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News in Brief

Mid-Lenten Service Tonight

A Mid-Lenten Service will be held tonight, Wednesday, March 26, in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 200 W. Delaware Street, Dwight, at 7 o'clock.

Pastor Lance Leeds of the Dwight United Methodist Church will give the message.

Refreshment and fellowship time will follow the service.

All are invited.

Community Chord Chorale to Present Easter Cantata

Community Chord Chorale, under the direction of Diana Eggenberger, will present an Easter Cantata, "The Day He Wore My Crown".

This group is made up of several people from surrounding towns. Their presentation will be Saturday, April 12, in Pontiac at the Evenglow Lodge at 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 13, in Saunemin at the United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Talent Show at DTHS April 7

The DTHS Talent Show is set for Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. It will include jump ropers, lip-syncers, singers, dancers, jugglers and even teacher acts. All proceeds will go toward Project Graduation for the Class of 2014.

South Wilmington All Town Garage Sale April 12

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, the South Wilmington All Town Garage Sale will kick off at the South Wilmington United Methodist Church, along with a bake sale.

The lunch menu includes: barbeque, hotdogs, chips, dessert, lemonade and coffee.

Maps are available at the church. For more information, call Linda at 815-237-8094.

Emington's 3rd of July Event Returns

After taking six years off, The Emington Community Association is excited to be hosting the "Emington 3rd of July" event again. The committee of volunteers has been working non-stop since November to plan this day-long event. On March 30, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., the committee will be having a chicken and spaghetti dinner with a silent auction at the Road Runner Restaurant to raise money for the celebration.

The 3rd of July's theme this year will be "Emington Past, Present and Future." Activities will begin with kiddie tractor pulls, kid's

games, adult bags tournament, a tractor show, a car show, the parade, bingo, raffle, 50/50 raffle and fireworks. Starting at 9:00 p.m., a band from Chicago, "Hey Jimmy," will play. Their music includes 50's to today's dance, pop, rock and R&B. The Boy Scouts will be serving hot dogs, and the Road Runner Restaurant will be serving food as well, along with a beer tent.

Visit the Emington 3rd of July Facebook page for updates on the chicken and spaghetti dinner, silent auction, and other activities, and look for parade entry forms.

Dwight Schools Approve 2014 - 15 Calendar

by Madelyn Fogarty

Dwight Public Schools have approved the 2014 -15 School Calendar. The calendar will reflect options next year to utilize certain school holidays as emergency (snow) days if necessary.

The 2014 - 15 Dwight School Calendar calls for the first day of student attendance to be August 21, 2014 with an early p.m. dismissal. All school days from August 21 - 29 will have an early p.m. dismissal to accommodate anticipated hot weather.

Highlights from the calendar include Winter Break from December 22, 2014 - January 2, 2015 with students returning to school on January 5. Spring Break has been designated as April 6 - 10, 2015. Dwight Grade

School's Eighth Grade graduation will be May 21, 2015 with Dwight High School graduation set for May 22, 2015. May 28, 2015 is the planned last day of student attendance with an early p.m. dismissal.

Snow day options will be as follows - January 19, 2015 (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day) is a school holiday, however, a snow day(s) prior to this day will mean the loss of this holiday. Same for February 16 (President's Day) and March 2, 2015 (Casmir Pulaski Day) - snow day(s) used prior to these dates will mean the loss of these holidays. Additional emergency days will be June 1 - June 5, 2015 as needed.

Primary Election results for Sheriff; Board Races

Results are in for the March 18 Primary Election. For sheriff, the results are as follows: Livingston County, Republican Tony Childress won with 47 % of the votes.

As of now there is no Democratic candidate for Tony Childress to face in the general election. Tim Bukowski won for (continued on page 14)



SPRING BALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY. Dwight Township High School's Molly Rodosky took the mound Friday against Pontiac. The JV Lady Trojans came away with a victory in the 5th inning, winning by the 10 run rule. photo by Shayla Loring Photography



MIKE AND JUDY BRADFIELD, of Batavia, went to Herscher last week to donate a bottle from Cardiff to the Herscher Museum.

Cardiff, a now-gone coal mining town east of Dwight, was a big town a hundred years ago. It had two banks, two grain elevators, a semi-pro baseball team, and even a soft drink bottling plant. The museum is open the first Sunday afternoon of the month and every Friday morning.



Dwight Sales Tax Referendum Fails

A referendum aimed at infrastructure improvements failed when voters from the Village of Dwight cast their ballots in the March 18 Primary Election.

With overwhelming opposition, Dwight residents turned down the referendum intended to add revenue for infrastructure improvements - initially focusing on street upgrades and repairs. Election results show 563 votes were cast opposing the referendum while just 279 voters were in favor.

"I am extremely disappointed that the referendum didn't pass," Mayor Jared Anderson told *The Paper*. "It was an opportunity to gain additional revenue from

people just passing through the village with an estimated 50 percent of sales tax revenue through transients. Now, we will have to, unfortunately, depend entirely on the Dwight community."

The referendum asked for a 1/2 cent sales tax increase on certain sales, however items such as groceries, prescriptions, over the counter medicines, vehicles, service operations such as barber and beauty shops, video rental, attorneys, accountants, were excluded items and are not charged sales tax in Illinois. It was anticipated \$300,000 could have been generated annually by this increase in Dwight's sales tax.

"Passage of the sales tax

referendum and the additional funds it would bring into the Village would be a start to help in getting the Village streets back in shape," stated Dwight Village Administrator Kevin McNamara prior to the election.

Village officials will be looking at other means to increase revenue.

"Our next move will be to raise property taxes," said Anderson. "We have not raised property taxes in the village in five years, but that will be our next option."

Only Village of Dwight residents were able to vote on the referendum. Voter turnout in Livingston County for the 2014 primary was 36.67 percent.



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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Mar. 14, 2014: Joseph M. Faris, 28, Dwight, no valid driver's license; David L. Ponto, 47, Kankakee, speeding (radar) 75/55; Joseph C. Collins, 29, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar) 75/55.

Mar. 16: Theresa M. Krob, 51, Wheaton, speeding (radar) 70/45; Brenda Garrett, 54, Bloomington, speeding (radar) 72/55; Sarah D. Akins, 29, Dwight, battery.

Mar. 17: Theodore J. Wibben, 40, Mesa, Arizona, speeding (radar) 55/40.

Mar. 19: Kenneth M. Smith, 48, Dwight, in-state warrant.

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

1 Warning Issued by Dwight Police
Speeding (radar), 1.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Mar. 13, 2014: 7:30 p.m., 3200N, medical, St. Mary's, Streator.

Mar. 14: 12:33 p.m., Franklin, medical, no transport; 8:28 p.m., Main, medical, MCH.

Mar. 15: 11:21 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; 3:06 p.m., Union, medical, refusal; 7:09 p.m., Mazon, fire alarm.

Mar. 16: 8:30 a.m., Aldi Dr., medical, refusal; 6:16 p.m., 55, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner; 8:43 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

Mar. 17: 8:49 p.m., Philmar, medical, OSF; Morris, medical, MCH.

Mar. 18: Mazon, medical, no transport; 12:05 p.m., Prairie, medical, Morris; 7:30 p.m., Coal City, change of quarters, mutual aid to Coal City; 11:50 p.m., Chippewa, medical, Morris.

Mar. 19: 12:46 a.m., Mazon, medical, mutual aid from Gardner; 1:08 p.m., Columbia, medical, refusal; 2:15 p.m., Northbrook, medical, St. James; 3:31 p.m., Scott, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 4:23 p.m., Northbrook, trauma, refusal; 11:21 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris.



Temps - 2014

Mar. 13 - high 38°, low 13°
Mar. 14 - high 54°, low 31°
Mar. 15 - high 44°, low 22°
trace snow
Mar. 16 - high 28°, low 16°
Mar. 17 - high 37°, low 16°
Mar. 18 - high 50°, low 29°
.65" precip.
Mar. 19 - high 45°, low 29°

One Year Ago - March 26, 2013
high 37°, low 30°



PACK 4877 TIGER DEN toured the Dwight Fire Department on March 18. The Scouts got to look through the fire trucks and learn about the tools used by the firemen.



DWIGHT'S FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT celebrated their annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner at the Country Mansion March 8. Above, Dwight Firefighter Chris Miller, left, receives the Steve "Boots" Riccolo Award from Justin Dyer.



Captain Paul Johnson, left, Chief's Award; Chief Darrin Shull, right.



Chief Darrin Shull, left - Firefighter of the Year.



Mitchell Nettleingham, left - Most Improved Firefighter

Thank You

We would like to thank all the businesses who took the time to donate to the Dwight Firemen's Appreciation Dinner this year.

Everyone was very happy with all the door prizes.

If you would like to donate next year, you can contact John Kolthoff at 815-584-0302.

Sincerely,
The Dwight Fire Protection District

Spaghetti & Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 30, 2014

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The class, which is designed for people who

provide healthcare to patients in a variety of hospital and non-hospital settings, is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., in the OSF Saint James first floor conference rooms one and two. A fee applies per person, and payment is required in advance of class. Registration is required by April 3 and can be made by going to www.osfsaintjames.org/calendar.



Free Food to be Distributed March 26

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, March 26, at 1 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin, Dwight.

The pantry is provided by the Dwight Ministerial Association and Dwight Township.

Gardner Fire Protection District Weekly Calls

Monday, Mar. 17, 2014: Medical, W. Main St.

Tues., Mar. 18: Medical, W. Jefferson; medical, N. Monroe.

Wed., Mar. 19: Medical, mutual aid to Dwight EMS, E. Mazon; medical, mutual aid to Dwight EMS, Scott Drive.

Fri., Mar. 21: Medical, mutual aid to Dwight EMS, Scott Drive.

Sat., Mar. 22: MVA, mutual aid to Dwight Fire, I-55.

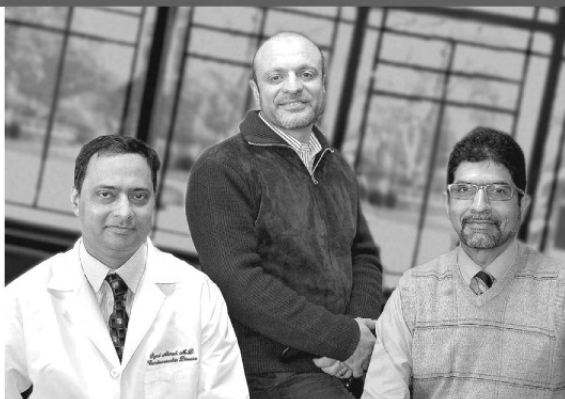
Sun., Mar. 23: MVC, mutual aid to South Wilmington, E. Stonewall Road; medical, N. Elm.

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Sales Tax Reports Disappoint

by Tom Tock

The failure of last week's attempt by Dwight to increase its sales tax rate by one-half percent becomes even more relevant when underlined by the recent Illinois Department of Revenue reports showing 4th Quarter 2013 and Full Year 2013 Sales Tax receipts for Dwight.

Last year Dwight posted its lowest annual sales tax collections in twenty years — \$632,385. (In 1994, Dwight had total sales tax receipts of \$609,879.)

The total annual sales tax collected by the Village of Dwight in 2012 was \$681,229.

4th Quarter —

The 4th Quarter 2013 sales tax collected in Dwight was also disappointing — \$157,520 (\$113,266 from the Livingston Co. part of Dwight, and \$44,254 from the Grundy Co. part.)

The \$157,520 was not only lower than the amount collected in the 4th Quarter of 2012 (\$164,533), but the lowest collected in any 4th Quarter for Dwight since 1999, the last year for which 4th Quarter records are shown by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Grundy County provided

Dwight with 28% of its sales tax revenue in the 4th Quarter; for the full year of 2013 the Grundy County area furnished 29.8% of Dwight's sales tax.

A number of problems were at work decreasing Dwight's sales tax revenue in 2013: the closing of the Dwight Correctional Center obviously presented negative economic factors, and additional difficulties were presented by the terribly wintry weather.

Whatever the reasons, the sales tax figures, coupled with the failure of the half-cent increase, are disappointing to village officials intent on trying to catch up with Dwight's aging infrastructure needs, such as the repair of roads, water lines, etc.

Dwight continues to be a mecca for Drinking & Eating Places, a category that provides a considerable portion of Dwight's sales tax revenue. \$80,321 was collected in that business category last year, rather evenly distributed between the Livingston County (\$40,840) and Grundy County (\$39,481) portions of Dwight.

The annual sales tax report showed that *Automotive & Filling Stations* earned Dwight \$184,725 in sales tax for 2013 (\$177,907

in 2012). Those figures are for Livingston County only, the Department of Revenue does not report figures for that category in the Grundy Co. part of Dwight.

Fairbury, which surpassed Dwight with sales tax revenue in the second quarters of 2012 and 2013, topped Dwight again not only in the 4th quarter of 2013, but for the entire year.

Fourth quarter sales tax results, 2012 and 2013, for Dwight and other Livingston and Grundy County communities, are shown below:

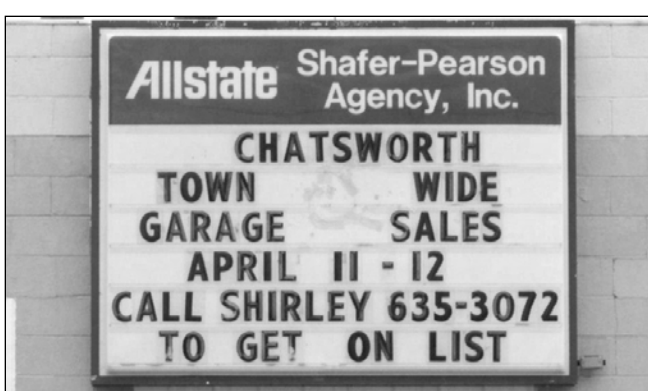
4th Qtr.	2012	2013
Dwight	164,553	157,520
Fairbury	148,701	174,938
Pontiac	571,913	562,232
Odell	10,942	10,414
Saunemin	6,588	9,035
Gardner	60,373	98,721
Mazon	56,216	52,333
Morris	1,505,501	1,254,677

Total sales tax revenues for the year 2013 for Dwight and other Livingston and Grundy County communities are shown below:

Full Year	2012	2013
Dwight	681,229	632,385
Fairbury	639,365	686,119
Pontiac	2,309,844	2,282,841
Odell	48,874	43,689
Saunemin	28,758	32,233
Gardner	247,039	287,832
Mazon	224,250	226,790
Morris	5,248,292	4,985,793

CHATSWORTH CORNER

by Mare Reardanz



The new Chatsworth Township Library is progressing in leaps and bounds. Construction has resumed after a cold and snowy winter. It is great to see the movement around the new building. Water and sewer access have been approved and will begin as scheduled. The pancake and sausage breakfasts at the Knights of Columbus hall just outside of town continue to generate income for the Library fund, as do various other fund-raisers.

Speaking of Spring, the New Life Electronics Recycling Company will hold a town wide recycling day on Saturday, April 19th, from 8 am until 3 pm. Proceeds will benefit the new library. This is a great way to clean out all those old unwanted or outdated electronics. There is a wide variety of items to be accepted, including computers, monitors, satellite receivers, microwave ovens and television sets. Worried about your personal data? No worries! All data will be wiped from hard drives according to the Illinois EPA guidelines with the data destruction program that meets the Department of Defense Standards.

In other news, mark your calendars for the Chatsworth

town wide garage sales April 11 and 12th. The WCC Women's Club is hosting the annual garage sale days. There will be maps with lists of garage sales available at Casey's General Store and the Corner hardware store in Chatsworth on Friday. Sales run from 8 am until 5 pm on Friday and 8 am until noon on Saturday. All participants are urged to reply to Shirley Runyon by April 9 to pay their \$10 fee and collect their garage sale packet and maps. The Women's Club uses their funds to help the community by maintaining the Mini Park and various other community tasks. Come one, come all, you never know what treasures you will find.

Eileen Weller's 95th Birthday

Our own Eileen Weller celebrated her 95th birthday on Sunday March 23rd at the Walter Clemons American Legion Post 613 in Chatsworth. She, with over 100 of her closest friends and family, enjoyed a beautiful buffet in a surprise event. Eileen has been a lifetime resident of Chatsworth and has served the town in so many ways. She is fondly remembered as one of the favorite teachers starting in one room school houses at Reiger School and

Cavanaugh Schools and then the many years at Chatsworth Grade School and Librarian at the Chatsworth High School.

Eileen married Karl in Battle Creek, Michigan and bought the house she still resides in in Chatsworth in 1946. Karl was the Postmaster in Chats for 34 years. Together they had two sons, Jerry and Terry. Terry passed away in 1987. Jerry (the Orner) still lives on the old Brady Farm just outside of town. There are so many wonderful stories remembered by everyone about her. There is the one from John Weller, her nephew, about vacationing in Hawaii a few years ago and attending the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It seems that she and John's Aunt Margaret (who was 90 years old at that time) ditched the kids and found their own way of enjoying the festivities!

Eileen is a friend to everyone and will long be remembered for her willingness to help out wherever she could. Here's to you, Eileen, may you have another happy healthy 95 years and show us all how to enjoy whatever life throws our way! We love you!



Odell EMS propositions passed; what's the next step?

by Lauren Lindley

In the recent election, there were two propositions in Odell to levy a new tax which would allow Odell to provide their community with an ambulance service. Both propositions passed, now what is the next step?

The Fire Protection District will need to have their attorney look into what needs to be taken care of legally. They will be contacting the county and finding out when the funds will be available, which should be in about a year and a half to two years. The ambulance company contract they have currently will need to

be looked into in order to find out whether or not they can continue, or if they will need to contract a new company. Also, the ambulances will need to be staffed.

Recently, the state has changed the law to allow more leniency with the number of qualified people required on an ambulance. Usually, there is a need for two EMTs and two First Responders. If a rural town has a population under 10,000 though, and they obtain the necessary waiver, they will only be required to have one EMT and one First Responder. This will allow the Odell EMS to build their

team more quickly, and efficiently, as they have first responders ready now. Another class will be starting soon, which takes 56 hours to complete. The process of preparing the appropriate staff will be slow, but thanks to the propositions passing, it will certainly be possible.

Overall though, the Board of Trustees, who haven't had a chance to meet since the proposition passed, plays a pivotal role in deciding what comes first, and whether there are any additional steps that need to be taken. "We appreciate all the community support, it passed 3 to 1 and we are very pleased with that. This is a big plus for the citizens in our community, and is going to help a lot," said Brian Mills, Odell EMS Coordinator. Odell EMS is eager to get the ball rolling, and more updates will continue to come throughout the process.

Iroquois County Law Enforcement Association 2014 Kicks Off

Get your ammo loaded and get ready to help. The ICLEA Spring Tune Up shoot will be a benefit for Relay For Life.

Many know someone who has fought the battle, some have lost while some have won and some are still fighting that tough battle.

Make a difference and "Shoot For A Cure" on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the range located at the Iroquois County fairgrounds, two miles north of Crescent City. Note that 48 Round Combat match, eye and ear protection is required for all.

Southeastern Grundy Medical Facilities Assn. Meeting April 14

The Southeastern Grundy Medical Facilities Association will hold their 2014 Annual Meeting on Monday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Medical Center, 409 N. Route 53 in Gardner.

The annual Treasurer's Report, minutes, and old and new business will be reviewed, acted on, and approved as determined by the board.

MMWC Ham & Turkey Buffet

The Mazon Methodist Women's Circle will be holding their Annual Ham & Turkey Buffet on Saturday, April 12th, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at the Mazon United Methodist Church, 509 7th St., Mazon.

There is a fee per person (\$1 off ticket price if you bring a canned food item for the MVK Food Pantry), a fee for children 5 -12, and children under 5 eat for free. Take-home boxes will be available as well.

March Smart Choice Distribution Day March 29

Smart Choice Foods' March distribution day is Saturday, March 29, from 11:00-11:30 a.m. at New Life Assembly of God, 903 S. Old Route 66.

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Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens of Gardner Meet

On March 14, the Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens of Gardner met for their regular monthly meeting at the Gardner Restaurant, with 11 members and one guest, Cheryl Sorensen, present.

The club didn't have meetings in January and February due to inclement weather and other conflicts. All were showing signs of cabin fever because of the unusual winter weather.

The luncheon was ordered and Kim served. Ida Schopp said grace.

The business meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag, all who were able stood.

Birthdays for January, February and March were:

- January 8 - Evelyn
- February 5 - Leah
- February 19 - Jerry
- March 8 - Jane
- March 16 - Irene
- March 20 - Laverne

"Happy Birthday" was sung for all. There was a birthday card signed by all for Irene Huston, a resident of Heritage Health in Dwight.

The secretary's report was read and corrected. It was stated the club was the host on December 6, and the correction gave credit where it was due.

The Garfield Township were the honorees.

No correspondence was received.

The treasurer's report was given, approved as read, and ordered to be placed on file for audit.

Shut-ins and Honorary

members were talked about: Evelyn, Irene, June and Jane. There hasn't been Birthday Card Parties with the inclement weather and Chairman June Olson being sick. Mary Ann Cain has a key to the place the parties are held and she will organize until June is feeling better.

New business was next on the agenda. An election of officers was held. The state remained status quo with one exception: a Vice President was elected. Officers are:

- President Lorraine Hansen
- Vice President Margaret Fjelde
- Treasurer Waverly Needy
- Secretary Ida Schopp

During "Share Time," Lynn Winter gave several readings - namely, 1) The Wonder Years; 2) Believe; 3) Success. The group related to them all.

Several members reported seeing robins - a sure sign of Spring.

A suggestion was made to have an "Activity Time" at each meeting to spark some interest and really sharing.

Each member agreed to have a hobby or collection or an artifact to show and tell. A list will be given out at the next meeting. This time the group shared their pretty hankies with all different edgings and that spurred the idea.

The meeting was adjourned and a welcome to return to the next meeting on April 4.

All persons 55 years or older are welcome.

News from the Gardner Archives Committee

The Gardner Archives committee has recently been working in the museum in the Village Hall. They now have 18 catalogued scrapbooks with photos and articles on the fire department, the 1954 Centennial Celebration and the 125th birthday of the town, Gardner Days celebrations, The Senior Citizens Group, Lady Lioness Club, just to name a few. There is also a scrapbook on the Gazebo from start to finish.

Plans are being made to have the museum opened to the public for the Route 66 Red Carpet Tour on May 3 and 4. The jail and dining car will also be opened for viewing. The local Lions will be serving donuts, coffee, and root beer floats at the dining car.

The committee is still taking donations of photos, articles, and items for the museum. They ask that you put your name on the item and give the committee a brief description and year if possible.

Be in the Know... read *The Paper*



DIRECTOR'S AWARDS AT GAVC for the month of February were recently bestowed upon GSW students Bryanna DeMoraes, Jordyn Bell and Lauren Daniels. Bryanna received the award for Health Occupations; Jordyn received the award for Criminal Justice; and Lauren's award was in Computer Maintenance Technology.

Fossil Ridge Public Library Upcoming Events

Fossil Ridge Public Library, which is located at 386 W. Kennedy Road in Broadwood, will have the following events take place in April: Lapsit, 5:45 p.m. Monday and 11:00 a.m. Wednesday; Family Storytime, 4:45 p.m. Monday; Preschool Storytime, 5:45 p.m. Monday, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, and 11:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Smarty Pants, 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays; Tinkering Lab, Tuesdays 10:15 a.m. and 1st and 3rd Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Harry Potter Club, 3:45 p.m. on 4th Fridays; Read to a Therapy Dog, 4:30 Mondays; Senior Tax help, April 3 and 10 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.; L.I.H.E.A.P., April 3 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Jr. Friends of the Library Meeting, April 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Fourth Annual Teen Art Exhibit, April 4 and 5 during Library hours.

Friends of the Library Meeting, April 7 at 5:00 p.m.; Teen Book Club, April 7 4:00 p.m..

Denise Swanson Book Signing, April 9 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Young Yogis, April 12 and 19 11:00 a.m..

Scrapbooking Club, April 15 10:00 a.m.; Bingo, April 16 7:00 p.m.; Photo/Drawing Class, April 17 5:00 - 7:00 p.m..

Library Closed, April 18; Board of Trustees Meeting, April 21 7:00 p.m.; Crafting for Adults, April 23 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Teen Game Night, April 24 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Adult Book Club, April 28 6:30 p.m.; Container Gardening, April 30 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

For more information see the library's newsletter, go to www.fossilridge.org or call (815)458-2187.

4-H Enrollment Deadline Coming Up

4-H programs are instrumental in helping today's youth become healthy, productive citizens for tomorrow. While participating in hands-on learning experiences in a wide variety of subjects, youth gain life skills, including communication, leadership, citizenship, and decision-making. These learning experiences may be during a summer camp, an in-school program, a special event, or within the community club setting.

In fact, there's proof of 4-H's positive impact on youth. Youth development scholar Dr. Richard Lerner works with researchers at the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University to conduct the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. The longitudinal study has found that, when compared to other youth, young people involved in 4-H are:

- Nearly two times more likely to get better grades in school;
- Nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college;
- 41% less likely to engage in risky behaviors; and
- 25% more likely to positively contribute to their families and communities.

While the 4-H program has changed and expanded in many ways, the 4-H community club has provided the most dramatic impact on youth's lives. Youth have the opportunity to participate in

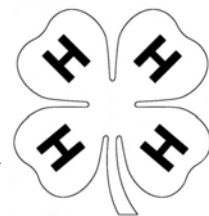
one of the 4-H community clubs located throughout the county, developing the skills they need to succeed both today and in the future. Besides the over 200 different projects that youth can enroll in, clubs plan field trips, community projects, and fun outings during the year.

Beyond the club level, 4-H members can take part in workshops related to project areas, participate in leadership conference, or attend 4-H Camp.

The 4-H year began on September 1; however, youth ages eight through 18 are invited to join 4-H at any time throughout the year. To be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H Show, new members must enroll by April 15. Current 4-H members may add or change their project selections until April 15.

For youth ages five to seven, the 4-H Cloverbud Program offers cooperative hands-on learning activities to help kids explore art, plants, animals, science, and the environment. Members also engage in group activities that promote personal development, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of citizenship.

For more information about becoming a 4-H member or volunteer, contact the University of Illinois Extension office in Livingston County at 815-842-1776. You can learn more about 4-H by visiting web.extension.illinois.edu/lmw or www.4-h.uiuc.edu.



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Tips from a Realtor: How to Get Your Home Sold

by Lauren Lindley

Potential buyers will form an opinion about whether or not they like your house within the first 8 seconds of walking through the door. In order to have a better chance of getting your home sold, you have to be prepared. Tami Ferguson, a realtor with Century 21-Coleman Hornsby in Morris and recipient of the Quality Service Pinnacle Producer award five years in a row, gives her tips on how to have the best chances at getting your home sold.

First is to de-clutter and de-personalize. Taking down family photos helps keep the focus on your home. When pictures are present, people will focus more on who's home they are in and whether or not they might know them. Distractions from the features of your home are always something to steer clear of.

"Fresh paint does wonders," says Tami, "It's inexpensive and it gives your home a fresh and clean look. Never underestimate what fresh paint can do." Also, if there are any issues, no matter how minor they may seem, make sure they are resolved before you show your home. People will find out about them, and ultimately, this can be a much bigger problem to leave than to fix. If the buyer makes a big enough deal about the issue, and if there isn't another buyer ready to offer more, this can sometimes result in a reduced selling price.

If there are any pets in your home, try to bring them with you if at all possible when your house is being shown. "Always make sure you let your agent know, no matter how small the pet. Sometimes exotic pets, such as snakes, make people uncomfortable. As you can imagine, if someone is uncomfortable, they will be more likely to find other reasons not to buy," Ferguson explains.

Finally, your kitchen and your bathroom are the rooms that will sell your home. "Don't get me wrong, they aren't going to add any value, but people will be most interested in them because that is what's going to stay in the house," she says. Overall, the main thing to remember is to always ask your agent, if you are unsure. There are many details sellers may overlook when the time comes because they seem trivial to them, but sometimes the smallest details are the things that can come between you and the sale of your home. Tami Ferguson can be reached at (815)-942-9190 or (815)-325-0550.



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DTHS Considers Stadium Lighting Project March Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Plans for another project are taking shape at Dwight Township High School as members of the District #230 Board of Education showed support for a proposed stadium lighting project.

The current lighting system at Dwight's Oughton Athletic Field was installed in 1977 at a cost of \$18,980. At that time, fixtures were installed on existing wood poles using an existing wiring system maintained at 20 foot candles. Currently, the outdated system is experiencing some major electrical problems with electrical issues somewhere underground - the lights presently function at a 15 candle reading. A foot candle equals the intensity of light in one square foot. A typical system today operates at a 40 foot candle reading. Aside from the current malfunctioning system, other reasons for replacement of the system are improved energy efficiency, improved lighting, visibility, and safety.

On hand at the March 19 board session to provide information and answer questions was David Miller of Iowa based Musco Sports Lighting. Musco, designer and manufacturer, partners with a local electrician on the project.

The proposed design includes four metal poles at

approximately 70 feet high with the electrical system completely redone and providing 40 to 50 foot candle light. The system would include safety lights behind each set of bleachers and have a keyed on/off switch.

In addition to new stadium lighting, plans to replace the field's scoreboard and goal posts are also being considered. NEVCO provided the best cost scoreboard options with discounts offered to include replacing scoreboards at the baseball and softball fields. The old style "H" goal posts would be replaced with a new gooseneck style with 20 foot uprights.

Cost estimates for the stadium lighting and electrical upgrades are \$175,000 - \$200,000; scoreboards \$60,000; Goal posts \$6,000 for an overall estimated total of \$266,000. Funding sources would include \$50,000 received from a recent maintenance grant; Health Life Safety monies; Impact fees; Sales tax revenues; and the District's O&M Fund. The board supported sending out RFPs for the stadium lighting project. The project is anticipated to take place this summer.

In other business at the March 19 board session, following closed session discussions, the board took actions related to personnel. Non-tenured teachers rehired for 2014-15 school

year include Melissa Harri, Amy DeMarse, Andy Ehrhardt, Bud Schultz, Eric Long, Justin Gund, Justin Stevenson, Becky Stipanovich, Jason Hayward, and Jodi Marshall.

The following 2014-15 Fall & Winter Coaches / Advisors were approved as follows:

- Football - Andy Pittenger, Head coach; Erik Black, Asst. coach; Eric Long, Asst. coach; Tim Henson, volunteer; two open asst. coaches with no recommendation at this time (one slot is paid by GSW).
- Football Cheer - TBA; no recommendation at this time.
- Volleyball - Coreen Perschnick, Head Coach; Julie Jensen, Asst. coach; Maleah Hanna, Asst. coach.
- Golf - Joe Bloxam, Boy's Head coach; Barb Patten, Girl's Head coach
- Boys Basketball - Eric Long, Head Coach; 3 open asst. coaches with no recommendation at this time.
- Girls Basketball - Jeff Froelich, Head coach; Erik Black, Asst. coach; Chuck Butterbrodt, Asst. coach.
- Wrestling - Lenny Tryner, Head coach; Justin Eggenberger, Asst. coach.
- Competitive Cheer - TBA; no recommendation at this time.

In another matter, the board heard a Traditional Scheduling concern regarding inconsistencies with grade point averages due to

graded weighted courses and ungraded classes in a student's schedule. A formula that will equalize the calculation, whether or not a student takes a study hall, has been developed. Additionally, beginning with the incoming Freshman Class, the District will be looking at removing the Valedictorian and Salutatorian graduation status and moving towards recognizing higher achieving students in groups.

In other business, the board:

- employed Stephanie Flott as Librarian.
- affirmed a gas contract with FS Evergreen, March - May, (3,000 gallons, \$3,248).
- approved the District's 2014 - 15 annual IHSA membership.
- approved an FCCLA request to attend the State conference.
- approved up to two \$1,000 Terwillegar Scholarships for the Class of 2014.
- learned that the State currently owes the District \$70,861.37 in unpaid, mandated categoricals.
- heard a report and discussion on the proposed new sports of bowling and bass fishing with a comprehensive plan and budget estimate still pending.

The next meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be April 16 at 7 p.m. in the school's board room.



DWIGHT ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS were visited by State Representative Josh Harms on March 12. Harms, who represents Dwight and the rest of the 106th District, was the guest speaker and was very open in his discussion of his assessment of Illinois' financial condition. The members were impressed with his honest discussion of tax increases and pensions. Dwight Rotary meets every Wednesday at the Country Mansion during the noon hour.

WGGs to meet April 12

The Will-Grundy Genealogical Society will hold its April meeting at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St. Coal City.

Steven Szabados, author and expert on researching lines in Europe will present "Save Your Family Heritage - Organize and Share Your Family History". This presentation discusses a process and format that helps make your research efforts more efficient and makes the results easier to read, digest and share. Your information will "come alive" for everyone. Please note that this presentation is not a "How To" on publishing a book or organizing your file cabinet. Instead it shows how to organize the information extracted from your documents and family oral history. The first part of the presentation will review a simple

method of organizing research into readable documents so everyone can understand. It will also cover some sources of information that are non-traditional that can add some rare treasures to your history. The last part of the presentation will discuss a more advanced format that can add many interesting pages and make your history a must read for your family.

Though many members are very experienced in conducting their genealogical research, this talk would still be very useful to brush up on skills and possibly learn a few new tricks and tips. This April 12 program with Steven Szabados will add nicely to that knowledge and prepare beginners, intermediate, and advanced researchers for the next steps. All members and guests are welcome.

GGs Third Quarter Awards Handed Out

On March 18, Gardner Grade School held their Third Quarter Awards Assembly. The awards and honorees are as follows:

- Positive Behavior Awards
 - Kindergarten - Luca Byers, William Cardwell, Naya Clark, Elizabeth Ernst, Leanna Freeman, Charlee Funes, Aiden Himes, Evan Leonard, Bret Manzello, Gabe Militello, Madeline McConahay, Nina Siano, Gavin Smart, Aubree Stein, Owen Vitko, Anthony Vyce, Madelyn Wilson, Addison Wright, Madison Wright.
 - First Grade - Hannah Balcom, West Bulthuis, Brennen Carey, Jack Cerutti, Malachi Coleman, Ryleigh Dvorak, Parker Farrero, Brandon Glover, Cole Hampson, Kendall Huston, Kaci Jackson, Kole Jackson, Owen Leonard, Abigail Leveille, Ryan Millette, Emma Minnick, Emma Norrington, McKenzie Ragland, Ethan Thompson, Quinn Walsh, Tyler Wilkey.
 - Second Grade - Jacob Bisping, Ashlee Boyajeau, Chase Caplet, Cree Croy, Sophia Crutchfield, Bennett Grant, Madison Harlan, Brent Ingram, Annabella Kiss, Declan McConahay, Lucie Minnick, Miguel Ochoa, Madalyn Olsen, Mary Clare Phillips, Bella Vyce, Grace Wright.
 - Perfect Attendance
 - EC - Marissa Bafia,

- Abigail Olsen, Alex Segerberg.
 - Kindergarten - Elizabeth Ernst, Charlee Funes, Nina Siano.
 - First Grade - Kole Jackson, Ryan Millette, Quinn Walsh, Tyler Wilkey.
 - Second Grade - Bennett Grant, Eric Segerberg-Harmon, Jayden Talbot.
 - Third Grade - Alex Alvarado, Jayden Buchanan, Robert Gunty, Taeryn Lardi, Ricky Sarcinelli.
 - Fourth Grade - Ethan Ernst, Garrett Grant, Adrian Mena, Mallory Wolf.
 - Fifth Grade - Allyson Ernst, Ty Johnson, Kaleb Macias, Riley Morris, Ashlyn Wallerich, Nate Wise, Cameron Younger.
 - Sixth Grade - Alexis Brooke, Joey Fedele, Dejah Hendrickson, Jack James, Mary Lopez, Nolan Perkins, Chris Ruiz, Madison Sharp.
 - Seventh Grade - Vanessa Adelman, Dylan Nelson, Ava Siano.
 - Eighth Grade - Ethan Haywood, Destiny Leonard, Delaney Miner, Lizbeth Sanches-Solorzano, Scott Sharp, Troy Speed, Kaylee Steichen, Kelsie Urbasek.
 - Third Grade - Mrs. Pierard
 - Honorable Mention - Alex Alvarado, Abigail Granger, Joey Leadingham, Payton Leonard, Halee Wallen, Kaytlyn Wallerich.
 - Honor Roll - Jayden Buchanan, Dylan Carpenter,

- Cade Croy, Tanner Fisher, Robert Gunty, Taeryn Lardi, Parker Miner, Ricky Sarcinelli, Emma Wilson, Noah Wise.
- Fourth Grade - Mrs. Sovey and Mrs. Biros
 - Honorable Mention - Tyler Ambrogio, Peyton Carpenter, Destiny Coleman, Savannah Granger, Kaden Grivetti, Ryan Gurney, Michael Madonna, Adrian Mena, Bethani Nicoletti, Madison Ragland, Kaycia Raszkowski, Cecilee Thompson, Mallory Wolf.
 - Honor Roll - Oliva Cerutti, Paige Dvorak, Ethan Ernst, Katelyn Farris, Garrett Grant, Alex Grivetti, Josh Leveille, Ethan Mack, Blake Patterson, Sophia Randolph, Alyssa Woodworth.
 - High Honor Roll - Claire Hennessy, Blake Huston, Edith Ochoa.
 - Fifth Grade - Mrs. Mund
 - Honorable Mention - Goldie Hollingsworth, Grace Howell, Lucas Maurisak, Reganne Patrick, Cameron Younger.
 - Honor Roll - Camron Carpenter, Koli Croy, Ben Howell, Ty Johnson, Sarah Leadingham, Avery Lenzie, Riley Morris, Connor Steichen, Ashlyn Wallerich, Nate Wise.
 - High Honor Roll - Abby Beck, Chris Bexson, Allyson Ernst, Kevin Ferrari, Ashley Holloway, Dusty Manietta.
 - Sixth Grade - Mrs. Smith

- Honorable Mention - Elizabeth DeMatteo, Joey Fedele, Amber Huber, Tori King, Cole Patten, Shelby Putnam, Stephanie Sanchez-Solorzano, Madelyn Storm, Christian Walsh.
- Honor Roll - Emily Beck, Alexis Brooke, Dejah Hendrickson, Dylan Hill, Jack James, Kade Kociss, Mary Lopez, Paige Patterson, Chris Ruiz, Madison Sharp, Cole Walsh, Maryssa Woodworth.
- High Honor Roll - Emma Hennessy, Nolan Perkins.
- Seventh Grade - Mr. Egleton
 - Honorable Mention - Alexis Ballard, Jackson Boltz, Robert Harlan, Blake Lenzie, Nicholas Maurisak, Joey Morales, Nathan Williams.
 - Honor Roll - Vanessa Adelman, Connor Vyce, Michael Wilson.
 - High Honor Roll - Kimberly McDaniel, Ava Siano.
 - Eighth Grade - Mrs. Cardone
 - Honorable Mention - Calvin Croy, Walker Eutsey, Josh Leadingham, Brittaney Light, Colin Schultz, Kelsie Urbasek, Dakota Watson.
 - Honor Roll - Mariah Anderson, Bryce Brannock, Haileigh Farrero, Ethan Haywood, Kal Kociss, Destiny Leonard, Delaney Miner, Josh Pearson, Steven Price, Lizbeth Sanchez-Solorzano, Sarah Schultz, Scott Sharp, Troy Speed.
 - High Honor Roll - Sean Hansen, Spencer McDaniel, Kaylee Steichen.

News and Notes from the Gardner Lions

The Gardner Lions met at the Gardner Restaurant on March 11 with eight members and two guests present.

It was announced that scholarship information is at the local high school for any senior interested in receiving one from the club.

The nominating committee has met and has put together a slate of officers for the 2014-15 year. Installation will be held in June during the monthly

meeting, to be held at the Whistle Stop in Coal City. Club President, Shelia Perkins, installed two new members - Sherri Garrett and Denise Jolly, and they were welcomed into membership.

Plans were made for the next pancake breakfast, which will be Palm Sunday, April 13, from 7:00 a.m. to noon. The proceeds from this breakfast will be used for vision and hearing pro-

grams and any other community projects funded by the Lions.

The club will be participating in the Red Carpet Weekend on May 3 and 4. They will be located at the Village's dining car, near the jail, with coffee, donuts, and root beer floats.

Club membership is open to all in the area. For more information, contact Shelia Perkins at 815-545-0716.

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Area Students Named to Dean's List at Olivet

Olivet Nazarene University has announced that the following area students have been named to the Dean's List for the recently completed fall 2013 semester:

- Erika Grossi of Verona
- Alexander Hagberg of Essex
- Jamie Neven of Essex

A girl!

Chris and Teresa Brummett of Denver, Colorado, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Maya Katherine Brummett.

Maya was born Tuesday, February 25, at 5:31 p.m. She weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed home by older siblings Zoey and Ashlynn.

Maya's maternal grandparents are Cheri and Paul Dyer of Dwight. Paternal grandparents are Rick and Christine Brummett of Scottsdale, Arizona.

To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

State Bank of Saunemin Earns 5-Star Rating

State Bank of Saunemin has once again earned a 5-Star Superior rating from BauerFinancial, Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's bank rating firm. This latest rating is based on December 31, 2013, financial data and signifies that State Bank of Saunemin is one of the strongest banks in the nation. Having earned and maintained a 5-Star rating for 91 consecutive quarters, State Bank of Saunemin has earned an even more elite designation as a "Sustained Superiority Bank."

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While the national economy saw a modest growth in 2013," reflects Karen L. Dorway, President of the rating firm, "through its strength and commitment,

OBITUARIES

Patricia Zolla

PONTIAC — Patricia Zolla, 89, of Pontiac and formerly of Dwight, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at ASTA Care Center, Pontiac. Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service will be held Friday, March 28, at 5 p.m. with visitation for one hour prior to the service at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. Father David Sabel will officiate at the service.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Patricia retired from Sears Roebuck and Co. to open the first bed and breakfast at the Wisconsin Dells. She then moved to Dwight and opened the first bed and breakfast there. She also worked at D & J Foods in Dwight. She was a member and one-time president of the Dwight Woman's Club, and was instrumental in the development of the Dwight Christmas House Walk.

Marietta Bennington

DWIGHT — Marietta J. Bennington, 86, of Monroe, North Carolina and formerly of rural Dwight, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 12:30 p.m., at the Brian Center Health and Retirement Home in Monroe.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Eric (Brooke) Thomas, Renee (Jonathan) Hall, Sarah (Scott) Barr-Fenwick, Davidson Barr, Jonathan Jenkins, Ian and Marissa Bennington; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Carol Lennon of Joliet. Marietta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 53 years, Calvin, in 2002; three brothers in childhood; and one sister, Bonnie Dwyer. She taught school for two years in a small one-room country school in Round Grove Township. She also worked at and retired from the William W. Fox Developmental Center, where she was in activity therapy.

Visitation will be from 1 until 3 p.m., Saturday, March 29, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. Her funeral service will immediately follow at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Home, with Rev. Brian Wood officiating. Burial: Round Grove Cemetery, Reddick. Marietta was born July 2, 1927 in Dwight to John J. and Sayde Cody Fitzpatrick. She graduated from Reddick High School and attended Illinois State University, where she received her teaching certificate.

She married Calvin S. Bennington September 11, 1948. She is survived by her daughters: Kathy (Frank) Tickle of Abingdon, Virginia; Barbara (David) Barr of Richton Park, Illinois; Janice (John) Jenkins of Waxhaw, North Carolina; sons: Michael Bennington of Dwight; Joseph Bennington of Texas; and Brian Bennington of Dwight.

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Heart Quilt Guild Meeting on April 3

Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild will meet on Thursday, April 3, on the third floor of the First Midwest Bank building, 220 W. Main St. in Morris, at 7:00 p.m. The program will be presented by Catherine Redford on The Language of Flowers - Flower Quilts. There will be a short business meeting and light refreshments along with the program. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, contact Debbie at 815-671-1546.

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Nevada Township Highway is accepting bids for a Plow Truck and equipment. Specifications for truck and equipment can be picked up between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 23243 East 2900 North Road, Odell, IL 60420. Bids shall be opened April 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Trade in of 1994 GMC topkick can be seen at above address
Patricia Ribordy, Township Clerk

Southeastern Grundy Medical Facilities Assn. Annual Meeting Notice
The Southeastern Grundy Medical Facilities Assn. will hold their 2014 Annual Meeting on Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Medical Center located at 409 North Route 53 in Gardner, IL. The annual Treasurer's Report, minutes and old and new business will be reviewed, acted on and approved as determined by the Board.
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You Can Cope with Turbulence... As a Passenger and an Investor

If you're like many travelers, you get a little nervous when your airplane goes through some turbulence. And if you're like a lot of investors, you may get somewhat jumpy when the financial markets are volatile. Yet flight turbulence probably isn't as scary as it seems, and the same may be true for market volatility — if you know how to respond.

Let's look at some positive responses to market movements:

Don't overreact to turbulence. Turbulence happens on most flights, but passengers are well aware that they can't "bail out" at 30,000 feet, so they generally don't panic. As an investor, you also need to avoid panicky behavior — by not taking a "time out" from investing. Over a period of decades, if you were to miss just a handful of the market's best-performing days, your returns could be dramatically reduced. And the best days often follow some of the worst. So if you're not invested in the market, you could miss out on the beginning of a new rally, which is typically when the biggest gains occur.

Balance your "cargo." The ground crew properly positions an airplane's cargo to maintain the plane's center of gravity and reduce the effects of turbulence. When you invest, you also need to achieve balance by owning a variety of vehicles, including stocks, bonds, government securities and certificates of deposit. You'll want your investment mix to reflect your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. While this type of diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against loss, it can reduce the effects of "turbulence" — that is, market volatility — on your portfolio. Over time, your "cargo" (your investments) may shift, becoming too heavy in stocks or bonds relative to your objectives. Consequently, you'll need to periodically rebalance your portfolio to ensure it's meeting your needs.

Match your "transportation method" with your goals. If you are flying from New York to Los Angeles, you may experience delays or some changes in the flight plan — but your goal is still to reach Los Angeles as quickly and efficiently as possible. Consequently, you wouldn't scrap the idea of flying and head to the West Coast on foot. When you invest, you also encounter events, such as market downturns, that you feel may be slowing you down in your progress toward your long-term objectives, such as a comfortable retirement. But if your objectives haven't changed, neither should your "transportation method" of reaching them. In other words, don't abandon your long-term strategy in favor of quick fixes, such as chasing after "hot" stocks that may not be suitable for your needs.

Maintain perspective on your "flight path." When you've flown, you've probably observed (perhaps with some envy) some of your fellow passengers sleeping through periods of turbulence. In the investment world, these types of people are the ideal long-term investors — they know that turbulence, in the form of market fluctuations, is normal, because they've experienced it many times before. Their perspective isn't on short-term events, such as volatility, but rather on the voyage toward their "final destination" — i.e., the achievement of their long-term goals.

So when you fly, fasten your seatbelt and relax. And when you invest, don't overreact to short-term events. By following these basic guidelines, you will be a calmer traveler and a better investor. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY- PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

PNC Bank, National Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
Gary P. Beier; Shawn M. Beier; Household Finance Corporation III;
Unknown Owners
and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants

13 CH 88
Property Address: 110 Julie Drive, Dwight, Illinois 60420

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on December 13, 2013, I, Sheriff, Martin Meredith of Livingston County, Illinois, will hold a sale on April 22, 2014, commencing at 10am, at the Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

LOT 6 IN SCOTT'S FOURTH SUBDIVISION TO DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON MAY 15, 1996 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 485004.

Commonly known as: 110 Julie Drive, Dwight, Illinois 60420
P.I.N.: 05-05-09-454-017

First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$285,111.27

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

The property will not be open for inspection.

Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Livingston County.

The person to contact for information regarding this property is:

Steven J. Lindberg at FREEDMAN ANSELMO LINDBERG LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563 (866)402-8661. For bidding instructions, visit www.fal-illinois.com 24 hours prior to sale.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking)
Corp., as Successor in Interest of Bank of)
Dwight, an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 13-CH-76
)
LEO WILLIAM EHMAN, JACQUELINE)
KAY EHMAN, Center for Health)
Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC., and)
unknown owners and non-record claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment 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, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The legal description is as follows:
Lots 9 and 10 in Block 5 of Rutzer's First Addition to the Village of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois.
PIN: 05-09-230-009

C. Commonly known as: 302 E. Chippewa St., Dwight, IL 60420.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 2 story frame home, two living rooms, four bedrooms, three bathrooms, full basement, 3 car garage.

E. The date, time and place of the sale are: April 1, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., first floor of the Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

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

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

Donald R. McClarey, Attorney for Plaintiff

OBITUARIES

Dale J. Carpenter

DWIGHT – Dale J. Carpenter, 87, of Dwight passed away early Wednesday morning, March 19, 2014 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Dale was born February 13, 1927 in Dwight, son of Jesse H. and Emma Hoffman Carpenter. He graduated from Dwight High School in 1945, and honorably served his country in the United States Army with the 82nd Airborne.

He married Esther Paulsen September 19, 1948 in the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his daughter, Linda (Rick) Thomas of Dwight; three sons: Michael (Mary) Carpenter, Dwight; Paul (Brenda) Carpenter of Naperville; and Dave (Lynn) Carpenter of Bloomington.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren: Joel (Mary) Funk, Andrew (Melissa White) Funk, Jeff (Sarah) Carpenter, Alison (Gabe) Tarr, Amanda (Justin) Landsman, Scott (Nicole Dukeman) Carpenter, Grant Carpenter, Anne and Emily Carpenter; 10 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Shirley Nelson of Streator.

Preceding him in death

were his parents; his wife of 60 years, Esther, in 2008; and a sister, Lorraine Fieldman.

Dale farmed in the Dwight area his whole life. He was very involved in his community and served on many boards, including the Dwight Grade School, Dwight Township, and McDowell Cemetery.

He was devoted to his family. He loved sports, especially the Chicago Cubs, Bears, and Bulls, and Illinois basketball.

His funeral service was at 11 a.m., Monday, March 24, in the Dwight United Methodist Church with Rev. Lance Leeds officiating.

Burial: McDowell Cemetery, Dwight. Military honors were conducted by the Dwight VFW Post 2608 and American Legion Post 486.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m., Sunday, at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, and for one hour preceding the funeral service Monday.

Memorials may be directed to McDowell Cemetery or the Dwight United Methodist Church.

On-line condolences at: <http://www.hagermemorial.com/>

Wallace Valentino Halliday

COAL CITY – Wallace Valentino “Wally” Halliday, 92, of Coal City passed away peacefully Monday, March 17, 2014 at The Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno.



Halliday of Coal City; four grandchildren: Taryn (Brad) Trotter of Coal City; Nicole Halliday of California; Kyle Halliday of Chicago; and Erika Halliday of Florida.

Also surviving are two great-grandchildren, Braeden Trotter and McKenzie Wright; one sister-in-law, Louise Meyer of Pontiac; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wally was also preceded in death by two brothers: James (Millie) Halliday and Leonard (Alvina) Halliday; and one brother-in-law, Bernard Meyer.

Visitation and video tribute were held Friday, March 21, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Robert Noesen Saturday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m. in Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Coal City.

Burial with full military honors was in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, where Wally was laid to rest with his wife, Rosemary. Pallbearers were Jeff Halliday, Terry Halliday, Jeff Halliday, Jr., Justin Halliday, Kyle Halliday and Eric Tessler.

Friends may sign the on-line guestbook or send private condolences to the family by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com

Patricia Ann Colvin

KINGMAN, ARIZONA– Patricia Ann Colvin, 70, of Kingman, Arizona and formerly of Braceville, passed away March 9, 2014 in Kingman.

She was born July 8, 1943 in Petersburg, Illinois, daughter of David and Luella Tippet. She was the youngest of 11 children.

Patricia married Jess Colvin February 10, 1962. Her husband survives, along with a son, Jesse (Jane) Colvin and a daughter, Vicki (Glynn) Baker.

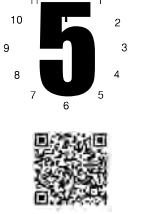
Also surviving are her sisters, Mary Jane and Nora Ellen; favorite nephew and niece, Dale and Crystal; granddaughters: Jessica Douglass, Allison Colvin and Laura Colvin; grandsons: Glynn (Scooter) Baker and Weston Colvin; a great-

grandson, Wayne Douglass; and a great-granddaughter, Audrey Mae Douglass.

Preceding Patricia in death were her sisters: Bernice, Elsie, Beulah Mae, Christine and Gaye; and brothers: Harold, Richard and Raymond.

Pat was a wonderful Wife, Mom, and Non-nee. She was an avid ham radio operator and loved to play cards. She knew no strangers and was a faithful friend to many. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service was held Thursday, March 13, from noon until 2 p.m. at the Sutton Memorial Funeral Home in Kingman, Arizona. Pastor Daniel L. Woodward of the First Baptist Church in Dwight conducted the service.



5 Minutes with Boma



We Don't Have to be Sheep

I was reading an article today on Yahoo and it was saying how Disney had decided to acquire YouTube. This is cool... I guess, depends on how you look at it. The way I look at it is that this is just another big corporation that will somehow weasel out any real talent and make it lame.

Every time something like this happens, it could be in any field, the amount of overall creativity in this world diminishes greatly. Now, obviously, not all big business is boring and unimaginative, but sadly a lot is.

Many big businesses use the same advertising models, essentially just beating a dead horse until it quits spitting out money. I think this is just another step into one business owning or having control over everything – from our news, to our food, to what kind of clothes we buy. This just means that it's important to support small independent ideas or companies. They often bring ideas that are fresher and less complacent than that of larger Disney-like companies, not to say that YouTube is a small company by any means, but they definitely just became more industrialized by their owner now being Disney.

I think we have the power to control that though – we don't have to be sheep and just follow the big trend or company. Sometimes it's necessary, if a company is putting out the best product, then by all means buy it, but don't let that be the end of the road, do a little research on whatever it is you're buying/consuming. There are often better alternatives that just need support, now maybe a company like YouTube would have let Disney buy them out regardless of support but there's a lot of instances where a company would stay fresh and imaginative with just a little extra support.

This is all just something to think about next time you consume anything. Another instance might be, oh, I don't know, running an ad in a local newspaper instead of making a facebook page that only 137 people "like" when the paper goes to 10,000 households, but what do I know :)

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

EMC Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,

VS. John Randa a/k/a John J. Randa; Unknown Spouse of John Randa a/k/a John J. Randa; Carmel Financial Corporation, Inc. a/k/a Carmel Financial Corp. a/k/a Carmel Financial; UNKNOWN OWNERS, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, and UNKNOWN TENANTS AND OCCUPANTS, 13 CH 90 112 North 3rd Street Chatsworth, IL 60921 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Spouse of John Randa a/k/a John J. Randa, Defendant in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled Mortgage Foreclosure action was filed on September 20, 2013 and is now pending.

1. The Names of all Plaintiffs and the Case Number are identified above.
2. The Court in which this action was brought is identified above.
3. The Names of all title holders of record are as follows: John Randa a/k/a John J. Randa
4. The legal description of the mortgaged real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty: Lot 1 and the North 15 feet of Lot 2 in Block 17 in the Original Town of Chatsworth, Livingston County, Illinois.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate: 112 North 3rd Street Chatsworth, IL 60921
6. Identification of the Mortgage to be foreclosed: (A) Name of Mortgagor: John Randa (B) Name of Mortgagee: EMC Mortgage LLC f/k/a EMC Mortgage Corporation as assignee of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (C) Date of Mortgage: 07/30/2004 (D) Date of Recording: Mortgage recorded on 07/30/2004, Assignment recorded on 07/09/2007 (E) County Where Recorded: Livingston (F) Identification of Recording: Mortgage Document No. 00557007, Assignment Document No. 00580319

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, Unknown Spouse of John Randa a/k/a John J. Randa, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of The Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County Illinois, held in the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 West Madison Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, on or before April 25, 2014, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.

Diana Rdzaneck, ARDC 6306800 Blommer Peterman, S.C. 165 Bishops Way, Suite 100 Brookfield, WI 53005 T. 847.464.8088

Family members of the deceased:

Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: **The Paper**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY- PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff.

vs. Michael Matysek aka Michael S. Matysek; Dwight Property Management, Inc.; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. 13 CH 55

Property Address: 417 South Washington Street, Dwight, Illinois 60420

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on December 13, 2013, I, Sheriff, Martin Meredith of Livingston County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 6, 2014, commencing at 10 AM, at the Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

LOTS 19 AND 20 EXCEPT THE NORTH 50 FEET THEREOF, AND THE EAST 20 FEET OF LOT 18, EXCEPT THE NORTH 50 FEET THEREOF, IN BLOCK 3 OF MORGAN'S ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 417 South Washington Street, Dwight, Illinois 60420

P.I.N.: 05-05-09-180-006

First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$85,703.79

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

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Healthy Family Ed Program

On Monday, April 7, a Healthy Family Educational Program will be held upstairs in the Dwight Library from 5:00-6:30 p.m. This informative meeting will help those attending learn about healthy products for their home and family.

Children are welcome, as games will be played. Attendees have a chance to win full size products, as well as take home samples and coupons.

This program is sponsored by: Seventh Generation, happy family, Ava Anderson Non Toxic, Healthy Child Healthy World, and Zarbee's Naturals.

Minonk Village Aires Spring Concert

Minonk's Village Aires, a community choral group, has begun rehearsals for its upcoming Spring Concert. It promises to be an entertaining program of familiar songs, this time built around the theme of "Names."

Under the direction of Elaine Cunningham, who also serves as accompanist, the concert will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Saturday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available soon from chorus members, who are from Minonk and the surrounding towns. More details will be available.

St. Paul Booster Club Spaghetti Dinner, Auction April 12

The St. Paul School Booster Club will be having a Spaghetti Dinner and Auction at St. Paul School in Odell on Saturday, April 12, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The doors will be open by noon for silent auction bidding and auction item viewing. The live auction will start at 6:30 and silent auction bidding will end at 7:30.

They will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Carry-outs will be available. There will also be a basket raffle at dinner.

Some of the items to be auctioned are: baseball tickets, luxury cruise and a night's stay in Chicago, Fox

River weekend, museum packages, golf packages, sports memorabilia, Samsung Galaxy tablet, toy tractors, American Girl doll, pool pass, baked goods and numerous restaurant and business gift certificates. There will also be many baskets such as: car detailing, Illini, gardening, family movies, family games, favorite restaurants, pork grilling and many more. There will be a kiddy auction for children's baskets too. A complete list of items is available at www.stpaulodell.com.

All proceeds from the sale and dinner benefit St. Paul School students.

Cabery Rummage, Bake Sales April 4 and 5

On Friday, April 4, Cabery's Rummage and Bake Sale will kick off their "early bird sale" from 4-6 p.m. at the Cabery Methodist Church. Then the sale will go from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following day, Saturday, April 5.

A large assortment of children's toys, clothes for all ages, kitchen items, jewelry and more will be available. Fresh doughnuts will be on sale to go with the free coffee. Homemade barbeque will also be offered. Carry-outs are available.

Dwight's De Waard to Have Art Displayed at Pontiac Community Art Center



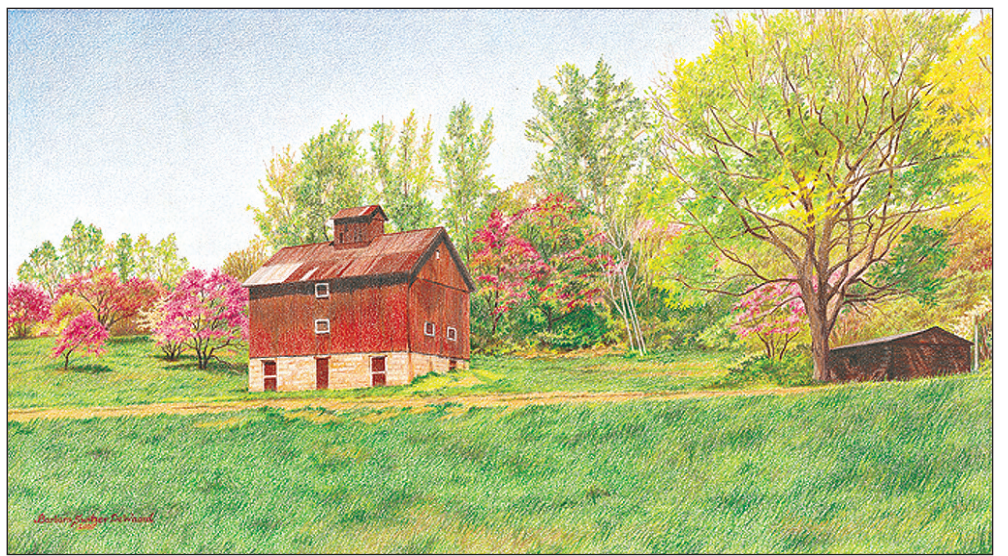
Barbara De Waard

Pontiac Community Art Center has announced a gallery showcasing Dwight resident Barbara De Waard's work, beginning Friday, April 4, and running through Saturday, April 26.

The award-winning artist initially worked in oils and acrylics, but she has been working almost exclusively in colored pencil for 15 years. Barbara works mainly on civic and individual commissions, creating portraits

of persons, pets and sites, in remarkable detail. Her compositions capture the depth and simple beauty of everyday scenes.

The gallery and shop are located at 103 W. Madison in Pontiac, and are open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. The public is welcome.



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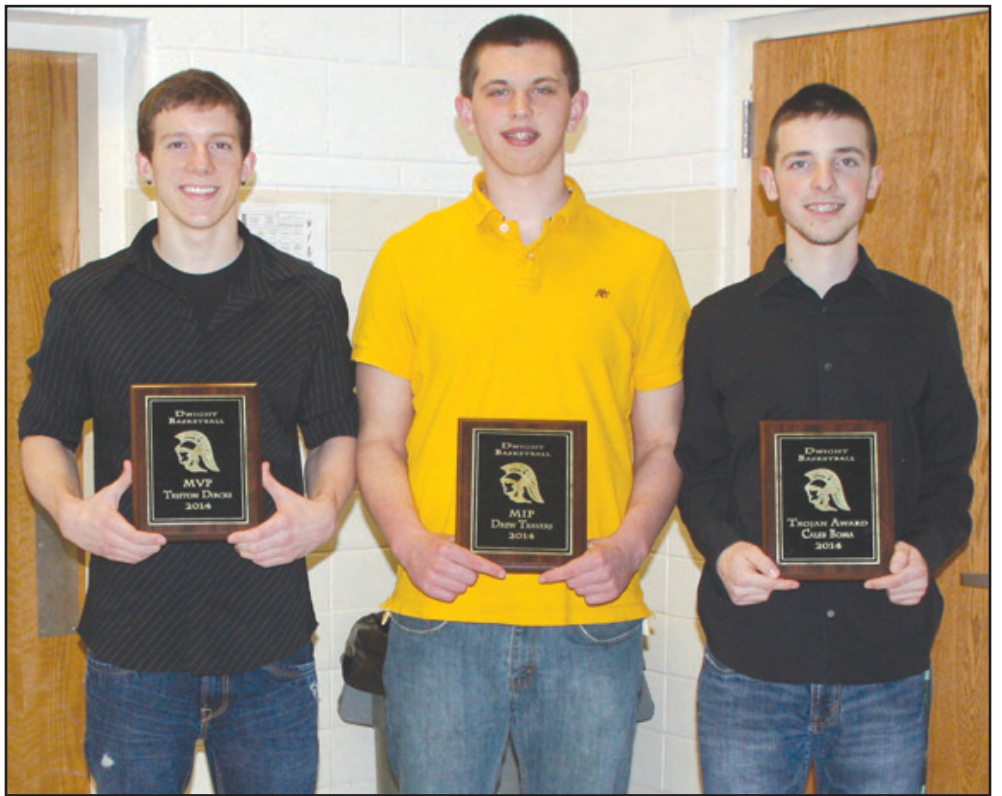
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GSW Panther Kyle Robison Earns All State Honors



Kyle Robison, a junior on the GSW Panther Basketball Squad, was recently named to the Kankakee Daily Journal All-Area 1st team after a fantastic 2013-14 basketball season. Kyle averaged 13.4 ppg this season (17.7 ppg. in River Valley Conference games) and pulled down 8.2 rebounds per game. The Illinois Basketball Coaches Association also awarded Kyle with Special Mention honors on the All-State team – placing Kyle among the best players in the State of Illinois. Coach Gibson commented, “These honors for Kyle are well-deserved and are a direct reflection of how hard this young man has worked. I couldn’t be more proud of Kyle.”



DTHS TROJAN BASKETBALL AWARDS were presented to Triston Dircks, MVP; Drew Travers, MIP; and Caleb Boma, Trojan Award. All three were recognized in the Kankakee Journal area team. Dircks, All-Area; Travers, Honorable Mention; and Boma, Special Mention.

Father/Son Spring Break Baseball Camp

Registrations will still be taken over the weekend for next Monday and Tuesday’s Father/Son Spring Break Baseball Camp. The camp, for 3rd-5th graders, is being held at two local schools and is being conducted by the PTHS Varsity staff. Local little league coaches are also being invited to attend.

Monday, March 24, campers, dads and coaches will meet in Saunemin Grade School’s gymnasium where campers and dads will go over skill drills together. Coaches will be able to watch the skills and drills being presented and learn about how to work in confined areas.

Tuesday, March 25, campers will meet at the PTHS gymnasium where they will be able to watch the end of the Varsity Indian practice and then will work with Indian players during camp time.

Camp runs 6:30 p.m.-8:00. Registration for the camp originally ended Friday, March 21, but campers can register via phone by calling either Indian head coach Brian Lambert at (815)-848-5083, or Indian Asst. Mike Stoecklin at (815)-325-9071. There is a fee for camp tuition and will go in part to fund the “Kindergarten’s First Game Ball” program.



DTHS TROJAN BASKETBALL PLAYERS EARNING ALL-ACADEMIC are: left to right, Colton Fieldman, Devin Connolly, Drew Jensen, Caleb Boma and Ryan Gaston.

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DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

Friday, March 21
Dwight vs. Pontiac
Varsity -

The Lady Trojans opened their season with a heart-breaking 6-5 loss to rival Pontiac.

Jessie Butterfield led the offense, going 3-4 with three doubles and two runs scored. Dezi Leonard had two hits, two runs scored, and an RBI. Ashley Fox also had two hits, both doubles, and two RBI. Amy Ruder and Libby Beyer also doubled in the game, with Beyer scoring a run.

Hannah Trainor got the start on the mound for Dwight, pitching four solid innings, allowing five hits, a walk, and one earned run. Leonard pitched the final three innings, giving up one hit, three walks, and one earned run.

"I was very happy with our pitching today," Coach Black said in the post-game. "I

thought Hannah and Dezi both did a tremendous job for really facing live batters for the first time this season. They threw strikes and did a very solid job."

"We did put the bat on the ball in the game, but we left a lot of runners on base," Black added. "The great thing about a first game is that you can see what we need to work on and get ready for the rest of the season."

The game was the first time we were on a field this year with the weather being what it has been, and I am extremely proud of the way the girls came out and played against a very solid and experienced Pontiac team. We are looking forward to getting back to work and playing our next game."

Friday, March 21
Dwight vs. Pontiac
Dwight's JV girls defeated

Pontiac, 20-3, as they pounded out 25 hits in the contest.

Megan Van Amburgh led the way with four hits, including a three-run home run. Molly Rodosky, Syd Christensen, Becky Ruder and Maddy Groves each had three hits, with Christensen hitting a triple and Ruder with a double. Everyone else on the squad added at least one hit.

Rodosky pitched the win, allowing just two hits and one run, striking out five. Christensen came on in relief, giving two unearned runs and striking out two.

"We hit the ball really well," Coach Harms commented. "We just have to shore up our defense and we should be in every game. We have two really good pitchers and we hit the ball pretty well."



IKWF State Wrestling Results

Cade Enerson, Justin Allen and Jacob Mumm traveled to Rockford on March 14 to compete in the IKWF State Finals. After a hard fought battle, Cade and Jacob fell in the first round with a tough loss. Justin Allen walked away with a well-earned 4th place. Justin placed 2nd in

Regionals and 3rd in Sectionals to earn his spot in the 2014 IKWF state finals. After being awarded 4 wins (by pin) and falling in two matches (by points) he ended his season in 4th place. Justin has been wrestling for the IKWF since he was four. He competed in the state finals last year but did not advance to

go to the top 8. After five long months of training, his hard work and determination have finally paid off! Justin is the first state placer in over 10 years for the club. The Dwight Wrestling Club would like to recognize his achievements this year. Congratulations to all of the IKWF competitors this year.



DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL got underway last week. The Varsity girls lost to Pontiac, while the JV squad earned a win. Above, Becky Ruder takes a swing. At left, Megan Van Amburgh is up to bat. Megan hit a three-run homerun in an earlier at bat.



Dwight Competes in Reed-Custer Invite

Dwight took part in the Reed-Custer Invite on March 15, with the girls team coming in sixth with 34 points, and the boys scoring 36, also good for a sixth place finish. Individual results are as follows:

- Boys -**
55 Meter Dash Preliminaries - Michael Bennett, 14th, 7.45; Blaine Livingston, 20th, 7.82.
200 Meter Dash - Michael Bennett, 8th, 25.71.
400 Meter Dash - Hunter Riccolo, 11th, 1:02.90; Kerrick Dyer, 18th, 1:10.25.
800 Meter Run - Mitch Fransen, 1st, 2:06.10; Nathan Ruffatti, 2nd, 2:10.63.
1600 Meter Run - Billy Evans, 7th, 5:32.74; Zander Harris, 17th, 6:28.42.
4x200 Meter Relay - Dwight, 3rd, 1:45.58.
4x800 Meter Relay - Dwight, 1st, 9:15.23.
High Jump - Michael Mankowski, 5th, 5'04".
Long Jump - Ryan Beier, 11th, 16'05".
Shot Put - Josh Krischel, 16th, 31'8 1/2"; Russell Ferguson, 19th, 29'09".
Afterwards Coach Lane commented, "Our team members showed improvement and are continuing to work hard and get where their goals are."
- Girls -**
55 Meter Dash Prelims - Taylor Richie, 7th, 8.31; Alison Kirk, 15th, 8.65.
200 Meter Dash: Taylor Richie, 5th, 30.30.
400 Meter Dash - Savannah Baldauf, 3rd, 1:08.57.
800 Meter Run - Kitrina Hayner, 8th, 3:01.42; Tori Hayner, 10th, 3:07.34.
1600 Meter Run - Daly Galloway, 1st, 5:21.06.
4x200 Meter Relay - Dwight, 7th, 2:07.73.
4x800 Meter Relay - Dwight, 1st, 11:00.75.
High Jump - Marlana Ferrari, 3rd, 5'00".
Long Jump - Alison Kirk, 7th, 14'03".
Shot Put - Amanda Boys, 10th, 25'4 1/2"; Becky Holmes, 14th, 21'00".

Odell Sportsman's Club's Cabin Fever Fish/Smelt Fry a Hit

Members of the Odell Sportsman's Club, Inc. recently hosted a successful Cabin Fever Fish/Smelt Fry at Pour Richard's Tap and Dining in Odell. The following guests were raffle prize winners:
• Chuck Fogarty - Weatherby Field/Slug Combo; Aaron and Sarah Meiners - Smith & Wesson M&P Compact 9mm; Mark Weers - \$150 gift certificate to Schwartz's Mobile Detailing; Jim Cahill and Curtis Kester - \$25 gift certificate to Pour Richard's; Tim Fitzsimmons and Brad Kingma - \$25 gift certificate to Rentz's Tap; Katelyn Harty and John Gall - \$25 gift certificate to Odell Food Mart; Randy Bustle and

Karen Doughan - \$25 gift certificate to Wishing Well Cafe.
Also winning raffle prizes were: Lynn Rich - electric griddle; Dave Thorne - double crock pot; Sharon Wall - crock pot; and little Woody Woodward was the 50/50 winner.
Club members will meet on April 1, at 7:00 p.m. at Pour Richard's. Scholarship applications will be judged and plans for the annual Sunday, June 22, Earl Muir Memorial Kid's Fishing Derby will be finalized.
For information on joining the club, contact Bonnie Bolen, secretary, at double10@frontier.com or speak with any club member.

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DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL
Friday, March 21
Dwight vs. Pontiac
Varsity -
A four-run seventh inning for Pontiac helped them grab a comeback win over the Trojans, 7-6, in the first game of the season for Dwight.
The Trojans outthit Pontiac, 11-6, but the ugly final frame dealt Dwight their first loss of the season.
Ryan Gaston pitched a good game, going six innings and allowing just two earned runs on three hits and two walks, striking out six. Owen Pulver came on in relief, giving up four earned runs on two hits and three walks, striking out two.
At the plate, Karsen Kopmann went 2-4 with a homerun and three RBI. Chris Peck was 2-4 with a double and an RBI. Chance Carlson also went 2-4 with an RBI. Peter Hansen was 1-3 with an RBI. Gaston and Pulver each added a hit. Jace Kennedy and Aaron Wyllie each went 1-4.

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Adult Softball League Sign-ups Underway

Sign-ups for Adult softball are now open. Sunday Co-ed softball at Renfrew park and Thursday Night 16" softball at Garrett park. If you have any questions please call Dan (815) 768-7960.

Augustana Academic All-Conference Honors to Tambling

A total of ninety-one Augustana athletes earned academic all-conference honors in the CCIW for the winter sports. In order to be named to the academic all-conference team the athlete has to earn a varsity

letter and must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.30.

Chaney Tambling of Dwight has been awarded this honor. She is studying Biology/Spanish and is a four-year athlete playing Basketball.



Dwight Sports Booster BASH

April 12, 2014
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Gardner-South Wilmington High School Dist. 73 Board Briefs for March 19

Principal Report- Mr. John Engelman, Principal, discussed four areas of development in the building: Curriculum aligned to the new State Standards, creating assessments that align to the Common Core, School Improvement Planning Team (SIP) has created two school wide rubrics- oral presentation and writing. Created an electronic survey for students to take regarding student to student respect/disrespect. Classroom Teaching Methodology- Kellie Doubeck has been providing Professional Development Training for our teachers. School Wide Consistency- Creating rubrics and Academic Vocabulary to use school wide.

Principal Engelman also discussed the following: Sadie Hawkins Dance - was held on Saturday, March 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. April 7- GSW is going to pilot the PARCC test. This test will replace the PSAE next year. April 8- Grundy County Health Department will be here at 2:00 p.m. for a student assembly in the gym.

Technology Report- Logan Murray, IT Director, was present to discuss our options and cost for upgrading our internet service. He reviewed the different plans and recommended that AT&T was the best option for GSW HS at this time. He also gave a brief update of where they are on E-rate.

Review of March 6 BOE Planning Meeting- Mr. Perrott went over the strategies and goals that were developed at the March 6 planning session. The board members agreed that they will take time to review and approve at the April board meeting.

First Reading of Board Policy Revisions/Additions- The first reading of the following Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed to the board members and reviewed by Mr. Perrott in open session: 2:125-E2, 2:125-E1, 2:140, 2:140-E, 2:150, 2:150-AP, 2:160, 2:170, 2:170-AP, 2:130. 8:30 is the policy addressing Conceal Carry on school property. Mr. Perrott reviewed the recommended revision with our attorney.

Calendar School Year 2014-2015- A copy of the GSW HS calendar was distributed to board members with a side-by-side comparison that includes all four schools (GSW and the 3 feeder Grade Schools). GSW

start dates are aligned with GAVC (Grundy County Vocational Center) and the other Grundy County high schools (Morris, Minooka, and Coal City). Perrott reported that he and Mr. Engelman have been working with the feeder elementary schools to coordinate professional development/teacher institute days.

Calendar Amendment 2013-2014- Since GSW used all five Emergency Days and one additional day, the 2013-14 school calendar has to be amended to extend the school days to June 4. The last day of student attendance will be Monday, June 2. June 3 will be a Teacher Institute Day and June 4 will be the final teacher make-up day. An amended calendar will be brought to the Board in April for approval. A final calendar will be submitted to the State of Illinois to show that they will be using the five emergency days at the end of the year.

Asbestos Removal Project- The project is being "designed" by Ideal Environment. They have put together bid specs and are holding the contractors to the regulations for removal of the asbestos. Perrott reported that bids from four contractors were opened on March 4. The bids were distributed to the board members. Mr. Perrott does not yet have an estimate from the brick mason/contractor what the whole project will cost. The removal of the windows and brick work will begin the week after school is out and should/ could be done before the end of June.

Old Business: Student GPA- Grade Scale- The GPA/Grading Committee has met three times. The committee has completed their work and a recommendation was presented to the board. Three parents, three teachers, one board member, Mrs. Jennifer Kilmer, Guidance Counselor and Principal Mr. John Engelman were members of the committee. A copy of the recommendation made by this committee was distributed to board members. Cindy Gerber, board member who sat on the committee, went over the suggested changes in full detail. This will be an action item at the April board meeting.

Pre-Registration for School Year 2014-2015- There was a committee meeting held on Monday, March 17 to discuss the process. Early registration info packets will go

home with students on April 18. Mr. Engelman will send out an AlertNow when the packets go home and before they are due back to GSW. Early Registration is due May 1.

New for the 2014-15 school year, GSW is working on an online payment option for student fees and meal deposits. A \$1.00 per transaction fee will have to occur to offset the expense of the program. On-site registration will be held Monday, August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Students will receive their books on the first day of school.

Maintenance Grants- New second round grant was applied for. They were approved for this \$50,000 matching grant as well. Perrott reported that GSW has received \$171,000 in matching grants from the state over the past 3 years.

Building/Grounds: Baseball fence will be installed/repared as the weather/ground allows. Third floor HVAC work is being started during spring break. This work air-condition and heat the entire third floor. Window glass-work will be completed as the weather gets better. Boiler: They received an estimate to replace the burner and burner controls on the smaller boiler. For \$12,500 they can replace the old boiler controls on the smaller/old boiler. Perrott recommended that they hold off until they finish adjusting the new larger boiler and fixing other heating related projects.

Tile floors trainings: Their two maintenance persons are registered for classes on June 4 and 5. This will allow either gentleman to supervise or work on tile floor removal. Summer: Crews are lined up for summer. Three teams will be running this summer. One team will address building maintenance

projects. The second team will focus on cleaning the interior of the building. Their third (one man team) will maintain the lawn and grounds. Electric: Healy, Bender & Assoc. (architect) is looking at the electrical project and is going to make a recommendation regarding how to break it into smaller projects. The architect will prepare the necessary specifications for the projects.

New sign/ marquee: They are waiting on a second bid from a company regarding a new electronic sign. The window blinds are up. Including the coaches' offices. They are going to look at other areas. Drop ceilings and lighting in classrooms: Mr. Perrott will get a price to add drop ceilings in remaining classrooms.

Action Items- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (Second Reading)- Board Policies 2:70, 2:70-E, 2:80, 2:80-E, 2:100, 2:105, 2:110, 2:120, 2:120-E-2, 2:120-E, 2:125. Approval of Board Policy Revision (First Reading)- Policy 8:30, Conceal Carry. Approval of Calendar School Year 2014-2015. Accept Resignation of Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach- Cassie Bexson. Approval of Summer Staffing, as discussed. Approval of Academic Services Coordinator- Angel Dallio. Approval of Window Removal Project- Dem Services, Inc. (Asbestos abatement contractor) (Base, Alt 1&2).

Approval of Internet Upgrade. Accept Knights of Columbus Donation- \$500.00. William Pohl and John Austin, from the Braidwood Knights of Columbus Council #1574, presented a \$500.00 check to GSW HS Special Education teachers, Erin Ferrari and Christina Sukley. They donate to local area schools during the yearly

Tootsie Rolls sale. Approval of Early Graduation Request. Approval of IHSA Membership. Cancel the March 26 meeting-Second meeting for the month of March.

Superintendent Information Items: FOIA Requests - One request made during the last month from a private citizen. Health and Life Safety Inspection- The ROE completed their inspection and gave GSW HS a good report. A copy of the letter was distributed. Mr. Perrott will talk to the ROE about items they may have found that we can address.

Senator Rezin/ Grundy Economic Development Council Internship Program- Sent from Lance Copes, GAVC Director: The program currently has 179 applications for the summer internships. Congratulations to you, your staffs, and your students as this is a tremendous turnout for only our second year of the program. With the help of our office staff, I was just able to complete the organization of all the applications. Monday, I will begin breaking all of the information out by school and by job descriptions. Several of the areas in accounting and engineering are near 20 applicants and we may need to reduce the size of the pool. I will speak with Nancy at the GEDC on Monday and discuss our next steps.

GSW High School "Road to Reality" was held on Monday, March 3. IHSA Regional Basketball Tournament- GSW HS hosted the tournament Feb 28. They had approximately 30 parents help out in some way during the event. The Board expressed their gratitude for all the hard work the parents and volunteers put into hosting the Regional. GSW was RVC Conference

Math Champions- Coaches Mr. Scott Hunt and Mrs. Nicole Leigh. GSW was the IHSA Regional Scholastic Bowl Champions- Coach Mrs. Susan Heerd. Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringing- GSW NHS students raised \$569.14 ringing the bell during the Christmas Holiday Season. A letter of appreciation was sent.

GAVC Director Award Winners for February- GSW had 3 students recognized in February: Lauren Daniels- Computer Maintenance, Jordyn Bell- Criminal Justice and Bryanna DeMoraes- Health Occupations. End of the Year Calendar Items: Thursday- March 20: 11:30 a.m. early dismissal for students, 12:05 p.m. lockdown drill in the classroom with Grundy County Police in the building, 12:10 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Professional development in library with Kellie Doubeck, 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.- Parent/Teacher conferences. Friday, March 21: 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.- Parent/Teacher conferences.

Spring Break- March 21 through March 30. School resumes on Monday, March 31. Spring Play- Friday and Saturday night, April 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m. Blood Drive- Wednesday, April 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No school- Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21- Easter Holiday. PSAE Testing- April 23 and 24. PROM- Saturday, April 26 at American Legion in Gardner. MAP Testing- April 30 through May 5. Wed-May 7-early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Spring Fine Arts Night at 7:00 p.m.- Tuesday May 13. Graduation- Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. Final Exams- Friday, May 30 and Monday, June 2. Teacher Inst- Tuesday, June 3 and final teacher make-up day is Wednesday June 4.

SPORTS week at a glance

WHAT	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Dwight Varsity Baseball	March 27	Roanoke-Benson	Roanoke-Benson	4:30 p.m.
	March 28	Momence	Momence	4:30 p.m.
	March 29	El Paso	Dwight	11:00 a.m.
Dwight JV Baseball	March 27	Lexington	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	March 29	El Paso	El Paso	11:00 a.m.
	April 1	Putnam	Putnam	4:30 p.m.
Dwight Varsity Softball	March 27	Morris	Morris	4:30 p.m.
	March 28	Momence	Momence	4:30 p.m.
	March 29	El Paso-Gridley	Dwight	11:00 a.m.
	March 31	Prairie Central	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
Dwight JV Softball	March 27	Morris	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	March 28	Momence	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	March 31	Prairie Central	Prairie Central	4:30 p.m.
	April 1	Joliet Central-Freshman	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
Tri-Point Baseball	March 27	Kankakee Trinity Academy	Tri-Point	4:30 p.m.
	March 29	Milford	Milford	10:00 a.m.
	March 31	Illinois Lutheran	Tri-Point	4:30 p.m.
	April 1	GCMS	Tri-Point	4:30 p.m.
Tri-Point Softball	March 27	Kankakee Trinity Academy	Tri-Point	4:30 p.m.
	March 29	Milford	Milford	10:00 a.m.
	April 1	Paxton-Buckley-Loda	Paxton	4:30 p.m.

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 584-3420 church
 584-3425 fax
 584-1554 parsonage
 Pastor: Lance Leeds
 • MAR. 26: NO Kids Klub; 5 - 8 p.m., Spring Break Olympics; 7 p.m., Community Mid-Lenten Worship at Congregational Church.
 • MAR. 27: 6:30 p.m., Cantata rehearsal; 7:15 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.
 • MAR. 28: 2:15 p.m., Jr. High Conference in Peoria.
 • MAR. 29: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Rt. 66 and That 50's Place.
 • MAR. 30: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; Confirmation Class; "Not a Fan" Bible Study; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship

Service; 11:30 - 2 p.m., Youth Leader meeting; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group.
 • MAR. 31: 7 p.m., UMM meeting.
 • APR. 1: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study; 9 a.m., Jean Voigts' Bible Study at Heritage Woods; 3 p.m., New Chapter Band practice; 6:30 - 8 p.m., Ladies luncheon.
 • APR. 2: 3 - 5 p.m., Kids Klub; REAL Youth Group; 7 - 8 p.m., Cantata rehearsal; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Ignite Youth Group; 8 p.m., Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.
First Baptist Church
 401 N. Clinton St.
 815-584-3182
 Pastor Daniel L. Woodward
 • MAR. 30: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service; 6 p.m., Sunday Evening Service
 • APR. 2: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening

Service & King's Kids Program.
First Congregational United Church of Christ
 200 W. Delaware St.
 584-1260 church
 Pastor Connie Williams
 Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister
 MAR. 26: Mid Lenten Service at 7 p.m. Pastor Leeds will give the message. Refreshment/Fellowship time after the service.
 MAR. 30: Service at 10:30 a.m.
St. Patrick Catholic Church
 Mazon Ave. at Prairie
 815-584-3522 Rectory
 Rev. Chris Haake, Pastor
 • MAR. 29: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass
 • MAR. 30: 8 a.m., Mass
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 • MAR. 26: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 7 p.m., Ecumenical Lenten Service at Congregational Church.
 • MAR. 28: 8 p.m., A.A.
 • MAR. 29: 4 until 7 p.m., Aebelskiver Supper.
 • MAR. 30: 8:15 a.m., HC Healing Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., HC Healing Worship.

BRACEVILLE
Braceville United Methodist Church
 106 W. Gould St.
 815-237-8512 Church
 Pastor: Bennett A. Woods
 • MAR. 26: NO JAM, EDGE or STATIC groups due to Spring Break.
 • Walk Fit and Fellowship Exercise, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.
 • FRIDAYS: Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, 8 p.m.
 • MAR. 30: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Father Chris Haake, Pastor
 MAR. 30: 10 a.m., Mass
GARDNER United Lutheran Church ELCA
 309 E. Jefferson St.
 815-237-2227
 pastorulc@att.net
 • SUNDAYS: 10 a.m., Worship with Word & Sacrament
 • APR. 2: Mid-Week Service, 7 p.m.
HERSCHER St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
 Main Street
 Pastor: Father Doug Hauber
 815-426-2153
 • Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.
 • Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.
 • Monday and Friday, Masses, 8 a.m.
 • Saturday confessions, 4:15 p.m.

Dwight Peace Meals
 Wed., Mar. 26: Taco salad with lettuce, cheese, tomatoes and beans, peaches, taco chips, cake.
 Thurs., Mar. 27: Chicken and noodles, pickled or Harvard beets, herbed peas or pea salad, Mandarin oranges, dinner roll. Two meals delivered on Thursday. No meals served on Friday.
 Mon., Mar. 31: Sausage gravy, tri-taters, fruit juice, biscuit, cinnamon buttered apples.
 Tues., Apr. 1: Swiss beef patty, warm fruit compote, three bean bake, whole grain bread (2), lemon crunch dessert.
 Wed., Apr. 2: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, mixed vegetables, whole grain bread, frosted pumpkin or carrot bar.
 Thurs., Apr. 3: Lasagna, tossed salad, peas, French bread, warm rosy applesauce. Two meals delivered on Thursday. No meals served on Friday.
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Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Celebrated at March Meeting

At the March 18 meeting, Omicron President, Paula Freepartner, welcomed members back after a three month absence. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang the meal blessing, and enjoyed fried chicken, pasta, sides, and many salads and desserts at Pitstick Pavilion. Char Farrell, who had published biographies of their founders on the new Facebook page, sought to see if members could match up biographies and names. The results were not impressive. Patty Hopkins handed out prizes to those who remembered the most names. A Founders' Day program, narrated by Patty Hopkins and enacted by 11 other members, portraying the first meeting of the Kappa Delta Gamma Society, followed. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Omicron members sang "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," and then went on to celebrate the Texas founders with "The Yellow Rose of Texas." During the business meeting, the minutes from November 2013 were approved as printed in the February *Keyhole*. The treasurer's November report was filed for review. A donation was received from the family of Betty Ohlmacher to be used for scholarships. Thank You's came in from the Community Food Basket for Omicron's recent donation. Haley Martin thanked Omicron for being chosen to receive a scholarship. Illinois Valley Food Pantry appreciated Omicron's donation. A multitude of thank you's came from DKG Schools for African Program thanking the group for the donations received. Julie Huber wrote and was appreciative of her change of status from active to reserve. The Lambda State International Committee has a trip to Canada in the works. Debbie Paulsen reported that the rest of the books purchased with the Martha's Books Grant were delivered to Under His Wings and members went again and read to the children and the children read to them. Books will go out to children in Easter baskets. Tracy O'Fallon is still working to get responses to the membership profile request. Information concerning new members is due to Tracy by May 1. If you have potential candidates, contact Tracy. Janna Greanias thanked members for donations to the food pantries. Omicron's next project involves donations of items listed in the *Keyhole* to be distributed to Under His Wings. Diapers size 3, 4, and 5 are always needed. College student, Haley Martin, winner of the grant-in-aid scholarship, has been entered into the competition at the state level. Professional Development Chair, Cynthia Christensen, reported that there were seven high school applicants for the Omicron grant. The winner will also be sent to Lambda State in hopes that she will also win the Lambda State Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant. The winner will be announced in April. Penny Schlickman (Research, Chair) and Pauline Brown (Research Committee) have been compiling a list of all the members from 1938 to today. They are gathering dates, small biographies, and pictures. Members will be contacted for an accuracy check via e-mails. E-mail buddies need to pass on information to members on their list. Penny and Pauline have identified 484 members, but only have information on 145 of them. Women in the Arts Chair, Jean Naretto, needs any donations to the convention art mart to be brought to the April meeting. Money from the items fund student scholarships.

Char Farrell indicated that Omicron's website has been reapproved for 2014, and she has a new host service that is free for members: www.omicronil.weebly.com. The design is different, but the information and the structure is still basically the same. The Links for Teachers, which was on the Lambda State website, can now be found only on Omicron's site. Contact Char for an invitation to join Omicron's Facebook page.

The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts has applications available for the 2014 Conservation Teacher of the Year Program. Contact Cindy Christensen.

Omicron is hosting the Orientation for Chapter Leaders at Ottawa High School on June 14. Help is needed with the food, etc., and all 2014-16 elected officers are asked to attend.

Feedback concerning the idea of keeping or cancelling the February meeting was on the tables. The information was presented for discussion. Discussion followed with four members speaking to the issue. No action was taken. More feedback was requested and the item was tabled until April.

It is urged that members let the president or editor of the *Keyhole* know if they want or don't want to have their news in the publication.

Omicron member, Aaronda Murphy-Neuwirth, Reading Recovery Specialist at White Oak Elementary in Morris, received the Rotary Teacher of the Year award in Morris. Starved Rock Reading Council is hosting the Young Authors Program on Wednesday, April 30, and Omicron members are asked to help with the venue. Contact Stephanie Benson.

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CARF International recently announced that Easter Seals Peoria-Bloomington has been accredited for a period of three years in Behavioral Services and Supports for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, making it the first CARF accredited autism program in central Illinois. Today, as many as one in 88 children are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, making autism the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex neurodevelopmental disability that typically appears during the first two years of life and affects a person's ability to effectively communicate and interact with others. The Autism Program at Easter Seals provides high-quality, specialized, comprehensive services for children with autism and their families. The Easter Seals Autism Diagnostic Clinic, a one-day diagnostic experience led by a developmental pediatrician, is unique to the region, delivering over 35% of all comprehensive clinical autism evaluations in Illinois. Among other services, Easter Seals offers the Autism Learning Center, an intensive therapeutic autism program for children ages three to five; Applied Behavior Analysis services; The P.L.A.Y. Project, a family-focused intervention that occurs in the child's home; and Social Skills groups. Autism Resource Centers are located in Peoria and Bloomington and offer trusted resources for autism information and referral services across the lifespan. The Easter Seals Autism Helpline is available at 1-855-511-3773.

Primary Election results for Sheriff; Dist. 1, 2, and 3 Board

(continued from page 1) Sheriff in Kankakee County with 59% of the votes, and now heads into the November general election with no Democratic challenger. Finally, for Grundy County, Republican Ken Briley won the nomination with 58% of the votes and will face Democrat Kevin Callahan in the general election.

For District 1 board, Grundy County, Millie Dyer (R), John Almer (R) and Don Neushwander Jr. (R) will be facing incumbents Ken Iverson (D), Barry Aldrich (D) and Kelly Valentine (D) in the general

election. District 2, Michael Clemmons (D) and Dave Udstuen (D) will face Debra Warning (R), Kerri Courtright (R), and David Nelson (R) in November. For District Three, Richard Joyce (D) and Jim Ryan (D) will face Douglas Boresi (R) and Clark Barkley (R).

Livingston County Board District 1 winners: (R) William Mays, Kathy Arbogast and Marty Fannin. District 2: (R) David W. Heath, Daryl N. Holt, Robert F. Weller and Joan Bullard.

District 3: (R) Mark E. Runyon, Justin Goemmel, John L. Yoder and Stanley R. Weber.

Cullom Library Looking for 'Goodies' for Bake Sale

The Cullom Library says, "it's that time again." The Little League is having its Spaghetti Dinner Monday, April 7, and the Cullom Memorial Library will have

its Bake Sale.

If you love to bake and create, they are in need of goodies. Your support is appreciated.



DWIGHT EMS PARAMEDICS conducted a CPR demonstration for Beth Goodwin's seventh grade class on March 13. The students learned about CPR, the use of an AED and the Heimlich maneuver. Paramedics involved in the demonstration were Sandy Kokaly, Andi Ramsey, Cecily Meadows and EMS Director Al Metzke.



The American Legion Post/Auxiliary/Sons of the American Legion Department of Illinois 2014 Americanism Essay Contest "How Would I Improve Our Form of Government" winners are announced for the Tri-Point High School in Cullom. Class II- 9th & 10th grades and Class III- 11th & 12th grades. Winners are as follows: Front Row: American Legion Auxiliary Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom: Left to Right: Class II: 1st place: Trevor Kerrins; 2nd place: Jordan Hamilton; 3rd place: Jackie Weller; Class III: 1st place: Katy Haag; 2nd place: Cody McElroy; 3rd place: Grace Metz. Middle row: American Legion Auxiliary Olson-Butemalone Unit 734, Kempton: Left to Right: Class II: 1st place: Abigail Sievert; 2nd place: Katie Malone; 3rd place Lindsey Margewich; Class III: 1st place: Lauren Mohler; 2nd place: Andrew Watts; 3rd place: Brooke Haag. Top row: American Legion Auxiliary Gibb Unit 588, Piper City: Left to Right: Class II: 1st place: Ben Mogged (absent for picture); 3rd place: Palvee Singlr (absent for picture); Class III: No winners. Judges for Cullom #122 were Marge Kross and Pat Johnson. Judges for Kempton #737 were Gordon and Pat Essington, Donna Hackett, and Valerie Wright. Judges for Piper City #588 were Mike Lyons, Maggie Boma, and Dale Cupples. All first place essays were sent on to the 17th District Americanism Chairman.



The American Legion Post/Auxiliary/Sons of the American Legion Department of Illinois 2014 Americanism Essay Contest "How Would I Improve Our Form of Government" winners are announced for the Tri-Point Junior High School 8th grade class in Piper City. Winners are as follows: Front Row: American Legion Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom: Left to Right: 1st place: Jimmy Haag; 2nd place: Grace Steidinger; 3rd place: Linae Hoover. Middle Row: American Legion Olson Bute Malone Unit #737, Kempton: Left to Right: 1st place: Nathan Berens; 2nd place: Amyjo Steichen; 3rd place: Gabby McDermott (absent for picture). Top Row: American Legion Gibb Auxiliary Unit #588, Piper City: Left to Right: 1st place, Randal Ifft; 2nd place: Jacob Carrera; 3rd place: Dalton Lawless. Judges for Cullom #122 were Marge Kross and Pat Johnson. Judges for Kempton #737 were Gordon and Pat Essington, Donna Hackett, and Valerie Wright. Judges for Piper City #588 were Mike Lyons, Maggie Boma, and Dale Cupples. All first place essays were sent on to the 17th District Americanism Chairman.

Tri-Point Comm. Unit School District 6J Board of Education Meets

The Board of Education of Tri-Point CUSD #6J held a Regular Meeting on March 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tri-Point Board of Education Room in Kempton. Board Members: Ted Conkling, Kris Haag, Trisha Haag, Cherie Smolkovich, Lloyd Vaughn, Amy Fecht and Sharon Mogged were present. Visitors: Jeff Kuhn, Kim Mogged, Dayna Moritz, Brooke Haag, June Haeme, Lanaya Woodell, Shirley Knilands, Rhonda Wilkerson.

Action by the Board included: Approved Consent Agenda. Approved Twin City Energy to supply the Natural Gas and Electric

needs of the Tri-Point School District. Moved to employ Becky Allen, Rich Bell, Tonya Smith, and Amy Steidinger as fourth year non-tenured staff members effective for the 2014-2015 school year. Moved to employ Austin McDowell and Rhonda Wilkerson as third year non-tenured staff members effective for the 2014-15 school year. Moved to employ Kayla Hart, Amanda Todd, and Josh Lopez as second year non-tenured staff members effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

Approved the honorable dismissal of tenured teacher John Edwards. Approved

membership for Tri-Point High School in the IHSA for the 2014-2015 school year. Approved the Senior Trip for the Class of 2014 as presented with a donation of \$250. Accepted the resignation of Joyce Justus as Spanish Teacher effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Accepted the retirement of Lanaya Woodell as High School Math Teacher effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Accepted the resignation of Austin McDowell as Junior High Basketball Coach.

Accepted the fiber internet connection proposal from Mediacom. Moved to

go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. for the following: Appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; Collective Bargaining matters or consideration of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; Student Discipline cases; Special Education program or other matters relating to individual students placement pursuant to the authority granted by 5 IL CS 120/2 and (1) and (2) of the Illinois open meeting act. Moved to come out of closed session at 8:45 p.m. Moved to close meeting at 8:46 p.m. Next Board Meeting will be April 21.

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