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BRACEVILLE – United Methodist Church
December 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Worship Service

CAMPUS – Sacred Heart Catholic Church
December 24, 7 p.m., Mass

DWIGHT –

Dwight United Methodist Church
December 24, 5 p.m., Rockin' Christmas Eve
Worship Service
7 p.m., Lessons in Carols Christmas Eve
Worship Service

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
December 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Lessons
and Carols with Holy Communion
December 25, 9 a.m., Christmas Day Worship
with Holy Communion

First Congregational United Church of Christ
December 24, 4:30 p.m., Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

New Life Assembly of God
December 24, 6 p.m., Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
December 24, 4 p.m., Mass
12:00, Midnight Mass
December 25, 10 a.m., Mass

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
December 24, 5 p.m., HC Worship
11 p.m., HC Candlelight Worship Service
December 25, 10 a.m., HC Worship
11:15 a.m., Free Christmas Day Dinners

EMINGTON –

Congregational United Church of Christ
December 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Service

ODELL – United Church of Odell
December 24, 4 p.m., Candlelight
Communion Service

SAUNEMIN – United Methodist Church
December 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

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Dwight events.

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7) Your purchase helps to fund community events, such as Fireworks and the Christmas Parade, as well as community improvement projects.

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John Howard Report Rattles Department of Corrections

by Tom Tock

John Maki, president of the respected John Howard Association of Illinois, a non-partisan prison watchdog group, opposed the State of Illinois' plan to close the Dwight Correctional Center in March of 2013.

At that time, Maki wrote: "Dwight is one of the state's most successful facilities. Over the years, Dwight has trained its staff, hired large numbers of female correctional officers, and created a culture to address the unique needs of female inmates, most of whom come from backgrounds of serious trauma and physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

"If Dwight closes," Maki wrote, "Illinois risks losing the significant investment we have made in creating its rehabilitative environment that protects public safety."

Last week JHA released

a new 40-page report on three visits made to Logan Correctional Center, where approximately 1,000 inmates from DCC, and another 1,000 from Lincoln Correctional Center, were transferred 19 months ago.

The Department of Corrections asked JHA to delay its first visit to Logan until November 2013, allowing its new staff to become more acclimated. JHA personnel visited Logan on Nov. 4, 2013, and again on Feb. 6 and July 9, 2014. (The entire report is available at www.thejha.org, headlined: "Overcrowded, Under-resourced, and Ill-Concepted: Logan Correctional Center, 2013/14.")

The new JHA report highlights the overcrowding and understaffing in the overall Illinois prison system, and especially at Logan, which has an operational

capacity of 2,019, providing 214 fewer female beds than were at Lincoln (1,018) and at Dwight (1,215).

Contrary to a report given by IDOC Director Tony Godinez at a mandatory public hearing in Dwight prior to the DCC closure, there has been no real decrease in the female prison population in Illinois.

The JHA report noted that mental health and substance abuse issues are widespread at Logan. IDOC stated 1,019 women there are on the mental health caseload as of October 2014. Federal intervention has forced the State to come up with \$8-million in funds for additional mental health facilities and staff at Logan.

A serious issue with the location of Logan Correctional Center is that inmates who are from Chicago (50%)

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The JHA report concluded that the transfer of female prisoners to Logan Correctional Center "failed to generate meaningful cost savings."

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

December 12: Daniel A. McMeen, Dwight, suspended, revoked driver's license.
 December 13: Chad D. Weber, Pontiac, possession of drug equipment, criminal trespass to residence, poss. cannabis/30 gms or less, other criminal offenses.
 December 15: Mehdi Armani, Urbana, suspended, revoked driver's license, operate uninsured motor vehicle, possession of drug equipment; Alex J. Feddersen, Gardner, in-state warrant.
 December 16: Rhonda L. Emmons, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Sarah M. Trainor, Odell, speeding (radar), 48/30; Donald D. Reiff, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Karl D. Kinkade, Dwight, in-state warrant; Ryan M. Feddersen, Gardner, in-state warrant.
 December 17: Daniel W. Bikar, Oak Forest, il. trans./poss. alcohol-drive, poss. cannabis/30 gms or less, possession of drug equipment.

December 15: Rt. 66, fire standby, no transport.
 December 16: Mazon, 5:57 a.m., medical, OSF.
 December 17: 2700 E., 7:38 a.m., medical, OSF; Bannon, 6:14 p.m., medical, MCH; Gardner, 9:33 p.m., fire standby.
 December 18: Scott, 12:43 a.m., medical, OSF; Rt. 47, 3:42 a.m., fire standby; Mazon, 10:11 p.m., medical, RMC.
 December 19: Mazon, 11:39 p.m., medical, MCH.

12 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Traffic sign violation, 2; failure to signal when required, 1; expired registration sticker, 1; no rear registration plate light, 2; improper lighting - one headlamp, 1; muffler violations, 1; fail to notify SOS of change/address, 1; only one red taillight, 1; improper display of registration, 1; improper passing at railroad tracks, 1.

Accident Reports

Friday, December 12, 6:45 p.m., Chief Tim Henson reported an accident at 324 E. Mazon Ave. involving Shannon E. Cain of Dwight, the driver of a 2010 Chrysler Town and Country, and Brittany L. Brady of Dwight, the driver of a 2013 Ford.
 Wednesday, December 17, Officer Michael Nolan reported an accident at Rt. 17 and Rt. 66 involving Donald L. MacNeil of Arlington Heights, the driver of a 2007 Toyota Van, and Amy E. Hansen of Dwight, the driver of a 2008 Ford Edge SUV.

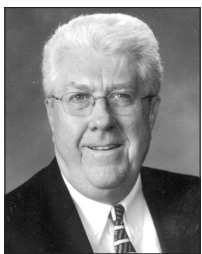
Persons in the police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 11: Mazon, 7:21 p.m., medical, refusal.
 December 12: Mazon, 9:44 p.m., medical, Morris.
 December 13: Stonewall, 4:57 a.m., trauma, St. James.
 December 14: Spencer, 12:41 a.m., medical, Morris; Sucker Rd., 2:07 a.m., medical, Morris, mutual aid - Mazon.

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Deadline is Friday at noon.



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Time for a Family Meeting to Discuss Financial Preparations?

During the holiday season, you no doubt have a lot going on in your life — work functions, gatherings with friends and neighbors, tracking down the elusive “perfect gift,” etc. But you may find it valuable to add one more event to your calendar: a family meeting to discuss those financial preparations that affect you and your loved ones. Of course, the scope of your meeting will depend on your age and the age of your children, and on whether you have elderly parents. So, let's look at one family meeting scenario that would work under two different sets of circumstances: you are meeting with your own grown children or you are meeting with your elderly parents. In either case, you'll want to review the following areas:

Investment information — It's a good idea to tell your grown children know where you (and your spouse, if still living) keep your investments and what sort of investments and retirement accounts you own, such as your IRA, 401(k), and so on. You should also provide your children with the name of your financial advisor. And talk to your parents about their investments. You might think that this could be challenging topic to bring up, but you might be surprised at their willingness to talk.

Estate planning documents — Comprehensive estate planning can involve a variety of legal documents, such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. If you have already created these documents, you need to share both their location and their intent with your grown children, who will be active players in carrying out your estate plans. The same is true with your elderly parents — try to encourage them to share all their estate-planning documents with you, especially if they will be counting on you for their care.

Names of professional advisors — As you put together your estate plans, you will likely need to work with a team of financial, tax and legal advisors. Make sure your grown children know the names of these professionals and how to contact them. Similarly, seek the same information from your parents.

Wishes for future living arrangements — It's certainly possible that you will be able to live independently your whole life. On the other hand, you may eventually need some type of long-term care, such as that provided in a nursing home or an assisted-living residence. Let your children know what your feelings are about such a possibility, and what preparations you have made. And try to elicit the same information from your own parents.

Funeral or burial instructions — Admittedly, you can probably find topics that are more pleasant to discuss than funeral plans. Yet, if you make your own burial or cremation plans in advance, and possibly even prepay for them, you will be taking a tremendous burden off the shoulders of your loved ones, who won't be forced to make difficult decisions — or scramble for money at short notice — during a highly emotional time in their lives. Once again, you'll also want to learn about your parents' desires for their final arrangements, and what steps they may have already taken in this area.

By holding a family meeting about these issues today, you can avoid a lot of stress and misunderstandings in the future. So bring out the coffee and cookies — and start talking.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.



Temps - 2014

Dec. 11 – high 30°, low 20°
 Dec. 12 – high 37°, low 25°
 Dec. 13 – high 48°, low 36°
 Dec. 14 – high 47°, low 42° trace precip.
 Dec. 15 – high 44°, low 41° .25" precip.
 Dec. 16 – high 44°, low 23° trace precip.
 Dec. 17 – high 26°, low 15°

Winter Preparedness for Your Vehicle

The following list makes up a winter survival kit in your vehicle that will help better prepare you for the wicked weather that may come:

- mobile phone, charger, batteries
 - blankets/sleeping bags
 - flashlight, extra batteries
 - first-aid kit
 - knife
 - high-calorie, non-perishable food
 - extra clothing to keep dry
 - sack of sand or cat litter for traction
 - shovel
 - windshield scraper and brush
 - tool kit
 - tow rope
 - battery booster cables
 - water container
 - GPS and road maps
- Safe travels.

Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate bridge was played December 11 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center.

North/South:

1. Darlene Drechsel/Mary Anne McNamara
2. Liz Houck/Evelyn Neuhalten
3. Janyce Gross/Stella Spandet

East/West:

1. Docia Hancock/Glenda Kutos
 2. Joan Francis/Pat Townsend
 3. Loisanne O'Connell/Norma Rodosky
- The next duplicate bridge is January 8.



DWIGHT EMS PARAMEDICS Sandy Kokaly and Danielle Aichele demonstrated CPR techniques to seventh grade students. The students also learned how to help someone who is choking and to use an AED. Mrs. Beth Goodwin was recently honored at the November 12 School Board meeting for excellence in teaching and making a positive impact on students and the community. Mrs. Goodwin has included CPR in her curriculum for many years. Alec (Bubba) Schultz administered a lifesaving Heimlich maneuver to his choking brother at a local restaurant on October 10. Bubba said he learned the lifesaving technique in Mrs. Goodwin's class. Paramedics not pictured were Dustin Campbell and EMS Director Al Metzke.

Record Number of Illinois Households on Food Stamps

Illinois' slow-moving economic recovery has families across the state struggling to make ends meet. New state data recently released this week shows that 1,053,277 Illinois households are dependent on food stamps; that number equals 22.1 percent of all households in the state. This is the highest number of households dependent on food stamps in state history. This news comes as Illinois added only 2,400 payroll jobs in November. The state's unemployment rate dropped to 6.4 percent.

The new data, which comes from the Illinois Department of Human Services, show that more than 1 million Illinois households are now enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps. Illinois' economy is slowly improving, but has suffered from one of the slowest economic recoveries since the Great Recession of 2008. More than 2 million



Illinoisans are currently dependent on food stamps. numbers include:

- Illinois has a record 1,053,277 households dependent on food stamps.
- There are 2,039,353 individual Illinoisans dependent on food stamps.
- The state's unemployment rate in November dropped to 6.4 percent in November from 6.6 percent in October. Illinois' workforce grew by 16,500.
- Despite recent workforce gains, Illinois is still suffering from one of the slowest economic recoveries in the country. With an additional 2,400 payroll jobs in November, Illinois still ranks last in the Midwest for payroll jobs growth in 2014.

Secretary of State Offices to Close for the Holidays

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that all offices and Driver Services facilities will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. All Driver Services facilities will reopen for regular business on Friday, December 26.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com, to locate the nearest Driver Services facility and the hours of operation. In addition, drivers can use the website to change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor, or renew license plate stickers.

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and have "court writs" or open cases in Cook County are housed further from their attorneys, and staff must transport them further and longer (2.5 hours each way) for court.

Another situation develops "when women from Cook County Jail are bused to Logan, meet with records staff to calculate their time already served, are assigned an IDOC number, have their parole site checked, are given dress-out clothes and a bus ticket, and sent back to Chicago the same day at taxpayer expense" because the time they have served in Cook County Jail has satisfied their court sentence.

The above are but a few of the matters criticized in the 40-page John Howard Association report.

Tom Shaer, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Corrections, told *The Paper* in an e-mail that "some of the significant concerns expressed in the John Howard report are unfounded and that many inmate claims which JHA printed without IDOC responses are either false, unfounded or gross misrepresentations of the facts."

The Paper asked JHA about Shaer's remarks, and Gwyneth Troyer, Director of the JHA Prison Monitoring Project, responded that "The Logan Report was reviewed by several levels of IDOC administration, from wardens to members of the executive team, and IDOC

(including Mr. Shaer) had many months to provide replies, which we continued to incorporate up until shortly prior to publication."

IDOC spokesperson Stacey Solano told *The Paper* in April 2012 that the inmate move to Logan would save \$37-million annually, the entire budget at DCC, but there are conflicting numbers as to the cost of caring for the prisoners at Logan. Shaer stated that the additional cost is about \$16,500 annually per inmate; the John Howard report pegs the annual cost per Logan inmate at \$23,932; IDOC's web page for Logan shows the cost per inmate to be \$20,241 annually. Shaer insists the State will save \$40-million by the end of FY15.

Correc-tional Center "failed to generate meaningful cost savings."

Annual budget figures for the Department of Corrections would seem to support the JHA conclusion. The amount appropriated for

Illinois Department of Corrections operations in FY 2013 was \$1,173,270,000. An additional \$104-million had to be appropriated for its FY14 operations (ending June 30, 2014), IDOC receiving \$1,277,732,100.

Gaming Terminals Catch Their Breath

by Tom Tock

What's this? The money "invested" in Dwight's 36 video gaming terminals totaled only \$432,560 during November!

That's a decrease of more than \$21,000 from the amount played on the machines in October, after

months of steadily increasing totals.

The net terminal income, however, increased to \$118,871 from \$113,005, meaning the machines weren't as generous to players as in October. Both the State and Dwight were "winners" because of that.

November	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Red. Rstrs. \$	2,005	1,520	484	121	24
JT's	37,232	25,073	12,158	3,039	607
K. Chris.	4,361	4,959	(598)	(149)	(29)
Love's	117,318	77,345	39,972	9,993	1,998
Pete's	48,545	34,994	13,550	3,387	677
RonDeVoo	41,301	31,952	9,348	2,337	467
VFW	50,858	41,380	9,477	2,369	473
Vic. Lanes	42,022	34,204	7,817	1,954	390
Virbapa	25,754	18,161	7,592	1,898	379
Willy's	63,164	44,095	19,068	4,767	953
TOTAL:	\$432,560	313,688	118,871	29,718	5,943

*Net Terminal Income

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

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GLCEDC CEO ADAM DONTZ, left, and Board Members Don Lambert, Mike McCoy, Paula Corrigan, and Roger Corrigan, present David T. Ochs third from right, with the first GLCEDC Community Leadership Award.

David Ochs Honored by Economic Development Council

The Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council (GLCEDC) has honored David T. Ochs with its first GLCEDC Community Leadership Award.

The Community Leadership Award was bestowed upon Ochs for his outstanding support of the Livingston County area and his commitment to advancing economic

development initiatives. Ochs was a founding member of the GLCEDC and has served as Chairman of the GLCEDC Board of Directors and on its Executive Committee.

By helping to organize the GLCEDC, "Ochs brought economic development initiatives to the forefront of discussions in Livingston County, making

notable economic development progress," said Adam L. Dontz, GLCEDC Chief Executive Officer.

The award was presented to Ochs on December 17 at OSF Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center. Ochs will retire at the end of the year after 26 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of the medical center.

The John Howard report concluded that the transfer of female prisoners to Logan

Gardner Fire Protection District Weekly Calls

December 17: Medical, North Center.

December 19: Medical, W. Parker; medical, S. Jackson.

December 20: Medical, E. Scully Rd.

December 21: Medical, mutual aid Braceville EMS, W. South St.; Brush fire, Route 129; Medical, disregarded, mutual aid Dwight EMS, E. Mazon.



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TOWN AND COUNTRY 4-H CLUB installed its new officers at their December 10 meeting. Pictured, 1 to r, are: Secretary Miles Hoffman, Treasurer Colten Monroe, President Grace Halpin, Scrapbook Chairs Olivia and Lauren Cerutti. Not pictured are Vice President Mike Gereaux, Sentinel Brandon Carlo and Recorder Mason Gereaux.

Brian J. Reuhl and Chelsea A. Weller Married August 9

Brian J. Reuhl of Naperville and Chelsea A. Weller were married August 9, 2014, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church in Indian Creek.

Parents of the Bride are Joyce Weller and Brad Weller, both of Vernon Hills. Parents of the Groom are William and Betsy Reuhl of Naperville.

The Matron of Honor was Jen Camden of Elmhurst, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were: Alex Ferguson of Chicago and Corinne Cahill of Dwight, cousins of the bride; Brittany Waiflein and Vanessa LaPelusa, both of Long Grove; Tracey Wendt of Vernon Hills, Brianna Harte of Chicago, Allison Cole of Palatine, and Amanda Ams of Chicago, friends of the bride.

The Best Man was Thomas Reuhl of Yorkville, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were: Jeremy Weller of Columbus, Ohio, brother of the bride; Brad Camden of Elmhurst, brother-in-law of the bride; Gregory Visser of Atlanta, Georgia; Michael McLaren of Naperville, Spenser Hudson and Patrick Kirwan of Westmont, Mitchell Kresca of Mt. Prospect, and Paul Sartori of Shorewood, friends of the groom.

The flower girls were Emily Camden of Elmhurst, niece of the bride, and Leena Reuhl of Yorkville, niece of the groom.

The ring bearer was Jack Camden of Elmhurst, nephew of the bride.

Maternal Grandparents are Mrs. Dorothy Leskanich of Dwight and the late



Brian J. Reuhl and Chelsea A. Weller

Richard Leskanich; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Weller of Dwight.

Paternal Grandparents are Mr. Joseph Rasmussen of Plainfield and Mrs. Vivian Reuhl of Nisswa, MN.

Chelsea wore an "Eden" designer strapless gown that was Ivory lace over satin, fit and flair style, with a sweetheart neckline and satin and lace covered buttons flowing down the back of the dress to the train, and included a crystal and pearl sash around the waist. Her veil was made by designer "Ansonia."

The bridesmaids wore a long, strapless chiffon dress with a pleated bodice in the color guava. Each of the bridesmaids wore a pearl necklace and earrings that were a gift from the bride.

The flowers used in the wedding were Ivory Roses with Hydrangeas wrapped with ivory lace (bride) and with guava lace (brides-

maids).

The musicians were: Lisa Gosen, vocalist; Michele Famer, pianist; Kathy Rossett, violinist.

The readers were: Nancy Springer, Godmother of the Groom; Kathleen Ferguson, Aunt of the Bride; Judy Sebens, Aunt of the Groom.

The reception was held at The Abbington, Glen Ellyn. The couple spent their honey moon in Palm Beach, Aruba.

The bride is a Special Education Teacher in Vernon Hills. She has a B.S. degree in Special Education from Illinois State University in 2009.

The groom is a Marketing Manager at Athletico Physical Therapy in Oak Brook. He has a B.S. degree in Integrated Marketing Communications from Illinois State University in 2010.

The bride and groom now reside in Arlington Heights.

Town and Country 4-H Club Installs 2014-15 Officers

The incoming officers of the Town and Country 4-H Club were installed during the regular December 4-H club meeting held December 10 at the Essex United Methodist Church.

In other business, club members put together Christmas gifts for the residents of the Heritage Manor Nursing Home. The club vis-

ited the nursing home on December 22 to help residents celebrate Christmas. The club's annual trip to the Pontiac Recreation Center was also approved. Grace Halpin brought her dog and gave a presentation to the group about the care and habits of the dog.

4-H is the oldest youth organization in the United

States. Membership is open to all young people between the ages of eight and 18. Members participate in a wide range of activities aimed at learning by doing. Activities include individual projects, such as photography, wildlife, cooking, sewing, crafting, art, robotics, sportfishing and archery, in addition to group activities like organizing canned food drives and nursing home visits.

All projects are aimed at positive youth development, with the goal of teaching a skill and helping youth become responsible, capable adults. Most projects are eligible for judging at the Kankakee County and Illinois State Fairs. There is also a program for younger children, ages five to seven, known as the Cloverbud program.

For more information about membership, contact club leader Mary K. O'Brien at 815-365-2368.

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Grundy County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given for the 100th Annual Meeting of the Grundy County Farm Bureau. The meeting is called for Thursday, January 8, 2015.

Registration and the Grundy County Farm Bureau Foundation Silent Auction will begin at 5 p.m.,

with a meal served at 6 p.m. followed by the business meeting. The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held at the Country Mansion, Dwight.

The Annual Meeting is for the purpose of receiving and acting upon reports of officers and directors and considering any additional

business which may be properly presented.

The event keynote speaker is Donna Sroczyński, President of the Grundy County Historical Society. Her program, titled, "Linking the Past to the Present," will highlight 100 years in Grundy County and

agriculture. Tickets for the dinner and meeting are available for a fee, payable to the Grundy County Farm Bureau.

Reservations and information are available by calling the Grundy County Farm Bureau office.

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Rep. Adam Kinzinger Visits Dwight Rotarians

On December 17, the Dwight Rotarians welcomed U.S. Representative Adam Kinzinger to their meeting.

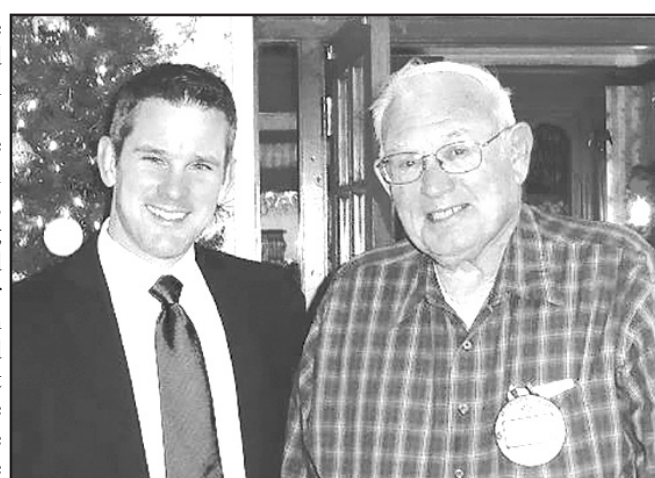
Rep. Kinzinger spoke about the current political atmosphere in Washington, D.C., and how it is affecting Illinois. Rep. Kinzinger said that he is very optimistic for the future of the country with the change in Congress and the change in Springfield that will take place in January. The specific areas he feels are needed to be addressed are infrastructure, the Social Security system, the government in D.C. lying to U.S. citizens, manufacturing being held back by over-regulations from D.C., and the decline of American leadership around the globe.

Three questions were asked of Rep. Kinzinger by Rotarians. The first question was about global warming/climate change and its effect on the fossil fuel industry. What can Rep. Kinzinger do about it?

He pointed out the inconclusive evidence of whether the globe is warming or cooling. He does not want to see regulation change implements that will cost American jobs or negatively affect the economy. With the bad deal President Obama made with China, he does not want to see further damage to our energy industry.

Second, it was asked what it would take to tame ISIS?

Rep. Kinzinger said that he believes ISIS cannot be defeated as a group, but the next generation that is being raised up as fighters



must be reached and re-educated to what moderate Muslim's believe.

The third question was regarding Dwight's own Correctional Center and the possibility of it being reopened.

Rep. Kinzinger said that the mess Illinois has found itself in because of previous administrations will take a lot of time to correct. He is hopeful that one day the prison will be reopened, but there are so many reforms in Illinois that have to come first in order to fix the economy.

The Rotary Club of Dwight is inviting you to their January 7 program: "Sports Injuries and the Concussion Lawsuit Against IHSA," to be presented by Craig Anderson, Assistant Executive Director over Boys Football for the Illinois High School Association. The public is welcome to join at noon at The Country Mansion. A lunch fee applies.

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Beyond the physical goods, the Silk Road also served as a network for the exchange of spiritual, scientific, and artistic ideas. Following its collapse as a primary cultural and mercantile network, the Silk Road is celebrated today as a symbol of cultural exchange between

diverse and distant people.

The morning will be spent in the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago.

Lunch is at Tesori. In the afternoon, there is a lecture at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Heritage Corridor Community Associates trips are an opportunity to explore and learn more about art. It is not necessary to be an expert but someone that likes to learn and experience new avenues.

The tour bus picks up at Big Lots in Peru; Farm and Fleet in Ottawa; and Brothers Country Supply in Morris. The reservations must be made by January 7. Checks are made out to The Art Institute of Chicago and sent to Barbara Mueller, 2109 Mary Lane, Ottawa, IL 61350.

Any questions call Barbara at 815-434-5218.

Chatsworth Corner Small Town Christmas by Mare Reardanz

There is much to be said about Christmas in a small town. It is free of the congestion, traffic, and over-stimulation. It relieves you of the rush and hurry of finding the perfect gift times one-hundred. You don't have to stand in line to check-out and never wonder if the gift you bought will be duplicated. Big cities have public transportation and cabs to wait for, small towns will never have that. The list goes on and on.

But Christmas in Chatsworth is more like it used to be. We have time to say hello to a neighbor - even if it is at a stop sign just for a moment. Our Postal workers know you by name and everyone in your family. They share the excitement when a package arrives in your box. They go out of their way to make sure your packages arrive on time.

When you walk down Locust Street and see the green-

ery planted in all the planters sparkling with ornaments it is obvious that someone in town cares enough to decorate hoping to bring a smile from passersby. Maybe walking down that street will rekindle a memory of parents and children and how many years have passed. Where does the time go?

The town employees (Chad and Max) have spent much of their days hanging decorations from the light poles and new banners on 4th Street. Even the Town Board members pitched in and assisted in the project to keep everyone safe. The town glows with small town pride. There is a peaceful silence as you listen to the Christmas music playing in the distance, the smell of a fireplace burning logs. Wrap your coat around yourself and remember the way your Mom used to do it before she let you play outside. Bring the happy memories out and relive the joy.



A GINGERBREAD HOUSE, courtesy of Chatsworth resident, Marilyn Maskel.

Christmas is still a lot more than 50%-off sales and meeting deadlines, buying online and spending money. It's baking cookies to share and emphasizing your blessings. The appreciation for the loved ones you share this holiday season with that might not be here next year.

It's the children. The gifts money can't buy. Time. Taking time out to forget the job and the bills, the shortcomings and the failures. Love yourself, your family, your town and your country.

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Area Students Named to Augustana College Dean's List

Augustana College recently announced that 888 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2014 fall term.

Students from the area making the list include:

- **Kiefer Kious**, a sophomore from Dwight majoring in Biology.

- **Brandon Wills**, a junior from Mazon majoring in Biology.

Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Andrew Wilkerson Named to Carthage Dean's List

Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, has named Andrew Wilkerson of Stelle to its Dean's List for academic excellence during the fall 2014 semester.

Dean's List honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

To place a social announcement, send information to:

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Charlotte Grace Sassenger

A girl!

Christopher and Natasha Sassenger of Dwight are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Grace Sassenger.

Charlotte was born on Thursday, October 9, at 7:48 a.m. at Silver Cross Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by big brother, Henry, and is named after her late great-grandmother, Charlotte Conner.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Wenona Persic of Campus. Paternal grandparents are Kevin and Julie Sassenger of Dwight.



Janice and Richard Cassidy



Richard and Janice Cassidy Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Richard and Janice retired farmer, and Janice is retired from being Blackstone's Postmaster.

The couple has four children: Matthew Cassidy and Stephen (Dawn) Cassidy, both of Champaign; Shawn (Anne) Cassidy of Aurora; and Charlie (Jenny) Cassidy of Pontiac. They also have six grandchildren: Lauren, Bridget, Megan, Natalie, Jonathan, and Alexandra Streater. Richard is a semi-

retired from being Blackstone's Postmaster. The couple has four children: Matthew Cassidy and Stephen (Dawn) Cassidy, both of Champaign; Shawn (Anne) Cassidy of Aurora; and Charlie (Jenny) Cassidy of Pontiac. They also have six grandchildren: Lauren, Bridget, Megan, Natalie, Jonathan, and Alexandra Streater. Richard is a semi-

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Public Notice is hereby given that on December 11, 2014, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as The "T" Shop, located at 217 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL 60420.

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candle lighting ceremony, and the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Christmas Eve Band features Denny Gregory, guitar and vocals; Joe Palma, drums and lead vocals; Steve Wahls, bass guitar and vocals; Jim Erdman, guitar and vocals; and Scott Olbert, keyboard and vocals.

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OBITUARIES

Helga Male

GARDNER — Helga Marie Male, 97, a life-long resident of Gardner, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.



She was born May 22, 1917 on a farm in rural Gardner, daughter of Mads and Maryanne Kristine Eglund Lund. She was educated in a rural school outside of Gardner. On October 1, 1938 she married Elmer J. Male in Chicago.

Over the years, Helga worked at the baby clothing factory in Gardner; sold Tupperware; and was a representative for Beauty Counselor. She also held employment at Indicator Lites in Gardner and in years past was a correspondent journalist for the Kankakee Daily Journal, covering local Gardner news and topics.

Helga was the oldest member of the Church of Hope in Gardner and belonged to the Gardner American Legion Auxiliary and Gardner Senior Citizens. She was a former member of the Eastern Star.

In her free time, Helga enjoyed crocheting and reading. She was a collector of butterflies, truly loved talking on the phone, and in recent years became a NASCAR fan. She always remained positive and carried a deep faith throughout her life. She will be forever remembered for her love of family and friends.

Survivors include three daughters: Shirley (Randall) Clapp of Coal City; Janet (John) Taylor of Elizabeth, Colorado; and Diane (Gary) Layton of Piedmont, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren: Marshall Clapp, Marcala Watson, Dr. Heather J. Male-Hoffman (Justin), Jon Taylor (Claudia), Jennifer Strid (Matthew), Mark Layton

(Samantha); and Kristine Layton. Nine great-grandchildren: Sara Watson, Melissa Watson, Logan Strid, Shiloh Strid, Autumn Strid, Lincoln Strid, Adriana Layton, Mark Layton and Kaylyn Layton;

one sister-in-law, Janice Lund of Florida; her goddaughter, Lois (Barney) Vigna of Gardner; four special cousins: Francis Lund, Henry Lund, Paul James Lund, and Harold Lund; numerous nieces and nephews; as well as several dear friends also survive.

Helga was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Elmer, on October 8, 1972; son, George Male on May 29, 2000; and brothers and sisters: Francis Lund, Harry Lund, Dagny Patterson and Marie Sargeant.

Her funeral service was Sunday, December 21, at 2 p.m. in the Church of Hope, Gardner. Reverend Janet M. Chandler officiated.

Burial followed in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Dwight. Pallbearers were Marshall Clapp, Mark Layton, Jon Taylor, Gerald Lund, Roger Patterson, Craig Male, David Sargeant, Dennis Sargeant and Bret Male.

Visitation and video tribute were held at the Church from 1 p.m. until the time of the service.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Helga's memory to the Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe St., P.O. Box 248, Gardner, Illinois 60424.

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

Arrangements were made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Gardner.

Betty Kannapel



DANVILLE — Betty Louise Fox Kannapel, 96, of Danville passed away Friday, December 5, 2014 at Hawthorne Inn. She was born January 18, 1918 in Peoria to Harry Robison Fox and Edna Weber Fox.

She graduated from Peoria High School in 1935, where she was the first female President of her Junior Class and as a Senior was first female President of the Student Body. She received her BS degree from Bradley University in 1939, and then obtained her Medical Technology degree in 1940 from Methodist Hospital in Peoria. She was a member of the Epsilon Phi Alpha Honorary Science Fraternity.

Betty married William Loren Kannapel, M.D. May 25, 1946 in Peoria and they were married 64 years until his death March 21, 2011. She and Dr. Bill lived in Dwight for 19 years, when he was Chief of Medicine at the VA Hospital. They moved to Danville in 1965 when he became Chief of Staff at the VA Hospital.

She was very active in many charitable organizations, including P.E.O., Vermilion County Medical Alliance, Audubon Society (Vermilion County Bluebird Data co-ordinator for more than 20 years), Pi Beta Phi and was a 50+ year member of the Federation of Woman's Club (President in 1964 and also President of the past President's Club). She also directed the Women's Club Chorus for 20+ years.

Her extra hobbies included sailing, music, sewing,

gardening, reading, needlepoint and crafts, bridge clubs, travel and family and friends.

She is survived by two daughters: Susan K. Misner of Indiana and Jo Anne K. de la Vega (Dr. Raul) of North Carolina; and five grandchildren: Rachel Misner of Georgia; Karen Misner of Indiana; Stephen and Richard de la Vega of North Carolina; and Sarah de la Vega of California.

Also surviving are one sister-in-law, Betty Fox of Ohio; and three nephews: Jim (Kate) Fox, Dan (Tammy) Fox and David (Kathy) Fox, all of Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Charles H. Fox.

The family wishes to express its deep gratitude to the wonderful, loyal and very loving caregivers who took care of both Dr. Bill and Betty for seven years in their home. They are Janet Wright, LPN; Christa Cunningham, Karon Rose, Judy Henderson, Carole Taapken, and Sandy Tomlinson. They have become part of the family.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Sunday, December 21, in the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jimmy Hopper officiated.

Burial in the VA Cemetery at 1 p.m., Monday, December 22.

Visitation followed the funeral at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois Audubon Society Middle Fork Chapter Blue Bird Boxes — Dr. and Mrs. Kannapel Fund, P.O. Box 2547, Springfield, Illinois.

I think there's going to be one more Paper before the end of the year, but I'm going to do my end of the year wrap-up thing today because it was on my mind and I want to.

A lot were here and then gone as quickly as they appeared. We had the polar vortex all the way back in January which didn't last that long, but it lasted too long, because that was the coldest weather I've ever experienced since I've been able to experience cold. Then you have things like Ebola, which was the biggest story in the country for a good month, if not more, and it never really had the effect (at least in this country) that it was made out to have, or what we were afraid of, which was good in that sense, but bad in the sense they made a majority of the country paranoid for a month. We landed a space-craft on a comet, which is the first time we've ever done that. We also found traces of water on Mars, so that's cool. It wasn't all good for flying things, as an entire airplane was lost after it took off from Malaysia and nothing significant has been recovered in the search for it. We had Ferguson, and the aftermath of Ferguson. That has probably been the longest running story of 2014 along with ISIS. Countless things happened both good and bad, and with the end of one thing... another begins. Such is life. What will 2015 have in store? Will the New England Patriots, Chicago Bulls, Chicago Cubs, and Chicago Blackhawks all win their respective championships? (Yes) Will we find out that another Bush is going to run for President? (Probably) Will your Grandma still struggle with the use of Facebook and tag you in things that she didn't mean to tag you in? (Yes, without a doubt) Will I ever make a declarative statement ever again? (Hopefully). 2014 had a lot in store, and since it's the end of the year I'm obligated to say, 2015 will have even more.

Aaron Boma
2012 DTHS Graduate and ISU Junior
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More Obituaries appear on Page 15 of this edition of *The Paper*.

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words. Letters must be signed when submitted and received by Friday noon prior to Wednesday publication. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household.

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NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DWIGHT PLAN COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held before the Dwight Plan Commission on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the Public Services Building, 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois. At the public hearing, the Plan Commission will review and consider an application to grant a Special Use Permit filed by Dwight First Baptist Church and Academy requesting as a special use the construction and operation of a radio station transmission tower and accessory building. The real estate for which the Special Use Permit is requested is located in an area zoned residential and is commonly known as 401 N. Clinton St., Dwight, Illinois. The legal description on the property is:

That part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the Village of Dwight, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Hetzel and Romberger's Addition to the City of Dwight, Illinois, said point also being on the South line of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter for the aforesaid Section 4; thence due West along said South line for a distance of 281.01 feet to a point on the center line of an existing creek; thence meandering Northeasterly among the center line of said creek to a point on a line which is the westerly extension of the South line of Taylor Street; thence due East along the said extension of the South line of Taylor Street for a distance of 346.00 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 4 in Block 7 in Oughton's Second Subdivision to the Village of Dwight; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds East along the West line of said Block 7 and said West extended for a distance of 656.00 feet to a point on the South line of Lot 2 in the aforesaid Hetzel and Romberger's Addition; thence due West along said South line for a distance of 466.50 feet to the Southwest corner of said lot; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West along the West line of said Hetzel and Romberger's Addition for a distance of 266.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 7.97 acres more or less.

At the time and place of the public hearing, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by representative. A copy of the Application for Special Use is available for public inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk, 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, during regular business hours.

For further information contact: Kevin McNamara, Village Administrator, Public Services Building, 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420, 815-584-3083.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. SCOTT POTTHAST, unknown heirs of THOMAS I. POTTHAST, (Special Representative) of Thomas I. Potthast, Deceased, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants. No. 14-CH-58

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The legal description is as follows:

A tract of land being part of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 27 north, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Livingston County, Illinois, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 22; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 45 seconds East along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 22, a distance of 537.76 feet to an iron rod; thence South 83 degrees 25 minutes 25 seconds East, 216.48 feet to an iron rod; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 29 seconds East, 303.30 feet to an iron rod; thence South 87 degrees 52 minutes 23 seconds East, 97.63 feet to an iron rod; thence South 78 degrees 25 minutes 54 seconds East, 77.70 feet to an iron rod; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East, 158.54 feet; thence South 01 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East, 188.19 feet to the South line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 22, thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 21 seconds West, along the South line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 22, a distance of 554.50 feet to the place of beginning.

Permanent Real Estate Tax Index Number 20-22-400-004
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C. Commonly known as 9625 E. 1100 N. Rd., Chenoa, IL 61726

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 2 story residence, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

E. The date, time and place of the sale are: January 13, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., first floor of the Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

F. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

G. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

Donald R. McClarey, Attorney for Plaintiff

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY - PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF VS ANNE T. HOLLER A/K/A ANNE HOLLER; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS ; DEFENDANTS 14 CH 25

125 WEST CHIPPEWA STREET DWIGHT, IL 60420

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT ***THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE*** PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on October 17, 2014, LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF in LIVINGSTON County, Illinois, will on January 20, 2015, in 110 N. Main St. Pontiac, IL61764, at 10:00AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of LIVINGSTON, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 11 IN BLOCK 22 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 05-05-09-131-004 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 125 WEST CHIPPEWA STREET DWIGHT, IL 60420 Description of Improvements: YELLOW, ALUMINUM SIDING, SINGLE FAMILY, ONE CAR DETACHED GARAGE The Judgment amount was \$134,981.00. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DYAS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty-pierce.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file #PA1402952 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

Dwight Woman's Club Festival of Trees Photos



SHARING IS CARING! Jerry Curtis of Livingston Masonic Lodge #371 of Dwight rings the Salvation Army bell on December 14 at SHOPKO, as Linda Vargas makes a donation. The Masons rang the bell from noon to 5:00 p.m. that day, as a Masonic Community Days event.



MARCIA DRACH, CHAIRPERSON for the Festival of Trees, presented a check to Kaitlyn Harms and Riley Connolly, members of the Rebel Travel Softball Team, from the profits of the "School Spirit Tree" which was auctioned at the Festival of Trees. The team will use the funds to support team activities in the season ahead. Tracy Wargo Bean of Dwight placed the winning bid on the School Spirit tree.



JOANNE RIBORDY PRESENTED a donation from the raffle of the tree she decorated for the Dwight Woman's Club Festival of Trees, with the theme, "This Message BEARS repeating, Jesus is the Reason for the Season," to Tammy from Under His Wings Ministries in Morris. Under His Wings will use the donation to supply diapers, wipes, baby wash, and lotions to Moms in need. The winner of the raffle for the tree was Tip Top Audio in Morris and they have the tree on display in their showroom this season.



ADDISON HARMS AND Murphy Connolly, sisters of the Rebels Softball team, created a "Furry Friends Tree" for the festival to benefit the Livingston County Humane Society. Marcia Drach presented them with a check to be given to the Humane Society for the proceeds from the raffle of the tree, which was won by Sandy Erikson of Odell.

January Events at Fossil Ridge Library

- The following events are going on at Fossil Ridge Public Library in Braidwood:
- January 1: Library closed.
 - January 2: Just Dance Party, 1:00 p.m.
 - January 8: Free Movie and Popcorn, 5:00 p.m. Showing *Fault in Our Stars*.
 - January 9, 16, 23: Sewing 101, 3:45-4:30 p.m. 1st-5th
 - January 14: Identity Theft Protection Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
 - January 15: Jr. Friends of the Library, 4:00 p.m. 6th-12th.
 - January 15, 22: Teen Game Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Grades 6-12.
 - January 17: Crocheting Class for Adults - Boot Cuffs, 10:00 a.m.
 - January 19: Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - January 20: Scrapbook-ing Club, 10:00 a.m.
 - January 21: eReader Class, 6:00 p.m.
 - January 24: Teen Game Day, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Grades 6-12.
 - January 26: Book Club, 6:30 p.m. "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline.
 - Smarty Paints Tissue Paper Painting, 3:45-4:30 p.m.
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Dwight High School District Lowers Tax Levy

School Boards Look at Transportation Alternatives

by Madelyn Fogarty
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

Area taxpayers will get some relief following action taken by the Dwight Township Board of Education at its December 17 session where board members approved Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek's proposal to decrease the Education Fund tax levy rate by five cents, and an overall decrease of 3.78% from last year's levy and extension request.

Prompted by discussion last month where board members were asked to consider "how much is enough?" with regard to its over \$3 million Education Fund balance, Superintendent Jancek took comments and feedback from board members and developed a revised proposal in an effort to achieve an agreeable compromise. Dr. Jancek told *The Paper* that he considered all high school fund balances to be

healthy and that this was a chance for the Board to provide some tax relief for our community taxpayers.

"We have an opportunity to give a little back, an opportunity to lower the overall rate and extension," Dr. Jancek told the board.

The board approved an Education Fund tax levy rate of \$2,1400 and an overall rate of \$2,9949. Using the proposed rates, and based off of an adjusted estimated \$126,000,000 EAV, the Education Fund extension is projected to be \$2,696,400 with an overall extension of \$3,773,606 reflecting a decrease of \$146,340.

While the Education Fund is projected to be in deficit for the 2016 fiscal year, the overall fund balance will remain very healthy with projected balance of \$3,262,916.

In other business prior to the regular session on December 17, the DTHS and DGS Boards of Education met in joint session to discuss transportation and consider bid proposals from Illinois Central Bus Service. The board approved a recommendation to decline Illinois Central's current bid proposal and will look at alternative ways to provide transportation in-house for the 2015-16 school year. Pontiac Grade School, Pontiac High School and Saunemin School Districts are planning to co-op a request for proposal for student transportation services in early January. According to Dr. Jancek, this will be the first time these three Districts are attempting to co-op these services. Dr. Jancek has contacted these other districts and informed

them that the two Dwight school districts would like to join in that co-op RFP.

In other business at the regular DTHS board session, the board learned that:

- DTHS currently has 13 students named Illinois State Scholars.
- the Curriculum Advisory Council has approved a proposal to add veterinary science as a course offering.
- the first of two winter session drug tests had been completed with no students testing positive.
- the State of Illinois is currently \$56,324 behind in financial reimbursements owed to the Dwight High School District.

The next meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be Wednesday, January 21, at 7 p.m. in the DTHS Board Room.

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GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Monday, December 15
GSW vs. Herscher

Varsity -
IW Holiday Hoops Tourney
The Lady Panthers didn't have an answer for Herscher, falling 64-35 in Holiday Hoops Tourney action.

Herscher's tandem of a 6'4" and 6'2" proved to be too much, as they couldn't stop the post game.

"I thought the girls fought hard, especially in the second half, but we just couldn't find a way to stop them from scoring in the post," Coach Leigh stated. "We are a young team and are learning some good lessons right now and I hope we will only build from here."

Kylie King led the team with seven points. Jenni Price and Marlana Ferrari had six points each. Celia Barna grabbed nine rebounds.

Wednesday, December 17
GSW vs. Beecher

Varsity - IWHHT
GSW lost to Beecher, 39-13, ending their Holiday Hoops Tournament play with a 1-3 record.

Sydney Perkins led the Lady Panthers with six points.

GSW is now 7-6 overall.

Thursday, December 18
GSW vs. Tri-Point

Varsity -
GSW's steady scoring

attack led them to a 58-32 victory over Tri-Point on December 18.

Celia Barna and Marlana Ferrari stepped up big in the post. Barna ended up with 12 points, eight boards and three steals; Ferrari had nine points and seven rebounds.

Maranda Residori got hot late in the game, scoring 11 of her 13 points in the fourth.

The Lady Panthers are now 8-6 overall, and 3-1 in the conference.

Saturday, December 20
GSW vs. Coal City

Varsity -
GSW fell at the hands of Coal City over the weekend, 41-25.

The Lady Panthers were within striking distance going into the second half, but struggled in the third, scoring only three points.

"Even with the loss, I felt like we played our best game of the year defensively," Coach Leigh stated afterwards.

Sydney Perkins stepped up, leading GSW with 11 points and seven rebounds. Maranda Residori played a big game defensively, also adding six points at the other end.

The Lady Panthers drop to 8-7 overall, and 3-1 in conference play.



DTHS Libby Beyer

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DTHS Rachel Dawson



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 16
Dwight vs. Reed-Custer

JV -
The JV Lady Trojans earned a come from behind victory over Reed-Custer, 35-34.

After trailing by six going into the fourth, Dwight turned up the heat defensively, creating turnovers and working their way back to a lead, then the win, late in the game.

Brooklyn Long led Dwight with ten points, two steals, a rebound and an assist. Lucy Rieke had eight points, four boards and a steal. Abby Edwards added five points, two rebounds, a steal and a block. Samantha Carlson had five points, two assists and a steal. Leah Flynn contributed four points, four boards and a steal. McKenzie Zeedyk put in two points and grabbed a rebound. Maddie Hughes had a steal and made a free throw. Abby Houch had a swipe and an assist.

The Lady Trojans are now 2-2 on the year.

Varsity -

Dwight lost a non-conference battle with Reed-Custer, 68-41.

Daly Galloway and Amy Ruder each had nine points to lead the team. Dezi Leonard added seven points and seven boards, while Mary Wiemken also grabbed seven rebounds.

Thursday, December 18
Dwight vs. Clifton Central

Varsity -

The Lady Trojans got their first ever SVC win, 36-34, over Clifton Central.

It was a tight one throughout, but Dwight prevailed, assisted by Rachel Dawson's clutch free throw shooting late in the contest.

Dawson lit it up the whole game, dropping 23 of her team's 36 points. Ashley Fox added five points and ten boards, while Dezi Leonard had four points and eight boards.

With the win, Dwight improves to 2-5, with a 1-1 conference record.



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DGS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, December 8
Dwight vs. Seneca
7th Grade -

Dwight's seventh graders fell to Seneca, 22-14, on December 8.
Jarrett Jancek led the team with ten points, five steals and three rebounds. Abe Rieke had two points, seven rebounds and a steal. Trent Tilly contributed two points and four steals. Nate Green grabbed six boards.

Tuesday, December 16
Dwight vs. Wilmington
7th Grade -

The Redbirds lost to Wilmington, 39-22, last Tuesday.
Abe Rieke led Dwight with 14 points, five boards and two steals. Jarrett Jancek added six points, three steals and a rebound. Nate Green put in two points and snagged two boards. Tre Bowman had six rebounds and a steal.

Thursday, December 18
Dwight vs. Northlawn
7th Grade -

Dwight was held to just ten points total, as they fell to Northlawn, 51-10.
Jarrett Jancek had six points, two steals and two rebounds.

Abe Rieke added two points and four rebounds. Trent Tilly contributed two points, a steal and a rebound.

8th Grade -
DGS played their best overall game of the year, taking out Northlawn, 58-35.

Logan Graham had a big game, scoring 22 points, grabbing eight rebounds, and swiping six steals. Andrew Curl had 11 points, a steal and a rebound. J.C. Santos added seven points, four rebounds and a steal. Dane Rodosky contributed six points and four rebounds, while Dakota Wahl had five points, two boards and a steal. Colton Holm had three points, three rebounds and three steals. Cal Schultz had two points, three boards and a steal. Max Bean put in two points. Jimmy Harkenider pulled down three rebounds and had a steal. Elijah McCullough grabbed two rebounds.

The eighth grade Redbirds are now 7-9 overall.

Monday, December 15
Dwight vs. Gardner
6th Grade -

Dwight defeated their rivals, Gardner, 21-16.
Leading the Redbirds charge

were Dalton Smith and Andrew Harsh, each scoring six points. Brody Hoegger added five, while Camden Beier had four.

Smith also pulled down 14 big rebounds.

In "B" game action, Dwight won 17-5.

Caden Schroeder led with seven points and seven rebounds. Hudson Beier had four points and seven boards. Logan Truesdell also scored four. Bryce Lucus chipped in two points and had a slew of steals.

Tuesday, December 16
Dwight vs. Wilmington
6th Grade -

Wilmington defeated Dwight, 36-8, on December 16.

Andrew Harsh was high scorer for the Redbirds, with four. Brody Hoegger and Dalton Smith each scored two, with Smith grabbing four rebounds. Andrew Kapper pulled down four rebounds.

In the "B" game, Wilmington won, 13-6.

Caden Schroeder led with four points and five rebounds. Hudson Beier added two points and nine boards.

Thursday, December 18
Dwight vs. Streator
Northlawn
6th Grade -

Streator Woodland got the best of Dwight, 40-14, on December 18, dropping the Redbirds' record to 5-7 on the season.

Camden Beier led the way with six points. Dalton Smith added four points and nine rebounds. Brody Hoegger and Rylan Bovelie had a bucket each, with Hoegger pulling down eight boards. Prince Bariffe had five rebounds.

The "B" game saw a Dwight win, 17-11.

Caden Schroeder led with seven points and ten rebounds. Hudson Beier had five points and six boards. Logan Truesdell added four points and four

rebounds.

Saturday, December 20
Dwight vs. Cornell
6th Grade -

B Jolly Tournament
The sixth grade Redbirds hosted the first ever "B Jolly" Tournament over the weekend, taking out Cornell in game one, 26-24.

Hudson Beier led Dwight with 13 points. Caden Schroeder had eight, while Rylan Bovelie and Jack Gallet each added a bucket.

Gallet led on the glass, with seven. Logan Truesdell grabbed five. H. Beier, Andrew Kapper and Prince Bariffe each pulled down four; Bovelie, 3.

Dwight vs. Saratoga

In game two, Dwight came out on top over Saratoga, 19-16.

Caden Schroeder led with six points and seven boards. Andrew Harsh and Hudson Beier each had four points. Prince Bariffe and Bryce Lucus both added a bucket, with Bariffe grabbing ten rebounds. Logan Truesdell had four boards.

Dwight vs. Dwight 5th Grade

It was Dwight vs. Dwight in game three, as the Redbirds fell to the fifth grade traveling team, 18-16.

Caden Schroeder had 14 points to lead the team. Anthony Nelson added two.

Andrew Kapper and Logan Truesdell led on the glass, with four each.

Dwight vs. Ottawa Shepherd

In the final game, the Redbirds lost to tournament champs, Ottawa Shepherd, 19-16.

Hudson Beier, Brody Hoegger and Dalton Smith each scored four points, leading the team. Anthony Nelson and Prince Bariffe each had two points.

Dalton Smith led on the boards, with ten. Caden Schroeder had four.



MVK MAVERICKS BASKETBALL

Wednesday, December 17
MVK vs. Streator
Woodland
7th Grade -

The seventh grade Mavs' clutch free throw shooting got them past the Warriors on December 17, 37-24.

Cody Carey led the team with nine points. Trevor Till and Brayden Roe each scored seven. Logan Severson connected on two threes. Ben Krause and Cole Hintze each scored four points.

8th Grade -

The Mavericks were dominated by Streator Woodland in the eighth grade game, 46-21.

"By far the best team we have played this season," Coach Walker admitted. "We were outplayed from the start and really never got anything going for the entire game."

Brody Baudino led MVK with eight points and Ian Wilkinson added seven as the Mavs lost their second straight.

"I'm hoping this was a wake up call for the boys, because we cannot play like this during the regional or their eighth grade season will be over quickly," Walker added.

Thursday, December 18
MVK vs. Seneca
7th Grade -

The Mavericks couldn't get any shots to fall, as they fell to the Raiders, 27-13.

Eli Painter had five points for MVK, while Trey Hauch made a three-pointer.

"The boys just struggled to get any shots to fall against the Raiders' man-to-man defense," Coach Walker confessed. "We had good looks at the basket, but nothing was going in."

The loss drops the seventh graders' record to 6-5 overall, with a 1-4 IVC record going into the holiday break.

8th Grade -

After a tough loss to Streator-Woodland, the Mavs redeemed themselves with a 31-25 win over Seneca.

MVK's Riley Punke put in a game-high 14 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and had five blocks, leading his team to their tenth win of the season.

Sam Grushkin added eight points, as the Mavs earned top seed in the upcoming IVC tournament with a perfect 5-0 record.

"It was definitely Riley's best game of the season," said Coach Walker. "He was a rebounding machine tonight, and even took a charge to ignite our momentum in the first half."

Brody Baudino, Zakk Gonnam, Ian Wilkinson and Cruz Pena all added baskets in the game.

Both squads are back in action January 6 against Reed-Custer.

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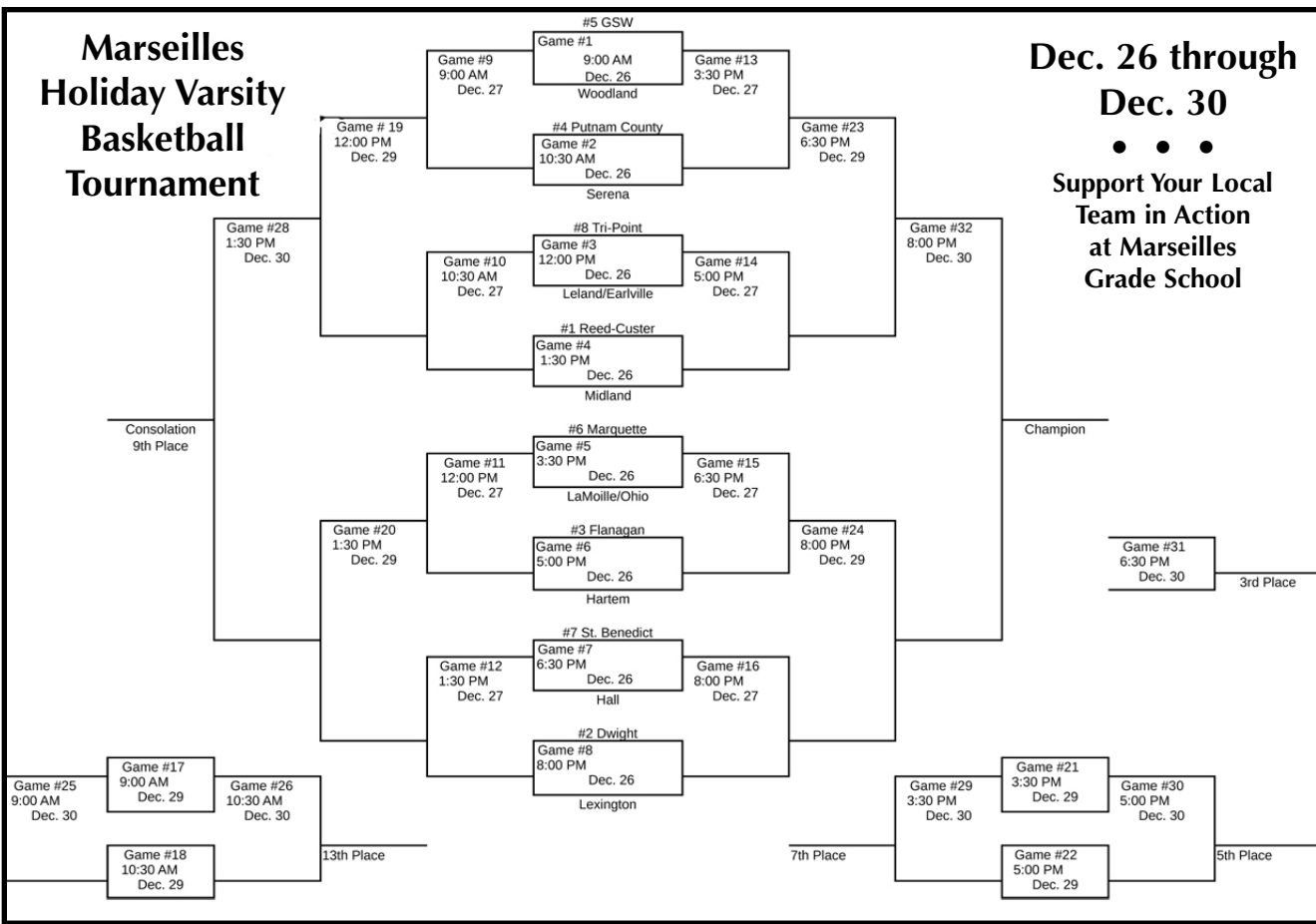
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PTHS INDIANS SWIM TEAM

Monday, December 15 Pontiac vs. Washington
The Pontiac boys took on Washington December 15, winning by a score of 99-86 overall. Individual results are as follows:
1st Place Finishes:
200 medley relay: Spires, Spafford, Somodi, Kaminski, 2:02.13.
200 im: Kaminski, 2:44.82.
Diving: Alex Sennott, 162.90.
100 free: Kaminski, 52.96.
100 back: Spires, 1:06.45.
400 free relay: Somodi, Spires, Bauknecht, Kaminski, 4:19.
2nd Place Finishes:
200 free: CJ Cummins, 2:24.02.
200 im: Spafford, 2:50.57.
50 free: Somodi, 27.65.
400 free: Bauknecht, 5:17.18.
200 free relay: Spafford, Gschwendtner, Plenert, Cummins, 1:57.18.
100 breaststroke: Spafford, 1:22.32.
3rd Place Finishes:
200 medley: Bauknecht, Lauritsen, Doran, Gschwendtner, 2:22.
200 free: Zander Harris, 2:39.63.
50 free: Spires, 27.66.
100 fly: Somodi, 1:19.86.
400 free: Cummins, 5:17.65.
200 free relay: Doran, Lauritsen, Schrock, Harris, 2:08.55.
100 breaststroke: Lauritsen, 1:29.95.
400 free relay: Plenert, Gschwendtner, Harris, Cummins, 4:38.18.
4th Place Finishes:
Diving: Andrew Beckman, 107.05.
200 free: Plenert, 2:42.25.
50 free: Gschwendtner, 27.90.
100 backstroke: Bauknecht, 1:27.47.
5th Place Finishes:
200 im: Doran, 2:56.54.
100 fly: Schrock, 1:27.34.
400 free: Harris, 5:57.06.
100 backstroke: Carter Graves, 1:31.27.
100 breaststroke: Jared Trembley, 1:34.60.



DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 16 Dwight vs. Seneca JV -

Seneca squeaked past the Trojans on December 16, 57-55.

Graham led Dwight with 19 points. Wykes put up 12, while Fox added 11. Nelson scored five points. German put in four. Pulver and McCullough each had a bucket.

Varsity -

The Trojans upped their record to 8-1 with a 60-37 win over the Irish last Tuesday.

At the half, Dwight led 26-10, then came out hot in the third - helping them pull away, with an assist from their improvement in rebounding the basketball.

Drew Travers' 18 points led all scorers. He also contributed seven rebounds and four blocks. Caleb Boma had 11 points and one board. Jayson Powell scored five points. Collin Irvin, Justin Fox, Owen Pulver, Jace Kennedy and Ryan Gaston each had four points. Drew

Jensen hit a three. Colton Fieldman also added three points.

On the boards, Irvin led with six. Kennedy pulled down five, while Fox and Pulver each grabbed four. Fieldman and Jensen each had two boards.

Dwight (seeded second) is in action at the Marseilles Tournament on Friday, December 26, against Lexington at 8:00 p.m. For full Marseilles Tournament bracket information, check above.

Wednesday, December 17 Dwight vs. Ottawa Marquette JV -

The JV Trojans lost to Ottawa Marquette, 60-38, on December 17, taking their record down to 3-7 on the season.

Blake Graham scored 14, leading the team. Austin Nelson had 11. Carter Wykes scored seven, while Jeshua McCullough and Andrew German each had three.

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Top right: #55 Drew Travers; right: #42 Ryan Gaston, DTSH Trojans



GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 16 GSW vs. Wilmington Varsity -

The Panthers put the hurt on the Wildcats on December 16, 61-45. However, the final score doesn't reflect the whooping put on Wilmington, as GSW led 35-6 at one point in the first half.

"In the second half, it was apparent that Wilmington just simply shifted their focus to shooting as many threes as possible," Coach Gibson noticed. "And they connected on a few to cut into our lead. Overall this was a nice win - we did a lot of things well."

Kyle Robison had another big game, scoring 25 points. Blake Marks put in 12, while Austin Kavanaugh added 11. Scott Horrie

scored eight. Brendan Elens hit a triple. Trevor McDaniel made a bucket.

The JV Panthers lost, 43-34, to Wilmington.

Friday, December 19 GSW vs. St. Anne Varsity -

GSW had trouble getting anything going against foes, St. Anne, losing 50-19 on December 19.

"For as good as we shot against Grant Park and Wilmington on the road, we shot just as poorly at home," said Coach Gibson in the post game.

The Panthers shot just 16% from the field, and connected on none of their 11 attempts from outside.

"It's absolutely shocking to me that we could shoot that bad in our own gym,"

Gibson added. "We got shots that we wanted out of our sets and our offense - we just couldn't connect."

GSW was also just 5-13 from the free throw line.

Kyle Robison led the way with 11 points. Austin Kavanaugh contributed seven. Scott Horrie made a free throw.

The Panthers are now 6-3 overall, with a 2-1 RVC record. They have the #5 seed in the upcoming Marseilles Tournament, and will square off against Streater-Woodland on December 26 at 9:00 a.m. See above for full bracket information.

GSW's JV boys won their match-up with the Cardinals.



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2015 DYF BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for the DYF Board of Trustees will be held in the basement of the Village Hall on January 4 at Noon. If you are interested in participating on the board or would like to cast a vote, please plan to be in attendance.

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Dear Santa... Mrs. Legner's 2nd grade class, DGS

Dear Santa,
My name is Lillyan and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my brothers and my mom and dad. How do you make enough presents for all the good girls and boys for Christmas? Santa, I would like a new folder with cats on it for Christmas. I would like a new one because mine is ripped. I would also like a new coffee mug with a snowman on it for my mom. I would like my mom to get one because she likes coffee. I hope you have a good time with the elves and Mrs. Claus, bye Santa.
Love, Lillyan

Dear Santa,
My name is Tru and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my mom Jennifer, my dad Jeremy, my brother Bryson, and my sister Kirsta. Santa, how do you make enough presents for all the good boys and girls? For Christmas I would love an Elsa doll from Frozen. I want it because the doll sings "Let it Go" from the dress! Also, I would love it if you could give my mom a new computer. She uses her old one, but she wants a new one. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Tru

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophia and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my sister Taylor, my mom Stacy, and my dad Jeff. Santa, how do you deliver presents for all of the nice boys and girls? For Christmas I would like a Kindle for myself to play on. I want it because I don't want to play on my mom's iPad anymore. Also, I would like a ball for my uncle Shaun. I want him to get a new ball because his is old and we play catch together. Have a big Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,
My name is Lucas and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my mom Allison and my sister Ava. Santa, how do you get all the way around the world? For Christmas I would like a golden retriever puppy. I want a golden retriever because I love puppies. I would also like my sister to get a lot of pink erasers. She would like a lot of pink erasers because she is in an eraser club. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love, Lucas

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my funny family. I have always wanted to ask you, how do you know what the children ask for? Also, how do the elves fly, like my elf Pewter? For Christmas I would like a regular science set. I would like a science set because it has volcano explosions in it. I would also like my mom to get some new clothes for Christmas. She would like new clothes because she likes clothes. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love, Ava

Dear Santa,
My name is Leah and I am 7 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my mom, dad, sister and brother. Santa, how can the reindeer pull the sleigh with you on it? For Christmas I would like a new stuffed pup. I want the new stuffed pup because I am a good girl. I would also like my mom to get new clothes and jewelry. She would like more jewelry and clothes because she barely has any. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love, Leah

Dear Santa,
My name is Josh and I am in 2nd grade. I am 7 years old and I have 5 brothers. Santa, how do you deliver presents for all of the nice boys and girls? For Christmas I would like the video game Call of Duty. I would like the game because I play Xbox every day. I would also like a mug for my mom. A mug would be nice because she likes to drink coffee. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love, Josh

Dear Santa,
My name is Caiden and I am 7 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my mom Amy, my dad Brent, and my two brothers Evan and Ethan. Santa, how do you make enough presents for all the good boys and girls for Christmas? I would like a Play Station 4 for Christmas. I would like it because you can play games like basketball on it. I would also like my little brother to get a new game for his iPad. He really likes to play games on his iPad. Have a good Christmas and New Year.
Love, Caiden

Dear Santa,
My name is Brayden and I

am 7 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my mom, dad, and two brothers. Santa, how do you deliver toys to all of the boys and girls on Christmas Night? For Christmas I would like an Xbox 360. I want it because there are lots of awesome games you can play. I would also like my mom to get a ring. I would like her to get a ring because I love her so much and she needs one. I hope you have fun with the elves and Mrs. Claus.
From, Brayden

Dear Santa,
My name is Owen and I am 7 years old now. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my sister June. Santa, how do you make enough presents for all the good boys and girls for Christmas? I would like a new pet guinea pig for Christmas. I would like one because I miss my old guinea pig, Chubbs. I would also like a doll for my sister. I would like a doll for her because she really likes to play with them. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas
Love, Owen

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my mom, dad, and my sister too. Santa, how do you get all the way around the world in just one night? For Christmas I would like a new toy John Deere combine. I would like a combine because my dad farms. I would also like a toy semi truck for my dad. My dad is a semi driver, so I think he would like one. Happy New Year to the elves, Mrs. Claus and you.
Love, Tanner

Dear Santa,
My name is Samantha and I am 7 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my sister Hannah, my brother Andrew, my mom Amanda, and my dad Jason. Santa, how do you make enough presents for all the nice boys and girls for Christmas? I would like an iPad like the school's for Christmas. I have never played on one before so please get me one. I would also like my mom to get an iPad. She needs one because hers is small and she wants a bigger one. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and New Year!
Love, Samantha

Dear Santa,
My name is West and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight with my mom and she is really nice. Santa, how do you get around the world in only one night? For Christmas I would like a Zoomer Dino toy. I want that because it is like your own little pet dinosaur. I would also like

my mom to get a new pet kitten. A pet kitten would be good because she really likes kittens and I'd like to surprise her with one. Have a good time with the reindeer, elves, and Mrs. Claus.
Love, West

Dear Santa,
My name is Catherine and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my dad Eric and my sister Alexandra. Santa, how do you make enough presents for all the good boys and girls for Christmas? I would like an Elsa doll from Frozen. I would like this gift because Elsa is a popular princess and she is my favorite. I would also like my cat to get a toy mouse. My cat would like this gift because toy mice are her favorite. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love, Catherine

Dear Santa,
My name is Riley and I am 8 years old. I live in Dwight Illinois with my mom and my little sister. Santa, how do you go to houses so fast at night? For Christmas I would love an American Girl doll. I would love one because I'm starting a collection. I would also like a beautifully ring for my mom for Christmas. I want her to have it because she is sick. I hope you have a very good Christmas every year.
Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
My name is Maci and I am turning 8 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois with my sister Amanda, my brother Cason, and my mom and dad, Paul and Jenny. Santa, how do you get to deliver every boy and girl that is on the nice list presents? For Christmas I would love a baby doll that talks, sleeps, and comes with a bottle. I want this because it is fun to take care of baby dolls. I would also love to get my mom a coffee mug. I would like to get her this because she likes to drink coffee every morning. I hope you have a great time with the elves and Mrs. Claus.
Love, Maci

Dear Santa,
My name is Tracer and I am 7 years old. I live in Dwight, Illinois and I love it because I have a lot of fun here. Santa, how do you go so fast on your sled at night? For Christmas this year I would like an iPod. I want an iPod because it has lots of games on it. I would also like my mom to get a star coffee cup and my dad to get a new TV. These are good gifts because my mom loves coffee and my dad loves TV. Santa, I want you to have a very Merry Christmas.
Love, Tracer



EVERYONE AT GSW High School got in the Christmas spirit by wearing their ugliest sweaters last week. The winners of the contest were: Mr. Kinder, left, Julie Chambers, and Mrs. Sukley. Tony Bernardy is not pictured.

GSW High School Holds Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

Excitement was high in the hallways and classrooms on Tuesday, December 16, as GSWHS held their "Ugly Sweater" Day. Students and faculty were encouraged to dress in their best ugly sweater. There were a lot of unique and clever creations along with the ugly sweaters passed down through the years. The voting took place during both lunch times and Mr. Engelman announced the winners. The faculty winners were Mr. Kinder and Mrs. Sukley; the student winners were Tony Bernardy and Julie Chambers. Rumor has it that some are already designing their sweaters for next year's competition.

Happy Holidays from everyone at Gardner South Wilmington High School.

Tri-Point Community Unit School District #6J Board Meeting

The Board of Education of Tri-Point CUSD #6J held a Regular Meeting on December 15 at the Tri-Point Board of Education Room in Kempton. Board Members and Ted Conkling, Kris Haag, Trisha Haag, Lloyd Vaughn and Cherie Smolkovich were present. Sharon Mogged and Amy Fecht were absent. Visitors to the meeting were: Sara Riebe, Rhonda Wilkerson, Kim Mogged and Kaylyn Davis. Action by the Board included:

- Approved Consent Agenda
- Approved Changes to High School Curriculum as presented.
- Approved the Risk Management Plan Revisions as presented.
- Moved to donate \$500 to the After-Prom Committee for after-prom activities.
- Moved to approve the 2014 Tax Levy as presented.
- Moved to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. for the: A. Appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; B. Special Education program or matters relating to individual students; C. Student Discipline in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (c) and (1) and (2) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act.
- Moved to come out of closed session at 8:22 p.m.
- Moved to approve child care leave for Kamber Johnston for the second semester of the 2014-15 school year.
- Moved to approve Medical Leave for Kristen Opperman from her Volleyball coaching duties for the 2014-15 school year.
- Moved to hire Mr. Bennett to serve as Interim Head Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Moved to hire Chris Palmore to serve as Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Moved to close meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting January 26, 2015 in Kempton at Tri-Point CUSD Board Room.

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Grundy Grant Allows MVK Middle School to Purchase New Band Instruments

The Community Foundation of Grundy County recently approved a grant to Mazon-Verona-Kinsman (MVK) Middle School to purchase new band instruments including two French Horns, a Baritone Sax, and a Tuba. The instruments that were replaced were originally purchased in the 1970's and some were no longer able to be repaired. The foundation provided a \$5,000 grant from its unrestricted grant fund in addition to a \$2,000 grant from the Grundy Bank Music

Fund. MVK students were able to raise an additional \$4,000 through various fundraisers. Because of the generosity of many, all four instruments were purchased in time for MVK's Christmas Concert held on December 11.

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Vivian Katherine Finn

DWIGHT – Vivian Katherine Finn of Dwight, and formerly of Coal City, passed away at 7:53 a.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Vivian was born June 5, 1922 in Coal City, daughter of Theresa Burla and Christopher Born. She met Bill Finn, the love of her life, at a free movie show in South Wilmington, and the two were married in St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church, Coal City, August 1, 1942. They enjoyed 72 years of marriage until Bill was called home to Heaven November 14, 2014.

Surviving are three children: Sheryl Finn of Morris; Daniel Finn of Los Angeles, California; and Patricia (Kim) Drechsel of Dwight.

Also surviving are three grandchildren: Kevin (Heather) Drechsel of Odell; Brian Drechsel of El Paso; and Kelli Drechsel of Dwight; three great-grandchildren: Tyler, Chloe and Alexis Drechsel; one sister, Eileen Mill, and her husband, Melvin, of Spring, Texas; one sister-in-law, Patricia Sayers of Coal City; one brother-in-law, Edward Finn of South Wilmington; and a sister-in-law, Charlotte Finn of South Wilmington.

Vivian was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters and brothers-in-law: Thelma



and Larry Wickman, and Norma and Melvin Jackman; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mary and Joseph Bacigalupo; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Eugene and Myrt Finn; brother-in-law, Norman Sayers; and brother-in-law, Mervin Joneson.

Vivian graduated from Coal City High School with the class of 1940. In addition to raising three children, she worked as a bookkeeper over the years in the office at Granert's Clothing Factory in Coal City, and Perona Chevrolet-Oldsmobile in Coal City, which later became Jim Smith Chevrolet-Oldsmobile. She retired from there in 1983.

Always involved with her children's school and scouting activities, Vivian continued to be there to support her grandchildren in all of their endeavors. She was a woman of great faith, whose quiet prayer time and devotions were part of her daily life.

Vivian was a Eucharistic Minister, a member of The Marthas and the

Altar & Rosary Society at Assumption Church, and a volunteer with the Grundy County Health Department.

She and Bill were charter members of the Coal City Area Club. She enjoyed many wonderful vacations with her family, going on cruises with Bill, and accompanying him to his 101st Airborne Division reunions.

Vivian enjoyed baking, especially at Christmastime when she would bake a large variety of Christmas cookies that she would generously share with family, friends and neighbors. She will most be remembered for always putting the needs of others ahead of her own, for being the "worrywart" over those she loved, and for making sure everyone was comfortable and taken care of.

She will be greatly missed, but the family rejoices that she and Bill are together again.

Her Funeral Mass was Friday, December 19, at 10 a.m., in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Coal City.

Burial followed in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday, December 18, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City.

Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Mardeen Berta



COAL CITY – Mardeen "Nonie" Berta, 91, a lifelong resident of Coal City, passed away peacefully Monday, December 15, 2014 at Park Pointe Morris Senior Living.

Margaret Mardeen was born July 2, 1923 in Coal City, daughter of Charles and Margaret Borella Boggio. She was raised and educated in Coal City, where she graduated from Coal City High School.

On May 12, 1946, Mardeen married Bernard "Barney" Berta in Assumption Catholic Church, Coal City.

She was an active member of Assumption, where she served as a liturgist, lector, Eucharistic Minister, minister of care, funeral organist, and was a member of the choir and the hand bell choir, and served as chairman of committee.

She was also known for her wonderful Italian cooking; being an avid Chicago Cubs fan, and for her passion for music. Not only would Mardeen and Barney attend the Chicago Symphony where they held season tickets, but they treasured playing and singing music together with their children.

Becker, Dr. John Roberts, and Gail Quillman, who was especially devoted to her godmother, also survive.

Mardeen was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Barney; grandson, Thad; and two sisters: Evelyn Roberts and Angela Quillman.

A Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 20, in Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Coal City, was officiated by Rev. Scott McCauley.

Burial: Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville. Serving as pallbearers: Jason Berta, Todd Berta, Matthew Tures, Alex Giordano, Nick Berta and Brant Berta.

Visitation and video tribute were held Friday, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Mardeen's memory to the Assumption Catholic Church Building Fund or Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice.

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Liv. Co. Health Dept. Wellness Clinic Dates

The Livingston County Health Department is now taking appointments for Wellness Clinics, which will be conducted at the health department on Wednesdays, January 7 and 21, and February 4 and 18. The Wellness Clinic is open to all adults in Livingston County.

Basic Wellness Clinic services include: blood pressure screening, metabolic syn-

drome screening, and a blood chemistry profile. Additional services available through the wellness clinic at additional fees include: PSA (prostate specific antigen) prostate cancer testing for men; Thyroid (TSH) screening; and A1C screening for clients with diabetes. To make an appointment for the wellness clinic, call the Livingston County Health Department at 815-844-7174.

AREA CHURCHES

DWIGHT

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
DwightUMC.org
Pastor: Lance Leeds
• DEC. 24: 5 p.m., Rockin' Christmas Eve Worship Service; 7 p.m., Lessons in Carols Christmas Eve Worship Service.
• DEC. 25, 26: Office closed.
• DEC. 27: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Rt. 66 and Pete's.
• DEC. 28: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service

with special music; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service; 2 p.m., Heritage Health; 6 p.m., 20-40 Something Bible Study.
• DEC. 30: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.
• DEC. 31: 7 p.m. - 7 a.m., Youth Lock-in.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
584-1023 parsonage
Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, Pastor
• DEC. 24: 7 p.m.,

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion.
• DEC. 25: 9 a.m., Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion.
• DEC. 27: NO Saturday Worship.
• DEC. 28: 9 a.m., Sunday School/NO Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship (NO Communion).

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward

• DEC. 28: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• DEC. 31: Special Watch Night Service, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Pastor Connie Williams
Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister
• DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4:30 p.m.

• DEC. 28: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "Morning After."
• DEC. 30: Deacons meeting, 6:30 p.m.
• December "Mission of the Month:" The Christmas Fund; also, collecting hats, mittens and gloves for the Dwight Grade School and the Salvation Army.

New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
815-584-3430
dwightnewlife.org

• DEC. 24: Church office closed until 26th; 6 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
• DEC. 25: Church office closed; NO X-treme Youth; NO Worship practice.
• DEC. 26: Church office will be open.
• DEC. 27: 7 a.m., Courageous Men's Group.
• DEC. 28: 9 a.m., Morning Prayer; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kid's Ministry.
• DEC. 31: 7 p.m., New Year's Eve Family Game Night and Youth Group Lock-in.

a.m.
• DEC. 31: 8 p.m., New Year's Eve Family Game Night and Service. Take a snack to pass.
• EVERY WEDNESDAY: 4:35 p.m. - 5:05 p.m., The Lighthouse Contemporary Time of Prayer. Everyone welcome!

CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• DEC. 24: 7 p.m., Mass.
• DEC. 28: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Pastor Connie Williams
Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister
• DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.
• DEC. 25: Christmas Day.
• DEC. 28: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "Morning After."
• December Food pantry collection: Canned soup or packaged soups.
• December "Mission of the Month" – The Christmas Fund.

MAZON Mazon United Methodist Church
Office phone: 448-5677
E-mail: mazonumc@att.net
Pastor's home phone: 815-672-8932
Cell: 815-228-2878
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MazonUMC
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E-mail: markamenda@gmail.com
Rev. Mark D. Amenda
• Sunday Worship, 9

a.m.; Sunday School Class at 10:15 a.m., each Sunday; Bible Study Group at 10:30 a.m., each Sunday.

ODELL United Church of Odell
109 N. Morgan Street
Phone 815-277-7258
Pastor Patricia Morton
• Sundays: 9 a.m., Worship Service. study.
• DEC. 24: 4 p.m., Candlelight Communion Service.
• People in Mission meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m., sewing bibs, lap robes, prayer shawls, pillow cases, baby items and walker pouches for nursing homes and homebound.
• Wednesdays: 3:15 - 4:15, children's community choir, ages 3 - 9. All are welcome!

RANSOM St. Patrick Catholic Church
110 Wallace Street
Fr. Anthony Ego, Pastor
Parish Office: 815-795-2240 (Marsilles)
Email: stjtorino@hotmail.com
Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
• SUNDAYS: 8 a.m., Mass; reconciliation following Mass, or by appointment.

SAUNEMIN Saunemin United Methodist Church
90 North Street
815-832-4935
Pastor Jane Bradford
• DEC. 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
• SUNDAYS: Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group/Young Adults, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

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BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Gould St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods
• DEC. 24: 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Worship Service.
• DEC. 26: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m.
• DEC. 28: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30

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WKCC Holiday Programming

WKCC 91.1 FM is offering seasonal programming for Hanukkah, the Winter Solstice, Christmas and New Year's Eve.

The following programs will be filling the airwaves:

- Wednesday, December 24 - 9:00 a.m., Rochester Festival of Lessons and Carols; 10:00 a.m., Tinsel Tales - NPR Christmas Favorites #1; 11:00 a.m., Christmas with Madrigalla; Noon, Tinsel Tales - NPR Christmas Favorites #2; 1:00 p.m., Joy to the World; 2:00 p.m., Hanukkah Lights 2014; 3:00 p.m., A Christmas Carol with Jonathan Winters; 4:00 p.m., Christmas Celtic Sojourn; 6:00 p.m., Christmas on Jazz After Hours - and planning a brand new four-hour Christmas special.

- Thursday, December 25 - 9:00 a.m., Baroque Christmas in the New World; 10:00 a.m., Welcome Christmas; 11:00

a.m., Tinsel Tales - NPR Christmas Favorites #3; Noon, Chanticleer Christmas 2014; 1:00 p.m., Messiah with the Pittsburgh Symphony; 3:00 p.m., Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Club; 4:00 p.m., St. Olaf; 5:00 p.m., Messiah from the Washington National Cathedral; 6:00 p.m., All Songs Considered.

- Wednesday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m., Capitol Steps - Politics Takes a Holiday New Year's Edition 2014 - Help say goodbye and good riddance to 2014 with the Capitol Steps and their annual year-end review. It's all in their hour-long special of "Politics Takes a Holiday!"; 8:00 p.m., New Year's Eve on Jazz After Hours.

WKCC can be heard at 91.1 FM and anywhere through a live internet stream, available at www.wkccradio.org/.



AS PART OF TODDLER TIME last week, which is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight, Mrs. Claus (Jane Metzke) visited and read to the children. Addy Merriot (above) looks on intently as Mrs. Claus reads a story. Owen Strief and Caroline Dobbs (above right) pose with some frosty friends. Lisa Marsh (not pictured) is the Toddler Time leader. At right, Rose Productions stopped by the Prairie Creek Public Library last week, performing "A Christmas Carol."



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