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Retiring Teachers

Kathy Oloffson, Special Ed Teacher at Herscher Intermediate

Kathy Oloffson, the current Special Education teacher in the primary grades at Herscher Intermediate School in Herscher, will be retiring this year. She has been teaching for a total of thirty years, with twenty-six of those years being in the Herscher District, and twenty-three at Herscher Intermediate.

When looking back on her years of teaching, she sees each individual student and the high expectations she had for them, "Disabilities? Yes, we all have disabilities, some more than others. However, each and every student has great potential and gifts for all to learn from. My motto is

'Results, not excuses!' Expect the most, and you'll be surprised at what happens," says Oloffson.

Some of her favorite memories have to do with a specific student named Matt. She began working with Matt early in her career at HGS. Matt had Down Syndrome and Kathy knew he needed more than just the curriculum. Matt was the inspiration for the HGS Special Olympic's Track Team, which Kathy coached for twelve years, Herscher Gold. Matt really enjoyed helping his team win the 4x100 races. She also really enjoyed when students, including Matt, learned to read. "I loved when the stu-

dents 'got it,'" noted Kathy.

Though she will miss seeing the people she works with every day, whom she believes are the absolute best, she is looking forward to her retirement. She plans on spending time with her family.

Her husband of thirty-seven years, Ron, retired last year.

Her three children are Matt, who is a professional drummer in Los Angeles, California; Phillip, who is a business teacher in Fisher and lives in Champaign; and Kristi, who lives in New York City and works at the Wall Street Journal.

Patricia Marshall, Dwight Grade School Principal



Patricia Marshall, Pre-K through fifth grade principal at Dwight Grade School, will be retiring this year.

She began her career in 1980 teaching Special

Education and Title 1 Reading and Math in Lincoln District 27 in Lincoln for 14 years. She served as elementary principal at Farmersville Grade School in the Panhandle School District for four years, and the elementary principal for both the Blue Mound and Macon Schools in the Meridian School District for five years. In 2003, she came to Dwight as kindergarten through 5th grade principal.

Throughout her career, she has felt very fortunate to work with exceptional staff, students, parents, administrators, and board of educa-

tion members who she credits for molding her into the proud educator she is today.

She has spent the majority of her career as a principal, but has always considered herself a teacher. "What is best for my students has always guided my decision-making process. As in the past and into the future, the field of education will continue to face many challenges," states Marshall. "When teachers, administrators, parents, board of education, and members of the community keep in mind what is best for students, our children will continue to (continued on page 8)



LINNEA NELSON, MANAGER OF DWIGHT BERKOT'S SUPER FOODS, third from right, above, gives consumers a tour of the store and provides an overview of the current renovation project taking place.

Dwight Economic Alliance Hosts Berkot's Business Consumer Forum

by Madelyn Fogarty
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As a consumer, we want to take our business where we feel valued. For a business, valuing their customers can mean listening and responding to their needs. Finding ways to bring the customer and the business together to share ideas has the makings of a key for success. For one local business, the recent opportunity to talk one-on-one with customers, share plans and hear feedback, was a unique and beneficial experience for all.

Fourteen members of the community accepted an invitation to be part of a group which met at Dwight's Berkot's Super Foods where they were greeted by store Manager Linnea Nelson who offered a tour of the local grocery store, an overview of the renovations taking place, and provided a forum to ask questions and provide feedback. The idea was an initiative of the newly formed Dwight Economic Alliance.

"We want to bring unique, tailored solutions to each business in town, that has partnered with the Alliance, to help better or benefit their business," Dwight Economic Alliance Vice President Max Sulzberger told *The Paper*.

The Dwight Economic Alliance formed earlier this

year combined IMPACT Dwight, Chamber of Commerce, Dwight Main Street, and Dwight Economic Development. The primary goals of the Economic Alliance are to improve Dwight through business development, community development, community promotions, tourism and membership. The new, single united group will handle all of the duties and services previously offered through the four individual groups.

Berkot's was an ideal candidate for this first customer/business information and idea-sharing forum as the store began an extensive remodeling in last February. Coordinated by Alliance member Laura Vigna, area consumers of varying age groups were asked to participate in the meeting with Berkot's to ask questions, pose concerns, make suggestions, and provide feedback from a consumer standpoint.

"It was definitely a positive experience," said Berkot's Linnea Nelson. "The feedback and comments were wonderful."

The group toured Dwight's Berkot's where they were given a preview of the many changes taking place at the store such as the expanded produce, dairy, meat and deli sections of the store.

Following the tour, the

group headed downtown Dwight to Blackbird yoga sTudio where they met to continue the question/answer/discussion session over a light breakfast hosted by the Alliance. The group shared shopping experiences, improvement ideas, concerns, and discussed many relevant topics such as carryout availability, paper vs. plastic bags, product items, and service.

"Some ideas will work here, and some won't," Nelson told the group regarding suggestions offered, "but, I am willing to give it a try."

Connecting local businesses is also an important way to ensure they thrive. And, by bringing the group from Berkot's to a second local business - the yoga studio - the Alliance connected these two businesses while exposing the consumer group to another local business that some may not have experienced otherwise.

The Alliance has several membership levels to offer local business owners. To become a business partner or get involved as a community member, contact the Alliance at dwigteconomicalliance@yahoo.com. Rodney Connor serves as membership chairman for the Dwight Economic Alliance.

"We are here to support businesses," said Vigna.

ROBERT W. STEVENSON POOL IN DWIGHT is officially open for the season daily 1-5:30 p.m. and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6:30 to 9 p.m. as well. Saturday, June 14, the movie "Daddy Day Care" will be shown at dusk on the pool lawn. Below, left to right, Anthony Nelson, Felicia Nelson and Kelsie Transou jumped in backwards. Perhaps the water is warmer that way.



STEVE STARKS is pictured at left in the expanding produce area at Dwight Berkot's. Starks is in charge of produce at the store.



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May 30, 2014: Karen L. Regnier, 57, Kankakee, speeding (radar) 73/55; John W. Allen, 49, Fair Oaks, Indiana, speeding (radar) 84/55; Isaiah J. Harper, 22, Springfield, speeding (radar) 74/55.

May 31: Demone A. Davis, 40, Normal, speeding (radar) 72/55; Brittany A. Holofchak, 24, Kokomo, Indiana, speeding (radar) 84/55; fail to secure child/restraint.

June 1: Chester A. Wrice, 23, Sauk Village, speeding (radar) 68/55; Donald A. Harvey, 18, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

June 2: Eric J. Perry, 24, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

June 3: Daisha R. Stuart, 24, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Matthew R. Norman, 26, Cornell, speeding (radar) 70/55.

June 5: Angelo Burkes, 53, Kankakee, speeding (radar) 76/55.

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

Accident Investigated by Dwight Police

Friday, May 30, 2014, 8:56 a.m., Route 17 at Route

47, Dwight – Officer Michael Nolan: Kurt R. Stork of Omaha, Nebraska, driving a 2013 Chevy 2500, and Andrew R. Childs of Bradley, driving a 2014 Toyota 4-door.

13 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Failure to signal when required, 2; No rear registration plate light, 3; Traffic sign violation, 2; Improper lighting - one headlamp, 1; Disobeying traffic control device, 1; Driver's license not on person, 1; Expired registration sticker, 1; Speeding (radar), 1; Village Ordinance Violation, 1.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 30, 2014: 6:45 p.m., Main St., trauma, St. James; 8:32 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, St. James.

June 1, 2014: 8:00 a.m., Chippewa, trauma, Morris; 10:25 a.m., Morris Rd., medical, Morris; 10:55 a.m., N. Union, medical, mutual aid from Gardner; 1:44 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

June 2, 2014: 4:45 p.m., Spencer, fire, disregard; 6:35 p.m., Prairie, trauma, refusal; 6:47 p.m., Etta St., medical, Morris, mutual aid to MVK; 9:17 p.m., Mazon Ave., lift assist, refusal.

June 3, 2014: 8:05 a.m.,

I-55, fire, disregard; 2:32 p.m., Spencer, medical, PSJ; 3:32 p.m., John, medical, OSF, mutual aid from Gardner; 4:58 p.m., Aldi Dr., fire alarm, no transport; 5:45 p.m., Spencer, medical, St. James.

June 5, 2014: 12:49 a.m., W. Main, medical, Morris; 12:26 p.m., 3100 N. Rd., medical, refusal; 2:06 p.m., I-55, fire; South of Dwight, fire.

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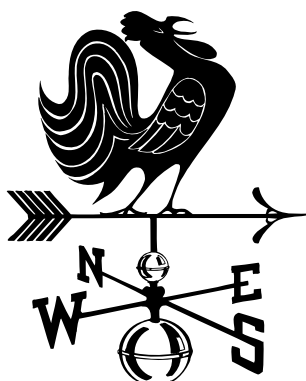


Americans who plan to take a vacation, attend a concert, or work on their home or garden this summer, this season comes with its own unique consumer challenges. Here are the top five scams and frauds to be on alert for this time of year:

1) Don't buy gas additives that claim to make fuel last longer. Even though gas prices go up in the summer, the Environmental Protection Agency has not found any product that significantly improves gas mileage, and some could damage a car's engine or increase exhaust emissions.

2) Unlicensed home repair or landscaping contractors may come to your door to offer services. Always research contractors, pay for services upon completion -- not ahead of time -- and consider using a signed contract outlining the work to be done and the exact price.

3) Interested in a summer



Temps - 2014

May 29 – high 83°, low 55°
 May 30 – high 86°, low 54°
 May 31 – high 90°, low 62°
 June 1 – high 89°, low 67°
 .20" precip.
 June 2 – high 83°, low 64°
 June 3 – high 82°, low 61°
 .35" precip.
 June 4 – high 65°, low 51°
 .20" precip.
 One Year Ago - June 11, 2013
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It's a Scam!

concert or festival? If you buy tickets from a major vendor, remember surcharges and additional fees may be tacked onto the listed price. Some venues require the same credit card used to purchase tickets be presented when the tickets are picked up, so if you're buying tickets for someone as a gift, they may have difficulty getting them at will-call.

4) When renting a beach or lake house for vacation, make sure the property actually exists. Do your homework before paying -- check out the owner or rental company, consult maps and read the lease carefully. Pay with an online payment service or a credit card so you can dispute the charges if something goes wrong.

5) When flying, make sure you're aware of the airline's baggage charges and their policy when it comes to bumping passengers. A lot of airlines "bump" depending on how late you checked in, so check in as soon as possible.

Muddy Cheer Challenge June 28, 29

Muddy Cheer Challenge is a family fun mud run being held in Wilmington on June 28 and 29, sponsored by Doc's Pharmacy, to help raise funds for The Wounded Warrior project.

The run will also be benefiting Zayla, a young girl from Herscher battling her third round of cancer.

For more information visit www.muddycheerchallenge.com or the Muddy Cheer Challenge Facebook page.



DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL'S 7th Grade Students welcomed demonstrations by the Dwight EMS Paramedics

Dwight EMS Paramedics Demonstrate CPR to Dwight Grade School Class

Dwight EMS Paramedics demonstrated CPR to Mrs. Goodwin's 7th grade class at Dwight Grade School. Paramedics talked about the changes in CPR and demonstrated techniques. The students were shown the Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) and the technique used to clear a blocked airway.



EMS Director Al Metzke, standing, as Paramedic Cecily Meadows on the mannequin.

Special Olympics Torch Run in Dwight June 12

On Thursday, June 12, the Special Olympics Torch Run will be arriving in Dwight via Rt. 47 from Morris, between 11 a.m. and noon. The bikers and runners will be arriving at The Depot on West Main St. The runners and bikers will be joined by Dwight Police and local Special Olympians. The route will proceed down West Main, to East Main, to Prairie and west on Rt. 17. They will continue west on Rt. 17 to Old Rt. 66. They will stop for a short break at Lions Lake and continue southbound on Rt. 66 toward Pontiac.

The Torch Run is the kick-off for the 2014 Special Olympic USA Games to be held in New Jersey, June 14-21.

Special Olympics Illinois will be sending a delegation of 76 participants including athletes, Unified Partners, and coaches to New Jersey to compete in aquatics, athletics, bocce, bowling, powerlifting, golf, artistic gymnastics, volleyball and Unified soccer.

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Master Gardener Program in Odell June 17

The Odell Public Library is presenting a Master Gardener program at the library on Tuesday, June 17, at 3:00 p.m., with Paula Trainor-Rosenbaum giving a demonstration on flower arranging.



THE DWIGHT LIONS CLUB installed 2014-2015 officers on June 4. Top photo, pictured from left to right are John Price, Secretary; Jerry Gingery, Pres-ident; John Pajkos, District 1-K Gov-ernor; and Dale Coughlin, Treasurer.



DWIGHT LIONS Past President, Keith Lauritzen, left, passes gavel to incoming 2014-2015 President, Jerry Gingery.

Home Based Businesses at June 14 Farmers Market

The Main Street Farmers Market, sponsored by the Dwight Economic Alliance (DEA), held every Saturday morning in the East Main street parking lot. Vendors set up from 8-11 a.m. and offer garden produce, fruits, flowers and plants, baked goods and crafts.

The market, June 14, will also feature home-based businesses. If you sell products from a catalog or with a party plan, they would like to help you advertise your business. You may sell your products, hand out catalogs and book parties. A small vendor fee applies.


For more information call the DEA office at (815) 584-2091.

June Smart Choice Foods Order, Distribution Dates

The June order day for Smart Choice Foods is Friday, June 13, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at New Life Assembly of God, 903 S. Old Rt. 66. The distribution day will be Saturday, June 28, from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

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- June 18, 12:30-5:30 p.m. at Piper City Community Building, 64 W. Peoria St.
- June 22, 8:00 a.m. to noon at Essex Lions Hall, Parls St.
- June 24, noon to 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 114 Mazon Ave. in Dwight.

Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to learn more and make an appointment.

The Paper CALENDAR

Blood Drive in Reddick June 12

The Reddick Community Fire Protection District will be hosting a blood drive at the new fire station, the old Reddick Grade School, located at 210 E. Main St., on Thursday, June 12, from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Persons interested in donating blood may call 815-365-2284 or 815-263-0897 and leave a message with a preferred time, and their call will be returned as soon as possible.

Braceville UMC's Fish Fry

The Nurture, Outreach, Witness committee of the Braceville United Methodist Church is holding their fourth annual fish fry on Saturday, June 14, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the church, located at 106 Gould Street.

All proceeds will be used for their 2014 Workshops of Wonders Vacation Bible School program held July 28 through August 1.

Essex Lions Pancake Breakfast, Blood Drive June 22

On Sunday, June 22, the Essex Lions will host their Pancake Breakfast at the Lions Hall from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, hash-browns, bacon, sausage, eggs any way you like, toast, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Biscuits and gravy will be available for an additional fee.

A fee applies for adults. Kids 12 and under receive a discounted price.

Blood Drive at St. Pat's June 24

A blood drive is being held on Tuesday, June 24, at St. Patrick Parish Hall, Dwight, from 12:00-6:00 p.m.

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Woman's Club of Cullom Meets

The GFWC Illinois Woman's Club of Cullom met May 22 at the home of Judy Wojciechowski for a potluck supper, meeting and the installation of officers. There were nine in attendance.

President Wojciechowski called the meeting to order. The Pledge to the Flag and the Woman's Club Collect was recited.

The April minutes were approved as emailed. The Treasurer's report was given. There were thirteen people signed up for the garage sale. Leslie Margewich will be attending the Illinois Leadership Seminar. Abigail Sievert will be attending Illinois Art

School. The Treasurer's report was approved.

A letter from Melissa Melvin for the Cullom Community Bible School was read asking for a donation. Sally Moritz, Phyllis Moritz, Cathy Gipp and Lynn Ware took part in the Tri-Point National Honor Society 5K Run/2M Walk held May 18.

The first Farmers Market was June 4, and will continue every Wednesday through October. There is a new location: on the south side of the American Legion Post along Rt. 116 (Jackson St). Farmer Bob, Candy Godbee, Country Cupboard and Cathy Gipp with eggs will be there. More vendors



Representing GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom and participating in the Tri-Point National Honor Society 5K Run/2M Walk on May 18. Left to right: Phyllis Moritz, Cathy Gipp, Sally Moritz and Lynn Ware.

are welcome.

Judy Ehlers gave an account of what took place at the GFWC Illinois State Convention, May 15, 16, 17 in Bloomington. Candy Godbee, Diana Taylor and Judy attended. The club received two first place and one second place in its class. Membership awards were also given: Helen Trost, 50 year pin; Judy Ehlers, Meri Knapp, Vi Kyburz, Linda Vercler and Teresa Stark, 25 year pin. Diana Taylor had previously been recognized for her 25 years. Candy and Rodney Godbee won the pediatric bag drawing. They

will donate it to the Cabery Fire Department.

The June meeting will be the "Wine Tasting Party" at Sling Shots June 19 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite wine to sample.

New officers were installed for the 2014-2015 year, President, Judy Wojciechowski; Co-Vice Presidents, Phyllis Moritz and Diana Taylor; Secretary, Judy Ehlers; Treasurer, Iona Naese.

Candy Godbee, an independent Norwex consultant, gave a demonstration of environmentally friendly Norwex products.

Dwight Historical Society to Meet June 16

The Dwight Historical Society will meet Monday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Prairie Creek Library, located on Carriage House Lane.

Lynn Neville, President of the Dwight Woman's Club, will talk about the History of the Woman's Club and its effect on the Dwight community these past 100 years. The Woman's Club can take credit for the formation of the Dwight Public Library, which became Prairie Creek Public Library District.

During business, The Society will talk about the Field Trip to Streator on Sunday, June 29, to discover the History of Streator. Highlights of the visit include the Streatorland Historical Society Museum

to view the history of coal, railroads, farming and glass through its famous citizens. The 1903 Carnegie Library, the Baker-Trelease home, an 1893 Queen Anne Home, plus Weber Home and Garden, a 1937 Tudor structure and English garden, housing famous guests from 1930-1940's, are also being viewed.

The group will depart from Dwight at noon and return by 5:00 p.m. A small fee will be required. All interested persons are welcome and can make reservations by calling Joy Ahearn at 815-584-5070.

All those interested in Dwight history and Society activities are welcome. The meetings of Dwight Historical Society are open to the public.

Dwight VFW Ladies Aux to Present Aid To Local Vets

The Dwight VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 2608 is pleased to present financial assistance to four local veterans who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a technical school. This fund will provide veterans with financial assistance needed to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive

debt. It is just another way for the Ladies Auxiliary to say "Thank You" to those who deserve it most.

Applications can be picked up at the VFW or by emailing Barb Daniels at daniels.ervin@att.net or Jan Schreiner at jschreiner@earthlink.net. Proof of service (copy of DD214 or military ID), and copy of enrollment into a junior college, university or vocational school is required with application.

Four applicants will each receive \$250.00. Deadline for filing is August 1. Call President Barb Daniels at (815) 584-2746 or Jan Schreiner at (815) 584-2153 for further information.

Ambler/Becker Welcomes Tourists in May

The Ambler/Becker station in Dwight was very busy on the Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in the month of May, seeing 900 visitors. These numbers included Red Carpet Corridor visitors as well as four tour buses and one car club. The visitors came from all over the United States and 22 other countries around the world.

June's visitors will get to enjoy the station every day of the week, instead of just the weekends.

The station always needs volunteers to help greet these travelers. If you or someone you know would like to meet visitors from around the world, contact the Dwight Economic Alliance office at (815) 584-2091.

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Watch for Different Risk Levels of "Muni" Bonds

Are you thinking of investing in municipal bonds? If so, you may have good reason, particularly if you are in one of the higher tax brackets. After all, municipal bond interest payments typically are exempt from federal income taxes, and possibly state and local income taxes, too — although some "munis" are subject to the alternative minimum tax. However, since not all municipal bonds are the same, you'll want to know the differences — especially in terms of risk.

Municipal bonds, like corporate bonds, essentially face two types of risk: interest rate risk and default risk. Interest rate risk becomes clear when market interest rates rise, causing the value of your existing municipal bonds to fall. No one will pay you full price for your bonds when newly issued bonds carry a higher rate — so if you plan on selling bonds before they mature, you risk losing principal. You can largely ignore this type of risk simply by holding your bonds until maturity, at which point you will receive the face value back, provided the issuer doesn't default.

And that brings us to the second type of risk: default risk. Historically, municipal bond default rates have been much lower than those of corporate bonds, particularly lower-quality bonds. But different types of municipal bonds carry different levels of default risk. Here's a quick look at the two main categories of municipals and their risk characteristics:

General obligation bonds — General obligation bonds generally finance projects of a municipality. A general obligation bond issuer is required to do everything in its power, including raising new taxes, to ensure that interest payments are paid on time and in full. This requirement helps support the creditworthiness of general obligation bonds.

Revenue bonds — Revenue bonds, which finance schools, hospitals, utilities, airports, affordable housing and other public works, are paid by dedicated streams of revenue. For example, revenues generated by the sewer system pay the interest on a sewer system revenue bond. Because revenue bonds have more restricted revenue streams than general obligation bonds, they are generally viewed to be riskier. To compensate for the added risk, revenue bonds usually pay a higher rate of interest than general obligation bonds. When studying the risk factors of revenue bonds, you also have to consider the type of revenue bond involved. For example, some sectors, such as housing and health care, may be more volatile, as are some industrial revenue bonds. (These bonds, which are generally used to support a specific project, such as a new manufacturing facility, are sponsored by a government entity — but the proceeds go to a private, for-profit business.)

Of course, when evaluating the risk potential of municipal bonds, you don't have to rely on guesswork. The major bond rating agencies — Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch — review municipal bonds to determine their creditworthiness. There are no guarantees, but by sticking with the bonds that are "investment grade," you can help reduce the risk of owning a bond that goes into default.

Municipal bonds can be valuable additions to your portfolio. Besides providing income that's free of federal taxes, these bonds offer you a chance to help support valuable projects in your community. But, as we've seen, different "munis" have different risk factors — so make sure you know exactly what type of bond you're purchasing before you write the check.

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Chatsworth Corner by Mare Reardanz

Chatsworth Heritage Days June 12-14

The Chatsworth Heritage Days were originally developed to commemorate the 1887 trainwreck that killed 82 people. Now, it is a celebration for the town. The trainwreck happened on the night of August 10-11, 1887, due to a burned bridge 2½ miles east of the town. The train was a TP&W Niagara Falls Excursion that originated in Peoria with 115 people aboard. For the past 127 years, these people and all those who cared for them and assisted in all aspects of the rescue and rehabilitation, are remembered in Chatsworth. Chatsworth High School Alumni also gather and reunite each year to catch up on one another's lives and enjoy each other's company. Their celebration is hosted at

the American Legion on Friday night and continues with various activities throughout the weekend. Festivities June 12-14 include a Car-Truck-Motorcycle and Golf Cart show on Thursday night, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Listen to Art Scharf, and Gabe and Annette Fairchild play your favorite songs. There will also be the Zeiler carnival with wrist bands, talent show, bingo and The Chatsworth Idol Competition, to name a few activities. A food booth will be run by the Catholic church. The new Library will have guided tours of the new facility at the "Naming Ceremony" at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The name of the new Library will be revealed, thanks to a generous donation by a local citizen.

Coffee and Krispy Kreme Donuts will be served - and Krispy Kreme Donuts previously ordered as a fund-raiser can be picked up at this time. The Library will sell pulled pork sandwich meals for lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The antique tractor display sports restored tractors of every make and age with their knowledgeable drivers. These tractors also grace the parade, themed "Chatsworth in Blood," at 2:00 p.m. There will be a fishing derby hosted by CAPS, the famed Little Wheels Derby, and volleyball, bags and tug of war competitions. South Pork Ranch will display farm animals, the Rhodes Racing Simulator and the boy's and girl's bike give-away will be enjoyed by all.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 70304 OF GARDNER went to the Indiana Dunes State Park on June 1 for a 5.5 mile hike. Half the trail was behind the dunes, where the girl scouts saw marshes, small forests, spring flowers and ferns. The other half was walking along the beach of Lake Michigan. The weather got a little hot at the end, peaking at 82°. Pictured are, 1 to r, Leader Sheryl, Jessica, Co-Leader Lisa, Goldie, Abigail, Kimberly and Grace.

Pontiac Municipal Band to Play June 13 Concert

The south side of the Livingston County Courthouse will be the setting for a concert by the Pontiac Municipal Band on Friday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the second concert in their series of eight concerts through June and July. Tom Ramseyer, who is the announcer for the band, will lead the audience in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" to open the concert. Highlights of the concert will be the three arrangements of Vaughan Williams' "Folk Song Suite," "Big Band Spectacular," arranged by John Higgins and including "In The Mood," "Satin Doll," "Ciribiribin," and "Jumpin' At The Woodside." Lon Alderman will be featured on flugelhorn and Keith Schmink on euphonium in a brass band number, "Adagio," from the movie "Brassed Off." Other numbers will be the spiritual, "Amazing Grace," arranged by Frank Ticheli, and selections from "West Side Story," composed by Leonard

Bernstein and arranged by W.J. Dutoit. The selections include "I Feel Pretty," "Maria," "Tonight," "One Hand, One Heart," "Cool," and "America." The marches, which will round out the program, will be "Bombasto," by Orin Farrar and arranged by Andrew Balent; "Under The Double Eagle," by J.F. Wagner; "The Fairest Of

The Fair," by John Philip Sousa; and Henry Fillmore's "Americans We," as edited by Frederick Fennell. The inclement weather location is the Auditorium of Pontiac Township High School, located at 1100 E. Indiana Ave. There will be no food items on sale before the concert this week.

Cullom Community Memorial Day Service Held

The Cullom Community Memorial Day Service was held May 26 in the Community Building. Cullom American Legion Post 122 posted the Colors; Commander Bill Graeber

was the MC. Keith Taylor, Chaplain, gave the prayer. Five ALA Juniors led the Pledge to the Flag. Pastor Trudy Foote read scripture and gave the Benediction. Jack Murphy from the

Livingston County War Museum was the Speaker. Vicki Wright was the pianist. There were 85 in attendance. The Services continued at St. John's Catholic/West Lawn Cemeteries. Commander Bill Graeber and Auxiliary Vice President Marsha Haag laid the wreath at the monument. A 21 gun salute was given by Post 122 members and taps rendered. The service continued to Sullivan Township Cemetery. Again Commander Graeber and Vice President Haag laid the wreath at the monument, a 21 gun salute by Post 122 members and taps was rendered. A Pork chop/pot luck dinner was held at the Post for 48 members and family.



American Legion Auxiliary Junior Girls led the Pledge to the Flag at the Cullom Memorial Day Service. Front row, left to right: Dani Taylor and Alexi Taylor. Back row, left to right: Brittney Billerbeck, Bailee Osborn, Gabby Spangler.



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 122 Vice President Marsha Haag and Post 122 Commander Bill Graeber place the wreath at the Monument in Cullom.

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Registration forms may be picked up at Dwight UMC (8:30 - 3:00, M-F) or on Sunday morning, or register online: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/DwightUMC/gpgs/home.aspx>

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If you would like more information about the event, please visit:
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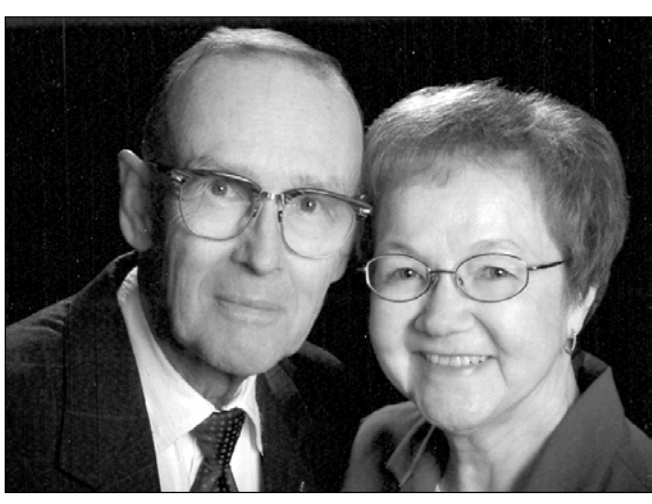
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Parkland College Students Named to Dean's List

Parkland College recently congratulated approximately 1,110 students who were named to the school's Dean's List for spring semester 2014. Area students making the list were:

- Dayna Moritz of Cabery
- Julia Power of Cabery
- Zachary Wilson of Odell

Students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for the semester in which they are being honored or achieve a 3.5 cumulative GPA for 12 or more hours in the academic year.



Bill and Carol Hemenover To Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Bill and Carol Hemenover will be married 50 years on June 20. They will celebrate with family in July.

Bill Hemenover and Carol Rieke were married June 20, 1964 at the Salem E.U.B. Church in rural Dwight. Their wedding attendants were Carole Curtis Spangler and the late Bernie Riley.

They are parents of two sons, Brian (Jerri) Hemenover of Wilmore, KY and Neal (Melissa) Hemenover of Chicago. They have four grandchildren, Lauren and Will of Kentucky and Maddox and Beckett of Chicago.

Bill is retired from the U.S. Post Office and Carol is retired from Fox Center.

RR Donnelley Service Anniversaries

Wesley (Wes) Havekost celebrated 45 years of service at the Dwight Manufacturing Division of RR Donnelley on June 2.

Wes began his Donnelley career on June 2, 1969, as an Apprentice Rolltender in the Pressroom. He was promoted to Apprentice Platemaker in July of 1970 and graduated as a Journeyman Platemaker in February of 1973. Wesley currently holds the title of Prelim/Prepress Operator 2.

Wes and his wife, Pat, reside in Dwight. They have two children, Julie and Adam.

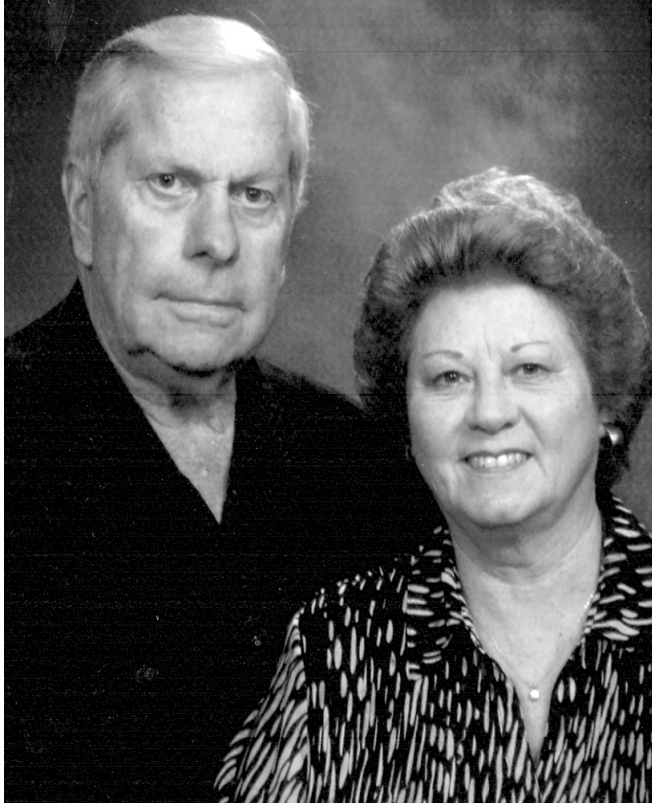
Barbara (Barb) Schneider celebrated 35 years of service at the Dwight Manufacturing Division on June 4.

She began working as a Material Handler in the Bindery on June 4, 1979. She was promoted to Shipment Preparer in April of 1980 and Layout Clerk in the Plateroom in May of 1981. Barb was promoted to Customer Service Administrator in December of 1997 and Customer Service Representative in March of 1999. She became Senior Customer Care Representative in September of 2000, and currently holds the title of Print Prod Acct Specialist 3.

Barb and her husband, Stephen, reside in Buckingham. They have three children, Tonia Deutscher, Dee Dee Scott and Amy Schneider.



Betty and Daryl Holt



Holts To Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Daryl and Betty Holt of Dwight will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Dwight Country Club on June 22, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Friends are invited to attend and they ask that all omit gifts.

The couple has two daughters, Anita (Jeff) Masching of Algonquin, and Michele (Paul) LaBounty of Buffalo, Wyoming. They have five grandchildren, Hayley and Hannah Masching; Cassandra, Ty and Liezel LaBounty.

The couple also celebrated with a cruise to the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Grand Turk, and St. Maarten.


Daryl retired from RR Donnelley after 39 years and Betty retired from Star Newspapers after 20 years, both in Dwight.

Daryl Holt and Betty Flood were married June 20, 1964, in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Attica, Ohio.



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OBITUARIES

Donald V. Davis

ODELL – Donald V. Davis, 83, of Odell passed away Monday, June 2, 2014 at 3:10 p.m. in Good Samaritan, Pontiac.



Donald was born November 20, 1930 in Chenoa, son of Glen D. and Bessie Eickelbery Davis. He married Marilyn Pearson August 11, 1951 in Palmyra, Missouri. She passed away February 13, 2012.

Surviving are three sons: David Davis of Pontiac; Larry Davis of Dwight; and Ron (Nancy) Davis of Blackstone; one daughter, Debbie (Dave) Branz of Fairbury; 11 grandchildren: Dan, Tom, Tim, Kelly, Kristi, Kevin, Angela, Bryan, David, Kara and Kenna; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Bernetta Legner; and one grandchild, Adam.

Donald attended Odell High School. He was a lifelong farmer in the Odell area and was a welder for many years in Streator. He always enjoyed dinner and dancing with Marilyn and their friends and enjoyed deer hunting throughout his lifetime.

His funeral service was held Friday, June 6, at 11 a.m. at Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Funeral Home in Odell. Rev. Carol Carrier-Freghetto officiated.

Burial: Memorial Park Cemetery, Pontiac, at a later date.

Visitation was Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home in Odell.

Memorials may be made to OSF Hospice of Bloomington; Good Samaritan, Pontiac; or American Heart Association.

Norma E. Nagle

OTTAWA – Norma Nagle, 82, of Ottawa passed away Saturday, May 31, 2014 at La Salle County Nursing Home.

Norma was born March 21, 1932 in Dwight, daughter of Jennings and Kathryn Lewis Milbauer. She married James “Mule” Nagle August 28, 1954 in Dwight.

She worked as a nurse for Dr. Majid and Dr. Yung; was a member of St. Francis Church and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Norma loved to read and work in her garden, but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters: Sheila Diaz of Ottawa and Patty (Eric) Nelson of Mansfield; seven grandchildren: Courtney Diaz of Florida; Aubree Charbonneau of Marseilles;

Claire Diaz of Ottawa; Briana (Ryan) Collins of Wildwood, Missouri; Danielle (Chris) Nelson of Lindenhurst; Brody (Alecia) Harvey of Elliott; and Cassidy Nelson of Mansfield; four great-grandchildren: Keira and Kaylee Nelson; Haidyn Collins; and Brayden Harvey; and one brother, Jennings (Barb) Milbauer of Dwight.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Peter Milbauer, and a son-in-law, Joseph I. Diaz.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Thursday, June 5, at 11 a.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church with Rev. Mike Adrie officiating.

Burial: St. Columba Cemetery, Ottawa.

Memorials may be directed to St. Francis Church or to the family.

Gary A. Olsen

DIXON – Gary A. Olsen, 66, of Dixon died Thursday, June 5, 2014 at his home.



Cremation rites were accorded.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Gary was born September 7, 1947 in Morris, son of Carl and Dorothy Henderson Olsen. He married Donna Ingram November 17, 1984 in Dwight.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and was one of the first to receive his concealed carry card.

Gary worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections for 32 years, retiring as a Correction Lieutenant.

He was a member of the Dixon Evening Lions Club; was an avid Green Bay Packer and NASCAR fan, and frequently visited Talladega and Texas Motor Speedway.

The most important thing in Gary's life was spending time with his family. During his retirement his favorite

saying was “he was living a dream.”

Survivors include his wife, Donna; three sons: David (Nancy) Olsen, Chris (Cassie) Olsen, and Aaron Olsen; a brother,

Jeff Marx; a sister, Carla (Jim Hodge) Olsen; and a sister-in-law, Connie Marx.

Also surviving are six grandchildren: Nathaniel Olsen, Nick Olsen, Ryan Olsen, Adra Olsen, Sunnie Simmons and Dillon Eklund; two great-grandchildren, Braxton and Sophia; six nieces and nephews: Brandon (Traci) Townsend, Brent (Kim) Townsend, Brina (Jason) Boldig, Sara (Stephen) Cruther, Emily Marx, and Katie Marx; and one great-niece, Holly “Dolly” Cruther.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Greg Marx.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gary's family.

Condolences may be sent to: www.prestonschillingfuneralhome.com

Janet Michelle ‘Miki’ Hepner

RANSOM – Janet Michelle “Miki” Hepner, 57, of Ransom died Sunday evening, June 1, 2014 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago.



Janet was born October 7, 1956 at Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, daughter of Lt. Col. Ronald and Mary Ellen McCambridge Legner.

She had been employed as a radiation technician for the Bartlett Co. prior to her illness. She had also been a licensed beautician for many years.

Janet was a member of St. Patrick's Church, Ransom, and had served as a member of the Allen Township (Ransom) Fire Department as an Emergency Medical Technician for many years.

She was a former coach for the Pioneer Seed “T” ball team, the Ransom Grade School softball team, and had played softball for Jerry's Tap team.

She attended various grade schools and was a graduate of Belton, Missouri High School, class of 1974. Miki was a diehard Chicago sports fan and enjoyed boating and golf cart rides.

She is survived by three daughters: Emily (Rob) Nelson, rural Streator; Hilary (Sean Kelly) Hepner, Ransom; and Kaitlin (Jon Sauer) Hepner, Cape

Girardeau, Missouri; and three grandchildren: Joseph and Tessa Nelson and Isabel Sauer.

Also surviving are her father, Lt. Col.

Ronald Legner Sr. (Ret.), Ransom; three sisters: Patrice (Allan) Simons of rural Streator; Mindy (Bill) Hepner and Mary Jo (Art) Armstrong of Ransom; her former husband, Frank Hepner of Ransom; and significant other, Mike Daggett of Bass Lake, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her mother and one brother, Ronald Legner Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, June 7, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Ransom, with Father Jacob Rose officiating.

Burial: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ransom. Pallbearers were Jake and Beau Hepner, Adam Armstrong, Dusty Legner, Sean Kelly and Jon Sauer. Honorary pallbearers: Rob Nelson and her many nieces.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m., Friday, at Hagi Funeral Home, Streator, with a prayer service at 4 p.m. Additional visitation was from 10 until 11:15 a.m. Saturday at the Church.

Memorials may be made to the family to help defray medical expenses.

‘Noodles the Dog’ at Prairie Creek Library June 14



“Noodles” is a five-year old mixed breed dog adopted from the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago. He holds a Canine Good Citizen Registration, and is a therapy dog certified with Therapy Dog International. He performs dozens of tricks and he has appeared on Windy City Live.

He has also been included

in a national commercial, has performed in live theatre performances and has won multiple talent/trick competitions across the country and also in Canada.

Noodles will be at the Prairie Creek Public Library on Saturday, June 14, at 11:00 a.m. The program is open to the public.

WGS Publicity June 2014

The Will/Grundy Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield, Coal City, IL.

The featured speaker will be Mike Johnson, retired Illinois Department of Corrections Officer. His topic, Joliet Prisons, will include describing the history of the Old Joliet Prison on Collins St. in Joliet, including the Women's Prison.

Many slides will be shown of the interior and exterior of the facilities taken throughout the history of the notorious prison.

Johnson will talk about the prison industries, riots, murders, and the prison's role in pop culture including “The Blues Brothers.”

The meeting is open to the public, free of charge and includes a brief business meeting and light refreshments.

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Braceville Planning and Zoning Board at the Braceville Village Hall at 300 South Mitchell Street, Braceville, Illinois on Thursday, July 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., to consider an Application for a Zoning Text Amendment filed by the Village of Braceville to amend Title XV, Section 156.71 of the Village of Braceville Zoning Code as it relates to swimming pools.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Questions or comments may be submitted orally, in writing or both. A copy of the Ordinance amending the Braceville Zoning Code is on file with the Braceville Village Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on the Tentative Budget of the BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015 at the Braceville Fire Station located at 102 W. Main Street, Braceville, Illinois on July 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

The Tentative Budget for the BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for said fiscal year ending on April 30, 2015 is conveniently available for public inspection at the BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT station. Dated June 11, 2014.

BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: /s/ Randy Berry
Secretary

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The best moments in life shouldn't be captured. The thought of that might seem confusing, but it's gotten to that point. The primary culprits of this are Facebook, Instagram, and Cellphones. First, let's start with engagements, when a photo surfaces of that happening it really makes you wonder. Why bring a 3rd person into one of the biggest moments of those two people's lives and then on top of that, you either have to stage it the first time or the second time for the photo, and, you take the realness and organicness out of it. Another time where I see photos and videos ruining a situation is birthdays and family gatherings of that nature. People get so caught up in taking a video or a picture that they end up not even paying attention to the situation that's at hand. Cool, you have a video to always look at and remember the situation, but can you look at it and know how you felt? Or how the situation felt? Not really, you're just stuck with this semi-decent quality video with low quality audio. The third place I see this happen is a bunch is concerts. I've been to concerts and people almost record the entire show on their phone, WHAT'S THE POINT? You paid \$25 to have a bunch of videos on your phone that you could have just watched on youtube. Enjoy the concert for what it is. Life is about experiencing experiences! Anymore, we're too busy documenting them and less worried about experiencing. We've gotta change it up!

Aaron Boma
ISU Junior and 2012 DTHS Graduate

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Public Notice is hereby given that on June 5, 2014, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Dave's This and That, located at 158 E. Main St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2014.

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To Imajean on her birthday 6-11-1927

The ravages of time have dimmed the vision, but the party for three will be in the kitchen, a peace meal entree.

Honey, the memory of your wonderful smile and total beauty after 58 years of marriage help to pass the long days and nights, along with God's help.

Happy Birthday
Love,
Your Forever, Jack

THANK YOU

The Family of Evelyn I. Bozue thank Relatives and Friends for their thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness during the recent loss of our Mother. Also, thank you Pastor Jan, Pianist Sharon Levy, Church of Hope and Reeves Funeral Home for the wonderful deserving funeral service. In addition, we thank Mom's longtime care givers (Letti, Joy and GiGi), the Gardner Emergency Squad, Staff of Heritage Manor Dwight Home, Morris Hospital Intensive Care unit and Joliet Area Community Hospice Home for their loving and compassionate care.

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Dwight Senior Citizens Card Results

Rita Reimer won when cards were played June 5 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center. Barb Christensen served refreshments. Pinochle will be played Thursday, June 19, at 1 p.m. Jigsaw puzzles are assem-

bled, scrabble and cribbage games are available to play, books are available to borrow, or just come in to socialize. Seniors aged 55 and above are welcome. Come join in the fun.

Gardner Fire Calls

June 3: fire, E. Stonewall; medical, mutual aid to Dwight EMS, S. John; medical, mutual aid from Braidwood EMS.
June 4: medical, fall, Canterbury.
June 5: medical, N. Elm; fire, mutual aid to Dwight Fire, I-55, mm 217; fire, Route 66 South; medical, W. Main.

June 6: medical, Pickwick; medical, mutual aid from Coal City EMS, S. Jackson; medical, W. Jefferson.
June 7: medical, mutual aid Dwight EMS, E. Mazon; medical, Lantern Ln.; fire, N. Carbon Hill Rd.
June 8: medical, W. Wilmington; fire, tender COQ, Braidwood Rd.

BAHS to Meet at Monical's Pizza

Join BAHS (Bonfield Area Historical Society) to enjoy great pizza and support a great cause Tuesday, June 17. Supporters of this group are invited to gather at Monical's Pizza in Kankakee or Bourbonnais for the BAHS "Community Day" fundraiser.

"Community Day" is a perfect opportunity for individuals to give back to BAHS and the community. It's simple: go online to www.monicalspizza.com, click on Fundraising, then Community Day Calendar and find this event, then print a flier for the event and dine in at Monical's.

Customers can enjoy Monical's full menu of pizzas, pastas and sandwiches on Tuesday, June 17, and Monical's will donate 20% of the check to BAHS.

Patricia Marshall, Dwight Grade School Principal

(continued from page 1) reach their fullest potential." Retiring for Patricia is bittersweet, though she will have more time to spend with her family and friends, there are many things she will miss. "I will miss my Dwight colleagues for their support, friendship, and exemplars of what it is to serve faithfully and with humility. I will always remember our shared laughter, our joys, and their valu-

able contributions to the lives of our students. I will always remember the things that we achieved together that benefitted the lives of our students," she says. As both a teacher and a principal, she has many wonderful memories of her students. Although the education profession is not an easy one, she knows that not many people have a job where they receive daily hugs and smiles from children.

With her impending retirement right around the corner, Patricia is hoping to sell her home in Gardner in the near future so she can further her own education by pursuing her two favorite hobbies: traveling and reading. First, she will be moving to Springfield to spend time with family and friends. Before deciding on a permanent home, she plans to live in Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and possibly Georgia.

Janice Tobenski, Herscher Grade School



Janice Tobenski, a resident of rural Kankakee, wife to husband Denny, and mother to two sons, Dennis and Denton (wife Kelly), began her career 38 years

ago teaching Title I Reading in Clifton and Ashkum filling in for a maternity leave. Tobenski taught as a fourth grade teacher from 1977 through the 1984-85 school year, and then decided to make a switch. From 1985-1988 she taught second grade, but in doing so realized the grade and age that she loved most was fourth grade, so she switched back. She taught at Limestone until the 2006-2007 school year when the fourth grade was moved to Bonfield.

Then in 2013-2014 it was moved to Herscher. Despite all the changes in buildings and principals, Janice enjoyed them all. So much so in fact, that she has too many favorite memories to narrow it down to just one. Among her many cherished memories were accomplishments such as teaming up with the other fourth grade teachers in 2004 and winning the Kankakee County Waste Reduction Award and the Agriculture Teachers of the Year from the Kankakee Farm Bureau.

She was very involved with her students, and always enjoyed sharing information with them. Even on family vacations, she was looking for knowledge to bring back for them. Though she will miss her students and being a teacher, she explains, "I have seen many changes over the 38 years. The most recent changes make leaving teaching a little easier." Her future plans after her retirement are having free time to do things around the house and to wait for grandchildren, something to which she has been looking forward.

Happy Father's Day!!

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 free cook out 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.

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SPORTS



GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Saturday, May 31
GSW vs. Somonauk
Varsity -
Sectional Championship

The Lady Panthers had their season end on May 31, with a 6-2 loss to Somonauk in the sectional championship.

"This was a hard fought game between two real good teams," stated Coach Posing. "Both teams had scoring opportunities throughout the game, but excellent pitching minimized any scoring."

Emily Foley would take the loss in the contest, allowing one earned run on

ten hits and no walks, striking out four. GSW committed two errors in the game.

Kylie King led the offense, going 2-3 with a triple, an RBI and a run scored. Foley smacked an RBI double. Sophie Barna, Lexi Posing, Sydney Perkins and Maranda Residori all added hits.

"I am very proud of my girls for another fantastic season," Posing added. "They are an extremely talented and mentally tough group of ladies."

The Lady Panthers end the season with a 20-7 record.



GSW Bronco
Connor Steichen



GSW Bronco
Brandon States

GSW Bronco Baseball Results

Friday, May 30
GSW vs. Morris

GSW topped Morris by the score 19-4. Brandon States pitched three solid innings for GSW followed on the mound in the 4th by Caydan Landry.

Chris Ruiz led the hitters with three hits. Doubles were recorded from Kade Kociss, Gabe Alvarez, Ty Halpin, Michael Ashley and Niko Alvarez. Other team members collecting hits were Nolan Perkins, Nate Wise, Cameron Carpenter and Riley Morris. GSW improves to 9-1 on the season.

Saturday, May 31
GSW vs. Elwood

GSW recorded win #10 with a 10-4 victory on Saturday, May 31, on the road in Elwood. Connor Steichen pitched the distance and got his second victory of the season. "Connor pitched a really nice game," according to Coach Kociss. He never got rattled as Elwood kept it to a one-run game into the 5th inning. There was some terrific defense behind him with a great catch in centerfield by Cam Carpenter.

Hits for GSW were recorded by Nolan Perkins, Kade Kociss, Ty Halpin, Caydan Landry, Connor Steichen, Gabe Alvarez, Ty Johnson, Brandon States and Wilton Jackman.

Dwight Bronco Baseball

Sunday, June 1
Dwight Diamonds
vs. Coal City

The Dwight Diamonds were held to just six hits in their match-up with Coal City on June 1, falling 10-3.

Hudson Beier led the way, going 3-3 with an RBI. Dillon Sarff was 1-1 with a couple of walks. Landon Brown and Emmett Emmons were both 1-3, with Brown adding an RBI.

On the mound, Emmons pitched two innings, giving up seven runs, two earned, and struck out one. Brown came on in relief for one inning, allowing a run to score. Camden Beier finished out the game, giving up two runs and striking out three.

Errors, again, were a problem for the young Diamonds.

Tuesday, June 3
The Paper vs. Morris

The Paper team traveled to Morris on June 3, winning a close game, 17-15.

The Paper came out and scored nine runs in the first two innings, and led 12-3 through three.

Morris, however, did not give up, and fought back scoring five in the fourth.

The Paper added three huge runs in the sixth on doubles by Mason Tjelle and Rylan Bovel, followed by an RBI single by Hudson Beier. Andrew Kapper led off the seventh with a shot to left-center for a double, and would later score on a wild pitch.

Mason Tjelle was looked upon to close out the seventh, which he did, but not before giving the coaching staff "angina," as he walked five Morris hitters. But solid defense and Tjelle's two strikeouts finished them off.

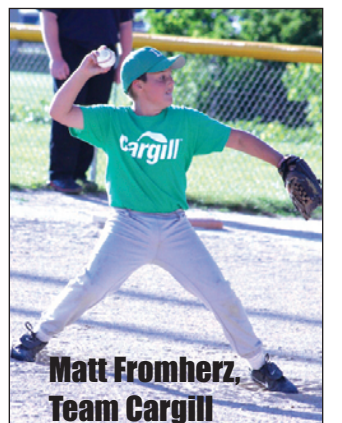
Dustin Hauert, Tjelle, Bovel, H. Beier, and Kapper were all 2-3 in the game. Jaxson Tarnowski and Camden Beier were both 2-4. Landon Brown was 1-3 with a two-run single in the first.

On the mound, Tarnowski earned the win. He struck out five and allowed eight runs in four innings. Tjelle would get the save, striking out seven.

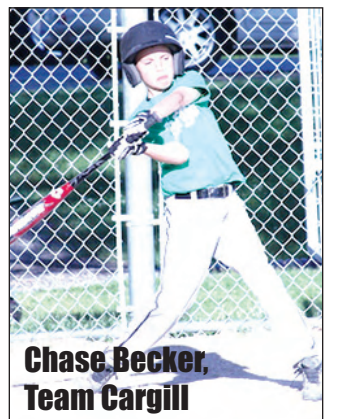
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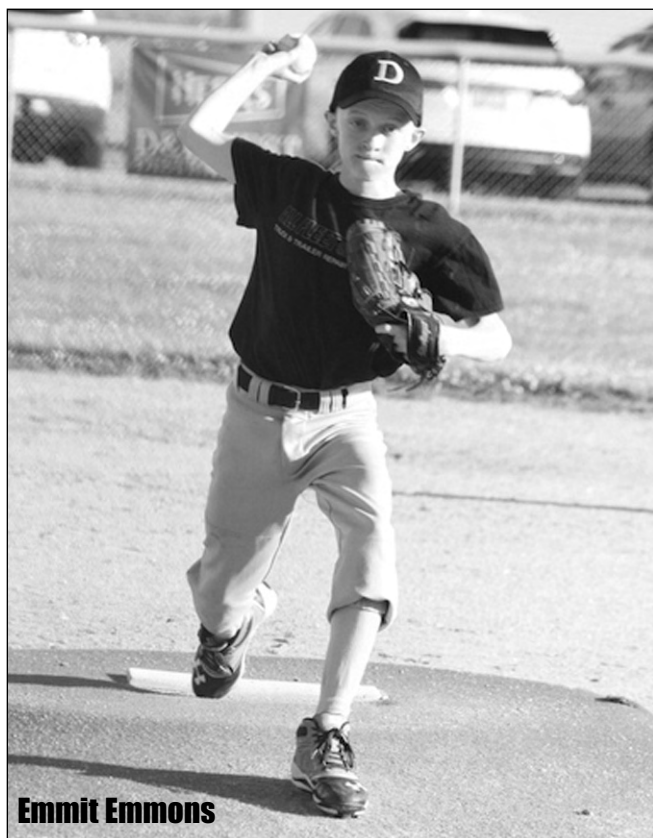
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All-Fleet Baseball



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Dwight Trojan Track Awards

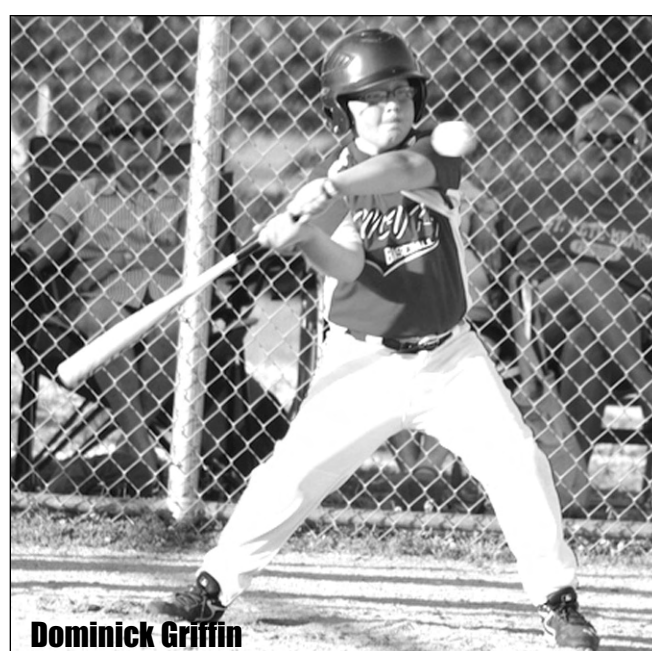
All-Academic Award: Nathan Ruffatti, Becky Holmes, John Carter and Ryan Beier. Absent: Amanda Boys and Mitch Fransen.

All-Conference: Michael Bennett, Blaine Livingston and Conor Livingston. Back row, left to right: Gus Rieke, Marlana Ferrari, Alison Kirk, Nathan Ruffatti, John

Carter, Taylor Richie and Daly Galloway. Absent: Savannah Baldauf, Kitrina Hayner, Bre Rodriguez and Mitch Fransen.

Becky Holmes, Trojan Award; Daly Galloway, MVP; Alison Kirk, MIP; Michael Bennett, MVP; Ryan Beier, Trojan Award; Absent: Michael Mankowski, MIP.

MVK Baseball



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Dwight Sports Physicals

The Dwight Township High School Athletic Department will be offering sports physicals to all incoming sixth - 12th grade students on June 26th from 8am-noon at Dwight High School. Incoming freshmen may use school physical in

lieu of sports physical, but school physicals must be turned in by August 11th to practice on the first day for a fall sport. The cost for the physical is \$20. Checks should be made payable to Dwight Township High School.

Dwight Co-ed Softball Results

June 8 was the opening day for the Dwight Co-ed Softball League. Six teams are participating in the opening season of the newly-formed co-ed league. Teams are: Ump This, Gators, Rury's, JT Saloon/SOCU, Victory Lanes, and Willy's Pub.

Gators defeated JT Saloon/SOCU 7-5; Ump

This defeated Victory Lanes 16-0; and Rury's defeated Willy's Pub 6-0.

Standings for the season are:

- Ump This 1-0
- Gators 1-0
- Rury's 1-0
- JT Saloon/SOCU 0-1
- Victory Lanes 0-1
- Willy's Pub 0-1



Jack Denker

Dwight Bronco Baseball

(Continued from Page 9) Friday, June 6 Dwight A & S Exteriors vs. Marseilles

With Jim Enger on the microphone and the Big Kahuna adding music, June 6th was a great night for baseball in Dwight. In the first game Dwight's A & S Exteriors fought back from a large deficit, but good Marseilles pitching in the 7th ended A & S's chances. A & S lost 9-8.

The Paper vs. Seneca 2

The nightcap had *The Paper* beating Seneca 2 by the score of 9-7. *The Paper* started with five runs in the first a leading 5-3. Some costly errors made the game closer than it needed to be, but solid pitching prevailed.

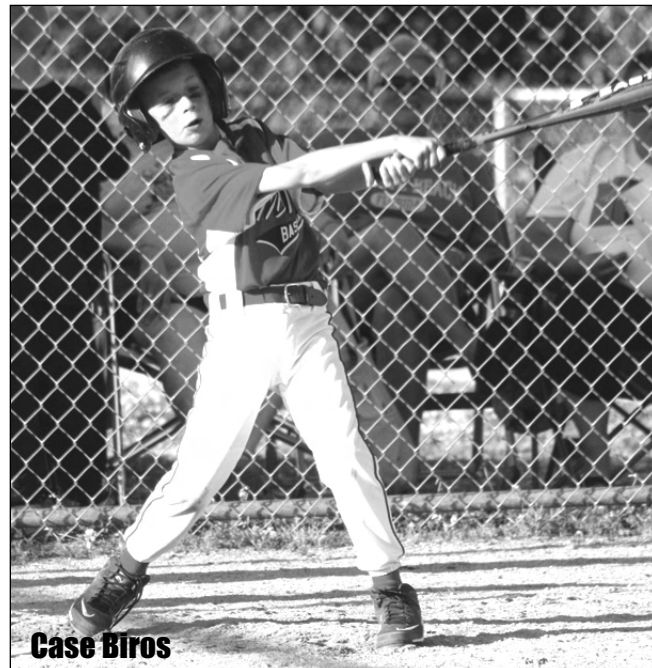
Hudson Beier was two for two with three RBI for *The Paper*. Dustin Hauert had a

game ball award night, going two for three. Jarrett Jancek, Carson Crouch and Camden Beier were all one for two. C. Beier added two RBI. Landon Brown added a ground out RBI in the 4th inning. Rylan Bovellet and Mason Tjelle also scored for *The Paper*.

On the hill Crouch pitched the first three innings allowing four runs (two earned) and striking out six for the win. H. Beier went two and two-thirds innings allowing three runs (one earned) and striking out four. Mason Tjelle only needed to face four Seneca batters in one and one-third innings sealing the win. *The Paper* has reached the .500 mark on the season at 6-6. *The Paper* faces two tough teams this week in GSW and Dwight's Jeremy's Barber Shop.



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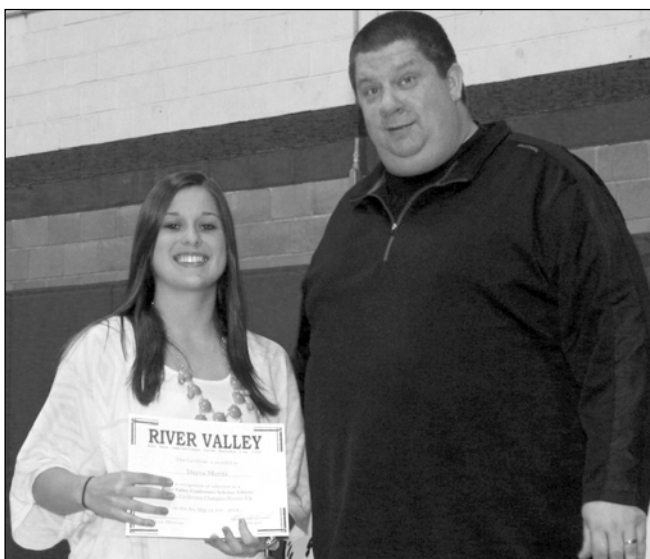
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Tri-Point Class of 2014 Senior Awards



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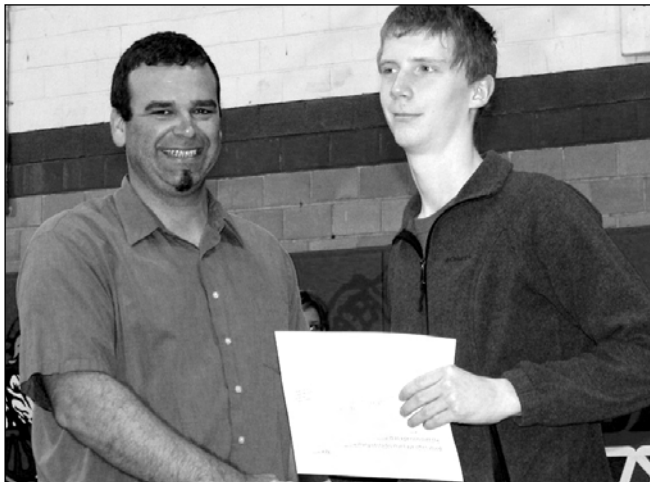
DAYNA MORITZ received many awards and scholarships including the River Valley Conference Scholar Athlete presented by Mr. Justin Cox.



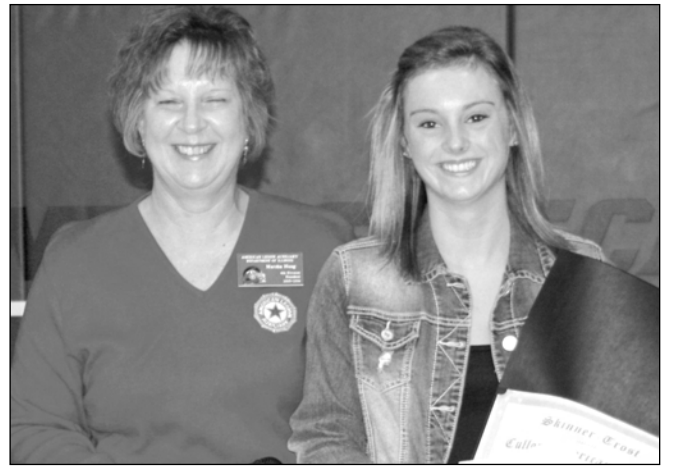
TAYLOR GAUS received the English Technical Writer Award presented by Principal Hill.



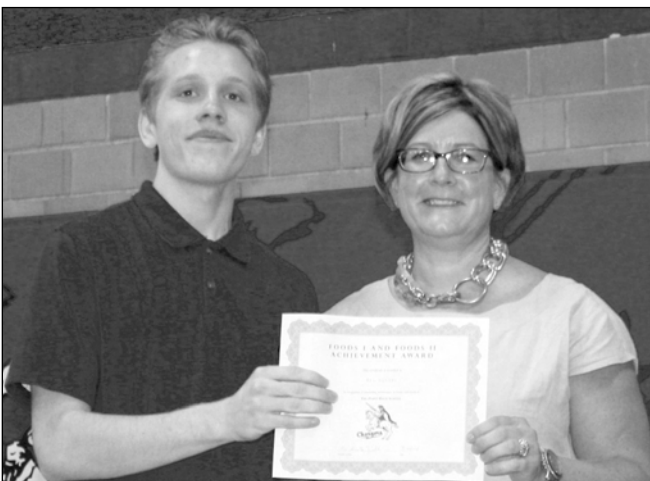
TY ZANARDELLI received "The Tie That Binds Us" Award from Principal Kellee Hill.



WAIDE STEPHENS received THE GOLDEN TICKET award presented by Mr. Will Patterson.



KADIE KING received a \$500 American Legion Scholarship presented by Marsha Haag.



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BROOKE HAAG received many awards and scholarships including the First Farm Credit Services Scholarship for \$1500 presented by Mr. Mike Hertz.



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MITCHELL B. ENGLISH received the Small Engines/Mechanics Award presented by Mrs. Diana Loschen.

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DGS Spelling Bee finalists, pictured at left are: Standing (left to right): Eden Beier, Gabe Seaber, Jack Gallet, Emmett Emmons, Toni Treglio, Ella Kargle, Brandon Caylor. Front Row (left to right): Anthony Nelson, Chase Becker, Dustin Hauert, Ella Sandeno, Izzy Burkhardt.

Dwight Grade School Spelling Bee Held

On May 29, twelve Dwight Grade School students competed in their fourth grade school spelling bee. After competing in classroom spelling bees, six fourth and six fifth grade students advanced to the school-wide bee. Emmett Emmons, fourth grader, and Jack Gallet, fifth grader, battled through several rounds of competition. Emmett Emmons won the bee by spelling the final word - hydraulic.

The faculty and staff congratulate the winner, Emmett Emmons, and all the finalists on their accomplishments.

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SECTION IV: That the following budget for the Insurance Liability 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:

Insurance Fund		
Income and Opening Balance		
		\$20,392.34
	Opening Balance as of May 1, 2014	\$3,891.23
	LaSalle County Property Tax	\$13,058.66
	Livingston County Property Tax	\$1,693.46
	Grundy County Property Tax	\$1,248.99
	Refunds	\$500.00
Expenses		
		\$14,300.00
	Accidental Injury and Death	\$2,500.00
	Bonds	\$500.00
	Commercial Package	\$8,000.00
	Umbrella Liability	\$1,000.00
	Workers Compensation	\$2,300.00
		\$715.00
	Contigent Fund	\$715.00
	Total Income	\$20,392.34
	Total Expenses	\$15,015.00
	Ending Balance	\$5,377.34

SECTION V: That the following budget for the Audit 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:

Audit Fund		
Income and Opening Balance		
		\$2,950.37
	Opening Balance as of May 1, 2014	\$450.03
	LaSalle County Property Tax	\$2,040.55
	Livingston County Property Tax	\$264.62
	Grundy County Property Tax	\$195.17
Expenses		
		\$2,257.50
	Auditing Accounts	\$2,150.00
	Contigent Fund	\$107.50
	Total Income	\$2,950.37
	Total Expenses	\$2,257.50
	Ending Balance	\$692.87

SECTION VI: That the following budget for the General Reserve 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:

Corporate Reserve Fund		
Income and Opening Balance		
		\$183,112.05
	Opening Balance as of May 1, 2014	\$113,112.05
	Transfer from Corporate Fund	\$70,000.00
Expenses		
		\$27,300.00
	Siren Replacement	\$5,000.00
	Portable Equipment	\$6,000.00
	Construction Advance Building	\$15,000.00
	Contigent Fund	\$1,300.00
	Total Income	\$183,112.05
	Total Expenses	\$27,300.00
	Ending Balance	\$155,812.05

SECTION VII: That the following budget for the Ambulance Reserve 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:

Ambulance Reserve Fund		
Income and Opening Balance		
		\$148,473.13
	Opening Balance as of May 1, 2014	\$88,473.13
	Transfer from Ambulance Fund	\$60,000.00
Expenses		
		\$21,000.00
	Siren Replacement	\$5,000.00
	Construction Advance	\$15,000.00
	Contigent Fund	\$1,000.00
	Total Income	\$148,473.13
	Total Expenses	\$21,000.00
	Ending Balance	\$127,473.13

SECTION VIII :That the following budget for the Volunteer 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:

Volunteer Fund		
Income and Opening Balance		
		\$9,338.33
	Opening Balance as of May 1, 2014	\$838.33
	Transfer from Corporate Fund	\$4,250.00
	Transfer from Ambulance Fund	\$4,250.00
Expenses		
		\$8,400.00
	EMS Training	\$4,000.00
	Fire Training	\$4,000.00
	Contigent Fund	\$400.00
	Total Income	\$9,338.33
	Total Expense	\$8,400.00
	Ending Balance	\$938.33

SECTION IX: That the following amounts, or so much thereof as shall be authorized by law, are appropriated for said fiscal year to defray all necessary and proper expenses and reserves, the object and purposes of such appropriated amounts being described in above SECTIONS II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII:

FUND	APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATED TRANSFERS	TOTAL
General Corporate Fund	\$35,022.75	\$74,250.00	\$109,272.75
Ambulance Fund	\$25,940.25	\$64,250.00	\$90,190.25
Insurance Liability Fund	\$15,015.00	\$-	\$15,015.00
Audit Fund	\$2,257.50	\$-	\$2,257.50
General Corporate Reserve Fund	\$27,300.00	\$-	\$27,300.00
Ambulance Reserve Fund	\$21,000.00	\$-	\$21,000.00
Volunteer Fund	\$8,900.00	\$-	\$8,900.00
TOTAL	\$135,435.50	\$138,500.00	\$273,935.50

SECTION X: That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this Ordinance may be guaranteed in making up any deficiency in any items under the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance.

SECTION XI: That should any portion of this ordinance be declared invalid, then all other portions of this ordinance shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION XII: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Board Trustees of the Allen Township Fire Protection District this 21st day of May, 2014.

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		
Total Income and Opening Balance		
		\$132,491.86
	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
Expenses		
		\$1,905.00
	Administrative	\$1,905.00
	Membership Dues	\$155.00
	Postage and Supplies	\$500.00
	R and R Program	\$1,000.00
	Trustee Mileage and Expenses	\$250.00
	Contigent Fund	\$1,667.75
	Equipment Fund	\$18,700.00
	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
	Legal Fund	\$3,800.00
	Attorney Fees	\$3,000.00
	Court Costs	\$100.00
	Publication and Printing	\$700.00
	Licensing Fund	\$1,000.00
	Licenses	\$500.00
	Vaccines & Medical Expenses	\$500.00
	Station Fund	\$7,950.00
	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
	Transfer to Other Funds	\$74,250.00
	Corporate Reserve	\$70,000.00
	Volunteer Fund	\$4,250.00
	Total Income	\$132,491.86
	Transfers to other funds	\$74,250.00
	Total Expenses	\$35,022.75
	Ending Balance	\$23,219.11

SECTION III: That the following budget for the Ambulance Service 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:

Ambulance Fund		
Income and Opening Balance		
		\$105,922.22
	Opening Balance as of May 1, 2014	\$30,617.39
	LaSalle County Property Tax	\$61,212.18
	Livingston County Property Tax	\$7,938.05
	Grundy County Property Tax	\$5,854.60
	Interest from NOW Account	\$200.00
	Refunds	\$100.00
Expenses		
		\$1,905.00
	Administrative	\$1,905.00
	Membership Dues	\$155.00
	Postage and Supplies	\$500.00
	R and R Program	\$1,000.00
	Trustee Mileage and Expenses	\$250.00
	Ambulance Equipment Fund	\$12,550.00
	Ambulance Maintenance	\$1,000.00
	Ambulance Supplies	\$1,500.00
	Fuel and Oil	\$1,750.00
	Maintenance of Defibrillator	\$2,300.00
	Purchase of Equipment	\$1,500.00
	Repairs to Ambulance and Equipment	\$4,500.00
	Contigent Fund	\$1,235.25
	Legal Fund	\$3,800.00
	Attorney Fees	\$3,000.00
	Court Costs	\$100.00
	Publication and Printing	\$700.00
	Licensing Fund	\$1,000.00
	Licenses	\$500.00
	Vaccines & Medical Expenses	\$500.00
	Station Fund	\$5,450.00
	Building Security System	\$600.00
	Electricity	\$850.00
	Natural Gas	\$1,500.00
	Telephone	\$2,000.00
	Water Fund	\$500.00
	Transfer to other Funds	\$64,250.00
	Ambulance Reserve	\$60,000.00
	Volunteer Fund	\$4,250.00
	Total Income	\$105,922.22
	Total Transfers	\$64,250.00
	Total Expenses	\$25,940.25
	Ending Balance	\$15,731.97

Gardner Grade School Enjoys Last Day of School

The final day of school for Gardner Grade School was June 5. Students celebrated with an outdoor picnic put on by the PTG. There were several bounce

houses and obstacle courses to play in, along with water fights, chances to dunk the teachers in a dunk tank, karaoke, giant bounce balls and tug of war.



Tyler Ambrogio and Blake Patterson during the Water Fights.



Teachers in the Dunk Tank: Superintendent Tony Whiston and Bob Kelly.

Gardner Grade School Holds 9th Annual Talent Show

Gardner Grade School held its 9th Annual Talent Show on June 2. The students displayed a variety of talents including singing, dancing, karate, scooter tricks, and several instrumentals.

Students participating: **Kindergarten:** Will Cardwell, Naya Clark, Elizabeth Ernst, Leanna Freeman, Bret Manzello, Kayla Schueber, Nina Siano, Aubree Stein, Owen Vitko and Madelyn Wilson.

First Grade: Hannah Balcom, Brennen Carrey, Malachi Coleman, Anthony Crutchfield, Ryleigh Dvorak, Parker Farrero, Cole Hampson, Kaci Jackson, Kole Jackson, Owen Leonard, Abby Leveille, Ryan Millette, Emma Minnick, Emma Norrington, McKenzie Ragland, Ethan Thompson, Quinn Walsh and Tyler Wilkey.

Second Grade: Jacob Bisping, Ashlee Boyajean, Chase Caplet, Cree Croy, Bennett Grant, Annabella Kiss, Lucie Minnick, Madelyn Olsen, Mary Clare Phillips, Eric Segerberg, Morgen Smith, Jayden Talbot, Bella Vyce and Grace Wright.

Third Grade: Alex Alvarado, Jayden Buchanan, Dylan Carpenter, Abbey Granger, Taeryn Lardi, Joey Leadingham, Ricky Sarcinelli, Hallee Wallen and Katy Wallerich.

Fourth Grade: Olivia Cerutti, Savannah Granger, Alex Grivetti, Josh Leveille and Alyssa Woodworth.

Fifth Grade: Abby Beck, Matthew Cotton, Koli Croy, Ally Ernst, Goldie Hollingsworth, Ben Howell, Grace Howell, Avery Lenzie, Luke Maurisak and Mackinze Watson.

Sixth Grade: Kevin Bisping, Alexis Brooke, Lauren Cerutti, Seth Harlan, Emma Hennessy, Jack James, Mary Lopez, Paige Patterson, Shelby Putnam, Stephanie Sanchez, Madison Sharp and Maryssa Woodworth.

Seventh Grade: Lexxi Ballard, Jackson Boltz, Isaiah Coleman, Robert Harlan, Blake Lenzie, Nick Maurisak, Joey Morales, Dylan Nelson, Kayli Olson, Ava Siano and Connor Vyce.

Eighth Grade: Scott Sharp.



GGs sixth grade Boomwackers playing 'Eye of the Tiger,' left to right: Lauren Cerutti, Alexis Brooke, Mary Lopez, Kevin Bisping, Stephanie Sanchez, Madison Sharp, Seth Harlan and Alyssa Woodworth.



First grade singing 'Let it Snow,' left to right: Tyler Wilkey, Brennan Carrey, Parker Farrero, Owen Leonard, Kole Jackson and Emma Norrington.

SWGS Principal Accompanies Two Students to Honorary Breakfast

On May 2, the Principal/Superintendent of South Wilmington Grade School, Mrs. Christensen, accompanied two eighth grade students to the Illinois Principals Association Three Rivers Region 14th Annual Student Recognition Breakfast held at the Rialto Theatre in Joliet. Students

were selected by Mrs. Christensen based on academic performance as well as involvement in school activities and community service.

Luke Henderson and Michael Travers are both strong academic students, giving their best in all that they do.



Attending the recognition breakfast were: left to right: Luke Henderson, Mrs. Christensen and Michael Travers.

Registration Available at St. Paul School

Open registration is now available for new families for the 2014-15 school term at St. Paul School, Odell.

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started.

When it comes to estate planning, here are some things to consider:

Your Legacy. Ask yourself, "is my property an asset or an heirloom?" If it's not important for you to keep your land in the family, you must determine whether you want to sell it or give it away to charity. Both options have important financial and tax

benefits and drawbacks. Ask an estate planner or tax advisor about them.

Find an Estate Planner. Start by asking people you trust for recommendations. Once you have a list of names, conduct informal interviews. Ask questions that can help ensure that a planner's interests and skills fit your needs before you commit to working together.

"Look for someone with significant experience particularly with land assets and families, who has up-to-date knowledge of the field and relevant laws, and possesses expertise in woodland or has a forestry background," says Caroline Kuebler, Outreach Manager of the American Tree Farm System, a network of 82,000 family forest owners sustainably managing 24 million acres of woodlands.

Your Family. Your plan for your property's future won't work if your family can't or isn't willing to put it into action. Kuebler, an expert on family forest outreach, recommends getting them involved if you plan to pass your land on to them.

"If your family lacks a connection to your land, it can lead to conflict when planning for the future," says Kuebler. "Talk to your family about your experiences on your land. Go on a hike. The more you camp, fish, hunt, work and play on the property together, the more they'll appreciate and value it."

Take advantage of free online tools that can help your family manage your land and plan for its future. For example, My Land Plan's mapping tool can be used to mark out features on your land, including areas that are special to you and your family. The site also features a journal, which can be used to capture family memories, upload photos,

record wildlife sightings and more.

In the property history section, you can document how you first acquired your land. Such tools can be a great way to introduce the next generation to your land and what makes it so important to you.

The non-profit website My Land Plan also contains a wealth of information on options for your land, such as conservation agreements and trusts. To learn more or sign up for a free account, visit www.MyLandPlan.org.

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Planning For a Comfortable Retirement

Whether you're 15 or 50, it's never too early to start planning for retirement. Here's a breakdown of what you should be looking at through the decades:

Teen Years: As a teenager, retirement planning is at its maximum benefit. Every dollar put aside during these years will pay off in the long run by far, which is why it's so important to put something— anything— away in savings or investments. For example, if a teen starts saving only \$615 each year (not at all an unreasonable amount for a summer's work) at the age of 14 in an investment portfolio returning 11% each year, that will grow to about \$1 million over 56 years.

Twenties: Waiting until you're an adult still won't have negative consequences on your retirement, but you shouldn't wait too much longer. With twenty-somethings starting on careers, the opportunity to put away even more. It's also a good time to cement good habits, like paying off your credit card in full each month, keeping track of your checkbook, and

learning to say "no" to everything you want.

Thirties: This period in your life is perhaps the most crucial one, as you'll never again be able to save less to earn more. If you had



put \$5,000 in a Roth IRA at an 8% annual return in your teen years, it would have netted you \$1.9 million by age 65. To reach the same amount if you start saving in your 30s, you'll have to put away a whopping \$11,200 each year.

Forties: While starting your retirement now isn't ideal, it's still better to do something instead of despairing, and doing nothing. You'll have to put aside a fairly astronomical amount to get a decent return when you retire, or keep working later into life. But starting your retirement in your 40s

does have one clear advantage: with all the years you've lived, you've acquired a wisdom and caniness that'll enable you to go about retirement planning the right way, such as investing 65% in stocks and 35% in bonds and cash.

Fifties: At this point in your retirement planning, you belong to what's called the "sandwich generation", the demographic of people who are sandwiched in between multiple financial squeezes: your children's educations, your parents' health problems, mortgages and car payments, your own retirement, and existing between a lost decade in stocks combined with the worst recession in years.

But the main benefit you can enjoy is you're currently at your highest earning income level ever, and can put away a good amount.

Sixties: There's a good chance you may have lost a big chunk of your retirement savings because of the recession, a heavily-"fee-ed" 401(k), or any combination of factors. And at this age, that loss can sting harder than ever because there's not much time to make it up. But if you've managed to dodge that bullet, then you can breathe a sigh of relief as you've got hardly any time at all to wait until you can stop saving and start enjoying.

But with tough economic times, an unfortunate reality is that many people will still have to continue working long past the age they thought they would, as a dollar just doesn't go as far as it used to.

Save Time and Prevent Injury While Doing Yard Work

While caring for your lawn can be pleasant, it needn't take all day. Luckily, time saving tools can also save your body some wear and tear:

- Water plants with a heavy-duty sprayer. Since gardeners are prone to knee injuries from repetitive pressure placed upon the area, a sprayer you can use standing up is a better choice.
- More than 38,000 Americans sustained raking-related injuries in 2012, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. For a more efficient collection of leaves, pine needles and grass clippings, consider using a high-performance lawn sweeper.
- Save your back and

some time by avoiding wheelbarrows and over-the-shoulder hauling. Instead, move tools, soil, mulch and yard clippings quickly and easily with a cargo carrier or utility cart.

- Shave hours off yard work while also avoiding the repetitive arm, elbow, wrist and hand movements that cause injury with a dethatcher that gently combs dead grass and roots to the surface where they can be swept up.

For more advice on injury-free, efficient yard care, visit <http://www.tor.com/z-versatility>.

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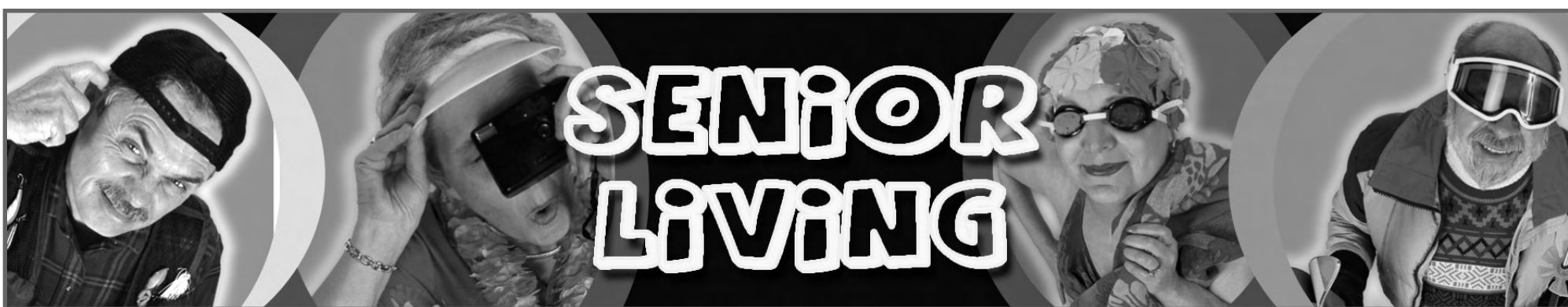
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Learning About Your Family History Is Important

It's no wonder that genealogy is one of the most popular topics on the Internet -- family history can be fascinating, and learning more about it is an excellent vehicle for generating conversation and fostering inter-generational bonds.

Beyond creating a family tree, consider generating a more thorough narrative by conducting an oral history interview with your loved ones.

"Through an oral history, you can capture key life moments and connect the past and future," says Nancy Rogers, senior vice president of Corporate Responsibility at Lincoln Financial Group. The company is honoring the legacy of Abraham Lincoln and the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation through its Lincoln's Legacy initiative, which includes a call for recorded oral histories conducted by Americans nationwide.

With so much technology now available in the palm of your hand, discovering and capturing your family's history is easier than ever. From conducting research online to recording and sharing oral histories, take advantage of available tools. Here are some guidelines to make the most of the experience:

Prepare questions, don't just wing it. You'll have a much more interesting conversation if you have a series of open-ended questions ready in advance. For example, "what historical event left the most lasting impression on your life?" Avoid yes

or no questions.

Consider your relatives' ages and what life might have been like for them during their childhood. Were their schools or neighborhoods racially diverse? Ask your grandparent or older relative to compare life today to that time.

"You may not think about it often, but Americans have not always enjoyed the freedom and opportunities they do today. Talking to older relatives about their lives and the lives of their parents and grandparents can shed light on the struggles and challenges of the past," says Allison Green, chief diversity officer at Lincoln Financial.

Use a prop to get the conversation started, such as an old photo or a trinket. These keepsakes can inspire both questions and answers.

Preserve your interview by recording it forever. Choose a well-lit, quiet area. Use a camcorder or a smartphone -- whatever works for you.

Don't keep your interview to yourself. There are ways you can share it with the world. For example, Lincoln Financial Group is calling for recordings to be incorporated into an anthology of voices. To upload your conversation or learn more about the initiative, visit www.LincolnsLegacyOralHistories.com.

Everyone has an interesting story to tell and a legacy to leave. Don't let the fascinating fabric of your family history fade away undiscovered.

New Technologies Helping More Seniors Age-In-Place

Nearly 90 percent of people 50 years old and up want to remain at home as long as possible, according to a recent AARP study.

If you have an aging parent or grandparent, having a discussion about his or her alternatives is important. But remember, it can be a sensitive subject, especially when he or she has lived in the same place for a long time. So before broaching the issue, be sure you understand all the options that might allow for aging-in-place at home.

"If you're considering an assisted living facility for a loved one, make sure you look at new technologies first to see if you can help he or she remain independent, secure and connected from the comfort of home," says

Walt Podsiadlak, Health and Wellness Sales Manager at Linear LLC, a leading provider of wired and wireless security technology for seniors.

This starts by discussing the greatest challenges your loved one faces, such as mobility, personal care and meals, and determining what kind of technology or service addresses those specific needs.

One of the most widely used technologies by individuals aging-in-place are personal emergency reporting systems (PERS), that can send for help in an emergency, amongst other func-

tions. PERS devices have made significant leaps since TV commercials first popu-

larized them in the 1980s. For example, new systems like the Linear PERS-4200 console still connect a wrist or necklace pendant to a central monitoring station for push-button emergency reporting, but useful new features have also been added.

Here are some features to look for and consider when picking the right PERS technology:

- Temperature sensors can

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- An activity timer can be programmed to send a signal if a preset amount of time elapses before either an activity transmitter is triggered or the console's "home" button is pressed.
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Mon., June 16: Smoked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, pea salad, whole grain bread (2), warm sliced pears with craisins.

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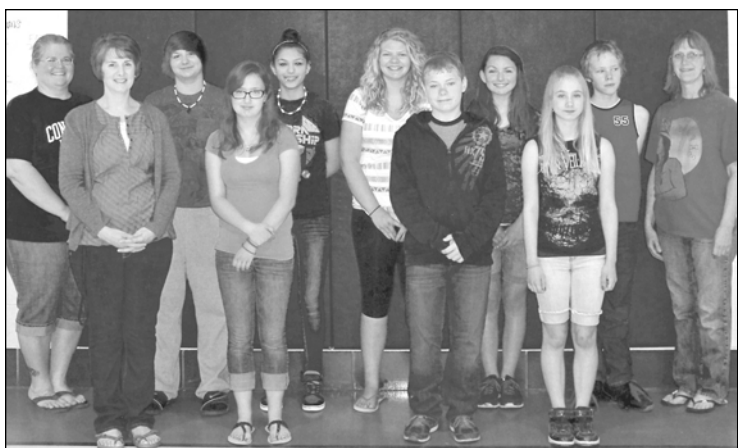
Each year the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity holds an Illinois Coal Calendar Contest for elementary students in the state. Of the 1,000 entries and 35 schools, the top 12 students were chosen and eight of those were from Braceville Elementary. The top essay

and poster will be featured in the 2015 calendar as the cover and within the calendar. Both of those entries were by Braceville students.

Madyson Schuck, 7th grade, for her essay titled "A Brief History of Braceville" won the essay contest, and Rylee Gouwens, 7th

grade, for her poster titled "Coal Powers Illinois".

Braceville is very proud of all the students who had essays and posters that were chosen for top honors. The students and their teachers were invited to the Executive Mansion in Springfield on May 5 for a reception.



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Bonnie Lardi, 6th grade teacher; Jordan Bartels, Kale Murray and Taylor Bartels. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Diane Howard, 7th grade teacher; Alana Noonan, Kassandra Quintana, Madyson Schuck (1st place essay winner), Rylee Gouwens (1st place poster winner), Dominick Krob and Mrs. Teri Rakes, 8th grade teacher.

Gardner Grade School 300 Point Club

Throughout the school year, students at Gardner Grade School in third through fifth grade take Accelerated Reader Tests to earn

points toward rewards.

Three students went above and beyond and tripled the amount of points needed to earn the

highest reward, which is a trip to Barnes and Noble. Members of the 300 point club are Ally Ernst, Chris Bexson and Payton Leonard.



Gardner Grade School members of the 300 club pictured left to right: Fifth grader Ally Ernst, fifth grader Chris Bexson and third grader Payton Leonard.

The Paper
Deadline is Friday at noon.

Honor Roll

Odell Grade School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Perfect Honor Roll (Straight A's)
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Eighth Grade: Lucas Roe

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Eighth Grade: Leah Flynn, Trevor Heddins, Kaitlyn Masching, Jacob Matern, Breair Thweatt

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Honor Roll
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Sixth Grade: Kaleb Brown, Katelynne Foster, Alexis Roff
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Eighth Grade: Jamie McKee

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Eighth Grade: Morgyn Moyemont

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Fifth Grade: Rylee Farris, Randy Groves, Trevor Sexton

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Honor Roll
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Seventh Grade: Amanda Fox, Amy Rice, Scott Shelby
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Women in the Outdoors Helps Women Learn, Laugh, Lighten Up

Join the Women in the Outdoors (WITO) event on Sunday, June 22 at the Downers Grove Sportmen's Club in Morris. The event is hosted by the Tri-County Callers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Through this event, women can learn basic shotgun safety and shooting skills from expert instructors in a relaxed, comfortable environment. Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays (walk through course) are the activities being offered. Although this is an incredible environment for beginners, avid shooters are welcome. Participants will be divided into groups based upon skill level.

The event is limited to 60 participants and is open to women 14 and older. There is a fee to attend. Participants will receive a *Women in the Outdoors* membership and a subscription to *Turkey Country* bi-monthly magazine. The registration fee includes clay targets and shells. By also encouraging a greater awareness of the country's natural resources, events create outdoor convictions that are important to the future success of wildlife

conservation and the preservation of North America's hunting traditions. Pre-registration is required for participation in the day's activities with the deadline being June 15 to register.

The Women in the Outdoors program's mission is to provide hands-on, educational outdoor opportunities for women. "The Women in the Outdoors program allows the National Wild Turkey Federation to reach an entirely new audience, one that has the potential to benefit conservation efforts," said Brenda Valentine, the NWT's spokeswoman. "This event is also a chance for women of all walks of life - singles, moms, daughters, young and old - to spend a weekend outdoors, away from home, having fun and making new friends."

For more information or donations, contact Lauren DeKlerk at (815) 955-4087 or email: lauren-deklerk@live.com, or Cindy Spillman, Regional Director, at cspillman@nwtf.net, or call (800) THE-NWTF or visit the Women in the Outdoors website at www.womenintheoutdoors.org.

17th District American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girl's State Tea Held

The 17th District American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girl's State Tea was held May 18, at the Saunemin Community Center hosted by 17th District IGS Chairman, Marsha Haag of Unit 122, Cullom. Illini Girl's State will be held Sunday, June 15 through Saturday, June 21 at EIU in Charleston.

IGS Director Deb Lewis and 4th Division IGS Chairman Kathy Cisna gave an overall presentation on what to expect at Girl's State. Nine citizens and family members from around the 17th District attended.

Members of Cullom Skinner Trost Unit 122 helped in the

kitchen: Marge Kross, Linda Vercler, Pat Fagan, Judy Ehlers.

Illini Girls State is a week long program dedicated to providing training for young women on city, county and state government. They are placed into a two party system and run for office, campaign, vote, and write legislation pertinent to Illini Girl's State as well as the state and nation. Along with forming their own governments, they will also hear from guest speakers in the political arena (present and past), veterans and/or active service men and women, American Legion Auxiliary members and motivational speakers.



2014 American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State Candidates attending the 17th District Tea, May 18, in Saunemin. Front Row, left to right: Kristen Iverson, Flanagan; Maggie Knoll, Bloomington; Grace Metz, Cullom; Catherine Green, Sibley; Emily Schroeder, Normal. Back Row, left to right: IGS Director Deb Lewis; Lexi Tibbs, Middletown; Megan Jackson, Lincoln; Ashton Melton, Cullom; Naomi Bailey, Lincoln; Kathy Cisna, 4th Division IGS Chairman.

Starved Rock Lodge to Host First Annual Hike-A-Palooza

Hike-A-Palooza is a three day adventure on June 22-24 to take hikers 35 miles over three days at Starved Rock State Park and its neighboring properties. You can purchase each day individually, as a 3 day package or as an overnight package. A synopsis of the adventure follows:

Day 1, Buffalo Rock, I & M Canal from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Hikers will travel to Buffalo Rock State Park via the Starved Rock Trolley and see the Effigy Tumuli. Enjoy a late dinner cookout before traveling to the Illinois Michigan Canal for a 5 mile evening hike.

Day 2, Starved Rock from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hikers will begin their 13.4 mile day with the trolley to the furthest east point at Starved Rock State Park. The hike will visit 12 canyons before lunch and visit six after lunch. In the evening, a well deserved dinner will await hikers at Elements, the Lodge's historic dining room.

Day 3, Matthiessen State Park, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hikers will start the day with a trolley ride to Matthiessen State Park, where they will traverse many unusual and beautiful rock formations. Lunch will be approximately halfway through the hike. After completing 13 miles, the trolley will return hikers to Starved Rock Lodge.

For more information and to make reservations for your Hike-A-Palooza, call (815) 220-7386, or go to www.starvedrocklodge.com.

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• JUNE 12: 9 a.m., Outreach Committee meeting; 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Confirmation Retreat; 7:15 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.

• JUNE 15: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:15 - 10:15 a.m., "New" Book Study; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., "Show Your Ride" and Cookout; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group; 6 p.m., 20-40 Something Bible Study.

• JUNE 16, 17, 18: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.,

Vacation Bible School.
• JUNE 18: 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage Health; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.

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• JUNE 12: 6:30 p.m., X-treme Youth; 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• JUNE 13: 5 p.m., Smart Choice Food - ordering; 6 p.m., Unfinished Object Night (crafts)

• JUNE 14: 7 a.m., Courageous Men's Group

• JUNE 15: 9 a.m., Morning Prayer; 10 a.m., Main Service - Father's Day Celebration; Kids Ministry ages 3-11.
• JUNE 16: 7 a.m., Kids leave for Church Camp; 5:30 p.m., First Place Bible Study; 6:30 p.m., Jeremy's Bible Study.
• JUNE 17: 6:30 p.m.,

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St. Patrick Catholic Church
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• JUNE 15: 8:00 a.m., Mass

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• JUNE 11 through 13: Crossways Confirmation Camp continues.

• JUNE 11: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 6 p.m., WELCA General Meeting at St. Peter's; 6:30 p.m., Bible Study with Pastor.

• JUNE 13: 8 p.m., A.A.
• JUNE 14: 9 a.m., "The Daniel Plan" Bible Study.
• JUNE 15, Father's

Day - 9 a.m., HC Worship; 10:15 a.m., Council Minutes meeting; 10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hour.

• JUNE 16: 5 p.m., Good Samaritan/Flanagan Benefit meeting.

• JUNE 18: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 6:30 p.m., Youth Fellowship and Adult Max Lucado on Life.

• JUNE 19: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at the Country Mansion.

BRACEVILLE
Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Gould St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods

• JUNE 11: STATIC Youth Group, 7th - 12th grade, 6 - 8 p.m. Snacks will be served.
• JUNE 13: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m.
• JUNE 14: 4 - 7 p.m., 4th Annual Fish Fry. Free! Donations accepted. All proceeds will support the Vacation Bible School.

• JUNE 15: Outdoor Worship Service, 10 a.m. at Braceville Freedom Field Bandstand (soccer field on Rt. 53). Special music by JAM Junction, EDGE and STATIC Youth Group. Take a lawn chair. - 2:00-3:00 p.m., Allegiance Gospel Quartet.

CAMPUS
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• JUNE 15: 10 a.m., Mass

GARDNER
The Church of Hope
Monroe & Jefferson Sts.
815-237-8312
Janet Chandler, Pastor
• JUNE 12: Pastor's Lectionary Group
• JUNE 15: 9:15 a.m., Worship Service/Father's Day and Memorial Sunday.
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• JUNE 19: Pastor's Lectionary Group.

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