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SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE TODAY!

Springfest Is Fun For Everyone

by Lauren Lindley

This year's fourth annual Springfest in Dwight is gearing up to be bigger and better than ever! Bring a chair to camp out all day and get ready for a day full of fun activities for the whole family! There will be some new events, as well as, for the first time, a guaranteed purse of at least \$1,000 to the winner of the BBQ contest.

Contestants for the BBQ contest can sign up to participate all the way up to when it begins at 8:30 a.m. You are invited to try the different varieties of BBQ, all while talking to the people who made the food themselves. The BBQ will be sold for most of the day.

For the little ones, there will be a bounce house from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., face painting at noon and Streator Onized Credit Union will be doing airbrush tattoos from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. God Be With Us preschool will be bringing activities such as coloring, bubbles and a sand

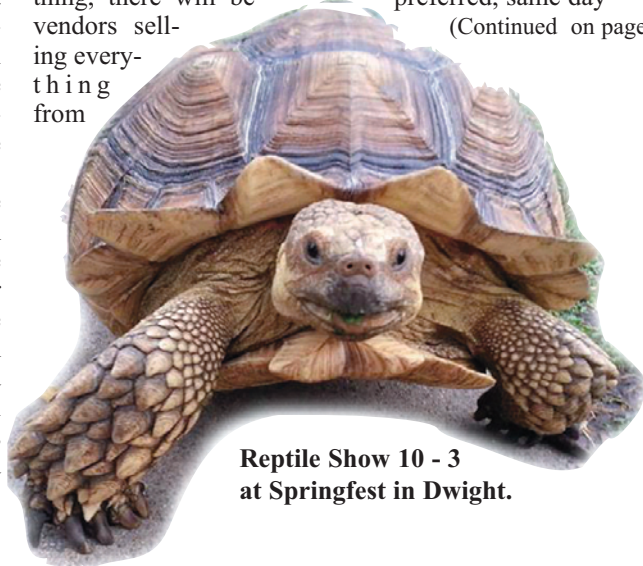
table. There will also be alpacas from Kat & Ron Medrea and M2A Farm Suri Alpacas and Llamas from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and Coal Black Exotics will have a reptile show from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If your child loves trucks, there will be 'Touch-a-truck' taking place from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. where the children are encouraged to get up close and touch and climb on rescue trucks and service vehicles.

If shopping is more your thing, there will be vendors selling everything from

home goods and arts & crafts to specialty items and apparel from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Conman Painting will be painting batting helmets again this year. DCM Landscaping will be selling flowers throughout the day.

For the competitor, there is the aforementioned BBQ contest, as well as a few other competitions. There will be a bean bag tournament at 2:00 p.m. and also a 5K and FunRun. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. and although pre-registration is preferred, same day

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Reptile Show 10 - 3
at Springfest in Dwight.

Sheila Simon to Speak at Dwight Rotary Club Luncheon

Illinois Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon will be the guest speaker at the Dwight Rotary Club luncheon at the Country Mansion on Friday, May 2, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. The public is welcome to join the Rotarians for the luncheon.

The Lieutenant Governor will give a brief

presentation and then will be available to answer questions. If you are interested in attending the Rotary luncheon to eat (fee applies) or just to hear Sheila Simon speak, contact Dr. Richard Jancek, Rotary President, at 815-871-8615 no later than April 30.

Four New VGTs -- and of Course, New Records

by Tom Tock

Four more video gaming terminals came on line recently in Dwight, at the Ron-De-Voo Tavern, Inc., with an accompanying increase in the amount played in the village's 32 machines during March and in the amounts received by the village, state, and

operators.

\$278,692 is the new record monthly amount invested in Dwight's terminals. \$202,201.83 was paid out, with a net terminal income of \$76,490.17.

The Village of Dwight received \$3,824 of
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Saturday the New Life Electronics Recycling helped with the Dwight Community Clean-up day by providing responsible electronics recycling. Many members of the community worked together around Dwight, making it a successful event.



Turtle's Tap, Dwight, Sold

by Scott R. Schultz

For some of us, the evolution of the red door on Main Street has marked the times of our lives. I can remember like it was yesterday a group of us running to Art's for lunch during High School. Later, my wife and I would walk up to watch football Saturday afternoons on Turtle's big screen, and I can recall after the dining room was added bringing my son to dinner for his first "night out," setting his car seat on the bar while waiting for a table.

Turtle's Tap has been a fixture in Dwight. For many of the younger generation in the area, it was the first job, the place for dinner after a match or a game, and (before Facebook) the pivot point for classmates who journeyed on, to come back and catch up during Harvest Days.

Now, as is the case with most things in our world, the business is going through another life change.

After an almost 30 year run, owner Kevin Krople decided it was time for a change. Krople has sold the business to long time Dwight restaurant owner Ken Christensen. Christensen has been at the helm of Geo's Pizza for the past fourteen years, and the two businesses are situated next door to each other.

"I'm just tired," as Krople put it, "no other reason. It's time to give someone else the great opportunity I had." For the Dwight native, now a resident of Morris, the drive back and forth on Route 47 after sixteen years has been long enough. He wanted to

leave Dwight this parting message, "With these final days winding down all I can think is how lucky I've been to have had so many wonderful employees and customers during my time in Dwight. I would also like to give thanks to my late Father, Bill Krople, for having enough belief in me to loan me his inheritance money to start Turtle's. My name has been on the front door for the last 29 years, it's time he gets the credit he deserves."

Christensen's plans for the business are to keep many of the things the same as they are now. The name will be changing to Geo's, but the phone numbers will remain the same (and separate) for the pizza business and the restaurant/bar business. "Eventually, the pizza business will merge with the restaurant, but for now we'll take small steps. Both menus will stay just as they are now," says Christensen. "I also want to keep the family-friendly environment that has been a part of Dwight for so long. Any entertainment will not happen before 9pm."

As with many of us who've been around here a while, that still occasionally slip and say we're heading up to "Art's", it may take a while but before long we'll just call it Geo's. We can then reminisce with our kids about when the place was called Turtle's, and how it was a part of our lives and our town.

Of course, the question will still come up, "why was it called Turtle's?" - To which some of us know the answer. But, now the question; where did the name Geo's come from?

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Apr. 17, 2014 – Alan Wong, 60, Plainfield, speeding (radar) 72/55; Adam J. Krimpelbein, 29, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Angela M. Hackney, 25, Kankakee, speeding (radar) 71/55; Anthony J. Schumacher, 18, Dwight, criminal trespass to residence.

Apr. 18: Zak T. Holtz-Robisky, 18, Dwight, other traffic offenses; other traffic offenses; suspended, revoked driver's lic; Kenneth B. Moore, Jr., 21, Chicago, speeding (radar) 75/55; Amer S. Jaber, 28, Decatur, no valid driver's license; possessing a controlled substance; Seth A. Tebeest, 31, Washburn, speeding (radar) 74/55; Dawn M. Dill, 42, Kankakee, speeding (radar) 70/55; Emelia J. Hanson, 26, Champaign, speeding (radar) 84/55; Tillman W. Millhouse, 26, Summerville, S.C., speeding (radar).

Apr. 20: Patrick E. Dettman, Shorewood, battery; Sergio Mayen, 30, Dwight, possession of drug equipment; resist/obstruct. a peace officer; poss. cannabis/30 gms or less; battery.

Apr. 21: Mitchell Deterding, 16, Dwight, traffic sign violation; poss. cannabis/30 gms or less; Christian A. Santana, 30, Glenview, traffic sign violation.

Apr. 22: Christopher R. Steboldt, 20, Naperville, speeding (radar) 71/55; Melinda Y. Crouch, 32, Dwight, suspended, revoked driver's lic..

Apr. 23: Kevin A. Youngsma, 32, Piper City, suspended, revoked driver's lic; il. trans./poss. alcohol driver; speeding (radar) 62/55; failure to signal when required.

Persons in the Police

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

5 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Failure to signal when required, 1; obstructed windshield &/or r.window, 1; improper display of license plates, 1; only one red tail-light, 1; operate uninsured motor vehicle, 1.

Accidents Investigated by Dwight Police

Thursday, Apr. 17, 2014, 6:50 p.m., parking lot at 324 W. Mazon, Dwight – Officer John Hoy: Richard D. Ferrara, Morris, driving a 2008 Pontiac sedan, collided with Vernon A. Gaus' unattended 2006 Chevrolet Impala. Gaus is from Buckingham.

Sunday, Apr. 20, 2014, 4:30 a.m., Seminole at Union, Dwight – Officer Mark Scott: Mark A. Louis' 2002 Ford Focus wagon collided with Christopher J. Followell's non-moving 2004 Olds Alero. Followell is from Weldon.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Apr. 17, 2014: 10:27 p.m., 2900 E Rd., medical, St. James, Pontiac, mutual aid to Emington/Campus.

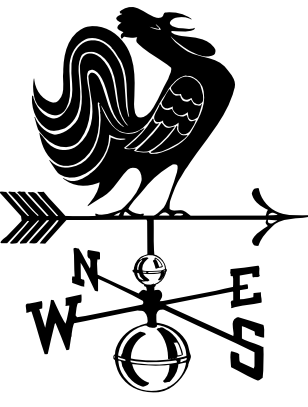
Apr. 18: 1:00 a.m., I-55 mm223, fire.

Apr. 19: 4:56 a.m., E. Mazon Ave., medical; 8:05 a.m., Union, medical, no transport; 2:35 p.m., I-55, trauma, MCH.

Apr. 22: 12:37 a.m., Bannon, medical, refusal; 1:38 a.m., Rt. 47, trauma, Morris; 10:49 a.m., 2600N, trauma, MCH; 11:58 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris.

Apr. 23: 4:43 p.m., South St., medical, OSF St. James.

Apr. 24: 5:27 a.m., Waupansie, assist, refusal; 8:49 a.m., John, medical, Morris.



Temps - 2014

April 17 – high 59°, low 38° .01” precip.
 April 18 – high 64°, low 30°
 April 19 – high 71°, low 32°
 April 20 – high 79°, low 41°
 April 21 – high 74°, low 44° .30” precip.
 April 22 – high 60°, low 31°
 April 23 – high 56°, low 35° trace precip.
 One Year Ago - April 30, 2013 high 84°, low 55°



A SURE SIGN THAT SPRING IS HERE - farmers are out readying their fields for planting.

Railway Work to Close IL 17 for One Week

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that the IL 17-Norfolk Southern Railway grade crossing at Reddick will be closed on Monday, May 5 for approximately seven days to allow the Railway to rebuild their crossing. IL 17 traffic will proceed as follows:

- IL 17 westbound traffic will proceed south on County Highway 18 to

County Highway 25; thence west on County Highway 25 back to IL 17.

- IL 17 eastbound traffic will proceed east on County Highway 25 to County Highway 18; thence north on County Highway 18 back to IL 17.

Slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all the work zones.

Exelon's Fishing for a Cure Raises Over \$59,000 for Coal City, Diamond Tornado Disaster Relief Fund

Exelon's Fishing for a Cure tournament raised a record \$59,500 for the Coal City and Diamond Tornado Disaster Relief Fund. The event was held April 19 at Braidwood Lake.

The money raised will help the more than 240 homeowners and business owners affected by the devastating tornado that swept through the Coal City and Diamond communities last November.

Exelon volunteers supported last year's tornado clean-up efforts and the company donated hundreds of items needed by relief workers, including safety glasses, work gloves, safety vests, flashlights and batteries. In addition, Exelon donated \$25,000 to the local American Red Cross for disaster relief efforts in Illinois.

One-hundred, two-person teams from around the Midwest competed in the tournament. Richard Dolgner, Sr., of Plainfield, and his son Richard Dolgner,

Jr., of Joliet, took home first place and the \$4,000 top prize. Their three-fish total of 11.87 pounds was the best in Fishing for a Cure tournament history. Dolgner, Sr. set a tournament record by landing a 6.18 pound bass.

All proceeds raised through tournament entry fees, raffles and sponsorships go to the recipient charity, which is selected annually by station employees.

Since its inaugural tournament in 2002, Fishing for a Cure has raised more than \$360,000 for local and regional charities. Last year's event raised \$57,000 for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Illinois.

Exelon will continue raising funds for the relief effort through its Fishing for a Cure children's derby scheduled for Saturday, June 7, in Godley Park. For more information on this event, visit www.exeloncorp.com/fishing.

Dwight Hydrants Being Flushed

The Village of Dwight Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants beginning Sunday night, May 4, from 10:30 p.m. to approximately 4:30 a.m. Flushing will continue each night through Friday, May 9.

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that net income, also a new record amount.

Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. was the recipient of the most "Funds In" during March: \$80,971. Second was Willy's Pub, Inc., \$52,458.

| | Funds In | Funds Out | NTI* | State | Dwight |
|------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Jan. | 201,234 | 145,417 | 55,816 | 13,954 | 2,790 |
| Feb. | 232,318 | 159,684 | 72,633 | 18,158 | 3,631 |
| Mar. | 278,692 | 202,201 | 76,490 | 19,122 | 3,824 |

*Net Terminal Income

The State of Illinois and Village of Dwight receive a total of 30% of the net terminal income monthly (State 25%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 70%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.

Grundy Veterans Assistance Comm. Moving

The Grundy County VAC office will be moving to a new suite in the same building on May 1. With the new office suite, they will have additional space for agencies and services that will benefit veterans and their families under one roof.

The VAC office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2, for the move and will open again on Monday, May 5, with regular office hours. The new suite is #405 in the Business and Technology Center at 1802 N. Division St. The rides to Hines VA Hospital will be available during the move.

The Veterans Alliance Student Club at Joliet Junior College will be hosting a Veterans Resource Fair on Friday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Grundy County VAC will be there along with many others to assist veterans with a variety of services.

As part of the Grundy County VAC's ongoing outreach efforts, the Hines MMU and Vet Center will again be visiting Morris in May.

The Veterans Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) from Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital will make its monthly visit to Morris on Monday, May 5. The MMU will be parked at the Morris American Legion at 212 W. Washington St. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Veterans who wish to receive care from the VHA need

to be enrolled with the VHA or they can take a copy of their DD Form 214 to validate eligibility and get enrolled.

The VA's Vet Center will be offering service to Grundy County Veterans on Thursday, May 1, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the community room of the Morris City Hall. Vet Center services are free to eligible Veterans. Morris City Hall is located at 700 N. Division St.

Some of the services that the Vet Center can offer to Grundy County veterans include: Individual and group counseling for Veterans and their families; Family counseling for military-related issues; Bereavement counseling for families who experience an active duty death; Military sexual trauma counseling and referral; Outreach and education; Substance abuse assessment and referral; Employment assessment and referral; Screening and referral for medical issues including TBI, depression, etc.

To receive services from either provider the veteran should take a copy of their DD 214 (discharge documents). If the Veteran does not have a copy the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission can assist them with obtaining the documents.

For additional information, contact the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission at 815-941-3152.

Ambler/Becker Gas Station Volunteer Sign-up May 1

The tourist season at the Ambler/Becker Gas Station will begin with the Red Carpet Corridor Weekend May 3 and 4.

Volunteers are invited to stop at the station Thursday, May 1 between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. to enjoy a cup of coffee while looking around

and visiting with other volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a first time volunteer this would be a good time to stop by and see what is involved.

Volunteers may also call Janice at (815)-584-1830 to sign up for a shift.

Gardner Fire Protection District Weekly Calls

Mon., Apr. 21: Medical/refusal, mutual aid to Braidwood, Harbor Landing; medical, N. Monroe.

Tues., Apr. 22: Fire, cancelled enroute, mutual aid to Dwight F.D., 26th Road.

Wed., Apr. 23: Medical, N. Pine.

Fri., Apr. 25: Medical, W.

Wilmington.

Sat., Apr. 26: Fire, N. Cedar; fire, Carbon Hill; EMS, mutual aid to Braceville EMS, I-55; fire, mutual aid to South Wilmington, Rice Road.

Sun., Apr. 27: MVC, no patient, I-55 mm226.

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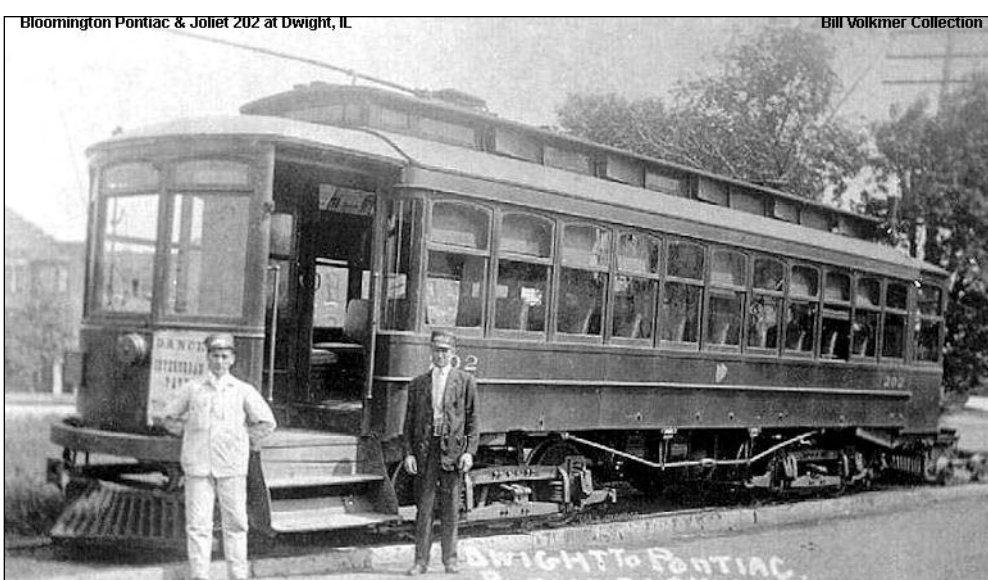
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Above: Bloomington, Pontiac, and Joliet 202 at Dwight, Illinois. The Iron bridge, in the 1905 picture below, was located exactly where the swinging bridge is now in Humiston Riverside Park.



The Interurban Line - Bloomington, Pontiac, and Joliet Electric Railway

Step back in time just 100 years and the contrast to life today is truly amazing – with many homes still without electric power and a scant few people owning the relatively new motorized vehicle. A century ago, traveling from Dwight to Pontiac was a significant trip with unpaved dirt roads.

The Bloomington, Pontiac, & Joliet Electric Railway, known locally as the BP&J, was a popular means of transportation between Pontiac and Dwight. It was nicknamed the “Bump, Push and Jerk” (BP&J) due to its rough ride; the dub was clever, but perhaps a bit harsh relative to the alternative horseback, buggy or cart on the rough and uncertain roads of the day with respect to snow, ice, rain, mud and complete washouts. The electric railcar was heated, and it was comparatively very dependable.

This electric railroad was originally designed to be part of a line from Bloomington to Joliet to connect these terminals with other interurban lines, however, the line was only partially completed. A line from Pontiac to Odell was completed in 1905, then on to Dwight in 1906, and it is believed that a proposed line from Pontiac to Chenoa was abandoned after building a significant bridge over Rooks Creek which still remains today but has never seen tracks.

Interurban streetcar trolley-type trains operated several runs daily between Pontiac and Dwight, taking approximately two hours to make the run at a fare of 2.5 cents per mile nearing the end in 1925. Dwight was the end of the line heading north, terminating on the South end of East Main Street, and in Pontiac heading south through the downtown on Main, west on Washington at the courthouse, south on Division and over the river, then east on Lincoln, passing in front of the reformatory heading east and then terminating near the CA&S tracks.

The BP&J brought to bear the very latest in Interurban transportation by acquiring two electric trolleys; one from the display in the Palace of Transportation at the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair. The 201 was first known as the “Dwight,” and the 202 was first known as the “Pontiac” and was the demonstrator at the fair; it arrived in Pontiac on July 9, 1905.

The 201 and 202 did much more work than carry a trolley load of passengers; they often pulled an additional passenger car, or a flat freight car moving mail, goods and supplies between Dwight and Pontiac. The trolleys were built by the American Car in 1904, and each had two 25 hp General Electric motors powered by 600 volts DC. (<http://donsdep.ot.donrossgroup.net/drl002.htm>).

George Herbert Inc. of Chicago conducted a survey of Pontiac area farmers in 1919 with respect to the use of an automobile on the farm. It was a detailed study of miles driven and a breakdown as to “business” or “pleasure.” Included in the results of the study were several quotes from farmers including the following: “My opinion is that two-thirds of the cars run by farmers in this vicinity were bought out of necessity.” “Without use of car production would be cut down enormously.” “Have two cars; use both for business.” “It’s handy all around.” “It would almost be impossible for us to get along without the cars.” “It’s lots handier than team, because quicker and eats only when in use.” “I bought it so that I can go to town faster when I have to go, and get back to work again.” “I feel as though I could not be without any.” (http://genealogytrails.com/ill/livingston/news_thisnthat.html)

The end of line was fast approaching for BP&J, as everyone could see, and the attitude of the farmers was the same as it was for the milkman, the policeman and the common

man, and days of the interurban in rural Livingston County were numbered.

The world was modernizing very rapidly in the early 1900s. By 1924 only 21,000 passengers were carried on the BP&J as compared to 154,000 in 1919. The BP&J ended operation in 1925 as the state highway began its development, cars and trucks became more commonplace, and the competing Chicago and Alton Railroad offered more efficient service with its steampowered passenger trains.

The BP&J Interurban line was quickly dismantled and rails pulled up leaving little but fading memories and pictures of this piece of local history, except for one...a house at 1704 S. Mill Street in Pontiac is believed to have been built around the 202, as the 201 is believed to have burned on the tracks at Interurban Park on North Aurora Street in Pontiac; with both undercarriages being scrapped. The BP&J crossed the Vermillion River on Division Street in Pontiac exactly where the swinging bridge is today in Humiston Riverside Park. The iron trestle was boarded and used as a foot bridge for many years thereafter.

The nearly 20 year life of the BP&J filled a short but important role in area transportation and economic trade between Pontiac, Odell and Dwight. To some it was a lifeline to more advanced medical care facilities in Pontiac, to so many others it was critical to business affairs, or personal visits with friends and family on a more frequent basis; especially when its ridership reached its peak.

Few if anyone living today can remember riding on it, but many recall stories handed down about how convenient it was, and how warm and dependable it was in the winter when few other means of transportation could get through the snow.

Dwight Berkot’s Remodel Underway

The Berkot’s Super Foods of Dwight officially opened for business in 2008. Since then, the company has continued to grow and Dwight is now one of fifteen Berkot’s locations. The South Wilmington store is the closest “sister” Berkot’s store to Dwight, but other Berkot’s stores can be found in New Lenox, Coal City, Lockport, Peotone, Mokena, Orland Park, Braidwood, Manhattan, Momence, Manteno, Watseka, Wilmington, and now Aroma Park.

The Mokena location was opened in 1990 and is now the oldest Berkot’s location, but the company began in Harvey in 1983.

Since February 2014, the Dwight location has been a focal point for Berkot’s Super Foods. At that time, Berkot’s began a total-store remodel in order to give that store a fresh look that is congruent to the other Berkot’s locations. Once the remodel is complete, the hope is the store as a whole will be more functional for the customers.

So far, the meat department cutting room has been remodeled and the customer service office is complete. When all is said and done, however, the entire store from the front end, back to the department coolers,

will have a new look and better equipment.

At the front of the store, customers will notice a new customer service desk and new registers and checkout lanes. The produce, dairy, deli and liquor departments will also be remodeled. The store will have new, more energy efficient freezers and coolers, new flooring and new lighting throughout.

A little space will be added to the floor plan following the renovations due to a new beer cooler that will be installed to the exterior of the building.

Dwight customers can look forward to the new gourmet items in the meat department, including gourmet burgers, a gluten-free section, various items of organic produce per request, and a wider variety of general produce items.

A completion date has not been set for the Dwight location.

Dwight Store Manager, Linnea Nelson, currently has 32 employees in her building.

Berkot’s remains dedicated to the communities it serves by offering full support to local organizations and events that enhance the quality of life of all members of the community.

Community Players of Streator Set for 2014 Season

Community Players of Streator, Inc. has announced that the box office will open for the 2014 season on Monday, May 5. Box office hours are 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, two weeks prior to each performance, as well as during show week. The box office is also open one hour prior to each performance. The box office phone number is 815-672-3584. It is located at the William C. Schiffbauer Center for the Performing Arts Theatre at Engle Lane, 1012 Columbus Road in Streator. The 2014 season presents a mix of musicals, comedies, a thriller and an epic classic presented for the first time ever in the Illinois Valley area.

9 to 5 the Musical, directed by Joey Beavers of Peru, opens the season. Pushed to the boiling point by their demanding boss, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even and take control of their company. Based on a movie, the high-energy musical features songs by Dolly Parton that will leave you smiling. Performance dates are May 18-24.

June 15-21, audiences will be delighted by the comedy *Noises Off*. Join in the laughter as a dysfunctional company of actors

prepare for their opening performance. *Noises Off* is a wickedly funny look at what can happen on the other side of the curtain. Bill Jankowski of Ottawa is the show’s director.

Community Players of Streator is one of the first community theatres in Illinois granted the rights to present the epic musical *Les Miserables* July 12-19. Directed by Doug Bartelt of Streator, *Les Miserables* is perhaps the most popular musical of all time. An extra performance has been added in anticipation of demand to see this grand show about grace, mercy, love and redemption. All evening performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. for this production only.

Engle Lane’s annual children and youth production will be *Seussical Jr.* directed by Darcy Mollo of Streator. *Seussical* tells the story of Horton the elephant and the power of friendship, loyalty, family and community. Go out and see the stars of tomorrow in this enjoyable tale based on the writing of

Dr. Seuss. Performance dates are August 10-16.

The thriller *Dial M for Murder* will run September 7-13. Directed by Larry Kelsey of Peru, this whodunit was made famous by Alfred Hitchcock’s hit movie. Get ready for twists and turns in one of the most popular thrillers ever to hit the stage.

The 2014 season concludes with a World War II era musical, *The Andrews Brothers*, directed by Tyler Reviglio of Peru. Featuring some of the greatest songs of the 1940s, this hilarious musical comedy tells the story of three soldiers who are drafted into giving the performance of a lifetime in a USO show when a flu outbreak quarantines the Andrews Sisters who were scheduled to appear.

Season tickets for all six performances will be available, and are 40% off when purchased altogether, rather than individually. You may purchase tickets prior to the box office opening by calling the box office manager at 815-672-4066.

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Chatsworth Corner By Mare Reardanz



The Chatsworth Senior Citizen's Club held its monthly meeting April 24 at the United Methodist Church in town. There were 18 members present for a delightful afternoon of lunch, entertainment and business.

Mary Lou Teel brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance before inviting everyone to enjoy the buffet. The diversity and expertise of the foods offered was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed the meal and companionship with lively conversation.

The entertainment for the day was the private concert from their own Art Scharf and Gabe Fairchild. Art and Gabe have been playing music

together for years. This was their practice gig before the Heritage Days event. They alternated between solos and duets with some rare comedy from Gabe.

One thing about the seniors, they pride themselves with telling it like it is. When a joke was lame, Wee-Jean Drauden was the first to call it DUMB! Another thing about playing for seniors is, they can't run away - but they can turn the hearing aids down! Everyone got a giggle out of that. Guitars accompanied the vocals in a variety of songs including "Take Me Home Country Road", "Travelin Man" and "Today".

The prayers and good wishes were sent out to Joyce

Brewer along with a card signed by all for a speedy recovery after her surgery. And finally, John Barnhart won the 50/50 drawing for the month. Way to go John!

The Senior Club's open to everyone and will meet again on May 22 at the United Methodist Church at noon in Chatsworth.

Chatsworth April 24 Village Board Meeting

Mayor Richard Runyon called the Town of Chatsworth Regular Board meeting to order on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as revised March 27.

There was no Sheriff's report of Public Issues. The Attorney's report included an update and pending issues on abandoned properties in town. The Engineer's report stated that Motor Fuel Tax had the resolution adopted. The Safe Route to Schools update included information that surveys were being completed and funds were being received by the town.

In old business, a new Gravely zero turn 460 mower with a 25 horse motor and 60" deck was purchased from Sam Walters and Son to begin the 2014 mowing season. The Water Plant construction is up to date and all paper work has been sent to the Illinois EPA for approval.

New business included Trustee Galen Schaffer's report on the approval and installation of two new 500 gallon fuel tanks to be shared by the Fire Department and Town use. They will be installed at the Fire Department eliminating the need for a third party to gain access to the fuel at any time day or night. Cost for the fuel, tanks and insurance will be split 85/15 between the Town of Chatsworth and the Chatsworth Fire Department.

Also, an estimate has been created for the maintenance shop repairs. The estimate included a roof, the east and south walls being rebuilt, an overhead door and spray foam insulation.

Resolution 431 has been approved for the water treatment plant.

The Board went into executive session, with the subject being Personnel, after which the Board resumed its meeting, paid the bills and adjourned.

St. Peter's Offering the Daniel Plan

Are you wanting to get healthy? St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 326 W. Chippewa Street in Dwight, is starting the Daniel Plan, an interactive DVD-based Bible Study and healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles.

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The interactive class starts on May 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the basement of the church. To register, call Joan Bistry at 815-584-9312 and leave your name and phone number. A registration fee applies.



Pieces From the Heart Quilt Guild to Meet May 1

Pieces From the Heart Quilt Guild will meet on Thursday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. at The First Midwest Bank Building on the third floor, 220 W. Main St. in Morris. The program will be presented by guild member Ann Register, a massage therapist, on "Easing the Pain of Quilting."

There will be a short business meeting and light refreshments along with the program.

The group welcomes anyone interested in the art of quilting to go and see what they are all about.

For additional information, contact Debbie at 815-671-1546.

MVK Seniors Meet

The MVK seniors met on April 15 at the Mazon Legion Hall for a lunch from Weitz's Cafe through Community Nutrition Network.

President Rita Mills called the meeting to order by giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She thanked Pam, the volunteers for helping on clean up, CNN, and for the Easter decorations.

There was a silent prayer for the ill and deceased members, elected officials, military, Frank Sereno and Dorothy Rolando. Get Well cards were sent to Frank and Dorothy.

Rita had a humorous reading about a family of different "Tators" and a poem about a robin who helped Jesus on the cross. She also reminded members that the MVK Senior Club is 38 years old.

President Rita reminded everyone about the annual Health Fair next month, starting at 11:00 a.m. The

meal would be available for a fee and start at 12:30 p.m. Different vendors will be there. Dorothy Johnson proposed that the Senior Club pay a portion of the meal for members and Linda Poppleton seconded. The motion carried.

Next, the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

CNN gave away some door prizes for Easter before the meeting. Door prizes went to Bob Hollenbeck, Frank Phillips and Jack Nicol.

Helen Griffiths made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shirley Kiss seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting. Anyone 60 or older is invited to lunch for a small donation. Make reservations by calling Community Nutrition Network at 815-941-1590.

Fossil Ridge Public Library Events

May 1, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Jr. Friends of the Library Meeting. Then from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Free Movie and popcorn - Catching Fire.

May 3, 11:00 - 1:00 p.m., Free Comic Book Day. Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library by reading and sharing your favorite comics. Dress up as your favorite super hero for the costume contest. All ages welcome.

May 5, 5:00 p.m., Friends of the Library Meeting.

May 9, 10:00 a.m., Coffee and Bagels, all adults welcome.

May 14, 6:00 p.m., Garden Treasure Jar Craft

for adults. Registration is required.

May 19, 7:00 p.m., Board of Trustees Meeting.

May 26, Closed for Memorial Day.

May 27, 6:30 p.m., Adult Book Club discussing Wonder by R J Palacio.

May 28, 9:00 a.m., Summer Reading Sign-ups begin for Fossil Ridge patrons. Registration for all others begins June 4.

For more information, see the library's newsletter, go to www.fossilridge.org, or call (815) 458-2187. To register for a program, go to the Library or visit the Bookmobile.

Limestone Township Library Events

Thursday, May 1 at 10:00 a.m., Lapsits. Children 2 and under are invited to join for a wonderful interactive experience that incorporates music, stories and play activities as a part of this learning exploration. For children ages 6 months to 2 years old and their parents/grandparents/guardians. Call the Library at (815) 939-1696 to register for this program.

Saturday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m., Mother's Day Craft. Join us to make a craft for Mom to celebrate her special day the following week. Kids 5 years and up are invited to create and celebrate Mom. Register at the desk or call the Library at (815) 939-1696.

Tuesday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m., Storytime. Join for a time of themed stories, crafts and music that encourages literacy for young children. For children ages 3-5 and parents/grandparents/guardians

Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m., Book Club. This month, the Book Club is reading The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian. The historical fiction novel tells the story of a young American woman who comes to Turkey in 1915 to be of help and discovers the horrors of the Armenian genocide. Interested readers can register for the program at the Front Desk where copies of the book are available.



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Katy Feddersen Is Bride of Jonathan Trent

A January 18, 2014 marriage ceremony was performed in St. Patrick's of Merna Church, Bloomington for Katy Marie Feddersen and Jonathan Trent, both of Chicago. Father Luke Spannagel officiated at the 1:30 p.m. service.

Tim and Ellen Feddersen of Dwight are parents of the bride. The groom is the son of Gary and Polly Trent of Lemont.

Ray Krischel, the bride's grandfather, was a special guest.

Attending the bride were Kristin Eggert of Orland Park as maid of honor; and Kristen Tripp of Bloomington; Karly Feddersen of Dwight; Kelli Humbert of Round Lake; Jill Haacke of Dwight; Andrea Cuttone of Bloomington; and Carolyn Gabanski of Lisle.

Makenzie DeLong of Twentynine Palms, California was flower girl, along with Dylan Tripp of Bloomington, ring bearer.

Andrew Erk of Lemont

served as best man. Other attendants were Ryan Sidler, Indianapolis, Indiana; Casey Trent, Chicago; Jim Christopher, Lemont; Steve Mihajlovic of Peoria; Steve Simak of Carol Stream; and Andrew Crebo of Lisle.

Kevin McClelland was vocalist and Mary Sorenson, reader. Hydrangeas and roses decorated the church.

A reception was held at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts, after which the newlyweds took a wedding trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

The new Mrs. Trent is a graduate of Dwight Township High School; received a Bachelors from Bradley University and her Masters at Illinois State University. She currently works as a Public Relations Professional.

The groom graduated from Lemont High School; has a Bachelors from Bradley University and works as a Civil Engineer.

The Trents reside in Chicago.



Andrew Funk

Bank of Pontiac Promotes Andrew Funk

Andrew Funk was recently promoted to Assistant Vice President of Lending at Bank of Pontiac. He will continue his work in agricultural lending in addition to consumer and mortgage lending. Andrew joined Bank of Pontiac's Dwight Bank in 2013 as a Loan Officer.

Andrew is a 2010 graduate of Bradley University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. He is a board member of Dwight Economic Alliance, Dwight Rotary member and Dwight Lions Club member. Andrew is the owner of Border Magic (Decorative Concrete) in Dwight. He resides in Dwight.

90th Birthday for Rosemary Hillman

Rosemary Hillman was honored at an open house on Sunday, April 27, to celebrate her 90th birthday.

The open house was from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the basement of the Church of Hope in Gardner.

Cards may also be sent to Rosemary at 205 S. Grundy St., Gardner, IL 60424.

Pontiac Bancorp Holds Annual Meeting and Promotes Employees

Pontiac Bancorp, Inc., parent company of Bank of Pontiac, experienced another successful year in 2013 as reported by Bill Kauffman, President and CEO, at the 32nd annual meeting of stockholders. The meeting was held at the Pontiac Elks Country Club on April 21, with approximately 215 stockholders and guests in attendance. Pastor Jarrod Bartholomew of the Pontiac Baptist Church gave the invocation. Entertainment was provided by Holiday Brass.

During his address, Kauffman reported to stockholders that earnings for the year were \$5,374,558 or \$26.51 per share.

Kauffman announced the promotions of four Bank of Pontiac employees. Andrew Weber was promoted to Vice President, Lending; Andrew Funk to Assistant Vice President, Lending; Carla Corrie to Trust Officer; Melissa Leach to Assistant Trust Officer.

In the Chairman's address, Wayne Taylor thanked the directors, stockholders, staff and customers for contributing to the success of Pontiac Bancorp, Inc.

At a re-organizational meeting held after the meeting of stockholders, the election and re-election of directors and officers took place. Directors re-elected to the Pontiac Bancorp and Bank of Pontiac boards were: Wayne Taylor, Chairman of the Board; Sarah Duffy, Dr. Robert Heins, Bill

Kauffman, John Marshall, Collins Miller, Mark Steffen and Douglas Swartz.

Pontiac Bancorp officers re-elected were: Wayne Taylor; Bull Kauffman, President and CEO; John Marshall, Secretary; Michelle Schultz, Treasurer.

Officers re-elected or newly elected for Bank of Pontiac were: Wayne Taylor, Chairman; Bill Kauffman, President and CEO; John Marshall, Senior Vice President, Chief Lending Officer and Trust Officer; Robert Weiner, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer; Jeanne Gernentz, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer; Doug Durham, Senior Vice President, Chief Credit Risk Officer; Kathy Francis, Vice President and Cashier; Michelle Schultz, Vice President, Assistant Cashier and Product Development; Jim Rebholz, Vice President and Branch Manager of Odell Bank; Troy Harms, Vice President of Real Estate Lending; Chris Clement, Vice President of Ag Services and Assistant Trust Officer; Mark Donovan, Vice President of Commercial Lending; Amy Brummel, Vice President, Assistant Compliance Officer of Lending; Diane Jensen, Vice President and Branch Manager of Dwight Bank; John Bowman, Vice President of Information Technology; Tina Trevino, Vice President, Asset Liability Analyst; Jean Rabe,

Vice President of Lending and Branch Manager of Bluestem Bank (Fairbury); Brad Brown, Vice President of Lending and Assistant Trust Officer; Rod Stevens, Vice President of Lending; Andrew Weber, Vice President of Lending; Paul Miller, Senior Trust Officer; Dan Fry, Trust Officer; David Hammer, Trust Officer; Carla Corrie, Trust Officer; Sharon Wall, Assistant Cashier; Paula Cleary, Assistant Cashier; Ann Scholtes, Assistant Vice President of Marketing; Mary Austin, Assistant Vice President, Head Teller; Kate Fortner, Assistant Vice President, Customer Service; Nathan Wenger, Assistant Vice President of Ag Services and Branch Manager of Bluestem Bank (Forrest); Judy Baxter, Assistant Vice President of Lending; Andrew Funk, Assistant Vice President of Lending; Melissa Leach, Assistant Trust Officer.

Advisory Directors re-elected or newly elected for the Odell and Dwight Banks were: Wayne Taylor, Thomas Doran, Jeanne Gernentz, Diane Jensen, Bill Kauffman, John Marshall, Daniel Mehochko, Robert Weiner and Jim Rebholz.

Advisory Directors re-elected or newly elected for the Bluestem Banks were: Wayne Taylor, John Bellot, Rob Duffy, Bill Kauffman, John Marshall, Robert Weiner, Jean Rabe, Mark Steffen and Nathan Wenger.

Retired Judge Pacey to Speak

The Ford County Republican Central Committee invites the public to hear retired Judge Steve Pacey speak on Saturday, May 10, 8:30 a.m. at Tom's Tavern, 221 Main Street, in Kempton.

Ford County GOP Chair

Tom Bennett says "Judge Pacey has worked hard for Ford County for 17 years and I look forward to seeing him again and hearing his reflections on the time he spent as judge. I believe the community will enjoy his perspective and insights."

For more information, go to www.fordcountyrepublicans.com or contact Tom Bennett at 217/784-8540. Go early to grab a good seat, take a friend and buy some breakfast before the meeting. The restaurant number is 815-253-6407.

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Reta Morrison's 80th Birthday Card Shower

Reta (Jensen) Morrison will be celebrating her 80th birthday on May 8.

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Prelude Defines the Independent Grind

by Caleb "CB" Boma

May 5 and May 6, the hip-hop group, *Prelude to a Million*, will be the supporting act for the underground rap king, Tech N9ne. These two appearances will be the collective's third and fourth times opening for Kansas City native, Tech N9ne's completely independent label reached out and recruited the group to perform at both Illinois shows for the well named *Independent Grind Tour*.

Prelude to a Million is pieced together by four members: Jurisdiction, Dub Zero, K.D. Murks, and Dwight's very own Tic Tock. This collection of artists has a special twist. They reign from four cities throughout Illinois, top to bottom. Jurisdiction from Chicago, Dub Zero from DuQuoin, K.D. Murks from Belleville (currently stationed in Florida), and Tic Tock. These members exemplify a long distance relationship using music as the centerpiece.

Most rap groups in today's industry have the luxury of a close proximity while the Prelude Family gets things done by other means. Whether it means sending parts of a song to Florida for Murks to record and send back, pooling money together to buy him a plane ticket for a show set, or driving across the state to have a certain date in Chicago to record. This may seem difficult to most people but they can pull it off.

Connections have been made ever since the group linked up in 2006. Tock met

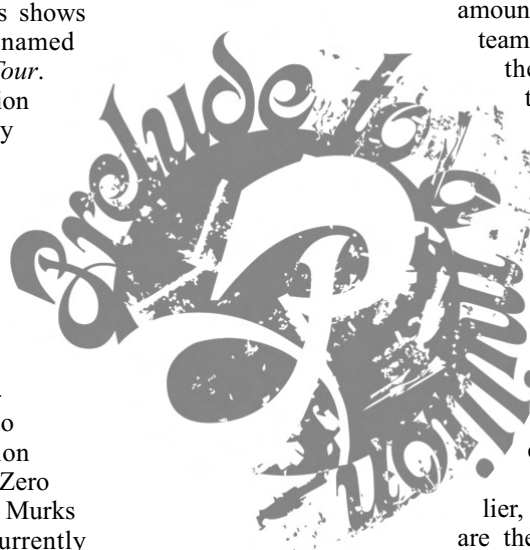
Chris Mathien, a multi-talented musician out of Chicago, through school. Mathien had a friendship with Murks and that helped better the relationship for the rise of the group. Although, sometimes it may be hard to keep such a strong family feeling intact.

Tic Tock and Jurisdiction had a falling out for about a

year and a half. As Tock's younger brother, I can see first hand that he can find it to be rough when balancing a musical career and a life beside that, while they may consider their career, life.

As I mentioned earlier, May 5th and May 6th are the Tech N9ne appearances in Bloomington and Chicago, respectively. The May 5th show in Bloomington at the Castle Theatre will begin promptly at 7 p.m., and the May 6th show in Chicago at the House of Blues will begin at 6 p.m. sharp. *Tickets for both shows, as well as their entire discography, can be purchased and downloaded at www.PreludeTAM.com.*

Currently, Jurisdiction is readying her project, *@ClOuDy@ RoOmS*, for release this year, while the organization is in the beginning stages of cooking up *the StrenfTape: Volume 4*, which drops August 8. Strenf.



THE DTHS ART SHOW was held Sunday afternoon in the High School. Students works of art were displayed as well as the Concert Band performing in the auditorium at 2. More photos appear on page 13 of this issue.

Art Center Show Opens May 1 at Pontiac Community Art Center

On May 1, the exhibiting will open at the Pontiac Community Art Center. This is the third annual artist member show that the center has held in conjunction with the Red Carpet Corridor weekend. The show will run through the 27th of May.

The Center is located at 103 W. Madison Street. It is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The public is welcome to see the show and browse the shop.

Art Walk in Kankakee May 4

Six local artists will be featured in the Art Walk on May 4, from noon to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Community Arts Council of Kankakee County.

Work of the artists, ranging from painters to wood turners, will be exhibited at five homes in Kankakee's Historic Riverview District. The event will offer the opportunity to talk with the artists, view their work and enjoy the ambiance of these unique homes. All work will be for sale.

Artists will include Kathy Blunk, a veteran watercolorist who also co-owns an

art shop in Watseka, exhibiting at the Mathieu House, 1085 S. Chicago Ave.; John Butterfield of Bourbonnais, who uses acrylics to paint nostalgic images such as old cars and trains, and Kristen Cecile of Bourbonnais, a watercolorist who likes the straight, precise lines of architectural subjects, both exhibiting at the des Lauriers-Stauffenberg House, 1050 S. Poplar Ave.; Dale and Donna Curwick, wood turners, carvers and sculptors, exhibiting at the John Edgeworth House, 1318 Cobb Blvd.; Brianna Mae Robertson of Monee,

who uses a variety of media to paint pieces inspired by nature and life experiences, exhibiting at the Paul LeCour House, 915 S. Greenwood Ave.; and Marilyn Wilken, a watercolorist and former adjunct professor of art at Olivet Nazarene University, exhibiting at the Cobb House, 668 S. Chicago Ave.

Advance tickets are available at CAC's Arts Center at Northfield Square Mall in Bradley, or at each home the day of the event.

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Stephen Leonard Terry

GARDNER - Stephen Leonard Terry, 70, of Gardner passed away Thursday evening, April 24, 2014 at his home.



He was born December 27, 1943 in Morris, son of Leonard Monroe and Lucille Josephine Schaack Terry. He was raised in Seneca and graduated from Seneca High School with the Class of 1963.

On February 1, 1964 Stephen married Lynne Christensen in Morris. His wife of 50 years survives.

He was employed as a carpenter with Local #916, as well as a union butcher. He also built homes alongside his brothers for both D&S and Terry Construction Companies.

Steve was a member of United Lutheran Church in Gardner and the South Wilmington Fireman's Beach and Park Club. He enjoyed golfing and camping, as well as traveling with his RV. He took great pleasure in fishing, and truly cherished spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors also include his three children: Patti (Frank) Sisteck of South Wilmington; Matt (Lori) Terry of Braidwood; and Leslie Fatlan (Tim Tresch) of Morgan Hill, California.

Fourteen grandchildren: Emily Smith of South Wilmington; Mandi (Aaron) Smith of Cornell; Zach Sisteck and Mitch (Mallory) Sisteck, South Wilmington; Jade Urban of Braidwood; Kristin Terry (fiance, Jason Durkin) of Shorewood; Teagan Urban, Matthew Terry and Kiley Terry, all of Braidwood; Brian (Jill) Fatlan of Mazon; Bruce (Beth) Fatlan, Braceville; Michelle (Kris) Foster, Brevard, N.C.; and Kayla Tresch and Tyler Tresch, Morgan Hill, California also survive.

Also surviving are 14 great-grandchildren: Ryan Smith, Natalie Smith, Christopher Smith, Leah Smith, Dylan Fatlan, Devon Fatlan, Ben Fatlan, Baily

Fatlan, Brody Fatlan, Britney Fatlan, Bryce Foster, Makayla Foster, Madelyn Foster and Meleah Foster, with three great-grandchildren expected this year.

His surviving brothers and sisters are: Sharon (Joe) Sanders, Morris; Dennis (Sandy) Terry, Seneca; Al (Kate) Terry of LaGrange; Ronald (Mary Ann) Terry, Seneca; Lenny (Diane) Terry, Morris; Kris (Jerry) Sheedy, Gardner; Laurie (Tom) Hudson, California; and Kim LoBianco, Jennifer Legner (Jack Cox) and Amy (Craig) Cassem, all of Morris.

Surviving brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Harry Kling of North Carolina; Sandra (the late Arden) Humbert, Joliet; and Bobbe (the late Ian) Sealley of Iowa; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Stephen was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Arline and Robert Christensen; brother, Randy, in childhood; sister, Marcia Kling; and brother-in-law, Ronald "Sam" Legner.

Visitation and video tribute were held Monday, April 28, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, Gardner and for one hour Tuesday at United Lutheran Church, Gardner before the 11 a.m. service. Pastor Jana Howson officiated at the service.

Green cremation services were accorded following the service. Inurnment in Gardner Prairie Cemetery will be at a later date.

Pallbearers were: Zach Sisteck, Mitch Sisteck, Aaron Smith, Brian Fatlan, Ryan Terry and Jeff Terry.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Stephen's memory to Joliet Area Community Hospice or United Lutheran Church in Gardner.

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

Donald L. Larsen

DWIGHT - Donald "Weed" Louis Larsen, 53, of Dwight passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at Richard Owen Hospice of Peoria.

Donald was born September 25, 1960 in St. James Hospital, Pontiac, son of James and Cecelia Fraher Larsen.

He worked several years at RR Donnelley in Dwight and the William Fox Development Center. He attended Dwight High School, Joliet Junior College, Western University and Kaplan University.

He is survived by his mother, Cecelia Larsen; a brother, Dan (Myrtle) Larsen of Bloomington; a sister, Sandra (Larry) Lane

of Reddick; and a son, Chance Larsen of Dwight.

Donald was preceded in death by his father.

He was a die-hard Cubs fan and enjoyed watching most sports. He was an avid reader.

A funeral service was Friday, April 25, at 11 a.m., at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. Father Chris Haake officiated.

Burial: Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday from 5 until 7 p.m. at the memorial home.

Memorials may be made to his son; Richard Owen Hospice of Peoria; or to the donor's choice.

On-line condolences at www.hagermemorial.com

Nancy L. Stephens



DWIGHT - Nancy L. Stacy Stephens, 71, of Dwight passed away Tuesday evening, April 22, 2014 at Heritage Health, Dwight.

Nancy was born in Joliet January 12, 1943 to Virgil Sr. and Margaret McKune Stacy. She married Claude Stephens Sr. July 4, 1964 at the home of her grandmother, Pauline Ulrich Stacy, in Dwight.

She is survived by a son, Claude Allen Stephens Jr.; a daughter, Monica S. Stephens; a grandson, Robin C. Stephens; two sisters: Janice (Darrel) Stewart of Odell and Marcia (Robert) DeMarse, Dwight.

Also surviving are a brother, Curtis (Ellen) Stacy of Reno, Nevada; a sister-in-

law, Mary Cook; and four brothers-in-law: Robert Thorson, Larry James, Donald and Hardy Stephens; numerous nieces and nephews.

Nancy was a member of the Dwight Emmanuel Lutheran Church and formerly active in various groups within the church, especially Bible Study.

Visitation was from 9 until 11 a.m., Saturday, April 26, with services at 11, all at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight.

Cremation rites followed the service.

A private family inurnment: Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, laid to rest next to her husband.

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

Prairie Creek Public Library Memorials

In memory of Marietta Bennington. The Sister Season by Jennifer Scott, Blossom Street Brides by Debbie Macomber, The House of Memories by Monica McInerney.

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Prairie Creek Public Library Hours Monday - Thursday - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The family of David E. Miller wishes to express their gratitude to everyone who supported us in any way with his passing. Thank you to everyone for the cards, food, plants, flowers, and offerings of sympathy. A special thank you to Reverend Ognoskie, the Mary Martha Society, the Dwight Fire Department, and Duffy Baier Snedecor Funeral Home. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALE J. CARPENTER, Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE is given of the death of Dale J. Carpenter of Dwight Township, Livingston County, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on April 7, 2014 to Michael L. Carpenter, whose attorney is Gary M. Neville, 146 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 8, Dwight, Illinois, 60420.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the following address: Livingston County Circuit Clerk, Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764, or with the representative, or both, by not later than October 24, 2014, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Michael L. Carpenter Independent Executor 24086 E. 3100 N. Rd Dwight, IL 60420 Gary M. Neville Attorney for Executor 146 E. Main St., Box 8 Dwight, IL 60420 Phone: (815) 584-3006

5 Minutes with Boma I Need a Job I'm currently ending the semester, and at the same time looking for a job. I find myself thinking of it as a summer job, but in reality it's just the next job in a series of jobs which I will probably work until I retire. Which could be, who knows how long, anywhere from 35 - 50 years assuming I live that long. It's really a strange thing to think about, you need a job in the present, but you will always (well, almost always, need a job). I'm looking forward to it though, honestly I'm hungry to work, which I don't think is always the case with people, which is a good thing. I don't know how long that is going to last, that feeling of wanting to work, but I suppose it's better to have it right at first than to not have it at all. With that being said . . . I still need a job, if anyone knows of a connection to a job in the Bloomington-Normal area and wants to make me aware of the job, you know I wouldn't be opposed to that. Teachers and professors are always stressing that having a good LinkedIn Profile is the way to go and very important, but if I had to bet, most of these people don't write for a paper that has a circulation of 10,000, but then again, I could be wrong. This could be the best form of shameless promotion in the history of forever. I support it's only right that the time that is most important in finding a job is also the time when school is the hardest, having four finals next week, as well as multiple final projects that are due during the week, just make this an even more stressful time, but if it wasn't like this, would it be life? Probably not; every time you think you have something under control you get thrown a curve ball, but that's the beautiful thing about it, you're always on your toes, and always adapting and evolving. * Aaron Boma ISU Sophomore and 2012 DTHS Graduate

Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: The Paper fax: 815-584-2196 email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

NOTICE Starting in May 2014 Garfield Township Food Pantry will be open on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Hours are from 6 - 7 p.m. Please call ahead so we 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE: The matter of the Estate of SHIRLEY M. PRICE, Deceased No. 14-P-42 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the death of SHIRLEY M. PRICE whose place of residence at the time of her death was 208 W. South St., Dwight, IL 60420, and who died September 27, 2013. Letter of Office as Co-Executors of the Estate of SHIRLEY M. PRICE were issued on April 4, 2014 to VICKI L. ERSCHEN, 308 S. Prairie Ave, Dwight, IL 60420 and DONALD L. PRICE, 207 E. Chippewa St., Dwight, IL 60420 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009. Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this Notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is April 16, 2014. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, in cause No. 14-P-42 or with the Co-Executors or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Co-Executors and the Co-Executor's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk. DONALD R. MCCLAREY Attorney for the Co-Executors of the Estate of SHIRLEY M. PRICE, Deceased 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, IL 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525

Ford County Republican Convention Held April 16

The Ford County Republican Central Committee conducted their County Convention April 16 at the Ford County Courthouse.

Officers elected included Tom Bennett (Chairman), Tim Nuss (Vice-Chair), Denis Fisher (Secretary), Rob Pacey (Treasurer) and Steve Pacey, Jon Clark and Phil Peterson (District Chairs).

The Republican Central Committee also now consists of Precinct Committee men and women Kim Evan, Judy Hastings, Chase McCall, Adam Elder, Robert Read, Robert Lindgren, Bill Roberts, Eric Thompson, Lance Camp, Gloria Lynch, Everett Landrus, Charlotte Hampton, and Bill Jarboe.

In addition, John McGlasson and Bob Winchester won the most votes for the State Central Committee seats from the 15th and 16th Congressional districts.

Ford County GOP Chair Tom Bennett stated, "We are

very pleased to have precinct committee men and women in 20 of 22 precincts in Ford County. Your Republican Party has worked hard these last two years as we have held a forum for all four Republican Governor Candidates, sponsored a meet-the-candidate event for Republicans running for Ford County Sheriff and Judge, and provided several opportunities for voters to meet several Republican candidates throughout the year including Senator Mark Kirk, Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, Congressman Adam Kinzinger, Congressman John Shimkus, State Senator Jason Barickman, State Representative Josh Harms as well as other statewide leaders including Richard Pearson, President of Illinois State Rifle Association."

For more information about the Ford County Republican Party, please go to www.ford-countyrepublicans.com or contact Ford County GOP Chair, Tom Bennett at 217/784-8540.

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Children enjoyed spending time with the Easter Bunny as well as playing games at the Dwight Depot.



DWIGHT NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY members volunteered with the downtown Easter Festivities on April 19. Pictured from left to right: Ryan Beier, Bailey Zeedyk, Mjellma Asllani, Marc Rosales, Nicole Murphy, Denise Sanders and not pictured Susan Sanders.

Springfest Is Fun For Everyone

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registration begins at 8:15 a.m. for which there is a fee. For that fee, participants will receive a water bottle and food tickets to the BBQ contest. There will be prizes awarded to the top male and female in each age group, as well as to the overall winners for males and females. No awards will be given for the FunRun.

For entertainment, there will be stage performances all day. The line-up begins at 10:00 a.m. with the Trojan Cheerleaders and first - fifth graders. Next up at 11:00 a.m. is the Blackbird Yoga Studio with children's Hip Hop and Yoga.

At 11:30 a.m. the Springfest Queen will be crowned and at 11:45 a.m. the Coloring Contest winner will be announced.

At 12:30 p.m. will be Animal Heads; at 1:30 p.m. Dan Hubbard and The Humidors; and then John Till at 2:30 p.m. Next, at 3:20 p.m. will be a performance from the Dwight Junior High Choir, followed by Mitch Edwards, Chad Horrie and Alexandra Lee at 3:30 p.m. Next up will be Pete Jive at 4:00 p.m. and at 5:00 p.m., Mitch Edwards.

Finally, concluding the stage events will be Way Down Wanderers at 5:30 p.m. and the announcement of the BBQ Contest Results at 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to check out some of the new and exciting events this year, starting with a Springfest Queen being crowned at 11:30 a.m. on stage. The Queen will be a student from first grade at Dwight Grade School.

Shayla Loring Photography will be taking mini session pictures of dogs from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and for a donation off of the Livingston County Humane Society Wish List you will receive a free 5x7 photograph.

The National Honor Society will be doing 'Pies In The Face' with several members of the DTHS faculty and staff, including, but not limited to: Andy Ehrhardt, Justin Stevenson, Becky Stipanovich, Ben Bailey, Kathy Patten, and Dr. Jancek.

So, if you're looking for a day full of fun activities for your whole family, Springfest is the right place for you! Just head over to G.A.B.R. Park at 413 W. Waupansie Street in Dwight on Saturday, May 3 and make sure you bring your appetite!



Miranda Bovelle, Dalton Delong, Logan Bovelle and Dawson Delong visited with the Easter Bunny at Heritage Health in Dwight on April 26.

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Dylan Sarff, Dwight, took the mound on Saturday.

Dwight Youth Baseball Bronco Division

Friday Night Lights held a new meaning on Friday, April 25, as it was the start of the season for Dwight Youth Baseball's Bronco division and all three Dwight teams were in action at home.

In the nightcap, the A&S Exteriors Team beat The Paper team in a pitchers duel. The final score was 3-1, with all of A&S's runs coming in the top of the seventh inning. The score was locked at zero until the fourth inning, when Camden Beier led off with a triple, followed by an RBI single from Dustin Hauert. Other than a single in the first inning by Camden, that was all the hits The Paper Team could muster.

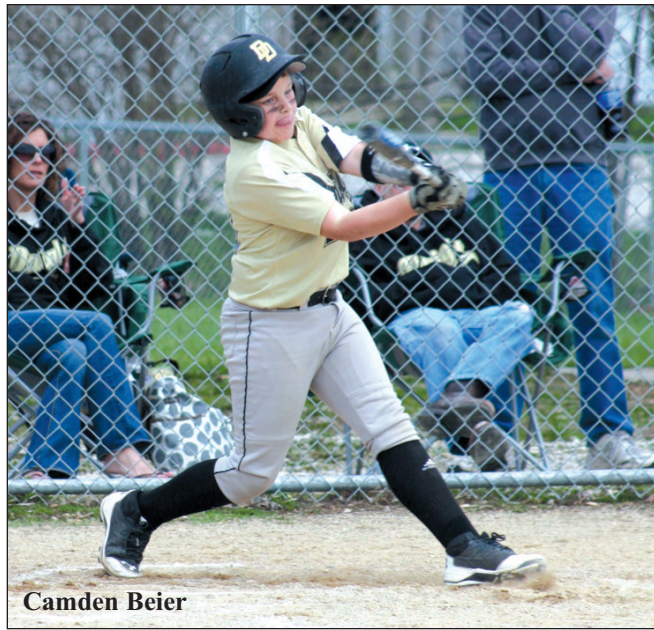
Mason Tjelle pitched four great innings, striking out ten of the 14 batters he faced. Tjelle walked two in

his season debut. Carson Crouch pitched the last three frames and was equally as impressive, striking out seven batters and walking four. Unfortunately, The Paper's defense started the top of the seventh with a costly error and Crouch allowed two walks and a single to make the score 3-1. Crouch ended the seventh with three consecutive strike-outs.

A&S's Abe Rieke pitched a gem himself. He allowed one run over four innings, striking out seven and walking two to earn the win. Andrew Harsh followed on the hill, giving up no runs over the last three frames. He struck out four and walked three. Nathan Green, Anthony Nelson, and Rieke all reached base safely in the contest.



GSW Fishing Team, DJ Ragan, Finished third in the Shabbona Lake Team Fishing Tournament on April 19. DJ was the only single person team competing in the event and was able to garner third during a very tough day of fishing. Boat was captained by Coach Wally Debelak.



Camden Beier

Mazon UMC 5K Kicks off June 7

The fourth Annual Mazon Methodist 5K will be held on June 7. Race day registration will start at 7:30 a.m. at the pavilion in Mazon City Park on Center St., and the race will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Seneca St., following a certified course (IL-12095-JW).

Pre-registration is available online at www.active.com. For a written registration form(s), e-mail race director Karen Fabian at mazonmcthodist@aol.com or call/text

815-483-9343. T-shirts and goodie bags will be given to all pre-registered entrants, and to race day entrants until they run out.

A total of 72 age group medals will be awarded, as well as trophies to the top three male and female finishers. This year, they will also award a trophy to the youngest and oldest finishers. All profits will go to support the church's outreach ministries in the local community.

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DTHS LADY TROJAN JESSIE BUTTERFIELD hammers the ball in Thursday night's battle against Bishop Mac.



DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

**Thursday, April 17
Dwight vs. Westmont
Varsity-**

The Lady Trojans picked up a conference win versus Westmont by the score of 4-3. Jessie Butterfield was 3-4 on the day with 2 singles and a double, Amber Curl was 2-2 with a walk and two runs scored.

Libby Beyer, Ashley Fox and Dezi Leonard also picked up hits on the day with Leonard also scoring 2 runs. Dezi Leonard picked up the win on the day pitching 7 innings, giving up 6 hits and striking out 8.

They were aggressive at the plate and on the bases and Dezi did a great job in the circle.

**Thursday, April 24
Dwight vs. Bishop Mac
Varsity-**

The Lady Trojans fell to state ranked Bishop Mac. Jessie Butterfield, Amber Curl and Amy Ruder all got hits on the day. They ran

into a very good softball team that day and did not have their best day. The girls played hard and continue to work to improve each week.

**Friday, April 25
Dwight vs. Seneca
JV -**

Dwight beat Seneca, 14-5, in seven innings on April 25.

Molly Rodosky got the win, allowing four hits and striking out 15 in a complete game.

At the plate, Rodosky was 4-4 with a triple. Becky Ruder and Hailey Transou both had three hits, two of which were doubles. Syd Christensen had three hits. Maddi Groves and Kailey Hahn came up big in spots where the Lady Trojans needed a hit. Rachel Dawson added one hit, while Mary Wiemken scored three times.

The JV girls are now 6-2 this season.

Varsity -
The Lady Trojans came out on top of conference rival, Seneca, 7-6, on April 25, tallying 14 hits in the contest.

Jessie Butterfield led the way for Dwight, going 3-4 with a double, a run scored and RBI. Hannah Trainor had two hits, including a home run and two RBI. Amber Curl had two hits, including a double, RBI and a run scored. Megan Van Amburgh added two hits and a run scored. Dezi Leonard, Quinn Bossert, Ashley Fox and Amy Ruder all had hits, with Ruder gaining two RBI and Bossert scoring twice. Leonard also scored a run.

On the mound, Trainor picked up the win.

"I was proud of the girls today," said Coach Black. "We jumped out front, gave up the lead, they could have given up but they didn't. We fought hard, came back, and picked up a much needed win."



GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

**Wednesday, April 23
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -**

The Lady Panthers were rocked by Beecher, 9-0, on April 23.

Emily Foley took the "L," giving up six earned runs on seven hits in the first two innings. She left prematurely after a hot shot up the middle got her on the wrist. Maranda Residori would come on in relief, allowing three earned runs on three hits, striking out two.

At the plate, Kylie King and Sydney Perkins each went 2-3 on the day.

**Thursday, April 24
GSW vs. Seneca
Varsity -**

GSW took out Seneca, 4-

1, on April 24. Emily Foley picked up her ninth win of the season, allowing one earned run on four hits and three walks, striking out two.

"Emily pitched an excellent game tonight," Coach Posing commented. "She did a great job keeping a very good hitting Seneca team off balance."

Maranda Residori went 2-3 to lead the Lady Panthers, including a three-run homer, her second of the year. Emily Hopwood went 2-3 with an RBI. Lexi Posing was 2-3 with a double and two runs scored.

GSW is now 9-4 overall and 3-2 in the conference.



GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

**Friday, April 18
GSW vs. Grace Christian
Varsity -**

The Lady Panthers got a big win over Grace Christian, 14-0, on April 18.

Starting pitcher Emily Foley was on fire, giving up just two hits and striking out ten on her way to her sixth win of the season. But she was 3-3 at the plate, including two solo homers, a double, four RBI and three runs scored.

Kylie King was 2-3 in the game with a home run, a double and two runs scored. Maranda Residori was 2-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Jenny Price was 1-1 with two runs scored and two RBI. Sophie Barna went 2-3 with a run and an RBI. Julie Chambers and Kira Gleason each went 1-1 with a run scored.

"Emily had a great day at the plate and on the mound," said Coach Posing. "We had nine different hitters reach safely today. A good day all around."

**Saturday, April 19
GSW vs. Lexington
Varsity -**

Emily Foley continued to fire on all cylinders as she defeated Lexington not once, but twice in double-header action on Saturday.



TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS SOFTBALL

**Tuesday, April 22
Tri-Point vs. Grace Christian
Varsity -**

Tiera Turner's performance on the mound helped Tri-Point take out Grace Christian, 12-2, and break their five-game losing streak.

Turner allowed just four hits and struck out eight in seven innings.

At the plate, Turner contributed three hits, including a double and three RBI. Dayna Moritz had two hits and four RBI.

**Tuesday, April 23
Tri-Point vs. IL Lutheran
Varsity -**

The Lady Chargers jumped to 5-9 on the season with a 12-5 win over Illinois Lutheran on April 23.

Tiera Turner got her second straight win, giving up three hits and two walks, striking out four. She is now 5-8.

Morgan Hindman led the offense with three hits, including a double, and three RBI. Dayna Moritz had three hits, including a double. Grace Metz added three hits. Jenny Wood had two base knocks.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

**Wednesday, April 23
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -**

A tough day on the mound for the Panthers' Blake Marks led to a 13-3 loss to Beecher on April 23.

"The team really needed to get a win here to stay in the chase for conference," said Coach Grieff. "As a coach I keep preaching to the kids that we have to play fundamental baseball and when we don't, it really shows."

Jack Davidson went 2-3 on the day. Brendan Elens was 1-3 with two RBI. Jordan Wilkey knocked in a run. Kyle Robison and Scott Horrie each added hits.

"This is the first year these kids have really played a handful of games together and with each game we play something is learned which will make us better moving forward," Grieff added. "As a coach, it can't always be about the negative, so we will work harder and hope to get back on a winning streak."

The Dwight Economic Alliance Needs You!

The Dwight Economic Alliance promotion committee invites you to its meeting Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in the Dwight Depot.

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KCC Lady Cavaliers Head Coach Named NJCAA Coach of the Year

Donnie Denson, head coach of the Kankakee Community College Lady Cavaliers Basketball team, has been named NJCAA Region 4 Coach of the Year.

The Cavaliers finished the 2013-14 season with 28 wins and 8 losses. The team won the Region 4 Championship and represented the region at the NJCAA Division II National Tournament in Overland Park, Kan. The Cavaliers team finished the season ranked No. 10 in the nation. One player, Sarafina

Handy, was named to the NJCAA All-American team.

Denson has completed 14 seasons as the Cavaliers head coach, with an overall record of 361-107. He has led the Cavaliers to the national tournament 10 times, including two second place finishes, in 2007 and 2008.

"One thing I am sure of every year with our women's basketball program is that no one in our region will work harder than Coach Denson," said Ted Petersen, KCC's athletic director. "Coach Denson is very demanding, which is required to be a great coach in competitive athletics. This approach not only prepares his players to compete in basketball, but also in life!"

Before taking over as head coach, Denson was an assistant for KCC for three years. At KCC, Denson also is coordinator of athletic facilities for the Athletic Department. He lives in Kankakee with his wife, Deb, and their son, David.

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You didn't see it on your calendar, but Tax Freedom Day fell on April 21 this year. So, why not mark the occasion by beginning to look for ways to become a "tax-smart" investor?

Tax Freedom Day, calculated annually by the Tax Foundation, is the day on which Americans have earned enough money to pay this year's federal, state and local taxes. Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year, via their paychecks. Furthermore, as famed Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., said: "Taxes are what we pay for civilized society." When you pay taxes, you help fund public education, the police, the fire department, food inspection, college scholarships and many other elements of society. Nonetheless, you may want to use the concept of Tax Freedom Day to find ways to reduce the taxes associated with your investments.

Here are some suggestions:

Boost your 401(k) contributions. Your 401(k) contributions are typically made with pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. (Some employers allow a "Roth" option, under which you can make post-tax contributions.) In 2014, you can put in up to \$17,500 to a 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b), and if you are 50 or older, you can contribute an additional \$5,500.

Fully fund your IRA. No matter which type of IRA you have — traditional or Roth — you will gain some valuable tax benefits. With a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but your earnings can grow tax free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you've had your IRA for at least five years. If you own a traditional IRA, your earnings can grow tax-deferred, and your contributions may be deductible, depending on your income level. So, similar to a 401(k), the more you put in to your traditional IRA, the lower your taxable income may be. In 2014, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to an IRA, or \$6,500 if you are 50 or older.

Contribute to a college savings plan. Many college savings plans offer some type of tax advantage. For example, if you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax free, provided all withdrawals are only used to help pay qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes.

Avoid excessive buying and selling. If you are constantly buying and selling investments, you may find it "taxing," because short-term gains (gains on assets owned for less than one year) will be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate, which could be as high as 39.6% (and you may also be subject to a 3.8% Medicare surtax). However, if you hold your investments longer than a year before selling them, you'll pay the more favorable long-term capital gains rate, which will likely be 15% or 20%, depending on your income, though you might still be assessed the Medicare surtax.

Tax Freedom Day is here, and then it's gone. But by taking the steps described above, you may be able to brighten your tax picture for years to come.

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GSW Broncos Baseball Opening Ceremony



GSW was led by a no-hit pitching performance by Kade Kociss.

The GSW Bronco Baseball Team opened their 2014 season on Friday, April 25 with a 12-2 victory over visiting Elwood. GSW was led by a no-hit pitching performance by Kade Kociss; Elwood's only scoring resulted from two unearned runs.

According to Coach Kociss, timely hitting, solid defense and an outstanding pitching performance was a great way to start off the season. "We have a very young team with only four of our 16 players returning from last year." Getting hits for GSW were Kade Kociss, Michael Ashley, Brandon States, Nate Wise, Caydan Landry and Cameron Carpenter.

A special Opening Day Ceremony kicked off the evening. John Hollmeyer of Gardner threw out the ceremonial first pitch, honoring his 40 plus years with the Gardner American Legion. The Gardner Cub Scouts presented the American Flag. Mary Pfeifer of Gardner sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.



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GSWB TRACK RESULTS

Wednesday, April 23

GSWB vs. MVK and Grand Ridge

7th Grade Boys –
GSWB went up against MVK and Grand Ridge on April 23. Individual results are as follows:

Christian Williams: hurdles, 1st, 19.42; high jump, 1st, 4'4.

Caydan Landry: hurdles, 3rd, 21.93.

Chris Bexson: 1600, 3rd, 6:27.

Nathan Wozniak: 800, 1st, 2:57; high jump, 2nd, 4'2.

Connor Steichen: 800, 3rd, 3:05.

Cam Klingler: discus, 3rd, 77' 1/2; shotput, 3rd, 31'.

4x100 Relay: Robert Harlan, Jack James, Zach Klingler, Cam Klingler, 2nd, 1:08.

4x400 Relay: Caydan Landry, Chris Bexson, Nathan Wozniak, Christian Williams, 2nd, 5:14.

4x200 Relay: Conner Steichen, Ty Johnson, Nate Wise, Cody Ledlow, 2nd,

2:23.

8th Grade Boys –

Calvin Croy: hurdles,

1st, 17.93; 800, 1st, 2:53.

Logan Gouwens: 100,

1st, 12:31; 200, 1st, 25.92;

long jump, 1st, 16'6.

Ethan Haywood: 1600,

1st, 5:56; long jump, 3rd,

16'1.

Aaron Tramutolo: 1600,

3rd, 7:50.

Josh Pearson: 400, 1st,

1:03; shot, 3rd, 30' 7 1/2.

Walker Eutsey: 400, 2nd,

1:04; shot, 1st, 39' 11 1/2.

Josh Beegle: 800, 2nd,

2:56.

4x400 Relay: Ethan

Haywood, Walker Eutsey,

Josh Pearson, Logan

Gouwens, 1st, 4:35.

7th Grade Girls –

Carson Halpin: hurdles,

2nd, 20.99.

Paige Patterson: 1600,

1st, 6:42.

Alexis Brooke: 1600,

2nd, 6:45; long jump, 3rd,

12'1.

Kayli Olson: 400, 1st,

1:14.

Emma Hennessy: 800,

1st, 3:16.

Koli Croy: 800, 2nd,

3:19.

Mary Lopez: discus, 3rd,

42' 6 1/2.

4x100 Relay: Koli Croy,

Sarah Leadingham, Mary

Lopez, Kristin Tramutolo,

2nd, 1:11.

4x200 Relay: Carson

Halpin, Emma Hennessy,

Alexis Brooke, Paige

Patterson, 2nd, 2:21.

8th Grade Girls –

Destiny Leonard: hur-

dles, 20.31, 1st; long jump,

3rd, 12'11.

Madison Sharp: hurdles,

2nd, 25.38.

Kaylee Steichen: 100,

1st, 13.47; 200, 1st, 28.48;

long jump, 1st, 14'9.

Mariah Anderson: 1600,

1st, 6:39; 800, 1st, 3:09;

shot, 2nd, 20'10.

Sarah Leadingham: 400,

2nd, 1:28.

Sarah Schultz: 2nd, 73'1.

4x200: Kali Olson,

Destiny Leonard, Mariah

Anderson, Kaylee Steichen,

1st, 2:10.

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Arts Concert at DTHS



This year marked the 25th anniversary of bringing together the DTHS Music Department and Art Department for their annual Arts Concert. The DTHS band performed works from the concert band genre.



Student artwork was on display in the main hallway at DTHS highlighting works from all levels.



DTHS TRACK RESULTS

Tuesday, April 22
Dwight vs. Fieldcrest, Peotone and Serena
 Dwight's boys and girls' squads took first place in their meet on April 22. The girls won with a score of 59; the boys with a score of 74.5. Individual results are as follows:
Girls
 Shot: Boys, 3rd, 25'6.5"; Holmes, 5th, 22'7".
 Discus: Boys, 4th, 63'11.5".
 Long jump: Kirk, 2nd, 14'7.5".
 High jump: Ferrari, 2nd, 4'10".
 4x800: Dwight, 1st, 11:39.86.
 100: Richie, 2nd, 13.28; Kirk, 4th, 13.34.
 800: Scoggin, 5th, 3:00.96.
 4x200: Dwight, 1st, 2:13.08.
 400: Galloway, 1st, 1:04.81; Hayner, 5th, 1:12.34.
 1600: Baldauf, 2nd, 6:27.58.
 200: Richie, 2nd, 27.24;

Kirk, 5th, 28.78.
 4x400: Dwight, 1st, 4:32.27.
Boys
 Shot: Rieke, 1st, 43'6".
 Discus: Rieke, 1st, 112'7.5"; Krischel, 4th, 99'1".
 Long jump: Beier, 4th.
 High jump: Mankowski, 2nd, 5'6".
 4x800: Dwight, 1st, 9:08.79.
 4x100: Dwight, 1st, 48.02.
 100: C. Livingston, 2nd, 12.14; Schlabowske, 4th, 12.46.
 800: Mankowski, 3rd, 2:18.04.
 4x200: Dwight, 1st, 1:27.99.
 400: Ruffatti, 1st, 55.98; Carter, 5th, 1:00.02.
 1600: Fransen, 1st, 4:58.55; Evans, 5th, 5:24.37.
 200: Bennett, 1st, 23.84; B. Livingston, 4th, 24.84.
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DTHS youth were among the many area leaders that participated in the community wide cleanup that took place on Saturday, April 26th in Dwight. The teens were treated to donuts early in the day and later that afternoon the entire workforce was treated to free pizza and drinks at Turtle's.

Grundy County Farm Bureau Announces Internship Opening

The Grundy County Farm Bureau recently announced the opening of the Summer Internship application period. This position is open to college students interested in pursuing a career in the agriculture industry. The position will be six to ten hours each week, beginning in June and ending in August. The position will be paid upon completion of the intern program.

Gardner Fire Prot. District Weekly Calls

Mon., Apr. 21: Medical/refusal, mutual aid to Braidwood, Harbor Landing; medical, N. Monroe.
Tues., Apr. 22: Fire, cancelled enroute, mutual aid to Dwight F.D., 26th Road.
Wed., Apr. 23: Medical, N. Pine.
Fri., Apr. 25: Medical, W. Wilmington.
Sat., Apr. 26: Fire, N. Cedar; fire, Carbon Hill; EMS, mutual aid to Braceville EMS, I-55; fire, mutual aid to South Wilmington, Rice Road.
Sun., Apr. 27: MVC, no patient, I-55 mm226.

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Chaney Tambling wins Merle Chapman Leadership Award



Chaney Tambling

A pair of Augustana seniors were selected as the recipients of the Merle Chapman Leadership Award in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) for the 2013-14 school year.

Chaney Tambling (Dwight HS, Dwight) and D.J. Lawlor (Lincoln-Way North HS, Tinley Park) were winners of the honor, which was presented to them at the CCIW year-end Student Athletic Advisory Committee (S.A.A.C.) luncheon in Naperville.

The Merle Chapman Leadership Award, which began during the 2002-03 academic year, is named after the longtime football coach/director of athletics at Millikin University who served as the second commissioner of the CCIW. Chapman was the CCIW commissioner from 1997 through 2002. The award identifies the student-athletes from the eight member institutions who best exemplify the traits that Chapman displayed and encouraged during his three-plus decades of service as

teacher, coach and mentor.

His influence among athletes, coaches and administrators in the CCIW is still being felt to this day. Those traits include loyalty, enthusiasm, and commitment to academic, athletic and personal excellence, leadership and sportsmanship.

Tambling is a dual sport athlete at Augustana, earning varsity letters in both basketball and softball and serving as team captain in each sport. She was actually team captain in both sports during junior and senior seasons. She was named co-Most Valuable Player in basketball as a senior. She was the starting third baseman on a Viking team that won the CCIW tournament and advanced to the NCAA Division III national tournament in 2013.

She has history of public service accumulated during her time at Augustana. She has been active in Relay for Life both in Rock Island and Pontiac, and has been very involved in Habitat for Humanity in the Quad Cities. She worked basketball camps during the summer and was part of the Athletes Giving Back "roadside clean-up" in the fall and again in the spring of this year. Tambling also participated in the Polar Plunge to help raise money for Special Olympics.

A biology/pre-veterinary medicine and Spanish for the professional use major, Tambling has been named to the academic all-conference team in each sport all four years. She is the daughter of Mike and Shari Tambling of Dwight.



DTHS PROM COURT was announced this week. King and Queen candidates are, front row, left to right, seniors Owen Perschnick, Mjellma Asllemi, Aaron Wyllie, Hannah Trainor, Mitch Fransen and Nicole Murphy. Junior Class attendants are, back row, left to right, Kapri Krople, Colton Fieldman, Ryan Gaston and Katie Hogan. This year's Prom is being held in the Gardner American Legion Saturday, May 3. Grand March 7:15, dance to follow.



ODELL GRADE SCHOOL students who participated in Media Detective School were, l to r, Curtis George, sixth grade; Brooklynn Pennington, fifth grade; Karson McKee, fourth grade; Abby Matern, third grade.

OGS Students Take Part in Media Detective School

In the fall of 2013, Odell Grade School students in grades three through six participated in "Media Detective School." The ten-session program offered by the Livingston County Public Health Department taught the students about advertising. The media detectives examined tobacco ads. Like ads for other products, tobacco ads try to appeal to the target audience, showing images of attractive, glamorous, or popular people having a great time using their product. The Media Detectives examined the hidden messages in tobacco ads. They discovered that often, the hidden messages include: If I smoke this cigarette, I will be popular and pretty...I will be cool and athletic...I will have fun...

The detectives learned facts about tobacco that are not told in the ads (the missing information.) They compared

the messages in the ads to the facts about tobacco. The students created "counter-ads" for tobacco products. Counter portrayed-ads are ads that provide the missing information that is purposely omitted from real ads. While the original tobacco ads show young, healthy, athletic people with nice white smiles, the counter-ads tell the real story: tobacco makes your teeth yellow. Smoking hurts your lungs and heart and makes it hard to breathe.

Despite the appealing images in tobacco ads, tobacco is a product, that when used as directed, can kill you. Tobacco kills one out of every three users. Tobacco use is the leading cause of premature death, causing over 433,000 early deaths each year in the U.S. In Livingston County, 29% of adults smoke, compared to 18% for the state of Illinois as a whole.

The Media Detective program was brought to Odell because a state-sponsored survey indicated that Odell was one of several Livingston County communities with higher smoking rates. Anyone who wants help quitting tobacco can call the toll-free Illinois Tobacco Quitline for free counseling and support. Call the Quitline at 1-866-784-8937.

The students enjoyed analyzing the ads and comparing life in "ad world" to the real world. The goal of the Media Detective program is to help young people better understand how advertising works and to help kids make healthy choices. This project was made possible by funds received from the Illinois Department of Public Health.



OWEN PULVER, DTHS JUNIOR, right, was recently honored as a member of the Illinois All-State Scholastic Bowl second team in Class A. Pulver received this honor at the Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association banquet at ISU. He was the only honoree from Livingston County and the Interstate-8 conference. (above) Pulver is congratulated by Jonah Greenthal of New Trier HS, president of the IHSSBCA.

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Tri-Point FFA Holds Annual Banquet April 9

The Tri-Point FFA held its annual banquet at Tri-Point High School on April 9 at 6:00 p.m. There were many degrees and awards handed out to conclude the previous year's activities. The theme of this year's banquet was "Hall of Fame." A dinner was catered by Country Thyme Tea Room. State FFA Reporter August Schetter spoke to the group.

Members who participated in Contests, CDE's, and SAE's, and the top sellers in fundraisers were given their awards. One of the biggest CDE's, livestock judging, has a special award that goes along with it, the Poskin Challenge award. This award goes to the individual who showed dedication and excelled in livestock judging. The award winner was Brooke Haag.

Greenhands, who are first year members, received their greenhand degrees, and one received the Star Greenhand award. The Greenhands were Hunter Brown, Kenny Cotter, Amber Crouch, Cade Fecke,

Josh Harstick, Dylan Hummel, Trevor Kerrins, Glen Margewich, and Amber McElroy. The Star Greenhand award went to Dylan Hummel.

The Chapter degree is given to all second year FFA members. This year's recipients were Caitlyn Diefenbach, Job Dunlavey, Lauren Ehlers, Kacie Haag, Jared Haberkorn, Braden Ifft, Kodee Leadingham, Katie Malone, Cody McElroy, Brock Murphy, Brianna Pultz, Derek Richie, and Brandon Decker. The Star Chapter member was Braden Ifft.

The honorary chapter degree is given to someone who has been a very big help to the chapter. The student teacher this year, Ms. Kirsten Blackford, who has gone above and beyond to help her students, received the award. One more person received the award, Mr. William Manhart, for helping the chapter with the brand new shop tables.

This year was very exciting for proficiencies. They had two members advance

to the state competition: Kacie Haag in AgriScience Research and in Environmental Science, and Kyle Robinson in Emerging Ag Technology. They were thrilled to have Kyle Robinson win at state level. They were even more thrilled to celebrate that Amy Loschen won nationals in her area of Swine Production.

They had two members work really hard in trying to achieve their state FFA degree: Brooke Haag and Katelyn Feldkamp. They will both be receiving their degree this summer at the State FFA convention. They celebrated at this year's National FFA Convention when their chapter member, Tyler Loschen, was named the American Star Farmer. Amy Loschen is through the first part of her progress to obtain her American Degree.

The Chapter Workhorse Award is given in memory of Tracy Gibb to the member who has excelled on the chapter's point chart, earning points for participation



Tri-Point FFA Officers, left to right, are: Lauren Ehlers, Kacie Haag, Braden Ifft, Derek Richie, Jared Haberkorn, Kelsey Richie, Kendall Wills, and Caitlyn Diefenbach.

in the various FFA activities and selling for fundraisers. This year's award went to Braden Ifft. Another award, given in memory of Eric Tennant, is the FFA Heart Award. It is given to the FFA member who shows heart and true passion for the FFA. This award went to Brooke Haag.

Many thank yous were said to the various sponsors, FFA alumni, teachers, board of education, and other members of the community

who contributed to the FFA in different ways.

The eight FFA seniors and their parents were recognized and the DeKalb award was presented. The seniors this year are Zach Asay, Amber Crouch, Mitchell English, Katelyn Feldkamp, Brooke Haag, Kyle Moritz, Brianna Pultz, and Zach Taylor. The DeKalb award honors outstanding high school seniors for their excellence in scholarship, leadership, and agri-

cultural work experience. This year's DeKalb award went to Brooke Haag.

The banquet ended with the installation of new officers. The new officers are: President - Kendall Wills; Vice President - Kelsey Richie; Reporter - Braden Ifft; Secretary - Kacie Haag; Treasurer - Derek Richie; Sentinel - Jared Haberkorn; Historian - Lauren Ehlers; Student Council Representative - Caitlyn Diefenbach; and Advisor - Diana Loschen.



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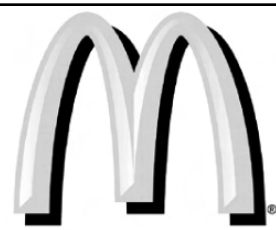
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DTHS Juniors Support a Safe 2014 Prom

The Dwight High School Class of 2015 has partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation to support a safe Prom through their PROM "Please Return On Monday" program.

Throughout the week, safe driving messages will be shared with students to encourage all students to make good decisions when driving with friends over the Prom weekend. The DTSH Class of 2015

applied to participate in this program at the beginning of the school year and received word in January that they were selected to be part of this very important program. Students will receive care packages

at PROM provided by IDOT as a way to share the message of the safe driving/decision program.

Dwight High School is holding their PROM on May 3rd at the Gardner American Legion Hall.

Tri-Point CUSD #6J Board of Education Meets

The Board of Education of Tri-Point CUSD #6J held a Regular Meeting on April 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tri-Point Board of Education Room in Kempton. Board Members: Ted Conkling, Kris Haag, Trisha Haag, Cherie Smolkovich, Amy Fecht and Sharon Mogged were present. Lloyd Vaughn was absent.

Visitors: June Haeme, Shirley Knilands, Kim Mogged, Kamber Johnston, Rhonda Wilkerson.

Action by the Board included: Approved Consent Agenda. Approved to adopt revisions to Board Policy sections 4:100, 5:90, and 6:60 and the addition of Board Policy 7:185. Approved to employ Anne Fritsch as Spanish Teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Approved the resignation of Tonya Smith as Junior High Cheerleading Coach.

Approved a 3 year contract with Frontier to supply internet to Tri-Point Upper Elementary/Junior High School. Approved a 3 year contract with Frontier to

supply internet to Tri-Point Lower Elementary School. Approved an inter-fund transfer of \$500,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Education Fund.

Approved the Summer School Credit Recovery Program as presented. Moved to go into closed session at 8:20 for the A. appointment, employment, discipline, performance of specific employees; B. Collective Bargaining matter or consideration of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; C. Student Discipline Cases; and D. Special Education program or other matter relating to individual students pursuant to the authority granted by 5ILCS 120/2 (c) and (1) and (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act at 7:35.

Moved to come out of closed session at 9:20.

Moved to close meeting at 9:21. The next Board Meeting will be May 19 in Kempton at Tri-Point CUSD Board Room.



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Timberdoodle Dandy

by Peggy Hanna

Every year about this time, I get ready to do my annual Timberdoodle Trek into the woods to find a certain elusive and strange-looking creature known as the American Woodcock. They are also called the Timberdoodle, a name I love because it sounds so goofy. The American Woodcock, a rotund little shorebird that rarely sees the shore, is known to some as "Timberdoodle" or even "Bogsucker." How can you not love him?

The woodcock spends the day in the woods where his cryptic coloring blends into the leaf litter. Its eyes sit so far back on its head that he can see all around, including behind itself. They live in young forests near streams, rivers, and wetlands.

Woodcocks eat worms, which they catch by probing in the soil with their long bills. They breed across eastern North America from Atlantic Canada to the Great Lakes and spend the winter in lowlands mainly in the southern and Gulf Coast states. In the past, woodcock were abundant because plenty of young forest existed in their range, but many brushy areas have grown into mature forest, where woodcock do not live. Human development has also destroyed much of the birds'

former habitat.

Their population has fallen by about 1 percent each year since the 1960s. Every year, I have my sights set on a perfect habitat: Goose Lake Prairie State Park near Morris. I can usually find them in a certain area every year, but not without difficulty.

It's often hard to spot a Timberdoodle because they appear camouflaged in their surroundings, and they are not very active during the day. You can identify these birds, if you know their characteristics. These medium-sized shorebirds range in size from 10 to 12 inches long, with females being slightly larger. They have a wingspan between 17 and 19 inches and weigh between 4 and 9.8 oz.

If you are lucky and an early riser, you might just hear a woodcock's call. Even though the bird is usually silent, the males make a "peent" sound during breeding displays. American Woodcock wings also make a twittering sound during flight and during courtship. The peenting goes on for a while, then he launches into his sky dance. Silently, he takes off, sloping up gradually, and as he gains height he begins his twittering sound.

More and more frantic it

becomes as he circles overhead, 100 meters in the air. Toward the end, the twittering is joined by loud vocal chirping, and the woodcock starts his descent. Abruptly it stops, and he coasts silently back to his peenting location.

This is a good time to try and find out where he is calling from, so as soon as the chirping stops, look just above the horizon to look for him sloping in for a landing. Also, a really good sign that they are near is freshly "worked" dirt in an area with many holes. They probe into the earth looking for worms, creating a tight pattern of holes in the soil. I found this guy with that method.

I knew he was someplace near, but I couldn't locate him, so I kept searching until I found him probing an area close by. Woodcocks are funny little creatures, as I observed him, he went into this little "dance". He bobbed up and down to a perfect rhythm and fluidity. It was quite comical. Some say that the woodcock dance is for locating worms beneath the ground. Some say it is another form of its mating ritual. Any way I look at it, the American Woodcock is a fascinating bird!



Great-horned Owlets high in a tree.

Earth Day Owlets

by Peggy Hanna

Earth Day is an annual global event that has many perspectives to many people all over the world. Earth Day was launched 44 years ago to educate people about the environment. Earth Day was first conceived by Sen. Gaylord Nelson in the early 1960s. Nelson worried that environmental issues were not being addressed in the political arena. In his conservation efforts, Nelson organized a nationwide grassroots demonstration in spring of 1970, to further promote conservation involvement and awareness. Support for and interest in the activity was immense and the 1970 demonstration became the first official Earth Day. The first Earth Day helped inspire the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts. Each year, April 22 marks the celebration of Earth Day, which is now observed around the world.

As a wildlife photographer, I just want to celebrate the day by being one with nature and hope that Earth Day is going to be my lucky day. I can't think of a better day to go out, smell the scents of Spring's arrival and get the blood flowing. It's a great time to look at what is around you and appreciate Mother Nature.

When is the last time you went for a walk and looked up into the trees? That is exactly what I did on Earth Day, and as luck would have it, I had a few fluffy creatures staring back at me. A couple of Great-horned Owlets were high up in a tree, with

mama owl also staring at me in a nearby tree. I wondered if the dad was also present, but I did not see him. Being in the company of owls in the wild makes any day special, but Earth day was a gift and an honor.

Here are some Great-horned Owl facts: Both parents help raise their owlets. They kill and tear the prey into smaller pieces for the young (often removing the skin/fur for the youngest chicks) and working them up to eating and handling whole prey items.

Great-horned Owls are some of the earliest-breeding birds in North America, seemingly in part because of the lengthy nightfall at this time of year. They breed in late January or early February, and are often heard calling to each other regularly as early in the fall as October. They chose a mate by December and are often heard duetting before this time.

There are usually 2 eggs per clutch, but clutches range in size from 1 to 6 eggs (over 4 is very rare), depending on environmental conditions. The average egg width is 1.83 in., the average length is 2.2 in. The incubation period ranges from 28-37 days, averaging 33 days.

Earth Day was a very lucky day. The weather was gorgeous and the birds were singing in appreciation. It seemed as if the Earth was cleaner that day. I didn't see the usual random plastic bottles or fast food bag tossed on the ground carelessly. If only every day were Earth Day...



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Super Boeing aircraft puts Bernard's timetables in jeopardy.

The production is directed by Mary Simon with set design by April Bieschke and publicity by Pat Gaik. Local costumer Eddie Arteman created the fetching stewardess uniforms. Conklin's Barn II is known for its buffet which, on evening performances, includes four main entrees. Prices for dinner and brunch vary. No advance payment is required.

For reservations, call (309) 965-2545. For more information, visit the Barn on the internet at www.barn2.com.

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• MAY 7: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Year End Celebrations - JAM Junction and the EDGE After School Programs - 4 p.m., Closing program. All parents are invited.
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Satisfy Your Science Sweet Tooth at State 4-H Robotics Competition

Nearly 300 young robotics enthusiasts will meet at the University of Illinois campus to test their team's robot in this year's Illinois 4-H BoxBot Robotics Competition. The youth are members of 45 separate 4-H robotics teams from 24 clubs across the state that worked since February on a specific design challenge.

The competition begins at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at the Activities and Recreation Center (ARC), 201 East Peabody Drive in Champaign. The event is free and open to the public by using the far northeast door of Gym 1. The entrance will be marked with 4-H Clover signs and flags.

Prior to the robotics challenge, a technology showcase featuring several departments on campus, will demonstrate innovative science-related devices. The showcase begins at 11 a.m.

"In this year's challenge, teams must design a robot that will move packages through a warehouse," said Bob Smith, Extension robotics statewide educator. "Robots must move packages from shelves to a shipping area." If teams are able to move packages to shelves that are at least two inches off the floor, they earn additional points, Smith said. Extra points are also awarded if the robot moves over obstacles and around other obstacles while on task. As a final challenge, the teams may try to move packages from a "return" area back to the shelves.

"This type of robotic activity simulates what happens in real warehouses throughout the country," Smith said. "Teams are left to their own creativity on the look of their warehouse and their robots. "With 45 teams in the competition, we'll have 45 very different ways to attack this challenge."

In addition to the table com-

petition where the robots complete the warehouse task, team members must also describe their robot designs to a panel of judges. A third division of the contest includes the teamwork challenge where judges assess how well the team works together. The final two phases of the competition are closed to the public.

Judging should finish by 3:30 p.m., with an awards presentation starting at about 4:30. Demonstrations by high school robotics teams will follow the judging.

"The demonstrations by the high school teams have been a real crowd pleaser," Smith said. "The young 4-H members really look up to these teen mentors, and the teens take a lot of time to talk with the younger members and encourage their interest in science and technology careers."

Several booth demonstrations will interest the general public, including 3-D printers from the Champaign Urbana Community Fab Lab and a student in Mechanical Engineering. The Champaign-Urbana Community Fab Lab is a small-scale workshop for computer-based innovation, design and fabrication. "The Fab Lab allows you to dream up, design and make almost anything you can imagine using open source software and DIY equipment," Smith said. "Visitors can learn about the ways the lab is used to teach kids digital literacies and work on projects like building robots."

The Solar Decathlon team will demonstrate the team's solar-powered house. Engineers Without Borders will show the group's latest water project and light-vehicle bridge.

"The Bioengineering Department will demonstrate a neural headset which uses brain waves to control a robot arm," Smith said, "as well as a device

that detects and alerts you to poor posture. The Micro Lab will also have a display controlling motors and servos with 'Arduino microcontrollers' and 'Pneumatic soft robotics actuator,' which acts like a computer controlled, air-powered inchworm."

University of Illinois Extension will showcase the many science-related 4-H projects, including its 4-H Citizen Scientist program that trains youth to collect river and stream samples for data-collection. Several opportunities within the Illinois 4-H robotics program will also be demonstrated.

"Kids can build marshmallow catapults and attempt to launch marshmallows six feet across the gym," Smith said, "or use 'squishy circuits' to build boards with blinking LED lights." Smith added, "Illinois 4-H strives to teach youth skills for living."

General information about how one might become involved in 4-H will be available, and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Older teens can register for the state 4-H Illini Summer Academics which allows teens to stay overnight on campus for four days and receive personal instruction from 12 different departments on campus.

To learn more about Illinois 4-H robotics and the state robotics competition, one may contact Smith at 217-333-0910 or email him at rasmth@illinois.edu.

Illinois 4-H strives to help youth learn skills for living. University of Illinois Extension provides 4-H programs in every county in Illinois. Illinois 4-H aims to impact the lives of 200,000 youth each year through sustained learning clubs and groups and short-term programming.



First Vice President Stephanie Benson with guest speaker Kim Jewett of Under His Wings.

Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Has Memorial Service

The Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met April 15 at Pitstick Pavilion. Tracey O'Fallon led a memorial service for Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Ohlmacher with Margaret Bybee reading a tribute to Betty. Betty's family is holding an open house at the K. of C. in Ottawa on May 4 from 1-4:00 p.m.

Members and guests enjoyed a meal and a presentation by Kim Jewett of Under His Wings. Under His Wings offers shelter and a wide variety of services to pregnant girls. There will be a banquet this November, "Let's Dream Big", to add on to the facility with more bedrooms and bathrooms to help more clients. Members gained insight into the ministry Kim and her husband Tom and their children have provided to Under His Wings. Kim left with supplies collected in Omicron's annual donation to Under His Wings.

Members sang "Easter Parade" and a rousing Happy Birthday tribute to Polly Lawson who would be celebrating her 91st birthday on

April 18.

Minutes were approved, treasurer's report presented and placed on file for review, committee reports were made. Scholarship winners and their parents will be invited to the May meeting. HB 3700 is trying to redefine the definition of dyslexia, appoint a committee, and establish training for teachers of students with dyslexia.

Community Days were very successful with the sale of booklets and a bonus check. Members were urged to sign up for blueberry picking days in July. Red binders were returned and the rest need to be returned at the May meeting.

Discussion continued concerning the February meeting. Marge Prettyman is now at Pleasant View. A motion was made to change her membership from active to reserve. Motion carried. A new address for Marion Born will appear in the next Keyhole. The Sunshine List was updated. Margaret Bybee, Lambda State Literacy Committee, presented the two books (The Silver Star by Jeannette



Tracey O'Fallon, left, led a memorial service for Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Ohlmacher while Margaret Bybee, right, read a tribute to Betty.

Walls and The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom), which will be discussed at the Lambda State Convention to be held April 25-27 in St. Louis. Margaret also has

the idea of starting a book study group. Eight members are heading to St. Louis to attend the Lambda State Convention. The next meeting will be May 20 at Pitstick Pavilion.

Disaster Preparedness

'Prepare for Tomorrow, Today is The Day Before'

McLean County Association for Home and Community Education will be presenting "Disaster Preparedness - Prepare for Tomorrow, Today is The Day Before" on Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

McLean County Fair Site, 1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington. There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For an appointment, call Kathryn at (309)-473-2283. A Puppet Show will take place from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m., which will be presented by Brad McCollum of the

Bloomington Fire Department. Saxby, The Readiness Squirrel Program, will take place from 11:30 - noon. Eddy Weiss, a Speaker on Severe Weather, will be speaking from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

local responder booths and displays, door prizes, family-oriented activities, and children's games. Lunch will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact Kathleen at (309) 728-2784 or ksemery@frontiernet.net or Kathryn at (309) 473-2283 or kamcneely@frontier.com.

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 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



BRACEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students in every class were awarded for exemplifying behavior of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program.

Second quarter award winners were picked based on kindness and respect. Every quarter awards a different quality. Pictured are second quarter award winners.



EARTH DAY HELPERS in Ransom were, left to right, Logan Widman, Mike Dunkleberger, Taytum Williams, Skyler Bedecker, and Ellie Magana.

Below, the entire Ransom Grade School Jr. High is pictured on Earth Day.



Earth Day Activity in Ransom

If you happen to be walking by Ransom Lions Club Park or Ransom Grade School, you might notice how clean they look. On Earth Day, April 22, Ransom Grade School participated in several Earth Day activities, which included cleaning both areas, the Lions Park and school yard, a lesson on Earth Day, and craft activities.

In the morning, the junior

high students cleaned the Ransom Lions Club park. The students raked, swept, and picked up garbage and sticks from the park. They collected two truckloads of waste.

After lunch, Mrs. Coughlin's sixth grade science class and Mrs. McMullen's eighth grade health class led activities about Earth Day for the rest of the school. A lesson on recycling, reusing, and the environment was taught by the sixth and eighth grade students. The students then made bird feeders using

peanut butter donated by Carriage House in Streator, toilet paper rolls, and bird seed. The whole school then went outside and cleaned the school yard. At the end of the day the students were given a Blue Spruce sapling. The saplings were paid for by a grant received from Nicor.

When Kindergartener Riley Stevens was asked what he had learned, he said he learned to pick up garbage. Madison Bedeker, also a Kindergartener, said her favorite part of the day was making a bird feeder.



Village Aires Spring Concert This Weekend in Minonk

"There's Something in a Name" Minonk Village Aires' Spring 2014 Concert will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Minonk, Saturday, May 3 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are still available from the Chorus members or St. Paul's the days of the concerts.

Attend and see how amazingly many songs have been based on someone's name.

The show, under the direction of Elaine Cunningham, has been in preparation since February. It promises something for every musical taste, with some humor tossed in.

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Michelle

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Vodka 1.75 liter **\$17⁹⁹**

U.V. Vodka 1.75 liter **\$14⁹⁹**

Bacardi Oakheart or Rum 750 ml. (All Flavors)..... **\$9⁸⁹**

Wild Turkey 101 or American Honey 750 ml. **\$16⁹⁹**

Johnnie Walker Red Label Scotch 1.75 liter **\$29⁹⁵**

Seagram's 7-Crown 1.75 liter..... **\$17⁹⁹**

MGD, Miller 64, Coors, Old Style, Lite or

Budweiser

\$14⁹⁹

24-pack cans



BV Coastal Wines 750 ml. **\$6⁹⁹**

Menage A Trois or Cassillero Del Diablo 750 ml. **\$7⁹⁹**

Butterfly Kiss Moscato 750 ml. **\$7⁹⁹**

Kendall Jackson Summation or Chardonnay 750 ml. **\$9⁹⁹**

Stella Rosa Rosso or Moscato D'Asti 750 ml..... **\$9⁹⁹**

Club Margaritas 1.75 liter **\$6⁹⁹**



Malibu RUM or Seagram's V.O.

\$19⁹⁹

1.75 liter

MGD, Miller 64, Coors Light, Lite or Budweiser 24-pack bottles **\$16⁹⁹**

Red Dog, Icehouse, High Life or Busch 30-pack cans **\$14⁹⁹**

Bud Light Lime or Platinum or Michelob Ultra 12-pack bottles..... **\$9⁹⁹**

Heineken or Corona 12-pack bottles **\$12⁹⁹**



Jose Cuervo Authentic MARGARITAS

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1.75 liter

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