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A TASTE OF DWIGHT WAS A SUCCESS! Sunday, August 10, Dwight held its inaugural Taste of Dwight. There were 23 businesses were showcased along with live entertainment.

photos by Shayla Loring photography

Campus Days August 15-17

Campus Days is slated for Friday, August 15, through Sunday, August 17, and there is a plethora of events and activities happening, including:

Friday, August 15

- The second annual 5k
- Tic Tock, DJ
- Food for purchase by John and Linda Naese - Pork Chop, Hamburger or Hot Dog with your choice of baked beans, potato salad or chips. Lemonade will be provided, but for any other drink, it is BYOB.

Saturday, August 16

- Annual Softball Tournament, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Food vendors available - John and Linda Naese, and Traci Dalton
- Co-ed Volleyball, 16 and under tournament
- Fishing Derby, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Age groups are 10-14 and nine and under. \$50 awarded for first prize in each age group. Other

prizes will also be awarded.

- Beer Tent
- Bounce House
- 50/50 Raffle
- Kids Games
- Basket Raffle

- Mitch Edwards playing from 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- Take Cover will begin playing at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 17

- Softball Tournament continues, starting at 9:00 a.m.

- Beer Tent
- Bounce House
- 50/50 Raffle
- Kids Games
- Basket Raffle
- Sacred Heart Parish chicken dinner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee.
- Tractor Pull at 2:00 p.m. Sign-up before 1:30 p.m.
- Raffle announcements at 5:00 p.m.
- Tommy Edwards plays from 3:00-7:00 p.m.



Dwight Historical Society to Present 'The Keeley Institute'

August 19 at the Country Manison.
More info on page 12.



Chris Duffy, pictured above, and his brother, Mike Duffy III, continue the family business of Cryogenics

Ranch Cryogenics, Inc. Moves Its Base to Dwight

by Bridget De Waard

Heading out towards Gardner on Old Route 66, a business called Ranch Cryogenics has made Dwight its home, officially making the move from Wilmington and opening at their new location in June 2014. While the word cryogenics might conjure up visions of frozen bodies or Ted Williams for the sci-fi inclined, it is, more specifically, the science of producing and studying low-temperature conditions.

Permanent gases, which are elements that normally exist in the gaseous state, were once believed impossi-

ble to liquefy. It was later discovered in the nineteenth century that these gases, which can include oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and helium, could be liquefied at exceedingly low temperatures (ranging from approximately -100 degrees Celcius down to absolute zero).

In reference to Ranch Cryogenics, Inc., these gases are taken from the atmosphere, distilled, and purified to meet other company's specific needs for the elements in a liquefied state. "Essentially, we like to say we harvest the sky," Mike Duffy III said of the business. "These natural gases

can then be used for just about everything, from medical equipment to computer related products, just about anything you could imagine."

A family business, brothers Mike Duffy III and Chris Duffy have followed in their father's, as well as their grandfather's, footsteps, and continued working in the same industry. Their grandfather, Mike Duffy, Sr., serves as the CEO of the company, and has been in the industry since the 1960s. He began by working for Northern Gases as a truck and trailer mechanic for 21 years, and discovered his

desire to run his own company within the same industry after taking part in a successful building project. As the market called for more liquid oxygen, Duffy seized the opportunity and started his own business in 1987.

Mike Duffy, Sr. actually started the business from home, clearing out an old chicken coop on his farm in Pennsylvania. "That was the meaning behind the Ranch part of the business name," Chris Duffy said. "It was kind of an inside joke, referring to the fact that my grandfather began everything on a farm." The

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Suicide Victim Possessed Dwight Murder Weapon

Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson has confirmed that the handgun used by Joseph Sipple, 27, of Grundy and La Salle Counties, to take his own life near Sheridan June 26, 2014, was the same weapon used to murder Donna Denker and Kelli Denker in Dwight June 14.

The weapon, a .40 caliber Glock, was previously reported stolen in a Morris residential burglary.

The investigation into

the Denker murders has also revealed that Sipple was involved in a residential burglary of the Denker home in Dwight in August of 2013.

La Salle County deputies were attempting to arrest Sipple June 26 at a residence near Sheridan on charges of possession of stolen property, when Sipple shot himself. Investigators from Dwight were reportedly with the deputies at the time.

Get on the List for Dwight's All-Town Garage Sales

The Dwight All-Town Garage Sales will be going on September 4, 5 and 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day, and now is the time to get your sale on the list to be distributed before the event.

To get on the list, simply send your address, a list of a

few items, and a small donation to 205 W. North St. in Dwight by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3.

The lists will be available at the Village Hall on the morning of September 4.

Contact Jen Corrigan at 815-343-0620 if you have any questions.



WHAT A WAY TO GO from Chicago to Santa Monica, California! Thirteen motorcycles, with 20 on board, stopped at Dwight's Historic Gas Station at the corner of Waupansie and Route 17 Friday, August 1. They were from various cities in Italy. Maurizio Iemma from Rome, Italy is pictured above center on his "Harley." It was a wonderful group! Call John at 815-584-2091 if you would like to volunteer to meet some of the visitors... there aren't too many days left of this summer, so hurry and call. It's educational and fun!

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

August 4: Chu S. Reis, Dwight, disobeying traffic control device, failure to reduce speed/accident; Tracee M. Jackson, Bloomington, speeding (radar), 73/55; Terrence D. Smith, Bloomington, il, trans./poss. alcohol-passenger; Terrell N. Spencer, Bloomington, unlawful use of drivers license, in-state warrant.

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

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

August 1: Mazon, 9:22 a.m., fire alarm; Spencer, 2:16 a.m., trauma, Morris; John, 2:37 a.m., lifeline, no patient.

August 2: Northbrook, 7:44 p.m., trauma, Morris; Gardner, 8:52 p.m., fire, mutual aid to Gardner.

August 3: John, 4:03

a.m., trauma, OSF; Prairie, 5:56 a.m., medical, Morris.

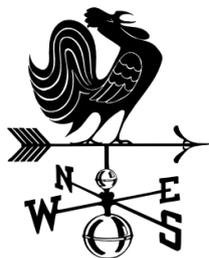
August 4: Union, 7:35 a.m., medical, refusal; Main, 9:14 a.m., medical, Morris; Main, 9:43 a.m., medical, Morris.

August 6: Mazon, 12:21 p.m., medical, Morris; I-55 NB, 4:22 p.m., trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; Prairie Ave., storm watch.

August 7: Mazon, 2:22 a.m., medical, Morris; Columbia, 5:05 a.m., medical, Morris; Prairie, 11:25 a.m., medical, Morris; Bannon, 12:24 p.m., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

Accident Report

Monday, August 4, 11:13 a.m., Officer Michael Nolan reported an accident at Waupansie and Franklin involving Chu S. Reis of Dwight, the driver of a 2014 Ford Fusion, and Carole A. Shields of Dwight, the driver of a 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan.



Temps - 2014

July 31 – high 80°, low 58°
 Aug. 1 – high 80°, low 56°
 Aug. 2 – high 80°, low 57°
 Aug. 3 – high 82°, low 59°
 Aug. 4 – high 83°, low 65° .10" precip.
 Aug. 5 – high 78°, low 60°
 Aug. 6 – high 79°, low 56°
 One Year Ago - August 13, 2013 high 72°, low 47°



Gardner Fire Protection District

August 4: Medical/lift assist, Lantern Ln.

August 5: Fire, engine COQ, mutual aid to Morris FD.

August 6: Accident, mutual aid from Dwight FD/Dwight EMS, I-55 mm 223; Amb., Creekside Dr.

August 7: Medical, mutual aid to Dwight EMS, Bannon St.

August 8: Medical, Chaucer Dr.

August 9: Medic intercept, mutual aid to So. Wilmington, E. Rice Rd.; medical, E. Main Rd.; medical, S. Peck.

August 10: EMS COQ, mutual aid to Braidwood FD, Main St.; medical, W. Lincoln; medical, Morgan.



Al Metzke, Dwight EMS Director

Dwight EMS - Al Metzke

Al Metzke is the EMS Director for the Village of Dwight and is a Nationally Registered Paramedic. He is the Department Head and is the supervisor for seven full-time Kurtz employees and nine part-time Kurtz employees. The Village of Dwight has a contract with Kurtz for personnel with Al being the only Village employee in the EMS Department. His work hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Al also helps staff the second ambulance while at

work and during off-work hours. Al has been in EMS for 40 years starting as a volunteer with Dwight in 1974. He has served as Department Head for 21 years with Dwight EMS.

Al is also a Training Center Faculty member for the American Heart Association training center in South Holland and a Firefighter II. In addition to his role as Department Head, he is the Village's plumbing inspector and assistant ESDA Director.

When asked why he is in EMS, he replied he loves helping people and loves the job. He added, "I feel it is a privilege to provide this level of care to the community and I am fortunate to have a great bunch of EMS providers here with me."

Al has lived in Dwight his entire life and is married to Colleen Fogarty-Metzke. They have one daughter, Katie Perkins, a grandson Benjamin, and are expecting the arrival of granddaughter Willow in October.

Food Sanitation Course Offered by Livingston Co. Health Department

A Food Sanitation Study Course is being offered by the Livingston County Public Health Department. The course is designed for persons who prepare or serve potentially hazardous food to the public, such as workers in restaurants, delicatessens, schools, nursing homes, hospitals and catering establishments.

The two-day course begins on Tuesday, August 19, with the exam on

Tuesday, August 26. A course fee applies, which includes the textbook and all materials. Class will be from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on both days in the Conference Room at the Health and Education Building in Pontiac. Seating is limited, so register as soon as possible.

For more information, call the Livingston County Health Department at 815-844-7174, extension 216.

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Are You a Baby Boomer? Don't Let Retirement Plans Go Bust.

If you're a baby boomer, you're at the point in life where, if you haven't actually entered retirement, you're at least approaching the outskirts. But if you're like many of your fellow boomers, you may be experiencing more than a little trepidation over your financial prospects as a retiree. That's why it's so important for you to determine what steps to take to help improve your chances of enjoying a comfortable retirement.

Just how worried are baby boomers about their future? Consider these numbers: Seventy-two percent of non-retired boomers think they will probably be forced to delay retirement, and 50% have little confidence that they will ever be able to retire, according to a recent AARP survey. Other surveys show a similarly bleak outlook among the baby boom generation.

Fortunately, when it comes to building resources for retirement, you have options. Of course, if you're in one of the younger age cohorts of the baby boom generation, your possibilities are greater — you may still have time to take measures such as boosting your 401(k) and IRA contributions, reducing your debts and positioning your portfolio to provide you with a reasonable amount of growth potential.

But even if you are pretty close to retirement, or at least close to the point where you initially expected to retire, you can act to better your outcome. For one thing, you could re-evaluate your planned date of retirement. If you really don't mind your job and could extend your working life for even a couple of years, you could help yourself enormously in at least three ways:

You'll add on to your retirement accounts. The longer you work, the more you can contribute to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employers-sponsored account.

You may be able to delay taking Social Security. You can start taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your benefits will be permanently reduced unless you wait until your Full Retirement Age (FRA), which will likely be 66 or 67. Your payments can increase if you delay taking your benefits beyond your Full Retirement Age, up to age 70.

You may be able to delay tapping into your retirement vehicles. The longer you wait until you begin withdrawals from your IRA and 401(k), the more time you are giving these accounts to potentially grow. (Once you turn 70 1/2, you will need to generally start taking withdrawals from a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan, but you don't face this requirement with a Roth 401(k) account.)

As an alternative to delaying your retirement — or possibly as an additional step you can take along with a delay — you may be able to adjust your investment mix to provide you with the combination of growth and income that can help carry you through your retirement years. You can also be strategic about which investments you start taking withdrawals from, possibly allowing your portfolio to grow more than you had envisioned.

Start thinking now about ways you can help yourself achieve the retirement lifestyle you've pictured. You may want to consult with a professional financial advisor who can suggest the strategies and techniques most appropriate for your situation. In any case, with some careful planning, you can be a boomer whose retirement plans don't go bust.

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Red Cross Issues Back To School Safety Tips

As another school year begins, the American Red Cross has steps that everyone can take to make the trip back to the classroom safer.

"When kids go back to school, parents should make sure the child knows his or her home phone number and address, parents' work contact information, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to dial 9-1-1," said Monica Grugett, youth education director. "Parents should also teach their children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know."

Bus Safety
 If children ride a bus to school, they should plan to get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb. Other safety steps for students include:

- Board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop.
- Only board your bus and never an alternate one.
- Always stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.
- Cross the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals and staying in the crosswalk. Motorists should know what the yellow and red bus signals mean:
- Yellow flashing lights — the bus is getting ready to stop, and motorists should slow down and be alert.
- Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign — the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Drivers in both directions must stop their vehicles and wait until the lights go off, the stop sign is back in place and the bus is moving before they can start driving again.

Driving

- If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts. Drivers should not use their cell phone to text or make calls, and should avoid eating or drinking while driving.
- All drivers should be aware that children are out walking or biking to school and slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones.

Biking and Walking

Students who ride their bike to school should always wear a helmet, obey all traffic signs and ride on the right in the same direction as traffic. Those who walk to school should only cross the street at an intersection, and use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards. Parents should walk young children and children taking new routes or attending new schools at least for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Emergencies can happen anytime

When the new school year begins, talk to your child's teacher or school principal about the school's emergency plan and how you will be notified if an emergency happens at the school.

Remind your child that the most important thing they can do if an emergency happens at school is to stay calm and listen to the direction of their teachers or principal.

Tape a copy of your family's contact numbers and meeting place(s) to the inside of your child's binder or homework notebook and in their book bag.

Red Cross Blood Drive at OSF Saint James

OSF Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, August 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the medical center's first floor conference room. The public is encouraged to participate as summer is typically lower on donations.

For an appointment, call

OSF Saint James at 842-2828, extension 0. Appointments are preferred, however walk-ins are welcome. All blood types are needed. Take a photo I.D. or Red Cross Donor Card to present when you check-in.

The conference rooms are located on the ground level of the Medical Center, adjacent to the main lobby.

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Orange Eyes Are Watching You...

by Kat Medrea

I didn't wake up on the morning of September 26, 2013, thinking, "You know, what we really need is an EMU!" But by noon, we had one. A man who said he'd been at the Livingston County Farm Crawl the previous month was on our driveway and said we were his last hope. He and his wife had sold their farm and were closing on the sale in four days. They'd had an emu for about 15 years and if they couldn't find her a new home, they'd have to euthanize her.

For anyone wondering, emus are large, flightless birds from Australia. They're in a group of birds called ratites that include cassowaries, also from Australia, ostriches from Africa and rheas from South America. Emus are the second largest after ostriches.

My mind went into high gear -- in a matter of seconds, a million thoughts went through it -- we really don't NEED an emu...I took care of them (and lots of other animals) years ago as a zookeeper at Brookfield Zoo...We could put her in the poultry pen with the Patagonian maras, the ducks and the flock of "senior" chickens...Sure, she'd fit into the coop...There's plenty of room... "Okay, we'll take her and see what happens."

The man and I discussed some details and both shook our heads at the fact that many people made the ridiculous decision to just open the gate and let her loose. Why do people think that's a good idea? This poor creature had eaten a processed diet all her life. She had no idea how to find food or water. Her mate had been killed by something years ago. He was in an enclosure and not



nearly as vulnerable as she would be. Even if I didn't care about her well-being, emus are big birds that could cause serious injury and a lot of damage if someone hit her on the road. There was no way the "set her free" scenario was going to have a good outcome. Euthanasia would have been more humane. Fortunately, there was another choice.

The man and his wife came back with Olivia huddled in a very large dog crate. It would take some time for her to get used to this new home. Both of her former caretakers were emotional at having to part with her, but very relieved that she was getting another chance at life.

I did tell my husband prior to Olivia's arrival, "Ron, if I tell you something, will you still love me?" (I've used this line before with great success) "What are we getting now?" he asked. "An emu..." "Do I have to build anything?" "No." "Okay." I certainly married the right guy!

There's no such thing as a

free emu. Olivia didn't like the shed that serves as the chicken coop. I watched her standing in the pouring rain at 3:00 a.m., feeling helpless and wondering what I could do for her. We looked for building supplies the next day. Ron's prayers must have been answered when I pointed out a little vinyl shed that was on sale. We had to hold her and walk her into it, locking her in for about a week until she decided to go into it on her own. Olivia now had a cute little emu cottage.

There are very few emus as tame as Olivia. She's reserved, but enjoys petting and having her head gently scratched by those she knows. She rests her blue-skinned head in our hands and closes her big orange eyes. She's really quite lovely. When at her full height, she's almost six feet tall. Her powerful legs and three-toed feet bring thoughts of dinosaurs to mind. In fact, emu movements were the basis for some of the special effects in the movie, Jurassic Park. Emus can jump four feet in the air, run fast and swim, but can't fly. Female emus, like

Olivia, have a large air sac in the neck that emits a deep, booming sound, almost like some distant drum. Males, with their smaller air sac, make more of a grunting noise. Females lay large, dark teal-colored eggs that are equivalent to about a dozen chicken eggs. The males incubate them and raise the chicks, which have brown and white stripes to help them hide in the grass. I'm told there is a pair of emus in Kansas that are 40 years old and still producing eggs! I don't know how old Olivia is but she is probably at least in her late teens.

Emus are raised for their lean meat, hides, feathers, claws, eggs, and oil, which is said to have many benefits. Olivia, however, serves an educational function here at M2A Farm. She's a teacher and representative of her species. Visit Olivia and all the other animals here at M2A Farm during the 3rd Annual Livingston County Farm Crawl, August 23 and 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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The Paper CALENDAR

Town Hall Meeting with Sheila Simon August 14

On Thursday, August 14, a Town Hall Meeting with Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon will take place at The Family Kitchen in Pontiac. The event is open to the public.

Concert in St. Patrick's Parish Hall August 15

Mark your calendars for a concert featuring national artists Emily Wilson and Jimmy Mitchell, hosted by author of *My Rock and Salvation*, Zip Rzeppa, on Friday, August 15, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight.

The event kicks off at 7:00 p.m., is hosted by St. Patrick's and Sacred Heart Churches, and is free to the public. All attendees will receive a free copy of Rzeppa's book. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray travel expenses.

St. Larry's Roast is August 16 in South Wilmington

The St. Lawrence Catholic Church of South Wilmington extends an invitation to their first annual "St. Larry's Roast" on Saturday, August 16, at 5:00 p.m. at the parish hall in South Wilmington.

There will be roasted pork, BBQ and hot dog meals, served along with a variety of homemade desserts that can be topped off with ice cream. All food prices are affordable and family-friendly.

There will be games for the children and adults alike, including bingo. The annual quilt raffle drawing will take place at the end of the evening.

Take your family and friends for an evening of fun and entertainment at family-affordable prices.

Organ Dedication at Trinity Lutheran Church August 17

The Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 515 E. Stonewall Rd., Dwight, will be celebrating their one hundred and sixtieth Anniversary of the Lutheran Church and a re-dedication of the refurbished pipe organ. Paul Roeder, who initially suggested the organ be restored, also participated in the refurbishing, directed by Ron Hartman, along with Elwood (Woody) and Lois Hahn, and Barbara Morpheu. Dedication will be August 17, at 3:00 p.m.

GC Board of Health to Meet

There will be a meeting of the Grundy County Board of Health at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 20.

The meeting will take place in the Grundy County Administration Center, 1320 Union Street, Morris.

Ice Cream Sundaes in Cullom

St. John's Lutheran Church is inviting everyone to come out for an old fashioned ice cream sundae with all the toppings Saturday, August 23 in the Park from 4 to 7 p.m.

There will be time for fun, fellowship and music. It will include singing by the Audacity Quartet. School children will receive a back to school notebook! Please bring a lawn chair and join us!

Ranch Cryogenics, Inc. Moves Its Base to Dwight



EQUIPMENT REFUBISHING! The equipment in Dwight is getting referbished for use.



(continued from page 1) company was started with the focus on relocating existing air separation plants for customers that didn't have the time or budget to erect a new facility. These relocations have taken place in areas all over the United States, and

even around the world, including Korea, Turkey, Brazil, and even Trinidad. The company also provides operational assistance, as well as several other industry-related services, and is continuing to expand their business as new needs arise.

Mike Duffy, Jr. followed his father's path, working with him as the company grew, currently serving as the company's President. His sons, Chris Duffy and Mike Duffy III followed suit, each bringing their own areas of expertise to the family business. Chris Duffy originally had a career in mortgage lending, and uses his administration background to serve as the manager of Ranch Cryogenics.

Mike Duffy III joined his family in 2004, learning the business from them as they began to expand to different locations around the area. "My brother Mike has really been instrumental in securing the land and building for our recent relocation from Wilmington to Dwight," Chris said.

Mike Duffy III credits travelling to different job sites when he was younger as what first made him realize he wanted to pursue working in the same industry as his father and grandfather. "I remember being in fourth grade and getting to travel to a jobsite in California," Mike said. "I got to go on workboats and hang out in the control room and fell in love."

Currently, the business has 22 employees, with most being out in the field. They are using their Dwight location, which they chose for its proximity to Route 47 and I-55, as a home base, as well as

a place to store equipment. They also hope to do more local projects, and also expand into fabrication and project engineering.

"Our biggest service will always be plant relocation," Chris said. "Companies will have plants that haven't run in a very long time where the equipment has sat unused for over two decades, and our company can then disassemble and reassemble the plant, repurpose and refurbish old equipment, and bring the plant up to date."

One of the other interesting services the company offers is the optimization of current air separation plants, where a smaller plant can be built next to an existing plant to collect waste gases released during the separation process.

"In this way, a plant has the option to take the excess gas and, for example, sell the by-product, rather than just wasting it," Chris said. This new location also gives the company the option to store customer equipment, rather than having to pay other places for this service.

The family hopes to continue expanding their business, and is looking forward to using their Dwight location as a jumping off point for new services and options for their existing customers.

DWIGHT HARVEST DAYS SEPT. 19-20-21

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Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens Meet

The Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens of Gardner met at the Gardner Restaurant for their regular monthly meeting and choice of lunches were selected from the menu.

Eleven members were in attendance and one guest, Laura Hensley, a neighbor and caretaker of Leah.

Pres. Lorraine Hansen opened the business meeting with the pledge to the flag. All who were able, stood.

Birthday on the fifth was celebrated by Gail Decker. She and her husband, Rick, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the tenth.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's account was given by Wavel. The waitress' tip for Kim was adjusted by vote.

Shut-ins and honorary members were Rosemary, Evelyn, Irene, June, Leah and Florence.

Wavel sent Jackie a birthday card.

There were no cards played.

Community Events:

- Lions Pancake Breakfast,

August 10

- Fire Dept. is having a chicken supper, September 6
- Pennies for the Church of Hope's "Mile of Pennies" is going well. A plea goes out to people who have pennies laying around. The Kemmerer Village is a Presbyterian home for children with needs.

Share Time, which has been renamed to Activity Time, was given by Ida Schopp. Barb will be September's presenter.

Two items that will be placed in the Gardner Archives at the Village Hall were shown.

Autograph books by Lucy Fuller and her sister, Emma Pickles, were passed for viewing. Lucy got her book on her birthday, October 5, 1894, from her mother. Emma received her book from her brother, Frank, on her birthday, February 5, 1893. The books were a felt covering and each interestingly shaped. A lyre-shape for Emma, and Lucy's had a metal sign affixed to it.

Example in Lucy's - November 24, 1897:

"As sure as comes your wedding day, a broom to you I'll give and send. In sunshine, use the brushy part. In storm, the other end." - Cora Nielsen.

Example in Emma's - April 13, 1894: "Friendship is love without wings." - Mabel Watson.

While thumbing through the books, several members recognized the name of Bertha Mathiesen. Stories began flowing how they, Bertha and Martin, had no children, but lots of dogs. Bertha was always treating the kids in the neighborhood with abelskiver.

The group invites anyone over the age of 55 to join them the first Friday of the month at the Gardner Restaurant in the party room.

The next meeting will be September 5.



DWIGHT PUBLIC LIBRARY held an open house on August 4, for the community to come see Kristin Glatz and Bev Jensen, as both are retiring from their positions at the library this year.



AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY DEEMED TO BE NEEDED TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY CORPORATE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF LIVINGSTON, KANKAKEE AND GRUNDY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2015. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

SECTION ONE

That for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$848,900.00 for the purpose of defraying the necessary corporate expenses and liabilities of said Fire District, and said sums of money to be used for the following specific objects and purposes, that is to say:

	Amount	Appropriated
1. Purchase of Equipment		\$100,000.00
2. Construction of new fire station		\$300,000.00
3. Demolition of old Structure		\$150,000.00
4. Administration		
Stationery & Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	
Promotional Materials	\$ 7,500.00	
Printing & Publishing	\$ 1,000.00	
General Legal Expense	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 17,500.00
5. Insurance and Bonds		
General & Vehicle Property Liability Ins. & Death Benefits		
Insurance	\$18,000.00	
Workmen's Comp.	\$ 4,000.00	
Surety Bonds of Officers	\$ 300.00	\$ 22,300.00
6. Maintenance of Equipment		
Repairs	\$20,000.00	
Materials & Supplies	\$ 8,000.00	
Fuel, Oil & Grease	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
7. Building Maintenance		\$ 80,000.00
8. Utility Expense for Fire Station		\$ 40,000.00
9. Telephone & Alarm Expense		\$ 3,500.00
10. Training		\$ 6,000.00
11. Travel Expense and Lodging while Attending Training Events		\$ 2,000.00
12. Payroll Expenses		
Fire payroll	\$12,000.00	
Ambulance payroll	\$ 3,000.00	
Payroll taxes	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 17,600.00
13. Ambulance Services		
Salaries	\$ 2,000.00	
Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	
Billing Services	\$ 3,000.00	
Mutual Aid Fees	\$ 2,000.00	
Repairs	\$10,000.00	
Equipment	\$25,000.00	\$ 44,500.00
14. Dues		\$ 3,000.00
15. Illinois Emergency Management Agency:		
Telephone & internet access	\$ 3,000.00	
Radios and other equipment	\$15,000.00	
Training & mileage	\$ 3,500.00	
Supplies and other expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 24,500.00
16. Miscellaneous Expense		\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL		\$848,900.00

SECTION TWO

That for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate additional sum of \$16,000.00 for the payment of premiums due for the purchase of Public Liability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance, in addition to the several other taxes.

SECTION THREE

That for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate additional sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses and liabilities of providing an ambulance service in said Fire District, in addition to the several other taxes.

SECTION FOUR

That a summary of the aforesaid appropriations hereby made in this Ordinance are as follows:

1. General Purposes	\$848,900.00
2. Fire Protection District Liability & Workmen's Compensation Ins.	\$ 16,000.00
3. Ambulance Service	\$ 40,000.00
	\$904,900.00

SECTION FIVE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after its approval and due publication as is required by law.

Passed and approved this 12th day of May, A.D. 2014.

ATTEST:
 Robert Lowery
 Secretary

Roger H. Ribbke
 President of said Board of Trustees of the Reddick Community Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS :
 COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON : SS
 REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE :
 PROTECTION DISTRICT :

I, ROBERT LOWERY, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Reddick Community Fire Protection District and ex-officio keeper of the records and seal of said Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance termed, "AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY DEEMED TO BE NEEDED TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY CORPORATE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF LIVINGSTON, KANKAKEE AND GRUNDY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL, 30, 2015," passed by the Board of Trustees and filed with me on May 12, 2014, and thereafter duly entered on the records of said Fire Protection District; that the original of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is now on file in my office as said Fire Protection District Secretary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the corporate seal of said Fire Protection District, this 30th day of June, A.D. 2014.

Robert Lowery
 Secretary of said Fire Protection District

Livingston County Retired Teachers Association Meets

The August meeting of the Livingston County Retired Teachers Association will be held at Baby Bull's Restaurant on Tuesday, August 19. Registration will begin at 8:30 with a breakfast buffet brunch to follow at 9:00.

Paula Trainor Rosenbaum will present the program entitled "Fun with Flowers". She will be making flower arrangements in unusual containers. Paula is a local Master Gardener and represents the University of Illinois Extension Service. She has always enjoyed working in the garden, and this will be an opportunity to show the creative side of her endeavors.

There will be two informational speakers for the day. Loryann Eis, who is the Area 1 Representative for IRTA, will bring up-to-date information from the State office. In addition, Christopher Gluck, who represents AMBA, will give information about the endorsed discounts and benefits programs available to members of IRTA.

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Look forward to meeting many of the newly-retired teachers during the meeting. The August meeting is always held at an interesting time because it is usually held the week of the beginning of the school year. It gives the newly-retired teachers a new perspective on what is available for them in order to stay in contact with fellow educators outside of the classroom.

Members who attend this meeting will receive information in regard to dues updates and the opportunity to make early reservations for the October meeting.

Reservations should be made by Wednesday, August 13, but no later than Friday, August 15. They can be made by phoning Sue Schnell at (815) 358-2669 or Navana Ahrends (815) 842-0579. They can also be made using the email address that was included on the registration information sheet. You can pay in advance by mailing your check made out to LCRTA to Sue Schnell at 102 Western St. in Cornell, IL 61319. If paying at the door please have your check made out ahead of time to LCRTA or try to have the correct change.

Any retired teacher who taught in Livingston County or who now resides in Livingston County is invited to attend the meetings. There are four meetings a year. The last meeting for this year will be held Tuesday, October 21. It will be the annual Fall Luncheon held at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

LCRTA officers are: Navana Ahrends, President; Roger Tuttle, Vice President; Dee Dee Raube, Secretary; and Susan Michel and Sue Schnell, Co-Treasurers.

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The Benzik Baby Benefit committee has been finalizing the entertainment, the food donations, and the Silent Auction donations. The town of Dwight, the merchants, the friends and neighbors, and the surrounding towns have been very generous. The Benzik family is very grateful for this overwhelming response.

Many questions have been asked about why this benefit is being put on, and they are valid. For instance, **who exactly is this benefit for?** It is for Mia, who is the 1 year old niece of Nick and Stephanie Benzik. She was taken from her parents at birth and is with Stephanie's parents. They are currently her legal guardians. **Why is this adoption costing so much?** Mia's natural parents are fighting this adoption. There have been many court hearings about her case. Each time this happens, the lawyer's fees rise. **Why don't they just take her and take care of her, since it is ok with her legal guardian?** Nick is serving in the Navy and is stationed in California. DCFS will not allow Mia to live out of state. The only way she can live with them is by adoption. **Can we meet Mia?** Yes!!!! Stephanie, Mia, and other family members will be at the benefit so you can meet them. Nick will be doing training, and is not able to attend. And you can meet the newest addition to their young family. Nick and Stephanie are now the proud parents of their newborn son, Miles Logan Benzik. He was born June 28.

The entertainment for the benefit is:

- 11 am Ben Montalbano
- 12:15pm Bruce Richardson's barbershop quartet
- 4:00pm Alex Smith (Alexandria Lee)
- 5:00pm Coralynn McCullough
- 6:00pm Vermilion Valley Show Chorus

** Jerry Beier has donated the use of his sound system

The winners for the silent auction will be announced around 7:30 p.m.. You do not have to be present for actual announcement of the auction, but it will be helpful if you are

there for it. You will be contacted by phone if you win and are not present to take the basket with you.

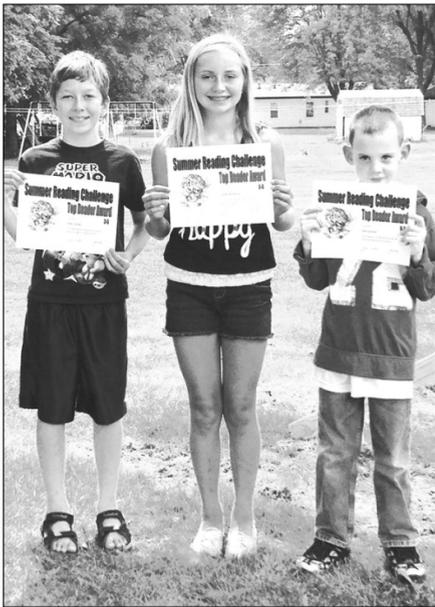
The current donations for the auction are as follows:

A painting by Donna Rigg valued at \$100.00. The American Girl Doll of the year 2013 and accessories by Gloria Wahl valued at \$450.00. 4 rounds of golf & use of a golf cart donated by Dwight Country Club basket valued at \$150.00. A Romance Basket with donations from Old World Liquors and a 1 night stay at Fairfield Inn in Bradley, IL with various other romantic items valued at \$ 160.00. 6 months of music lessons by Mrs. Benzik valued at \$250.00. A Garden Basket donated by Emling's Florist and Berta's Hardware & Plumbing valued at \$15.00. A Family Night Basket from Sunny Side Tanning and Video and Geo's Pizza valued at \$50.00. A John Deere Basket from AHW-John Deere Dealership and MAW Acres, and Rhonda Pustmueller valued at \$60.00. A John Deere Basket from MAW Acres, The Benziks, and a gas card from Dwight BP Northbrook Drive valued at \$40.00. A Beauty Basket from Studio 134 and Marissa Pustmueller valued at \$70.00. A gift card basket from Station 343 valued at \$25.00. A Picnic Basket donated by First National Bank and the Benziks valued at \$30.00. 2 Taste of Dwight gift card baskets containing coupons from Rt. 66 Restaurant, Dairy Queen, Subway, And Dwight Pizza valued at \$30.00 each. A gift card from Cherry Red Roaster valued at \$15.00. 2 CD's from Alex Smith valued at \$20.00. 2 baskets of Mary Kay satin hands products by Mary Carpenter valued at \$30.00 each. A gift card of an oil change by Huffman Tire & Auto valued at \$25.00. A 1 month membership from Champion Fitness valued at \$35.00. 2 hair cuts by Jeremy Connor valued at \$15.00 each. 2 visa gift cards from State Farm by Jerry Danko valued at \$10 each. 1 Yankee Candle Basket donated by the Benziks valued at \$25.00. Several large centerpieces red, black & silver in large cocktail glasses donated by Nick & Stephanie Benzik valued at \$10.00 each. Wicker baskets from Finders Keepers Resale Shop, Dave's This & That valued at \$50.00. Various donated items by MAW Acres valued: Priceless! Food items donated by Monica's Pizza- Bradley \$50.00. Food items donated by Dave's Market- Fairbury \$50.00. Food items donated by Wendy's -Pontiac \$50.00. Many other Baskets have been pledged to the Silent Auction. Some include pottery, a painting, Avon products, Knitted baby products, chocolate, wine & cheese basket, "Stampin up" home made cards basket, 31 products, and others.

The meal that is being served is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and drinks. Carry outs are available. The ticket suggested donations are: \$7 for adults, \$4 for students, under 5 free, and a special price for families: \$20.00 total. Tickets are now available at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and the Saturday morning Farmers Market, also see Kathy Knobbe, Janet Maeder, Ben & Britt Brady, Janet Brady, Dr. Cynthia Humbert, and Brenda Benzik. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Checks made payable to Brenda Benzik- Benzik Baby



Gardner Grade School had 24 students participate in this year's Summer Reading Program. Students celebrated with an end of the year pizza and award party on Wednesday, August 6. Students were able to receive raffle tickets for prizes by earning AR points throughout the summer. To receive AR points students were required to take tests on the books they read. Prizes raffled off included Subway gift cards, I-Tunes Cards, and Dollar General Gift Cards. In attendance for the party were (back row) Claire Hennessy, Nate Wise, Blake Patterson, Olivia Cerutti, Emma Hennessy, Josh Levielle, Edith Ochoa, (Front row) Cole Hampson, Kole Jackson, Kaci Jackson, Abigail Levielle, Noah Wise, Miguel Ochoa. All students received a bag of books and a certificate for participating in the program. Missing from the picture: Jayden Buchanan, Anthony Crutchfield, Sophia Crutchfield, Tristen Hamm, Joey Leadingham, Sarah Leadingham, Emma Norrington, Madalyn Olsen, Ava Siano, Nina Siano, Madison Sharp Top Readers: At right: 3rd-5th Grade Top Reader was Josh Levielle, 6th-8th Grade Top Reader was Emma Hennessy, K-2nd Top Reader was Kole Jackson.



Chatsworth Corner

by Mare Reardanz

The Citizens Advisory Board held their monthly meeting at the Town Hall this week. Meetings are held at 7 pm the first Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

Joy Dassow led the group in discussions of upcoming events in Chatsworth. First on the list is the Halloween party that will be held at the American Legion on October 31 from 6 until 8 p.m. Costumed kids will be treated to hot dogs and games to celebrate the holiday. Last year we welcomed at least 150 children. The town and Fire Department among others will be contributing to the fun and donations are being lined up for the party.

Secondly, the Christmas for Kids event which was a huge success last year that included a carriage ride, caroling with the Girl Scouts, hot chocolate, and a visit with Santa has begun preparations. Santa has agreed to visit on the first Wednesday of December again this year.

The flower displays all over town were made possible through the efforts of the CAB and other volunteers. They could not be more spectacular. Thank you to all for your efforts in their beauty.

Memorial trees have been planted in three locations to remember loved ones. A tree with memorial plaque can be purchased complete with planting from the CAB.

Also, American flags can be purchased to be displayed in town honoring a person



Pictured above, Roy Moscinski, OPS maintenance Tech from Exxon Mobile Pipeline presents check to Fire Chief Galen Schaffer. Below, Fire Chief Schaffer presents check to Mary Miller, director of Chatsworth Township Library.



for their service. An engraved plate will be attached to the flag pole with the service member's name

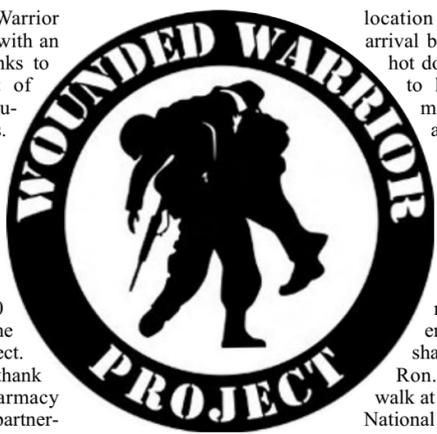
Doc's Pharmacy Helps Raise Over \$90k to Support Wounded Warrior Project

Doc's Pharmacy Warrior Walk has wrapped up with an outstanding finish thanks to the generous support of their customers, communities, and employees. This year's fund-raiser collected over \$45,000 in donations. With a matching contribution from the Cardinal Health Foundation, a grand total of over \$90,000 will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

"We would like to thank Dale's Southlake Pharmacy and Ron Stephens for partnering with us for this great cause. They have been an outstanding partner to work with," said Dave Ferricks, VP of Operations for Doc's Pharmacy and retired veteran of the Illinois Air National Guard. "The entire Doc's team did a great job engaging our customers and our communities to raise awareness about the Wounded Warrior Project and Doc's Warrior Walk. We sincerely thank them and our communities for their support."

A meeting at Cardinal Health's 2013 Retail Business Conference sparked Doc's partnership with Dale's Southlake Pharmacy, based in Decatur. Cardinal Health serves as the pharmaceutical distributor for both Doc's and Dale's Southlake pharmacies. Both organizations realized the impact they could make for veterans through a partnership with the Wounded Warrior Project and the generous offer of matching funds from the Cardinal

Health Foundation, the charitable arm of Cardinal Health. Ron Stephens, a Dale's staff pharmacist and a wounded Vietnam veteran, pledged to walk one mile for every \$100 raised. He walked



location promoted Ron's arrival by hosting bake sales, hot dog sales, reaching out to local businesses and military organizations, and speaking to customers about the Warrior Walk. The local support was incredible. Many communities provided Ron with escorts along his route, and several veterans and their families shared their stories with Ron. He concluded his walk at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on July 9.

Donations for the Wounded Warrior Project will be matched by the Cardinal Health Foundation at this year's RBC in Washington, DC.

"We could not have accomplished this without the support of a lot of people," said Ferricks. "On behalf of Doc's and Dale's Pharmacy, I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped us positively impact the lives of veterans -- it is the least we could do for their selfless service to our country."

to all Dale's Southlake and Doc's Pharmacy locations throughout Central and Northern Illinois, with a goal to end his journey at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Ron started his walk on May 24 at Dale's Southlake location in Decatur. He walked to 18 locations on his Warrior Walk this year - two Dale's Pharmacy locations and 18 Doc's Pharmacy locations, walking more than 293 miles along the route. Each

Have Extra Pennies? Gardner Church Hoping to Collect a 'Mile' Before Christmas

The Church of Hope in Gardner continues collecting pennies for the Kemmerer Village, a home for children with needs.

The Mission Com. hopes to send a "Mile of Pennies" to the group at Christmas-time.

It takes 16 pennies for a foot; 5,280 feet per mile = 84,480 pennies, which will make a gift of \$844.80.

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Clarke City Museum Opens

The grand opening of the Clarke City Museum is set for Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Lake Shannon Inc., 18530 W. 3000 N. Road in Reddick. Call 815-365-2606 for more information.

The result of 50 years of collecting will go on display this weekend when the Clarke City Museum opens.

Lloyd Meredith will welcome visitors to the museum from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, and Sunday, Aug. 17. There is no admission charge.

Meredith has been collecting for half a century, and has been building the museum for the last two years. It contains a tremendous amount of material scoured from the former Clarke City site, and a lot of interesting items from around the area.

Clarke City was a coal mining town between Essex and Reddick from 1880 until 1910. The town had as many as 2,000 people at its peak. Hills from the mine dumps are still there. Nine men were killed in the mine over the years. Clarke City disappeared after the mine closed, and today the site is a farm field.

Strip mining nearby from 1927 to 1962 created the lake. Meredith



Shannon, Lloyd and Brandon Meredith

bought the property in 1962 and developed it into a seasonal recreational area for boating, camping and hunting. Today, there are about 170 homes along the lake where people live year-round.

Among the items in the museum are a 1914 REO automobile, a 1926 fire engine, a railroad baggage car, an Edison cylinder phonograph, an outdoor water pump that served the community of Clarke City, cars and buggies of all types, old farm equipment, and small items excavated from Clarke City, such as bottles, horse shoes, tools and a lot more.

Outside the museum is an old railroad boxcar that has been restored, and a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad caboose built in 1871 that stood outside the Oswego property of State Sen. Robert Mitchler until Meredith bought it a few years ago. The caboose is where the train crew lived, and it has beds, an iron stove, an iron sink, and a toilet with a hole that goes directly to the tracks below.

Directions from Dwight: Go east on Route 17. Just past the Reddick curve, turn north on 1900 Road, then east on 3000 Road to Lake Shannon.



Pictured above, Lloyd Meredith stands on the back of the caboose.



Le Pard Celebrates 35 with RR Donnelley

Paula Le Pard celebrated 35 years of service at RR Donnelley - Dwight Manufacturing Division on July 30.

Paula began work as a 3-Day Material Handler in the Bindery on July 30, 1979. She became a Full Time Material Handler in March of 1994. Paula then became a Checker/Examiner in

November of 1997 before becoming an Advanced Book Quality Inspector in March of 2000. She currently holds the position of Material Handler 1-Bindery.

Paula and her husband, Harold, reside in Odell. They have three children, Vicki, Kevin and Ashley, along with five grandchildren.

Miller Graduates from Lake Forest College

Katelyn Miller of Mazon graduated from Lake Forest College with a bachelor of arts degree in religion with a minor in history.

Miller was among more than 350 students to graduate from Lake Forest College at Ravinia Festival Park on May 10. Honorary degree recipient Kelly Leonard '88, executive vice

president of The Second City, delivered a comedic and inspiring speech called "Saying Yes And." He talked about how his career after Lake Forest has been full of risks, but he's always been happy. Leonard even gave a few improvisation tips.

Miller is a graduate of Seneca High School.

OBITUARY

Eleanor L. Phillips

COAL CITY - Eleanor L. Phillips, 90, of Coal City passed away Saturday morning, August 9, 2014 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Visitation and video tribute will be Thursday, August 14, from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 North Broadway, in Coal City. Rev. Robert Noesen from Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church in Coal City will officiate.

Burial will be in Braceville - Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

Eleanor was born August 14, 1923 in Mazon, daughter of Forrest and Louella Steinberger DeGrush. She was raised and educated in Mazon and Coal City, and in 1947 Eleanor married John F. Phillips in Coal City.

She was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City and worked as a caterer for Kit and Dahl Catering. She will be remembered for her love of playing cards and cooking, and cherished her canine friend, Abbey.



Survivors include her sons, Bob "Bubba" Phillips and Terry Phillips; and two brothers, Eugene "Peewee" DeGrush and Howard "Shorty" DeGrush, all of Coal City.

Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as special friends with whom she played cards also survive.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Vernon (Dorothy) DeGrush, Hap (Louise) DeGrush, Barney (Jen) DeGrush, Wayne DeGrush, Kenneth "Curley" (Lucille) DeGrush and Lyle (Dorothy) DeGrush; two sisters: Evelyn Wendell and Gladys (Warren) Trotter; and three sisters-in-law: Addy DeGrush, Margaret DeGrush and Mabel DeGrush.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Eleanor's memory to her family for distribution to local charities of their choosing.

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

Memorial Service for Glen Michaels August 29

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held for Glen D. Michaels, long-time resident of Dwight, in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Elwood, on Friday, August 29, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Lou and Rick Michaels will host a dinner at the VFW in Dwight at 4:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Glen passed away June 1, 2014 at the age of 82.



Prairie Creek Public Library Memorials

In memory of Wanda Knudsen

Power Play by Danielle Steele - from Mary Anne McNamara; Shadow Spell by Nora Roberts - from Gary and Janet Neville; Unlucky 13 by James Patterson - from Theresa McNamara; Sea Garden by Deborah Lawrenson - from Betty Kern.

In memory of Victor and Mary Sonndergaard

Dreaming Small: Intimate Interiors by Douglas Woods - from Betty Kern.

In memory of Lois Hager

Missing You by Harlan Coben, Last to Know by Elizabeth Adler - from Douglas and Lynn Neville;

A Wedding in Provence by Ellen Sussman - from Betty Kern; Fast Track by Julie Garwood, All Fall Down by Jennifer Weiner - from Jane K. Brooks.

In memory of Donna Zappa Broomes

The Civil War: in words, in photographs, in memoriam by Jay Wertz, The Civil War: Fort Sumter to Appomattox by Gary Gallagher, The Handy Civil War Answer Book by Samuel Willard Crompton, The Maltby Brothers' Civil War by Norman C. Delaney, Civil War Legacies II: 17 small quilt patterns for reproduction fabrics by Carol Hopkins - from Dwight Township High School Class of 1970.

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Catherine Yanketis

GARDNER – Catherine “Kay” Yanketis, 73, of Gardner passed away August 4, 2014 at Kindred Hospital in Sycamore.



Bast) of Elgin; and two step-children: Rhonda Yanketis and Ricky Yanketis, both of Pennsylvania.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Jenny and Julie, Rachel and Brittany, and Matthew, Andrew and Melanie; six great-grandchildren: Tori, Addison and Kayla, Autumn, Bret and Ayden; two sisters: Ann Lafferty of Gardner and Cheryl Lafferty of Nevada; and two sisters-in-law: Barb (Ron) and Sandy (Danny); as well as her special companion, Snowy.

Catherine Elaine was born June 24, 1941 in Morris, daughter of Irvin and Agnita Papach Lafferty. She was raised and educated in Coal City and held past memberships in Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City and St. Lawrence in South Wilmington.

Kay always enjoyed having the kids in her home and will fondly be remembered as the “Candy Lady.” She took pleasure in gardening, making doilies and wind chimes, and was especially fond of her geraniums. She was a loving soul who loved everyone and made efforts to keep those special to her always in her prayers.

Survivors include her husband, Richard, whom she married December 21, 1979; children: Reno (Tina) Vignocchi of Coal City; Rena Vignocchi (Jon Sprimont) and Gina Vignocchi, both of Reddick; and Jeff Yack (Jonathan

Kay was preceded in death by her parents and mother-in-law, Amelia Yanketis.

Her funeral service was at 7 p.m., Friday, August 8, at Reeves Funeral Home in Gardner.

Visitation was Friday from 4 p.m. until the time of the service.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Kay’s memory to her family for their distribution.

On-line guestbook: www.ReevesFuneral.com

Harold Gonis, Sr.

B R A I D - WOOD – Harold Gonis, Sr., 89, of Braidwood passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at Walnut Grove Nursing Home in Morris.



Wilmington; Kenneth Gonis of South Wilmington; and Roger Gonis of Braidwood; son-in-law, Gary Krug of Braidwood.

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Harold was born January 11, 1925 in Essex. He owned and operated Gonis Garage for many years. His greatest joy was participating in rodeos as well as hunting and fishing with his son, Kenneth, at his farm.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte Goldsberry Gonis, whom he married October 25, 1949; eight children: Donna (Larry) Goad of Braidwood; Linda (Marty) Housman of Emington; Harold (Kathy) Gonis of Braidwood; Jimmy (She-reena) Gonis of Steeleville; Robert (Anita) Gonis of

preceding him in death were his mother, Elsie Mae Wright; daughter, Doris Krug; and brother, Vernon R. (Joe) Gonis.

Visitation was at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes Braidwood Chapel Monday, August 11 from 4 until 7 p.m.

Interment: private in North Cemetery, Essex.

Memorial gifts in Harold’s name may be directed to the family.

To visit his on-line guestbook, log on to: www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com

Frank Hibler

SOUTH WILMINGTON – Frank Hibler, 93, of South Wilmington passed away peacefully Saturday, August 9, 2014 at his home.



Also surviving are three sisters: Julia Halpin of Cullom; Dorothy Slejko of New Berlin, Wisconsin; and Emma (James) Schultz of Gardner; two brothers: Harold (Elena) Hibler of Braidwood and James (Diane) Hibler of Reddick; two sisters-in-law: Josephine Hibler of Joliet and Luella Christensen of Gardner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family will meet at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington today, Wednesday, August 13, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m., celebrated by Rev. John Homicak.

Visitation was Tuesday from 4 until 8 p.m. at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes Braidwood Chapel.

Interment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

Frank was born April 24, 1921 in Essex Township, son of George and Cenka Bajt Hibler. He was a lifelong farmer in the Reddick and South Wilmington area. He was a member of the Laborer’s Union, Local #75 in Joliet.

preceding him in death were two brothers, George Hibler and John Hibler; two sisters, Loretta Sukley and Mamie, in infancy; brothers-in-law: Roman Sukley, William Halpin, Leon Slejko, Carl Holm, Earl Christensen and Wilbur Olroyd; and sisters-in-law: Marcella Hibler, Margary Patchett, Delores Holm and Eileen Olroyd.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Frank’s name may be directed to the South Wilmington Fire Department or St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

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Edward P. Reis

DWIGHT – Edward P. Reis, 27, of Hillsboro, Oregon and formerly of Dwight, passed away as the result of an accident in Portland, Oregon.

He was born in South Korea May 27, 1987, to David P. and Chu Son Pyon Reis.

Eddie was a Marine who served in Afghanistan under combat conditions. He returned to the United States

and secured a job as a computer tech for Intel of Oregon.

Eddie is survived by his parents; his grandfather, Edward Reis of Dwight; aunts, uncles and cousins.

A private service was held Sunday, August 10, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

The family suggests memorials to the donor’s choice.

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Notice of Budget Hearing Gardner South Wilmington High School

Gardner South Wilmington High School District #73 will conduct a public hearing regarding the FY 2014-2015 budget on September 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the GSW High School Board of Education room.

Final action on the FY2014-2015 budget will take place at the regularly scheduled GSW High School Board meeting which immediately follows the budget hearing in the GSW High School Board of Education room on September 17, 2014.

The tentative budget will be on display in the GSW High School office August 18, 2014 through September 17, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except for the September 1 holiday)

Board of Education Gardner South Wilmington High School Carla Huston, Secretary

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

In the Matter of the Estate)
)
of) No. 2014-P-75
)
DONNA J. DENKER, deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS DONNA J. DENKER, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of DONNA J. DENKER, who died on June 14, 2014, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of her death was 200 W. North Street, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Julie L. Schultz as Independent Executor of the Last Will and Testament of DONNA J. DENKER dated October 19, 2006, by order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois dated July 14, 2014.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The first date of publication of this notice is July 30, 2014. Any claim not filed on or before the above determined dates is barred.

Claims may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois or with the Representative, or both. Copies of the claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to Representative and Representative’s Attorney, within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk. The address of the Livingston County Circuit Clerk is as follows:

Livingston County Circuit Clerk
Livingston County Law & Justice Center
110 N. Main Street
Pontiac, IL 61764

The estate will be administered without court supervision, under Independent Administration pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-1 seq. Any interested party may obtain a copy of the form to Petition to Terminate Independent Administration from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois at the above address. The address of the Independent Executor is as follows:

Julie L. Schultz
309 Philmar Street
Dwight, IL 60420

Attorney for the Independent Executor:
Irvin L. Masching
Attorney at Law
105 East Chippewa Street
P.O. Box 247
Dwight, IL 60420-0247

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Nickole L. Oelschlagel; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
14 CH 00008

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 4/11/2014, the Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois will on 9/24/14 at the hour of 10:00AM at New Law & Justice Center 110 N. Main Street Pontiac, IL 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-14-01971. 1621374

A Taste of Dwight

Sunday, I came home for the day from Normal and took part in the Harvest Days Home Run Derby qualifying competition. (Pretty sure I used way too many words to describe the home run derby but we're gonna roll with it.) I only ended up hitting 3 home runs and was allowed 15 outs (swings that don't result in a home run), was good enough for a tie of 10th place which will hold as long as no one else hits 4 which will more than likely happen. I would definitely go on boring you about my results in a friendly competition but instead I'd like to shine light on the fact that it was a friendly event that took place in Dwight, IL, coupled with A Taste of Dwight, and then there were softball league games that followed. It's great to see people put time and effort into the town of Dwight. Jerry Beier and Neal Picco did a great job running the Derby and giving people something to do aside from the norm in Dwight. Then there was live music, which most if not all was carried about by Dwight residents, and was really good from what I heard while in the park and from our house. Sunday was a great showcase of what Dwight can be, and should be more often. There are a lot of hardworking and talented people and when they come together to do something positive and worthwhile for Dwight it usually turns out well. These events don't need to happen every week, but it's nice when they do. I think Dwight could be "great" if we all put our egos aside and try to make Dwight the best small town it can be, instead of hindering its potential by not working together. I think anyone who attended Sunday's event would agree. Even though I'm not a resident I still want to see the town and community grow and thrive. Sunday was a good stepping stone. Now it's just time to keep the ball rolling.

Aaron Boma
ISU Junior and 2012 DTHS Graduate

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PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK

PLAINTIFF
VS
STEPHEN P KONJEVICH JR;
SARAH E KONJEVICH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS ;
DEFENDANTS
14 CH 28

121 EAST WAUPANSIE STREET, DWIGHT, IL 60420

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, STEPHEN P KONJEVICH JR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS ; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

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UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County,
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Smaller May Be Better

by Tresa Erickson

You've lived in fairly large homes for much of your life, and while you have enjoyed having space to stretch out, you're starting to realize that big isn't necessarily better now that you are older. All of the cleaning and maintenance required for your large home is proving to be difficult and you're ready to downsize.

As with anything, there are pros and cons to downsizing. One major benefit comes in terms of the bottom line. Depending upon the price you get for your current home, you could make a profit, perhaps enough to pay for your new home outright and avoid having a mortgage altogether. Even if you do end up with a mortgage, your house payments will probably be lower, giving

you more money each month for living expenses. Smaller homes generally cost less to maintain. Utility bills are not as high, especially if the home is energy efficient, and repair costs can be substantially lower.

One of the major drawbacks to downsizing is the reduction in square footage. For some people, however, this can be a real plus. With less space overall, you may find that you make fewer purchases and save money. You may also find that you have less work to do around the house and more time to do the things you love, like playing cards or tennis with your pals. The stress of the demands of owning a large home could become a thing of the past.

Of course, moving to a smaller home will require

some adjustments. Because you don't have as much square footage, you may have to store or get rid of some stuff. You may also have to scale back on entertaining or throw large parties off-site. If space is really tight, you may even have to arrange for guests to stay elsewhere.

Along with the loss of space might come a loss in convenience and prestige. Your new home might not offer as many amenities as your old home or project the same image. There might not be room for that garden tub or steam shower, and depending upon the location and appearance of the home, it may not look the part you would like and convey your social standing.

Before you downsize, make certain the pros really do outweigh the cons for you. More importantly, check out the state of the housing market. Will you be able to sell your large home for the price you want? If not, you may want to consider staying right where you are and hiring services to assist you with the maintenance of your home.

by Tresa Erickson

You've just retired, and to celebrate, you and your spouse are taking a vacation in Europe. You can't wait to see the bustling streets of London, the fantastic art in Paris and the fabulous museums of Rome. You've got your passports and your plane tickets, and your bags are packed. You're ready to go, or are you? Have you taken your health into consideration?

Nothing can spoil a vacation like illness. As soon as you purchase your plane tickets, ask your travel agent what vaccinations you may need and have them done several days in advance of your departure in case you have an adverse reaction.

Study the areas you plan to visit. What is the climate like? Is it hot or cold? How much wind or humidity will you encounter? Once you're familiar with the type of climate you'll be dealing with, pack accordingly. If you're going someplace warm and humid, pack plenty of light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. To avoid sunburn, bring along a bottle of sun block

with SPF 15 or higher. If you are going someplace cold, be sure to take along several sweaters and heavier clothing. Consider the wind chill and altitude, too, as wind combined with cold temperatures tends to make most people feel colder than it is.

Take extra precautions if you wear corrective lenses or hearing aids. Pack an extra pair of glasses, in case you break or lose the pair you're wearing. If you don't have a spare pair, bring along an older prescription. Pack a spare pair of contact lenses, extra cleaning fluid and eye drops. Don't forget your sunglasses, and make sure you have extra batteries for your hearing aids.

Double-check that you have packed your prescription medication and make sure you have a copy of your prescriptions from your doctor. Some brand names are not available in certain countries, so ask your doctor to include the generic names of the drugs. Keep all prescription drugs in their original containers, and if you have been prescribed a narcotic drug, ask your doctor for a

letter stating that fact. It may make moving through customs easier. Be prepared, however, for your narcotic drugs to be confiscated, as some countries do not allow them under any circumstance. Contact the embassy in the country you are visiting to determine what prescription drugs you may or may not take with you.

Do not buy over-the-counter medications unless you are familiar with them, and if you have allergies, reactions to certain medicines or other medical conditions, such as diabetes or high blood pressure, wear a medical alert bracelet or carry a medical alert card. Leave a copy of your medical and dental records with a family member just in case you are involved in a serious accident.

Medicare and some medical insurance policies do not cover hospital or medical services outside of the United States, so you may want to purchase travelers' health insurance. Many travel agencies offer policies written by major insurers like Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Traveler's. Most policies cover office visits, hospitalization and outpatient care, but find out for sure what your policy covers, as well as maximum payouts and age restrictions.

Be prepared to experience jet lag if you are traveling through more than three time zones. To ease the effects, eat a light meal on the day you leave, drink lots of water and avoid alcohol. Get plenty of sleep the night before and rest as much as you can on the plane. Try to get some exercise during layovers.

If you are visiting a country with an altitude higher than 5,000 feet, you may experience altitude sickness. Symptoms include headache, nausea, fatigue, shortness of breath and insomnia. Depending on your physical condition, it could take up to two weeks for you to adjust, so take it easy and don't try to do a lot at first.

Before you step foot onto a plane, make sure you have taken all of the medical precautions necessary. When it comes to your health, the more prepared you are, the less likely you are to get sick during your trip and the more fun you'll have. However, even though you have taken all of the precautions necessary, you may still become ill. Should that happen, contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate where you are visiting for a list of local doctors, dentists and hospitals. Be prepared, and have a good trip.

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Understanding Reverse Mortgages

By Craig W. Armstrong

Most people have a mortgage and understand how traditional mortgages work. They may know little about a reverse mortgage, however. Put simply, a reverse mortgage is a home equity loan that does not have to be paid back until you no longer live in the home.

The most common type of reverse mortgage is a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM). The Federal Housing Administration created this type of mortgage in 1989. It is intended for people in their retirement years. In fact, one requirement is that you must be 62 years old or older. Other requirements include a substantial amount of equity in your home. This could mean you own the home outright or have a low mortgage balance that could be paid off with proceeds from the reverse mortgage. You must also reside in the home and pay all property taxes and insurance.

No monthly payments are due on the loan; therefore, no income or credit scores are required. The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) requires that all applicants receive independent counseling from a third party. A certificate of completion is required, which is submitted to the lender.

Payments can be made on the loan, but they are not necessary. The reverse mortgage is due when the borrower dies or no longer lives in the residence. The borrower's heirs pay back the loan and interest. They have 12 months to either sell the house and pay back the loan or refinance.

If the loan is not repaid, the lender can foreclose on the property. If funds from foreclo-

sure are not sufficient to pay back the loan, government insurance will make up the difference. The purchase of this type of insurance is another requirement of obtaining a reverse mortgage. After the loan and interest are repaid, any excess funds are dispensed to the heirs.

Reverse mortgages best benefit individuals who need extra income and who plan to stay in their home for a long period of time or for the rest of their lives. Cash received from a reverse mortgage is not considered income and is not taxed. It also does not affect Social Security or Medicare. It may affect eligibility for need-based local or state assistance.

A reverse mortgage is not for everyone. For those who find themselves later in life and need the extra income, it might be beneficial. If you are interested, do your homework, crunch the numbers and figure out if a reverse mortgage is for you.

The Benefits Of Security

By Ronda Addy

The purpose of social security is to provide a monthly income for disabled workers, their dependents and retired persons. For many Americans, social security is their sole means of support. For others, it supplements income received from other sources. The money for social security comes from employers and employees who pay into the social security fund. Benefits generally start when a person reaches age 65, although some may receive partial benefits at age 62. Now that you are getting closer to retirement, it's time for you to start thinking about applying for social security benefits, but you have no idea where to start. Here's some information that can help you.

The social security program began with the Social Security Act of 1935. Abraham Epstein, leader of the American Association for Social Security, is credited with coining the phrase, "social security." Beginning in 1937, benefits were only paid to the primary worker of a family, but in 1939, benefits were added for survivors and retirees' spouses and children. In 1956, disability benefits were

started, and in 1965, Medicare was signed into law. In 1961, social security numbers (SSN) were adopted as the official federal employee identification, and in 1962, the SSN was adopted by the Internal Revenue Service as the official taxpayer ID number.

The benefits you are eligible for when applying for social security will vary, so it is best to apply in person at your local social security office. You should do this one year before you plan to retire since it will take three months for you to begin receiving checks.

When you go to the office, you will need to take some documents to prove you are eligible to apply. These include:

- Your social security card or a record of your social security number.
- Your birth certificate.
- Your W-2 form for the previous year.
- Your military discharge papers, if applicable.
- Your spouse's birth certificate and social security card if they are applying for benefits. If your children are applying for benefits, you will also need their birth certificates and social security cards.

• Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal alien status, if you were not born in this country.

• Your bank's name and your account number, so the checks can be deposited directly into your account.

All the documents must be the originals or copies that have

been verified by the office that issued them.

Contact your local security administration office with any questions you may have regarding how to sign up for social security. You've worked hard all your life to reach this point-why not be able to enjoy it?



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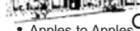
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Senior Living

Gardening...No Problem

by Tresa Erickson

Now that you're getting older, you may find gardening difficult. Your back aches and your hands throb just at the thought of hoeing weeds. Some of your friends have suggested you give up gardening, but you don't want to do that. Is there anything you can do to make gardening easier? The answer is yes.

Today there are a slew of products on the market that make gardening easier for seniors. Some of these include:

- Adjustable benches and knee pads. Purchase these and give your back and

knees a break. Perfect for ground-level gardening, the benches require less bending over and put less strain on the back, while the pads provide extra cushion for the knees.

- Bright-colored tools. Drop your tools sometimes and have trouble finding them? No problem. Available in a wide range of bold colors, these tools are not only pleasing to the eye but are easy to spot.

- Dollies and wagons. Buy one of these and make short work of hauling supplies and plants around. Many are made of light-weight material, making

them a breeze to push and pull around.

- Ergonomically shaped, lightweight tools. Have trouble lifting and using your rake? Don't give it another thought. Many gardening tools are now made of lightweight materials, like aluminum and steel, and feature ergonomically shaped, contoured handles, making it easy to grip and use them. Some also come with longer handles for better grip and leverage.

- Hose caddies. Purchase one of these and water your garden with ease. Just turn the wheel and watch the hose unravel effortlessly.

Pull the hose where you need it, turn on the faucet and let the water flow. Add an easy-turn handle to your faucet, and watering your garden will never be a problem again.

- Seed tape. Find it difficult to pick up and hold onto seeds? No problem. Coming in seven-and-a-half foot strips, seed tape contains high-performance seeds evenly spaced and sandwiched between layers of paper. All you need to do is lay down the strips where you want them, cover them up with soil and water them. The paper will become moist, germinate the seeds and dissolve into the soil. Before long, you'll have rows and rows of evenly spaced plants. Seed mats are also available.

These are just some of the products available that make gardening easier for seniors. You'll find many more by conducting a search online. Even with the right tools, however, you may still need

to make some accommodations to continue gardening. Some of these may include:

- Container gardening. If tending a garden patch is out of the question, consider starting a container garden. You can use almost anything for a container from a flowerpot or window box to a child's wagon or wheelbarrow. Best of all, container gardens can be placed inside or outside and require a lot less work than a regular garden.

- Raised beds. Ask a friend or family member to help you build some raised beds. You can use bricks, timber or cross ties. Beds should be about three to four inches wide and two to two-and-a-half feet high for those who are wheelchair bound and two-and-a-half to three feet high for those who are semi-ambulatory. You can even build a table-high bed if needed.

- Vertical gardens. If you find it difficult to bend over, try gardening on a vertical

scale. Install a trellis, fence or wall and bring your garden to you. Hanging pots are another idea.

Like any gardener, there are some precautions you should take when working outside. Try to work in the morning or evening hours when it's cooler. Wear light-weight clothing, a hat, sunglasses and gloves, and use plenty of sunscreen. Make sure that any medication you are taking will not increase your sensitivity to sunlight and drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks.

With a few purchases and adjustments, you can continue to garden long into your senior years. Get out there and put your green thumb to work.

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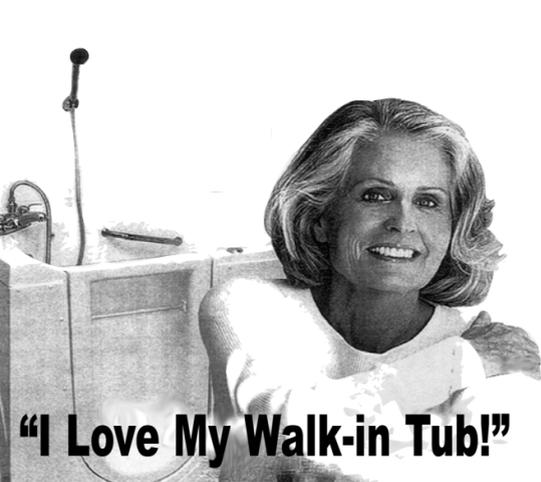
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Running for Life Ovarian Cancer Awareness

To raise awareness of ovarian cancer, known as a silent killer, the fourth "Running for Life - Ovarian Cancer Awareness" run/walk will take place in Morris. Many people do not know:

- Over 21,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer every year, and more than 15,000 will die of the disease.
- There is NO early detection test for ovarian cancer.
- Ovarian cancer is 90% treatable if caught in its earliest stages; however, less than 20% of women are diagnosed during these stages. Unfortunately, survival rates drop significantly for later-stage diagnosis. Early diagnosis is imperative.



morning run. There will be awards for the overall male and female runners as well as the top three male / female finishers in each age division for both races.

Symptoms of ovarian cancer include: bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, trouble eating or feeling full quickly, feeling the need to urinate urgently or often, fatigue, upset stomach or heartburn, back pain, pain during sex, constipation or menstrual changes.

You can register for the event at www.runningforlife5k.com. A pre-registration fee applies on race day beginning at 6:30 a.m. at Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers. If you register online, credit/debit cards may be used; however, only cash and checks will be accepted on race day. Proceeds will enable the Running for Life committee to raise awareness of the early symptoms of ovarian cancer in order to improve the survival rate. Pre-registered participants may pick up their race packets on the day of the event from 6:30-7:30 a.m.

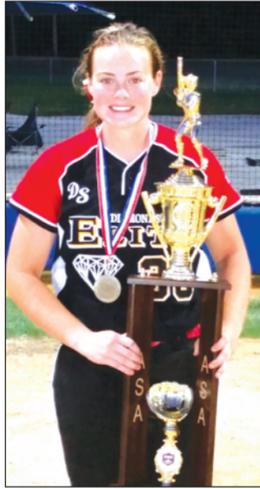
Running for Life - Ovarian Cancer Awareness 10k run and 5k run/walk will be held on Saturday, August 23, starting at 8:00 a.m. at Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers. The race will start on Ritchie Road and turn west onto Gore Road. The 5k will have a turn around prior to Saratoga Road. The 10k will turn north on to Saratoga Road and have a turn around at the 3.1 mile marker. The courses have a small hill and seem to always have some wind. The country course should make for a peaceful

For additional information, you may also e-mail the race committee at runningforlifeinMorris@gmail.com.

Sunday Co-Ed Softball Standings

Rury's 8-1
Willy's 5-4
JT/SOCU 5-4

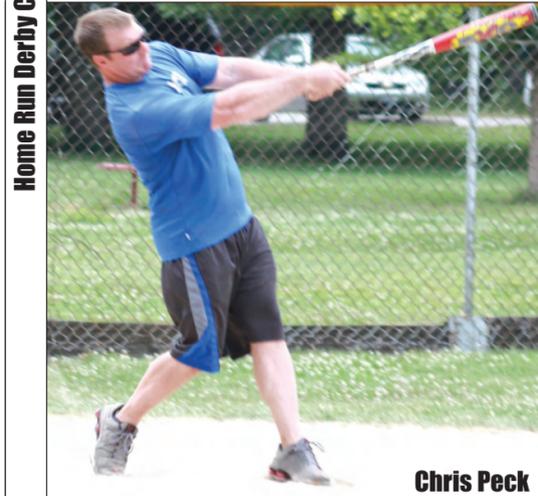
UMP This 5-4
Gators "DUMC" 4-5
Victory Lanes 1-8



DEZI LEONARD of Dwight is a pitcher for the Central Illinois Diamondstorm 16u Elite based out of Springfield. Dezi and her team took first place in the ASA 16u A State Tournament, which involved 34 teams from across the state of Illinois. The team competed and finished 17th in the ASA/USA 16u A Nationals, located in Roanoke, VA, which consisted of teams from across the country. Diamondstorm was one of the last two teams from Illinois left in the competition.



George Bowman



Chris Peck

Home Run Derby Contestants

MVK Softball

In game one of the Seneca tournament, MVK defeated Seneca, 4-2, behind the arm of Anne Krull, who allowed one earned run on four hits, striking out nine in seven innings of work.

Claudia Morris had two hits and an RBI. Madison Tondini had two hits. Kylie Winsor went 3-3 with two RBI. Rebekah Chapman and Cassidy Craves had a hit apiece.

Putnam County would take out MVK, 6-1, in game two of the tourney.

Krull took the loss, giving up three earned runs and striking out six in four innings. Sam Macchietto came on in relief, striking out two in one inning.

Morris and Alyssa Binion provided the only hits for MVK.

In game three, MVK beat GSW, 10-6, as Sam Macchietto picked up the win.

At the plate, Macchietto also brought her A-game, with two hits, two stolen bases and an RBI. Chapman went 1-1 with a walk and three RBI. Draves was 1-1 with two RBI. Morris went 2-3.

'Walking Against Hunger' Dwight Crop Walk September 28

The Dwight Crop Walk - "Walking Against Hunger" is set for September 28 and will begin at the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Registration is at 12:30 p.m. the day of the event, with the walk starting at 1:00 p.m.

There will be two routes: 1) Casual - .73 miles, and 2) Walkers - 2.4 miles. The "Runners" route has been canceled.

Responsibilities of the walkers include:

- Appointing a team leader

- Putting a team together
- Raise donations (family, friends, organizations, etc.)
- Take donations the day of the walk or online giving
- Pick a route

All of the money raised will go towards helping fight hunger, with the local food pantry receiving 25% of the money.

For more information, contact Julie Marx at 815-584-9051, Victor Randle Jr. at 815-343-6581, or the Church at 815-584-3420.

Home Run Derby Standings

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Nick Cole - 27 | 7. Kirk Telford - 6 |
| 2. Bill Petrick - 22 | 7. George Bowman - 6 |
| 3. Ryan Taplin - 12 | 9. Triston Dircks - 4 |
| 4. Chris Peck - 7 | 10. Aaron Boma - 3 |
| 4. Kevin Fisher - 7 | 10. Matt Kargle - 3 |
| 4. Rick Stevenson - 7 | 10. Dan Tarnowski - 3 |

The next qualifying round is Thursday, August 14 at 5:00 p.m. in Renfrew Park.

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DTHS Oughton Athletic Field stadium lighting project and stadium renovations are almost complete. This included the removal of all bleacher flooring and seating; scraping, painting and sealing all steel framing; installation of new goal posts and scoreboards; new poles and energy-efficient lighting system; demolition of current electrical housing shed; and a new sound system.

All stadium facilities are not open to the public but will be in the near future.

Dwight Historical Society to meet August 19 at the Country Mansion

The August Dwight Historical Society meeting has been moved to August 19 on The Country Mansion Patio. (This is a change from the usual meeting night.)

At 6:00 p.m., members and guests may order dinner, Dutch treat, on the patio, weather permitting. Please RSVP to Mary Flott if you are coming to eat so that she can make a reservation for you at the Mansion. Her phone number is 815-584-2107 or you can contact her by email at maryflott326@gmail.com

by noon on August 18.

A short business meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., followed by a program on The Keeley Institute. All are welcome to attend without dining.

The Mansion was the lodging for the Keeley Institute from 1920-1966. Fred Strufe will talk about the Institute's final days, having been a waiter there at closing.

The Dwight Tourism Committee will also introduce its latest pamphlet, "The Keeley Institute." This

was designed by Barbara DeWaard, as were the pamphlets for the Texaco Station and the Windmill. The historical content came from the Digger Odell Publication article, "The Keeley Cure," to which Brad and Barb Wilkinson contributed and may be found by Googling the title. It is recommended that this be read prior to the meeting to appreciate the ascent and decline of the Keeley.

All interested in Dwight history are welcome to attend.

Dwight Employs Two New Teachers August 6 Special Joint Board Session

by Madelyn Fogarty

Two new teachers were employed by Dwight schools during a special board session on August 6.

Joining the DTSS staff will be Joel Steichen. Steichen, a DTSS graduate, will teach Social Studies and is replacing Andy Ehrhardt who took a position in another district. At the Dwight Grade School, the board approved the hire of Sarah Jones as a Third

Grade Teacher. Jones is a recent college graduate and will fill a new position resulting from a recent decision by the DGS board to add an additional Third Grade section.

In other actions from the joint session, the boards authorized budgeting \$35,000 to purchase a used activity van if needed by the districts. Also, both boards adopted the updated Board Policy Manual as presented by Superintendent Dr.

Richard Jancek.

Both boards engaged in discussions regarding Booster Clubs/Parent Organizations policies vs. school practice; considering a performance-based wage in-crease for support staff; Middle School/ High School Dual Credit opportunities; and developing a philosophy regarding student fund raising. No actions were taken at this time regarding the joint discussion points.

God-With-Us Preschool Registration

God-With-Us Preschool of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight is now accepting registrations for the 2014-15 school year.

There will be a Registration and Open House Night on Thursday, August 14, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. All three- and four-year olds are welcome to attend and meet with Mrs. Kathy Streit, preschool teacher.

For more information or with the teacher, contact Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 815-584-3433.

DFPD Receives More Donations

Along with the \$300 donated to the Dwight Fire Protection District from Station 343, Herb Wyeth gave an extra \$100, bringing the total raised to \$400.

The fire donation photo in the August 6 edition of *The Paper* was courtesy of Marilyn Kolthoff.

2014 Harvest Days Parade Theme Announced

The 2014 Harvest Days Parade theme has been announced. The theme this year is: Ladies First - Influential Women in History - in honor of the Dwight Woman's Club 100th anniversary.

The annual parade will take place on Sunday, September 21 at 12:45 p.m.

Entries are due by Friday, September 19 and can be downloaded from dwrightharvestdays.org. They can be sent to shurt@socu.org or faxed to 815-584-9738.

Each float will compete in one of eight categories: commercial floats; non-

commercial floats; antique vehicles; horse or horse groups; politicians; cars, trucks, or vans; farm machinery; or other.

An award will be given in each category.

For more information or questions please contact Sara Hurt at 815-584-9730 or 815-822-7259.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse in these (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. Anonymously

Notice of Public Hearing

Budget Hearing South Wilmington CSD #74

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year 2015 beginning July 1, 2014, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 375 5th Avenue, South Wilmington, Illinois in this School District from and after 8:00 o'clock AM, on the 18th day of August, 2014. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing, on said budget will be held at 7:45 o'clock PM, on the 18th day of September, 2014, in this School District #74. Dated this 17th day of July, 2014. School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois.

Katy Wepprecht, Secretary

Sixth Annual HD Jr. Karaoke

The Dwight Harvest Days Committee is proud to announce the sixth annual Junior Karaoke Championship for kids up to 18 years of age.

Three prizes will be awarded for the top singers on Saturday, September 20. The competition will begin on the downtown stage at 2 p.m. The first place prize is \$250. The runner-up will receive \$150 and the third place finisher will take home \$100.

"Let it go" from Frozen will not be allowed to be chosen for the contest. There will be a group sing-along at the end of the show.

Sign-up in *The Paper* office, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, by Friday, August 29. Please have a song selected and contact phone number when signing up. First come, first serve on the song choice. Any questions, call Jerry Beier, 815-343-7303.

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Herscher Labor Day Idol Contest 2014

It's that time of year again. Time to rehearse for the Herscher Labor Day Idol competition.

This year will feature two competing divisions: a Junior (ages eight to 17) division and an Open Class (18 and older) division. This includes any adult who wants to compete.

First prize in each division is \$250. Second prize is \$100. There will be a preliminary competition on Sunday, August 24, at 3:00 p.m. at the Herscher Legion Community Center. The top six competitors in each division

will compete in the finals on Labor Day, September 1, at the Herscher Village Park at 6:15 p.m. In order to compete, you must have an accompaniment, whether it is in the form of a CD track, instrument, or another person to play for you. You may perform covers or originals. This is a solo voice competition.

If you plan to compete and would like to register or have questions, call Cindy Maier at 815-954-4816. Entry deadline is: **August 20.**

Deadline Approaching for Herscher Labor Day Parade Entry Forms

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce Labor Day Parade Committee is reminding everyone that the entry forms for the Grand Labor Day Parade need to be in to:

**John Branz
P.O. Box 575
Herscher, IL 60941**

or dropped off at the Village Hall or at Centru Bank in Herscher by Monday, August 18.

Watch The Paper for Updates!!



Thelma Webber Named Grand Marshal of Herscher Labor Day Parade

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce and its Labor Day Parade Committee have announced that Thelma Webber has been selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2014 Herscher Labor Day Parade.

Thelma and her husband, Bob, recently marked their 57th wedding anniversary. They have four sons: Roger (Jane), Robert (Susan), Jerry (Angie), and Gary (Barb); and ten grandchildren: Katie Jo, Alex, Jacob, Jordan, Kerk, Nichole, Tabatha, Jared, Kyle and Claire.

Thelma first worked at Leiser's Department Store for two years and then started working at Herscher High School the Monday after she graduated in 1957. She worked 42 years as secretary to the principal, retiring June 30, 1999.

Thelma is a member of the Herscher United Methodist Church. As a member of the United Methodist Women, she has held the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary. She was also a delegate from the Herscher UMC to

the Annual Church Conference for two years. At Herscher UMC, she many times does the children's moment during Sunday worship services and writes a monthly newsletter to the Church's Missionaries.

Thelma has been a member of the Herscher American Legion Auxiliary for 50 years. She has held the offices of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Chaplain, and Sgt. at Arms. She has organized the monthly bridge marathon that is held at the Legion Community Center September through May each year.

Thelma is a member of the Board of Directors of the Legion Community Center in Herscher where she has for many years organized the monthly euchre party for the Legion Community Center.

Thelma is a member of the Kankakee-Iroquois Educational Office Professionals, the Illinois Association of Office Professionals and the National Association of Educational Office Professionals. She is

now a member of the National Association of Retired Educational Office Professionals.

She is a member of the Women of the Moose, volunteers at Harvest View at least once a week, belongs to a Tuesday morning golf league and a Friday's Senior Golf Group.

Twice a year, Thelma writes a Herscher High School Alumni Association newsletter.

Her hobbies are family, playing cards, golf and participating in Herscher community events.

Pontiac Tourism News

66th Annual Threshermen's Reunion Aug. 28 - Sept. 1
One of the nation's largest and oldest celebrations of steam and antique gasoline powered agricultural equipment.

The Reunion will take place at Threshermen's Park in Pontiac. There will be hundreds of vintage tractors, restored, working steam engines, and many demonstrations. A flea market, a 1900 school house, a 1910-era blacksmith shop, and other attractions are part of the roster of special things.

GTOAA Regional All Pontiac Cruise and Show Sept. 20, 21

On Saturday, there will be museum tours, visits to local private auto collectors, a special performance of the musical revue, On the Road Again: Mother Road, This Is!, and an ice cream social. Sunday will be reserved for the All Pontiac Car Show, with expanded classes.

20th Annual Threshermen's Bluegrass Festival Sept. 25-27

Threshermen's Park will be the venue for the annual Bluegrass music festival. Performers from around the country will be providing great entertainment to go along with good food, warm fellowship, and down-home fun. Take your lawn chairs and settle in for a good time. Camping on the grounds is available. First come - first served.

Harvest Days 2014 - Things to Watch For!

by Bridget De Waard

As August ushers in the unfortunate end of summer and fall draws ever closer, Harvest Days has snuck up once again, lying just around the corner. This year's festival will, of course, feature all of the same festival activities Dwightites have come to love, with some new and exciting additions.

The carnival, food booths, and craft show, time honored traditions of the Dwight celebration, are all returning as part of the Harvest Days fun. Kicking off the event on Thursday as always, Dwight Patron Night will start the festival off right, with \$14 wristbands available for purchase in the days leading up to the beginning of the fun-filled weekend.

Entertainment will surely get people up and dancing, with a mix of new and familiar faces gracing the downtown stage. Mary & The Troublemakers, featuring Mary Pfeifer and Tommy Edwards, will be mesmerizing

the crowd with some great selections from 50's and 60's Rock n' Roll. The Way Down Wanderers, which features Dwight's Ben Montalbano, will soothe the soul with some original folk rock. Both are planned to perform on Friday evening.

On Saturday, The Harvest Days Jam Band, which so far includes Ben Montalbano, Terry Carter, Burton Gestner, Alex Smith, Lindsey Jensen and Mike Jezek, will take the stage by storm and start the evening off right. More performers will be announced leading up to the event. They will be followed by Hairbanger's Ball, the self-described original tribute to the 80's band. They promise to embody everything people have come to love about the 80's-including the hair.

Finally, on Sunday, the Kings of Dixieland, featuring Richard Benzik, will perform in the morning on the main stage, directly following the church service, playing a selection of Dixieland jazz pieces.

Some new additions to the festival include a cherry pie-eating contest, sponsored by Cherry Red Roasters, and the conclusion of the Home Run Derby, giving the pro-baseball player in everyone the chance to break out and nab \$500. Mind Power, a comedy and magic show put on by Jeff Jay, is sure to delight audiences with some hilarious hypnosis scenarios as 20 to 25 volunteers will be asked to participate in the performance.

As for old favorites, CoCo's will be sponsoring the Kiddie Parade again this year, and the Junior Karaoke Contest will be returning as well. The quilt show, which was not a part of the celebration last year, is making a reappearance.

Be sure to watch *The Paper* for more information and updates, as this is just a snippet of the exciting things to come for this year's festival. Can't wait to see everyone there!

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The Paper Classifieds

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Cornell - Quiet country setting on 5.51 acres with timber and a creek, 1400 sf ranch style home with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Call for details. \$139,900.

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208 N. Cedar Street, Gardner = \$54,900
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701 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight (lot 2) = \$202,500
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50 3rd Ave., South Wilmington - 5 lots = \$100,000

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222 Pollard Street, Dwight

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Nickole L. Oelschlagel; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

14 CH 00008

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 4/11/2014, the Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois will on 9/24/14 at the hour of 10:00AM at New Law & Justice Center 110 N. Main Street Pontiac, IL 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-14-01971. 1621374

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PONTIAC - 2-bedroom house with garage and basement. \$625 a month + utilities. Job reference and security deposit required. 815-584-1324 leave message. 5-1f

DWIGHT - Downstairs 2-bedroom apartment with appliances, A/C and garage. Call 815-584-2415 or 815-584-3485. 2-1f

DWIGHT - Trailer for rent. \$450/month, plus utilities. Job references and security deposit required. Call 815-584-1324. 21-1f

Pet of the Week

Meta
is a two-year-old Greyhound/Whippet mix. He is a very handsome boy who gets along with everyone. He likes the other dogs here, doesn't like cats though. He is a little shy at first but comes around very fast. He loves to run and play with toys. He is a very sweet boy who needs a good home. Come out and see this handsome boy!

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TAKE A LOOK at what's in the Classifieds!

Dwight Peace Meals
Wed., Aug. 13: Captain's Seafood Cakes, sweet potato chunks, summer coleslaw, whole grain wheat, warm cherry crisp.
Thurs., Aug. 14: Ham and beans, cucumber salad, cornbread, gelatin with fruit. Two meals delivered Thursday. No meals served Friday.
Mon., Aug. 18: Sausage and gravy, tritaters, juice, biscuits, warm fruit compote.
Tues., Aug. 19: Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peas, graham crackers and whole grain wheat, Mandarin oranges.
Wed., Aug. 20: Taco salad with lettuce, cheese, tomato and beans, taco chips, peaches, pineapple pistachio dessert.
Thurs., Aug. 21: Fried chicken, mash-ed potatoes w/ gravy, broccoli salad, roll, warm chunky applesauce. Two meals delivered Thursday. No meals served Friday.
Milk is served each each day.
For a reservation, call 815-584-2968.

DWIGHT - 2-bedroom apartment. Large balcony, appliances furnished, all utilities included except electric. No pets! \$700 + security deposit and references required. Call 815-260-3878. 32-1f

DWIGHT - 2 bedroom house and 1-bedroom apartment available. Appliances and water provided. Deposit required. No pets. 815-584-2981. 29-1f

DWIGHT - 2-bedroom townhouse. All electric. \$625/month. One month deposit and 12 month lease required. No pets. 815-998-2162. 29-1f

DWIGHT - 2 bedroom apartment. Appliances furnished. No pets. \$600/month. Security deposit required. Move-in special, call for details. 815-278-0208, 815-867-5019. 11-1f

DWIGHT - Newer large 2-bedroom apartment on John Street with off-street parking. Appliances provided, A/C, private deck or patio. No pets. Deposit required. \$595/month. Water, sewer included. Call 815-584-1324, leave message. 20-1f

DWIGHT - Studio apartment with hardwood floors, refrigerator, stove, microwave, walk-in shower, A/C. \$425/month + security deposit. No pets. 815-260-3878. 30-1f

GARDNER - 1 bedroom apartment with walk-in shower, hardwood floors, stove, microwave and refrigerator. Includes all utilities except electric. No pets. \$475 + security deposit. 815-260-3878. 24-1f

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HELP WANTED - 6-hour aide position available at Gardner Elementary School. Call 815-237-2313. 33-1w

Dibble Trucking is looking for part-time drivers. Must have CDL with Hazmat/Tanker Endorsement. Call 815-237-2251

Local Insurance Office Needs Part-time Customer Service Rep. Prior insurance experience preferred. Please send resume or letter of interest to CIS P.O. Box 17 Gardner, IL 60424

HELP WANTED - CDL Driver and Farm Help. Local farm seeking full time employee with truck experience and good driving record. Year around work and great pay. 815-343-8850. 33-3wp

HELP WANTED - Geo's is looking for Delivery Drivers, Bartenders, Lunch Staff and a Morning Janitor. All part-time. Apply in person at 152 East Main, Dwight. 33-2w

HELP WANTED - Handyman needed part-time for special situation. 815-586-4777. 33-1wpp

HELP WANTED - Line cook and waitresses. Apply in person at Pete's Restaurant, 900 N. Union, Dwight. 815-584-2331. 16-1f

Facilities Services Manager

Livingston County has an opening for a full time Facilities Services Manager. Must have a minimum of five years applicable experience in the management of facilities services and job related experience with increased levels of responsibility in the HVAC field or a degree in a related field. For more information and the application for this position, please visit Livingston County's website at www.livingstoncountyil.gov, click on "About Livingston," and then on "Employment", or contact Human Resources at 815-842-9350. Return applications to Livingston County Human Resources, 112 W. Madison St., Room 202, Pontiac, IL 61764 no later than 8/29/14. EOE

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August is National Immunization Awareness Month

Immunizations are one of the top ten public health accomplishments of the 20th Century according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During August, National Immunization Awareness Month, Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck encourages people to speak with their health care provider, not only about vaccines needed for children, but adults as well.

Each week during National Immunization Awareness Month, IDPH will highlight vaccinations for a different population on Facebook at IDPH.Illinois.

While immunizations have significantly reduced the incidence of many serious infectious diseases, vaccination rates for some diseases are not meeting national public health goals. However, Illinois is making strides in increasing vaccination coverage. Illinois is one of only five states that showed a significant increase (12%) in one or more doses of HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine coverage in girls from 2012 to 2013, and one of only four states with significant increase (almost 13%) in three or more doses of HPV vaccine. Illinois has undertaken several initiatives that have contributed to increased HPV vaccination coverage, such as working with health care partners to discuss and facilitate HPV vaccination health promotion activities and inter-

ventions, providing physician HPC vaccination training, and conducting provider assessment and feedback visits focused on increasing vaccination coverage.

To help prevent illness and outbreaks due to vaccine-preventable diseases, Illinois is implementing new immunization requirements for the 2014-15 school year. Beginning this year, children entering school at any grade level (kindergarten through 12) need to show proof of having received two doses of each (instead of just one) of rubella and mumps vaccines. In addition, any child entering kindergarten, sixth grade or ninth grade for the first time shall show proof of having received two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.

For the following school year, 2015-16, students will need to show proof of having received a meningococcal vaccination, something that is currently not required.

For school entrance, students must show proof of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, haemophilus influenza type b, hepatitis b, varicella and pneumococcal (depending on age) vaccinations.

For more information about immunizations, including vaccination schedules, visit www.idph.state.il.us/about/shots.htm.

Upcoming Events at Limestone Township Library

The following events are taking place at Limestone Township Library for the week of August 13-18:

- August 16, 11:00 to noon, Lego Building: Have fun with other Lego enthusiasts creating objects with Lego blocks. This play session is meant for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Register by calling the Library at 815-939-1696; 1:30-2:30 p.m., Back to School Craft: Celebrate school

going back into session with a fun craft. This craft time is for kids in third through fifth grade. Register by calling the Library.

Storytime for children ages six months to five-years old returns in September. Visit the Library on Facebook for further notice.

For more information or to register for any programs, stop in at the Library, call, or visit www.limestonelibrary.org.

AREA CHURCHES

DWIGHT

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
584-3425 fax
584-1554 parsonage
• AUG. 13: 8:30 a.m., Willing Workers meet at Rt. 66 Restaurant; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., dinner and adventure for 6th graders; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.
• AUG. 14: 7:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.
• AUG. 16: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at DUMC and Route 66; 6 p.m., YAGOs picnic in Fellowship Hall at DUMC.
• AUG. 17: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service with special music; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.,

Late Worship Service.
• AUG. 18: 8:30 a.m., UMW Mission Team.
• AUG. 19: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study; 9 a.m., Jean Voigts' Bible Study resumes at Heritage Woods.
• AUG. 20: 2 p.m., bingo at Heritage Health; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
815-584-1260 Church
Pastor Connie Williams
Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister
• AUG. 17: Worship, 10:30 a.m., Sermon title: "Everyday Faces."
• AUG. 20: Piemaking, 9 a.m., blueberry and cherry; Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
• AUG. 26: Deacon's meeting, 6 p.m.
August "Mission of the Month" - School Kits for Church World Service.

New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
815-584-3430
dwrightnewlife.org
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
• AUG. 14: 6:30 p.m., X-treme Youth; 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• AUG. 16: 7 a.m., Courageous Men's Group
• AUG. 17: 9 a.m., Morning Prayer; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Ministry, ages 3-11.
• AUG. 18: 5:30 p.m., First Place new session begins; 6:30 p.m., Jeremy's Bible Study.
• AUG. 19: 6:30 p.m., New Bible Study begins.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie Ave.
815-584-3522 Office
Rev. Chris Haake, Pastor
• AUG. 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 7 a.m., Mass; 5 p.m., Mass.
• AUG. 16: 4:00 - 4:45

p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
• AUG. 17: 8:00 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
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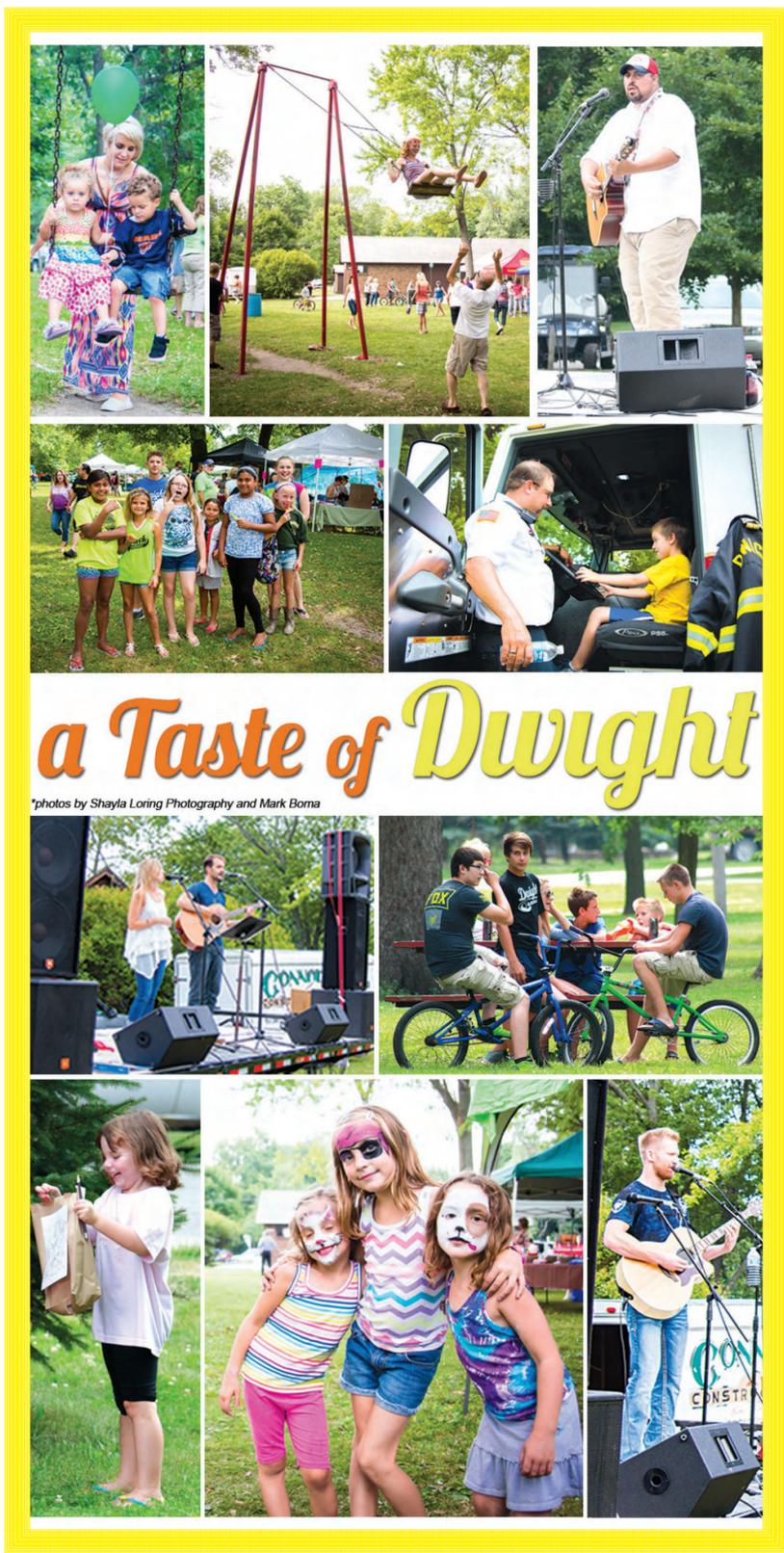
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