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## GSW High School Meeting Highlights

**Public Comment-** Correspondence Received. Mr. Perrott distributed a copy of a letter addressed to James Riley from the Illinois State's Attorney office and CC to the BOE. Mr. Riley had reported GSW to the State Attorney's office for violating an Opening Meetings Act rule during the April 16 meeting. A response letter was sent back to Mr. Riley to indicate that GSW was not in violation.

Mr. Perrott also informed the board about a letter received from the Village of Gardner inviting GSW to attend the yearly TIF meeting being held on Monday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Mr. Perrott reported that he will be in attendance at this meeting to represent GSW HS.

**Student Recognition-** At the last Grundy County Board meeting, five GSW graduates were honored for giving their lives in service of our country in the Vietnam War. A mounted certificate was prepared and presented to each of the families at the board meeting. A certificate honoring these Servicemen was presented to GSW by the county board. Mr. Engelman represented GSW at the meeting.

**Principal Report-** Mr. John

Engleman, Principal, discussed the following: School Improvement Planning Team update: Summary of meetings, Planning for RTI program(s), Planning for character development during the 2014-15 school year. Sent 2 teachers (Scaccia, Heardt and Hunt) to recent conferences. PARCC pilot tests completed. Started 1st interviews for new math teacher and will plan to have board approve new hire at June meeting.

**First Reading of Board Policy Revisions/Additions-** The following Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed to each board member for 1st review- 2:230m 2:240, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 2:240-E3, 2:250-AP2, 2:250-E1, 2:250-E2, 2:250-E3, 2:260, 2:260-AP, 2:260-AP2.

**Student Handbook-** Mr. Engleman has been working with the Student Handbook Committee to revise for the 2014-15 school year. There were a few suggested changes. He reviewed the proposed changes with the board and will be asking for approval. Some of these include- Perfect attendance clarification on State vs. end of the year field trip, PE dress policy (eliminating the mandatory PE uniform), Prairie State Exam word-

ing changed to State Mandated testing, Letter grades and Val/Sal wording revised, NHS GPA changed to 3.5 or better, Premier Academy transfer information added, Eligibility rules revised and breathalyzer added to the Substance Abuse section.

**Joliet Junior College-Dual Credit-** A Memo of Understanding needs to be approved to continue to offer the dual-credit English class with JJC. Mrs. Susan Heardt currently teaches this class at GSW HS.

**Amended 2013-2014 Budget-** Mr. Perrott presented information regarding a proposed amended budget. A. The tax levy from Kankakee needs to be inserted into the revenue. B. Funds held by the school for capital projects needed to be placed into the budget. C. An adjustment needed to be made to administrator expenses. A budget amendment hearing will be held at the beginning of the June BOE meeting.

**Internet Service Upgrade-** IT Director, Logan Murray, has been working with AT&T to get upgraded services into the building as was approved by the BOE. The board reviewed the contract/drawings to

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**DTHS GRADUATE MITCH FRANSEN** walked prior to the Sectional Track Meet Friday afternoon in Seneca. The sectional athletes formed a tunnel and played Pomp and Circumstance as Mitch Fransen, above, and Gus Rieke, pictured at left with High School Board President Irvin Masching, were presented their diplomas. Dwight Schools Superintendent Rich Jancek, DTHS Principal Dan Kaiser and Masching trekked to Seneca to present the graduates.

photos by Shayla Loring Photography

## DTHS Board Considers Graduation Move to Sunday Afternoon

### May Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty  
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com  
Moving graduation from Dwight Township High School's traditional Friday night ceremony to a Sunday commencement program was a topic of discussion when the board met on May 21.

For decades, DTHS has held graduation on Friday night, but conflicts occurring with Track and Field Sectionals and State have, over the years, caused some graduating student athletes to have to choose between their sport and graduation. This year, four students were originally potentially impacted as the Track Sectional meet and graduation were scheduled for the same night. In the end, two

students opted to forfeit their graduation ceremony for their final sectional opportunity. To honor these two students, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek, Principal Dan Kaiser, and Board President Irv Masching made arrangements with the hosting school and then traveled to the Sectional meet in Seneca and presented diplomas to the students in front of the Sectional crowd.

The board is exploring the option of moving the 2015 graduation ceremony from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and also discussed holding graduation in the outdoor stadium, currently being renovated this summer, with the gymnasium as an inclement weather backup option. No

decisions were made regarding the change.

School lunches will increase for the 2014-15 school year. As a participant in the National School Lunch Program, the District must raise its price for student lunches 10 cents and then continue to increase the price by 10 cents each year for the next few years. The NSLP has determined that each student lunch is valued at \$2.99. Currently, the district charges \$2.25 for a regular student lunch. Students on the reduced lunch program pay .40 cents with the Federal Government reimbursing the District \$2.59. The Federal Government reimburses the District \$2.99

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**ONE OF THE LARGEST CROWDS IN RECENT HISTORY** came out on a beautiful day to remember all veterans at the Dwight Memorial Day Service held at the Depot.

As a token of appreciation for the ongoing support, the Veterans on hand passed out lapel flag pins to everyone in attendance.



THESE FOUR INDUSTRIOUS GIRLS were selling several craft items at the Dwight Farmers Market on May 24. The girls (left to right) Felicia Nelson, Kayla Kodat, Izzy Burkhardt and Addi Bean are raising funds for a junior high trip to Washington DC.

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#### Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

May 15: Joseph W. Menefee, 50, Peoria, speeding (radar), 75/55; David D. Norman, 53, Dwight, suspended, revoked drivers license.

May 16: Cynthia L. Smith, 18, Ottawa, speeding (radar), 74/55; Joshua C. Ferguson, 20, Naperville, speeding (radar), 72/55; Jose J. Corona, 54, Aurora, speeding (radar), 74/55.

May 17: Stephen D. Mathews, 23, Dwight, unsafe equipment, failure to yield at intersection.

May 18: Teresa K. Vonberg, 48, Racine, WI, speeding (radar).

May 19: Roni D. Dodd, 20, Essex, speeding (radar),

70/55; Michael Johnson, 39, Dwight, in-state warrant.

May 21: Paul J. Ray, 51, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 74/55; Roger L. Wheeler, 54, Crete, speeding (radar), 73/55; Theresa A. Kean, 64, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 74/55.

May 22: John S. Broeksmit, 21, Dwight, driving w/o lights when required; James K. Sassenger, 20, Dwight, failure to wear seatbelt.

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

**2 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police**  
Speeding (radar), 2.

### Livingston County Real Estate Tax Bills Mailed

Barbara R. Sear, Livingston County Treasurer, has announced that real estate tax bills were mailed on Friday, May 23, 2014. A total of 25,849 tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax revenue to be collected on behalf of the 190 taxing bodies in the County is \$61,442,028.42.

The first installment will be due on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 and the second installment will be due on Monday, September 15, 2014. Payments may be made at most County banks, by mail or at the Treasurer's office in the Historic Courthouse in Pontiac. A drop box is located next to the south entrance of the Courthouse for after-hours payments. Payments using a credit or debit card can also be made at the State of Illinois Treasurer's E-Pay website ([www.epayillinois.com](http://www.epayillinois.com)).

The credit card company does charge a convenience fee. Information can be found on the State Treasurer's website.

After September 15th payments MUST be made in person at the Treasurer's office in the Courthouse. Personal checks will not be accepted after October 10, 2014 and payment after that date must be made with a cashier's check, money order or cash. Delinquent Notices will be mailed on October 15, 2014. The names of delinquent property owners will be published during the week of October 27, 2014.

Several items of information are printed on the reverse side of the tax bill which may answer most taxpayer questions. For further information readers may call the office at (815) 844-2306 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. daily.

I want to thank my family and friends for all the beautiful cards and greetings that I received for my birthday!  
**Sincerely, Bessie Rich**



The family of Jameson Jury would like to express our appreciation to everyone who made donations in support of Team Jameson. We would also like to give a special thanks to the staff and residents of Heritage Health for their outstanding fundraising efforts, as well as everyone who traveled to Chicago to walk beside Jameson during his first "Walk Now for Autism Speaks" event. All of you made this experience one he will never forget.

**Many Thanks, Todd and Kendra Jury**

### 2nd Annual Show your Ride June 15

at Dwight United Methodist Church  
Come out and show off your ride at Dwight United Methodist Church on Father's Day!

You can bring anything from your favorite moped to your favorite tractor or semi. There will be a monetary voting for the best in class (smallest, largest, and most unique) and best overall.

The prizes will be car wash tokens and detailing.

The proceeds of the voting will go to Dwight Food pantry.

We will also be having a free cookout for all to enjoy.

This is open to the public and we would love everyone to come out and celebrate Father's Day and enjoy some cool rides and good eats from 12-3 p.m.

**If you would like to enter your ride, please be to the church to enter your ride from 11:30-noon Father's Day**

**For more information contact Church office (815) 584-3420**



DWIGHT EMS MEMBERS ARE EVER READY at their station. Pictured above at their open house on Saturday, May 24 are Alan Metzke, Sandy Kokaly, and Andi Ramsey. The open house was in conjunction with EMS Week which ran from May 18 - 24.

### Dwight EMS Certifies ChildCare Class at DTHS



DWIGHT EMS educated juniors at Dwight Township High School on CPR and the heimlich maneuver. The ChildCare class at DTHS is officially certified by the American Heart Association for both adults and children. Four local EMTs assisted in the training of the DTHS ChildCare class taught by Kathy Patten.



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## May Board Actions

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for students on the free lunch program. According to NSLP, the District needs to close the gap between the price of a regular student lunch and the free and reduced reimbursement price. In addition to the increase in plate lunch prices, some individually priced items will also increase.

In business related to staffing, the board approved the re-employment of all support staff for 2014-15 and also approved a three-percent increase in hourly wages for these support staff. One exception to the support staff increase was for the District Administrative Assistant in Charge of Payroll, who was approved for a four-percent hourly wage increase.

In other matters, the

board:

- approved contractor Benton Electric of Trenton IL for the Stadium Lighting Project at a bid price of \$159,640.
- approved a 3-Year Contract with Center Point Energy, Natural Gas Supplier.
- approved a 3-Year Computer Lease Agreement, CDWG – American Capital, for \$28,821.59.
- approved a 1-Year Contract Extension with Arbor Management, Inc., Food Service.
- approved the installation of a light pole by the fuel tanks to the south of the building; Kelly Electric of Pontiac will do the project at a cost of \$994.
- approved summer maintenance employees.
- affirmed payment of \$14,247.50 to First National Bank Of Dwight (Go Bond Interest).
- approved students of

Class Of 2014 for diplomas and graduation.

- discussed IASB Delegate and proposed resolution(s).
- approved the Substitute list for continuation of employment in 2014-2015.
- approved tenured teachers for 2014-2015.
- approved parent / community member volunteer list.
- learned that 22 DTHS students have signed up to attend LACC next year.
- approved the board meeting schedule for 2014-2015; board meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. In closed session, the board discussed Support Staff evaluations and the Superintendent evaluation.

The next meeting of the Dwight Grade School BOE will be Wednesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the school's board room.



**PROGRESS IS BEING MADE** on the newest Livingston County Habitat for Humanity home located at 114 West Chippewa St. in Dwight. This home will be the 15th home constructed by the Livingston County chapter of the non-profit organization. Volunteers are important to its success. If you would like to participate, please call Debbie Blossom at 815-878-5946.

## Dwight Baptist Academy Graduates



Christa Bryant



Talia Franson

\* In the May 21 edition of *The Paper* the names and photos were incorrectly labeled. We regret the error.

## GSW High School Meeting Highlights –

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show the plan. The contract needs to be approved to allow AT&T to lay the new cable.

**Old Business: Building/Grounds Projects Spring/Summer 2014-** Building permits have been applied for from the ROE for work to be completed this spring/summer. They will have approx. 15 projects going on at the same time over the summer months. Some of the projects are interrelated and some are stand alone.

**Bids for Summer Work-** Bid Openings were held May 20 at 2:00 p.m. for Electrical Work and at 2:30 p.m. for Remedial Work. There were 3 bids for electrical and 4 for remedial. Excel Electrical from Frankfort was the low bid for electrical, Johnston-Downs for outside concrete, and Heritage Development for band room and HVAC. These will need to be approved.

**Action Items-** Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (2nd Reading)-Board Policies 2:200, 2:200-AP, 2:210, 2:220, 2:220-E1, 2:220-E2, 2:220-E3, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E6. Accept Bid for Electrical Work-Excel Electrical, Frankfort. Accept Bid for Remedial Work- Johnston-Downs (exterior concrete) and Heritage Development (band room and HVAC). Approve Internet/Communication Upgrade Work- AT&T installation of high-speed internet. Accept Scholastic

Bowl Sponsor Resignation-Susan Heerd. Hire Scholastic Bowl Sponsor- Lara Fatka. Retain JV Volleyball Coach, Erin Galloway, for 2014-15 year. Retain Cross-Country Coach, Larry Lane, for 2014-15 year. Accept Part-time Custodian Resignation, Andy King. Hire Part-Time Custodian, Timothy Parks. Accept Prom Sponsor Resignation, Anthony Cozzi. Hire Prom Sponsor, Cassie Bashayreah. Hire SADD Sponsor, Michelle Scaccia. Approve 2014-15 Student Handbook. Accept Summer Custodial Resignation, Alison Gross. Hire Summer Custodial, Justin Kinder. Hire Freshman Class Sponsor, Johanna Thorndyke. Hire Sophomore Class Sponsor, Kris Spiezo. Approve Joliet Junior College Dual-Credit Memo of Understanding. Cancel the May 28 meeting-2nd meeting for the month of May. FOIA Requests: A copy of recent FOIA requests were distributed to Board Members. Morris Hospital Foundation Grant-GSW received a grant for \$1,364 for the purchase of an AED. Athletic Booster Golf Outing: Sat., June 28 at Dwight Country Club, 12 noon start. Girls' Basketball Camp, not enough interest to attend any Summer Camps. Pre-Registration for School Year 2014-2015-As of May 16, thirty families have sent in the pre-registration packets and/or payment for the 2014-15 school year. IDEA District Performance-Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. After review by the state board,

GSW has met requirements in all areas evaluated. GSWB Community Night at Silver Cross Field-Sunday, June 8. Joliet Slammers vs. River City Rascals at 1:05 p.m. behind the home dugout. Tickets are \$10 a seat and half is donated back to the schools. Host of Softball Sectionals-GSWHS will be hosting the girls' softball sectionals this year at the VFW field in South Wilmington. Tuesday, May 27-Game 1-4:30 p.m. Winner Gilman Regional vs. Winner Grant Park Regional. Wednesday, May 28-Game 2-4:30 p.m. Winner Newark Regional vs. Winner C. Hope Academy Regional. Saturday, May 31-Game 3-11:00 a.m. Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (Sectional Championship). RVC Scholastic Bowl All-Conference-Molly Schultz and Lauren Daniels were named to the RVC Scholastic Bowl All Conference First Team and Jenna Johnston was named to the All Conference Second Team. Way to go ladies! End of the Year Calendar items: Final Exams-Friday, May 30 and Monday, June 2. Teacher Institute- Tuesday, June 3 and final teacher make-up day is Wednesday, June 4.

## Smart Choice Distribution Day May 31

The May distribution day for Smart Choice Foods is Saturday, May 31, from 11:00-11:30 a.m. at New Life Assembly of God, 903 S. Old Rt. 66.

Contact Lin Thrasher for more information at 815-674-2876. You can also visit the website at www.smartchoicefood.com.

## Two Names Omitted

Nicholas Richard Jennings and Michael Edward Johnson are 2014 Dwight Grade School graduates.

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no appointments are necessary.

Those who cannot attend the traveling office hours, but have questions, can contact the Ottawa District Office at (815) 431-9271: The traveling office hours follow: Livingston County: Thursday, May 29, 12:00-1:00 P.M. at the Cullom Community Building, 119 N. Oak St. in Cullom.

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## Temps - 2014

- May 15 – high 55°, low 40° .38" precip.
- May 16 – high 42°, low 39° .10" precip.
- May 17 – high 58°, low 40°
- May 18 – high 67°, low 44°
- May 19 – high 72°, low 48°
- May 20 – high 84°, low 62° .02" precip.
- May 21 – high 88°, low 56°
- One Year Ago - May 28, 2013 high 76°, low 62° 1.13" precip.

## April VGT Results

\$299,293 is the new record monthly amount invested in Dwight's 32 video gaming terminals. \$209,149.02 was paid out, with a net terminal income of \$90,143.98.

The Village of Dwight received \$4,507.25 from that net income, also a new record amount.

Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. was again the recipient of the most "Funds In" during April, \$102,926.

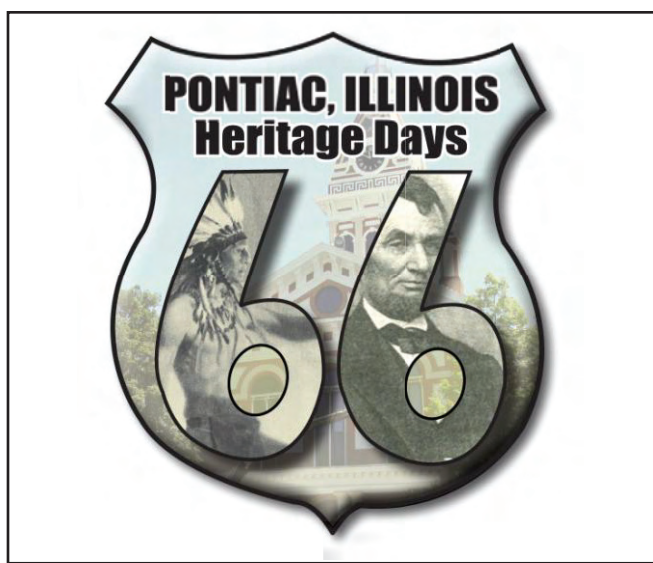
April:	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Love's	102,926	63,785	39,140	9,785	1,957
Willy's	57,873	45,705	12,167	3,041	608
JT's	33,380	17,493	15,886	3,971	794
Pete's	32,880	22,483	10,396	2,599	519
RonDeVoo	22,120	19,233	2,886	721	144
VFW	18,772	16,294	2,477	619	123
Vctry. Lns.	17,226	13,818	3,407	851	170
Virbapa	11,615	8,972	2,642	660	132
Turtle's	2,501	1,361	1,139	284	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>299,293</b>	<b>209,149</b>	<b>90,143</b>	<b>22,536</b>	<b>4,507</b>

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## Pontiac Heritage Days To Take Place May 31

The annual Pontiac P.R.O.U.D. Heritage Days and the Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum's Pre-War Festival will both take place on Saturday, May 31. The Livingston County Historic Courthouse will be open to the public and the Courthouse lawn and downtown area will be filled with heritage crafters, Civil War re-enactors and classic pre-1941 transportation.

Heritage Days is an annual festival which was created to pay homage to arts and crafts of the past. The day's events will begin with the Pontiac Farmers Market at 8:00 a.m. Throughout the remainder of the day, there will be a variety of activities for all ages to check out.

Old-time craft demonstrators will span silk ribbon embroidery, sheep shearing, chair caning, blacksmithing, stained glass, hand carved eagles and wooden toy making.

Providing live entertainment for the event will be: 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band at 11:00 a.m. outside and 2:00 p.m. inside the Courthouse; Gary House of Pontiac-Acoustic Folk at

12:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; and Paula Mensinger of Germantown Hills, Carpenter's Tribute at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. In addition, the 2nd Illinois Light Infantry, a group of skilled Civil War re-enactors, will offer a variety of activities throughout the day, and President Abraham Lincoln is scheduled to attend and speak.

There will be plenty of activities for the kids as well, including 'Goodies in the Haystack', the Strolling Magician, Face Painting by the Zoo Lady from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Kite Flying by The Kite Store Family and the Red Fez Snack Tent.

A Heritage Days Pie baking contest is planned for 9:00 a.m. Other planned additions include food vendors, historic trolley tours, wagon rides, horse and carriage rides (for a fee), antique tractors and steam engine.

For more information contact Lori at (815) 844-6692. Find the schedule on [www.pontiacproudmainstreet.org](http://www.pontiacproudmainstreet.org).

## Pieces From the Heart Quilt Guild Meeting June 5

Pieces From the Heart Quilt Guild will meet on Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. at The First Midwest Bank Building on the third floor, 220 W. Main St. in Morris.

The program, "Longarm Tips and Tricks," will be pre-

sented by Bonnie Clark and Busy B Quilt Co. There will be a short business meeting, light refreshments, and show and tell. Visitors are welcome.

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

## News and Notes from the Gardner Lions

The Gardner Lions met May 13 at the Gardner Restaurant.

President Shelia Perkins thanked those who worked at the dining car during the Red Carpet Weekend, and those who collected donations on the street corners on Tootsie Pop day. Approximately \$290 was collected and sent on to the Illinois Lions Foundation to be used for sight and sound projects.

The club has decided to decorate the village with

American Flags for the 4th of July.

New officers will be installed at the next club meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Whistle Stop in Diamond. RSVP to Pres. Perkins at 815-545-0716 by June 3 if you are planning to attend. Dues will also be collected at this meeting.

The club is planning a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 10, at the Gardner American Legion.



## Cullom Farmers Market Returns June 4

The Farmers Market is returning to Cullom, beginning Wednesday, June 4, sponsored by the GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom.

Starting June 4, Farmer Bob Blain from Riverfront Berry Farm will be taking veggies, goodies, plants, trees and more. Candy Godbee will also be there with her "Country Cupboard," which includes jams, jellies, baked goods and more.

The market will be located on the southside parking lot of the Cullom American Legion Stockade along Rt. 116 (Jackson St.), and will run from 3:00-6:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

They are also looking for more vendors. Contact Judy Wojciechowski at 815-689-2857 if you are interested.



THE FARMERS MARKET IN DWIGHT is a great venue for groups to connect with patrons. Sophie Anderson, above center, and her mom Kristi, look over treats offered by Rich Boys, who is raising money for a mission trip to Guatemala. Below, A customer views a vendor's line of products.



## 'Journey into Dyslexia' Documentary Viewing at Odell Library June 2

The Odell Public Library is providing a free showing of the documentary, "Journey into Dyslexia," at the library on Monday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m. This documentary profiles students and adults with dyslexia - difficulty with language skills, especially reading and spelling - who share their experiences of struggling in school and then succeeding in life.

Academy Award winning filmmakers Alan and Susan Raymond use the film to examine the complexities of these differently structured brains and to debunk myths and misperceptions about dyslexia. Among the adults with dyslexia featured in this film are consumer advocate Erin Brokovich; Ben Foss, inventor of the Intel Reader; and Dr. Carol Greider, 2009 Nobel Laureate in

Physiology and medicine. The documentary will be of special interest to parents, teachers, adults with dyslexia and employers.

This DVD and several books on dyslexia have been donated to the Library by area Rotarians and Rotary District 6490, and are available for checkout at the Library.

## Services Continue to Expand at Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission

The Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission was established to assist Grundy County veterans with their benefits and to advocate on their behalf. Benefits are available from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and various local agencies. Knowing if you are eligible and how to apply for these benefits can often be a challenge. The VAC is there to make the process a little less difficult.

"Our goal is to offer as many VA and non-VA programs and services as we can under one roof for the veterans of Grundy County, a kind of one stop shop. We

know that when a veteran is interested in a specific benefit there are other benefits that they are also eligible for and we are here to educate them on as many of those benefits as we can. Ongoing outreach to our veteran community is important since we have new veterans joining our ranks each week and benefits change with each generation," said Ken Buck, Superintendent of the Grundy County VAC.

For the month of June they are working with various resources to offer additional services in Grundy County.

The Veterans Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) from Edward Hines Jr. VA

Hospital will make several visits to the area in June. The first will be its monthly visit to Morris on Monday June 2. The MMU will be parked at the Morris American Legion at 212 W. Washington Street in Morris, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The MMU will then visit the Coal City and Diamond area on Monday June 16. The MMU will be at the Coal City American Legion Post at 1752 E Division Street Diamond from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The MMU is also scheduled to be at State Senator Sue Rezin's Senior Health Fair on June 25.

Veterans who wish to receive care from the Hines MMU need to be enrolled with the VHA or they can bring 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, June 5 from 9 a.m. to noon in the offices of the Grundy County VAC. The GCVAC is at 1802 N Division Street Suite 405 in Morris.

To receive services from the Vet Center the veteran should bring a copy of their DD214 (discharge documents), if the Veteran does not have a copy the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission can assist them with obtaining the documents.

Arrangements have been made to have the Veterans Representative from the Illinois Department of Employment Security to start having office hours in Morris in the GCVAC office once a month. The IDES representative will start working with veterans locally on Friday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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**HOSPICE OF KANKAKEE VALLEY had its first Therapy Dog certification recently. Six teams of dogs and their owners became certified in Pet Therapy. Pictured above, Front Row: Len Kleinmark with Midas, Lydia Brown with Baby, Jan Heppe with Sassy. Back Row Connie Angelo with Irene, Lori Berg-Stratten (trainer), Vern Krueger with Emily, Margie Johnson with Sophie.**

## Pet Therapy a New Service of Hospice of Kankakee Valley

Effective May 20, Hospice of Kankakee Valley is offering a new type of volunteer service. Six teams of dogs and their owners have completed certification training in Pet Therapy.

This is an effective therapeutic tool to provide psychological, emotional, and physiological support to hospice patients and their families. HKV recognizes the benefits of integrating traditional medicine with complementary medicine as a

supportive service.

In order to be a therapy pet, the dog must have already completed traditional obedience training. The pet and its owner go on to complete eight weeks of specialized training in regards to behavior in facility settings, adjusting to different sounds, medical devices and new people. The trainer for these services is Lori Berg-Stratten, owner of Rock of Ages Kennel, a well-known trainer for pet therapy dogs

in the Kankakee Valley area. The owners of the dogs have all completed volunteer training with HKV.

Pet therapy is available to any patient of Hospice of Kankakee Valley. The Volunteer Coordinator is available to schedule visits on an as-requested basis. For more information about hospice services or Pet Therapy, contact Hospice of Kankakee Valley at (815) 939-4141.

## Strawberry Jazz Festival in Kankakee June 1

More than 95 fine art and craft vendors will show their wares, from paintings and wood crafts to jewelry, at the Strawberry Jazz Festival, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 1 at Gov. Small Memorial Park, 801 S. Eighth Ave. in Kankakee.

Entertainment will feature Dixieland and jazz

bands, dancers, singers and skits, plus a vintage car show. Children's activities will include games, face painting and a visit to a 19th century one-room school house. Enjoy all sorts of sandwiches and strawberry-themed foods.

The event will be presented by the Community Arts

Council of Kankakee County and sponsored by the County West Animal Hospital and the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For information, contact 815-933-ARTS or visit [www.communityartscouncil.org](http://www.communityartscouncil.org).

## OSF Saint James Diabetes Support Group

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center's Diabetes Support Group will present a free program called "Diabetes and the Benefits of Strength Training" on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the OSF Saint James Conference Room.

The American Diabetes

Association recommends that people with type 2 diabetes start a strength training program to help with blood sugar control. Join Nancy Kuster,

Exercise Physiologist at OSF Saint James, during this interactive program as she demonstrates techniques to add strengthening exercises to

your exercise program.

This support group is open to all diabetes patients and their families. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 815-842-4970.

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center is located at 2500 W. Reynolds Street in Pontiac.

## Chatsworth Corner by Mare Reardanz

### CAPS Recreation Center in Chatsworth

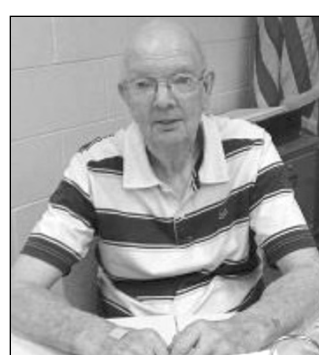
CAPS Pool is about to reopen for the summer! This is the largest swimming pool in Livingston County and it is right in Chatsworth! Opening Day is scheduled for June 6 weather permitting. A family seasonal membership can be purchased, a single pass, or a daily pass.

Along with the pool, the CAPS Recreation Center offers a ball diamond and tennis courts. The "barn" is available for rent for family gatherings, indoor garage sales, and other gatherings needing a large building. The entire facility is smoke and alcohol free. The Little School House is also present at that location.

CAPS Recreation Center, Chatsworth Area Planning Society, was built just after Chatsworth's centennial celebration 45 years ago. The center was built with funds gained at that event.

distribution, progress on the rebuild/remodeling of the park pavilion, and a motion to resend the motion made October 12, 2010 to use the code book policy for damaged water meters. Damaged water meters will now include replacement and labor costs for damaged meters.

The new town banners have been installed. The patriotic theme along with the existing 'Welcome to Chatsworth' banners add much to the look of Locust Street.



Trustee Terry Miller

Finally, Trustee Terry Miller said goodbye to the Board and how much he enjoyed working with them for the past 14 years. He served under four mayors and said he "has never had as much FUN as he does with the current board members." Terry is retiring and leaving town. He will be available for questions and consultation for the town... as he is not sure what else he is going to do in retirement. Thank you, Trustee Miller, you have done an exemplary job over the years and we have learned so much from your experience and friendship!

Everyone present celebrated with cookies before the Board went into executive session to discuss the Sale or Lease of Real Estate. Bills were paid and meeting was adjourned by 8:45.



Trustee Dale Diller

Dale Diller's appointment to the Town Board was unanimously approved by the existing board, and he was installed before he could change his mind! The Mayor welcomed Mr. Diller, and expressed looking forward to working with him.

## Times Are Tough

Don't hesitate to ask for help. If you or someone you know are struggling to provide food for your family, please call St. Lawrence Parish in South Wilmington at 815-237-2230.

## Dwight Lions Club Brooms Available

The Dwight Lions have brooms left to sell and will be going into the Dwight neighborhoods Wednesday afternoon from 4-8 pm.

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'14 Fusion SE ..... 2 IN STOCK!	'14 Edge ..... 2 IN STOCK!
'14 Focus SE..... 3 IN STOCK!	'14 Escape SE, FWD, ..... 2 IN STOCK!
'14 Fiesta SE..... 2 IN STOCK!	'15 F350 Crew Lariat, 4WD, Diesel ...1 IN STOCK!

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'08 Ranger S/C XL, 117K, 2WD.....\$ 7,900	'08 Acadia, 98K, AWD, Sunroof, NAV, DVD.....\$19,900	'07 Ranger, 152K, 2WD.....\$ 5,900	
'07 Sierra 1500 SLE, 62K, 2WD.....\$17,900		'06 Colorado, 52K, FWD.....\$ 7,900	
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'03 F350 S/C, Lariat, 72K, 4WD, DRW, Diesel.....\$15,900		'02 F350 S/C XLT, 230K, 4WD, Diesel.....\$ 5,900	
'02 F350 S/C XLT, 230K, 4WD, Diesel.....\$ 5,900		'99 Ranger s/c, 262K.....\$ 1,900	

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'13 Explorer LTD, 19K, 4WD.....\$34,900	'09 Fusion SEL, 77K, Sunroof.....\$11,900	'12 Edge SEL, 53K, AWD.....\$22,900	'08 G6, 51K.....\$ 9,900
'12 Escape LTD, 21K, FWD, Sunroof.....\$20,900	'07 Montego Premier, 124K, FWD, Sunroof.....\$ 7,900	'12 Escape LTD, 21K, FWD.....\$20,900	'05 Magnum SXT, 103K.....\$ 8,900
'12 Escape LTD, 23K, 4WD.....\$21,900	'04 Taurus SES, 117K.....Just In!	'11 Escape XLT, 32K, FWD, Sunroof.....\$17,900	'03 ZX2, 105K.....\$ 2,900

## Carolyn Roys, District Librarian for Dwight, Retiring This Year



Key Club she helped start in Geneseo. They pay \$1,000 which goes to the Kiwanis Charity Fund. The kids raised the money with Roys' knowledge and presented her with the award.

Carolyn has many happy memories from her career, "Each school had something special," she explains when asked about her favorite memories. "Here in Dwight, at the grade school, it was just the general enthusiasm for reading and for finding that just-right book. The kids that went on pre-pub adventures loved meeting the authors and finding other kids who loved reading. At the high school, I had more time to talk to kids and really listen. I cherish the stories they shared and just them letting me be a part of their lives. We had great fun in library club going to Conklin Theater, movie nights, shopping trips and Coffee Shop. All the SSAs I had showed me a side I may not have seen otherwise. Also, I loved announcing the track meets. There is so much good in Dwight, I will miss so many things I can't name them all."

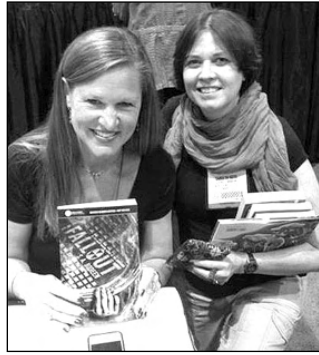
As much as Carolyn enjoys the kids, colleagues, memories, and opening the new book boxes, she has decided to retire now. She felt it was important to have time for family while she's still young and healthy. A great high school teacher taught her the power of investing and saving. Following his teachings has allowed her this opportunity. Reflecting on her thoughts and feelings on her time spent as the District Librarian and her upcoming retirement, Roys feels saddened at the emphasis on testing when with so many

Roys has received several awards, but the one that is the most special to her is the Hixson Award-High Honor for Kiwanis, which was bestowed by the kids of the



**Happy Birthday,  
Ms. Grace**

from GG, Prince,  
Crystal and Luis



great teachers out there, especially in Dwight, kids miss out on excellent instruction opportunities. "It's also an incredible time for children's and young adult literature yet so much takes kids away from time to read for pleasure," she says. "I'm happy to leave the teaching in the hands of those still at it and hope they can be the change so many think is needed. I hope I impacted kids in a positive manner if only to encourage their reading and teach them good research skills."

Among her plans for her retirement are working at a favorite indie bookstore, traveling, writing a book, learning to play her banjo better, bicycling trips and anything crazy that comes along. She also plans to return to her work with hospice patients and their families and with animals.

## DWC Scholarship Awards



Jacob Snyder

The Dwight Woman's Club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships at the Annual Senior Awards Night Ceremony on Sunday, May 18 at Dwight Township High School. Dr. Lynn Bertino Neville, Dwight Woman's Club president, presented the 2014 scholarships to Jacob Snyder, who will be attending Joliet Junior College, majoring in Agricultural Business, and to Nicole Murphy, who is enrolled at Elmhurst College with a plan to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Dwight Woman's Club scholarships are open to all graduating seniors in the community each year. One schol-



Nicole Murphy

arship is awarded to a student planning to attend a junior college or vocational program and one scholarship is presented to a student who will attend a four year college or university. The scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated participation in service and volunteer activities at school and in the community, strong academic performance and participation in extra-curricular activities throughout their school career.

Funds for scholarships awarded by the Dwight Woman's Club are generated through community support of Woman's Club projects during the year.

## Kankakee Community College Spring Honors List Announced

The following students have been named to the Honors List at Kankakee Community College for the Spring 2014 semester.

To be named to the Honors List, a student must maintain a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.79 and be enrolled in six or more semester hours.

Campus: Amy Taylor.  
Cullom: Rachael Kerrins and Jennifer Weller.

Emington: Erin Gaston.  
Gardner: Jessica Goodman.

Herscher: Margie Dominick, Courtney Key, Michael Longtin, Laura Petersen, Jessica Rosenboom, Darlene Settles and Wayne Sperry.

Kempton: Michael Westfall.  
Mazon: Sara Countryman.

Ransom: Emily Coonan.  
Reddick: Deanna Perkins and Caleb Wepprecht.  
Stelle: Ian Dydyna.



## Darlene Drechsel to Celebrate 90th Birthday

Darlene Drechsel will celebrate her 90th birthday with a family gathering.

She was born Darlene Mau on May 31, 1924 in rural Cabery to Arthur and Ida Mau, and was the youngest of six children.

Darlene met Arnold Drechsel at a roller rink in Reddick and they were married in 1949. They enjoyed 60 years together before Arnold passed away in 2011.

Together they had four daughters, Suzanne (Dave) Huston of Roseville, Lana (Ralph) Brown of Chenoa, Cheryl (Ed) Illman of Utica, and the late Mary (Mike) Stalter of Pontiac.

She enjoys spending time with her five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Darlene and Arny farmed together for over 55 years and she is also a retired beautician.

For over 20 years Darlene was a leader of the Dwight 4-H club, and has been active in her church as a Sunday School Teacher, Bible School volunteer and on numerous committees.

Even though she is 90, Darlene is active and busy. She enjoys going out for breakfast daily, plays bridge several times each week and never turns down a good game of euchre. Darlene also has a reputation for baking delicious pastries, is an excellent seamstress, and still plants a garden.

## Wise Makes Robert Morris' Dean's List

Austin Wise of South Wilmington earned Dean's List honors from Robert Morris University in Chicago in every quarter of his freshman year. He is working towards a degree in Applied Sciences and majoring in Culinary Arts



Happy 80th Birthday,  
JoAnn Hoegger

Love, Ray,  
your Children and  
Grandchildren



James Cameron Otte

## It's a boy!

Luke and Katie Otte of Columbus, IN are happy to announce the birth of their son, James Cameron Otte.

James was born Monday, May 5, 2014 at 3:45 p.m. at Columbus Regional Health Center. He weighed nine pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Jim and Ruth Ann Fulton of Saunemin. Paternal grandparents are Bruce and Jeanette Otte of Columbus, IN.

## Maureen Doran on WIU's Dean's List

More than 1,540 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2014 Spring Dean's List. The number includes 120 students at WIU-Quad Cities.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0 equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted.

Maureen Alveda Doran, a sophomore from Odell, earned Dean's List honors.



## Kaitlin McArdle Graduates with Honors

Kaitlin McArdle of Morris, pictured with great-grandmother Barb McArdle, graduated with honors (Summa Cum Laude) from the Pharm.D. program at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa on May 18.

Kaitlin is the daughter of Brian and Kelly McArdle of Morris. Kaitlin will begin a PGY1 pharmacy residency at the Hines VA in June.

## Bloodmobile in Cullom May 29

The GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom will sponsor a Bloodmobile Thursday, May 29, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall in Cullom.

Help them reach their goal and save a life. Blood is especially needed this time of year, so schedule your donation today by calling Judy Ehlers at 815-689-2778; or Diana Taylor at 815-689-2496 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Dwight Farmers Market Needs Your Help

Be a part of the Dwight Farmers Market!

The Dwight Economic Alliance needs any group, club or team to volunteer and participate in their weekly markets. You pick a Saturday (or two) to sign up to help, and in return your group will be given the opportunity to display projects, sell goods or educate market goers.

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## Free Yourself from Cycle of Emotional Investing

In many areas of your life, you're probably aware that it's useful to keep emotions out of your decision-making — and that's certainly the case with investing. However, it can be difficult to keep your feelings from influencing your investment decisions. But you may find it easier to invest with your head, rather than your heart, if you know a little something about two different cycles: the market cycle and your emotional cycle.

Let's start with the market cycle. If you've been investing for a while, you're aware (probably highly aware) that the financial markets are rarely static — they are always moving up and down, at least in the short term. (Over the very long term, a period of many decades, the markets have trended up.) But these short-term movements, while perhaps appearing as "zigs" and "zags" on a daily basis, actually form a pattern, or a cycle, that can last for months or years. These cycles are known as bull (up) or bear (down) markets. Going back to the Great Depression, the average bear market has lasted 21 months, while the average bull market has extended for 57 months, according to research from Standard and Poor's Index Services.

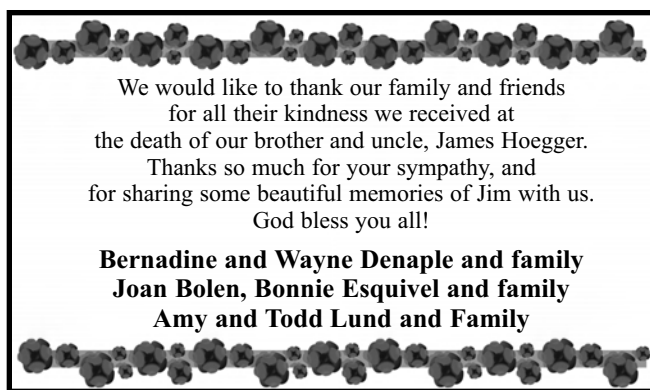
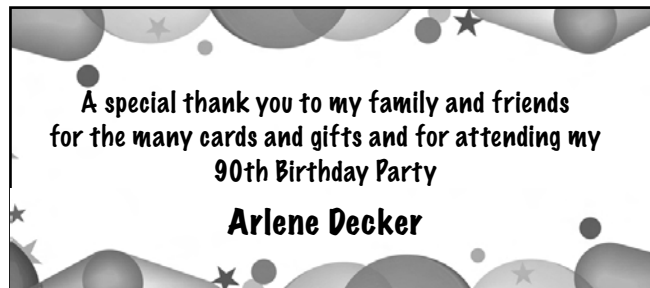
These market cycles greatly influence investors' attitudes and behavior. In fact, they lead to the formation of investors' emotional cycles. During bull markets, investors tend to feel optimism, excitement and even euphoria. But once a bull market ends and a bear market begins, investors start getting nervous. And the longer and deeper the bear market, the greater the depth of emotion felt by investors. These emotions can begin as anxiety and then progress to denial, fear, desperation and panic.

Furthermore, market cycles and emotional cycles don't really align. For example, investors may well experience euphoria when the market has reached its high point and a bear market has just begun. For a while, then, these investors, fueled by their euphoric feelings over the big gains they've achieved, may continue pouring money into the market, even as it's declining. This type of behavior, though, is probably better suited for when the market is already at a low, when investors' dollars will buy more shares. Conversely, investors may reach the peak of their fearfulness at the end of a bear market, just when things are about to turn around. At this point, their fear may hold them back from investing — even though, with prices low, it can be a good time to invest. Clearly, basing investment decisions on emotions can lead to poor choices.

So don't get caught up in this pattern. Instead, strive to follow a disciplined approach to investing. Build an investment portfolio that reflects your objectives, risk tolerance and time horizon, and seek to hold appropriate investments for the long term. Of course, you may well need to make adjustments along the way, but do it for the right reasons — such as a change in your goals or in the investments themselves — rather than as a reaction to the current market cycle.

Our emotions are powerful, and their power can increase when applied to such a meaningful aspect of our life as our finances. But if you can detach yourself, as much as possible, from the emotional cycle of investing, you can avoid considerable angst — while helping clear the path to pursue your goals.

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## Concert at St. Patrick's Sacred Heart May 31, June 1

The weekend of June 1, Michael James Mette will be sharing his music with the community. Michael is a Catholic musician and speaker who travels the country sharing his music and faith. His music is a modern reflection of his faith blending alternative rock with faith based lyrics.

Michael has been married to his wife Michelle for the past 14 years and is the father to Annie (10), Trinity

(8), Charity (6), Cecilia (5) and Michael Jr. (3). You may support the ministry by purchasing a CD. He will be offering his musical talents during the Masses at St. Patrick (5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) and Sacred Heart (10 a.m.). His concert will be at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick Hall on June 1. Everyone of all denominations is invited.

Admission to the concert is free.

## John Denker, Doctoral Candidate of St. Ambrose University

A total of 656 degrees, including 465 bachelor's degrees, 187 master's degrees and four doctoral degrees, were conferred during the commencement ceremonies at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

A doctoral candidate was John Denker of Dwight in Business Administration.

Rev. Gregory Boyle, SJ, who has received national

recognition for his work with young people and gang intervention in East Los Angeles, delivered the commencement address. Boyle received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. A second honorary degree was presented to Laurel Walker, the retired president and CEO of Skip-A-Long Child Development Services and Skip-A-Long Family and Community Services.

## Christopher Irvin, Gardner, Earns Degree at Illinois College

Christopher Irvin of Gardner received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Illinois College's 180th annual commencement Sunday, May 11, on the college's historic upper quadrangle in Jacksonville, Ill.

The Class of 2014 included 13 graduate students and 208 undergraduates. Irvin graduated with Latin honors - cum laude.

Founded in 1829, Illinois College is a residential liberal arts college fostering academic excellence rooted in opportunities for experiential learning while preparing

students for lifelong success. The college is located in Jacksonville, Ill. With an enrollment of more than 1,000 students, the college offers over 50 undergraduate programs and a Master of Arts in Education degree program. In 1932 the society of Phi Beta Kappa established a chapter at Illinois College, and it remains one of only 11 in the state.

Illinois College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Visit [www.ic.edu](http://www.ic.edu) or call 217-245-3149 for more information.



PHIL AND KAREN McARDLE of Dwight will celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary on June 29. The family will gather together in June to celebrate.

## Harold, Lucille Locke to Celebrate 65th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Locke, formerly of Emington, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

Harold and Lucille Fitzpatrick were married June 5, 1949, in Pontiac. Their attendants were the late Beryl Locke and Joan

Deffenbaugh. They are the parents of David and Darcel Locke, and Dennis and Sue Locke of Bloomington. Their granddaughter is Michele (John) Jenkins, also of Bloomington.

Both are retired.

## Summer Reading Program Registration Begins at Limestone Township Library

The Limestone Township Library is presenting their summer reading program, Paws to Read. Registration began on May 21st at the Library. Kids of all ages will find great summer programs to attend, including the opening program of a dog agility course demonstration by Torbel Canine Connection

on June 9th. Register for Paws to Read at the Library, located at 2701 W. Tower Road.

More programs are listed at the library's website at [www.limestonelibrary.org](http://www.limestonelibrary.org). For information about the program or to get directions to the library, call 815-939-1696.

## Ray Welsh-Dalton ~ Morris Hospital's April Fire Starter



Ray Welsh-Dalton

When patients first arrive at the Dwight or Gardner Healthcare Center of Morris Hospital, they are likely greeted by Patient Service Representative Ray Welsh-Dalton.

Patients who have already met Welsh-Dalton know they will receive excellent, professional and compassionate care. Some even say he makes their day with his smile. These are just some of the reasons Welsh-Dalton, of Rockdale, was selected April Fire Starter of the Month.

"Ray is wonderful with patients and goes the extra mile to accommodate them," says Sarah Riordan, Director of Morris Hospital's Healthcare Centers. "He truly is a patient advocate."

The impact he makes on patients is just one reason Welsh-Dalton was selected Firestarter of the Month. His co-workers say he goes above and beyond and is always willing to take on additional work. They describe him as a difference maker who is thoughtful, caring, compassionate, and a leader among his peers.

"Ray portrays the outstanding leadership skills and work ethic that define a Fire Starter," says Dr. Jennifer Thomas, who works with Welsh-Dalton at the Gardner and Braidwood

Healthcare Centers. "He volunteers when a shift needs to be covered, and he goes above and beyond his job description daily as a result of his outstanding knowledge and skills in patient service. He truly has a personal connection and commitment to the Healthcare Centers and is genuine in his desire to make our offices a better place."

Welsh-Dalton first joined the Morris Hospital team in March 2010 as a Patient Service Representative at the Channahon Healthcare Center. An experienced customer service professional, he was looking for a new job and had heard good things about Morris Hospital from friends and family who live in the area. When there was a need for additional resources in the Dwight and Gardner offices, the prospect of getting out to more rural communities was appealing to Welsh-Dalton, who grew up on a farm.

Clearly, Welsh-Dalton's positive attributes make a difference in the lives of so many, as reiterated by co-worker Jennifer Blazevez: "Ray is such a team player. I feel he inspires me to go above and beyond. His compassion towards others reminds me why I got into this profession."

In early civilizations, fire starters were the individuals who had the important job of keeping the flame alive. As Fire Starter of the Month, Welsh-Dalton received a Grundy County Chamber of Commerce gift certificate, a special "Fire Starter" lapel pin, and a designated parking spot for the month. Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is one of the largest employers in Grundy County with over 1,000 employees.

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JOHN STEICHEN at work in the parts department in the former Steichen Implement building.



DUNCAN MILLER, ABOVE LEFT, PROPRIETOR OF CHERRY RED ROASTERS, 207 E. Delaware St., Dwight, visits with members of the Steichen family whose forebears once sold farm implements from his building. On the wall is a depiction of the sign that pays homage to the former long-time owners. Left to right are: Duncan, Mark Watland, Morris; Connie Becker (Dicker), Arizona, Phyllis Becker (Marzetta), Morris; Becky Steichen (McAnaulty), Bartlett; John Becker, Arizona; Frank Marzetta, Morris; and Bob Becker, Emington.



## Past and Present Meet For a Trip Down Memory Lane

by Lauren Lindley and Brooklyn Pontanini

In 1918, Clem J. Steichen and two of his sons, John and C.J., opened up shop at 207 E. Delaware Street in Dwight. Clem Steichen and Sons sold John Deere equipment, with John running the day to day operations and C.J. canvassing and selling.

Clem was a farmer for 27 years, and was known for his extensive knowledge of farmer wants and needs, as well as his friendly and congenial nature. The combina-

tion of skills and vast knowledge that this father and his sons offered attributed to the successful foundation for their business, which was kept within the Steichen family for over 65 years. Eventually, the building was bought by Hogan Implement Company, which opened in early 1973.

Recently, members of the Steichen family dropped in for a visit to the old family business. This building is now *Cherry Red Roasters*, which is owned by Duncan

Miller.

Duncan paid homage to the buildings history by hanging a picture of the old sign with the Steichen name in the dining area.

The family enjoyed lunch and a nostalgic conversation with Miiller full of laughter and memories. "Our family, myself included, greatly appreciate our name being put up on the wall. We feel very honored to be able to remain a part of the history," exclaimed Becky McAnaulty (Steichen).

THE STEICHEN TRIO at left, John, Clem and C.J. Steichen, stand in front of the Steichen Implement building at 207 E. Delaware, Dwight, in this photo from long ago. The father and sons business was a popular John Deere Dealership. The building is now home to *Cherry Red Roasters*.

## Second Pink Day June 1 at DCM Garden Center

The second annual DCM Landscaping 'Pink Day' is right around the corner!

Sunday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. DCM Garden Center, which is located at 500 S. Front Street in Odell, will be hosting its second 'Pink Day'.

"We started doing this last year because we have a lot of family and friends who have had cancer, ranging from breast, colon, leukemia, brain, and so on. We wanted to do something unique to raise money so we started doing Pink Day! We donate 10% of our sales that day to the event, and have a lot of friends and family members who pitch in to help out," explains Lindsay Fearman, who owns DCM Landscaping with her husband.

During this special day for a special cause, everyone is encouraged to bring friends and family to enjoy this fun-filled day and to raise money for the American Cancer Society and Breast Cancer Research. There are free activities for the children, such as a bouncy house, face painting, picture coloring to hang in the shop, and more.

In addition, there will be a group from Peoria called "The Unique Twist". They are a twisting crew who make balloon animals and designs. They will be at Pink Day from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will *twist* a balloon into just about anything for a donation to the pink event.

Also on the list of events for the day are a bake sale, a couple raffles, a bags game, and a washer game.

Lunch will be provided, free of charge, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For a donation, people can get manicures, 5 minute massages, make up done, and photos in a photo booth from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

They will have pink flower pots for a small fee where you get to pot the flowers and take them home, if you have one from last year you can come re-pot them for a discount.

The raffle will take place at 2:45 p.m. and you do not need to be present to win. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a few silent auction items. Currently, there are 78 raffle items up for grabs. They range from restaurant gift certificates, work out sessions, gift baskets, sporting event tickets and decorations.

Two pair of Maui Jim sunglasses (one pair men and one pair women) and Cubs tickets are available on the silent auction.

Come on out with your friends and family for a day full of events. Last year the day brought in \$4,000 in donations for a great cause and all while providing a fun time!

For any questions or comments, please contact DCM Landscaping at (815)-867-7184.

by Peggy Hanna

## The Evolution of a Bird Nerd

As a self-proclaimed "Bird Nerd", I get asked more often than not: Why do I like birds so much? Well, as a wildlife photographer, finding subjects to shoot in the wild is hit and miss. I do a lot of research on prospective animals to learn their behaviors, but that only gets you so far. I know when, where and how to find my subjects but they are not wanting to meet me. So, let's say I was wanting to take a photo of a raccoon, for instance: I can only prepare in advance by traveling to a prospective area at the right time of day to increase my chances. Finding a random raccoon is very very slim, unless I saw one at the same place in the past, but that doesn't mean much. Raccoons don't stay at any particular location for too long unless they have a den. What I can always rely on is birds. Birds are everywhere. I began shooting birds out of sheer boredom at a location I had been for hours. Nothing was happening. I heard some birds overhead in the trees, so I pointed my camera up to find the source of the noise. When I focused on my first bird (a cardinal), I found it very difficult since they are much smaller than most animals I was accustomed to and very fast. My lens focus was going nuts because I had a hard time tracking the bird bouncing from limb to limb. The bird wouldn't keep still, so I kept trying to track him, but then he flew off. I discovered that "boring birds" are not so boring. They are a skill for master photographers. I was hooked. Honing my photography skills on birds can really be a benefit so I went looking for birds, any bird. I started seeking out birds and found plenty. I found the usual Robins, Goldfinches, Grackles, Bluejay, an occasional hawk, but then I found one I had never seen before, so I came home and jumped on the internet to try and identify it. It was a Wood

Thrush. I had never heard of such a thing, which got me excited. I love nothing better than to find something I had never shot before, and birds were now a new discovery; a whole new world. I needed to get out there and find more species I have never seen. There must be more! There were so many more! I fell in love with the colors, and the markings, and the details! Birds are beautiful! I started keeping a list of birds I have photographed. Then it hit me: I am becoming a "Birder". I had to admit it, the symptoms were all there. I confess that being a nerd of the birding kind, is an addiction.



One of my favorites (I have sooo many) is the Scarlet Tanager, featured here. They grace us with their beauty every Spring, but most continue northward for mating after a quick stopover. They are truly in a class by themselves with that scarlet red hue. It is actually difficult to shoot them in sunlight because the scarlet goes "flat", meaning the cameras processor has a hard time interpreting the color correctly. The cameras interpretation is orange-ish and without detail sometimes. It can be frustrating, but it is just another skill to add to my cap, which is another reason the Scarlet Tanager is one of my faves.

Here are some facts about the Scarlet Tanager:

Scarlet Tanagers have been recorded eating over 2,000 gypsy moth caterpillars in an hour.

The song of the Scarlet Tanager has been compared to that of a "robin with a sore throat."

They become noisy and swoop around most birds who prey on them, such as Blue Jays and Eastern Screech owls, however they remain still and quiet around Merlins and American Crows.

A group of tanagers are collectively known as a "season" of tanagers.

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TROOP 77 AND TROOP 201 HONORED VETERANS at Oak Lawn Cemetery May 17 by placing flags on their gravesites. Pictured above, are: front row, 1 to r: Chaz Kratochvil, Cody Lee, Nicholas Kester, Maurice Fleetwood, Joey Scott, Darius Webster and Dylan Lee.

Second row, 1 to r: Chuck Brady, Brandon Brandt, Ryan Scott, Bob DeMarse, Donna Roland, Bob Weller, Ray Gannaway. Back row, 1 to r: Charlie Kratochvil, Duane Brant, Mike Montalbano, Tom Ivey, Ed O'Neil, Randall Farris and Bill Hemenover. Photo by Mark Boma



OBITUARIES

Lee Ward

GLENDALE, ARIZONA – Lee Ward, 44, passed away in Glendale, Arizona of natural causes Thursday, May 15, 2014.

A celebration of Lee's life was held at the home of his uncle, Jim Moyemont, Sunday, May 18, in Peoria, Arizona.

Lee was an organ donor, and cremation rites were accorded.

Lee was born October 31, 1969 to former Dwight residents, Colleen (Moyemont) and Fred Ward. He resided with his parents, his children, and constant companion, Bitty Kitty.

He is survived by his parents; children, Alex and Tatum Ward; and brother, Jeremy (Kris) Ward of Albany, New York.

Other survivors include aunts and uncles: Jim (Julie) Moyemont; Gary Seabert; Kathy Moyemont (Art) Bunting; David Moyemont; John "J.T." (Mary) Moyemont; and Carol Moyemont (Larry) Flud; and many cousins and friends.

Lee was preceded in death by a son, Jacob Ward;

his grandparents, Paul and Gretchen Moyemont; his aunt, Mary Moyemont Seabert; his uncle, Michael Moyemont; and his grandfather, Art Clausen.

Lee was a beautician for many years in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated from high school in Belen, New Mexico; attended the University of New Mexico; and graduated from Beauty School in Glendale, Arizona.

He loved to read and learn as much about anything he could, and was great to have on a trivia team. It was a great experience to watch Jeopardy with Lee! He could carry on a conversation with anyone about anything. He loved his family more than anything in the world, including Bitty Kitty.

He will be greatly missed by his Mother, Father, children, his brother, Bitty Kitty, family and friends.

Memorials may be made to Lee's children, Alex and Tatum Ward.

Condolences may be sent to HagerMemorial.com

L. Jean Bunting

MAZON – L. Jean Bunting, 80, of Mazon passed away Friday, May 23, 2014 at 12:58 p.m. at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Born October 21, 1933 in Goodfarm Township, she was the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Wilkey Black. She married James Oelschlager May 3, 1952. He preceded her in death. She later married Clarence Bunting May 23, 1980 in Marshall, Texas. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Kenneth J. (Bonnie) Oelschlager of Fairbury; three daughters: Debra (Jay) Walsh of Kinsman; and Beth Wilson and Becky Fuller, both of Mazon.

Also surviving are one brother, Kenneth L. (Lisa) Black of Glasgow, Kentucky; and four sisters: Peggy Richie of Cardiff; Juanita (Richard) Cable of Mazon; Linda Oster of Godley; and Shirley Nelson of Glasgow, Kentucky.

Her grandchildren: Jeramie (Chris) Clay, Tim (Tina) Kuster, Mike (Tammy) Kuster, Jamie Wilson, Robby (Tiffany) Carver, Tammy Fuller, Cathy Carver, Tommy Oelschlager,



Tonya (Bobby) Crego and Billie Oelschlager; 11 step-grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren also survive.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

A waitress at various restaurants in the Mazon and Pontiac areas, she enjoyed feeding and watching her birds and squirrels. She was an avid reader and enjoyed genealogy. She was a Sunday School teacher and Girl Scout leader.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pontiac.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, at Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac, with Reverend Gretchen Stinebaugh officiating.

Burial: Sunny Slope Cemetery, Saunemin.

Visitation was Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. before the service.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Pontiac; or Just Animals Shelter, Mazon.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at: duffyfuneralhome.com

Pearl Leona Carter-Morrison

DWIGHT – Pearl Leona Carter-Morrison, 85, formerly of Dwight and now residing in Arizona, passed away peacefully Saturday evening, May 24, 2014 at Paradise Valley Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

A Celebration of Life will be at 1 p.m., also at the Memorial Home.

Burial will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Pearl was born March 26, 1929 in Gardner to Tracy and Mary Lauridsen Storm. She was married to Jesse Carter and Jerry Morrison, both of whom preceded her in death.

She is survived by three daughters: Barbara Newman of Glendale, Arizona; Debra (Mick) Elliott of Phoenix, Arizona; and GayLynn (Randy) Moore of Byron, Illinois; seven sons: Jesse (Mary) Carter of Pontiac, Illinois; Fred (Dena) Carter, Joe Carter, and Mike (Colleen) Carter, all of Byron, Illinois; John

Childress of South Bend, Indiana; Vernon (Lisa) Baer of Cottageville, South Carolina; and Kenneth (Tracy) Frickson of Rockton, Illinois.

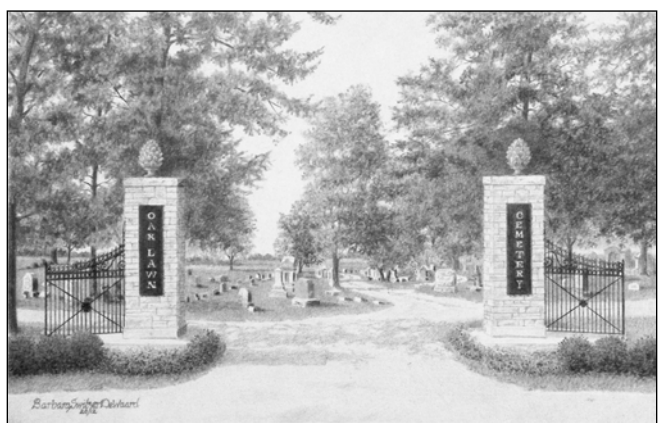
Also surviving are one sister, Lorraine Wilholt, and one brother, Robert (Connie) Storm, both of Gardner, Illinois; 26 grandchildren; one step-grandchild; 30 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Jerry Early of Phoenix, Arizona; and her two beloved dogs.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; four children; one son-in-law; and nine siblings.

Pearl worked many years at several restaurants as a cook. Her greatest joy in life was taking care of her large family. They meant everything to her. When her family all grew, her two puppies became her babies.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

On-line condolences may be made at: www.hagermemorial.com



Promising Progress Made in Oak Lawn Cemetery Project

In October, a project was started to construct a new entrance and a way of identification for Oak Lawn Cemetery in Dwight. The previous entrance gates (Which were donated in 1887 in memory of Civil War Vets) were demolished about five years ago and according to cemetery law, must be replaced.

The progress made so far includes the foundation being completed with concrete blocks and construction 4.5 feet deep, which is filled in with concrete. Black granite slabs were ordered and delivered from Italy and engraved locally, by the Grieff's Precious Monuments at their cost. Blue stone from Indiana was ordered and delivered, and is in the process of being laid this week. In addition, the old iron gates were refurbished by Larry Seabert at TechNiKolor at his cost.

A new friend to the project, Tyler Cockerham, has offered to design the landscaping as part of a school project in Landscaping and Turf Management at Joliet Junior College. John Harner, the sexton, and some young volunteers will help in the digging and planting. The decorative finials for the tops of the pillars are something to look forward to in the future and are a project in and of themselves.

"On behalf of the board of directors of the Oak Lawn Cemetery and myself, we would like to thank those who gave to this project, it will be appreciated by many future generations to come," says Scott Hager.

Further donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to Oak Lawn Improvement Fund, 201 W. Mazon Ave. in Dwight, IL 60420.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF ) NO. 14-P-53  
HARLEY E. SCHMITT )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE is given of the death of Harley E. Schmitt of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 14, 2014, to Wayne E. German and William H. Wilkey, 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 a representative, or both, by not later than November 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 a representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

**NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES**  
Notice is given to unknown heirs of Harley E. Schmitt including the descendants of John Schmitt, the descendants of Mary Schmitt, the descendants of William Wright, and the descendants of Cecelia Wright, who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on May 10, 2014, admitting the will to probate.  
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act on 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).  
You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

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**Minutes with Boma**

**An American Holiday**

No days off for *The Paper*. My mom always laughs when people say "what, you work on Memorial Day?" Or any other holiday for that matter, she really works every day year round to make sure *The Paper* happens properly and can be enjoyed by its readers. Even for those people who are working today, it's a great chance to thank all the people who serve this country and those who have served this country. Without those people a lot of us wouldn't get the chance to do a lot of things that we enjoy. I've seen some posts online that say this isn't National BBQ Day, it's a day to remember those who have fought and those who are fighting, and I agree. I also think it's a chance to realize how blessed we all are to live in a country where we can have opportunities to have a holiday like this. This day just kind of sums up what America is all about really. We have really awesome people who put their lives on the line to make sure the rest of us can do things like have BBQs with our friends and families (or work if that's what you end up doing.) It really encompasses everything that is America. I think if they set off fireworks on Memorial Day it would be the most American Holiday, but I think that the 4th of July still probably takes the cake as far as the most American Holiday goes. It'd be an interesting debate if you really wanted to break it down and try to analyze which holiday is the most American. Interestingly enough, Casimir Pulaski is actually a really American Holiday although it's named after a guy who wasn't even from this country. Those are just some thoughts on the holiday that really jumpstarts the summer. Hope you all enjoyed your Memorial Day, ate some good food, and gave thought to those who are protecting and those who have protected this country.

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PLAINTIFF vs. RESTINA M. TRIPP; VILLAGE OF DWIGHT; DEFENDANT T13 CH 6

Address: 207 E. Pollard Ave. Dwight, Illinois 60420 Judge Bauknecht

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 26, 2013, I, Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois, will on June 24, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL, 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$83,413.55

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 312-541-9710 telephone. Please refer to file number IL 12 4928.

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# SPORTS

## Daly Galloway of Dwight Finishes Third, Sixth in State Track Finals

Daly Galloway of Dwight Township High School finished second in the first heat of the 1600m run at the Class A state meet on May 22. Her prelim. time of 5:12.32 qualified her to race in the finals on Saturday, May 24.

Her performance was a new personal best by 3.5 seconds. She also competed in the 3200m run on the EIU track.

After two state final races in the 3200 and 1600 meter run, Daly finished with two tremendous performances and two state medals. She ran a new personal best time of 11:07.61 in the 3200 meter run to finish in third place.

Her last lap was quite an adventure at the beginning of the eighth lap. She was tripped and fell losing 3-4 seconds to the runners with her at the time. Daly never gave up and passed all three of her competitors, the last one 10 yards from the finish line to earn her the third place medal.

In the 1600 meter final with tired legs, Daly ran within one second of her personal best from Thursday prelims to earn a sixth place medal with a 5:13.22 time. She competed with the desire, heart and courage that she has shown the entire season.

Congratulations Daly!



Daly Galloway



## DGS TRACK RESULTS

The Redbirds competed in the Class A State Track meet in East Peoria. Individual results are as follows:

**Girls -**  
Lucy Rieke: shot, 21st, 27'1/2"; discus, 24th, 69'8".

Julie Ramsey: hurdles, 49th, 18.84.

Abby Edwards: 1:07.56 in the 400.

The seventh grade girls' 4x200 team placed 28th with a time of 2:06.10. Members are: Chloe Butterbrodt, Carli Schlabowske, Katy Edwards and Reece Mortensen.

The eighth grade girls' 4x200 team placed 34th with a time of 2:02.92.

Members are: Abby Edwards, Julie Ramsey, Isabel Morales, LynnDee Hale and Haley Cummings as the alternate.

**Boys -**  
Peyton Byerley: shot, 10th, 34'10 1/2".

Elijah McCullough: shot, 24th, 32'11 1/2"; discus, 32nd, 84'.

J.C. Santos: 400, 39th, 1:04.84.

Payton Christoff: 400, 46th, 1:06.7.

Dan Muller: 800, 48th, 2:28.92.

The eighth grade 4x400 team of Caleb Granby, Blake Hill, Christoff and Santos came in 50th with a time of 4:31.84.



## DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Friday, May 16

### Girls at Seneca Sectional

Dwight took part in the Seneca Sectional on May 16, coming in fifth place out of 16 teams, with a score of 43. Individual results are as follows:

3200m relay: Savannah Baldauf, Daly Galloway, Kitrina Hayner, Tori Hayner, 3rd, 10:51.90.

3200m run: Galloway, 1st, 11:11.56.

400m dash: Taylor Richie, 5th, 1:03.62.

1600m run: Galloway, 1st, 5:21.32.

1600m relay: Baldauf, Marlana Ferrari, Galloway, K. Hayner, 4th, 4:31.69.

High jump: Ferrari, 3rd, 4'8".

Long jump: Alison Kirk,

4th, 15'8".

Discus: Harley Ledwa, 6th, 85'.

Friday, May 23

### Boys at Seneca Sectional

The Trojans took part in the Seneca Sectional meet on Friday night, with several season and personal bests, and three state qualifiers, including:

• Michael Bennett, 400, 51.0.

• Nathan Ruffatti, Bennett, Blaine Livingston, Mitch Fransen, 4x800, 8:21.95.

• Bennett, B. Livingston, Fransen, Conor Livingston, 4x400, 3:28.96.

"The boys gave an awesome performance and we are proud of all our athletes for a job well done," Coach Lane said of his squad.



Ryan Beier



First Row: Dan Muller; JC Santos; Abby Edwards; Payton Christoff. Second Row: LynnDee Hale; Hayley Cummings; Coach "O"; Julie Ramsey; Isabel Morales; Caleb Granby; Coach Gettinger; Coach Wargo. Back Row: Coach Stolzy; Katy Edwards; Carli Schlabowske; Reece Mortensen; Chloe Butterbrodt; Lucy Rieke; Blake Hill; Peyton Byerley. Not pictured: Elijah McCullough.

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**DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL**

**Tuesday, May 20  
Dwight vs. Donovan  
Regional Semi-Final  
Varsity -**

Dwight opened up regional play on May 20 with a 14-3 win over Donovan.

Hannah Trainor was credited with the win, striking out nine batters in five innings of work.

Jessi Butterfield led the charge on offense, going 4-4 with four RBI and three runs scored. Megan VanAmburgh had three hits, an RBI and three runs scored. Dezi Leonard and Quinn Bossert were each 2-3, driving in four runs, while Leonard had two doubles and scored three times. Ashley Fox had a hit and an RBI. Amber Curl added a hit and a run scored. Also scoring for the Lady Trojans were Summer Schuler and Jayne Tyler.

"I thought we were very disciplined at the plate and found our pitches to hit today," stated Coach Black. "We were patient and hit the ball hard. Hannah did a great job on the mound and our defense did a great job backing her up. It feels like our bats are really coming around at the right time of the year."

**Saturday, May 24  
Dwight vs. St. Anne  
Varsity -  
Regional Championship**

The Lady Trojans captured the Iroquois West Class 1A Regional with a

10-0 victory over St. Anne on Saturday.

Hannah Trainor picked up the win, going five innings and giving up just one hit, no walks and striking out nine.

"Hannah did a fantastic job today in the circle," said head coach Erik Black. "She changed her speeds well and hit her spots all morning. The defense played well behind her today, we did not commit an error and Ashley Fox made a great running catch in center field."

Hitting for Dwight was Amber Curl, who went 2-3 with a triple, an RBI and two runs scored. Amy Ruder had two hits on the day, driving in a run and also scoring a run. Fox was 2-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Dezi Leonard smacked an RBI double. Libby Beyer, Jessi Butterfield and Trainor all added hits, RBI and runs scored.

"Our girls played very well in the regional tournament," Black added. "We were excited about our defense and the way we hit the ball. We also were very aggressive on the base paths, which put a lot of pressure on the teams we played."

This is the Lady Trojans' third regional championship in the last four years. They faced off against their rivals, GSW, in post-season play on Tuesday.



**DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL**

**Monday, May 19  
Dwight vs. Newark  
Serena Regional  
Varsity -**

The Trojans jumped out to an early lead on Newark and captured a 10-3 win in regional action on May 19.

Dwight put up seven runs in the first three innings; a two-out, two-run single by Drew Jensen, RBI singles by Karsen Kopmann and Chris Peck, and an eventual grand slam by Ryan Gaston during the second inning helped close the deal early.

Aaron Wyllie had three doubles and two RBI in the game, doubling twice in the second and once in the fourth.

Newark had no answer for Owen Pulver, who picked up the win allowing just one earned run on one hit and two walks, striking out five.

**Wednesday, May 21  
Dwight vs. Somonauk  
Serena Regional  
Varsity -**

Dwight saw their season come to a close on May 21, as they were defeated 4-1 by #1 seeded Somonauk.

Chris Peck both hit and pitched well for the Trojans, but too many walks, coupled with Dwight leaving too many men on base, eventually led to the loss.

Somonauk managed just two hits off of Peck, who allowed a walk and a run scored, striking out three. Ryan Gaston was hit with the loss in the end, giving up three runs on three walks and two hit batsmen, striking out three.

The third inning saw the Trojans' only run of the day, on an RBI single by Drew Jensen.

Dwight left a total of six runners on base.



**GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL**

**Tuesday, May 20  
GSW vs. Iroquois West  
Varsity -**

The Panthers and Iroquois West met on May 20, with GSW coming out on top, 3-0.

Connor Hays picked up the win, while Brendan Elens and Blake Marks both dominated during their time on the mound.

"Seeing our pitching throw some quality innings is a good feeling going into regionals and we need to keep it rolling," said Coach Grieff.

Scott Horrie had two big hits, one a two-run double, for the Panther offense. Davidson, Robinson, Elens, Hays, Braden Marks and Mike Wise all added hits.

Grieff added that he's "very proud of what our young group of kids have been able to accomplish in their first real varsity season playing together."

**Thursday, May 22  
GSW vs. Serena  
Varsity -  
Regionals**

Sophomore Scott Horrie continued his role as Mr. Clutch, as his two-run hit in the bottom of the seventh helped the Panthers come from behind and get a 7-6 regional win over Serena, and a chance to play for the regional title.

Kyle Robison, Jeremy Kunz, Braden Marks and Jack Davidson all had good nights at the plate. Davidson manufactured a much needed run in the sixth mostly on his own: stealing second; stealing third; and letting Kunz knock him in.

"We won the game and this is what we want," said Coach Grieff. "But as a team, we need to get back to the basics with our fielding - as the six errors we had cost us several runs."

Brendan Elens started the

game on the mound for GSW, with Blake Marks coming in relief, giving up six runs, one of which was earned.

"We have to play fundamental ball, which begins with solid defense," Grieff added. "Regardless, I am so proud of these kids and thankful that I could be part of such a great game with our kids never giving up. We have our hands full moving into the championship. All we can do is clean things up, play our best ball, and hope for a chance to come out on top."

**Saturday, May 24  
GSW vs. Somonauk  
Varsity -  
Regional Championship**

GSW came out on top of Somonauk, 4-3, to take the regional title.

Blake Marks got the win for the Panthers, allowing three runs on two walks and four hits over seven innings, striking out seven.

Jack Davidson reached base twice, scoring two runs and knocking in one.

Somonauk attempted to rally in the fourth, but Marks was too tough on the mound and brought the inning to a close with a strikeout.

GSW put up two runs in the fifth, sparked by a Davidson single that brought home Jordan Wilkey, followed by a Kyle Robison single that plated Davidson.

"What a win, what a game, what a regional!" Coach Grieff exclaimed after the game. "This is a new, young team that has really begun to gel. They now know that as a team we can play, we can win, and anything is possible. Time to enjoy the win and get back to business."

GSW will square off against Chicago Lutheran North on Thursday in the Putnam County regional.



GSWB's 8TH GRADE SECTIONAL TRACK CHAMPIONS, pictured, l to r, are Bryce Brannock, Josh Pearson, Walker Eutsey, Logan Gouwens, Ethan Haywood. Not pictured: Josh Beegle and Calvin Croy.

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- Field Event Award: Walker Eutsey
- MVP: Logan Gouwens

- 8th Grade Girls -**
- Long Distance Award: Mariah Anderson
  - Sprint Award: Kaylee Steichen

- Field Event Award: Kaylee Steichen
- MVP: Kaylee Steichen

- 7th Grade Girls -**
- Long Distance Award: Zoe Klingberg
  - Sprint Award: Kayli Olson
  - MVP: Kayli Olson

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### TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASEBALL

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**Regional Quarterfinal Varsity -**

The Chargers knocked off Christ Lutheran, 13-1, in the regional quarterfinal on May 19, advancing to play Iroquois West at Cissna Park.

Zach Taylor got the "W,"

after being one of five Tri-Point pitchers to see mound time in the match-up. He allowed one hit and struck out two in one inning of work.

At the plate, Jake Dulek went 2-3 with a double, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Josh Flessner was 1-1 with a double, two RBI and a run scored.

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Approximately 9 p.m.

June 14: Daddy Day Care  
July 12: The Little Mermaid  
\*Inflatables and Fun Night, as well  
August 9: Lassie

## -Swimming Lessons-

\$30 for Members • \$40 for non-members

Session I: Weekdays June 16 - June 27

Make-up days June 30 and July 1

Session II: Weekdays July 7 - July 18

Make-up days July 21 and July 22

9:30-10:20

10:30-11:20

11:30-12

Level 3

Level 3

12-12:30

Level 5

Level 4

Levels 1 and 2

### -Level One-

#### Introduction to Water Skills

Enter and exit water safely; submerge mouth, nose, and eyes; exhale underwater through mouth and nose; open eyes underwater; pick up submerged object; change direction while walking or paddling; roll over from front to back and back to front with support; explore floating on front and back with support; explore swimming on front and back using arm and leg actions with support; use a life jacket.

### -Level Two-

#### Fundamental Aquatic Skills

Enter water by stepping or jumping from the side; exit water safely using ladder of side; submerge entire head; blow bubbles submerging head in a rhythmic pattern (bobbing); open eyes underwater; pick up a submerged object in shallow water; float on front and back; perform front and back glide; change direction of travel paddling on front or back; roll over from front to back, back to front; tread water using arm and leg motions (chest-deep water); swim on front, back, and side using combined arm and leg actions; move in the water while wearing a life jacket.

### -Level Three-

#### Stroke Development

Jump into deep water from the side; dive from kneeling or standing position; submerge and retrieve an object in chest deep water; bob with the head fully submerged; rotary breathing in horizontal position; perform front and back glide using two different kicks; float on front and back in deep water; change from horizontal to vertical position on front and back; tread water using hand and leg movements; perform front and back crawl; butterfly-kick and body motion; perform the HELP and Huddle position.

### -Level Four-

#### Stroke Improvement

Perform a dive from a standing or stride position; swim underwater; perform feet-first surface dive; perform open turns on front and back; tread water using sculling arm motions and with different kicks; swim on side using scissors-like kick; perform compact jump into water from a height while wearing a life jacket; perform the following: front and back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly and elementary backstroke.

### -Level Five-

#### Stroke Refinement

Perform the following: standing dive; shallow dive, glide two body lengths and begin any front stroke; tuck surface dive; pike surface dive; front flip turn; backstroke flip turn; front and back crawl; butterfly; breaststroke; elementary backstroke and sidestroke. Tread water with two different kicks and learn survival swimming.



**CAL SCHULTZ** winds up and fires during PONY League action. Dwight One took on Gardner at Renfrew Park, Dwight on May 24.



**HAYDEN TJELLE** winds up and fires as Dwight One PONY league team takes on Gardner, Saturday, May 24 at Renfrew Park in Dwight.



**JOEY MORALES**, pitching for Gardner, took the mound against Dwight.

## Dwight Bronco Baseball Results

On May 20, *The Paper* team folded to undefeated Seneca.

Mason Tjelle pitched four hitless innings, striking out ten of the 16 batters he faced, and was the sole reason Dwight stayed in the game, according to Coach Beier.

However, in the fourth, Tjelle began to wear down. And a pop-fly error would eventually allow two Seneca runs to score, and they wouldn't look back.

Carson Crouch and Hudson Beier combined to pitch the last two innings.

The lack of run support cut *The Paper's* chances against a good-pitching Seneca team.

Gathering hits for Dwight were Camden Beier, Tjelle, Dustin Hauert, and Landon Brown. Tjelle was the only player to score.

Rylan Bovelle, Cyrus Rittenhouse, Jarret Jancek, Jaxson Tarnowski and Andrew Kapper all reached base safely for *The Paper*.

The coaching staff was pleased with the efforts of the boys though, and commended them for battling hard against a good team.

## Dwight Diamonds Baseball Results

The Dwight Diamonds fell to Beecher on May 18, 16-4 - a lack of defense and hitting hurting the young Dwightites.

Only three Diamonds batters hit safely in the game, with Daniel Ford leading the way going 2-3 and scoring once. Camden Beier was 1-2, scoring once. Dillon Sarff went 1-3. Hudson Beier and Jake Partney also scored. Partney, Dalton Galloway and Ethan Mack reached on walks.

Dwight was leading 5-2 after three innings, but that's when Beecher hit the sand off

the ball and the Diamonds defense crumbled.

Camden Beier pitched the first two innings, allowing one hit, two walks and one earned run, striking out two. Hudson Beier would pitch two frames in relief, giving up six unearned runs on three hits, two walks and three strikeouts. Emmett Emmons finished the contest on the mound, giving up seven runs, one earned, on four hits and a walk.

The Diamonds traveled to Shorewood over Memorial Day weekend.

## GSW Bronco Baseball Results

**Monday, May 12**

**GSW vs. Jeremy's Barber Shop**

GSW edged out Jeremy's Barber Shop by a score of 6-5 on May 12.

Chris Ruiz, Nolan Perkins, Kade Kociss, Ty Halpin, Brandon States, Gabe Alvarez and Ty Johnson all recorded hits for GSW.

**Tuesday, May 13**

**GSW vs. Dwight 2**

GSW improved to 4-1 after an 11-1 win over Dwight 2 on May 12.

Brandon States took the mound for the first time this year and allowed just five hits and one unearned run.

Coach Kociss said, "Brandon did a great job his first time out this season and just got better as the game went on. Our defense continues to look terrific."

Hits for GSW were by Michael Ashley and Cameron Carpenter.

**Monday, May 19**

**GSW vs. Elwood**

On May 19, GSW defeated Elwood, 12-2, in Gardner.

Caydan Landry started for GSW, going 2 1/2 innings, giving up only two runs. Chris Ruiz came on in relief to close the game.

Singles were recorded on offense by Nolan Perkins and Kade Kociss. Ty Halpin knocked a double.

The next day, GSW topped Morris 3 by a score of 10-1, behind a complete game from Connor Steichen.

"Connor pitched a gem of a game for us tonight," said Coach Kociss. The only hit Steichen gave up in the contest came in the top of the fifth inning.

Hits for GSW came from Steichen, Brandon States and Wilton Jackman.

GSW improves to 6-1 on the season.

## Tuesdays are for the Fans at Silver Cross Field

The Joliet Slammers, presented by ATI Physical Therapy, happily announce that \$2 Tuesdays are returning for every Tuesday home game in 2014, where fans can get a reserved seat ticket for just two dollars.

In addition to the \$2 tickets, the Slammers will also offer additional \$2 concession and merchandise deals on Tuesdays throughout the

season. Tuesday games begin at 7:05 p.m. and include: May 27, June 10, June 17, July 22, August 12, August 19, August 26, and September 2. Kids can also run the bases after each game.

For more information, visit the Slammers online at [www.jolietlammers.com](http://www.jolietlammers.com) or call the ticket office at 815-722-2287.



# GSW Softball Regional Champions!



## GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

**Tuesday, May 20**  
**GSW vs. St. Francis de Sales**

**Grant Park Regional Varsity -**

The Lady Panthers kicked off regional action with a bang, scorching St. Francis, 16-0, behind another Emily Foley no-hitter in Grant Park on May 20.

Foley, now 18-6 overall, struck out 12 in five innings of work, giving up zilch in the hits column.

"I loved the way Emily pitched tonight," said Coach Posing. "She was terrific and one error away from a perfect game."

At the plate, Maranda Residori went 3-4 with a double, a three-run home run, four RBI and three runs scored. Kylie King was 2-4 with a three-run homer, three RBI and three runs scored. Lexi Posing went a perfect 3-3 with a triple, two RBI and three runs scored. Sophie Barna was 3-4 with a run scored and two RBI. Foley added three RBI on a 2-4 night.

"This was a good way to start regionals," Posing added, "but from here on out, every game will be tough."



**GSW-BRACEVILLE STATE QUALIFIERS** pictured here, front row, l to r, are Kayli Olson (400m, 4x200 relay), Mariah Anderson (4x200 relay), Kaylee Steichen (100m, 200m, 4x200 relay, long jump), Destiny Leonard; back, l to r, Josh Pearson (4x400 relay), Walker Eutsey (4x400 relay, shot), Logan Gouwens (100m, 200m, 4x400 relay, long jump), Ethan Haywood (4x400 relay). Not pictured are: Calvin Croy (hurdles) and Cameron Klingler (shot, discus).

## Robert W. Stevenson Memorial Pool to Open

Saturday, May 31, the Robert W. Stevenson Memorial Pool is holding its annual registration drive from 9 A.M. until noon. Registration will be held downstairs at the Dwight Public Services Complex in the Village Hall.

Some of the activities offered that can be signed up for at the registration is: swimming lessons, Dolphin Swim Team, water aerobics and lap swimming.

Swimming lessons will be held in the month of June and again in the month of July. There are five different levels for the sessions.

Dolphin Swim Team is a competitive co-ed team for ages 18 and under.

Water aerobics will be held

weekly, Monday through Friday 7:00 to 7:45 A.M. and Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:40 P.M.

Lap swimming will be weekdays from 6:45 to 7:45 A.M.

Other exciting events will include Saturday Cinema, free movies will be shown on the pool lawn at dusk once a month in June, July and August.

Opening day will be Saturday, June 7 and will be open daily 1 to 5:30 P.M. and will have night swims from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. every day except Tuesday and Sunday.

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DTHS TOP TEN GRADUATES, RIGHT TO LEFT: Skyler Kern, Andrea Flynn, Butterfield, Amber Curl, Anna Stevenson and John Gardner. Nicole Murphy, Alyson Wiemken, Rebecca Holmes, Mjellma Asllani, Jessica

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## Dwight Township High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian



**Skyler Kern**  
Valedictorian

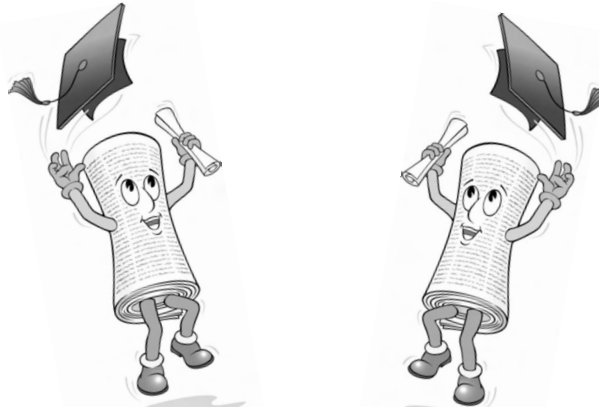
Skyler is the daughter of David and Kimberly Kern. During her 4 years at Dwight Township High School, Skyler participated in all divisions of the Band program. She was an active member of the Library Club, Spanish Club, Drama Club, and Mathletes team. Skyler is a member of the National Honor Society and was also selected in 2014 as an Illinois State Scholar. In the fall, Skyler will attend the University of St. Francis to study Psychology.



**Andrea Flynn**  
Salutatorian

Andrea is the daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn. During her 4 years at Dwight Township High School, Andrea participated in volleyball, FCCLA, Spanish Club, and was a member of the Mathletes team. She is a member of the National Honor Society and in 2014, she was selected as an Illinois State Scholar.

In the fall, Andrea will attend Illinois Wesleyan University to study Biological Sciences.



## Tri-Point High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian



**Dayna Moritz -**  
Valedictorian

Dayna is the daughter of Tony and Jodi Moritz. Dayna has been a member of the girls' volleyball, basketball and softball programs for four years. She plans to attend the University of Illinois and major in pre-veterinary animal sciences.



**Brooke Haag -**  
Salutatorian

Brooke is the daughter of Michael and Trisha Haag. Brooke has been a member of the girls' volleyball team and cheerleading squad for four years. She plans to attend Joliet Junior College and then transfer to a 4-year college in agriculture education.

## Gardner South-Wilmington High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian



**Samantha Schultz**  
Valedictorian.

Samantha will begin her post secondary education at Joliet Junior College where she will complete the necessary core classes for her associate's degree with a focus in public relations. She was awarded substantial scholarships from numerous organizations.

Samantha exhibits a true passion for life and learning. Her compassion and kindness towards the world models what we hope all students will strive for in their lives. She has excelled in all of her academic work and has an extensive list of awards showcasing these achievements.

During her four years at GSW she competed in Volleyball, Basketball and Pantherettes and is part of the River Valley Conference All-Academic Team. Her four year GPA stands at an outstanding 101.13. She is extremely polite, well-man-

nered, a brilliant bargain hunter and a highly respected member of the community.



**Natalie Cash**  
Salutatorian.

Natalie will be continuing her education at Olivet Nazarene University where she will study sciences while playing soccer.

During her time at GSW, Natalie has exemplified the work ethic of a true scholar. She is the captain of the soccer team, the secretary of the GSW Chapter of National Honor Society and is a member of both Students against Destructive Decisions and the Student Council. She has amassed over \$20,000 in scholarship money and maintained a GPA of 100.99 while still finding time to be a volunteer and leader in the community.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 14-05-01**

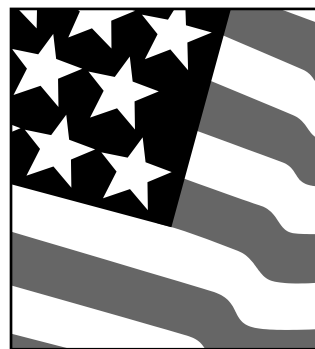
**ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ALLEN TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

For the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Allen Township Fire Protection District of LaSalle, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, BE IT ORDAINED by the District's President and Board of Trustees as follows:

SECTION I: The fiscal year for the fire protection district commences on the 1st day of May, 2014 and ends on the 30th day of April, 2015.

SECTION II: The following budget for the General Corporate Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

General Corporate Fund		
<b>Total Income and Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$132,491.86</b>
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2014	\$ 37,890.85	
State of Illinois	\$ 2,500.00	
LaSalle County Property Tax	\$ 74,919.72	
Livingston County Property Tax	\$ 9,715.66	
Grundy County Property Tax	\$ 7,165.63	
Interest from NOW Account	\$ 200.00	
Refunds	\$ 100.00	
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Administrative</b>		<b>\$ 1,905.00</b>
Membership Dues	\$ 155.00	
Postage and Supplies	\$ 500.00	
R and R Program	\$ 1,000.00	
Trustee Mileage and Expenses	\$ 250.00	
<b>Contingent Fund</b>		<b>\$ 1,667.75</b>
<b>Equipment Fund</b>		<b>\$ 18,700.00</b>
Apparatus Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	
Fire Equipment Purchases	\$ 5,000.00	
Fire Equipment Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	
Fuel and Oil	\$ 1,750.00	
Portable Equipment Maintenance	\$ 750.00	
Repairs to Apparatus and Equipment	\$ 2,500.00	
Hose and Ladder Testing	\$ 2,500.00	
SCBA Fit Testing	\$ 1,200.00	
<b>Legal Fund</b>		<b>\$ 3,800.00</b>
Attorney Fees	\$ 3,000.00	
Court Costs	\$ 100.00	
Publication and Printing	\$ 700.00	
<b>Licensing Fund</b>		<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
Licenses	\$ 500.00	
Vaccines & Medical Expenses	\$ 500.00	
<b>Station Fund</b>		<b>\$ 7,950.00</b>
Building Security System	\$ 600.00	
Building Supplies & Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	
Electricity	\$ 850.00	
Natural Gas	\$ 1,500.00	
Telephone	\$ 2,000.00	
Water Fund	\$ 500.00	
<b>Transfer to Other Funds</b>		<b>\$ 74,250.00</b>
Corporate Reserve	\$ 70,000.00	
Volunteer Fund	\$ 4,250.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$132,491.00</b>
<b>Transfers to other funds</b>		<b>\$ 74,250.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 35,022.75</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$ 23,219.11</b>



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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO: 2014-03 PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Gardner Fire Protection District of Grundy and Livingston Counties, has adopted an Ordinance establishing prevailing wage rates for construction laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works to be the same as those in Grundy and/or Livingston Counties, respectively, as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor. A copy of the full Ordinance and the Department of Labor determination(s) is available for inspection by any interested party at 206 Depot St. and the Gardner Village Hall, 302 N. Center St., Gardner, Illinois.

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By: Trustee/Secretary John Hollmeyer

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR THE DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection District general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, is hereby rescheduled to Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

Gary L. Marx  
Eric P. Stewart  
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Trustees, Dwight Fire Protection  
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## JITT Every Third Sunday in Morris

The JITT will be every third Sunday from May through October 2014, located behind the "Wendy's in Morris just south of I-80 on route 47. This is a garage sale, flea market etc. out of your trunk, truck, van/trailer, etc.

You bring your own tables to sell your misc. stuff, antiques, tools, lawn mowers, pets, household items, furniture, except no clothing or commercial vendors allowed. There is a \$10 donation per parking spot. Extra spots are also \$10 each. No refunds. All money goes to a local charity each month.

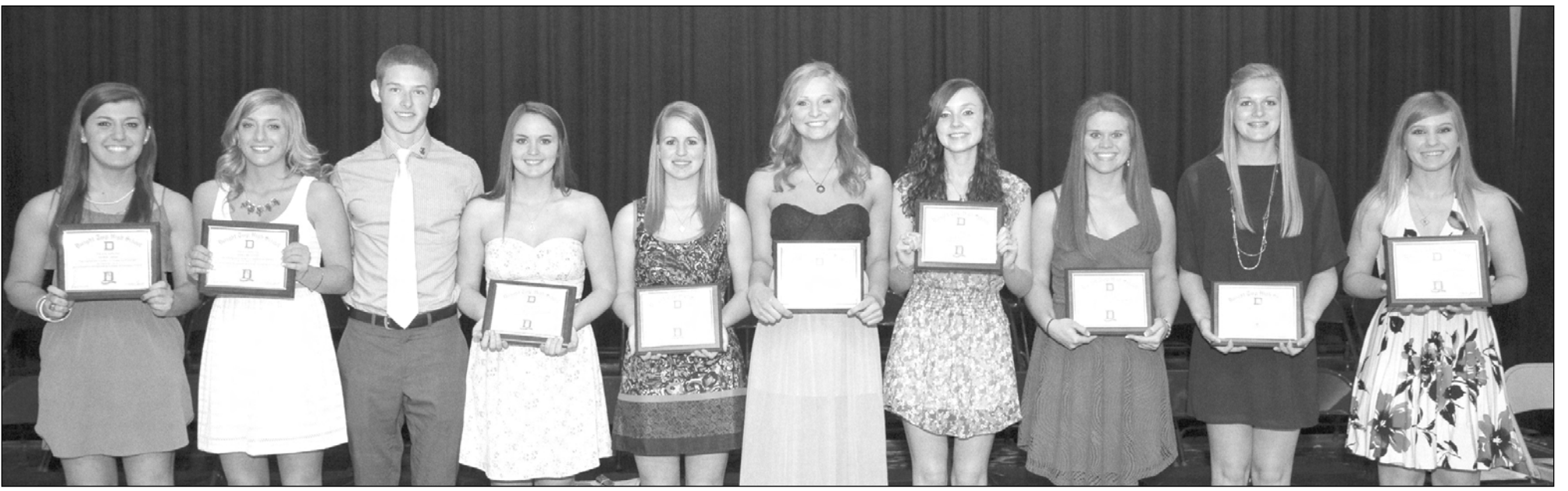
Inclement weather cancels this event. Hours are from 10-4. Set up time is 1 hour before start time. Normally JITT is on the third Sunday from April-October. There is also a JITT in downtown Morris on Saturday June 28th from 9-5 during the "Liberty Days Event." Call 815-942-2032 for more information or e-mail willis824@comcast.net

The next JITT will be on Sunday, June 15. Donations will be given to the Grundy County Historical Society.

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EARNING 4.0 FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR AT DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BOARD SCHOLARS ARE: left to right: Mjellma Asllani, Jessica Butterfield, Mitchell Fransen, Amanda Boys, Rebecca Holmes, Alyson Wiemken, Demi

Krug, Nicole Murphy, Andrea Flynn and Skyler Kern. They were recognized at the Senior Award Night May 18.

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### Dwight High School Senior Awards

**Academic Awards (Earning 3.5 GPA for 2013-14 School Year)** - Hannah Baker, Janessa Carman, Kathryn Castillo, Amber Curl, Sabrina DeMarse, Erica Flynn, Ryan Folkers, Andrew Froelich, John Gardner, Karsen Kopmann, Bryce Mortensen, Owen Perschnick, Savannah Schuler, Summer Schuler, Emily Soto, Hannah Trainor, Aaron Wyllie, and Danielle Young.

**Board Scholars (Earning 4.0 GPA for 2013-14 School Year)** - Mjellma Asllani, Amanda Boys, Jessica Butterfield, Andrea Flynn, Mitchell Fransen, Rebecca Holmes, Skyler Kern, Demi Krug, Nicole Murphy, Anna Stevenson, and Alyson Wiemken.

**President's Award** - Mjellma Asllani, Amanda Boys, Jessica Butterfield, Amber Curl, Andrea Flynn, Erica Flynn, Ryan Folkers, Mitchell Fransen, Andrew Froelich, John Gardner, Rebecca Holmes, Skyler Kern, Karsen Kopmann, Nicole Murphy, Savannah Schuler, Summer Schuler, Emily Soto, Anna Stevenson, Hannah Trainor, and Alyson Wiemken.

**Department Awards - Ag-** Anna Stevenson. **Art-** Karsen Kopmann. **Business-** Rebecca Holmes. **English-** Andrea Flynn. **FACS-** Ryan Bartz. **Industrial Arts-** Andrew Froelich, and Owen Perschnick. **Math-** Rebecca Holmes. **Physical Education-** Mitchell Fransen. **Science-** Skyler Kern. **Social Studies-**

**AP US History-** Andrew Froelich and Skyler Kern. **Spanish-** Jessica Butterfield. **Band John Phillip Sousa Award-** Mitchell Fransen. **Martin N. Nelson Award-** Abigail Groves. **Louis Armstrong Jazz Award-** Skyler Kern. **Carly Whitson Jazz Award-** Mitchell Fransen.

**State Scholars-** Andrea Flynn, Rebecca Holmes, Skyler Kern, Nicole Murphy, and Alyson Wiemken.

**Military Recognition-** Brandon VanAmburgh.

**A.B. Terwillegar Agriculture Scholarships-** Owen Perschnick and Jacob Snyder.

**Cathy and Lee Nelson Educational Scholarship-** Aaron Wyllie.

**Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship-** Andrea Flynn, Erica Flynn, Rebecca Holmes, Nicole Murphy, and Hannah Trainor.

**DAR Good Citizen Award-** Mitchell Fransen.

**DEA Scholarship-** Nicole Murphy.

**Dean Selmeyer Scholarship-** Mjellma Asllani.

**Dwight Bank Scholarship-** Andrea Flynn.

**Dwight Football Fanatics Scholarship-** August Rieke.

**Dwight Lions Club Scholarship-** Alyson Wiemken.

**Dwight Woman's Club Scholarship-** Jacob Snyder and Nicole Murphy.

**FFA Scholarship-** Owen Perschnick.

**Gertrude Terwillegar Scholarship-** Anna

**Stevenson.**

**Glenn W. Funk Memorial Scholarship-** Nicole Murphy.

**Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship-** Rebecca Holmes.

**James Slattery Memorial Scholarship-** Hannah Trainor.

**Marjorie Martin Scholarship-** Andrea Flynn and Erica Flynn.

**Rotary / R R Donnelley/JJC Foundation Scholarship-** Amanda Boys.

**RR Donnelley Scholarship-** Savannah Schuler and Summer Schuler.

**Steiniche Scholarship-** Andrea Flynn, Rebecca Holmes, Nicole Murphy and Anna Stevenson.

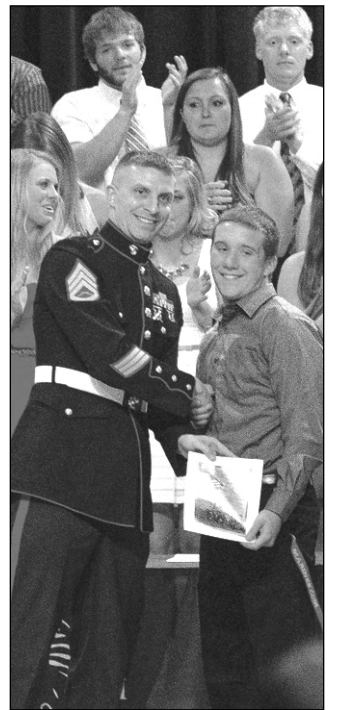
**Vicki Briner Memorial Scholarship-** Rebecca Holmes.

**American Legion Awards- Outstanding Citizen Award-** Nicole Murphy and Mitchell Fransen. **Honorable Mention-** Anna Stevenson and Owen Perschnick. **Band Award-** Skyler Kern. **Outstanding Athlete-** Alyson Wiemken and Karsen Kopmann.

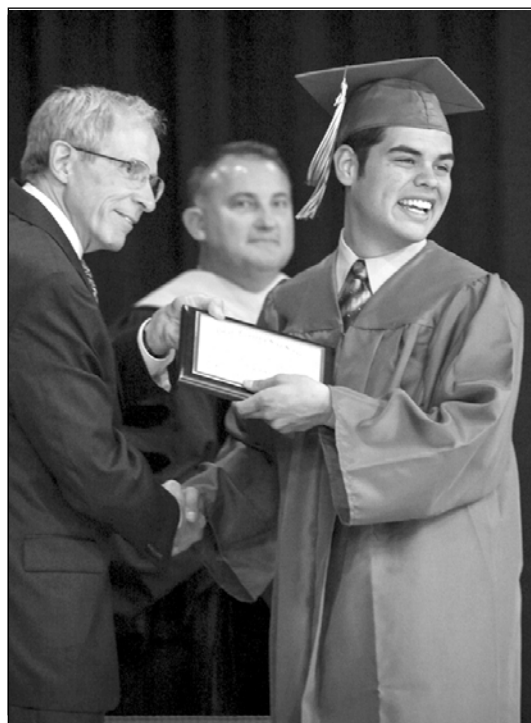
**PSAE Academic Excellence Award-** Maddie Bossert- Science. Andrea Flynn- Reading, Math and Science. Erica Flynn- Reading. Ryan Folkers- Reading. Mitchell Fransen- Mathematics. Andrew Froelich- Science. Skyler Kern- Reading, Math and Science. Karsen Kopmann- Math and Science. Savannah Schuler- Reading. Hannah Trainor- Reading. Danielle Young- Reading.



Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship - Rebecca Holmes



Military Recognition- Brandon VanAmburgh



At left Irvin Masching, DTHS School Board President, Dr. Richard Jancek, DTHS Grad Andrew Mireles, DTHS Grad Corie Gonzalez with her diploma



DTHS Chorus performed at the 2014 DTHS Graduation held Friday night in Kresl Memorial Gymnasium. photo by ShaylaLoring Photography



Maddie Bossert - 2014 DTHS Graduate



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## Daughters of the American Revolution Hosts Awards Program in Piper City

Governor Thomas Ford Chapter NSDAR hosted an Awards Program at the Piper City Community Building on May 3, for winners of the Junior American Good Citizens Contest and the American History Essay Contest.

Betty Carlson Kay, a retired teacher who taught in the Springfield school system for 34 years, presented her program, "Mother Bickerdyke, Civil War Nurse," to the students and their families. Kay recounted five years in the life of "Mother Bickerdyke." Bickerdyke was a young widow and mother living in Galesburg during the Civil War. She was nominated by members of her church to travel to Cairo with a load of food and supplies for the soldiers. The trip was to take two weeks at the most, but when she arrived, the need of her service led her to stay with her infantry until the

war was over.

Bickerdyke told of the day when Gen. William Sherman heard a complaint against her from his soldiers. He said if anyone wanted to complain about Mother Bickerdyke, they would have to go to President Lincoln, as he exclaimed, "She ranks me." Bickerdyke stayed with the Union soldiers and accompanied Sherman on his march to the sea. She was also allowed a place of honor in the victory parade in Washington, D.C., after the war, riding on a horse decorated with flowers, alongside Sherman.

Kay lives in Jacksonville with her husband, who pastors a church there. After retiring she took up writing books on the Lincolns and the Civil War. She travels about putting on these presentations as a means of promoting her books.

Carol George, American History Committee Co-

Chairman, received 56 essay entries at the Chapter level of the American History Contest. Students wrote on the topic, "Pretend you are a child during the colonial fight for freedom." Judging was based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

George presented the American History Awards to Liam Killian and Jacob Ager. Liam Killian, GCMS, won at the 5th grade division. His teacher is Mrs. Betty Goebel. Jacob Ager, PBL, won at the 7th grade division. His teacher is Mrs. Carol Camp. Both students' essays also won at the Division level.

Jan Monk, Junior American Citizens Committee Chairman, received 178 entries at the Chapter level of the contest. Students' projects focused on the

theme, "Honoring Our Heritage." Sixteen projects were chosen at the chapter level to be sent on the State level. Thirteen of those projects were sent on to the North Central Division level. From there, twelve of the projects were sent on to the National level. Nine of the students won at the National level.

Certificates were presented to the following Chapter Level winners: Poster Contest: Tabitha Jabaay, Tri-Point, 4th grade; Dallas Whelchel, GCMS, 5th grade; Chase Pondel, GCMS, 6th grade; Wyatt H. Yeazell, Tri-Point, 7th grade; Rebekah Carter, Tri-Point, 8th grade; Stamp Contest: Melanie Koester, GCMS, 5th grade; Jalen Cail, GCMS, 6th grade; Nathan Berrens, Tri-Point, 8th grade; Photo Essay: Ashton O'Dell, GCMS, 5th grade; Lauren Leonard, GCMS, 6th grade; Poem:

Peyton Leonard, GCMS, 4th grade; Isabel Eichelberger, GCMS, 5th grade; Elyssa Phillips, GCMS, 6th grade; Short Story: Anneliese Kerchenfaut, GCMS, 4th grade; Nathan Kallal, GCMS, 5th grade; Sierra Lynn Hileman, GCMS, 6th grade.

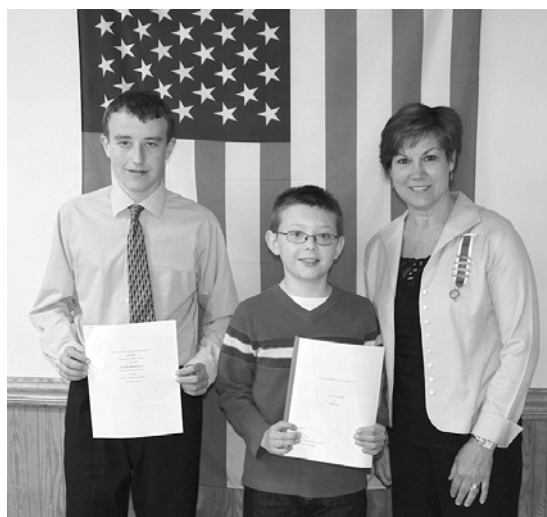
Trophies were presented to the State Level First Place winners: Poster Contest: Chase Pondel, Wyatt Yeazell; Stamp Contest: Melanie Koester, Nathan Berrens; Photo Essay: Ashton O'Dell, Lauren Leonard; Poem: Peyton Leonard, Isabel Eichelberger, Elyssa Phillips; Short Story: Anneliese Kerchenfaut, Nathan Kallal, Sierra Hileman.

Division Level First Place winners: Poster Contest: Chase Pondel, Wyatt Yeazell; Stamp Contest: Melanie Koester; Photo Essay: Ashton O'Dell,

Lauren Leonard; Poem: Peyton Leonard, Isabel Eichelberger, Elyssa Phillips; Short Story: Anneliese Kerchenfaut, Nathan Kallal, Sierra Hileman.

National Level winners: Stamp Contest: Melanie Koester, First Place; Photo Essay: Ashton O'Dell, Honorable Mention; Lauren Leonard, Second Place; Poem: Peyton Leonard, First Place; Isabel Eichelberger, First Place; Elyssa Phillips, First Place. Short Story: Anneliese Kerchenfaut, First Place; Nathan Kallal, First Place; Sierra Hileman, First Place.

"We are always impressed by the achievements and talents of the students. It was an honor to present the students with their awards. We thank each of the teachers who encouraged their students at GCMS, PBL and Tri-Point schools to enter the contests," George said.



Shown above are the AC chapter winners, left to right: Melanie Koester, Anneliese Kerchenfaut, Ashton O'Dell, Peyton Leonard, Isabel Eichelberger, Lauren Leonard, Wyatt Yeazell, Nathan Berrens, Tabitha Jabaay, Sierra Hileman, Elyssa Phillips, Jalen Cail, Nathan Kallal and Chase Pondel. To the left are the American History winners, left to right: Jacob Ager, Liam Killian, and Carol George, American History Co-Chairman.

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Pastor: Lance Leeds  
• MAY 28: 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir rehearsal;  
• MAY 29: 7:15 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.  
• MAY 31: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Rt. 66 and That '50s Place; 9 a.m. - 12 noon, VBS decorating party.  
• JUNE 1: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service with Communion; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m., "Not a Fan" Bible Study; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service with Communion; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group; 6 p.m., 20-40 Something Bible Study.  
• JUNE 2: 6 p.m., Evangelism Committee meeting; 7 p.m., SPRC meeting.  
• JUNE 3: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.  
• JUNE 4: 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.

Preschool -- 4 year olds.  
• MAY 31: 5 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion.

**First Baptist Church**  
401 N. Clinton St.  
815-584-3182  
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward  
• MAY 28: Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Program, 7 p.m.  
• JUNE 1: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.  
• JUNE 4: Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Program, 7 p.m.

**BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church**  
106 W. Gould St.  
815-237-8512 Church  
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods  
• MAY 30: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.  
• JUNE 1: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Holy Communion.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
200 W. Delaware St.  
815-584-1260 Church  
Pastor Connie Williams  
Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister  
• MAY 28: 1:30 p.m., Bingo at Heritage Health.  
• JUNE 1: 10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion. "June Mission of the Month" - Strengthen the Church.

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
Mazon Ave. at Prairie  
815-584-3522 Office  
Rev. Chris Haake, Pastor  
• MAY 31: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass  
• JUNE 1: 8:00 a.m., Mass

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Tu. and Wed., 2 - 5:30  
• MAY 28: 9 a.m. - noon, quilting; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army.  
• MAY 30: 8 p.m., A.A.  
• MAY 31: 9 a.m., "The Daniel Plan" Bible Study

**CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
Father Chris Haake, Pastor  
• JUNE 1: 10 a.m., Mass

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
325 E. Mazon Ave.  
584-3433 church  
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Senior Pastor  
• MAY 29: Ascension Day: Last day of God-With-Us Preschool -- 3 year olds.  
• MAY 30: Last day of God-With-Us

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**The Church of Hope**  
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Janet Chandler, Pastor  
• MAY 28: Pastor's Lectionary Group  
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• JUNE 2: 10:30 a.m., June Brunch.  
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# Herscher High School Valedictorians



Dylan Charter



Derek Runner



Dylan McGregor



Nicholas Wheeler

**Dylan Charter-** Dylan is the son of Randy and Diane Charter of Bonfield. He will be continuing his education at Kankakee Community College with plans to major in Engineering and become a Mechanical Engineer.

He has a grade point average of 5.09, and has received numerous scholarships and honors, including: October Senior of the Month, Math Student of the Year, American Legion Award, Otto A. and Lucile Wagner Fritz Memorial Scholarship, KCC Baccalaureate Scholarship, and Illinois State Scholar.

He was a member of the Math team for his sophomore year through his senior year, becoming co-captain as a senior. He was also involved as a member of Spanish Club, Book Club, W.Y.S.E. Team, National Honor Society, and a Peer Tutor.

**Derek Runner-** Derek is the son of Craig and Bridget Runner of Limestone. He will be attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering and plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Derek's GPA is 5.09, and he has been active in many school activities such as: Captain of the Math Team, President of the Spanish Club, and member of the W.Y.S.E. team and National Honor Society. He also did lights and sound for school plays.

Runner received many honors, he was Math Student of the Year, March Senior of the Month, Illinois State Scholar, was on the Honor Roll, had Perfect Attendance. He was also the recipient of several scholarships: The MSOE Academic Scholarship, MSOE Grant, MSOE Opportunity Grant, and MSOE Supplemental Grant.

**Dylan McGregor-** Dylan is the son of Darryl McGregor of Bonfield, and Karen McGregor of Morgantown, West Virginia. He will be attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for Mechanical Engineering.

His GPA was 5.09 and he has been in various school activities. He was Lead Trumpet in Jazz Band and Combo Band, a Drum Major in Marching Band and National Honor Society President. He was also a member of Spanish

Club, Math Team, W.Y.S.E., Track and Field, and Team Quest.

Dylan was named Math Student of the Year, Science Student of the Year, U of I Chancellor's Scholar and was a Student of the Month. He received the Music Boosters Scholarship, Marlow Zehr Memorial Scholarship, and National Merit Armstrong Special Scholarship.

**Nicholas Wheeler-** Nicholas is the son of Greg and Cheryl Wheeler of Limestone. He will be attending University of Illinois to major in Computer Science, with the hopes of a career in business/software development.

Wheeler's GPA is 5.1 and he has been honored as a First-Team All-State All-Academic Team member of Chicago Fire, an All-Conference Soccer Player, a Sportmanship Award recipient, Illinois State Scholar, Math Student of the Year, and November Senior of the Month. He also received the Wisner Scholarship and U of I Engineering Department Scholarship.

His extra-curricular activities include four years on the soccer team, three of which were on varsity, four years on the baseball team, Scholastic Bowl Captain, Class President, four years of student government, Math Team member, with three years as a state qualifier, W.Y.S.E. member in which he was a three time Regional Chemistry Champion and state qualifier, school newspaper columnist and National Honor Society Member.

**Kamren Coutee-** Kamren is the daughter of Stephanie and Brian Thorson of Reddick. She had a 5.09 GPA and will be attending Bradley University for Physical Therapy.

Her many extra-curricular activities include Math Team, Best Buddies, S.E.A., National Honor Society, HHS Discipline Committee, Polar Bear Club, Publications, and Winterball and Fundraising Committees of NHS. She was also a library and art room helper.

Coutee was the recipient of five scholarships, the Wisner Scholarship, Kiwanis International Scholarship, Ethan Allen and Caroline Johnson Educational Scholarship, Otta A. and Lucile

Wagner Fritz Scholarship and Kankakee Women's Club Scholarship. Kamren was also a Senior of the Month as well as an Illinois State Scholar.

**Lindsay Elling-** Lindsay is the daughter of JR Elling and Joan Walsh-Elling of Campus. Graduating with a 5.094 grade point average, Lindsay's next step is to attend University of Illinois to major in Kinesiology with the goal of a career in occupational therapy.

Elling was in student council and was a class officer and Vice President of her class for her Junior and Senior year. She was a member of S.A.D.D. becoming a secretary her senior year, a member of National Honor Society becoming a secretary her senior year, and a Peer Tutor. She was also Varsity Co-Captain of the volleyball team and Varsity Co-Captain of the track team.

Lindsay's honors include the Edmund J. James Honors program at U of I, November Senior of the Month, IHSA All-Academic Team Nominee, special mention for the All-Area volleyball team, and an American Red Cross Red Cord Honors recipient. The Scholarships she received were the Christopher Sims Memorial Scholarship, Caitlin Poppel Scholarship, and Wisner Scholarship.

**Dean Johnson-** Dean is the son of Eric Johnson of Donovan and Mary Anne Johnson of Bourbonnais. Graduating with a 5.09 GPA, he will be attending Illinois State University and majoring in Actuarial Science with plans to become an Actuary.

Dean has been active in school activities such as W.Y.S.E., Vice President of National Honor Society, Class President for two years, Class Vice President for two years, Student Council for four years, S.A.D.D. member, member of the baseball, soccer and football teams and Captain of the basketball team.

His scholarships include the ISU's Redbird Scholarship, ISU Actuarial Department Scholarship, and Wisner Scholarship. He has also been honored with the Kiwanis Leadership Award and is an Illinois State Scholar as well as a Daily Journal Scholar Athlete Team member.

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