.m., Worship/Communion at UC of Odell
10:15 a.m., Easter Worship/Communion at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Dwight

Dwight United Methodist Church
Dwight
April 1: 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Service
April 2: Noon, Ecumenical Service at St. Patrick's
7 p.m., Good Friday Service at DUMC
April 4: 6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service with Children's Choir
7:30 a.m., Sunrise Service Breakfast
8 a.m., Traditional Worship Service
8:30-10:30 a.m., UMYF Coffee Shop
9:15 a.m., UMYF School
10:30 a.m., Praise and Worship Service

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Dwight
Maundy Thursday, Apr. 1: 7 p.m., Holy Communion Worship
Good Friday, Apr. 2: Noon, Community Service at St. Patrick's
7 p.m., Worship Service
8 p.m.-Midnight, Prayer Vigil
Saturday, Apr. 3: Midnight-8 a.m., Prayer Vigil
Easter Sunday, Apr. 4: 6 a.m., Sunrise Service with Holy Communion (Led by 9th Graders-Post High)
7:30 a.m., SPYs Serve Breakfast - Everyone Welcome
8:15 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion (Led by Confirmation Students)
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Dwight
Maundy Thursday, Apr. 1: 7 p.m., Worship/Communion
Good Friday, Apr. 2: 7 p.m., Worship
Holy Saturday, Apr. 3: 5 p.m., Easter Vigil Service with Communion
Easter Sunday, Apr. 4: 6:30 a.m., Easter Worship with Communion, followed by Easter Breakfast
9:15 a.m., Easter Worship with Communion

Trinity 'Goodfarm' Lutheran Church
Rural Dwight
April 1: 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday Worship:
"The Anniversary of the First Lord's Supper"
April 2: 6 p.m., Good Friday Worship:
"The Last Words of Jesus From the Cross"
April 4: 7:30 a.m., Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
9 a.m., Easter Sunday Worship:
"The Risen and Glorified Person of Jesus Christ"

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
The Church of Hope
Gardner
Thurs., Apr. 1: 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday Dinner
7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service
Fri., Apr. 2: 10 a.m., Walk with the Cross starts at South
Wilmington United Methodist Church and
Proceeds to United Lutheran
11 a.m., Ecumenical Good Friday Service at
United Lutheran Church
Sun., Apr. 4: 7 a.m., Sunrise Service
7:30 a.m., Easter Breakfast
9:30 a.m., Easter Worship Service

Zoar Community Church
Reddick
Thurs., Apr. 1: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Community Service
Sun., Apr. 4: 7 a.m., Easter Service, followed by Easter
Breakfast - Everyone is welcome

St. John's Lutheran Church
Cullom
Apr. 1, Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m.,
Worship with Holy Communion
Apr. 2, Good Friday: 7 p.m., Tenebrae Worship
Apr. 3: No worship service; 5 p.m., Church open for prayer
Apr. 4, Easter Sunday: 6:30 a.m.,
Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion
Breakfast following worship
8:45 a.m., Special Music
9 a.m., Easter Worship with Holy Communion

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Mar. 20: Brandi L. Bell, 25, Wilmington, criminal trespass to land.

Mar. 21: Thomas A. Schmitz, 24, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 74/55.

Mar. 24: Jeannie S. Rickard, 45, Morris, speeding (radar), 74/55; Syrina C. Bernard, 21, Aurora, suspended, revoked driver's license, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Rachel R. Lowry, 40, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Mar. 19: DPSC, trauma, refusal.

Mar. 20: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; James St., medical, Riverside; John St., trauma, refusal; South St., trauma, Pontiac.

Mar. 22: Chicago, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, St. James, Pontiac.

Mar. 23: Main St., Gardner, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner EMS; 3200 N. Rd., medical, Morris; Flood St., Campus, medical, Pontiac, mutual aid to Campus Fire.

Mar. 24: Bannon, medical, Pontiac.

2 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Expired registration sticker, 1; illegal lights – red or flashing, 1.

Accident Investigated by Dwight Police

Sunday, March 21, 2010, 3:35 p.m., 104 W. Waupansie, Dwight – Officer Charlie Houch: A collision occurred when Mary T. Grobarek of Dwight, driving a 2006 PT Cruiser, was backing up in a driveway, and Edmond A. Murphy of Dwight, driving a 2004 Chevy Pickup, pulled off Waupansie into the driveway, according to the police report.



Easter Egg Hunt in Reddick

The Reddick Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. at Reddick Grade School. If it is raining, the event will be canceled.

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 10 a.m. Dwight Lions Easter egg hunt at Renfrew Park.

Cullom Easter Egg Hunt April 3

Kids from birth through fifth grade are invited to the Cullom Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, at 1 p.m., rain or shine, at the Cullom Village Park. Bring a basket or sack to collect eggs and goodies. There will be prizes for everyone. Susan Spangler is the coordinator. The event is sponsored by the Citizens for Cullom.



A KINSMAN HOME CAUGHT FIRE late Monday night, March 22. Above, Dwight firefighters Dustin Campbell and Randy Csecsinovits battle the blaze. Firefighters worked until the early morning to extinguish the fire that claimed the life of Sandra Yard, 50. Photo by Marilyn Kolthoff

House Fire Claims Life of Rural Kinsman Woman

Grundy County Coroner John Callahan, along with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department, is investigating a house fire that claimed the life of a rural Kinsman woman the morning of Tuesday, March 23. The fire was reported just before 11:30 p.m. Monday evening by a passing motorist. The address of the home is 9650 Kinsman Road, Kinsman.

Preliminary investigation indicates Grundy County Sheriff's Department was first on the scene and was unable to gain entry to the home. Deputies did indicate hearing smoke detectors going off as they were at the back door. Several area fire departments arrived and were able to gain entry through the back porch door. Fire personnel discovered a body just inside the back door on the porch floor. The victim was removed from the home. The victim, Sandra Yard, 50, of Kinsman and formerly of Morris, was pronounced dead by Callahan at 12:50 a.m. An examination took place the following day to determine the cause of death. The fire is being investigated by the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office, along with several fire departments, and Yard's death remains under investigation by the coroner's office and the sheriff's department.

Temps - 2010

Mar. 17 – high 62°, low 30°
Mar. 18 – high 61°, low 36°
Mar. 19 – high 65°, low 35° trace of precip.
Mar. 20 – high 36°, low 32°.15" precip.
Mar. 21 – high 45°, low 33°
Mar. 22 – high 55°, low 26°
Mar. 23 – high 64°, low 27°
One Year Ago - Mar. 31, 2009 high 53°, low 34°.30" precip.

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Dwight Native Vies for UFC Contract – –



THE OLD WATER TOWER in Dwight was recently torn down due to safety concerns about the top of the unused tower crumbling and falling. In August, the Dwight Village Board approved a \$62,400 bid from Lee Farms Excavation of Onarga to raze the tower. Demolition began the week of March 7. The old water tower stood near the newer tower between Chippewa, Franklin and Park streets. It was presented to the Village of Dwight by famed Dwight businessmen Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, John R. Oughton and Curtis J. Judd in 1897.

Underage Drinking to be Topic of Town Hall Meeting

by Meta Machulis

The Institute for Human Resources will hold a town hall meeting on underage drinking Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at the Health and Education Building, 310 E. Torrance, Pontiac. Anyone from Livingston County is welcome to attend.

“We will have key stakeholders from different areas of the county to answer questions for parents or anyone involved with children on the prevention and treatment of underage drinking,” said Teresa Diemer, director of substance abuse at IHR. She said Judge Jennifer Bauknecht, Dwight schools Superintendent Dale Adams, and members of the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department are being invited to speak at the meeting. Diemer will talk about substance abuse treatment, and Tiffany Meints, prevention specialist at IHR, will speak on the prevention of under-

age drinking and act as a moderator for the meeting.

Diemer said a main goal of the meeting is to inform people that “Underage alcohol use is not inevitable, and parents and society are not helpless to prevent it.” She said many parents view underage drinking as something they cannot prevent, but “What many parents may not realize – diapproval of underage drinking is a key reason (kids) have chosen not to drink.”

Diemer said the meeting will cover what’s already being done to prevent underage drinking and services offered in the prevention and treatment of underage drinking. It will also be an opportunity for people to express concerns and ideas for future programs.

The meeting is sponsored with federal funds.

For more information, contact Teresa Diemer or Tiffany Meints at 815-844-6109.

(continued from page 1) teams. On a scholarship, Hammortree went on to play football at Webber International College for a year, but he injured his ankle and decided to switch his focus to becoming a firefighter.

As a full-time Marion County firefighter/EMT in Ocala, Florida, Hammortree started working out more and once again picked up wrestling, kickboxing and jiu-jitsu. He went on to win several gold medals in the Police and Fire Olympic Games for wrestling and submissions. In 2008 he was the national champion in kickboxing, knocking out his opponent in 56 seconds.

In 2008 and 2009, Hammortree won nine amateur and six professional cage fights.

“I started my pro career out real quick with some big wins. My first five pro fights (I won) by knockout,” Hammortree said.

Knocking out one opponent in just five seconds, he now holds the Florida state title for the fastest knockout.

“I got a certificate in the mail,” he said. “It was pretty cool.”

From there, Hammortree was picked up by the UFC to fight in “The Ultimate Fighter” Spike TV series.

The now six-foot, three-inch Hammortree fights at 185 pounds with the nickname Jim “The Sledge” Hammortree.

“When I first got into fighting,” he said, “all I wanted to do was win a couple fights.” From there, he said he eventually raised his goals to becoming a UFC fighter. “Being part of the UFC is my biggest accomplishment so far,” Hammortree said.

Ultimate Fighting involves mixed martial arts cage fighting.

“The Ultimate Fighter” season 11 was filmed for six weeks from January to March in Las Vegas, Nevada, Hammortree said. The first 28 contestants had to fight to get into a house, he said; 14 made it in, and the final two fought for a UFC contract.

Of course, Hammortree could not reveal the outcome, since the show has not yet aired. But he gave some insight into his life on “TUF.”

“They take us to a house and pretty much lock us in,” he said. Contestants were not allowed to use TV, Internet, radio or make phone calls during their stay in the house, forcing the contestants to have a great deal of interaction with one another.

“It was hard,” Hammortree said. “It was very similar to boot camp and what the guys in the military go through.” He said the group trained twice a day, so “We were always hurting. It’s demanding on the body.”

However, he said the opportunity to improve his skills and fight for the UFC outweighed the negatives.

“It’s a humbling experience,” he said.

Now back in Florida, Hammortree said he does cardio workouts three times a day in kickboxing, jiu-jitsu and wrestling.

To prepare for a fight, he said his main focus is cutting his weight.

“I like to just kind of lay low and chill out before a fight and save up my energy for go-time,” Hammortree said.

Hammortree’s boxing coach, Luis Camacho, has trained several olympic gold medalists and champion fighter Danny Santiago. Hammortree spars with him before matches.

But Hammortree credits much of his success to his Dwight roots.

“The Eggenbergers were very influential to my wrestling career,” he said. “They made me a very good wrestler.” He added, “I always kind of looked up to (Joe and Justin).”

The closeness between Hammortree and the Eggenbergers is evident. Justin Eggenberger, who is just a few years older than Hammortree, said wrestling is “like a big family;” Joe Eggenberger said “Jimmy is just like my son;” and Hammortree said “The entire Eggenberger family is like my second family. I’m thankful for all their support. They’ve been really good to me through this whole thing.”

Hammortree keeps in touch with several other friends in Dwight as well.

“Dwight’s an awesome town,” he said. “No matter how long I’ve been gone, I

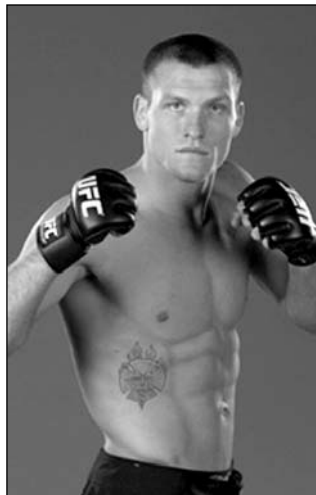
still come back and feel welcome.”

Although he now goes by “Jim,” he hasn’t forgotten his days in Dwight as “Little Jimmy.”

“I was the little guy when I lived in Dwight. Everyone always picked on me. So I’d like to see them pick on me now!” he laughed.

Hammortree is looking forward to the May 5 meet-and-greet at Willy’s Pub.

“I want to pack the place,” he said. “It’ll be fun. It’ll be a good time.” He said he will bring T-shirts and items to autograph.

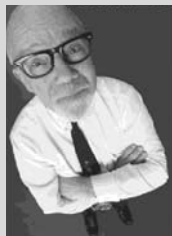


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Prices are separate for adults and children under 12. Preschool children eat for free.

GLCEDC Biz Ed Workshops

GLCEDC and various community partners are providing small business owners and entrepreneurs with a variety of educational opportunities this spring. Biz Ed Workshops are FREE of charge to all Livingston County residents. For more information and to RSVP for workshops, email office@glcedc.org

Building a Biz Plan

April 8 • 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. • Farm Bureau Building, Pontiac
This workshop is in partnership with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)

Farmer’s Market Vendor Training

April 22 • 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. • Community Room, U of I Extension, Pontiac
This workshop will provide training for those interested in being a vendor at Livingston County Farmer’s Markets. Made available through a partnership with Pontiac P.R.O.U.D., The Pontiac Farmer’s Market, The Spence Farm Foundation, U of I Extension and the GLCEDC.

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by Madelyn Fogarty
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The 2010-2011 Proposed Annual Budget for the Village of Dwight failed to pass when the board met following a Public Hearing on March 22.

Concerns regarding the budget's salary increase for all full-time Village employees brought discussion and differing opinions by board members. The preliminary budget proposal had called for no salary increase for the coming year. However, with Village employees not receiving a wage increase last year, members of the Administration Committee had requested that a salary increase be included in next year's budget. The final draft of the proposal included a two percent salary increase.

Board member Jerry Curtis explained his concerns about the increase, noting that the unstable economy along with the loss and uncertainty of future state monies may warrant personnel cutbacks if the board is not careful. The economic downturn is reflected in the projected decrease in State Income Tax revenue, Local Use Tax revenue and Sales Tax revenue.

"I was for a one percent salary increase, but two percent is more than what I can vote for," stated Board member Curtis. "I am afraid at some point we will be looking at staff reductions to balance the budget."

The proposed budget also included a \$100 increase in base ambulance rates and a

Village of Dwight Fails First Budget Pass

Proposed Salary Increases Raise Concern

five percent increase in water rates for Class II users which includes large users over 500,000 gallons per month. There was no increase reflected in residential water rates, sewer rates, permit fees, swimming lessons and pool entrance fees. The proposed budget also reflected the discontinuation of village sponsored recreation programs for the next fiscal year.

A public comment requested that the board consider a revised or abbreviated summer recreation program for the benefit of Dwight's young citizens.

Voting to pass the budget as presented were Board members Mike Woods, Justin Eggenberger and Jared Anderson. Jerry Curtis and Nick Kester cast dissenting votes. Board member Angie Airgood was absent. Village Attorney Gary Neville indicated that a four vote majority was required due to appropriation of monies so the vote turned to Mayor Bill Wilkey who cast a "no" vote.

Changes suggested to the budget proposal included reducing the proposed salary increase to one percent with an option to review and amend the budget later in the year for an additional one percent increase pending results of the state's actions. A special Board session on March 29 was scheduled to review and approve a revised budget proposal. The final budget must be passed prior to the April 1 start of the new fiscal year.

The board did approve a Utilities Committee recommendation to prepare an ordinance to move forward with the refinancing of the 1994 Water Bond and set the additional borrowing amount at \$650,000 payable over two years.

The Village has been weighing options since last year around borrowing additional money to address badly needed water main repairs and other identified items with the board approving borrowing up to two million dollars. The committee has determined that the amount of \$650,000 will allow Project 1 (Franklin St. from E. Chippewa St. to South St; South St. from Franklin St. to Columbia St.; Columbia St. from South to James St.) and Project 2 (North from Clinton to Morris Rd) to be completed along with the repainting of the west and north water towers. Project 3 (James from Old 66 to Clinton) and the proposed hydrant upgrade may be able to be completed with current water money in reserve. Should possible stimulus monies become available, more projects could then be addressed.

Prior to approval of the monthly bills, questions were raised by board member Justin Eggenberger regarding cellular phone charges related to the Mayor's cellular phone. According to Eggenberger, the cost of a newly purchased phone was excessive along with costs related to Internet options and usage. Mayor Wilkey indicated he would personally cover the extra expenses.

Members of Impact Dwight were on hand at the

meeting to bring current projects to the attention of the Board. A plan was presented by Jennifer Connor to set up several public entrance locations for adoption and beautification with self sustaining flowers. Rodney Connor discussed the intention of Impact Dwight, along with possible matching Rotary Funds, to extend Pine Cone path along the creek toward Garret Park. A blueprint will need to be supplied to the Village for approval. In addition, Impact Dwight would like to hold a cardboard boat race at Lions Lake on May 2 as an event in conjunction with the Red Carpet Corridor. Restrictions that prohibit swimming or boating on the lake would require an ordinance change. The request is under consideration and no action was taken.

Discussion and concerns around scheduling conflicts of groups using the ball field at Renfrew Park were discussed. Groups wanting to secure the ball diamond should submit a schedule to the village hall.

In other matters the board approved:

- a Country Mansion request to serve food and alcohol outdoors on a planned front porch expansion.
- the Dwight Lions' use of Renfrew park and the East Pavilion on Saturday, April 3, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for its annual Easter egg hunt.
- a Main Street request to hold cruise night June 26 from 4 to 9 p.m. on East Main Street and related street closings necessary for the event.
- a resolution opposing adoption of a proposed increase in Illinois Service Tax.
- a resolution that, per the Municipal Code of Dwight, sewer rates for Class I residential users will not increase next year.

Goodfarm's Study of Disciples to Culminate in Easter Service

Submitted by
Rev. W. E. Duey

Holy Week and Easter Worship will be observed at Trinity "Goodfarm" Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 515 E. Stonewall Rd., rural Dwight.

Rev. W. E. Duey will give the following messages:

April 1, 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship, "The Anniversary of the First Lord's Supper"

April 2, 6 p.m. Good Friday worship, "The Last Words of Jesus from the Cross"

April 4, 7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast followed by 9 a.m. Easter Sunday worship, "The Risen and Glorified Person of Jesus Christ"

During this season of Lent that began on Ash Wednesday, Rev. Duey has been sharing about the life and personalities of the disciples of Jesus.

These men were different and unique, like the people who make up a congregation, with talents and abilities that make it possible to reach out to others with the Gospel Message. These men of God were inspired by the Holy Spirit to be faithful in their walk with God. According to tradition, only

one disciple, John, died of old age. The other disciples were executed – martyred rather than giving up the faith. These men had seen the risen and glorified person of Jesus Christ.

God really cares about people. God promises us something better so that we can be caring, forgiving, loving and show mercy as members of God's family. We love God and the people of the world, because Jesus first loved us.

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Alex Eberhart GSW HS Student Spotlight

Gardner South Wilmington High School congratulates Alex Eberhart for being in its Student Spotlight this week.

A senior, Alex received the Grundy Area Vocational Center Director Award for February in the electricity/robotics program.

Mr. Falbo, GAVC electrical instructor, said, "Alex is very much a team leader. He is not afraid to step up to a challenge and try to help solve it. He is also not afraid to try new technologies in the classroom, which is something I do a lot. He comprehends the material very well and utilizes the tools I make available to their fullest. I think Alex will do great in whatever he pursues."

Two CPR Classes Being Offered at Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers has announced its schedule of CPR classes for April.

CPR for the Healthcare Provider will be offered Friday, April 2, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Intended for licensed and certified healthcare professionals, this course teaches the skills of CPR for victims of all ages, use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and relief of foreign-body airway obstruction. There is a fee.

The American Heart Association's Heartsaver AED (Adult, Infant, Child) course will be offered Monday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gardner Lions to Serve Breakfast

The Gardner Lions Club will serve breakfast at the Gardner American Legion Hall on Sunday, April 11, from 7 a.m. to noon.

On the menu will be pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice and milk.

Funds raised will benefit the South Wilmington Parents Club for new playground equipment at the grade school; the visually and hearing impaired; and any other community project funded by the Gardner Lions.

A free breakfast will be given to three lucky customers.

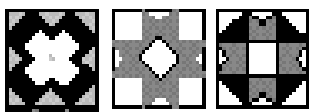


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LCFB Hosting Barn Quilts of Kankakee County Bus Tour

When people think of a quilt, what typically springs to mind is a cozy piece of fabric made up of small sections that come in a wide array of colors and designs. In Kankakee County, quilts include another variety – barn quilts. Barn quilts are large, colorful, wooden blocks that are designed, painted and then mounted on the sides of barns.

The Livingston County Farm Bureau Women's committee is hosting a bus tour of the Barn Quilts of Kankakee County on Friday, April 16. Participants may get on the bus at 7:30 a.m. at Dave's Supermarket, Fairbury (east end of parking lot) or 8 a.m. at the Farm Bureau office in Pontiac. Lunch will be provided at the Old Country Buffet in Kankakee. Plans are to return to Pontiac between 3 and 4 p.m.

Space is limited. Reservations are required by calling 815-842-1103 or e-mailing livcfb@verizon.net

Heartsaver AED covers the basic techniques of adult, child and infant CPR, as well as use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and first aid for choking and is appropriate for anyone interested in learning skills that could save the life of a loved one, friend, coworker or citizen in the community. There is a fee.

Both CPR classes will be held at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street in Morris. To register, call 815-942-2932, ext. 7367, or register online at www.morrishospital.org

Dwight Main Street Offers Facade Grant to Businesses

It is the mission of the Dwight Main Street Program to enhance Dwight and its downtown area by fostering a community-wide volunteer effort to strengthen its community identity, preserve its unique heritage and rekindle the economic vitality of downtown Dwight.

As well as preserving our heritage, Dwight Main Street would like to help preserve the unique buildings that make up our downtown.

A facade grant is avail-

able to qualified property owners of downtown commercial properties when following our guidelines. Improvements eligible include signs, windows, doors, awnings, paint and masonry.

Guidelines and applications are available at the Dwight Main Street office at 117 W. Main St. Applications must be returned by April 30. After review by the committee, applicants will be notified if their plan is accepted.

April Activities at Fossil Ridge

The following events and classes are being held this month at Fossil Ridge Public Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd., Braidwood.

Apr. 1: Senior Tax Help, 9 a.m.-noon.

Apr. 5: Registration begins for Family Fossil Hunt. Fossil Hunt is May 1.

Apr. 6: Build with Duplo! 10:30-11:45 a.m. For preschool children.

Apr. 7: Computer Basics – Mouse and Keyboard Use, 6 p.m. Registration required.

Apr. 9: Computer Basics – Mouse and Keyboard Use, 10 a.m. Registration required.

Apr. 10: Community Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Apr. 11-17: National Library Week.

Apr. 13: Build with Duplo! 10:30-11:45 a.m. For preschool children; Build with Lego/Duplo! 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. For preschool through fifth grade children.

Apr. 14: National Bookmobile day.

Apr. 15: Senior Tax Help, 9 a.m.-noon; Senior Coffee, 10 a.m.; Arthritis and

Exercise, 10 a.m.

Apr. 16: Circuit Breaker/IL Cares, 10 a.m.-noon. Bring proof of 2009 income and 2009 rent, and Medicare card/Social Security card.

Apr. 17: Build with Lego/Duplo! 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m. For preschool through fifth grade children; Making the Most of Your Digital Photos, 10 a.m.

Apr. 20: Build with Duplo! 10:30-11:45 a.m. For preschool children.

Apr. 21: Internet Basics, 6 p.m. Registraton required.

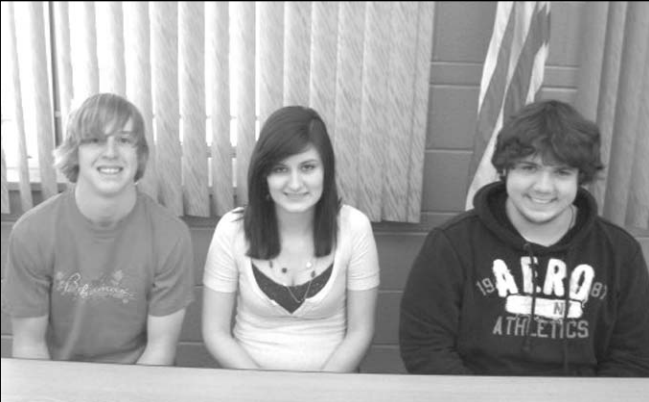
Apr. 24: "Postcard History Series" author David A. Belden presentation and book signing, 10 a.m.

Apr. 26: Book Club, 6:30 p.m. Discussing "The Mummy" by Anne Rice.

Apr. 27: Container Gardening, 6 p.m.

Apr. 29: E-mail basics, 2 p.m.

To register for a program, visit the library or bookmobile. For more information, call the library at 815-458-2187 or visit www.fossilridge.org



DTHS SENIORS attending the March 24 meeting of the Dwight Rotary Club were, left to right, Trent Wiles, Kate Tock and Ben Western.

OPERATION: MOMS Cookies 'Benefit for Our Heroes 2010'

OPERATION: MOMS Cookies Inc., NFP, invites the community to its fourth annual 'Benefit for Our Heroes' Saturday, April 10.

The event raises funds for the organization, which provides care packages and programs for military troops. It will be held at the Gardner American Legion, 426 Industry Drive. There will be a buffet dinner, 50/50 drawing, raffles, live entertainment and a cash bar.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with an appetizer

reception. Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed at 6:30 by the Righteous Hillbillies performing live with their tribute to the troops, "Not Alone." Presentations will be held at 7:30 p.m., with a live auction to begin at 7:45 p.m. and silent auction bid winners announced at 9 p.m. Reserved seating and discounted advance tickets, as well as more information, are available by calling 815-274-2014 or visiting www.momscookies.org

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Melissa Geelan Engaged to Patrick Jaeger

Carol Geelan of Dwight, along with Phillip Adams of Dwight, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Sue Geelan of Glendale Heights and formerly of Dwight, to Patrick James Jaeger of Glendale Heights and formerly of Carol Stream, son of John and Mary Jaeger of Carol Stream.

The couple will be married November 12, 2010, at Corpus Christi Church, Carol Stream, with a reception to follow at Belvedere, Elk Grove Village.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Dwight Township High School. She earned her Bachelor's of Science in marketing in 2004 from Northern Illinois University. She has been in the mortgage industry for six years and is currently employed at J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Downers Grove.



Patrick Jaeger and Melissa Geelan

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Glenbard North High School, Carol Stream. He earned his associate degree from the College of DuPage in 2002. He is employed as an account manager at Cherry's Industrial, Elk Grove Village.



Oryn Oliver Beier

A boy!

Oryn Oliver Beier was born at home on March 9, 2010, at 8:23 a.m., weighing nine pounds, three ounces and measuring 20 inches.

He was welcomed by two sisters, Eden and Iris, who constantly smother him with love, and his parents, Catherine and Jerry of Dwight, could not be prouder.

Oryn's maternal grandparents are Bill and Linda Mahan of Morris. Maternal great-grandfather is Bill Kendall of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His paternal grandparents are Don and Anabelle Beier of Dwight.

He is lucky to have 10 and soon-to-be 12 cousins and several loving aunts and uncles. Grandma Carolyn Beier's laugh could be heard all the way down here.



Payton Darlynn Garner

A girl!

Jamie Novy "Garner" and Nicholas Garner announce the birth of their second child, Payton Darlynn Garner.

Payton was born Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 9:34 a.m. at Morris Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by big brother Terrell, age two.

Maternal grandparents are the Denny Novy of Joliet and the late Darlene Pope. Paternal grandparents are Rosiland Carr and Doe Jenkins of Joliet.

Dwight All-town Garage Sales to Take Place During Festival

Dwight all-town garage sales will be Friday, April 30, and Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or whenever a sale's sign is up. Sales coincide with the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor Festival.

For a cost, you can put your address and a short list of items onto the garage sale lists. You will receive a Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor garage sale sign to place in your yard when your sale is open during that weekend.

The deadline to sign up is Monday, April 26, at 5 p.m. Sign up at Village Hall, 209 S. Prairie Ave., during regular business hours.

Lists will be available for pickup starting Thursday, April 29, at the Public Services Complex, throughout the weekend until gone.

Genealogical Society to Present Poor Farm/Potters' Field Talk

The Will/Grundy Genealogical Society will hold its monthly membership meeting on Saturday, April 10, at the Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, at 10 a.m.

Guest speaker Gina Wysocki will present "Digging Up the Dirt: The History and Mysteries of the Will County Poor Farm and Potters' Fields."

"Digging Up the Dirt" unearths the unwritten history of how the county's poor and underprivileged lived during an era that witnessed the birth of the I&M Canal to the beginning of economic development in Will County. While in the process of writing her book, Wysocki was able to identify several Potter's fields within the city of Joliet that were forgotten over time. One of the locations is now recognized as Joliet's first cemetery, established in 1832, 23 years before the opening of the

historic Oakwood Cemetery. Hundreds of the county's first settlers were buried there, and many of them still remain. Wysocki's extensive research has helped reunite families with ancestral knowledge that was once lost to history.

Meetings of the Will/Grundy Genealogical Society are free and open to the public. For further information, call John Persic, 815-210-5155, e-mail spyder60@aol.com, or Roger Younghusband, 815-478-3540, or e-mail him at ryounghusband@aol.com

You may also visit the website www.wggs.org for more information about the society. The library's phone number is 815-634-4552. Visit www.coalcity.lib.il.us to access the collection list.

Watch for details on the society's Saturday, May 8 meeting, which will be a program about the Sears "kit houses" in the area.

Space Available for KCC's Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Area organizations are invited to participate in a volunteer recruitment fair at Kankakee Community College.

Participation is free. The event is being organized by KCC's Corporate and Continuing Education office and will be held on Monday, April 19, from 2 to 6 p.m. in KCC's Workforce Development Center.

The volunteer recruitment

fair provides non-profit volunteer organizations a chance to showcase their opportunities. More than 35 organizations participated in 2009, the first time the event was held. Community members will be invited to attend the fair to find volunteer opportunities that match their interests.

To reserve a table, phone Juli Gereg at 815-802-8206 by Monday, April 5.



HERITAGE MANOR Nursing Home, Dwight, recently named its 2010 king and queen - Jim Testa, left, and Verna Nelson.

Happy 25th Birthday,
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Ella Rose Richie

A girl!

Joe and Kristy Richie of Cabery are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Rose Richie, born Monday, February 1, at 12:55 p.m. She is their first child.

Ella was born at Riverside Hospital, Kankakee. She weighed six pounds, seven ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Tom Faraher of Chebanse and Bonnie Faraher of Bradley. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Sue Richie of Cabery.

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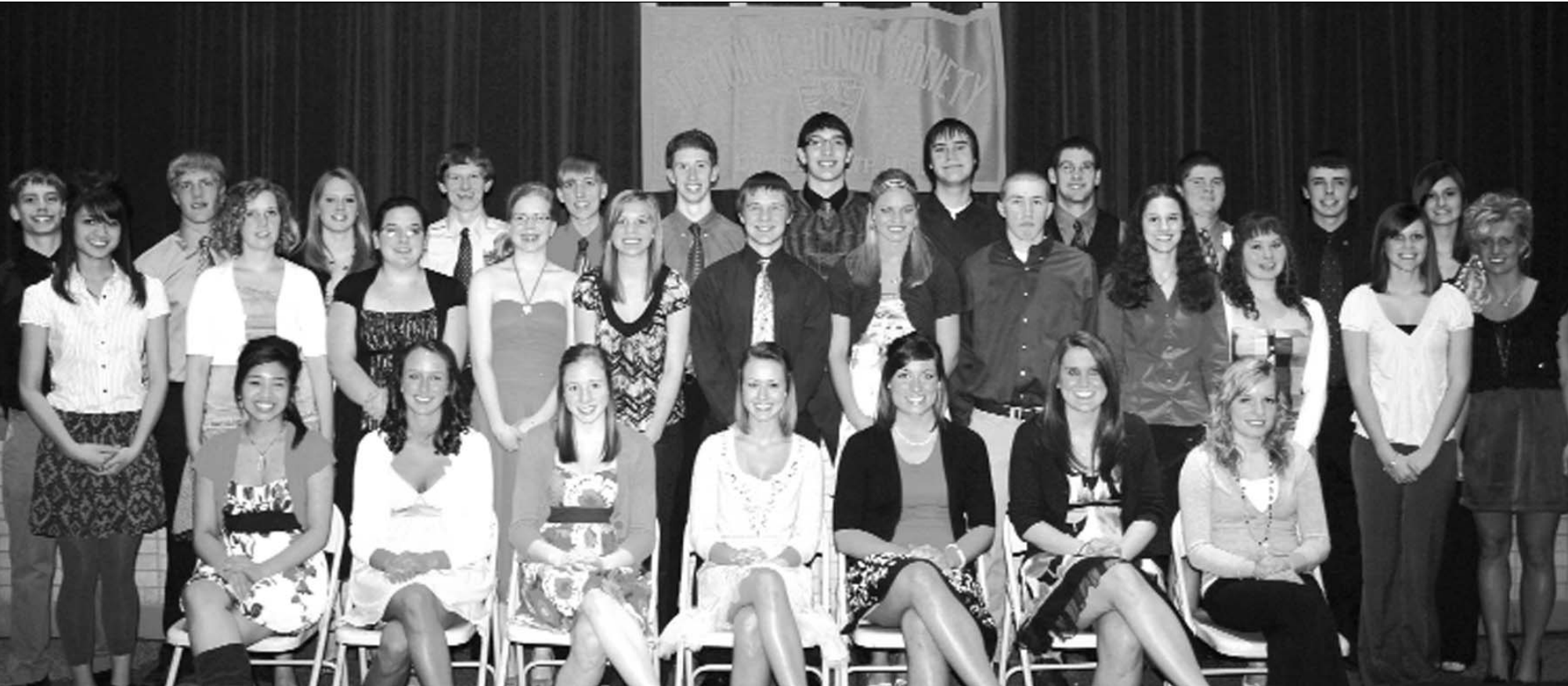
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THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY 80th annual induction ceremony at Dwight Township High School was held March 16 in the school’s auditorium. Fifteen new members were inducted. Stephen Tock, DTHS alumnus, was the guest speaker. Pictured left to right are, front row: Nicole Rosales, Cameron Anderson, *Sarah Stewart, *Claire Elsey, *Amy Froelich, *Jill Murphy, *Missy Gschwendtner; middle row: Mallorie Rosales, *Ashley Gretencord, *Gabrielle Davis, Gerry Holmes, *Rebecca Cain, Doug Black, Kolby Hoffman, *Cal Vigna, Katelyn Muller, Kristen Sanders, Karly Feddersen, *Blair Goley; back row: *Jake Thomas, *Ben Trainor, Chaney Tambling, *Matt Hooker, Ryan Kaiser, Jason Karstens, Dillon Harris, *Michael Muzyka, *Bradley Gschwendtner, Nolan Hoffman, Michael Halloran, Kate Tock. Not pictured: Stephany Small.

*Denotes new inductee

Community Input Sought in Dwight Superintendent Search

by Meta Machulis

Dale Adams, superintendent of Dwight Common School District 232 and Dwight Township High School District 230, has announced that he will retire with the close of the 2010-2011 school year. The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) is performing a search for his replacement and is seeking community input.

IASB has created an online survey asking about the qualities community members want to see in the

new superintendent, who will take over for Adams starting July 1, 2011. Everyone in the community is invited to give their input. A link to the survey is posted on the Dwight schools website, www.dwight.k12.il.us or the survey can be accessed directly by going to www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AD6P6UD78

All surveys should be submitted by Friday, April 23.

The Paper office will close at noon
Friday, April 2
in observance of Good Friday.

I would like to thank all my friends, family and Rev. Patricia Morton for the visits, prayers, cards and meals I received while I was in the hospital, nursing home and since returning home.

John Metzke

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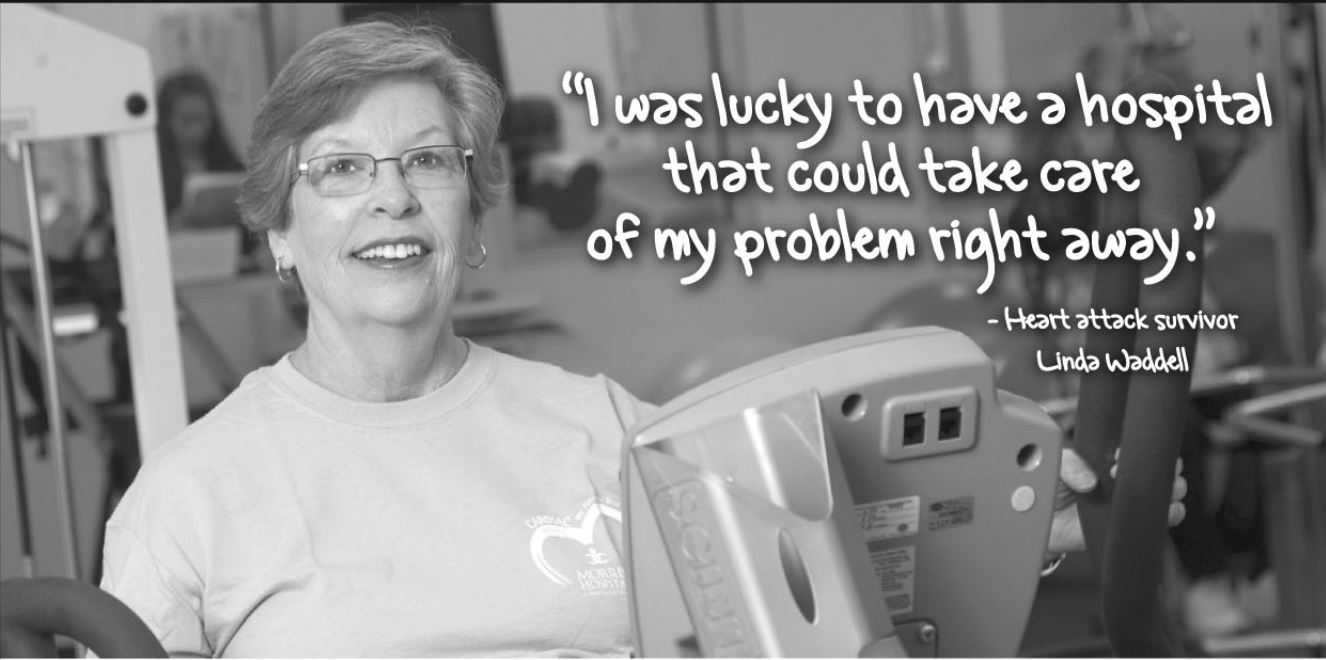


J. Moyemont on Dean’s List at Elmhurst

Jessica Moyemont of Dwight, a student at Elmhurst College, has completed the 2009-2010 Fall Term with excellent academic performance, thereby qualifying for the Dean’s List.

All Elmhurst College student who, during a term, have attained a grade point average of 3.75 or above are placed on the Dean’s List.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS Time for “Spring Cleaning” of Your Investments

Spring is here — time to spruce up your house, get rid of clutter and get things organized. But this year, go beyond your home and yard when you do your spring cleaning and look for ways to rejuvenate your investment portfolio.

Of course, you don’t have to take an “out with the old, in with the new” approach just for the sake of changing things up. But to consistently make progress toward your financial goals, you may need to make adjustments in response to changes in the financial markets, the economy and your personal situation. And springtime is as good a time as any to take a fresh look at your investment situation. So consider these suggestions:

- Dispose of things that aren’t working. Whether it’s a burnt-out computer, a non-vacuuming vacuum cleaner or a treadmill that lost its grip back when “the Web” was reserved for spiders, we all own things that are no longer useful. And the same may be true of some of your investments. If one hasn’t performed the way you had hoped, and you’ve given it adequate time, you may be better off by replacing it and using the proceeds to purchase another investment.

- Get rid of duplicates. If you went through everything in your house, you might find several items that do the same thing. Do you really need two toaster ovens? And how many radios can you listen to at one time? If you looked at your investment portfolio in this same way, you might be surprised to find some redundancies. For example, do you own several stocks issued by similar companies that make similar products? This might not be a problem when the stock market is booming, but it could be a definite concern if a downturn affects the industry to which these companies belong. Always look for ways to diversify your holdings. While diversification, by itself, can’t guarantee profits or protect against loss, it can help you reduce the effects of volatility.

- Put things back in order. Over time, and inadvertently, the spaces in your home can get “out of balance.” Perhaps you have too many chairs in one corner, your flat-screen television is crowding out your family pictures, or your new desk takes up too much space in your home office. With some rearranging, however, you can usually get things back in order. And the same need for rearrangement may apply to your portfolio, which might have become unbalanced with too much of one investment and too little of another. This situation could undermine your financial strategy, especially if the imbalance means you are taking on too much risk or, conversely, if your holdings have become too conservative to provide the growth you need. So look for ways to restore your portfolio to its proper balance — one that reflects your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals.

By giving your portfolio an annual spring cleaning, you can help make sure it reflects your current needs and is positioned to help you make progress toward your key financial objectives. And you won’t even have to get near the dust cloths or furniture polish.

Fossil Ridge Library to Host Community Blood Drive

Fossil Ridge Public Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd., Braidwood, will sponsor a community blood drive Saturday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donating blood takes less than an hour. Donors should not have donated blood within the past eight weeks.

All blood types are needed. Photo ID will be required.

Call the library at 815-458-2187 for an appointment, or sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org

Walk-ins will be accommodated when time slots are available.



THE TIGER TALK BOOK CLUB at Gardner Grade School hosted Reading Night 2010 on February 3. The night included games, crafts, mystery readers, prizes, and a visiting author – Lisa Riebe, pictured above (left, standing) presenting to Gardner and South Wilmington second and third grade students. Riebe told second through fifth graders about the writing process. She read excerpts from her book, “Pond Punkies.” More than half of the student body attended the Reading Night.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is a list of the Certificates of Error issued for the 2008 assessment year. This list is published according to 35 ILCS 200/12-45. The publication list includes the taxpayer’s name, assessed value of the improvements (buildings) on the property and the total assessed value prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Error and the assessed value of the improvements (buildings) on the property and the total assessed value after the issuance of the Certificate of Error.

Duane C Kiesewetter, Clerk
Livingston County Board of Review

Taxpayer Name	Parcel Number	IMP. A.V. Before BOR Action	Total A.V. Before BOR Action	IMP A.V. After BOR Action	Total A.V. After BOR Action
Dwight					
ANDLING DWIGHT LLC	05-05-08-228-004	0	18,195	0	21,808
HERITAGE PLAZA DEVELOPMENT	05-05-08-278-001	0	18,195	0	14,582
HOLLAND CAROL & DONALD	05-05-04-378-014	46,795	57,774	45,761	56,740

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is a list of changes made by the Livingston County Board of Review for the 2009 assessment year. This is published according to 35 ILCS 200/12-60. This list includes the taxpayer’s name, parcel number, improvement (building) assessed value before Board of Review action, the total assessed value before Board of Review action, the improvement (building) assessed value after Board of Review action, and the total assessed value after Board of Review action.

Duane C Kiesewetter, Clerk
Livingston County Board of Review

Taxpayer Name	Parcel Number	IMP. A.V. Before BOR Action	Total A.V. Before BOR Action	IMP A.V. After BOR Action	Total A.V. After BOR Action
Nevada					
CASSADY BRIAN	04-04-29-400-004	0	0	40,745	50,135
DUFFY JOHN	04-04-01-200-010	0	0	0	7,138
FINNEGAN PATRICIA	04-04-29-400-003	0	0	0	6,708
MASCHING IRVIN & CAHILL-MA	04-04-01-200-009	0	0	0	6,823
Dwight					
ANDERSON GERALD	05-05-04-328-007	31,914	40,509	24,874	33,469
BEIER GARY & SHAWN	05-05-09-454-017	105,611	116,050	97,478	107,917
BLACKSTONE WIND FARM LLC	05-05-08-277-004	0	0	0	622
CARLSON LAURA	05-05-09-454-006	60,818	70,668	59,629	69,479
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	05-05-09-228-006	0	8,595	0	0
FALETTI ALAN	05-05-04-479-024	0	0	27,659	31,054
HOEGGER GEORGE	05-05-04-454-006	30,157	35,890	58,411	64,144
KELLEHER PATRICK	05-05-10-126-022	79,503	91,001	71,535	83,033
KELLEHER PATRICK	05-05-03-351-021	12,223	15,160	7,063	10,000
KILBRIDE GREGORY & EARING	05-05-09-454-029	49,755	54,842	43,362	48,449
MENCER PATRICIA & ALAN	05-05-21-400-026	0	21,665	0	571
PATTEN DOUGLAS & CHRISTENS	05-05-09-479-004	64,056	74,522	39,091	49,557
PAULSEN JENNIFER	05-05-09-203-003	0	7,478	32,405	39,883
POKARNEY DOLORES	05-05-09-457-002	73,745	87,455	66,588	80,298
RICCOLO STEVE & DOROTHY	05-05-04-378-018	70,166	81,628	88,494	99,956
RIEKE DOUGLAS	05-05-01-200-005	0	0	0	5,374
RIEKE EVELYN	05-05-01-200-006	0	0	0	4,785
ROCK PATRICK	05-05-10-102-001	32,182	41,351	10,922	20,091
RODOSKY MICHAEL & ANNE	05-05-09-457-011	0	0	0	100
STRAIT RONALD & TRACY	05-05-09-130-016	0	8,595	0	6,554
SWINK TRAVIS	05-05-04-452-013	33,908	45,370	15,222	26,684
WALSH GARY	05-05-04-379-018	26,333	32,066	23,274	29,007
WATTERS STREET I LLC	05-05-08-277-007	0	0	0	616
WATTERS STREET I LLC	05-05-08-277-006	0	0	0	518
WATTERS STREET I LLC	05-05-08-277-005	0	0	0	538
Round Grove					
MOLLE MARK & SHELLY	06-06-29-300-005	112,017	145,337	89,135	122,455
RIEKE DOUGLAS	06-06-06-100-002	0	0	0	8,318
RIEKE JOHN	06-06-06-100-003	0	0	1,112	8,553
Odell					
ALLEN LYNNE & MICHAEL	10-10-32-201-001	69,546	82,793	66,061	79,308
ARMOUR GROVER & BRENDA	10-10-10-202-012	44,814	46,300	38,516	40,002
BANK OF PONTIAC	10-10-03-376-021	41,612	43,262	29,129	30,779
FOSTER ANDREW & MELISSA	10-10-10-134-006	17,352	20,014	16,072	18,734
HODGE RANDALL & LYNN	10-10-10-180-024	69,300	75,319	60,283	66,302
JOHNSON CANDACE	10-10-35-400-001	10,432	30,283	1,632	13,361
LEGNER FRANK	10-10-03-352-005	67,922	72,219	55,809	60,106
MASCHING CATHLEEN	10-10-10-251-007	35,297	39,514	37,679	41,896
MORRIS RODNEY	10-10-10-160-001	32,139	34,136	21,461	23,458
SOMODI MICHAEL & SHIRLEY	10-10-27-100-016	34,974	46,402	34,974	43,063
STAHLER FRANK & CATHERINE	10-10-14-200-013	115,458	125,789	105,392	115,723
VERDUN ROBERT LEO	10-10-10-137-007	46,242	48,239	41,868	43,865
Union					
BORKLUND KRISTINE & BURKE	11-11-01-300-016	0	0*	0	11,154
Broughton					
AUSTIN ALVIN & MARY ELIZA	12-12-16-300-004	28,898	45,728	25,046	41,876*
BATTAGLIN RICHARD	12-12-19-304-009	26,030	26,427	17,513	17,910
BRUNER PAUL	12-12-07-400-007	81,012	91,950	72,926	80,565
GODBEE RITA	12-12-26-400-005	0	0	0	3,159
GODBEE RITA	12-12-26-400-004	0	0	0	3,102
HAAG FARMS INC.	12-12-28-200-003	0	0	27,906	36,863
MALONE JOSEPH	12-12-14-300-004	25,716	43,180	606	16,486
PALMER FRANCINE	12-12-19-305-020	24,339	25,485	19,022	20,168
PILGRIM DAVID & NADDENE	12-12-28-200-004	0	0*	480	3,570*
STEICHEN PHYLLIS & GEORGE	12-12-04-230-001	660	3,491	0	2,831
WALSH THOMAS & WALSH CHRIS	12-12-03-100-016	100,641	107,823	93,630	100,812
WYLLIE JOHN	12-12-07-300-001	27,856	45,626	26,388	44,158
WYLLIE JOHN	12-12-19-304-018	1,400	1,592	0	192
WYLLIE VELMA	12-12-16-100-002	25,204	46,399	24,904	46,099

J&R Service, Gardner, Opens Second Location in Diamond

by Meta Machulis

J&R Service Center, which has been performing maintenance and repair on automobiles in Gardner since 1995, recently opened a new shop, J&R Coaler Auto Center in Diamond. The shop held a grand opening celebration throughout March.

Jeff Lee of Braceville, who owns both shops, said he decided to open the second shop in Diamond because “There was a need for auto repair in that area, and we had the need to expand our business.” He said the Gardner location has grown from a two-bay shop when it opened 15 years ago to a seven-bay shop; the new J&R Coaler Auto has four

auto bays.

Like J&R in Gardner, Coaler Auto is a full service center, “specializing in computer diagnostics as well as being able to handle great general repair and maintenance,” Lee said. “We can handle any problem you’re having with your automobile, outside of body and paint work.”

Lee said, “The new store has done exceptionally well. (It’s) almost overwhelming; it’s been so busy.” He said the popularity of the new store is due in part to J&R’s good reputation in Gardner, and “part of it is just the service and the honesty.”

Lee said honesty and quality are the main concerns at his shops. He said the J&R shops make repairs only as needed, with safety repairs coming first and other repairs being made over several appointments as the customer’s budget allows.

“That’s been a big part of our success,” Lee said.

“We have a great turnaround time on repairs,” Lee added. “There isn’t a lot of wait to get in.”

Also, “We have some of the best techs in the area,” Lee said, noting that most are dealer-trained; there are two certified master technicians between the shops. Lee and some of the original Gardner staff now travel between the two shops, and two new employees – a technician and a service writer – were hired with the opening of J&R Coaler Auto Center. Two full-time, professional service consultants are employed by J&R.

J&R Coaler Auto, Diamond, is located at 1100 E. Division and can be reached at 815-634-2353. J&R Service Center, Gardner, is at 401 N. Route 53, phone 815-237-2355.

Pamida Changing Sale Start Day; Berkot’s Also Changed

Dwight Pamida is changing its sale start day from Saturday to Wednesday.

As the last sale of the old schedule, the current sale began Saturday, March 27, and runs through Saturday, April 3. There will be no new sale starting April 3. The new sale schedule will begin Wednesday, April 7, and run through Tuesday, April 13.

Due to the change, there will be no Pamida ad inserted in this issue of *The Paper*; the next one will be in the April 7 issue.

Berkot’s Super Foods, Dwight, also recently changed its sale start day. Sales now start on Thursdays rather than Wednesdays.

The Paper

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ST. PAUL SCHOOL (Odell) seventh and eighth grade students recently participated in a school science fair under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Carrie Groves. Emily Carroll won first place and Ashley Fox won second place. Pictured left to right are, front row: Noah Worby, Emily Carroll, Molly Verdun and Kelly Pagel; middle row: Chance Carlson, Bryan Worby, Madison Grundler, Ashton Farris, Ashley Fox and Dan Dwyer; back row: Amy Wyant, Ahnamarie Brady, Emily Leonard, Lauren Cassady, Jorden Grieff, Alyson Wiemken, Julie Hogan and Anna Stevenson.

Legislation Cracking Down on Speeders

Legislation proposed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to crack down on excessive speeders was approved unanimously 114-0 by the Illinois House of Representatives. The legislation now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

House Bill 6463, sponsored by State Representative John D'Amico (D-Chicago), will prohibit issuance of court supervision to drivers ticketed for speeding 40 or more miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

White has continually worked to improve traffic



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Thurs., Mar. 25: Medical, S. Chaucer Dr.; medical,	Sat., Mar. 27: Medical, mutual aid to South Wilmington.
	Sun., Mar. 28: Medical, S. East St.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET Essex Township

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of Essex, in the County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Clerk's residence from and after 10:00 a.m., March 31, 2010.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the Essex Village Hall in this Township of Essex, and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at the meeting to be held at the Essex Village Hall at 7:00 on the 13th day of April 2010.

Theresa Lenzie, Township Clerk



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – GARFIELD TOWNSHIP
The Annual Town Meeting of Garfield Township will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Garfield Township Hall, 301 N. Liberty St., Gardner, Illinois.

We would like to thank everyone who has offered support to our family at the passing of our loved one, James Robinson.

Thank you to everyone who visited, called, sent cards, flowers, memorials and food. A special thanks to Provena Villa Franciscan Domiano Unit and Provena St. Joseph Hospice for their loving care of James while he resided there. Thank you to the staff at Patterson Funeral Home for their compassionate assistance. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered and appreciated.

The family of James Robinson

ESSEX TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of the Township of Essex, in the County of Kankakee, and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the Essex Village Hall, for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said town and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

Discussion of Township Affairs
Treasurer's Report
General Business
Reading of Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Dated this 19th day of March, 2010.

Theresa Lenzie
Essex Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET Essex Township

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Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the Essex Village Hall in this town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Township Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 13th day of April 2010.

Dated this 19th day of March 2010.

Robert Bice, Supervisor
Theresa Lenzie, Township Clerk

OBITUARY

Elaine Maubach

BLACKSTONE – Elaine Maubach, 86, of Blackstone died Wednesday morning, March 24, 2010 at her home.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, at Winterrowd Funeral Home, Streator.

Visitation was Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial: Phillips Cemetery, Manville.

Surviving are her husband, Glen Maubach; a daughter, Glenda (Terry) Tannahill of Blackstone; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Darleen Appel of Tucson, Arizona.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
)No. 09-CH-123
vs.)
BANK OF PONTIAC as Trustee of Land)
Trust No. 2374, ROBERT ZENISEK)
and unknown owners and non-record)
claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgement of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

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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PIN: 15-22-135-004

C. The commonly known address is:
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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.

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AY, BATTER, BATTER, BATTER!

DTHS varsity Trojan, #10 Cal Vigna, begins his swing at an oncoming pitch March 22. See page 12 for stats and photos of DTHS Trojan baseball.



March 20

Reed Custer Invitational

The DTHS Trojans track and field participated in the Reed Custer Invitational. The girls scored a 16 and the boys took fifth place with 36 points to Sandwich's 113.

Girls' individual results were: long jump, Chelsea Schultz, 27'11½", third; 800m, Miranda Faletti, 2:48.3, third; 55HH, Alison McKinsey, :10.38, fifth; 4x400 relay, Stephanie Fisher, Faletti, Schultz and Haley Residori, 4:50.6, fifth.

Boys' individual results were: 800m, Brian Scoggin, 2:11.79, first; shot, Christian Kulla, 43'3", second; pole vault, Rem Riccolo, 10'0", fourth; 55HH, Riccolo, :9.25, fifth; 3200m, Lane Hoffman, 11:38.25, fifth; 4x400m, Scoggin, Riccolo, Austin Walsh and Jordan Kohrt, 3:54.04, second; 4x800m, Hoffman, Jon-Paul Gallois, Stinnett Gettinger and Ryley Christoff, 10:08.53, fifth.

DTHS TROJANS TRACK & FIELD

March 27

Cogdal Relays

"The teams showed more improvement since our meet last weekend. The meet had strong competition with several of the 32 teams being 2A or 3A squads. The coaches are pleased with their effort and improvement, and now it is on to the outdoor season," commented Coach Larry Lane.

Girls' individual results were: shot put, Alison McKinsey, 26'6", 18th; pole vault, Kacy Murphy, 5'0", 11th; 55m, Lindie McCarthy, :8.64, 15th; 55m hurdles, Murphy, :10.35, 11th; McKinsey, :10.36, 13th; 1600m, Kaley Tilley, 6:38.34; 4x200m, McCarthy, Murphy, Stephanie Fisher and Haley Residori, 2:05.55, 11th; 4x400m, Residori, Miranda Faletti, Fisher and Tilley; sprint medley, Residori, McCarthy, Murphy and Faletti.

Boys' individual results were: shot put, Christian Kulla, 43'3", sixth; Hunter Eutsey, 35'1½", sixth; pole vault, Rem Riccolo, 11'0", tie third; 55m, Sam Perschnick, :7.71; Ryan Cookingham, :8.04; 55m hurdles, Riccolo, :9.98, eighth; Austin Walsh, :10.60; 1600m, Jon-Paul Gallois, 5:19.92; Stinnett Gettinger, 5:40.62; 4x800m, Gallois, Lane Hoffman, Ryley Christoff and Brian Scoggin, 9:29.64, 15th; 4x200m, Perschnick, Walsh, Cookingham and Eutsey; 4x400m, Jordan Kohrt, Walsh, Riccolo and Scoggin; sprint medley, Kohrt, Walsh, Riccolo and Scoggin.

There will be a training session at the DTHS track for those interested in being a F.A.T. timer for the grade school or high school meets, Monday, April 5, starting at 4:30 p.m.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

March 23

Panthers vs. Prairie Central Junior Varsity-

The GSW Panther junior varsity baseball team was defeated by Prairie Central, 13-3.

Mike Goodwin, starter, 3⅓ innings, eight hits, eight runs, six earned runs, five strikeouts, two walks; Kwynn Rury, 2⅓ innings, four hits, five runs, five earned runs, two strikeouts, five walks.

Top hitters for GSW were: Robbie Ellis 2-4, two RBI; Rury, two runs; Kaidon Hibler and Colton Lenzie, 1-2 each; Chris Lardi, 1-1.

"Our first game of the season and we faced a tough opponent in Prairie Central. I was happy to see our pitchers throw strikes in the first game and give us an opportunity to field the baseball. We just didn't make enough plays to keep PC from putting pressure on us on the base path. I felt that we did a nice job at the plate by putting runners on base. With

time and some growth we will start to capitalize on our base runners," stated Coach Shane Tucker.

Varsity-

The varsity Panthers fell to Prairie Central, 10-4.

Chris Irvin, starter, took the loss, pitching four innings, six runs, four earned runs, five hits, four walks, three strikeouts; Brandon Riggi, one inning, three runs, three earned runs, four hits, four walks, one strikeout; Matt Grimler, 1⅓ inning, one run, one earned run, three walks, one strikeout; Joey Wren, 2/3 inning, one hit.

Hitting for the Panthers were: Tyler Posing, 2-3, one run, home run, one stolen base, two RBI; Matt Grimler, 2-2, one run, one stolen base, RBI; Irvin, 2-4, double.

"The best thing I can say about this first game is that we got it out of the way. Our pitchers struggled today, but I feel okay about the rest of the game," stated Coach Jon Posing.

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Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

The results of the duplicate bridge game played March 25 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center are:

North-South: first, tie, Ellen Galeaz/Norma Houck and Dorothy Christenson/Darlene Drechsel; second, Liz Houck/Marge Mueller.

East-West: first, Lee Fuerstenberg/Mary Ann McNamara; second, Janyce Gross/Stella Spandet; third, Marilyn Munger/Leila Patchett.

The next game will be played at the senior center on Thursday, April 8.



DGS REDBIRDS TRACK & FIELD

March 22

The DGS Redbird track and field team competed in its first triangular meet with Wilmington and Cornell.

The seventh grade girls won the meet scoring 62 points to Wilmington's 59. The eighth grade team gained second place honors scoring 62 points to Wilmington's 67.

The seventh grade boys won the meet scoring 71 points to Wilmington's 55, and the eighth grade team picked up first place with 65 points to Wilmington's 27.



ON YOUR MARK. SET. RACE! DGS Redbird tracksters Amber Curl and Emily Soto above, hurdle down the Dwight track at the first track meet of the season. **RIGHT:** Redbird Triston Dircks clears the final hurdle of the race.



GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

March 23

Lady Panthers vs. Prairie Central Varsity-

The GSW Lady Panthers defeated Prairie Central, 7-6.

Amber Eisha picked up the win, pitching 10 strikeouts, one walk and five hits.

Key hitters for the Lady Panthers were: Rachel Mack, 1-3, homerun, one run, one stolen base, RBI; Missy Gretz, 2-4, two singles, one run; Alison Serena, 2-3, two singles, one run, RBI.

"It was a nice start to the season with a win. We did a nice job of coming from behind in the second and then gaining a few more runs in the fifth inning. Our offense came around for us tonight, led by Rachel Mack's homerun in the second," commented Coach Michelle Lardi.

March 24

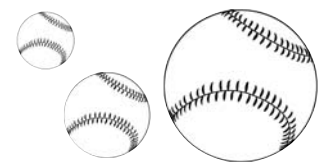
Lady Panthers vs. Herscher Varsity-

The Lady Panthers prowled on Herscher, 3-1.

Amber Eisha, 2-0, picked up the win, pitching six strikeouts, two hits and one walk.

Big hitters for GSW were: Katie Gretz, 1-2, one run; Alison Serena, 1-3, one run; Allison Perkins, 1-3, single, one run, RBI; Kailyn Schultz, 1-3, triple, two RBI.

"Our defense was strong tonight. We need to work on getting timely hits and keeping our bats strong. Amber pitched a good game, and Rachel Mack had a few great plays at third base," stated Coach Lardi.



TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS SOFTBALL

March 19

Lady Chargers vs. Lexington

The Tri-Point Lady Chargers softball team defeated Lexington 10-0 in five innings.

Hope Webster picked up the win, pitching five innings, 13 strikeouts and no hits.

Hitting for the Lady Chargers were: Kenzie Krause, two hits, triple; Webster and L. Zalite, two hits each.

March 20

Lady Chargers vs. Alden-Hebron

The Tri-Point softball team eked out an 8-7 victory over Alden-Hebron.

Kaitlyn Krause picked up the win, pitching seven innings, five walks, 11 strikeouts and two hits. Krause also picked up a double and two RBI on the offense.

"Miserable conditions: rain, wind and cold," stated Coach Carl Krause III.

March 22

Lady Chargers vs. Grace Baptist

The Tri-Point Lady Chargers defeated Grace Baptist, 10-1, improving their record to 3-0.

Hope Webster, 2-0, picked up the win, pitching seven innings, one hit, 16 strikeouts, no errors.

Big hitters for Tri-Point were: Webster, 3-3, double, two triples; Kaitlyn Krause, two hits, double.



DWIGHT RESIDENTS took advantage of the 65 degree weather March 17 by playing ball. Nick Benzik, above, connects with the ball. The Brady brothers, Ben and Pat, right, high-five after a homerun.



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TROJAN JUNIOR VARSITY PITCHER Matt Hooker, above, winds up the heater during a DTHS-Pontiac match-up. BELOW: Varsity Trojan Cal Vigna slides safely back to first while a Clifton Central opponent holds the tag.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal residents of the Town of Dwight, in the County of Livingston, and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. on said day at the Dwight Town Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuant of law, come before the meeting.

DATED at Dwight, Illinois, this 19th day of March, 2010.

Patricia S. Rosenbaum
Dwight Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Dwight Township Road District, in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, is on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Dwight Township Hall from and after 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Town Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois, in this Dwight Township, and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the Town Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois at 7:00 o'clock, Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Anthony Thorsen
Dwight Township Supervisor

Patricia S. Rosenbaum
Dwight Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Dwight, in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, is on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Dwight Township Hall from and after 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:45 P.M., Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at the Town Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois, in this Dwight Township, and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the Town Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois at 7:00 o'clock, Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Anthony Thorsen
Dwight Township Supervisor

Patricia S. Rosenbaum
Dwight Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Odell Township, in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment at the Odell Township Supervisor's Office, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois, from and after 8 o'clock A.M., Friday, April 9th, 2010.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:15 o'clock P.M., Monday, May 10th, 2010 in this Odell Township and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at the Odell Township Meeting Room, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois at 7:15 o'clock P.M., Monday, May 10th, 2010.

Robert Legner, Supervisor
Susan LaBorence, Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the Town of Norton Township, in the County of Kankakee, and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010
being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 8 o'clock P.M. on said day at Norton Township Building, Second Street, Buckingham, Illinois.

Christine M. O'Brien
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP and ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Norton Township and Norton Township Road District, in the County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Norton Township Building from and after 8 o'clock A.M., 26th day, March, 2010.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 8 o'clock P.M., 13 day, April, 2010, at Norton Township Building in this Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 8 o'clock P.M., on the 26th day of April, 2010.

Dated this 31 day of March, 2010.

Jaqueline Bisaillon, Supervisor
Christine M. O'Brien, Clerk

NOTE--This notice of public hearing must be given at least 30 days prior to the time of hearing, must be published in newspaper if one is published in township; if no newspaper is published in the township, notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the county having general circulation in the township. If there is no such newspaper published in the county, the notice must be posted in five of the most public places in the township.



March 19
Trojans vs. Pontiac

The DTHS Trojan varsity baseball team fell to Pontiac, 18-2.

"The powerful Indian offense proved to be too much for the young Dwight pitching staff. The Trojans jumped on top in the first when Trent Wiles singled and stole second to open the inning. After a fielder's choice in which Wiles was tagged out at third, Cal Vigna advanced to second base and was driven in by a hard single to left off the bat

of Dan Hansen. In the top of the fifth, Nolan Hoffman smashed a double to deep center field and came in to score when Mike Halloran hit a double to right field," stated Coach Dan Kaiser.

March 22

Trojans vs. Clifton Central
The Trojans varsity bounced back with a victory over Clifton Central, 7-6.

"Aaron Murphy pitched a one-hit baseball game through four innings to earn his first victory of the season. Alec Frazier pitched the

final two and two thirds innings to earn the save," commented Coach Kaiser.

"Frazier hit a key double in the first, driving in two runs. Mike Taylor singled and advanced to second on a throwing error. Troy Hogan hit a perfect sacrifice bunt moving Taylor to third. Trent Wiles came to bat and singled sharply to drive him in for the fourth Trojan tally. In the third, Nolan Hoffman singled and advanced to second on a throwing error and scored on an RBI single by Mike Halloran. Halloran advance to third on a passed ball and was driven home by a sacrifice fly off the bat of Taylor. Dan Hansen capped off the scoring with a deep homerun to left in the fourth," stated Coach Kaiser.

March 24

Trojans vs. Momence

The DTHS Trojans rallied to score a 5-4 victory over Momence.

"The Trojans found themselves down 4-0 in the fourth inning when Cal Vigna led

off with a sharp single to left and stole second to get into scoring position. Dan Hansen followed with another single to left, driving in Vigna. Hansen advanced to second on a fielding error and later scored to make it 4-2. It remained that way until the seventh.

"Alec Frazier led off with a walk and moved to second base on a single off Mike Halloran's bat. Wes Lehman walked to load the bases for Mike Taylor. Taylor stepped up and drove a 2-2 pitch into right field for a single that scored Frazier and Halloran and put runners on first and third. Leadoff hitter Trent Wiles then delivered with a squeeze bunt that scored Lehman from third to put the Trojans up for good. Nolan Hoffman pitched 3.1 shutout innings to earn the win. Frazier took the mound in the bottom of the seventh and produced a 1-2-3 inning which included a pair of strikeouts that ended the game," stated Coach Kaiser.

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HSG, 235, Bill Green; HSG, 171, Becca Battle; HTG, 787, JT's Saloon

League Standings	W	L
JT's Saloon	34½	13½
2 PLUS 2 (A&S)	31	17
Gassman's	31	17
Perkins Wood/Glass	24	24
Victory Lanes	23½	24½
Serv Pro	23½	24½
Ron De Voo	19½	28½
Ghost	5	39

Ladies Night Out

Week 23: HG, 199, Stacey Woodin; 188, Paula Watts; 175, Linda Dunlap; HS, 496, Stacey Woodin; 489, Paula Watts; 474, Jennifer Statler

Week 24: HG, 190, Jo Regenold; 178, Pat Havekost; 177, Paula Watts; HS, 495, Jo Regenold; 476, Paula Watts; 460, Stacey Woodin

League Standings	W	L
Dairy Queen	68	28
Rodosky Acctg.	56	40
Victory Lanes	56	40
Joan Bullard Rlty.	50	46
Street & Alley	44½	51½
Bank of Dwight	40	56
Jensen BP	36	60
Slammers	32½	63½

Commercial League

HG, 254, John Hudson; HS, 671, John Hudson; HTG, 992, Victory Lanes; HTS, 2875, Meier Bros.

League Standings	W	L
Meier Bros.	32	12
Victory Lanes	32	13
Dwight Printing	28	16
FJ Metals	23	21
Jensen's	20	24
Turtle's Tap	18	26
Dairy Queen	13	31
TBI	11	33

Wednesday Aft. Bowlers

HG, 248, Doug Gassman; HS, 651, Doug Gassman; HTG, 680, William J. Hooker Insurance Agency; HTS, 1902, William J. Hooker Insurance Agency

League Standings	W	L
Splitters	80½	43½
Tag-A-Longs	71	53
Curves	68½	55½
Vigna's	68½	55½
William J. Hooker	67½	56½
Becker's	64½	59½
The Hen House	64	60
Foxy Ladies	63½	60½
Kelly Electric	57	67

Sportsman's League

Week 28: HG, 278, Lane Galloway; HS, 732, Doug Gassman; HHG, 278, Lane Galloway; HHS, 732, Doug Gassman

Week 29: HG, 268, Craig Feddersen; HS, 705, Brian Dobbs; HHG, 275, Craig Feddersen; HHS, 705, Brian Dobbs

League Standings	W	L
J.F. Recycling	38	14
Starr Trucking	29	23
Dwight Trucking	28	24
Victory Lanes	27	25
Willy's Pub	27	25
Jensen's BP	23	29
K & D Detailing	23	29
DeLong Ford	22	30
McArdle Grain	22	30
Smoke Wrench	21	31

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Odell Township will hold its April meeting on Monday, April 12, at 7:00 P.M. All other monthly meetings from May 2010 through March 2011 will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Odell Township Building, 208 East Elk Street in Odell until further notice.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the Town of Odell, in the County of Livingston, and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010
being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M.* on said day at 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Reading of Supervisor's Annual Financial Reports of all funds, Authorize the sale of old and unused equipment and buildings, Consider assuming the ownership and operation of Union Cemetery Association of Odell, Set the time of the next Annual Town meeting, and any other business that comes before the electors.

Susan LaBorence
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Road Purposes of the Odell Township, in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment at the Odell Township Supervisor's Office, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois, from and after 8 o'clock A.M., Friday, April 9th, 2010.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:15 o'clock P.M., Monday, May 10th, 2010 in this Odell Township and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at the Odell Township Meeting Room, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois at 7:15 o'clock P.M., Monday, May 10th, 2010.

Robert Legner, Supervisor
Susan LaBorence, Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the Township of Union, in the County of Livingston, and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010
being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M.* on said day at Town Clerk's home at 28631 E. 2600 N. Rd., Emington, IL and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: finance report on all funds, update on township business.

Dated on this 31st day of March, 2010.†

Richard Boundy
Town Clerk

*The annual town meeting and any special town meeting shall be held after the hour of 6:00 p.m., unless the time is changed by the electors at a duly convened meeting.

†Notice of the time and place of holding town meetings shall be given by the town clerk, or, in his absence, the supervisor, assessor, or collector, by posting written or printed notices in three of the most public places in the town, at least ten days prior to the meeting, and if there is a newspaper published in the town, by at least one publication therein, prior to the meeting.

DTHS TROJAN VARSITY BASEBALL

DTHS Names Freshman of the Month

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Haley Hansen on being named DTHS freshman student of the month of March.

She is an honor roll student and active in basketball, softball, Mathletes, Library Club and Teens 4 Green.

Haley is the daughter of Larry and Chris Hansen of Dwight.



Haley Hansen

Diabetes Support Group to Meet April 14

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers will hold its next Diabetes Support Group session on Wednesday, April 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Education Room 1 on the lower level of Morris Hospital.

Registration is available by calling 815-942-2932,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held before the Planning and Zoning Board of the Village of Braceville, Grundy County, Illinois on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Braceville Village Hall, 102 West Main Street, Braceville, Illinois 60407.

The public hearing to be held shall be as follows:

To consider an application for two (2) Zoning Variances from Ordinance Number 05-07, Section 1(a), to reduce the required spacing between High Rise Commercial Outdoor Advertising Signs from a minimum of two thousand feet (2,000') between each such High Rise Commercial Outdoor Advertising Sign to five hundred feet (500') separation from the other resulting in a variance of one thousand five hundred feet (1,500'). Additionally, a variance is required from Ordinance Number 05-07, Section 3, which requires that a High Rise Commercial Outdoor Advertising Sign shall not be nearer than one hundred fifty feet (150') from a residential boundary line. The proposed High Rise Commercial Outdoor Area Signs would be twenty-five feet (25') from a residential boundary line resulting in a variance of one hundred twenty-five feet (125').

The real estate to be rezoned more specifically described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2 in Settlers Ridge Subdivision Phase 1, a subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 32, Range 8 E of the Third Principal Meridian, as delineated on the plat recorded April, 1999 as Document #371668 in Plat Cabinet G, 141, situated in Grundy County, Illinois.

PIN: 09-26-127-001 and 09-26-127-002

The above described real estate is located at North East Corner of I-55 and North Street. The application was filed by W. C. Outdoor.

A copy of the aforementioned application may be obtained from the Braceville Village Hall during business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Questions or comments may be submitted orally, in writing or both.

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JJC to Host Job Fair

Joliet Junior College will host this year's annual Joliet Regional Job Fair on April 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the college's City Center Campus, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet.

The job fair is free and open to the public. Participating employers will offer a variety of opportunities at all skill levels. Resumes are required for admittance to the job fair.

Registration information and more details are available online by going to www.jjc.edu/info/jobfair

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Family Reading Night Held at S.W. Grade School

Family Reading Night was held February 25 at South Wilmington Grade School. This year's theme was "The Wonders of Life."

When students registered for the night's events, they were given goodie bags and instructed to go to the gym for the start of the evening. There were hands-on activities planned and booths for parents to gather information on helping their students with reading and other school-related skills.

Featured speakers were Dan Ford with "Reading is Magic" and the Wollgast-Simms Family with a wildlife session. During the wildlife session, students and guests were welcomed by Hoot the Owl and Smokey

Bear.

Stephanie Norris, social worker for the Grundy County Special Education Cooperative, was one of the speakers. During her presentation to parents, she spoke about organizational skills and ways to support children's learning experiences with home-to-school connections. Former White Sox player Kelly Dransfeldt, currently with the Grundy County Bank, spoke with students and parents about how important an education is. He spoke about the importance of parental support and goal-setting. Dransfeldt's speech also addressed the need to work as a team, no matter what the situation.

Students and guests were treated to hot dogs, chips and beverages served by parents of the staff and SWGS board member Katy Wepprecht. Dinner was prepared by Mrs. Heiman. Cookies served during the raffle were provided courtesy of Mrs. Christensen and her family.

Approximately 50 percent of the SWGS student body attended the event. In all, an estimated 150-plus people were served, as students brought siblings, parents and grandparents for the night's activities. There were even a few great-grandmas! Also in attendance were some of the staff's families who attend other districts.

Raffle items were donated by administration, staff and community members. Charlotte Finn, former bookkeeper for SWGS, donated a Lions throw that she embroidered. It was the sought-after item of the night. Businesses donating items were Corleone's and Shugies of Morris.

Katie Olson and Anne Simms were the organizers for this experience. All who contributed to the event in any way are appreciated.



FAMILY READING NIGHT was held February 25 at South Wilmington Grade School. ABOVE, students and family members brush up on U.S. geography. BELOW, members of the school community work on craft projects.



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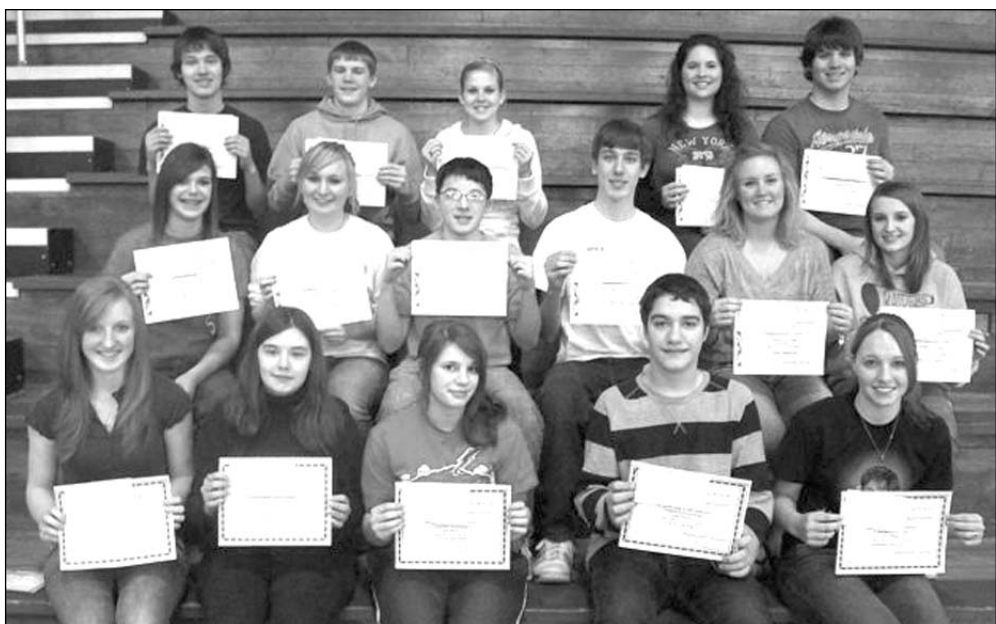
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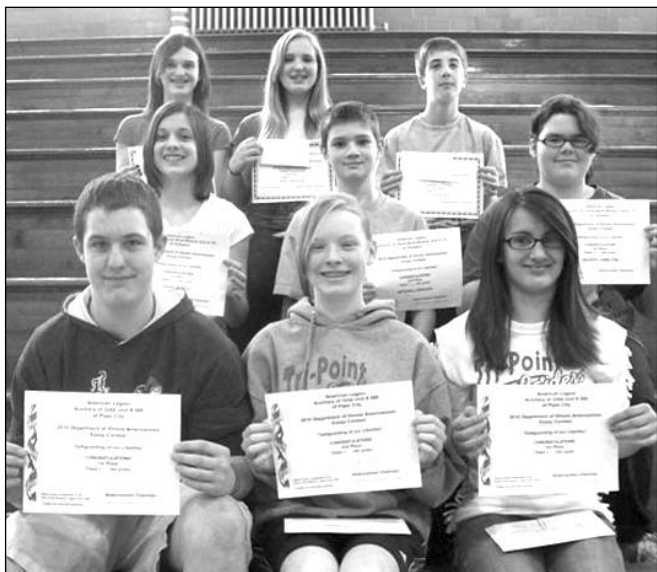
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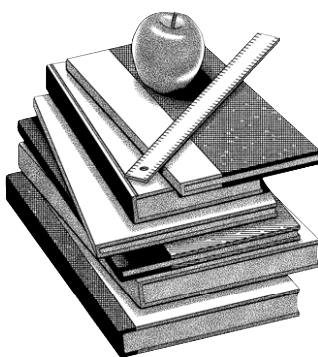


"SAFEGUARDING OF OUR LIBERTIES" was the topic of the American Legion Post/Auxiliary/Sons of the American Legion Department of Illinois 2010 Essay Contest, and winners from Tri-Point High School have been announced. They are, left to right, front row: Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom Class II (grade 9/10) winners Kenzie Krause, first; Scarlet Winters, second; and Bonnie Brewer, third; Class III (grade 11/12) winners Zach Ehlers, second; and Sabrina Wallrich, third (Kaitlin Krause, first, was not present); middle row: Olson Bute Malone Unit #737 of Kempton Class II winners Amy Loschen, first; Krystal Brown, second; and Zach Watts, third; Class III winners Drew Wilkerson, first; Hope Webster, second; and Jessica Creek, third; back row: Gibb Post/Auxiliary #588 of Piper City Class II winners Josh Davis, first; Matt Mogged, second; and Taylor Roach, third; Class III winners Katie Kurtenbach, second; and Jake Thompson, third (Shawn Kinkade, first, was not present). Judges (not pictured) were Marge Kross and Pat Johnson for Cullom #122; Gordon and Pat Essington, Donna Hasset and Valerie Wright for Kempton #737; and Margaret Boma, Joanne Sommers and Pam Bork for Piper City #588.



THE AMERICAN LEGION Post/Auxiliary/Sons of the American Legion Department of Illinois 2010 Essay Contest, "Safeguarding of our Liberties," winners have been announced for the Tri-Point Junior High School eighth grade class. Left to right are, front row: Gibb Post/Auxiliary #588 of Piper City winners Ty Zanardelli, first; Emmalie Davidson, second; and Faith Martinez, third; middle row: Olson Bute Malone Unit #737 of Kempton winners Dayna Moritz, first; Mitchell English, second; and Celeste Hamilton, third; back row: Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom winners Brooke Haag, first; Bre Ann Watenpugh, second; Zach Taylor, third.

2010 Essay Contest Winners



Tri-Point Superintendent's News

by Steve Fink
Tri-Point Superintendent
First, the statement shown below was read by school board president Ted Conkling at the Monday, March 8 school board meeting that was held in Piper City.

"The Tri-Point School Board is aware of and sensitive to the current poor financial condition of the state of Illinois. The school district's response to this situation will be affected by the information contained in the state budget address that will be delivered by Governor Pat Quinn on Wednesday, March 10. If any action is necessary by the school board, it will be taken at a future school board meeting.

"Please know that the Tri-Point School Board has managed the school district in a fiscally responsible manner and will continue to do so in the future. The school district budget for the current school year is on track for revenue and expenses. Thanks to the sound financial management practices of the Tri-Point School Board, the expectation is that the Tri-Point School District will be fiscally sound for years to come.

"The school board members and school district administrators will continue to monitor this situation as more information becomes available from the state capitol."

Second, the health/life safety projects the school district is required to complete are moving forward. Currently, the electrical services in the Cullom and Kempton schools are being updated. The installation of the new electrical services should be completed by the end of March. This summer, three projects will be addressed at the Piper City school site. The building improvements to be completed are repairing the exterior drainage system, the installation of a new gym floor and updating the electrical service in the building. Bids for the work at the Piper City building will be let in April or May.

Third, congratulations to the

FFA livestock judges. Trey Fecke, Lacey King, Amy Loschen, Tyler Loschen and Kaleb Nelson recently competed in the Illinois Beef Expo and did very well. The team was first in swine, second in beef and second overall. Individual award winners were: Amy Loschen, seventh in swine; Tyler Loschen, first in beef, second in swine and High Individual overall; and Kaleb Nelson, ninth in swine.

Fourth, the upper elementary/junior high school hosted the 2010 math and science Olympics on Wednesday, March 17 in Piper City. Some of the events are the leaning tower contest, the catapult relay, a math bowl and a science bowl. The competitions take place throughout the school day and concluded with an awards ceremony prior to the end of the school day.

Fifth, the upper elementary/junior high school has some old plaques and trophies that are being offered to members of the public. Many of the plaques and trophies are track awards from 1994-2000. If you are interested in obtaining one

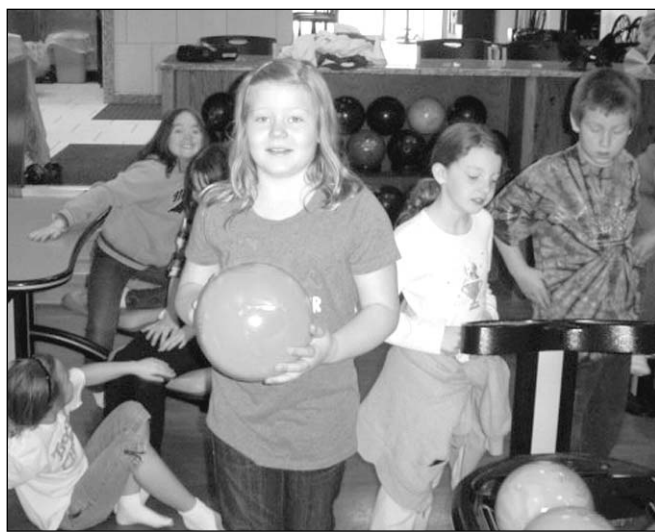
or more of the plaques or trophies, please contact the Piper City school office at 815-686-2247, ext. 201.

Sixth, please note that the school board meeting for April 2010 will be held at the community center in Stelle. The meeting date and time are Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. The school board has been holding its meetings in satellite locations over the last three months in order to be more accessible to school district residents.

Seventh, spring parent/teacher conferences were held on Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March 19.

Eighth, here are some upcoming dates of importance for the school district:

- Thursday, April 1 – 2:10 p.m. dismissal
- Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5 – No school, Easter break
- Tuesday, April 6 – School resumes
- Monday, April 12 – School board meeting, Stelle Community Center, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 13 – 2:10 p.m. dismissal, School Improvement Meetings.



A PBIS BOWLING PARTY was held at Victory Lanes, Dwight, for Dwight Grade School kindergarten through eighth grade students following their success in the school's behavior program. Above, Macey Rodosky bowls with fellow fourth graders.

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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.

Apr. 2: Good Friday; noon,
Ecumenical Service at St. Pat's; 7
p.m., Good Friday Service at DUMC.
Apr. 4: Easter Sunday; 6:30 a.m.,
Sunrise Service with Children's
Choir; 7:30 a.m., Sunrise Service
Breakfast; 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.

Apr. 6: 8:30 a.m., Bible Study,
Karla B.; 9 a.m., Bible Study, Jean V.
Apr. 7: 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.,
Midwest Distribution Center; 4:45
p.m., Confirmation.
Apr. 8: 9 a.m., UMW; 1-3 p.m.,
Set Up Kids' Club; 3-4:30 p.m.,
Kids' Club; 6:30 p.m., Finance.

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Mar. 31-Apr. 1: 8:30 a.m., Pre-
school.

Mar. 31: NO Weekday School,
Bells or Choir.
Apr. 1: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday
Worship with Communion.

Apr. 2: 7 p.m., Good Friday
Worship.
Apr. 3: 5 p.m., Easter Vigil
Service with Communion.

Apr. 4: 6:30 a.m., Easter Worship
with Communion; Easter Breakfast;
9:15 a.m., Easter Worship with
Communion (no 10 a.m. coffee
time).

Apr. 5: Preschool break this
week.

Apr. 6: 6:30 p.m., Adult
Instruction.

Apr. 7: No weekday school, bells
or choir.
Apr. 8: 6:30 p.m., Stewardship
Mtg., Evangelism Mtg.; 7 p.m.,
Council Mtg.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
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Rev. James Ruckey, Pastor
584-3522, Rectory

Apr. 1: Holy Thursday; 6:30
p.m., Mass of Lord's Supper.
Apr. 2: Good Friday; 12:10 p.m.,
Ecumenical Service; 6:30 p.m., Good
Friday Service.
Apr. 3: Holy Saturday; 7:30 p.m.,
Vigil and Mass of Easter.
Apr. 4: Easter Sunday; 8 a.m. and
10:30 a.m. Masses.

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March Mission:

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April Mission: CUE Seminars
Mar. 31: 7 and 9 a.m., Women's
Ecumenical Breakfast at Methodist
Church.

Apr. 1: 6 p.m., Seder Service at
the United Church of Odell
Apr. 2: 12:10 p.m., Ecumenical
Service at St. Patrick's; 7 p.m.,
Tenebrae Service at First Congrega-
tional UCC.

Apr. 4: 6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service
at United Church of Odell; 7:15 a.m.,
Easter Breakfast at United Church of
Odell; 8:45 a.m., Worship at United
Church of Odell (Communion);
10:15 a.m., Easter Worship with
Communion at First Congregational
UCC.

April 7: Noon-1 p.m., Soup with
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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; 4:30 p.m., Bell
Choir; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Con-firm.;
Apr. 1: Maundy Thursday, 7
p.m., Holy Communion Worship.

Apr. 2: Good Friday, Noon, Good
Friday Community Service at St.
Patrick; 7 p.m., Worship Service; 8
p.m., Lock-in for 9th Grade-Post-
High; 8 p.m.-Midnight, Prayer Vigil.
Apr. 3: Midnight-8 a.m., Prayer
Vigil.

Apr. 4: Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m.,
Sonrise Service with Holy
Communion (9th Graders-Post-
High); 7:30 a.m., SPYs Serve
Breakfast-Everyone Welcome; 8:15
a.m., Worship with Holy
Communion (Confirmation
Students); 9:15 a.m., Sunday School;
10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy
Communion.

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Mar. 31: 10 a.m., Women of
Focus Bible Study; 6:30 p.m., Impact
Girls Club, No Royal Rangers until
further notice; 7 p.m., Worship
Practice.

Apr. 1: 6:30 p.m., X-treme
Youth, Women of Focus Bible Study.
Apr. 2: 9 a.m., Church Work Day.
Apr. 4: 9 a.m., Sunday School for
all ages; 10 a.m., Church Service,
Pre-K Church (age 3-5), Kids
Church; 6 p.m., No Sunday Night
Prayer Group.
Apr. 5: 5:30 p.m., First Place.
Apr. 6: 6 p.m., Truthseekers
Bible Study.

St. John's Lutheran Church
511 W. Jackson, Cullom
Rev. Rudy Foote, Pastor
689-2120, church
stjohns@frontiernet.net
Mar. 31: 9:15-9:30 a.m., Prayer
Service.

Apr. 1: 9 a.m., MN and Sarah
Bible Study meet together; 7 p.m.,
Maundy Thursday Worship/HC; 1st
Commun. Class.
Apr. 2: Good Friday, 7 p.m.,
Tenebrae Worship.

Apr. 3: No Worship Service; 5
p.m., Church open for prayer.

Apr. 4: Easter Sunday, No
Confirmation, No Sunday School;
6:30 a.m., Sunrise/HC Breakfast fol-
lows/Sarah Group; 8:45 a.m., Special
Music; 9 a.m., Easter Worship with
HC.

Apr. 5: 8:30-11:30 a.m.,
Friendship Day.

Apr. 6: 1:15 p.m., Leave for
Prainview Day.
Apr. 7: 9:15-9:30 a.m., Prayer
Service.

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Mar. 31: 4 p.m., Choir Practice; 6
p.m., Soup and Bread Lenten Study;
7 p.m., Session Meeting.
Apr. 1: 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday
Dinner; 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday
Service.

Apr. 2: 10 a.m., Walk with Cross
starts at South Wilmington United
Methodist Church and proceeds to
United Lutheran; 11 a.m.,
Ecumenical Good Friday Service at
United Lutheran Church.

Apr. 4: 7 a.m., Sunrise Service;
7:30 a.m., Easter Breakfast; 9:30
a.m., Easter Worship Service.

Apr. 7: 8:30 a.m., Pastor's
Lectionary Group Meeting; 4 p.m.,
Choir Practice.

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Apr. 4: 9:45 a.m., Sunday
School; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning
Service; 6 p.m., Sunday Evening
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Apr. 7: 7 p.m., Wednesday
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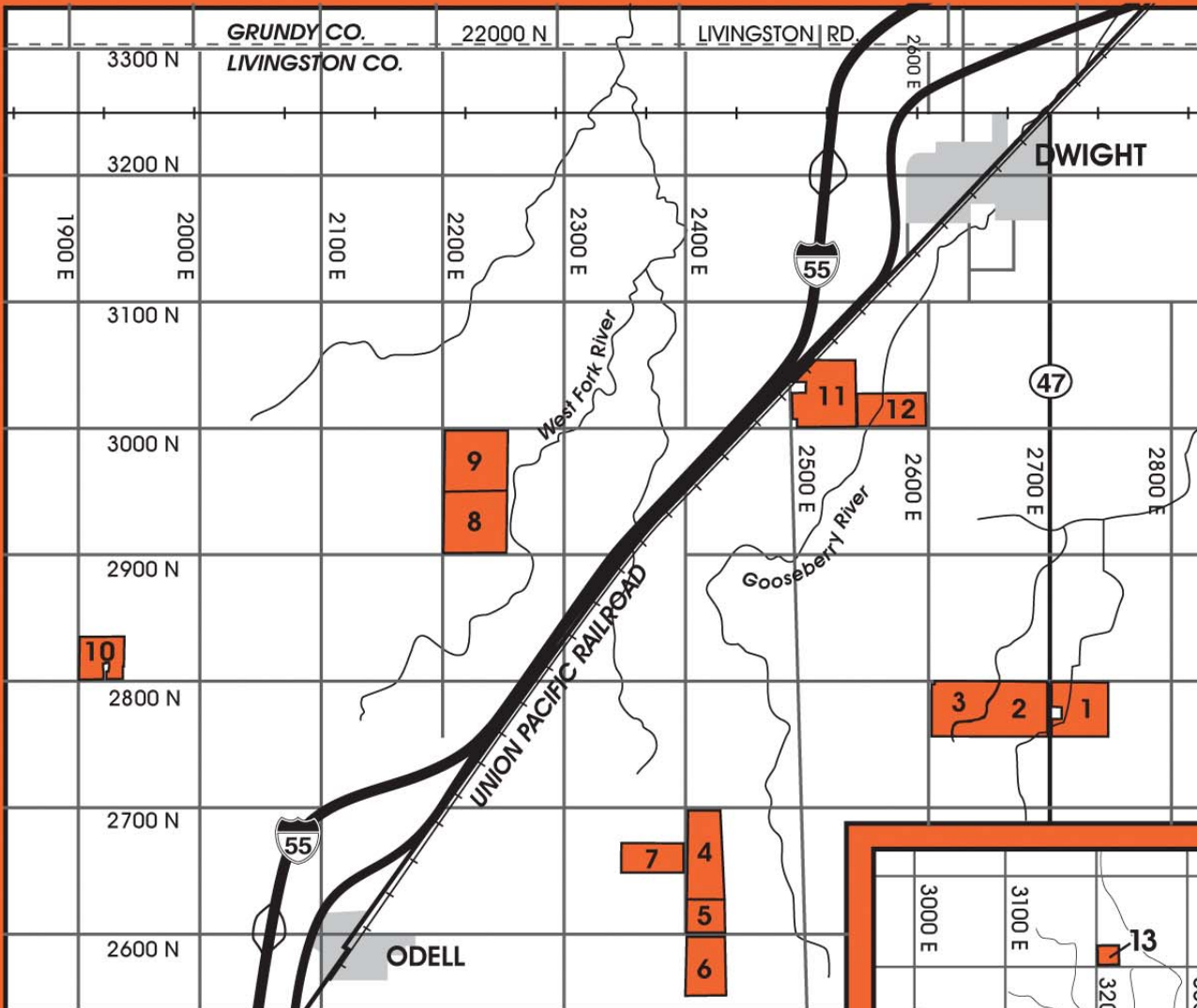
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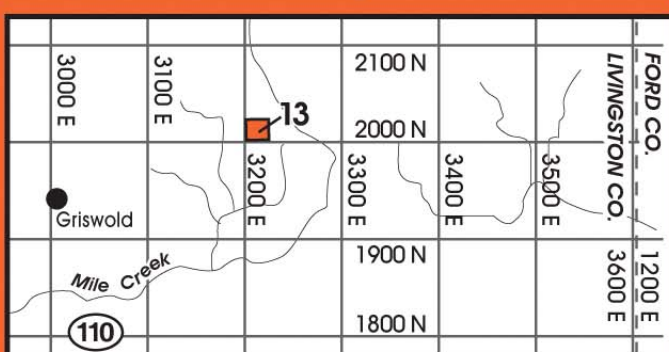
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HELEN SPAFFORD, left, and Jan Dietz, center, both of Saunemin, wait as a Treasure Hunters Roadshow buyer finds out what their jewelry box and other items are worth. The roadshow was held at the Dwight VFW Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27, and brought in 120 people.

2010 Census Forms to be Returned by April 1

All 2010 U.S. Census forms are to be mailed by tomorrow, April 1.

Each of the 10 questions on the census form are mandatory and required by law, so please answer all of them. If you don't mail back your completed form in a timely manner, a census taker will come to your door to record your answers to the questions on the form. All census takers carry a badge with a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. Some census workers might carry a U.S. Census Bureau bag as well. The census taker will provide you with supervisor contact information and/or the local census office phone number for verification, if asked.

Your response is important. Results from the 2010 Census will be used to help the community get its fair share of government funds for highways, schools, health facilities and many other programs you and your neighbors need. Without a complete and accurate census, the community may not receive its fair share of funding.

All households received a short census form with only 10 questions per person.

Nobody received a long form, as in 2000. The 2010 Census consists of the short form only.

There has been some recent confusion because, in addition to the 2010 Census, the American Community Survey (ACS) is being administered. The information that was previously collected by the "long form" is now collected by the American Community Survey, which is an ongoing monthly survey sent out to a selected number of households. By collecting the information from a selected sample of U.S. households monthly, statistics can be updated more often than every 10 years. It is possible that some households will receive both the 2010 Census Form (10 questions) and the American Community Survey. If you receive both you should complete both, but to be counted in the 2010 Census you must complete the 2010 Census form (10-question form).

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution to occur every 10 years. For more information go to <http://2010.census.gov>

Information Provides Key to Dwight Grade School Tax Referendum Support

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dent Dale Adam. "That is the bottom line to this."

Receiving support for a tax referendum will require answering questions and concerns to provide the public a clear understanding of how taxes are levied and how the school district builds and manages its budget – a budget which realizes about 47 percent of Education Fund monies from local property taxes.

One of those questions being raised is around the need for two principals at the school. Currently, DGS has an elementary principal and a junior high principal structure in an effort to meet the needs of the district and adhere to various government mandated requirements.

"Prove to us as a community that this is necessary," asked one concerned taxpayer.

Another area that will be addressed is providing a public understanding of the differences between the financially stable Dwight High School District and the Grade School District. Explaining the separate districts funding differences, state mandates, and various restrictions will be a communication focus.

"Unfortunately, they [the high school] can't bail us out," explained Christoff.

Knowledge of potential wind farm revenues and how those could impact the district's and taxpayer's future is another area that the board plans to address.

"We have to look at a lot of things," explained board member Steve Tock. "If it ends up that all of these wind turbines get put in over the next five years as they are projected right now, we may be able to reduce our overall tax rate and pay for everything we have right now and plus. Then, your tax rate is going down."

However, one thing Tock pointed out is that as the wind turbines come on board and the school's assessed valuation goes up, State aid the school receives goes down. Not knowing how all of this will balance out in the end and what the district will actually need from the taxpayers will take time to be determined.

"Some of this is going to be taking this on faith, because, if this and this and this happens, here is what we can do," said Tock.

These and other topics were captured at this first session and will be a focus of communication in the coming months. The board plans to continue these budget reduction meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the DGS cafeteria. All members of the community are strongly encouraged to attend.

Board member Bret Heinrich offered a closing thought.

"If you pull back and look at Dwight from 40,000 feet there's a big picture that we all need to keep in mind as our case for support...it's the passion of which we speak about the education of our kids...proving to people that their tax dollars are well spent...this is our case for support - that we provide an amazing education for our kids," said Heinrich. "We need a clear and consistent message and, that is, that your tax dollars are well spent in this building."

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