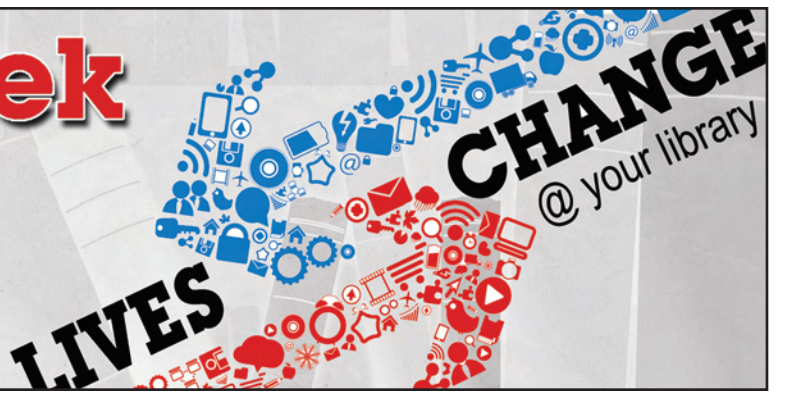


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PRAIRIE CREEK LIBRARY CELEBRATES

By Scott R. Schultz
In July, 1731, Benjamin Franklin and 50 subscribers invested 40 shillings each and started the first library for the British Colonies. Nearly 200 years later, after a purchase of land on Prairie Avenue by the Dwight Woman's Club was given to the town of Dwight for use as a public library, the Dwight Public Library opened its doors on February 1, 1927 with a total of 1,679 books. Today, it is estimated that over 120,000 libraries of all kinds exist in the United States. Those, along with Dwight's Prairie Creek Public Library, will join together in celebrating National Library Week from April 13 - 19.

Dwight Public Library remained on Prairie Avenue for 64 years, and after recognizing the need for a larger facility, the Library Board accepted Mr. James Oughton's offer to donate the Carriage House for Dwight's new library.

Renovations began in 1990, and the new facility was opened in 1991 with over 12,000 books. In that same year, the board petitioned to change Dwight Public

Library to a Library District, providing a larger territory and tax base. During the mid 1990's, funding was raised to renovate the upper floor of the library, to house both a children's library and community meeting room. In addition, an elevator would be installed to meet ADA compliance.

Since then, the board has helped to maintain the library and to facilitate its ability to stay current with the changing media trends.

Under the direction of Librarian Kristin Glatz, the library currently serves over 6,600 north-central Illinois residents. A collection of over 30,000 volumes exists. Computers, printers, copy and fax machines, free Wi-Fi and a meeting room are also available for the public.

The library board members through the years have acted as visionaries, who have given time and resources to meet the needs of a changing culture and community, providing the people of Dwight with an invaluable resource. As Alan Mortensen, President of the current board says, "Working to improve

library services and programs is one of the most enjoyable duties of being a board member. We try to come up with ideas that will interest people in the community and give them an opportunity to learn and be entertained. It is interesting to try to keep services provided at the library practical, and pertinent to the needs of the community. As technology changes, keeping up with current trends and ways to stay relevant are very important to us."

Fellow board member Janet Neville echoed that sentiment, "Many people think the library is only a place to check out books. While that fact alone would be incentive enough for me, the library also has magazines, newspapers, music CD's, movie DVD's and e-books - all loaned out for FREE."

Having a board willing to embrace the changes in technology and how the public engages in the use of media, has been important. Board member Rosemary Miller adds, "As a board, we have tried to be forward thinking in an effort to move the library into the

Verona-Kinsman Fire Chief Retires, Honored at Open House

Paul Anderson, a resident of Verona and Chief of the Verona-Kinsman Fire Department, has retired after 25 years. Following his father in this career, he has been helping people all his life. Paul moved to Verona in 1977 and joined the MVK Ambulance service in 1983.

"At first we had a red fire phone in our house that would go off whenever there was a call," Paul's wife, Linda, remembers. "The Firemen's wives had a phone-tree, we'd all have about four or five people each that we were responsible for calling to make sure everyone responded to the call. Then 22 years ago, 911 came around and they had pagers which made it easier."

On April 6, Chief Paul Anderson was honored with an open house at the Verona-Kinsman Fire Department. The Open House was to recognize his 37 years of dedicated service to the fire department, with 25 of those



PAUL ANDERSON, VERONA, has retired as the Chief of the Verona-Kinsman Fire Department after 25 years of service.

years service as Chief, his active and supportive role as a member of the Chief Shabonna Fireman's Association, and also to celebrate his retirement. Paul was presented with a brass axe by the department prior to the open house, as well as the department's annual dinner, for recognition of his hard work and commitment.

Harold Holsinger, president of Chief Shabonna Fireman's Association, presented Anderson with a plaque for his services. Monty Serena, fire Chief for South Wilmington Fire Department, also recognized Chief Anderson with a plaque for years of assistance to the South Wilmington Fire Department. (continued on page 14)

Area Holy Week Services



Women's Ecumenical Breakfast
Wednesday, 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.,
Dwight Methodist Church

Men's Ecumenical Breakfast
Thursday, 7 a.m.,
Dwight Methodist Church

Good Friday Ecumenical Service
12:05 - 12:50 p.m.,
at New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66, Dwight

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie Ave., Dwight
Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.,
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Good Friday, 6 p.m.,
Veneration of the Cross
Easter Sunday, 8 a.m., Mass

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St., Dwight
Easter Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
325 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight
Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.,
Worship with Holy Communion.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service
with Holy Communion,
6:30 a.m.
9 a.m., Easter Day Worship
with Holy Communion

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia St., Dwight
Thursday, 7 p.m., Last Supper Drama
Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m.,
Sunrise Service by Youth
8 a.m., Early Worship Service
with Cantata
10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service

Church of Hope
202 N. Monroe, Gardner
Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
Easter Worship, 9:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St., Dwight
Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.
Holy Communion Worship
Good Friday, 7 p.m., Worship; 8 p.m.,
Begin Easter;
9 p.m., Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday: 6:30 a.m.,
HC Son Rise Service.
8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., HC Worship

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Campus, IL
Easter Vigil, Saturday, 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday, 10 a.m., Mass

United Lutheran Church, ELCA
309 E. Jefferson St., Gardner
Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., Worship
Good Friday, Cross Walk from South
Wilmington Methodist Church to United
Lutheran Church, Gardner.
Good Friday Worship, 7 p.m.
6:30 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service
10 a.m., Morning Service

Zoar Community Church
Route 17 West, Reddick
7 a.m., Easter Sunday Service.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
Main Street, Herscher
Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.,
Mass of the Lord's Supper, Sacred Heart
Good Friday, 3 p.m., Stations of the Cross,
Sacred Heart
7 p.m., Good Friday Services,
St. James the Apostle
Saturday, 8 p.m., St. Margaret Mary, Mass
Easter Sunday, 7:30 a.m., Mass,
Sacred Heart
9 a.m., Mass, St. James the Apostle
10:30 a.m., Mass, St. Margaret Mary

Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Gould St., Braceville
Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., Worship Service
Easter Sunday, 7 a.m., Sunrise Service
with STATIC Youth Group
10 a.m., Easter Worship Service

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Apr. 4, 2014: Thomas W. Nelson Jr., 25, McDonough, Georgia, speeding (radar) 80/55; Brandon M. Carter, 27, Kankakee, speeding (radar) 75/55; Adam J. Krimpelbein, 29, Dwight, failure to yield from stop sign.

Apr. 8: Lauren M. Bell, 30, Dwight, in-state warrant.
Apr. 9: John T. Praznowski, 64, Chicago, speeding (radar) 70/55.

Apr. 10: Timothy L. Koenig, 21, Dwight, driving under influence of alc; possession of drug equipment; poss. cannabis / 30 gms. or less.

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

18 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar) 1; no front license plate 4; improper lighting - one headlamp 3; muffler violations 3; fail to notify SOS of change/address 1; disobeying traffic control device 1; driving wrong lane 1; other

traffic offenses 4.

Accidents Investigated by Dwight Police

Friday, April 4, 2014, 4:51 a.m., 12 W. Northbrook Dr., Dwight - Love's Truck Stop - Officer Glenn Peters: A collision occurred between Raphael Symphorien's 2013 Peterbilt and Rodrigo Ruiz' non-moving 2010 Kenworth. Symphorien is from Orlando, Florida; Ruiz is from Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Friday, April 4, 2014, 7:48 p.m., Park St. at Franklin Street, Dwight - Officer Glenn Peters: A collision occurred between a 1995 Buick LeSabre driven by Adam J. Krimpelbein of Dwight and a 2012 Jeep Wrangler driven by Daniel Dunlap of Diamond.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Apr. 4, 2014: 3:40 a.m., Northbrook, medical, Morris; 4:52 a.m., Chicago, lift assist; 1:43 p.m., Chicago, medical, OSF; Wilmac, medical, MCH.

Apr. 5: 9:25 a.m., James, medical, St. Mary's,

Streator; 7:47 p.m., Main, medical, OSF.

Apr. 6: 6:44 a.m., John St., lift assist; 9:22 a.m., 2800 N. Rd., medical, Morris Hospital; 3:41 p.m., Aldi Dr., auto fire alarm.

Apr. 7: 9:13 a.m., Julie, medical, OSF; 2:09 p.m., Washington, trauma, MCH; 10:06 p.m., Mazon, medical, no transport.

Apr. 8: 3:44 a.m., 2500 E Rd., fire.

Apr. 9: 11:58 a.m., Spencer, medical, OSF St. James.

Apr. 10: 8:07 a.m., Wilmac, medical, no transport; 2:18 p.m., Chippewa, medical, OSF; 10:47 p.m., Mazon, medical, OSF.



Yes, It's a Scam

This particular scam is one of the infamous "Nigerian Bank Scams." This one is sent from the secretary to the New Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

This supposed Governor wants to settle all "outstanding foreign payments, such as yours." His appointment to this position being to clear foreign debts and clean the image of Nigeria.

This email tells you that it's different from these other Nigerian bank scams, which involve selfish bank officials. They ask you to quit contact with any of them and simply contact this new CBN governor as quickly as possible in order to have your approved payment released to you.

Temps - 2014

April 3 - high 45°, low 37° .55" precip.
April 4 - high 45°, low 29°
April 5 - high 51°, low 30°
April 6 - high 56°, low 30°
April 7 - high 54°, low 36° .02" precip.
April 8 - high 61°, low 30°
April 9 - high 62°, low 31°
One Year Ago - April 16, 2013 high 53°, low 41° trace precip.



CUB SCOUTS FROM PACK 462 and Girl Scouts from Troop 70304 had a canned food drive on April 6. The parents and scouts walked around Gardner and asked residents for canned food for the local food pantry. The scouts collected 451 food items and brought them to the local Food Pantry at the Garfield Township building in Gardner. Looking back at the records for the past nine years, the scouts have collected over 6,800 items for the local pantry. Special thanks to all the scouts, parents and especially the citizens, for their generosity. Pictured, l to r, front row: David and Cole, Middle row: Ryan, Jacob, Tristen, Robert, Noah, Jack, Back Row: Carter, Josh, Abigail, Jessica, and Kimberly (not pictured - Girl Scout, Gianna).



Be Prepared for Severe Weather

The following is a public service announcement from the Dwight ESDA (Emergency Services and Disaster Agency).

With the arrival of warm weather, severe weather arrives as well. The following are suggestions to help you and your family be prepared for severe weather.

- Have a portable AM/FM radio available, preferably a weather alert radio.
- Have a reliable flashlight available.
- Monitor TV or radio for weather updates.

Severe thunderstorm watches: These mean that conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms. A watch will be issued by the National Weather Service and will expire at a specified time.

There is no cable TV announcement or emergency siren sounded in Dwight for severe thunderstorm watches. Be prepared to seek shelter. Monitor TV and radio for weather updates.

Severe thunderstorm warnings: These mean severe thunderstorms have been sighted in our area. A warning will be issued by the National Weather Service and will expire at a specified time.

There is no cable TV announcement of the warning. Emergency sirens will be activated only if there is hail, damaging winds above 58 mph, or evidence of fun-

nel clouds forming.

When emergency sirens are sounding: Take cover immediately.

Go to a basement if possible. If you don't have a basement, seek shelter in a small room near the center of your dwelling or the bathroom. Stay away from windows or skylights. Keep a flashlight, portable radio or weather radio with you. Listen for updates. Stay alert until an "all clear" is given by the National Weather Service or the time has expired for the warning.

Tornado watches: These mean conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. The National Weather Service will issue a watch that will expire at a specified time.

There will be a cable TV announcement for tornado watches. Emergency sirens will be activated only if there is hail, damaging winds above 58 mph or evidence of funnel clouds forming.

Take emergency action as described in severe thunderstorm warnings.

Tornado warnings: These mean tornadoes have been sighted in our area. The National Weather Service will issue a warning that will expire at a specified time.

Emergency sirens will be activated. There will be an announcement of the warning over cable TV.

Take cover immediately.

You are in imminent danger.

Go to the basement if possible. If you don't have a basement, seek shelter in a small room near the center of your dwelling or the bathroom. Monitor radio stations or weather radio for updates. Stay in your sheltered area until the time has expired for the warning.

Remember: WATCHES mean in time severe weather or tornadoes may develop. Be prepared to take shelter.

WARNINGS mean severe weather or tornadoes have been sighted in our area. You may be instructed to seek shelter immediately. If sirens sound, take cover.

We suggest purchasing a weather radio that will keep you advised of conditions.

Local radio stations may keep you updated as weather changes occur. Here are a few stations in our area:

- Pontiac - WTRX FM 93.7, WPOK AM 1080, WJEF FM 98.9
- Morris - WJDK FM 95.7, WCSJ AM 1550

Dwight cable TV carries The Weather Channel on channel 28. It will carry local Doppler radar of our area if we are experiencing severe weather.

Remember, be prepared. Have a plan and be ready to take action. Tornadoes can occur in any month of the year, with Illinois averaging 25 per year.

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On April 22, we celebrate Earth Day — a day devoted to education and action on environmental issues. As a citizen of the world, you may have a keen interest in protecting your physical surroundings. And as someone trying to reach long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you're probably also interested in improving your investment environment.

So here are a few suggestions:

Respond to environmental factors. Over the past few years, we've had a favorable investment climate, marked by low inflation, low interest rates and generally strong corporate profits. And investors who have taken advantage of this positive environment have, for the most part, been rewarded. But things can change, so it's always a good idea to understand the current investment environment, as it may affect your investment choices. For example, if it seems likely that long-term interest rates are going to rise significantly, you might need to review your long-term bond holdings, as their price would be negatively affected by a rise in rates.

Nurture your investments. One area of environmentalism involves planting seeds or saplings and nurturing them to maturity. You can do the same thing with investments — and a good way to nurture them is to give them time to grow in all investment climates. But how long should you hold these investments? You might heed the advice of Warren Buffett, one of the world's most famous investors, who says this about his investment company: "Our favorite holding period is forever." It takes patience to follow the buy-and-hold strategy favored by Mr. Buffett — and it also requires the discipline necessary to keep investing through the inevitable downturns you will encounter. But over the long term, your perseverance may well be rewarded.

Avoid "toxic" investment strategies. Unfortunately, many human activities are bad for the environment. Similarly, some investment strategies are "toxic" for your prospects of success. Consider the pursuit of "hot" stocks. They sound inviting, but, by the time you hear about them, they may have lost their sizzle — and in any case, they might not be right for your needs. Here's another "poisonous" investment strategy: trying to "time" the market. If you're always jumping in and out of the market, looking for "low" points to buy and "high" points to sell, you'll probably be wrong most of the time — because nobody can accurately predict highs and lows. Even more importantly, you may find yourself out of the market during the beginning of a rally, which is when the biggest gains tend to occur.

Diversify your "species" of investments. Drawing inspiration from Earth Day, the United Nations has designated 2011-2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. And, just as preserving the diversification of species is important for life on Earth, the diversification of your investment portfolio is essential for its health. By owning a variety of investments — stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and so on — you can help protect yourself from downturns that primarily affect just one asset class. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your holdings, it can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

Earth Day happens just once a year — but the lessons of environmentalism can help you, as an investor, for all the days and years ahead.

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Dwight Lions Club Annual EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19

Promptly at 10 a.m. at Renfrew Park

Toddler through 4th grade Bring your baskets to collect eggs.

Candy will be distributed after the hunt.



In case of rain, parents will be directed to an alternate location for eggs and candy.

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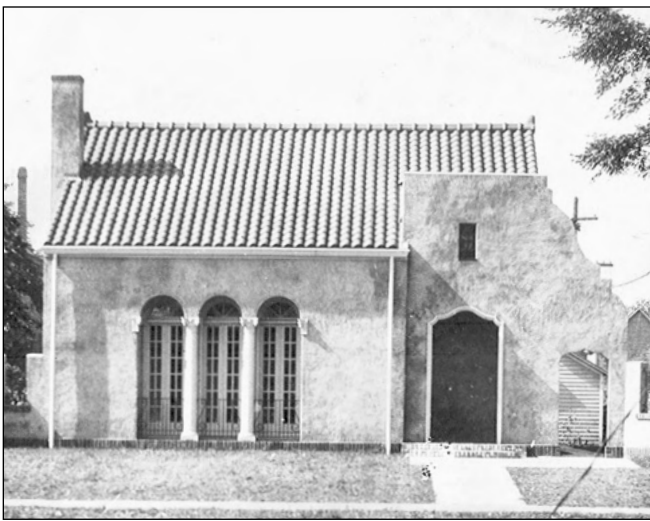
future. Our library programming uses advanced technologies to better serve our patrons."

Of course, having been patrons of the library themselves for many years, board members have little difficulty keeping the interests of the community top priority.

Janet Drake, a retired Dwight teacher and board member, recalls "As a young mother in Dwight, I enjoyed the programs and materials that were available to our family through the Dwight Public Library. When our daughters were small they

participated in story hours, pet shows and many summer reading programs." Board member Carol Siebert agrees, "Being an avid reader and book lover my decision to seek election to the Prairie Creek Library Board of Trustees was based on a desire to see this library continue to grow and prosper and yet spend taxpayers' dollars wisely." All board members expressed the same message.

Go out to the Library this week and help celebrate National Library Week and enjoy all the benefits this beautiful facility provides the area.



DWIGHT PUBLIC LIBRARY, was open for service February 1, 1927.

DGS Plans Summer Projects April Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Signs of summer approaching are showing up everywhere – even school board meetings as summer projects at Dwight Grade School were discussed by the District 232 Board of Education when it met on April 9.

One project slated for this summer, and receiving board approval, includes resurfacing of the school's gymnasium floor. Central Supply Co. of Bloomington won the contract with a bid of \$13,750 for material and labor. A new center floor logo is also included in the cost. Monies for this project will come from Sales Tax Revenues.

Other summer projects will include a solution for filling the gap currently between the drive and the sidewalk on the north side of the building, painting the hallways, and replacing ceiling tiles.

In other business, the board acted on a recommendation by administration to move to a powerful school management software system that includes modules for both business and student management. The integrated software solution, Skyward, offers a wide variety of options to meet the specific needs of a school. The student management suite offers many options such as schedule building, grading, report cards, health records, family

access, lesson planning and Response to Intervention. The School Business Suite offers assistance with operations such as budget preparation, payroll processing and reporting, contracts, and employee management. While the initial transition to Skyward is expensive, the cost reduces significantly by year three. Board members agreed that the transition is necessary.

"The money is a huge amount right now," said Board member Cathy Ferguson. "But it has to be done and we have to keep moving forward."

A three-year contract at a total cost of \$140,804.50, to be split with the DTHS District, was approved by the Grade School Board pending approval of the same by DTHS District 230 at its April 16 meeting.

Moving to another matter, the board also approved a three-year contract with Bushue Human Resources, Inc. The outsourced risk management company assists in managing complex business and administrative functions for school districts. Bushue focuses on areas such as human resources, safety, insurance and background screening. The District currently already uses the company for fingerprinting and background screening needs. Cost for year one of the contract is \$3,450 with an additional \$50 for years two and three.

The Board also: learned that a requested \$20,000 in additional Pre-K funds has been granted the District.

approved a leave extension for teacher Mike Guerrero.

employed Laura Calhoon as Special Education Teacher for the 2014 – 15 school year.

employed Laura Franks as ECE Aide, .5 AM part-time through the end of the current school year.

employed Missy Ferrari as ECE Aide, .5 PM part-time through the end of the current school year.

approved summer maintenance and technology workers as presented.

approved offering summer school and posting for required teachers as done in previous year.

learned the State of Illinois is currently behind in payments to the District totaling \$117,228.36.

Following a closed session discussion, the board accepted Administration's recommendation to find Student A guilty of violation of student handbook policies and recommend the expulsion of Student A's bus privileges for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

The next meeting of the DGS Board of Education will be Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. in the DGS Library. All meetings are open to the public.

Liv. Co. Proactive Drug Investigation Leads to Bust

Livingston County Sheriff's Proactive Gang/Drug Unit recently advised that on April 7, at around 6:37 p.m., a drug investigation led them to a buy/bust north of Dwight.

During the investigation, 28 grams of cannabis, four grams of cocaine, and \$450.00 were seized as evidence. During the bust, Derek Huss of Wilmington, and Julie Keagle of Shorewood, fled the scene in a 2014 Ford Focus.

A short time later, Dwight Police advised that the vehicle had crashed just north of Livingston County near the intersection of Dwight Road and Livingston Road in Grundy County.

Huss was located in a field by police units and taken into custody. Keagle

was also located and released. Both Huss and Keagle were medically checked by Dwight EMS and refused treatment.

Huss was arrested on cannabis, controlled substances, and numerous traffic violations.

Agencies involved with the arrest were the Livingston County Proactive Unit, LCSP Patrol Units, and Dwight Police Patrol Units. The investigation is ongoing with more charges possibly pending.



Free Food to be Distributed April 23

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township next Wednesday, April 23, at 1 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin, Dwight.

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Morris 'Junk In The Trunk' Being Held April 27

The First "Junk In The Trunk" (JITT) sale is the fourth Sunday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., in the parking lot behind Wendy's on route 47 in Morris. Vendors wishing to participate may set up at 8:30 am. A donation per parking spot will be taken, which will go to a local charity. No clothing articles, mass produced imported items or commercial vendors are allowed.

Inclement Weather cancels this event. For more information call Ken Willis at (815)-942-2032 or e-mail at willis824@comcast.net. Leave your name, number and e-mail address and you will be sent, via e-mail, a list of the rules and dates for JITT events.

Please note that JITT's day of operation is the third Sunday of each month April through October each year. April has been re-scheduled

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Chatsworth Corner

by Mare Reardanz

Mayor Richard Runyon called the April 10 Town of Chatsworth Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and all board members were present. The minutes from the last meeting were corrected by addition and unanimously approved.

Sheriff Mitchell's report recalled 32 calls last month with three citations and five written warnings. Business as usual. The new Sheriff's contract was reviewed and approved for the next three years.

It was noted that the written complaint from a citizen regarding an abandoned car had been dealt with prior to this meeting. A discussion concerning inoperable or abandoned vehicles on town property ensued. Trustee Belousek inquired about the location of ordinance forms concerning inoperable vehicles both on private property and on town property. The ordinance is clear for both parties' responsibilities.

The Safe Route to School program is moving ahead with surveyors working around town for the drawings to send to IDOT. Also, the TP&W railroad is working to replace railroad ties in the 6th Street crossing area.

Trustee Schaffer brought up the need for fuel tanks to be shared by the Fire Department and the town vehicles. It is under consideration how to share costs of purchase, insurance and filling the tanks.

The water plant paper work will be submitted to the state by Tuesday for the new plant construction.

Under "New Business," it was noted there is a problem with the town hall windows leaking. However, it only occurs when it rains.

President Runyon reminded everyone that tree planting season is upon them. They've promised some residents on 4th Street to replace trees that have been removed.

There were no other trustee reports this time. Bills were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Chatsworth Library will hold a Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, April 27 in the K of C Hall, Chatsworth.

Pancakes & Sausage with limited Biscuits and Gravy/ Egg Casserole will be served 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m..

There is a fee for Adults and a lesser charge for children.

Essex Lions Pancake Breakfast April 27

The Essex Lions are hosting a Pancake Breakfast at 217 Paris Street in Essex on Sunday, April 27, from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, hash-browns, bacon, sausage, eggs any way you like, toast, orange juice, milk and coffee. Biscuits and gravy will be available for an additional fee. Kids under the age of 12 receive a discount.



SKINNER TROST JUNIOR AUXILIARY UNIT 122 members attended the American Legion Auxiliary Department Junior Conference April 4 and 5 in Bloomington. Clockwise from Left to Right: Margie Billerbeck, Jade King, Gabby Spangler, Bailee Osborn, Brittney Billerbeck, Ana Reynolds, Lauren Ehlers, Lindsay Haren, Elise Bruner, and Anicah Bruner.

Dwight Senior Citizens Meet April 8

On April 8, fifteen members of Dwight Senior Citizens met and enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Millie Doran.

Barb Christensen led in reciting the pledge of allegiance and gave the table prayers.

Alex Shuell and Danni Halman, from Heritage Woods, conducted a trivia contest. Prizes were won by Barb Christensen, Doris Gliwa, Phyllis Steichen and Grace Johnson.

The secretary's report was given and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

Cheer lady Judy Lewis sent a sympathy card to Marietta Bennington's family, and a get well card to Dolores Connor.

'Happy Birthday' was sung to Iris Wilder and Doris Christenson.

Door prizes were won by Iris Wilder, Doris Christenson, Ellen Galeaz, Judy Lewis and Grace Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned and card games were played.

Dwight Historical Society to Meet

The Dwight Historical Society will hold its regular meeting of business in the Village Depot on West Main St. Monday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend who have an interest in Dwight history. Meetings of The Society are open to the public.

60th American Legion Auxiliary Dept. Junior Conference Held

The 60th American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois Junior Conference was held at the Bloomington Chateau Hotel & Conference Center, Friday evening April 4, and Saturday, April 5. Their theme "Junior Clowns Bring Smiles To Our Veterans." Ten Junior members: Bailee Osborn, Lauren Ehlers, Gabby Spangler, Jade King, Lindsay Haren, Anicah Bruner, Elise Bruner, Ana Reynolds, Margie Billerbeck, Brittney Billerbeck from Skinner-Trost Junior Unit 122 of Cullom attended and four Senior members, Marcia Stalter, Diane Shapland, Susan Spangler, Judy Ehlers, along with Barbara Billerbeck attended both Friday evening and Saturday. Senior members Marsha Haag and Beth King attended the session Saturday afternoon.

Friday evening was registration and fun night. There were games, swimming, and clowning around with the girls dressing as clowns and pictures taken.

The Juniors entered for judging Saturday morning a Poppy Poem, Book of Prayers, a Press book, a Unit History and poppy entries.

A Leadership Session took place from 9:00-10:00 Saturday morning led by Department Leadership chairman, Roseann Coers. All 10 members attended along with the adults. The POW/MIA table was set and explained; discussed the proper way to hang or display the American flag and how to fold the flag. Many Juniors took turns in the folding exercise.

Those assigned to a job, helping register poppy projects and books from 8:00-9:00 a.m. went back after the Leadership session to judge the entries in their assigned positions -- History: Margie Billerbeck; Music Parody: Lauren Ehlers; Public Relations: Lindsay Haren; Poppy Corsage: Brittney Billerbeck; Poppy Apparel: Bailee Osborn; Poppy Floral: Jade King; and

Registration: Gabby Spangler; Also assigned from District 17: VA & R Handiwork: Rebecca Matheny, and Poppy Tray Favors: Lonorra Matheny.

Lunch was served by Department President Judy Zimmerman's Unit.

The Department Junior Conference was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Kristie Krigbaum. She turned the gavel over to Honorary Department Junior President Taylor Wroblewski. Processional of Department and District Colors were called for. 17th District Sgt-at-Arms Ana Reynolds and Assistant Margie Billerbeck carried the 17th District Colors. The formal opening was observed.

Introductions were made: Jr President's family; 2014 Honorary Department Junior Officers; 2014 Department Senior Officers. Greetings were given by Department President Judy Zimmerman; Department Commander Bernie Stegmuller; Sr Vice Commander Hank Robards; and SAL Detachment Commander Ed Cavanaugh.

Nominations of 2014-2015 Honorary Junior President and Vice President were given. There were two candidates for Honorary Junior President and one for Vice President. Elections rules were given and the election was held.

A memorial service was conducted by Jr Chaplain Mairnda Haynard and Sr Chaplain Laurinda Kidd.

Graduation Ceremony was held for those who turned 18 and will now be Senior Members. Kadie King from District 17 and Unit 122 was among the seven seniors

graduating. Kadie was not present.

Contest Results were given:

Poppy Poems: Class II, 1st place: Bailee Osborn
Book of Prayers: Class I, 1st place: Jade King
Unit History: Reported by Margie Billerbeck: Class II, 1st place: Ashten Melton
Music Parody: Reported by Lauren Ehlers. No entries from their Unit.

Public Relations: Reported by Lindsay Haren: Class II, 1st place: Lauren Ehlers
Poppy Corsage: Class I, 3rd place, Jade King; Class II, 1st place, Lauren Ehlers
Poppy Floral: Class I, 1st place, Jade King; Class II, 1st place, Bailee Osborn
Poppy Apparel: Class I, 2nd place, Elise Bruner; Class II, 1st place, Bailee Osborn
Poppy Tray Favor: Class I, 3rd place: Gabby Spangler; Class II, 1st place Lauren Ehlers

Little Miss Poppy was crowned: Nicloe Kuhl from the 9th District

Registration report was given by Alexis Poterack & Gabby Spangler. District 17 had 14 registered and 12 present. Total registered 71 and 65 present.

Election results: 2014-2015 Honorary Jr President: Ciara Rose Smith, Dist. 11 and Honorary Jr Vice President: Nicloe Kuhl from Dist. 9. Incoming Department President for 2014-2015 Ann Flanagan installed Ciara and Department President Judy Zimmerman installed Nicloe.

The closing prayer was given, all joined hands and sang "God Bless America." The colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned.

Whole Hog Sausage Dinner, Raffle and Bake Sale April 27

Trinity Lutheran Church is gearing up for their annual Hog Sausage Dinner, Raffle and Bake Sale on Sunday, April 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church, 515 E. Stonewall Rd., Dwight.

The menu will have the whole hog sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, applesauce, vegetables, desserts and beverages.

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DTHS Talent Show Held April 7

The DTHS Talent Show was held Monday, April 7, in the DTHS Auditorium.

Students and teachers performing were: Mason Krischel, singing "The Star Spangled Banner"; Prisoners of Love, performing "Love in the First Degree"; Beth Fransen, Kim Trainor, and Kathy Wiemken; Delaney Haase, singing "This is the Stuff"; Teacher Ensemble - "Jersey Boy Tribute," Amy DeMarse, Andy Ehrhardt, Mark Fiske, Donita Forneris, Beth Goodwin, Justin Gund, Lindsey Jensen, Dan Kaiser, students, Liam Gestner and Ryan Scott; Funky Fresh Froes performing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Mitch Fransen and Hannah Trainor; Maddie Groves, singing "Gravity"; Lindsey Jensen and Coreen Perschnick, singing "Who Knew"; Danielle and Company, singing "No Day But Today," Olivia Cortez,

Jackson Gettinger, Skylar Haake, Marc Rosales and Danielle Young; Santa's Helper's, "Jingle Bell Rock," Mjellma Asllani, Maddie Bossert, Haley Kosik and Emily Soto; Abbi and Maddi Groves, singing "I Dreamed a Dream"; Delaney Haase, jump roping; Ryan Beier, performing "Wanted Dead or Alive"; Devin Connolly, performing an original composition on piano; Abbi Groves, singing "Let It Go"; Ausom, performing original composition on the drums, Austin Airgood and Liam Gestner; Mary Pfeifer, performing "I Won't Let Go."

All proceeds go toward Project Graduation.

The original composition on the drums performed by the Ausom duet, Austin Airgood and Liam Gestner, took first place overall.

Congratulations to all the performers.



Beth Fransen, above, DTHS Office Secretary, challenged students to a hula-hoop contest during the Talent Show at DTHS. Marc Rosales was up for the challenge, but Fransen took first.



Ryan Beier, junior at DTHS, performed "Wanted: Dead or Alive" at the April 7 talent show.



A sister act, Maddi and Abbi Groves, sang a duet ~ "I Dreamed a Dream".



DJHS SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS received 45 first place ratings, nine second place ratings, and one third place rating when they competed on April 5. They also had three events receive the "Best of Day" award for their performance room. Pictured, 1 to r, are Lucy Rieke, Tim Western, and Kirsten Oelschlager. Oelschlager and Western received the award for their vocal duet, while Rieke received two "Best of Day" awards - one for her vocal solo and one for her flute solo.

Cullom Joint HCE/4-H Meeting April 1

Prior to the regular meeting, HCE members were invited to the Charlotte Plan Its meeting, at the Cullom Community Building. The 4-H meeting was conducted by President Jared Haberkorn. Talks were given by Aly Essington and Kasi Hughes on the Recycling Fair held November 13; Jared Haberkorn and Kamryn Shifflet spoke on Horses; a demonstration on Veggie Pizza was given by Mikaayla English and Aaron Hughes. Dustin Smith, a representative from the Livingston County Junior Fair, talked to the group about the Junior Fair - how to do entries "on line," etc. Deadline for paper entries for Jr. Fair - June 15; on line entries - June 30.

Members were challenged to design a sand castle from all recycled materials and then write a story to accompany it and tell how the castle was constructed. Nancy Flessner, Livingston County 4-H Program Coordinator, and Dustin Smith then judged the entries and gave each one an "A" rating. Nancy then went on to judge them for the Junior Fair, using placement ratings. She carefully explained the rea-

sons for her decisions, etc. Overall winner - Kamryn Shifflet.

The 4-Hers then served lunch to HCE members.

HCE members met in the small room of the CCB for the regularly convened meeting. The Meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag, led by President Erran. Nine members responded to roll call by answering "What is your favorite flower?" The Minutes of the March meeting were amended. Judy E gave on the treasurer's report.

Committee reports given: Community Outreach - BINGO every Thursday evening at Cullom Legion; Legion Little League Spaghetti Supper with Cullom Beckman Memorial Library Bake sale and Citizens for Cullom Raffle to benefit Cullom Days April 7; Easter Egg Hunt - Cullom Park April 19 at 10 a.m.; GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom Town wide Garage Sales May 2,3; Public Relations - Articles submitted regularly.

There will be a joint meeting of 4-H and HCE at the Village Park on June 3. Everyone is to bring a covered

dish to pass. Hot dogs will be served. A master gardener will give a program on Fairy Gardens. For those who want to make one - there is a fee, with a discount offered to 4-Hers.

Old Business: Nominating Committee Report given by Marge Kross. The following slate of officers was presented: President, Erran Melton; First Vice President, Arlene Brucker; Second Vice President, Birgit McCulley; Secretary, Meri Knapp; Treasurer, Pat Johnson.

History Cemetery Walk discussed at length.

Planning Committee reported that they had met and had made selections as follows: Orville Roll presenter: Pat Johnson; George Appel, presenter: Sandy Gunther; Fred Hack, presenter: Nancy Flessner; L.A. Dibert, presenter: J. Leiser, presenter: Sandy Gunther; WW Zollinger, presenter: Meri Knapp.

The planning committee will continue to meet to finalize logistics for the event, etc.

The ticket committee presented two designs. After discussion, members selected the smaller sized ticket. Both

designs were excellent.

Dates for History Cemetery Walk: Saturday, October 4 with rain date of Saturday, October 11. Times to be determined. May have morning and afternoon sessions. Ticket sales will start at the Cullom Days.

Hostess gift won by Judy Ehlers, donated by Linda Vercler.

The next meeting will be May 6 at the CCB. A lesson on Container Gardening will be given by Linda Vercler. Hostesses: Robin Holtzer and Jess Hahn.

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Grundy County Senior Citizens Meet April 4

The Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens met April 4 for their regular monthly meeting at noon at the Gardner Restaurant with 13 members in attendance.

Lunch was enjoyed by all, ordering from the menu with Kim taking the orders.

Ida Schopp offered the table grace. Rosemary Hillman's cake was shared, honoring her 90th birthday. She will celebrate her big day on April 27 at The Church of Hope with an invitation extended to all her friends and relatives.

Pres. Lorraine Hansen opened the business meeting with the club reciting the Pledge to the Flag. All who were able stood.

The birthdays for the month were: 12 - Pres. Hansen 85 years old, and 26 - Rosemary Hillman 90 years old.

The secretary's report was read and approved. There was no correspondence.

The treasurer's report was given by Wavel. A handout of the Annual Financial Statement was passed out. The report was approved by an oral vote and will be on file for audit.

A memorial for Jane Christensen was sent to the Catholic Church.

Honorary members and shut-ins were: Florence, Wilma, Irene, June and Leah.

Sharetime was delightful. Jackie Marks was the first member to kick off the new Activity Time. She had several items that were unique. An amazing set of hand-carved knitting needles, a repaired thimble, a bell from her collection, a tiny frog from another collection, some very old pictures of her genealogy, along with crocheted items that she spends some spare time doing if she isn't reading a western book by her favorite author Louis LaMor. She has in her bookcase 234 paperbacks, and 50 hard backs that she re-reads.

Rosemary Hillman also shared a music box with hummingbirds on it, a collection of such birds that can be found in her house.

On a very windy day, the weather did not hinder a nice afternoon.

There was a surprise guest, Stan Aran, from Chicago, who was dining at the Restaurant, stuck his nose in the room, heard the laughter and singing, and he passed out health bracelets that read "Live and be well".

President Hansen closed the meeting until next time, May 2.

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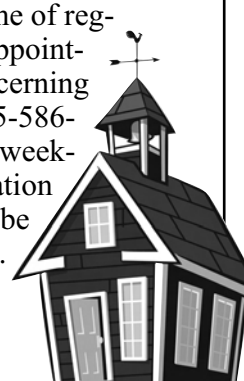
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FFA MEMBER KYLE ROBINSON of Cullom accepting his State Emerging Ag Technology Award.

Kyle Robinson of Cullom, a member of the Tri-Point FFA Chapter, won the State Emerging Ag Technology Award at the State FFA Proficiency Awards Day held April 5 at the University of Illinois.

Robinson is the son of Mike and Sandy Gernetz of Cullom. His agriculture education instructor at Tri-Point High School is Mrs. Diana Loschen.

The Emerging Ag Technology Award is one of 52 State FFA Proficiency Awards. Five finalists in each award area advanced through chapter, section and district

competition. Robinson will receive the award during the Illinois FFA State Convention, June 10-12, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield. The 2014 theme is "Planting Your Potential." Robinson will be recognized for planting his potential in the agricultural, food and fiber industry.

Selection of the state award winners is based on a personal interview, size and growth of the FFA member's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and their knowledge of the subject area and career pathway. These

awards honor FFA members who have developed specialized skills they can apply to their future careers. SAE awards have three categories: entrepreneurship, placement and research/experimentation. Entrepreneurship awards are given to students whose SAE involves ownership of an agricultural production or an agribusiness enterprise. Placement awards go to those with SAEs related to employment apprenticeship or internship at an agribusiness or agriculture-related organization. Research awards are given to students whose SAEs relate to utilizing and understanding scientific methods and discovery. SAEs are an integral part of quality agricultural education programs throughout Illinois.

Fifty-two state award winners were selected from over 17,000 FFA members statewide. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Illinois Foundation FFA sponsors the proficiency award program and provides medals, plaques, and other awards for more than 4,000 Illinois FFA members each year, due to the generous contributions of individuals, businesses and organizations.



APRIL 10, DTHS JUNIOR JENNA STEVENSON was named to the National Technical Honor Society at the Livingston Area Career Center. Jenna is enrolled as an Early Childhood Education student at LACC and was recognized for her academic success as well as the characteristics of skill, honesty, service, citizenship, leadership and workmanship that the NTHS is founded upon. Pictured in the photo are: from left to right, Anna Stevenson, Rebecca Holmes and Jenna Stevenson. Anna and Rebecca were named to the NTHS last year as students in the Certified Nurses Assistant course. Membership in the National Technical Honor Society will provide scholarship opportunities to its members throughout their high school career. Congratulations, Jenna!

Wilkey Places Fourth in Statewide Competition

Gardner South Wilmington High School Senior Jordan Wilkey placed fourth in the statewide Skills USA Competition in welding, which included Stick and Mig welding.

This is Jordan's second year attending Grundy Area Vocational Center's Welding Program.



Jordan Wilkey

Muzzarelli – Volunteer of the Year at Heritage Health

ALFIE MUZZARELLI was named Volunteer of the Year for 2014 when Heritage Health held its annual Volunteer Brunch this past week to honor all of their volunteers and all they do for the residents throughout the year. Alfie comes in to pass all the mail out and assist the residents throughout the day.

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O'Donnell, McGonigal Engaged to be Married

Katie O'Donnell and Daniel McGonigal of Kankakee are happy to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding on June 20, 2014, at St. Mary's Church in Reddick, with a reception to follow at The Country Mansion in Dwight.

Katie is the daughter of John and Pat O'Donnell of Reddick.

Daniel is the son of Terry McGonigal of St. Anne, and Dawn Moon of Indiana.

John Price Honored by ESDA

The Dwight Emergency Services Disaster Agency has recognized John Price as "the most outstanding and dedicated member" for 2013.

John was chosen by his fellow members for his dedication to his Department and the people of the Village of Dwight.

John has been a member of Dwight ESDA since 1992. He is a trained storm spotter in addition to his training on CPR and hazardous materials.

Area Dean's List Honors at Augustana

Augustana College recently announced 858 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2013 winter term. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Students from the area making the list were:

- Chaney Tambling, Senior from Dwight, majoring in Biology and Spanish for professional use.
- Brandon Wills, Junior from Mazon, majoring in Biology.

Workforce Trainees Graduated April 11

Adam Dontz, CEO of the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council, has announced that 14 people graduated from a workforce training program April 11 in the historic Livingston County Courthouse, Pontiac.

The training program, Fundamentals of Modern Manufacturing, consisted of 100 hours of instruction led by Heartland Community College faculty. Academic training took place at the Pontiac Caterpillar Facility, while hands-on lab instruction took place at Heartland in Normal.

The 14 graduates were from Graymont, Chatsworth, Pontiac, Dwight, Flanagan and Odell.

Opening remarks were given by Dontz and Rob Widmer, president of Heartland Community College. The commencement address was given by Susan Toher, Operations Manager at Caterpillar.

Graduates are guaranteed an interview with all of the businesses who participated in designing the training program.



NEW MEMBERS OF DTHS CHAPTER of the National Honor Society were inducted on March 18. Those students inducted were, front row, 1 to r, Bailey Zeedyk, Sage Ozment-Herr, Cecilia Soto, Katelyn Schultz, Marc Rosales; back row, 1 to r, Nick Schultz, Kapri Krople, Josh Krischel, Owen Pulver, Ryan Gaston, and Erica Flynn.



THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON ATHENA CHAPTER of the National Honor Society inducted 11 new members into their organization on March 13. Pictured are, first row, Kaylee Orr, Sydney Bartels, Kylie King, Dana Wright, Jennaveve Johnston; second row, Tyler DeMoraes, Michael Mankowski, Noah Brannock, Haley Schuck, Gabrielle Ozee, Olivia Asbridge. The NHS advisor is Mrs. Terese Kukman.

Gardner Fire

- April 7: fire, WQ engine, Coal City.
- April 8: fire, mutual aid to Dwight FD, East Rd.
- April 9: medical.
- April 10: medical, E. Jefferson.
- April 11: medical, N. Pine; medical, E. Goodfarm; MVC, mutual aid to Braceville EMS, I-55 N.
- April 12: medical, Cleaver.
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Pontiac Resident Wins \$2,250,000 Playing 'Hit or Miss' Game

A doubly-lucky Pontiac resident, Ron Minnaert, who initially had no idea that the Hit or Miss lottery ticket he tucked inside his checkbook was worth \$2.25 million, recently received an oversized check for that amount from Illinois Lottery officials.

The lucky lottery player, who happens to be President of a Pontiac-area bank, won

a Hit or Miss jackpot prize of \$250,000 for matching, or hitting, all 12 numbers in the January 28 Hit or Miss drawing. He will also receive \$100,000 a year for 20 years for matching the Good Life number, which is selected after every Hit or Miss drawing.

The check presentation was held April 9 at Shell Gas Station in Pontiac.

Easter Activities in Downtown Dwight April 19

Dwight Economic Alliance will sponsor Children's Easter activities April 19 at the Depot.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., the Easter Bunny will greet children, hand out treats and be available for pictures.

Games will also be set up with prizes for everyone playing.

Popcorn, juice and water will be available.

This event will take place after the Lions Easter Egg Hunt at Renfrew Park.

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St. Patrick's Church Spring Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale

at St. Patrick's Parish Hall
 114 West Mazon, Dwight
Tuesday, April 22
Serving 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Carry-outs available

Adults - \$8, Under 12 - \$3, Preschool - Free
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 SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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- Scalloped Apples
- Muffins
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Beef Stroganoff
- Vodka Pasta
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College-Bound Athletes



TRISTON DIRCKS recently signed to attend, and play basketball at, Illinois Valley Community College. Pictured are, front row, Eugene Briner; Triston; his mother Diane Dircks; back row, Tom Canale (IVCC Head Coach) and Eric Long, Dwight Trojans head coach.



Gus Macker is Back for 2014

The Morris Downtown Development Partnership is presenting the 12th Annual Gus Macker Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament on June 7 and 8.

There is still time to register for the tournament. Visit www.macker.com/localcity/morris-il.html for more information and to register your team. The online registration deadline is May 19. Mail-in forms must be mailed in by May 16.

If you are interested in being involved with Gus Macker, but don't wish to play basketball, contact 815-941-0245 to discuss volunteering or sponsorship opportunities.

DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Tuesday, April 8
Dwight vs. Central,
Beecher, Iroquois West, St.
Anne, Tri-Point and
Clifton Central

The DTHS track team competed in an outdoor meet in Dwight on April 8, with both the girls' and boys' teams coming in third place, with 80 and 84 points respectively. Individual results are as follows:

Girls -
100m dash: Taylor Richie, 1st, 13.749; Alison Kirk, 5th, 14.033.
1600m run: ReAnn Scoggin, 6th, 6:36.91.
3200m relay: Dwight, 2nd, 11:03.91.
Discus: Harley Ledwa, 3rd, 85'1½"; Becky Holmes, 4th, 72'8½".
Shot: Harley Ledwa, 3rd, 27'7½"; Amanda Boys, 5th, 26'7".
High jump: Marlana Ferrari, 2nd-T, 4'10".
Long jump: Alison Kirk, 1st, 14'6½".
400m dash: Taylor Richie, 2nd, 1:07.619; Savannah Baldauf, 4th, 1:08.136.

800m run: Daly Galloway, 1st, 2:28; Tori Hayner, 5th, 2:56.21.
200m dash: Alison Kirk, 6th, 29.98.

Boys -
100m dash: Michael Bennett, 5th, 12.055.
300m interm. hurdles: Hunter Riccolo, 2nd, 45.058.
3200m run: Michael Mankowski, 4th, 11:10.75.
3200m relay: Dwight, 2nd, 9:01.68.
400m relay: Dwight, 4th, 50.062.
Discus: Gus Rieke, 3rd, 123'8½".
Shot: Gus Rieke, 3rd, 43'1".
High jump: Michael Mankowski, 2nd-T, 5'6".
Long jump: Ryan Beier, 5th, 16'6".
400m dash: Blaine Livingston, 3rd, 54.549; Conor Livingston, 4th, 54.799.
800m run: Nathan Ruffatti, 1st, 2:11.38.
200m dash: Michael Bennett, 1st, 24.454; Hunter Riccolo, 2nd, 25.121.



SAVANNAH BALDAUF of Dwight has signed on to participate in women's track and field at Olivet Nazarene University. Pictured are Larry Lane (Dwight Track coach), Savannah, and her father Bernie Baldauf. Not pictured: mother, Jackie O'Connor.



BLAINE LIVINGSTON, MITCH FRANSEN AND CONOR LIVINGSTON, representing Dwight in Trojan green, finishing the 400m dash.

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<p>Chevy Camaro ZL1 1 2013 Available 1 2014 Available</p>	<p>Chevy Impala 6 2014's Available</p>	<p>Chevy Malibu 1 2013 Available 6 2014's Available</p>	<p>Chevy Cruz 10 2014's Available</p>

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SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

General Town FUND

I, P. Douglas Abry Supervisor of Nevada Township, Livingston County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014

Table with columns: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING BALANCE, ENDING BALANCE. Includes items like Property Tax, Replacement Tax, Interest Income, Administration, etc.

General Town

Table with columns: TO WHOM PAID, ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID, AMOUNT. Lists various contractors and services like Road Commissioner, Clerk, Supervisor, etc.

Pauper (GA) Fund

Table with columns: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING BALANCE, ENDING BALANCE. Includes Property Tax, Interest Income, Audit, etc.

Audit

Table with columns: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING BALANCE, ENDING BALANCE. Includes Property Tax, Interest Income, Audit, etc.

Road and Bridge FUND

To the Highway Commissioner, Nevada Road District I, P. Douglas Abry, Treasurer of Nevada Road District, Livingston County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014

Table with columns: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING BALANCE, ENDING BALANCE. Includes Property Tax, Replacement Tax, Interest Income, Maintenance Fees, etc.

Road and Bridge FUND

Table with columns: TO WHOM PAID, ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID, AMOUNT. Lists various contractors and services like Labor, Asphalt Repairs, Fuel, Oil, & Supplies, etc.

Equipment and Building FUND

Table with columns: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING BALANCE, ENDING BALANCE. Includes Property Tax, Maintenance Fees, Transfer from Tort, etc.

Tort Ins. FUND

Table with columns: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING BALANCE, ENDING BALANCE. Includes Property Tax, Interest Income, Ins. Adjustment refund, etc.

Tort Ins. FUND

Table with columns: TO WHOM PAID, ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID, AMOUNT. Lists Country Financial Ins. Insurance, etc.

Township Aid to Bridges FUND

Table with columns: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING BALANCE, ENDING BALANCE. Includes Property Tax, Interest Income, Livingston Co., etc.

Suscribed and sworn this 31 day of March 2014. P. Douglas Abry Treasurer

Township Aid to Bridges FUND

Table with columns: TO WHOM PAID, ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID, AMOUNT. Lists Ribber Construction Inc. culvert/dirt work, etc.



DGS TRACK RESULTS

Monday, April 7 Dwight vs. Fieldcrest and Flanagan

The Redbirds faced off against Fieldcrest and Flanagan at DGS on April 7, with the eighth grade boys coming in third place with a score of 29. The following boys earned points for Dwight:

8th Grade - Mason Imhoff: 4x400, 2nd; 200, 4th; long jump, 4th.

Dan Muller: 1600, 1st; 800, 1st.

Ben Myzia: hurdles, 1st; 4x100, 1st; shot, 4th, discus, 4th.

Jaxson Tarnowski: 4x100, 2nd.

Matt Weismann: 4x100, 2nd; shot, 2nd; discus, 2nd; 100, 4th.

The seventh grade boys also came in third, with a score of 31. Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade - Tre Bowman: 4x200, 2nd; 4x400, 2nd.

Lucas Bregin: 4x200, 2nd; 4x400, 2nd.

Peyton Byerly: shot, 2nd.

Payton Christoff: long jump, 4th.

Anthony Dinelli: 200,

2nd. Caleb Granby: 4x200, 2nd; 4x400, 2nd; 200, 4th. Blake Hill: 200, 2nd; 4x200, 2nd; 4x400, 2nd; 100, 4th. Elijah McCullough: shot, 1st; discus, 1st. Dane Rodosky: discus, 3rd.

The Lady Redbirds seventh graders came in second place with a score of 47. Individual scores are as follows:

Hurdles: McCloskey, 1st, 20.28; Kane, 2nd, 21.55; Berta, 5th, 26.11.

100m: Schlabowske, 4th, 15.62.

1600m: Bond, 2nd, 7:14.

4x200: Reece Mortensen, Katy Edwards, Melissa Stewart, Schlabowske, 1st, 2:16.75.

4x100: McCloskey, Lili Groves, Kelsie Transou, Berta, 1st, 1:08.37.

400m: Transou, 2nd, 1:20.49; Mortensen, 3rd, 1:24.40.

200m: Edwards, 2nd, 32.18; Schlabowske, 4th, 33.22.

800m: Bond, 3rd, 3:19.14.

4x400: Mortensen, Edwards, Transou, Felicia Nelson, 1st, 5:47.52. Shot: Groves, 4th, 17'5". High jump: Edwards, 2nd, 4'0". Long jump: Transou, 1st, 10'8"; Mortensen, 2nd, 10'5 1/2".

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds got first place, scoring 53 overall. Individual scores are as follows:

Hurdles: Ramsey, 1st, 19.05; Nelson, 6th, 36.47.

100m: Hale, 4th, 15.43; Morales, 5th, 15.55.

4x200: Abby Edwards, Hale, Morales, Ramsey, 1st, 2:08.46.

400m: Edwards, 1st, 1:09.78; Cummings, 2nd, 1:16.11; Hughes, 6th, 1:25.21.

200m: Ramsey, 1st, 31.18; Hale, 2nd, 33.17.

4x400: Ramsey, Hughes, Cummings, Edwards, 1st, 5:05.55.

Shot: Rieke, 1st, 25'8"; Bregin, 2nd, 23'3".

Discus: Rieke, 1st, 67'11 1/2"; Bregin, 2nd, 60'1".

High jump: Cummings, 1st, 4'1".



DTHS Trackster Nathan Ruffatti of Gardner placed 1st in the 800m.



DTHS TRACK Katrina Hayner in a relay race.

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Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs

I, Robert Legner, Supervisor of Odell Township, Livingston County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014 for the following funds:

Table with columns: TOWN FUND, REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING BALANCE, ENDING BALANCE. Includes Property Taxes, Personal Property Replacement Tax, etc.

Table with columns: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, TOTAL REVENUES, TOTAL EXPENDITURES. Includes various taxes and expenses.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, TOTAL EXPENDITURES. Lists various administrative and maintenance costs.

Table with columns: TOTAL EXPENDITURES, Ending Cash and Investment Balance, March 31, 2014.

TOWN FUND EXPENDITURES

Table with columns: TOWN FUND EXPENDITURES, listing various personnel and service expenses.

Table with columns: TOTAL EXPENDITURES, listing total expenses and vendor costs.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Table with columns: BEGINNING BALANCE, April 1, 2013.

Table with columns: REVENUES, listing Property Tax and Interest Income.

Table with columns: TOTAL REVENUES, listing total revenue.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, listing Administration, Utilities, etc.

Table with columns: TOTAL EXPENDITURES, listing total expenses.

Table with columns: Ending Balance, March 31, 2014.

TORT LIABILITY FUND

Table with columns: BEGINNING BALANCE, April 1, 2013.

Table with columns: REVENUES, listing Property Tax, Interest Income, TOIRMA Dividend.

Table with columns: TOTAL REVENUES, listing total revenue.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, listing TOIRMA Risk Management.

Table with columns: TOTAL EXPENDITURES, listing total expenses.

Ending Balance, March 31, 2014. Subscribed and Sworn to this 8th day of April, 2014. Robert Legner, Supervisor

Road District Treasurer's Annual Report

I, Robert Legner, Treasurer of Odell Township Road District, Livingston County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014 for the following Road District funds:

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Table with columns: BEGINNING CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCE, April 1, 2013.

Table with columns: REVENUES, listing Property Tax, Personal Property Replacement Tax, etc.

Table with columns: TOTAL REVENUES, listing total revenue.

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Subscribed and Sworn to this 8th of April, 2014. Robert Legner, Road District Treasurer



GSWB TRACK RESULTS

Monday, April 7
GSWB vs. Shabbona
7th Grade Boys -
 Shabbona defeated GSWB 70-35 in a match-up on April 7. Individual results are as follows:
 Nathan Wozniak: discus, 2nd, 65'3"; hurdles, 3rd, 21.09; 800m, 3rd, 3:02.
 Cam Klingler: shot, 2nd, 30'1 1/2"; 100m, 3rd, 15.56.
 Christian Williams, high jump, 2nd, 4'4"; hurdles, 2nd, 20.96; 1600m, 2nd, 6:42.
 Blake Lenzie: 400m, 2nd, 1:11.
 Cody Ledlow: 200m, 2nd, 33.62; long jump, 3rd, 11'2".
 Robert Harlan: discus, 3rd, 62'8"; 200m, 3rd, 34.59.
 Caydan Landry: high jump, 3rd, 4'.
 Chris Bexson: 1600m, 3rd, 6:42.
 Zack Klingler: 400m, 3rd, 1:15.
 4x100 relay: Harlan, C. Klingler, Z. Klingler, Ledlow, 1st, 1:06.

8th Grade Boys -
 GSWB's eighth grade boys lost by just a point to Shabbona. Individual results are as follows:
 Walker Eutsey: shot, 1st, 36'2"; long jump, 3rd, 15'; 1600m, 3rd, 6:05.
 Calvin Croy: hurdles, 1st, 18.68; shot, 3rd, 33'4"; 800m, 3rd, 3:02.
 Logan Gouwens: 100m, 1st, 12:34; 200m, 1st, 27:02; long jump, 2nd, 15'1"; hurdles, 3rd, 20.50.
 Bryce Brannock: discus, 2nd, 61'10".
 Josh Pearson: 1600m, 2nd, 6:01.
 Josh Beagle: 400m, 2nd, 1:04.
 Nate Wise: 400m, 3rd, 1:20.
 4x400 relay: Ethan Haywood, Pearson, Eutsey, Croy, 1st, 4:38.

7th Grade Girls -
 The seventh grade Lady Tigers lost, 56-38, to Shabbona. Individual results are as follows:
 Halyn Poore: shot, 1st, 15'8 1/2".
 Paige Patterson: 1600m, 1st, 6:56; long jump, 3rd, 10'3 1/2".
 Kayli Olson: 400m, 1st, 1:15.
 Mary Lopez: discus, 2nd, 33'9".
 Alexis Brooke: long jump, 2nd, 10'5 1/2"; 1600m, 2nd, 6:59.
 Carson Halpin: hurdles, 2nd, 23.02; 400m, 2nd, 1:20;

high jump, 3rd, 3'8".
 Emma Hennessy: 800m, 2nd, 3:16.
 Kristin Tramutolo: hurdles, 3rd, 23.65; 200m, 3rd, 36.37.
 Sarah Leadingham: 100m, 3rd, 17.53.
 Kylie Hawks: 1600m, 3rd, 8:37.

8th Grade Girls -
 Shabbona defeated the eighth grade girls, 48-37. Individual results are as follows:
 Mariah Anderson: shot, 1st, 19'7 1/2"; 1600m, 2nd, 6:52.
 Kaylee Steichen: long jump, 1st, 14'2 1/2"; 200m, 1st, 29.21.
 Destiny Leonard: hurdles, 1st, 21.09.
 Halyn Poore: 400m, 1st, 1:15.
 Kayli Olson: long jump, 2nd, 9'11".
 Zoe Klingberg: 800m, 2nd, 3:38.
 Madison Sharp: hurdles, 3rd, 30.89.
 Koli Croy: 1600m, 3rd, 7:30.

Tuesday, April 8
GSWB vs. Reed-Custer, Wilmington and Herscher
7th Grade -
 GSWB went up against Reed-Custer, Wilmington and Herscher on April 8. Individual results are as follows:
7th Grade - Girls
 Kayli Olson: 400m, 2nd; shot, 3rd, 16'7 1/2".
 Alexis Brooke: long jump, 3rd, 11'5 1/2"; 1600m, 5th, 6:46.
 Mary Lopez: discus, 3rd, 43'2".
 Carson Halpin: hurdles, 3rd, 21.46; 800m, 4th, 3:18; high jump, 5th, 3'8".
 Emma Hennessy: discus, 4th, 34'5".
 Halyn Poore: shot, 4th, 16'.
 Paige Patterson: 1600m, 4th, 6:44; long jump, 3rd, 11'9 4".

Boys
 Cam Klingler: shot, 1st, 30'10"; discus, 3rd, 63'.
 Nathan Wozniak: high jump, 2nd, 4'6"; 1600m, 4th, 6:42; hurdles, 4th, 20.76.
 Christian Williams: hurdles, 2nd, 19.82; long jump, 4th, 11'10".
 Robert Harlan: discus, 4th, 55'6"; 200m, 5th, 32.83.

Chris Bexson: 1600m, 5th, 6:53.
 4x200 relay: Connor Steichen, Jack James, Nate Wise, Ty Johnson, 3rd, 2:35.
 4x100 relay: Harlan, Klingler, Zach Klingberg, Cody Ledlow, 3rd, 1:05.

8th Grade - Girls
 Kaylee Steichen: long jump, 1st, 13'11 1/2"; 200m, 1st, 28.42.
 Mariah Anderson: 1600m, 1st, 6:47; shot, 5th, 19'5 1/2".
 Destiny Leonard: hurdles, 2nd, 20.70; 200m, 4th, 32.59; long jump, 3rd, 11'9 3/4".
 Koli Croy: 800m, 4th, 3:20.
 Emma Hennessy: 400m, 5th, 1:23.

Boys
 Walker Eutsey: shot, 1st, 39' 1/2".
 Calvin Croy: hurdles, 1st, 18:02; shot, 2nd, 33'9".
 Logan Gouwens: 100m, 1st, 12.12; 200m, 1st, 25.69; hurdles, 2nd, 19.37; long jump, 3rd, 15'1 1/4".
 Bryce Brannock: discus, 4th, 61'8".
 Ethan Haywood: long jump, 5th, 14'1".
 Josh Pearson: discus, 5th, 57'5".
 4x400 relay: Haywood, Pearson, Eutsey, Croy, 2nd, 4:37.
 4x100 relay: Brannock, Josh Beagle, Blake Lenzie, Aaron Tramutolo, 3rd, 1:06.



TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS SOFTBALL

Monday, April 7
Tri-Point vs. Grant Park Varsity -
 The Lady Chargers fell to Grant Park, 12-0, in five innings on April 7.
 Tiera Turner was tagged with her fourth loss of the season, as Grant Park's seven hits, coupled with Tri-Point's four errors, led to a tough outing.
 The Lady Chargers got just two hits in the contest. They are 2-4 this season.

Thursday, April 10
Tri-Point vs. Kankakee Trinity Varsity -
 Tiera Turner dropped to 3-5, as did Tri-Point, as Kankakee Trinity stopped a late-game rally to defeat the Lady Chargers, 7-4.
 At the plate, Dayna Moritz led with three hits. Jenny Wood contributed two to the cause.

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GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Monday, April 7
GSW vs. St. Anne
Streator Woodland
Varsity -

Eight different girls got hits for the Lady Panthers, as they ran over Streator Woodland, 9-

1, on April 7.

Emily Foley upped her record to 2-2 as she allowed just one earned run on six hits and three walks, striking out four in seven innings of work.

At the plate, Foley also

added a single, a double, and two RBI. Maranda Residori was 2-4 with a double, two RBI and a run scored. Lexi Posing doubled and scored twice.

"We played a pretty good game all around," Coach Posing stated after the game. "Emily pitched real well. Our defense played very good. And the offense was solid up and down the order."

GSW is now 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Thursday, April 10

GSW vs. Dwight

Varsity -

Dwight and GSW squared off in a rivalry match-up on April 10, with the Lady Panthers coming out on top, 6-5, after a three-run seventh inning sealed it.

"This was a great game by two great teams," Coach Posing stated. "I was very proud of my girls continuing to fight. Down 5-1 in the fourth - they didn't quit."

Emily Foley upped her record to 4-2, as she allowed just one earned run on eight hits and no walks, striking out three in seven innings of work.

Foley would bring it to the plate as well, going 3-4 with three RBI and a run scored, including her first career over-the-fence home run in the game-changing seventh.

Lexi Posing went 2-4 with an RBI, a double and two runs scored. Sydney Perkins contributed by going 2-3 with a double. Ally Matthews was 2-3 with a run scored.

Friday, April 11

GSW vs. Watseka

Varsity -

Emily Foley had a great trip on the mound for GSW, but it wasn't enough, as Watseka came out on top, 4-3.

Foley gave up just one earned run on eight hits, striking out two in seven innings. A bottom-of-the-sixth score for Watseka was the difference in the game.

"Emily pitched real well again today, we just couldn't get a big hit when we needed it," stated Coach Posing.

Maranda Residori's three-run homer provided the offense for the Lady Panthers. Kylie King went 2-3 in the game, with a run scored.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

Wednesday, April 9 - Varsity
GSW vs. St. Anne

The Panthers' 14 hits, ten walks, and pitchers Elens, Horrie, Hays and Wilkey allowing just two hits, three walks and three earned runs helped lead GSW to a 17-3 win over St. Anne.

"The team did a great job getting ahead in the game early to get a much needed win," Coach Grieff said afterwards.

Thursday, April 10 - Varsity

GSW vs. Dwight

Blake Marks threw a dominant one-hit shutout as GSW knocked off rival, Dwight, 5-0 on April 10.

"Can't say enough about Blake's performance," said Coach Grieff. "We really wanted to win this game and the kids came through."

Marks ended up walking just three batters, hitting another, and striking out ten in seven innings of work.

On offense, Connor Hays had two hits, including a shot off the left field fence in the second to get GSW on the board. He had two RBI in the game. Scott Horrie followed Hays with a rocketed double to center, one of his two hits in the game. He also had two RBI.

Kyle Robison ended up with two hits on the day. DJ Reagan had an RBI single. Jack Davidson and Brendan Elens each contributed hits.

For Dwight, Drew Jensen squeaked the only hit on the day for the Trojans.

Ryan Gaston took the "L" on the mound, giving up one earned run on five hits and two walks, striking out eight. He drops to 2-1 this season.

The Panthers are now 3-4 overall this season.

Friday, April 11 - Varsity
GSW vs. Watseka

The Panthers continued on their roll as they defeated Watseka, 3-1, on April 11.

Brendan Elens pitched seven solid innings, allowing one run on three hits and four walks, striking out five.

Jordan Wilkey led the offense with two hits. Jack Davidson, Jeremy Kunz, Connor Hays, Scott Horrie and Elens all added hits. Davidson provided an RBI.

"The kids are playing great, fundamental baseball and are learning that doing the little things correctly will allow us to win with fewer runs," said Coach Grieff.

GSW is now 4-4 this season.

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DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL

**Monday, April 7
Dwight vs. Roanoke-Benson Varsity -**

Dwight staved off a tough Roanoke-Benson team, 4-2, on April 7, improving their record to 4-2.

Ryan Gaston started the game, going three innings while allowing just one earned run on five hits, striking out three. Connor Gantzert came on in relief to grab the win, giving up no runs on five hits, striking out three. Gantzert is now 2-0 this season.

At the plate, Ryan Folkers had three hits on the day, along with Gaston who also had an RBI. Connor Gantzert, Karsen Kopmann, and Aaron Wyllie all had two hits and knocked in a run.

**Tuesday, April 8
Dwight vs. Ottawa Marquette JV -**

The JV Trojans defeated Ottawa Marquette, 6-3, at Dwight on April 8.

Wes Pulver got the win, allowing only one earned run on three hits. He aided his own cause at the plate, with two hits, a sacrifice bunt and two RBI.

Also, Drew Hansen had a hit and two RBI. Peter Hansen had two hits, an RBI and got the final out for his first save. Garrett Frazier had two hits. Blake Graham, DJ Branz and Nick Pampinella all added hits for the Trojans.

"Except for the fourth inning when we gave them six outs, we played a good game," Coach Conroy commented.

Dwight's JV squad is now 3-2.

Dwight vs. Grant Park Varsity -

Dwight beat Grant Park, 7-4, on April 8.

Chris Peck got his first win of the season, giving up no earned runs on three hits and four walks, striking out five. Chance Carlson came in for his first save as he went four innings, allowing three earned runs on four hits and a walk, striking out one.

Karsen Kopmann had a single, a two-run double, and a two-run triple. Chance Carlson added a single and a double.

Aaron Wyllie, Drew Jensen, Connor Gantzert, Ryan Folkers and Peck all contributed hits.

**Wednesday, April 9
Dwight vs. Heyworth Varsity -**

Dwight was bushwhacked by Heyworth, 14-4, on April 9 in Heyworth.

Owen Pulver was tagged with his third loss, giving up five earned runs on six hits and two walks, striking out five. The Trojans' four errors didn't help. Nor did a treacherous fifth inning, where every Heyworth baserunner scored.

On offense, Ryan Gaston had two hits, including a two-run homer. He also scored twice. Chris Peck had two singles and an RBI. Drew Jensen also had two singles. Aaron Wyllie hit an RBI double. Ryan Folkers singled and scored twice.

Dwight drops to 5-3 this season.

**Friday, April 11
Dwight vs. Coal City Varsity -**

Dwight fell to Coal City, 6-3, on April 11.

Chance Carlson took his first loss of the season, giving up three earned runs on eight hits and four walks, striking out one in five innings of work. Connor Gantzert and Chris Peck both came on in relief for an inning.

Ryan Gaston and Peck each had two hits, including a double and a run scored on the day.

**Saturday, April 12
Dwight vs. Ridgeview Varsity -**

The Trojans went up against Ridgeview on Saturday for a

double-header, taking game one, 12-2, and falling in a truly offensive fashion, 23-18, in game two.

Peter Hansen got the win in game one, his first of the season, allowing two earned runs on four hits and one walk, striking out 13 in six innings.

Aaron Wyllie and Ryan Folkers each had two hits, including a double, and an RBI on the day. Chris Peck belted a two-run home run en route to a three RBI day. Connor Gantzert had two hits and an RBI. Karsen Kopmann contributed two hits. Owen Pulver had three RBI on one hit.

Both teams would combine to score 41 runs in a crazy game two that saw Dwight fall, 23-18.

Ridgeview scored 13 runs in the first inning, causing Dwight to reach into their bullpen early. Six Trojan pitchers saw time on the mound, with Shawn Delong eventually taking the loss.

On offense, Karsen Kopmann tallied four hits in the game, including a grand slam, five RBI and three runs scored. Aaron Wyllie connected on three hits, including a two-run home run, four RBI and two runs scored. Connor Gantzert hit a two-run homer and a solo shot, as he had three RBI and two runs scored on the day. Chris Peck added two hits, including a triple, an RBI and three runs scored. Ryan Folkers added two hits, including a double, and two RBI.

The Trojans drop to 6-6 on the season after the split with Ridgeview.



DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

**Tuesday, April 8 - Varsity
Dwight vs. Grant Park**

Dwight traveled to Grant Park on April 8, losing a tough one, 5-3.

Jessi Butterfield led on offense going 2-4 with an RBI. Dezi Leonard, Libby Beyer, Amy Ruder, Ashley Fox and Hannah Trainor all had hits in the game, with Ruder and Fox earning RBIs. Beyer scored two runs while Butterfield scored one.

Leonard had a solid stint on the mound, scattering seven hits and striking out 13.

**Thursday, April 10 - Varsity
Dwight vs. GSW**

The varsity Lady Trojans lost a hard-fought battle to rivals GSW on April 10, 6-5.

Hannah Trainor was hit with the loss, giving up ten hits and striking out four in seven

innings.

Amy Ruder led the offense going 3-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Jessi Butterfield was 2-4 with a run scored. Ashley Fox went 2-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Summer Schuler doubled and knocked in three. Libby Beyer and Trainor each added hits, with Beyer also scoring a run.

**Friday, April 11 - Varsity
Dwight vs. Coal City**

Conference rivals, Coal City, fell victim to Dwight, 8-5, on April 11.

Hannah Trainor picked up the win, striking out four and walking one in four innings. Dezi Leonard came in for three innings and got the save, allowing two hits and striking out three.

"The girls were a great combination today in the circle,"

said head coach Erik Black. "They both threw great innings, doing a fantastic job of keeping the hitters off balance."

The Lady Trojans pounded 11 hits on the day, with Leonard, Libby Beyer, Jessi Butterfield, Summer Schuler and Trainor all getting two hits in the contest, with Trainor knocking a double. Quinn Bossert also smacked a double. Amy Ruder, Bossert and Trainor each had two RBI and Schuler and Butterfield contributed one RBI.

"The girls played extremely hard for all seven innings," Black added. "They hit the ball well; were aggressive on the base paths; and showed great energy all afternoon. We, as coaches, were super excited about the effort and it was a big conference win for the team."

WHAT	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Dwight Varsity Baseball	April 17	Gibson City	Gibson City	4:30 p.m.
	April 18	Westmont	Westmont	4:30 p.m.
	April 21	Manteno	Manteno	4:30 p.m.
	April 22	Manteno	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
Dwight Varsity Softball	April 16	Kankakee	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 18	Westmont	Westmont	4:30 p.m.
	April 21	Manteno	Manteno	4:30 p.m.
	April 22	Manteno	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
Dwight JV Baseball	April 17	Gibson City	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
	April 18	Westmont	Dwight	4:30 p.m.
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Tri-Point Baseball	April 16	GSW	Tri-Point	4:30 p.m.
	April 17	Momence	Tri-Point	4:30 p.m.
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GSW Baseball	April 16	Tri-Point	Tri-Point	4:30 p.m.
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	April 21	Donovan	Donovan	4:30 p.m.
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ton FD. The new Chief, John Phelan, stated that Anderson would be around for a little while to help John, if needed, in his transition into the role of Chief. Paul thanked everyone for coming and the board for supporting his decisions while he was Chief. He also said that John Phelan will make a great

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"The volunteer Fire Department always needs help," Paul said. "Everybody is getting older, so now it's up to the younger generation to do their part. It's always hard to get people to do it for free, but it helps our community."

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Starting in May, Garfield Township Food Pantry will be open on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Call ahead so that they can have enough care packets prepared. Applications for Assistance will also be available. Applications are also available by calling 815-237-2716 and requesting one.

Area Easter Egg Hunts

Dwight

The Dwight Lions Club is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. in Renfrew Park.

The Club asks that participants arrive no later than 9:55 a.m. The children should take their own baskets/bags to collect eggs. Bags of candy will be distributed after the hunt. In case of rain, parents will be directed to an alternate location, where eggs and candy will be handed out.

The age groups for the hunt are: toddlers - three years old; four years old to kindergarten; first and second grade; and third and fourth grade.

Odell

The Odell Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 19, at the Odell Pool Park at 10:00 a.m.

Age groups are: zero to three; four to seven; and eight to ten.

In case of inclement weather, candy may be picked up at the Odell Community Building. Only one prize egg per person.

Emington

To celebrate Easter with the Emington United Church of Christ and the Emington Community Association, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at noon on April 19 in front of the church at 103 Division St.

The golden egg, along with all kinds of candy and Easter eggs will be hidden for children ages zero to 13 years old to find.

Donations for candy are still welcome. Contact Kathy Cramer at 815-934-5567 for more information.

Campus

The Campus Easter Egg Hunt is slated for Saturday, April 19 at the Campus School beginning at 11:00 a.m.

8th Annual Red Carpet Corridor Festival

Church of Hope's Rock-A-Thon May 4

On Sunday, May 4, the Church of Hope, Gardner, will host their annual Rock-A-Thon from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Gardner Gazebo.

Dwight Town-wide Garage Sales

Town-wide garage sales will be held in Dwight during the Red Carpet Corridor weekend of May 2-4. The garage sales are scheduled to run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (or whenever sale sign is posted).

Forms are available at the Village Hall and are now being accepted for this event. Payment and forms are to be turned in by Friday, April 25, to make the deadline for *The Paper* ad.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT



A Fire Pit Adds a Cozy Element to an Outdoor Area

by Madelyn Fogarty with Marilyn Kruger

Spring sends us outside and anxious for yard projects to create a relaxing outdoor environment for leisure time enjoyment. One such project might be to build a fire pit suitable for a good old fashioned wiener roast or just some casual conversation with friends around a warm fire on a cool evening.

Google "fire pits" and you will find many examples; some so simple they can be completed in ten minutes and others so solidly constructed that it may take at least a day or two to build.

Fire pits can be purchased as kits. Kits include a steel ring insert and concrete wedge-shaped blocks. If you prefer to create your own unique design, stones and steel inserts can be purchased separately. Steel rings are optional but recommended for a better built pit. Rings can be hard to find in

home supply stores, but more easily found on-line. Look for a ring with a lip at the top. The lip will allow the ring to sit on the top edge of the fire pit wall. A grate for the ring may be included.

Marilyn Kruger of rural Ransom, added a fire pit to the family's outdoor area last fall and offered the following instructions for anyone interested in a similar project.

"The first decision to be made is where to locate your fire pit," said Kruger. "Choose an area that is at least 50 feet from buildings and away from overhanging tree branches and dry brushy areas."

Once you have decided on your area and design, gather your tools. In addition to the concrete blocks and steel ring, you will need a spade, measuring tape, stake, heavy string, spray paint, long and short levels, rake, hand tamper, rubber mallet, gravel, sand, and

masonry adhesive (optional).

To begin, drive a stake in the center of the area chosen for the pit. Second, measure the radius of the steel ring and add to it the measurement of the depth of the stone that will surround the pit plus 3-4 inches. Then, tie a string to the stake and measure out to the distance of the measurement in step 2. Using the string, mark the circumference of the circle with spray paint - this is the outside edge of your fire pit wall plus a little "wiggle" room. With a spade, remove grass and dirt inside the painted circle to a depth of 12 inches. Rake and level. Keep center stake in place to set steel ring in position later.

Add gravel and firmly tamp until a level depth of 4 inches has been reached. Top gravel with 4 inches of sand. Tamp and level.

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Lay 3-4 rows of interlocking bricks around the inside of the circle. Use a rubber mallet to set bricks in place. Fill spaces between bricks with sand to keep them stable. This will be the foundation for the stone wall. Check for level as bricks are laid. (Instead of bricks, a 4" deep layer of concrete can be laid.)

After bricks are laid, set the steel ring in place. Begin to set the wedge-shaped blocks on the brick foundation around the ring. Offset the placement of the blocks as additional rows are added. As the wall is built, occasionally leave a small space between the stones to create better air flow for a good fire. After stacking two rows of stone, you will want to remove the ring in order to continue building the pit wall.

"Stones can be set in place with masonry adhesive. Once the adhesive has been applied, the stones cannot be removed," said Marilyn. "If you choose to use adhesive, it is best to disassemble the walls after you are

satisfied with the construction and then reassemble the walls, cementing the blocks permanently in place."

Finally, set the steel ring back inside the pit walls.

"Stone caps can be added to the top of the wall, covering the steel lip. While optional, this gives the fire pit a very nice, finished look," suggested Marilyn. "In the fire pit pictured, a layer of bricks was added to the inside area of the steel ring. A solid base makes it easier to clean the fire ashes from floor of the pit."

Again, this is one of many ways to build a fire pit. Go on-line and find one that works for you.

Remember, always have regard for all aspects of safety when considering an option like a fire pit and never leave a fire not attended by an adult. Also, before beginning, make sure there are no restrictions in your local area against fire pits and outdoor burning.

Now, sit back, relax and enjoy.



Safe, Secure and Beautiful

By Tresa Erickson

Lighting is one of the most important features of a home, indoors and out. It provides illumination for tasks inside and keeps burglars away outside. When chosen well, lighting can also enhance a home's beauty. Here are some tips the next time you change or add to your outdoor lighting.

Outdoor lighting comes in many types. Post lights are mounted on a post, which is usually located near the driveway. Wall lights are

mounted on walls near exterior doors—on each side of the garage door, for example. Ceiling mount lights are mounted on the ceiling of a porch or portico to illuminate the front entrance. Hanging lights serve the same purpose as ceiling mount lights but make more of a statement in grand entrances and tall porches.

Make a list of the outdoor lights you need and the amount you have to spend, and then get ready to shop. Outdoor lights come in a variety of styles. Look for a style that complements the style of your home. While lanterns might work well for a beach house, they may not suit your contemporary home. You might need a sleeker, cleaner style.

Finish is another aspect to consider. Again, look to your house as a guide. If you have a lot of brass, brass fixtures are the way to go. If

you have a lot of ironwork, look for black fixtures. If you have a lot of chrome, look for chrome fixtures.

Scale is vital. Too small or too large lights can detract from the beauty of your home. Look for appropriate sized lights. If you are looking for wall lights for a two-story home, for example, you should focus on lights that are 18 to 24 inches tall. Pay attention to the elements in the area where the lights will go. While you might adore hanging lights, having one in your small portico might not work. You don't want guests hitting their head on the light every time they enter or exit your home.

Want to make your home really glow? Update the outdoor lighting. Determine your needs and look for the right style, finish and scale to create a safe, secure, beautiful home.

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Color Up Top

By Tresa Erickson

When the time comes for a new roof, not only will you have to consider materials but color as well. Roofing comes in a wide range of materials from metal to cedar shakes to shingles. If you are going with traditional shingles, you will have many colors to choose from. Shingles cannot be replaced as easily or as inexpensively as paint, so you will want a color that you can live with for years to come. Here are some factors to consider as you select a shingle color.

Climate

Do you live in a fairly warm or cool environment? Choose the right shingle color, and you can help keep your house at the right temperature and your energy bills down. Light-colored shingles work best in warm climates. They reflect the sun and help keep homes cool. Dark-colored shingles work best in colder climates. They absorb heat, speed up the melting of snow and ice, and help keep homes warm.

House Style

What style of home do you have? The right color of shingles can accentuate the style of any home. While a white colonial might not look good with anything but black shingles, a brown ranch might work with a wide variety of colors. Research the architectural style of your home and find out what shingle colors suit it best.

Continuity

The shingle color should complement the colors already on your home. Pay attention to the brick, stone and paint colors and try to select a shingle color that will go with it. Dark gray and black shingles suit gray, white and blue homes. Brown shingles suit brown and cream-colored homes. Brown, black and gray shin-

gles suit yellow, green and red homes. Ask for a sample and hold it up against the colors of your home to see the overall effect. Keep in mind that the darker the color, the smaller your home may look.

Surroundings

Take a drive around your neighborhood. What shingle colors do you see? Look at your neighbors' roofs. If everyone has the exact same color of shingles, you might not want to break away from that palette. On the other hand, if the shingle colors vary, you may have a little more leeway. Don't forget to check with your neighborhood association to find out if there are any shingle color restrictions in place. There may be a reason everyone has a black roof. If there are no rules, look for a shingle color that will complement your home and your neighbors' homes. The shingle color you select should not match or clash with the roofs on homes around you.

Resale

Do you plan to sell your home at some point? If so, you will want a shingle color that will appeal to a wide range of buyers and stay in style for years to come. Browns, blacks, clays, creams and grays are all good neutrals that will stand the test of time. If you intend to stay in your home forever, you may want to go with something a little more trendy. A gray-and-blue shingle might finish off your little blue home with the red door perfectly.

When selecting a shingle color, shop with care. Research the choices available, speak to some experts and take home some samples. Take the time to think through the possibilities, and you're sure to choose the right shingle color for your home.

By Tresa Erickson

Welcome One, Welcome All

Nothing says welcome home more than an inviting entrance. Take a step outside your front door. Does your entrance say welcome? Is the front door appealing? Is there a mat for people to wipe their shoes on? Is there a doorbell or doorknocker for people to let you know of their arrival? To find out just how welcoming your entrance is, pretend you are a visitor. What do you see? Take some photos. Things tend to look differently in photos.

One of the easiest ways to dress up a home's entrance is with paint. Could your front door use a new coat of paint? How about your porch? Before you get the old paint cans out of the garage, consider if it is time for an update. Instead of black or brown, maybe you could try a bolder color for your front door. Red, blue or green can make a real statement and pull visitors' eyes immediately to your front door. Add some new hardware to your door and a new coat of paint on the porch floor, and your entrance will really pop.

Lighting is a must in any entrance. Is your entrance well lit? If not, perhaps it's time to add some lights, or at the very least, replace the ones you have. Exterior lighting comes in a wide range of styles and finishes. Brighter, more energy-efficient lighting will do wonders for your entrance and your pocketbook.

Accessories are another good way to dress up an entrance. A welcome mat is a must to keep dirt out of the home. A wreath will help dress up any space, as will statuary and plants. Depending upon how large a space you have, you might even be able to add some furniture. A bench works great for visitors needing someplace to rest their bags

while they wait for you to answer the door.

If you have a path leading up to your front door, you might want to examine that area too. Is there anything you can do to add interest, such as installing lighting or planting some flowers. Anything you can do to dress up the walkway will add to the welcoming feel of your home.

There are hundreds of things you can do to make the entrance of your home more welcoming, and they don't have to cost you a bundle. A new wreath or doormat can really perk up the space. For further ideas, browse online or consult a professional.



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HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Right Way To Mow

By Tresa Erickson

You cut your grass a few days ago, but already, it's looking a little long. Darn! You trudge to the garden shed, pull out your mower, set the blades low and start chopping. Chopping? Yikes! If you want your lawn to look good, you need to mow it well.

Proper mowing is essential to a healthy lawn, and timing is everything. When do you mow your lawn? Do you get up early in the morning and plow your way through the wet grass, never worrying about slipping, spreading disease or clogging up the mower blades? Do you wait until mid-afternoon when the heat will place you and the grass under a lot of stress? Do you mow in the evening when the sun has almost set and

the grass is dry? Hopefully, you choose the latter when conditions are perfect for mowing.

How do you mow? Do you start in the same corner and mow in the same direction each time? While you might appreciate the routine, your grass won't, as it will soon grow in the pattern you have created. For straighter grass strands, mow in a different direction each time. This will also allow for a more even cut.

How sharp are your mower blades? Mower blades are like knives. The duller they are, the more ragged cut they will make. Sharpen your mower blades often throughout the season for a clean cut.

At what height are your mower blades set? Sharp mower blades won't mean a thing if you don't have them

set at the proper height. You will find dozens of charts with height recommendations for various grass types. Most experts, however, advise never cutting more than a third of the grass blades at a time. This will allow for deeper root systems, better growth and fewer weeds.

What happens if you miss a week or two? Don't try to make up for it by moving down your blade and cutting it shorter. The longer, heavier clippings will clog up the mower fast and leave many clumps on the lawn. Instead, cut the grass at the highest height possible and then cut it again at the normal height a few days later.

Stick to the one-third rule and you'll never have to worry about clippings. You can just leave them on the lawn. They will decompose

quickly and fertilize the grass (they will not lead to the buildup of thatch as you may have heard). If you want to dispose of the clippings, you may do so but be careful how you go about this. Most city dumps will not take them. Consider using them to fertilize your garden or flowerbeds instead.

As the growing season comes to an end, lower your mower blades for a shorter cut. This will retard the growth and reduce the chances of snow mold later. When spring arrives, take a day to clean up and make way for new grass. Remove any leaves and other brush that may have fallen onto your lawn during the winter that could smother the grass.

Proper mowing is key to a lush lawn. Know what is involved, follow through and never take safety for granted. Wear the appropriate apparel and safety gear when mowing—long pants, good shoes and eye and ear protection. Clear the lawn of debris beforehand, take pets inside and insist children stay well away. Finally make sure your mower is in good condition and the blades are sharp. Then get ready to give it a go!



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Did You Know?

Your garage door is the largest moving part on your property. 70% of homeowners indicate the garage as their primary point of entry. If you have a garage door you should know that 1 in 15 garages may lack the latest safety features or may not be operating properly. Even more may be showing wear and tear, indicating a need for service or replacement.

Time to Upgrade Your Garage Door or Garage Door Opener?

A&S Exteriors installs a complete selection of LiftMaster Belt Drive Garage Door Openers & C.H.I. Overhead Garage Doors

How Do I Pick My Roof Color?

One of the best ways to pick a color is to drive around your neighborhood. Check out the different color combinations of roof, brick / siding, and trim colors that your neighbors have tried. Make a list of the ones you like, and steer clear of the ones you don't.



Does Your Home Need a New Roof this Year?
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April Showers Bring...?

Traditionally April is the rainiest month of the year. Watch for leaks or water spots during and after the big rains. A&S Exteriors is a Certified IKO Installer and the premier roofing installer in Livingston County, Illinois. The A&S Exteriors Team of installers have over 100 years combined experience in the residential roofing industry. Call today for a FREE "No Obligation" estimate.



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