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Emington 3rd of July Committee to Meet

The Emington Community Association 3rd of July committee will hold a meeting Monday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Roadrunner Restaurant, Emington to discuss the upcoming 3rd of July celebration. Volunteers are encouraged and welcome to attend this first planning meeting and to plan the Chicken and Spaghetti supper in March. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Godby at godby1998@gmail.com.

Dwight Township Athletic Hall of Fame Induction



The Dwight Township Athletic Hall of Fame Induction is set for Friday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Kresl Memorial Gymnasium.

The induction class of 2015 includes:

• William "Bill" Gilkey - Outstanding Football Coach: 92-56-2 overall record in 17 years of service.



• 1967 Football Team - Undefeated (9-0)

Note: All former Dwight football players who played for Coach William Gilkey are invited to attend the induction ceremony to accept the honor on his behalf.

Other athletes to be inducted but not pictured this week are:

- Dwight "Whitey" Anderson - 1974, three-sport standout;
- Tom Halloran - 1974, three-sport standout;
- Rachel Drake Edwards - 1994, softball standout.

See *The Paper* next week for other inductees and information.



See Page 6 for schedule and updates on the 25th Annual Saunemin 5/6 Grade Tournament January 17, 19, 23 and 24 in the Saunemin Grade School Gymnasium.

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SNOW FUN. The Connor sisters stepped outside to enjoy their last day of winter break. A light snow fell across the area Sunday morning making conditions perfect for snowball fights and giggles.
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2014 In Review July-December

July



Red, White, and BOOM! Fireworks pictures taken by Jake Carr (J7 images) at Dwight's July 4th Celebration

- That 50's Place in Dwight closes.
- Weapon used in the double homicide in Dwight is recovered and confirmed using ballistic results.
- Village of Dwight's aggregated electric rates rise, almost double compared to the previous contract with the same company.
- 349 fish were caught at the 18th Annual Earl Muir Memorial Fishing Derby put on by Odell Sportsman's Club members.
- DGS Board approved measures, such as adding security film to all existing windows/exterior glass, to increase the building's security.
- Law Enforcement Officers and several family survivors and supporters of fallen officers throughout the state of Illinois participated in the 10th Annual C.O.P.S. Illinois Chapter's Cycle across Illinois on July 17 through July 20.
- Dwight Main Street received 2014 National Main Street Accreditation
- Dave's This 'n That opened in Dwight
- First round of the Harvest Days Home Run Derby, a new contest added to the yearly celebration, took place in Renfrew Park.

August

- More than 100 law enforcement and fire personnel worked a 26-acre site in a weekend search for evidence pertaining to the homicides of Donna and Kelly Denker of Dwight; No suspect in the murders had been officially identified by authorities at the time.
- First Taste of Dwight hosted August 10 at Dwight's Renfrew Park
- The Fairbury Fair, August 13 to August 17, and Campus Days, August 15 to 17, provided summer festival fun.
- Dwight mother and wife, Verediane Mukagatanazi, publishes, "You are not alone: a Rwandan Memoir." The Memoir was a suggestion from Mukagatanazi's family therapist, Dr. Merguerite Steifbold, who, after hearing pieces of the story during the counseling sessions, knew it was one that needed to be shared.
- Illinois Gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner stopped in Pontiac August 27 to meet with voters and listen to their concerns about the future of Illinois.
- On August 26, Jason C. Collins, the individual charged with offenses stemming from the vehicle crash that caused the death of Pontiac Police Officer Casey Kohlmeier and his canine partner, Draco, pleaded guilty.
- Rita Mills, Mazon, inducted into 4-H Hall of Fame.

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Some children play on the merry-go-round at Renfrew Park during the first Taste of Dwight.



TRI-POINT NATIONAL HONOR Society held a toy drive the week of December 1-5, and collected 286 toys that were donated to the Godbee Family Give Away that helped Tri-Point families at Christmas time. NHS members pictured are Katy Haag, Lauren Mohler, Lindsey Margewich and Katie Malone.

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

December 25: Carla A. Coxey, Clifton, speeding (radar), 75/55; Ronald H. Frank, Downers Grove, speeding (radar), 75/55; Michelle A. Norman, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 73/55; Issaac T. Akins III, Normal, speeding (radar), 77/55.

December 26: Brian L. McMullin, Iuka, suspended, revoked drivers license.

December 27: John P. Ryan, Kankakee, speeding (radar), 48/30.

December 29: Jessica L. Bernard, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

December 30: Robert C. Seymour, Saint John, IN, speeding (radar), 75/55; Callie E. Foster, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle;

Theodore R. Ledwa, Dwight, traffic sign violation, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

December 31: Lauren E. Lowers, Coal City, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 29: Washington, 9:37 a.m., medical, OSF; Kinsman Rd/Gardner Rd., 11:38 a.m., MVC, disregard, mutual aid to MVK; Mazon, 5:04 p.m., medical, Morris.

December 30: Mazon, 8:25 a.m., medical, MCH; Main, 12:43 p.m., medical, MCH; Elm, 1:13 p.m., med-

ical, MCH, mutual aid to MVK; Emmet, 5:20 p.m., medical, MCH, mutual aid to MVK.

December 31: Depot, 2:23 a.m., medical, disregard, mutual aid to MVK; Northbrook, 4:44 a.m., trauma, MCH; Spencer St., 1:02 p.m., trauma, refusal; Mazon, 8:19 p.m., medical, Morris; 2400 E. Rd., 8:41 p.m., medical, St. Mary's.

January 1: Mazon, 3:15 a.m., medical, Morris; E. St., 7:09 a.m., fire, mutual aid to Gardner; Park, 4:57 p.m., trauma, refusal.

January 2: Main, 12:30 a.m., medical, Morris; E. Main, 9:50 a.m., medical; 3100 N. Rd., 10:37 a.m., fire.

23 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 2; traffic sign violation, 5; driver's license not on person, 1; obstructed windshield and/or r. window, 1; expired registration sticker, 1; no rear registration plate light, 4; improper lighting - one headlamp, 4; muffler violations, 2; fail to notify SOS of change/address, 2; unsafe equipment, 1.

Accident Report

Sunday, December 28, 4:03 p.m., Officer Michael Nolan reported an accident on eastbound Mazon Ave. at Franklin St. involving Meenaben M. Patel of Naperville, the driver of a 2014 Nissan Altima, and Jace B. Tyner of Longview, TX, the driver of a 2014 Dodge Ram pick-up.



MOTHER NATURE was at it again!! Dressing the land with a dusting of snow over the weekend. At presstime, three to five inches were predicted for the area along with temperatures dipping to single digits and below. Are we ever ready...

Vehicle Renewal Sticker Receipt Legislation Law Now in Effect

Legislation proposed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to allow a printed receipt from the Secretary of State to serve temporarily as the vehicle renewal sticker became law on January 1.

Public Act 98-1103 will allow motorists to drive without an up-to-date vehicle renewal sticker affixed to their license plate provided they have a receipt in their vehicle from the Secretary of State that proves they purchased a sticker online before expiration, but have not yet received it. The receipt is valid for no more than 30 days from the expiration of the previous registration's sticker's date.

In October, more than

104,000 customers purchased vehicle renewal registration stickers during the last two days of the month. The vast majority of these customers visited a facility to conduct these transactions, with just over 5,000 people purchasing their renewal stickers online.

White's office continues to provide more services online to further improve customer convenience. Over the last seven years, internet transactions have increased by nearly 300 percent in the Secretary of State's office.

Senate Bill 2802 was sponsored by state Sen. Patricia Van Pelt (D-Chicago) and state Rep. Arthur Turner (D-Chicago).



Gather Your Documents; Tax Time Is Near

Mary Kuhlman

As January gets under way, tax experts say a little time spent in the next few days preparing for the tax season will pay off in the months ahead.

Luis Garcia, a spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service, says now is the time to make sure you know where all your important tax documents are, so you're not scrambling to find them when the deadline is looming.

"That means if you've got Form 1099s from your bank, or you have your W-2 from your employer, you want to make sure that all those documents end up in the same place," he advises. "Now, whether it's a shoebox or a folder - that's really the most important thing."

Garcia also offers a reminder that anyone who

wants to claim a charitable donation for 2014 needs to have appropriate records where necessary.

More detailed information, forms and publications are online at IRS.gov.

Garcia says this is the first tax season in which the Affordable Care Act figures heavily. That will include a little extra paperwork for many taxpayers.

"The people who purchased health insurance, they want to be on the lookout for Form 1095A," he points out. "And that's the form that you're going to use to make sure that you get the credit that you need, in order to make sure that you're getting your health insurance covered properly."

Garcia says there also is a form to fill out for anyone who received an exemption to the health insurance mandate for 2014.



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New Contribution Limits Make 401(k) Plans Even More Attractive

If you are interested in saving for retirement, here's some good news: For 2015, the IRS has raised the maximum contribution limits for 401(k) plans from \$17,500 to \$18,000. And if you're 50 or older, you can put in an extra \$6,000, up from \$5,500 in 2014.

These same limits also apply to 403(b) plans, for employees of public schools and nonprofit organizations, and to 457(b) plans, for employees of state and local governments and other governmental agencies, such as park boards and water districts. So, in other words, a lot of workers have gotten a "raise" in their ability to contribute to tax-advantaged retirement plans.

Although you may not think you will ever contribute the maximum amount to your retirement plan, you may still benefit from making small increases each year. Unfortunately, many people don't do this. In fact, approximately 30 percent of eligible workers don't even participate in their employer's 401(k)-type plan, according to the Employee Benefits Security Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Labor. And the median savings rate for these plans is just six percent of eligible income, with only 22 percent of employees contributing more than 10 percent of their pay, according to a recent report by Vanguard, an investment management company.

In any case, you do have some pretty strong motivations to put in as much as you can possibly afford. First of all, your 401(k) earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money has more growth potential than it would if it were placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year. Eventually, though, you will be taxed on your withdrawals, but by the time you start taking out money, presumably in retirement, you might be in a lower tax bracket.

But you can also get a more immediate tax-related benefit from contributing as much as you can to your 401(k). Consider this hypothetical example. Suppose that you are in the 28 percent tax bracket. For every dollar you earn, you must pay 28 cents in taxes (excluding state and other taxes), leaving you 72 cents to spend as you choose. But if you put that same dollar into your 401(k), which is typically funded with pre-tax dollars, you will reduce your taxable income by one dollar — which means that if you did contribute the full \$18,000, you'd save \$5,040 in federal income taxes. Your particular tax situation will likely be impacted by other factors, but you'd have that \$18,000 working for you in whatever investments you have chosen within your 401(k) plan. If you kept contributing the maximum each year, you will be giving yourself more potential for a sizable fund for your retirement years.

Even if you couldn't afford to "max out" on your 401(k), you should, at the very least, contribute enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. (A common match is 50 cents per dollar, up to six percent of your pay.) Your Human Resources department can tell you how much you need to contribute to get the greatest match, so if you haven't had that conversation yet, don't put it off.

As we've seen, investing in your 401(k) is a good retirement strategy — you get tax benefits and the chance to build retirement savings. And with the contribution limit increasing, you've got the chance for more savings in the future.

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September

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2014 Harvest Days saw the addition of some new activities – a cherry pie eating contest, a Home Run Derby, and a new children’s pumpkin craft, which took place near the downtown stage.



• On September 9, Nick Morris, who owns Nick’s Hair Studio in Gardner, shook his way to a trophy, as well as a trip to the premier of *Dancing With The Stars*, winning the title of the best dancer from the Chicago area.

• Joel Patten won the 24th Dwight Country Club

Championship with a score of four over 217, over Jeff Stevenson and Kevin Krople, who each recorded scores of 219.

• Dwight Harvest Days Annual Festival was September 18, 19, 20 and 21.

• “Walking Against Hunger” Dwight Crop Walk, September 28, all money raised went towards helping fight hunger, with local food pantry receiving 25% of the money.

• Corn Festival in Morris took place September 24-28.

Mother Nature painted such an impressive picture this autumn during October that *The Paper* felt obliged to make 10,000 copies and send one to each of its readers.



of a male from Dwight in the Denker home at 200 W. North St., Dwight, in the early morning hours of June 14, 2014. The male, who was able to call Dwight Police, later recovered after being taken to a trauma center.

October

• Habitat for Humanity home, located at 114 West Chippewa St., Dwight, neared completion.

• Jensen’s BP gas station celebrated 60th Anniversary at their location in Dwight, and their 35th Anniversary in Odell.

• The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the IL 47 BNSF Railway grade crossing in Mazon would close October 19 for up to 14 days to allow the BNSF Railway Company to rebuild their crossing.

• Livingston County jury returned guilty verdicts against Heather Lamie, the foster mother charged in the death of four-year old, Kianna Rudesill.

• Anton Sorensen, a 16 year-old from Denmark, spoke with members of the Danish Brotherhood at the Dwight Country Club during a meeting in honor of the Brotherhood’s anniversary

• On October 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Stephen Bardo, a retired professional basketball player, signed copies of his book at Victory Lanes in Dwight.

• Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson announced that the investigation into the murders of Donna Denker, 60, and her daughter, Kelli Denker, 30, both of Dwight, was closed. All evidence indicated Joseph Sipple, 27, of Morris/Sheridan, acted alone in the murders of the Denkers and the wounding

November

• Friends and neighbors of the family of Nate Severson combined their efforts to assist with the harvest of beans and corn on the Severson family farms. Pickers lined up and made their way through a cornfield north of Campus. Nate Severson of rural Emington died October 6 from injuries he suffered in a farm-related accident.

• Altorfer Inc. opened new ag parts location in Dwight, joining four existing ag locations in Clinton, Dix, and Rock Falls, Illinois, and a new full service location in West Branch, Iowa.

Pat Condon, a Dwight native who now resides in Cayuga, manages the Dwight location.

• Republican Bruce Rauner defeated incumbent Governor Pat Quinn by nearly a five percent margin.

• Dwight Cigarette and Liquor, located on East Main, Dwight, sold a winning \$20 scratch off ticket to the tune of \$4,000,000. The identity of the player has yet to be confirmed by the store owner.

• November 8, a group from the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run was in Dwight, where they teamed

up with Berkot’s Super Foods to help provide a Thanksgiving dinner for more than 800 veterans.

• Todd Seabert, Larry Seabert’s brother, became the new manager at Tech-Ni-Kolor Autocrafters, Inc., located in Dwight.

• Dwight’s Centruze Bank is robbed November 20, at approximately 4:30 p.m. An unknown subject entered the bank and demanded money. No weapon was displayed and no injuries occurred; the subject was approximately 5’10” tall and approximately 200 lbs.

December

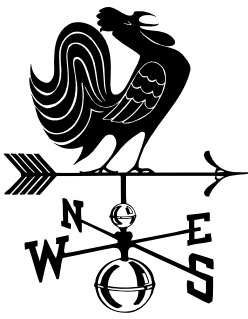
• All of the female Ginkgo trees were removed from Dwight’s downtown area. Female Ginkgo trees produce slightly smelly berries because the seed coat releases an acid once the fruit rots.

• Governor Pat Quinn announced a \$1 million investment to establish a network of charging stations for electric vehicles along

Route 66 in Illinois.

• The John Howard Association, a non-partisan prison watch dog group, concluded that the transfer of female prisoners to Logan Correctional Center, “failed to generate meaningful savings,” contrary to what was stated as reasoning for the shutdown of Dwight Correctional Center.

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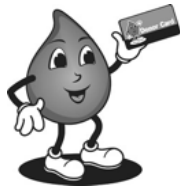
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Dec. 26 – high 42°, low 28°
Dec. 27 – high 47°, low 21°
Dec. 28 – high 32°, low 17°
Dec. 29 – high 33°, low 10° trace precip.
Dec. 30 – high 19°, low 2°
Dec. 31 – high 19°, low 3°
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RR Donnelley Breakfast Jan. 16

The January RR Donnelley breakfast will be held at the Pontiac Family Kitchen restaurant (across the street from the pawn shop at the intersection of Routes 66 and 23) on Friday, January 16, at 8:00 a.m.

The back room, on the right after you enter, has been reserved.



Blood Drive Scheduled for OSF Saint James

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, January 9 from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the medical center’s conference room. The public is encouraged to participate as the need is always constant.

For an appointment, please call the medical center at 815-842-2828, extension 0. Appointments are preferred, however walk-ins are welcome. All blood types are needed.

Please take a photo I.D. or Red Cross Donor Card to present when you check in.

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center is located at 2500 W. Reynolds Street in Pontiac. The conference rooms are located on the ground level, adjacent to the medical center’s main lobby.

The Paper Calendar

Kankakee Quilt Makers to Meet January 8

Pat Brackman, from Petals and Blooms in Crete, will be providing a lecture at the Thursday, January 8, meeting of the Kankakee Quilt Makers Guild at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Bible Church in Bourbonnais. Her lecture will be a Trunk Show and Sales, called “If These Quilts Could Talk.”

She will also host a workshop on Saturday, January 10, at the Bourbonnais Library at 9:30 a.m. A fee applies for the workshop, which includes the kit for the wool project.

January Smart Choice Foods Order and Distribution Dates

The January order date for Smart Choice Foods is Friday, January 9, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at New Life Assembly of God, 903 S. Old Rt. 66, Dwight.

The distribution day is Saturday, January 24, from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

All orders must be paid for when order is placed.

All orders must be received by January 9.

Contact Lin Thrasher for more information at 815-830-3712. You can also visit www.smartchoicefood.com. There is a 3% fee for online orders.

Odell Firemen Pancake and Sausage/B&G Breakfast

On Sunday, January 11, the Odell Firemen will hold their annual Pancake and Sausage/Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Odell Fire Station.

A fee applies. Children under 12 receive a discounted price. Preschoolers are free.

This is all-you-can-eat. Carry-outs will be available.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

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Contact Rodney Connor or the DEA office to purchase calendar.

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Two children look on in awe as the tree is lit at the annual tree lighting in Gardner.

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‘Life After Fifty’ Back at the Barn by Popular Demand



IT’S AN ALL-OUT BATTLE of the sexes in the Conklin Barn II Dinner Theatre Production of “Is There Life After Fifty,” opening January 15. Pictured in the midst of the feud are (clockwise from bottom left): Lana Warner, Mary Simon, Maria Lane, John Johnson, Bob Lane Jr., and Dan Challacombe.

Conklin’s Barn II Dinner Theatre has announced a revival of their 2014 hit production of the regional premiere of the hilarious new comedy “Is There Life After Fifty?” starring Peoria’s own Lana Warner along with barn favorites Bob Lane Jr. and Mary Simon opening January 15 and playing for a seven-week run on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings and Sunday brunches through March 1. The summer 2014 production was an instant sell-out, with long waiting lists for every performance.

“Is There Life After Fifty?” is a new comedy by Cynthia Haynes DiSavino that flirts with a topical

theme: the aging of the Baby Boomer generation. Three couples who all raised their kids on the same street have found a way to keep in touch after they move to new cities. Each year, on Labor Day weekend, the friends vacation together. This year, the ladies have planned a little surprise: a healthy, all-natural weekend at a trendy health resort, complete with organic food and exercise. The men, who really come for the beer and snacks, are not pleased when they find out. Tensions escalate into an all-out battle of the sexes, and the cabin is divided, literally, into the men against the women. They battle over health food, exercise, pizza,

The Godfather, rock and roll, hot tubs, hot flashes, tummy tucks and their refusal to become middle-aged.

Peoria theatre favorite Lana Warner guest stars as Martha, a new grandmother married to the newly-retired school teacher Ed, played by Barn favorite Dan Challacombe. Bob Lane Jr. and Mary Simon star as Barb and Doug, a couple approaching middle age with polar opposite attitudes. Maria Lane and John Johnson play April and Gary, the youngest of the three couples. April Bieschke and Jimmy LaHood are featured as Tonia and Lance, two disgustingly fit, distressingly young employees of the resort. The role of April will be played by Tamra Challacombe from January 29.

The production is directed by Mary Simon, with set design by April Bieschke and publicity by Pat Gaik. Conklin’s Barn II is known for its buffet which, on evening performances, includes four main entrees featuring the Barn’s renowned prime rib and fried chicken, with salad, homemade soup and cheese spread, and a choice of four homemade desserts. Ticket fees apply. No advance payment is required. For reservations, call 309-965-2545.

For more information, visit www.barn2.com.



LISA MARSH, LEADER OF the Toddler Time program at the Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight, watches as children attempt to rip open a saran-wrapped “ball of ice” filled with candy at the “Frozen Party” held December 5 at the Library. As part of another game, three remaining girls, below left, play “frozen” hot potato with an ice cube, hoping to pass it off before the music stops in order to remain in the game. The winner of the game took home a *Frozen* poster.



ANNA (ANNA RAMSEY) AND ELSA (Allison Rhodes), above right, dropped by to visit with the children during the party. A little boy, above left, watches while another child assists one of the smallest participants as she tries to snag some candy from the “ball of ice.”



Teen Movie, Sundaes at PCL

Teens, plan on heading to Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight January 13 at 6:00 p.m. for a showing of “Guardians of the Galaxy.”

Along with the movie, as part of the Library’s “Frozen Month,” they will have the makings for sundaes so that you can create your own.

This event is free and open to all teenagers.

Upcoming Events at Limestone Library

The following events are going on at Limestone Township Library this week:

- **Wednesday, January 7, 1:00 p.m., E-Reader Pizzazz.** Trying to figure out how to checkout e-books on a new device that might have come as a gift? Spend some time learning how to use that new device so that you can have access to a plethora of books.
- **Thursday, January 8, 6:30 p.m., Elephant and Piggy Night.** Join in on a celebration of Mo Willems and his characters, Elephant and Piggy. There will be crafts, and reading of Mo

Willems books. This program is meant for kids of all ages.

- **Saturday, January 10, 1:00 p.m., Archeology - Kincaid Mound Site.** Discover the Kincaid Mounds of Southern Illinois that used to be the home of Indian villages along the Ohio River with Thomas Pitkin. This program is geared for kids in first grade and up.

For more information or to register for any of the programs, stop in at the Library, call 815-939-1696, or visit www.limestonelibrary.org to see a listing of all programming.

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Donations are accepted year-round at all banks in Dwight - First National Bank, S.O.C.U., Centru Bank and Dwight Bank.

Dwight Christmas for Kids Committee



SCHOOL RESUMED MONDAY at most schools in the area after a 16-day vacation from the books. Teachers and students arrived with single digit temps covering the area. More cold weather and snow are predicted. Will a snow day be used? Will games be cancelled this week? Follow *The Paper* on Facebook for any changes due to weather conditions.

Income-Tax Rate Drops, Illinois Families to Save Over \$1,000 in 2015

Illinoisans will receive welcome financial relief this New Year when the state's income-tax rate drops to 3.75 percent, down from five percent. This tax relief will save the average Illinois family more than \$1,000 in 2015.

In 2011, Illinois Democrats raised the personal income-tax rate by 67 percent in an attempt to improve the state's budget problems. The tax increase was passed as a temporary measure, and was described as necessary to pay down Illinois' backlog of bills, stabilize the state's pension crisis and strengthen its economy.

Since 2011, the state has received more than \$31 billion in additional tax revenue from the income-tax hike. Despite this, Illinois state government still has billions in unpaid bills, more than \$100 billion in pension debt and one of the weakest economies in the nation.

Below are important facts on Illinois income-tax relief:

- In 2011, during a lame-duck legislative session, Democrat lawmakers and Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn raised the state's flat income-tax rate to five percent from three percent. The tax increase was passed as a temporary measure. It was the largest tax increase in state history.
- According to the law passed by Quinn and the Democrats, the income-tax rate would be 3.75 percent on January 1.
- During the spring legislative session and then during the governor's re-election campaign, Quinn and lawmakers attempted to renege on their promise of tax relief by making the five percent rate permanent. They failed.
- The average Illinois family will save approximately \$1,075 in 2015 because of the state income-tax rate drop.

Some additional details

on the tax relief for Illinoisans in the new year is available at illinoispolicy.org/illinois-workers-deserve-the-tax-relief-they-were-promised/.

'Continuing the Legacy' to be Presented in Livingston County

by Kent Casson

A sometimes controversial agricultural topic will be discussed in Fairbury on Monday, January 19.

The "Continuing the Legacy" event will be hosted by the Livingston County Farm Bureau Young Leaders group at the Walton Centre, with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Dr. Ron Hanson of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will identify family relations and business ownership succession issues, which often confront farm families when discussing passing down the farm.

Hanson will share a motivating message with true life anecdotes to help families get through the process. Hanson is a Neal E. Harlan Professor of Agribusiness within the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Agricultural Economics. His college teaching and student advising career

Chatsworth Corner

by Mare Reardanz

The New Year brings an open book. We are all looking forward to penciling in events and landmarks in our lives. We are reminded that precious life is all too short, to live each day to the fullest, let go of the pain and anger and share the happiness we have been blessed with. The year 2015 has the potential of being the best yet. Life is what YOU make it, so choose to make it the BEST.

Friends and neighbors in Chatsworth are blessed with each other, first and foremost. Together they anticipate the state of the art raw water system going on-line. Our thanks to all who have given of their time and knowledge for the betterment of the community.

Residents working together to support the community is the backbone of any town. There is a strong base of volunteers that assure each fund-raiser accomplishes its goal and brings residents together. And for this we thank you.

Some of these annual events include monthly Pancake and Sausage breakfasts provided by the volunteers of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, the second Sunday of every month. The



BOBBY LIVINGSTON'S way of thanking everyone in Chatsworth.

Historical Society's Cash Bash in March has been a huge success for years. There will be American Legion dinners and Fire Department breakfasts. Our new Baltz Library will continue to fund-raise for improvements and support. There are new additions to the Farmers Market this year, and Heritage Days in June. Car shows, Water Fights and Bicycle races will continue. Supporting Movie Night in the Park and children's parties are continuing to grow and develop. Thank you all for your time and effort.

All in all, small towns

have a big heart, and Chatsworth's is beating strong!

In other news, our friend Bobby Livingston is on the mend and recovering from surgery and a serious condition. He has been pleased with all the outpouring of love and concern from his community. We are all looking forward to seeing him on his Harley Davidson show bike (it's orange, you can't miss it), or the big black truck he drives. He is a familiar sight around Chatsworth surrounded by his friends. One thing about Bob, he NEVER talks too much!

To place a social announcement, send information to:

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Sign Language Course Offered at KCC in Feb.

A sign language course will be offered by Kankakee Community College beginning in February.

"Deaf Sign 1 - Part One" will meet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesdays, February 11 through April 1 (no class March 11) in Room N101 at KCC's North Extension Center in Bradley.

There are many ways to communicate, but the art of sign language is one of the most eloquent. This class teaches to sign the English alphabet, vocabulary and includes sentence structure. The instructor is Janet Hanson.

The course number is HLTH 316A.F16. A fee applies, plus textbook, which must be purchased prior to the first class at the KCC Bookstore. Registration deadline is February 3.

Fourteen contact hours are available upon completion to nurses, nursing home admin-

istrators, social workers, professional counselors/ clinical counselors, respiratory care technicians, occupational therapists, and physical therapists. Participants must attend all sessions to receive full contact hours.

This course does not award college credit. For more information, call 815-802-8207; go to www.kcc.edu/comejoinus/; or visit Student Services, located on the second floor of the KCC Workforce Development Center.

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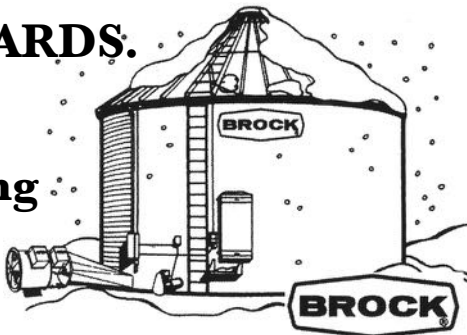
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Coca-Cola Classic to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of the Coca-Cola Classic 5th/6th Grade Basketball Tournament at Saunemin Grade School is slated to kick off Saturday, January 17, with 16 area teams set to participate.

This will be the 16th year that Coca-Cola has been the tournament sponsor, dating back to 2000.

“We had received a new scoreboard from Coca-Cola for our baseball field when the idea of adding Coke as our name sponsor to our 5th/6th grade tournament came up,” said Saunemin Athletic Director Mike Stoecklin, who has been the head man in charge of the tourney since the 1994 edition. “It was done primarily as part of a trade-off with Coke that enabled us to expand our outreach to potential sponsors.”

Stoecklin added, “we’ve seen a handful of changes over the years in regards to the set-up of the tournament. The first being the expansion of our tournament to 16 teams in 1995. That made for some long weeks in January when we were playing every day of the week and finishing up on a Saturday.”

In 1997, the tournament added a 3rd/4th place game in the consolation bracket. That year also saw the tournament condensed to three days, encompassing the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

In ‘07, the tournament expanded the number of games played and days utilized, adding a 5th place bracket and adding extra consolation games, which guaranteed three games to all teams participating. To accommodate, they added a Friday night slate of games prior to the tourney finals.

“I don’t anticipate any additional changes made to our tourney set-up for the foreseeable future,” Stoecklin

explains. “We are going on the 9th year of that set-up and things have run fairly smoothly.”

Since 1994, the Coca-Cola Classic has hosted individual competitions in Free Throws (sponsored by Champion Fitness) and the Long Distance Shootout.

“Those have been nice additions to the tournament,” Stoecklin says. “It gives a number of players from each team an opportunity to be recognized, that they may not otherwise get. We’ve had some pretty good shooters appear over the years, with a handful of players hitting 23 of 25 free throws and making eight of 12 shots from long distance.”

In the 25 years it’s been in existence, the tournament has not lacked talented teams. Fifteen times, the tournament champion has gone on to the State Tournament, including three State champions. The 1993 Pontiac Apaches won a 7AA title as 7th graders. Holy Trinity’s 2007 squad won an 8AA title in 2009, and a 7AA state title in 2011. Saunemin’s only championship came in 1994, with that team earning a 7A state runner-up in 1995, and an Elite 8 appearance in 1996.

When recalling the top teams he’s seen, Stoecklin admits he’s biased - pointing out that the ‘94 Eagles team was “obviously a pretty good squad.” But he also spoke of a Graymont/Esmen run in 1997, where they battled to defeat Pontiac in the championship, 31-27.

“In 2001, we were defeated by Ridgeview pretty handily in the finals, and then again in 2010, by Holy Trinity,” Stoecklin remembers. “The Holy Trinity team from 2010 might have my vote as the best team to win our tournament.”

The early 2000s brought the tournament to the inter-

net, with scores and highlights being posted to the SGS website. More recently, a Facebook page has allowed for more up-to-date information, along with video clips.

“Although fun to update and post, it is time consuming,” Stoecklin admits. “But I think fans enjoy seeing the information.”

Stoecklin laughs when he says, “I’ve toyed with the idea of establishing a Twitter account for the tourney, but that is still being debated.”

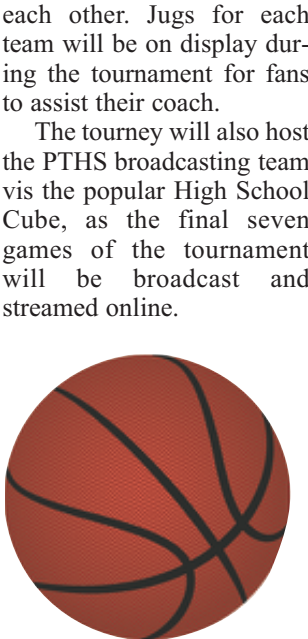
In his 22 years of directing the tournament, Stoecklin could only remember two times when the weather played a factor with the schedule.

“I don’t remember which year, but it was in the late 90s. We were still in our old gym, and if anyone remembers, we used to have two large posters of the brackets on display in the lobby and concession stand. That year, the posters ended up being scratched on and marked up as changes were made.”

Last year’s tournament came to an abrupt end due to the weather, and though Stoecklin regrets not being able to finish play, he doesn’t regret his decision.

“Last year was one of the worst winters for weather since I’ve been here,” he says. “We simply ran out of calendar when we made the decision to cancel. Six inches of new snow had been called for the morning of the last scheduled day, and more was on the way. Looking back, it really wasn’t a difficult decision to keep players and families home. Mother nature and the calendar just weren’t on our side.”

Two new features are being added to this year’s event: a penny campaign for the Coaches v. Cancer program - a joint effort between the NABC and the American Cancer Society - which will pit the 16 coaches against



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Below are game times for the first day of action - January 17:

- 10:00 a.m. - Crescent City vs. Ransom
 - 11:15 a.m. - Prairie Central vs. Woodland
 - 12:30 p.m. - Mazon vs. Dwight
- 1:45 p.m. - Odell vs. Holy Trinity 5th
 - 3:00 p.m. - Pontiac Apaches vs. Ridgeview
 - 4:15 p.m. - Saunemin vs. Pontiac Comanches
- 5:30 p.m. - Flanagan vs. St. Mary’s 5th
 - 6:45 p.m. - St. Mary’s 6th vs. Tri-Point

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OBITUARIES

James Brownfield

MINIER – James David “J.D.” Brownfield, 37, of Minier passed away Monday, December 29, 2014.

J.D. was born June 2, 1977 in Peoria to James H. Brownfield and Marsha K. Schmitgall. He married Emily R. Tjelle March 13, 2010 in Dwight. She survives.

Also surviving are his parents of Minier; one son, James Samuel “Sam,” at home; his grandfather, James D. Brownfield of Wheatland, Missouri; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dennis and Margene Tjelle of Dwight.

Brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Derek and Jeni Tjelle of Coal City; Lucas and Courtney Tjelle of Dwight; Jacob and Jenny Tjelle of Cabery; nieces and nephews: Alexis, Elizabeth, Olivia, Hayden, Mason, Oliver, Tre Bowman, Grace, Lila, Claire, Jack; uncle and aunt, Mike and Kate Schmitgall of Minier; cousins: Todd Schmit-

gall, Laura (Bill) Ludolph, Michele (Nate) Herrmann also survive.

J.D. was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents and paternal grandmother.

He worked at State Farm in Bloomington in the bank collections department. He was a member of St. John’s United Church of Christ in Minier and the Pi Pi Rho Literary Society.

Services were at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 3, in St. John’s United Church of Christ in Minier. Rev. Dwight Borden officiated.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m. Friday at Haensel Funeral Home in Minier and one hour preceding the service at the church.

Cremation rites were accorded and burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Emily requests memorials be made to their son’s education fund.

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

Anne Withrow

DWIGHT – Anna (Anne) Louise Withrow, 99, of Dwight passed away peacefully Monday, December 29, 2014 at Heritage Health, Dwight, where she had resided the last six years of her life.

Anne was born July 12, 1915 to John F. and Marie E. Metzke, Dwight, where she resided throughout her life.

She married Gilbert Withrow October 19, 1946. They were married 49 years. They had a very full, happy life filled with the love of many, many friends and family



members. They both enjoyed traveling and had many wonderful vacations together over the years.

Her husband preceded her in death on September 7, 1996.

Anne worked as a secretary with the Keeley Institute of Dwight and for Jim Oughton for 49 years.

She was a faithful member of the Congregational Church of Dwight her entire life. She led the children’s choir and played the organ for many years.

At last, her prayers have been answered.

Joseph V. Serena, Jr.

JOLIET – Joseph V. “Vic” Serena of Joliet passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at North Memorial Residential Hospice in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.

Vic was born December 3, 1946 in Joliet, son of Joseph Victor Sr. and Mary Louise Doud Serena. He retired from TJ Lambrecht in Joliet, following 28 years of employment.

Vic was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in New Lenox and was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1574 in Braidwood.

He was an avid gun collector and enjoyed attending his Tuesday night meetings at the Gun Club in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are his wife, Marlene Laduron Serena of Joliet, who he married September 21, 2003 in Austin, Texas; three daughters: Kim (Rick) Marks of Gardner; Candi (Ryan) Butzow of Onarga; and Cassi (Nick) Dermody of Minneapolis, Minnesota; two stepsons: Joseph (Jennifer) Schneider of Roseville, Minnesota and Todd (Julie) Schneider of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.

Also surviving are grandchildren: Benjamin, Blake and Braden Marks, Quinn Butzow, June



Dermody, Makayla and Thomas Schneider; Elizabeth and Cate Schneider; five brothers: Monty (Dorothy) Serena of South Wilmington; Arthur (Jane) Serena of Bonfield; Carmen (Janis) Serena of Kankakee; Kenneth “Skinner” Serena of East Brooklyn, Illinois; and Michael (Jackie) Serena of Gardner; one sister, Regina (Paul) Chase of Gardner; sister-in-law, Diane Serena of South Wilmington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were one daughter, Kelly Serena; and two brothers: Alvin Raymond Serena and Anthony “Slabs” Serena.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Don Lewandowski Tuesday, January 6 in St. Jude Catholic Church, New Lenox.

Cremation rites were accorded following the Mass. Inurnment will be at a later date.

Visitation was Monday, January 5, from 4 until 8 p.m., at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to the National Kidney Foundation would be appreciated.

To sign his on-line guestbook, log on to: www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

Jackie Mydler

DWIGHT – Jackie Mydler, 67, of Dwight passed away suddenly Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Jackie was born August 13, 1947 in Fairbury to Raymond Mydler and Emma Painter Mydler. He married Deborah Holohan.

Jackie is survived by

his sister, Joyce Bracken; brother, Frank (Jill) Mydler; and brother-in-law, John Holohan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice in memory of Jackie.

Condolences may be made at www.hagermemorial.com

Hines Mobile Medical Unit to Visit Dwight Jan. 14

The Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission, in cooperation with the Edward Hines VA Medical Center, continues to offer services to eligible veterans in Grundy County.

The Hines Mobile Medical Unit will be in the area on Wednesday, January 14, at Heritage Woods of Dwight.

Due to a federal holiday, the MMU will not be in Grundy County on the third Monday.

From time to time, the Hines MMU vehicle can be in for maintenance but the staff will still be at these locations. If you do not see the vehicle, check inside these locations. The Hines MMU staff is dedicated to continuing to serve the veterans even when the vehicle is not present.

“These services are being offered in the Grundy County area as part of the Grundy County VAC’s effort to get the services that our veterans need offered locally. Since Grundy County does not have any VA facilities or State of Illinois

offices we encourage veterans to take advantage of the mobile services that these agencies provide. All veteran services require basic eligibility and a veteran might have to go to the Hines VA Hospital or to Joliet for follow-on medical services but at least they can get basic information and services from these mobile providers. We are also encouraging the veterans to ask the staff about their additional needs, we hope as we identify additional needs we can work with the providers to meet those needs locally. So please visit the Hines MMU and ask the staff for the services you would like to see,” said Ken Buck from the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission.

To receive services the Veteran should take a copy of their DD214 (discharge documents) to confirm eligibility and validate active duty or their VA health ID card. If you do not have a copy, the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission can assist you with obtaining yours.

‘Life after Loss’ Support Group

OSF is hosting “Life After Loss,” an interdenominational support group of caring persons who have lost a loved one. The group meets at 5:15 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, with the next session scheduled for January 13. “Life After Loss” will meet at OSF

Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center in the 2nd floor Education Center. There is no cost to attend this support group and registration is not required. For more information, call (815) 842-4545.

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Sincerely, The Family of Vivian Finn
Sheryl Finn, Dan Finn,
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Serious Inquiries Only...

It’s a good time to be a team that I’m a fan of, which in return makes it a very good time to be me. First off, have to start with the roots: the Dwight Trojans are 11-2 coming off a 2nd place finish in their Holiday Tournament on their way to 20 wins...? I did predict that in an earlier column. Next up are the Illinois State Redbirds because the ISU football team advanced to the National Championship Game in Frisco, Texas (which I will be attending). The first time that has ever happened, so it’s really cool to be in school right now, and witness history taking place. Also awesome because I’ve never been to Texas and now this gives me a reason to go. Then the Chicago Cubs have had one of the best offseasons in recent memory because well... the Cubs just don’t usually have good offseasons so I’m going to really soak this one up. Go Cubs. Then the New England Patriots earned the number 1 seed in the NFL playoffs, and look like they might make a run at the Super Bowl this year, and since Eli Manning isn’t in the playoffs this year they might have a chance if they make it that far. What this really comes down to is if I rooted for a team in 2014 they were successful, if you’d like me to root for your team in 2015 to improve your team’s success, you can email me and we can work something out about how much I will root for your team. Serious inquiries only. The amount charged for rooting will depend on the amount of rooting that will take place, and how much time I will have to commit to your team. Boma’s rooting service coming to a team near you in 2015.

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Take The Bite Out Of Winter Driving -- Cold Weather Tips

By Ralph Lee

There's enough not to like about winter without having your car break down on the road. Take these steps to help prevent this from happening during frost-bitten weather.

- Manual labor
Break out your owner's manual and find a comfy chair. Now, read your manual and make sure you've been doing all the recommended maintenance to this point. Get the things done that you've neglected and make an appointment to have anything done that's required in the immediate future. Anything that's a problem now can be exacerbated by hazardous winter conditions.
- An ounce of prevention
Do a little investigative snooping under the hood to prevent trouble before it starts. Check your belts and hoses for wear. Make sure all your fluids are topped off, including the all-important windshield washer reservoir. When was the last time your anti-freeze was changed? If you don't know, it may be past time. Don't forget the battery. Remove your terminals and

- use warm water and baking soda to clean your battery's posts. There's nothing worse than having everything mechanically sound only to find your vehicle won't start because the battery is dead.
- Wiper not wiping?
It's a blizzard outside, but you're warm and toasty in your smoothly running car. Stay warm by making sure your windshield wipers are in good shape before the blizzard. There's nothing worse—not to mention dangerous—than having to stop every five minutes, get out of your car and brush the elements off your windshield because you're wipers aren't working right.
- Check the rubber and make sure there are no cracks or worn spots on the blade. Make sure the blade adheres to the windshield as it moves. If it doesn't, you may need to adjust the arm for a more snug fit. To ensure your wipers aren't overly taxed when snow and ice hit, stash a brush and ice scraper in the car to get as much debris off the windshield as possible before you begin driving.

- Tired tires
The importance of having quality tires to handle whatever road conditions winter may hold can't be overstated. Make sure your tread depth is adequate to handle the conditions for your area. Look at your tires and inspect them for tread life and uneven wearing. Check for cuts and nicks. While you're down there, check each tire's air pressure.
- Expect the unexpected
You've done everything right, but the possibility still exists you'll be left stranded some cold winter night. Be prepared by having some essentials to see you through until help arrives. Clean the junk out of your trunk and put in the following: flares, a flashlight, jumper cables, a shovel, blankets and sand for traction. Have some non-perishable food in your glove box.
- Don't go
Finally, if the weather is too bad, don't drive in it. Break out your favorite magazine or newspaper, grab some hot chocolate and find a comfy chair. The weather will get better...eventually.



Winter Ready: Good Tires Can Make All The Difference

By Tresa Erickson

"Why are you going to all of that trouble?" your sister demands to know after she hears you making an appointment with a service station to have your tires inspected. Unlike your sister who lives in the Sunshine State, you live up north, where winters can be harsh. In order to ensure you get where you need to this winter, you are having your vehicle winterized, starting with the tires.

Good tires can make all of the difference on treacherous winter roads. In order to prepare your vehicle for the rough weather ahead, you must make sure your tires are properly inflated. Tires lose about a psi of air pressure every month and every time the air temperature drops about 10 degrees. Vehicles with under-inflated tires do not handle well, especially on icy roads. They also increase wear and tear and use more gas.

If your vehicle is brand new, you may not have to worry much about the tire pressure. It probably came equipped with a tire pressure monitor that will inform you when the pressure has

dropped below a certain point. If you have an older vehicle, you will definitely need to keep an eye on the tire pressure and have your tires checked regularly.

You also need to keep an eye on the tread depth. The more worn and shallow the tread on your tires, the less grip you will have on the road. Depending upon where you live and how treacherous the roads become in the winter, you might want to consider switching to winter tires.

Designed specifically for icy roads, these will provide you with superior grip. Keep in mind that you will need to replace all four tires. Should you do just the back two, you will compromise your grip and your safety. To ensure this does not happen, some tire dealers refuse to sell consumers fewer than four tires, unless they need a single replacement winter tire.

It is important that you winterize your vehicle. Start with the tires and work your way up. The better prepared your car is for winter, the safer you will be when out and about.

The Most Important Part of Your Car Is Under Your Feet

By Ron Addy

The brakes are the most important part of your vehicle - without the ability to stop your vehicle, you're like a projectile in search of a target. Having your brakes checked periodically can stop a problem before it starts.

Not every brake problem warrants a replacement. For example, if the brake fluid is low, fill it up and pump the brakes a couple of times while the car is running. Slowly drive the car around to see if the brakes have improved. You may just need a new brake line. To detect a leak, park your vehicle overnight, move it a few feet in the morning and look for a wet spot.

- You will hear a grinding or squealing noise coming from the wheel area of the vehicle if you need new brakes. If you notice smoke coming from the wheel area, you should stop driving and have your brakes replaced immediately.
- Some problems you can experience with your brakes include:
 - Clunking brakes may indicate that the bolts holding the brakes together are loose. You could also have worn or broken suspension components.
 - Spongy or weak brakes may indicate low or contaminated brake fluid. If the fluid is contaminated, you will have to bleed your brakes and put in new fluid.

- You could also have worn brake pads.
- Squeaky or whiny brakes may indicate worn brake pads. There is a small metal gasket between the brake pad and the piston that absorbs vibrations. When it becomes worn, squealing occurs. The gasket must be replaced or at the very least coated with an anti-squeal lubricant.
- A brake pedal that goes down too far before you start to slow down may indicate low or contaminated brake fluid, worn brake pads or a bad brake power boost unit. To check the brake booster, you will need a special vacuum measurement device.
- Too firm of a brake pedal may indicate a problem with

- the vacuum system. If there is nothing wrong with the system, check your brake booster unit. Something may be blocking your brake fluid line, thereby preventing the fluid from reaching its destination.
- A brake pedal that goes to the floor may indicate no brake pressure due to low brake fluid or air in the brake fluid. If air is the culprit, you will need to bleed your brakes and replace the fluid. You could also have a bad master cylinder.
- Pedal vibration at any time other than when braking hard may indicate contaminated brake pads, bad brake discs, misalignment or worn front suspension.

Going Spareless: The Advantages And The Disadvantages Of Run-Flat Tires

By Tresa Erickson

Many of us have had to deal with a flat tire at some point or another. Getting out the spare, jacking up the vehicle and changing the flat tire are no fun, especially when you are dressed up and on your way to work or a special event. Imagine never having to do that again. Sound good to you? Then you'll be happy to know that run-flat tires are making their way onto vehicles.


Although run-flat tires were introduced in 1994, they have only recently become available on more vehicles. Currently, there are two basic types: self-supporting tires (SST) and patented auxiliary support tires (PAX).

- Both are designed to support the weight of a vehicle for 100 miles or more and allow drivers to continue moving down the road until they can find a shop to repair the flat. SSTs rely upon heavily reinforced sidewalls to support the vehicle's weight, while PAXs rely upon semi-rigid support rings.
- Run-flat tires offer many benefits, most importantly, convenience. Drivers don't have to worry about pulling over and changing a flat tire. They can leave that to the repair shop. They don't have to carry all of the tools necessary for changing a flat tire, giving them more space for other things. Some auto manufacturers, in fact, have taken advantage of this extra space to incor-

- porate other features into their models.
- Vehicles with run-flat tires have a tire pressure monitoring system, which lets drivers know when one of their tires has lost pressure and reduces the threat of a blowout. In instances where a blowout does occur, run-flat tires can handle the sudden deflation better than standard tires, allowing drivers to maintain stability.
- Because the technology is relatively new, run-flat tires do pose some problems. Run-flat tires are heavier, adding to the vehicle's weight and using more gas. According to some consumers, run-flat tires do not last nearly as long as standard tires. Replacements typically cost more than stan-

- dard tires and are not readily available at all shops. In some cases, run-flat tires can be repaired, but finding a shop with the equipment and knowledge to do so can be difficult.
- As run-flat tires become more commonplace, the problems with them will no doubt be worked out. In the meantime, consumers may want to take the purchase of a vehicle with run-flat tires into serious consideration.
- They should learn all that they can about the tires, including how much they cost and how easily they can be repaired and replaced.





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Happy Lee Whiteside

Week 17 Paper Bowl XIV

It wasn't easy for Dwight's Lee Whiteside, but he has claimed this week's \$100 Paper Bowl gift certificate. Sixteen swamis tied with 12-2 records in week seventeen. The tiebreaker for the week was 556. Whiteside squeezed out the victory with a tiebreaker guess of 525 (-31). He was followed in order by Coal City's Taylor Rhodes (-34), Dwight's Dee Banks (+44), Lee Dixon (+45), Glenda German (+63), Tim Wagenschutz (+63), Wayne German (+64), Odell's Chris Campbell (+75), Dwight's Pat Zappa (+80), Anne Martin (+84), Dana Taylor (+94), Tom Lenzie (+94)



(2x), Bill Martin (+96), Bill Martin (+98) and Keith Lauritzen (+110). That is an all-star list of swamis with Lee Whiteside sitting on top. One hundred and thirty-six entries were scored in week 17. Twenty-four entries finished with 11-3 records; 32 were 10-4; 17 ended 9-5; 16 slips recorded 8-6 marks and the remaining entries scored at or below the break-even mark. Your time is running out. We are down to our final two weeks of the Paper Bowl season. Our last two \$100 Paper Bowl gift certificates are tucked securely in the safe just waiting for you. This week you may enter up to five times. You can enter once at each drop location. Our designated sponsor locations this week are Planning Associates, Dwight Bank, Old World Liquors, Caper's Restaurant, and Streator Onized Credit Union. Get in while the getting's good. Enter today.

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TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS BASKETBALL

Sunday, December 28
Tri-Point vs. Serena
Varsity - Momence Holiday Tournament
In first round action of the Momence Holiday Tournament, Tri-Point fell to Serena, 57-35.
Kayleigh Miller had 17 points, leading the Lady Chargers. Jackie Weller added nine, while Ali Flessner scored four. Beth Houck put in three. Gabby McDermott added a bucket.
Tuesday, December 30
Tri-Point vs. Donovan
Varsity - Momence Holiday Tournament
The Lady Chargers edged

out Donovan, 41-37, in their second game of the Tourney.
Kayleigh Miller once again had 17 points, leading the team. Gabby McDermott added seven, while Jackie Weller had six. Ali Flessner scored five, while Beth Houck put in four. Brittany Fenning made two free throws.
Tri-Point vs. Wilmington
In their second game of the day, Tri-Point was defeated by Wilmington, 42-30.
Kayleigh Miller had 15 points in the loss. Jackie Weller scored 11. Ali Flessner added four points.
Miller was the lone Lady Charger making the All-Tournament Team.

DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, December 29
Dwight vs. Flanagan-Cornell
Varsity - Marseilles Holiday Tournament
Dwight defeated Flanagan-Cornell, 72-48, clinching a championship game appearance in the Marseilles Holiday Tournament.
The Trojans were hot from the field once again, shooting 52% in the contest.
Sophomore Justin Fox led the way on offense, scoring 12 in the game. Ryan Gaston, Drew Travers and Jace Kennedy each added nine points. Drew Jensen had seven points, including two three-pointers. Colton Fieldman and Devin Connolly each scored six. Caleb Boma, Collin Irvin and Owen Pulver had four points each. Jayson Powell contributed two points.
Tuesday, December 30
Dwight vs. Reed-Custer
Varsity - Marseilles Holiday Tournament
In a thrilling game for the ages, Dwight lost 101-96 to Reed Custer in a shootout that would take an extra four minutes to decide.
The Trojans came out of the gate rolling, scoring 30 first quarter points, to the Comets' 12. They would find themselves with a 46-27 lead at the half, and it appeared, were on their way

to a Marseilles Tourney title. Reed Custer had other plans.
Dwight would attempt to slow the action down in the third quarter, which may have nicked the cut that started the bleeding.
One could feel the momentum shifting as R-C stepped on the accelerator, putting up 27 points to the Trojans' 13 third quarter points.
The fourth would see the Comets fight back to take the lead. And a back-and-forth battle would ensue - which included Reed Custer's Travis Schoonover shooting lights-out late.
With the final seconds ticking off the clock, Dwight had a few final looks at the basket, and the win, but could not connect. Overtime would decide the outcome.
The Comets grabbed the lead early in OT, and did a great job of holding off a Dwight team that wasn't ready to go down. But the Trojans could not stop the scoring onslaught led by Schoonover and Co., and would eventually fall, 101-96.
Drew Travers led Dwight with 23 points and seven boards in the contest. Justin Fox scored 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Caleb Boma and Collin Irvin had ten points each. Jace Kennedy had eight points and five boards. Owen Pulver added seven points, while Colton Fieldman scored six. Drew Jensen and Ryan Gaston had five points each. Devin Connolly contributed two points.

The Trojans drop to 11-2 on the year, with both losses coming at the hands of Reed-Custer.
They went up against the Wildcats in Wilmington on Tuesday night.

DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 30
Dwight vs. Herscher
Varsity -
The Lady Trojans were defeated by Herscher, 66-23, in a non-conference game in Dwight.
Rachel Dawson led the team with eight points and six rebounds.
Dwight is now 2-6 overall and were in action Tuesday against Streator.

JV -
The JV Lady Trojans were defeated by Herscher, 30-16, on December 30.
Abby Edwards led the way with six points. Brooklyn Long had five, while McKenzie Zeedyk and Leah Flynn each scored two points. Macey Rodosky added a free throw.
Dwight drops to 2-3 on the season and went up against Streator Tuesday night.

GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Saturday, January 3
GSW vs. Reed-Custer
Varsity -
The Lady Panthers dropped to 8-8 after a 55-35 loss to Reed-Custer over the weekend.
GSW trailed by just three

at the half, but couldn't get anything going after that.
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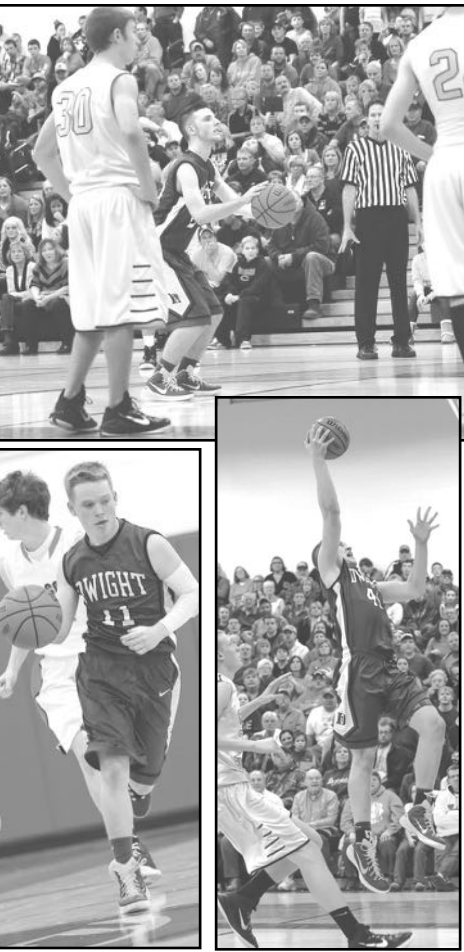
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Clockwise: DTHS Trojans Caleb Boma at the free-throw line, Owen Pulver at the hoop, Devin Connolly and Jace Kennedy.



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Dwight Girls JV & Varsity	Jan. 8	Momence	Momence	6:00
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Dwight Girls Freshmen	Jan. 7	Wilmington	Dwight	5:00
	Jan. 13	Coal City	Dwight	5:30
GSW Boys	Jan. 9	IL Lutheran	IL Lutheran	7:15
	Jan. 13	Tri-Point	GSW	7:15
GSW Girls	Jan. 7	IL Lutheran	IL Lutheran	5:45
	Jan. 8	Donovan	GSW	5:45
	Jan. 12	Beecher	Beecher	7:15
Tri-Point Boys	Jan. 9	St. Anne	St. Anne	7:15
	Jan. 13	GSW	GSW	7:15
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GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Saturday, December 27
GSW vs. Woodland
Varsity -
Marseilles Holiday Tourney

The Panthers did a great job of battling for 31 minutes, but in the final minute of regulation and throughout the overtime frame, Putnam County outplayed them - leading to a 65-55 GSW loss in Marseilles tourney action.

"Not only did PC outplay us in the final minutes, but we beat ourselves by not connecting on crucial free throws (2-9 from the line) and we did not take care of the basketball down the stretch," confessed Coach Gibson.

Kyle Robison played like an All-State player, scoring 32 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the game. Scott Horrie added eight points, while Jack Davidson and Blake Marks each scored six. Trevor McDaniel knocked down a three.

"This was a disappointing loss because we let a good team off the hook," Gibson added. "We had them beat but we didn't close the door."

Monday, December 29
GSW vs. Tri-Point
Varsity -
Marseilles Holiday Tourney

For the second game in a row, GSW was unable to close out their opponent in the Marseilles Holiday Tournament.

After building a 25-point lead in the fourth, turnovers

allowed the Tri-Point Chargers to make a run. And make a run, they did, scoring 40 in the quarter and forcing overtime.

The Panthers would pull it out in overtime to grab a 73-70 win, but the drama caused head coach Chris Gibson to be concerned.

"Right now, our guards are really lacking confidence with the ball," Gibson admitted. "We need to rectify this going into the new year or we will have more games like this and we may not be as fortunate."

On defense, GSW held Timmy Crouch to just three points - that is, until the fourth quarter, when he put up 16. Jordan Hamilton ended up with 25 in the game.

Kyle Robison led the team with 18 points. Scott Horrie put in 14, while Blake Marks and Brendan Elens scored 13 and 12, respectively. Trevor McDaniel scored nine in the contest, with Jack Davidson scoring four. Alex Bunna contributed three points.

Tuesday, December 30
GSW vs. Marquette Varsity -
Marseilles Holiday Tourney

GSW took on a tough Marquette team in the final game of the Marseilles tournament, falling 52-43.

"I liked our competitiveness in this game," Coach Gibson commented afterward. "Marquette is certainly one of the better teams we've played this season."

Austin Kavanaugh put up 15 points to lead the Panthers in scoring. Blake Marks added 14, with Kyle Robison putting in seven. Jack Davidson scored five points, with Brendan Elens and Alex Bunna each knocking down a free throw.

"We finished 2014 with an 8-5 record, which isn't necessarily where we wanted to be," said Gibson. "We haven't played up to our potential yet, but hopefully the new year will bring about a fresh start and renewed energy for us to accomplish the goals we have set before us."

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Thurs., Jan. 8: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, lyonnaise carrots, roll, fruited jello.

Fri., Jan. 9: Baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, seasoned black beans, 5-cup salad, whole grain wheat (2).

Mon., Jan. 12: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, Italian green beans, cinnamon buttered apples, French rolls.

Tues., Jan. 13: Fried chicken, mash-ed potatoes with gravy, seasoned greens, fruit pie, whole grain wheat.

Wed., Jan. 14: Turkey pot roast sandwich, root vegetables, seasoned steamed cabbage, apricots, bun.

Thurs., Jan. 15: Ham and beans, copper carrots, cornbread, peaches.

Milk is served each day.

For a reservation, call 815-584-2968 or 1-800-543-1770; or for more information call the 800 number.

New Books, DVDs at Odell Library

The following items are now available to be checked out at Odell Public Library:

Fiction

The Cinderella Murder by Mary Higgins Clark; Private India: City on Fire by James Patterson; The Chocolate Clown Corpse by JoAnna Carl; Endless Chain by Emilie Richards; By Winter’s Light by Stephanie Laurens; Mermaids in Paradise by Lydia Millet; Lila by Marilynne Robinson; Captivated by You by Sylvia Day; A Dream of Home by Amy Clipston; The Laws of Murder by Charles Finch; Scorched Eggs by Laura Childs; Full Force & Effect by Tom Clancy; Jason by Laurell K. Hamilton; The Captive by Grace Burrowes; Runner by Patrick Lee; The Secret of Pembroke Park by Julie Klassen; Flesh & Blood by Patricia Cornwell; Dogwood Hill by Sherryl Woods; Together Again by Debbie Macomber; Kaleidoscope by Kristin Ashley; Dragonfly in Amber by Diana Gabaldon; Haunted by Kay Hooper; The Devil’s Promise by David Stuart Davies; The Highland Dragon’s Lady by Isabel Cooper; The Devil in Montmartre by Gary Inbinder.

DVDs

Barbie: A Perfect Christmas; Prancer; Rise of the Guardians;

Dora’s Big Birthday Adventure; The Vampire’s Assistant: Cirque du Freak; The Sandlot; Journey 2 the Mysterious Island; Monster High: Ghouls Rule; The Dog Who Saved Christmas Vacation; House of Cards: Season One; Homeland: Seasons One and Two; Hannibal: Season One; Neighbors; Bad Grandpa; Let’s Be Cops; The Trackers (8 Westerns Movie Pack); Dirty Dancing; Mr. Peabody and Sherman; Mike the Knight; Mike’s Christmas Surprise; Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Rise of the Turtles; How to Train Your Dragon 2; Team Umi Zoomi: Umi Games; Smurfs: A Christmas Carol; Vampire Diaries: Season Five; Justified: Season Five.

Largeprint

The Forgiven by Marta Perry; Placebo by Steven James; Deceived by Irene Hannon; The Loner by J.A. Johnstone.

Young Adult

The Walled City by Ryan Graudin; Splintered by A.G. Howard; Talon by Julie Kagawa; Suspicion by Alexandra Monir; Mortal Heart by Robin LaFevers; Four by Veronica Roth; Atlantia by Ally Condie.

Nonfiction

Yes Please by Amy Poehler; The English Country House Garden by George Plumptre; 1,339 Quite Interesting Facts to Make Your Jaw Drop by John Lloyd; First to Jump by Jerome Preisler; As You Wish by Cary Elwes; The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo; The Popular Encyclopedia of Church History by Ed Hindson; The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope by Austen Ivereigh; The Gardener’s Son by Cormac McCarthy; 13 Hours by Mitchell Zuckoff; The Greatest Knight by Thomas Asbridge.

Easy/Juvenile

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon; Take Away the A by Michael Escoffier; Rapunzel Cuts Loose, Snow White Lucks Out by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams; Waiting is Not Easy! by Mo Willems; Shooting at Stars by John Hendrix; A Merry Christmas Cookbook by Christina Garces; Skylanders Universe Chronicles by Steve Bynghall; If You Were My Baby by Fran Hodgkins; The Dandelion Seed’s Big Dream by Joseph Anthony; There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Lucille Colandro; Hansel & Gretel by Neil Gaiman; Rocket’s 100th Day of School by Tad Hills; Mr. Squirrel and the Moon by Sebastian Meschenmoser.

Pre-Diabetes Class at OSF Saint James

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center is offering a class for people who have been told they have pre-diabetes and want to make lifestyle changes to help prevent the development of type 2 diabetes. The class will be held on Tuesday, January 13 at 4:45 p.m. in the Education Center on the 2nd floor of OSF Saint James. This class focuses on the changes in diet and the level of

physical activity needed to increase the success rate of preventing type 2 diabetes. Each participant in the class will receive a blood glucose meter and carbohydrate counting information. The cost is \$25 per person. To register, call (815) 842-4970.

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

Sibling Class Offered

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center is offering a Sibling Class to help prepare brothers and sisters ages two and older for the arrival of their new family member. The two-hour class, which includes a short film, hands-on diapering, dressing a baby and a tour of the Family Birthing Center, will be held on

Sunday, January 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the OSF Saint James Education Center on the 2nd floor of the Medical Center.

Cost is \$15 per family, and a parent must accompany their child to the class. Registration is required and can be made online www.osfsaintjames.org/calendar by January 11.

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AREA CHURCHES

DWIGHT

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
DwightUMC.org
Pastor: Lance Leeds
• JAN. 7: 3 - 5 p.m., Kids Klub; REAL Youth Group; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Ignite Youth Group; 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.
• JAN. 8: 9 a.m., Outreach; 7:30 p.m., Praise Team rehearsal.
• JAN. 9: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., MMDC Trip.
• JAN. 10: 7 a.m., Men’s Bible Study at Rt. 66 and Pete’s.
• JAN. 11: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service; 6 p.m., 20-40 Something Bible Study.
• JAN. 12: 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.
• JAN. 13: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.
• JAN. 14: 8:30 a.m., Willing Workers White Elephant Sale; 3 - 5 p.m., Kids Klub; REAL Youth Group; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Ignite Youth Group; 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
584-1023 parsonage
Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, Pastor
• JAN. 7: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Weekday School; Handbells and choir

practice.
• JAN. 10: 5 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
• JAN. 11: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 2 p.m., Heritage Manor Chapel.
• JAN. 14: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Weekday School; Handbells and choir practice.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward
• JAN. 7: Wednesday Evening Service & King’s Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.
• JAN. 11: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Pastor Connie Williams
Moodye, Intentional Interim Minister
• JAN. 11: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: “What’s In It For God?”
• JAN. 14: Women’s Guild meeting, 7 p.m.
• JAN. 21: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
• *January Mission of the Month* – Pilgrim Park/Outdoor Ministries; or Caring Pregnancy Center.

New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
815-584-3430
dwightnewlife.org
• JAN. 7: 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.
• JAN. 8: 6:30 p.m., X-treme Youth; 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• JAN. 9: 5 p.m., Smart Choice Food Ordering; 6 p.m., Ladies Night/Cooking 101.
• JAN. 10: 7 a.m., Courageous Men’s Group.
• JAN. 11: 9 a.m., Morning Prayer; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Ministry.
• JAN. 14: 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.
• JAN. 15: 6:30 p.m., X-treme Youth Group; 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Rectory
Rev. Chris Haake, Pastor
• JAN. 10: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
• JAN. 11: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St.
stpetersdwhight@sbcglobe1.net
Office: Tu-F, 9 - noon
Tu. and Wed., 2 - 5:30
• JAN. 7: 10 a.m., The Story Group; 2 p.m., bingo at Heritage Health; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 6:30 p.m., Youth Group.
• JAN. 8: 7 p.m., The Story group.

• JAN. 9: 8 p.m., A.A. meeting.
• JAN. 10: 5 p.m., HC Worship.
• JAN. 11: Baptism of Our Lord -- 9 a.m., HC Worship; 10:15 a.m., Fellowship; 10:30 a.m., Adult Faith Development; 10:30 a.m., Sunday School.
• JAN. 13: 7 p.m., Council meeting.
• JAN. 14: 10 a.m., The Story group; 4 p.m., Social Services Team meeting; 6:30 p.m., Youth Group.
• JAN. 15: 7 p.m., The Story group.

BRACEVILLE
Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Gould St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods
• JAN. 7: Children’s After School Programs: J.A.M. Junction, Jesus and Me: Kindergarten - 4th grades; After school - 4:30 p.m., Snacks provided. Preteen After School Programs: E.D.G.E. Exploring & Discovering God Everywhere; After school - 4:30 p.m. Snacks are provided.
• S.T.A.T.I.C. Youth Group: Standing Together As Teens in Christ, 7th - 12th grades, 6 - 8 p.m. Snacks are provided.
• EVERY WEDNESDAY: 4:35 p.m. - 5:05 p.m., The Lighthouse Contemporary Time of Prayer. Everyone welcome!

• FRIDAYS: 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.
• JAN. 11: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
• JAN. 13: United Methodist Women, 1:30 p.m.
• JAN. 24: 2 p.m., Free movie with popcorn and snacks. “God Is Not Dead.”

CABERY

Cabery United Methodist Church
Ames at Chester Street
708-707-7648
Rev. Rebecca Klemm
• Sundays: 8:45 a.m., Worship; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
815-949-2568
Rev. Richard Kostelz
• 4 p.m., Mass on Saturday; 10:15 a.m., Mass on Sunday; 8:30 a.m., Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 7 p.m., Mass on Wednesday.

CAMPUS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• JAN. 11: 10 a.m., Mass.

CULLOM

Cullom United Methodist Church
Van Alstyne at Walnut
708-707-7648
Rev. Rebecca Klemm
• Sundays: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship.

St. John’s Roman Catholic Church
113 Van Alstyne Street
• Saturday, Mass at 4 p.m.
• Sunday, Mass at 10 a.m.

St. John’s Lutheran Church
511 W. Jackson
Rev. Trudy Foote, Pastor
689-2120, Church
stjohns@frontiernet.net
• SATURDAYS: 5 p.m., Informal Worship with Holy Communion.
• SUNDAYS: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Worship. Holy Communion served the first Sunday of each month

EMINGTON

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Pastor Connie Williams
Moodye, Intentional Interim Minister
• JAN. 11: Worship - 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: “What’s In It For God?” Departments meeting.
• JAN. 14: Council meeting, 6:45 p.m.
January Food Pantry Collection: Cereal.

ESSEX

Essex United Methodist Church
114 Waverly St.
Pastor Carlson Cox
815-216-3505
• SUNDAYS: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Worship Service.
• Holy Communion served first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

St. Lawrence O’Toole Catholic Church
• Mass, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
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GARDNER

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United Lutheran Church ELCA
309 E. Jefferson St.
815-237-2227
pastorluc@att.net
Pastor Jana Howson
• SUNDAYS: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament.
• Every 3rd Thursday - Dessert Sale at the Gardner Legion Hall for bingo.

HERSCHER

Herscher United Methodist Church
274 N. Elm Street
Phone: 815-426-6169
Pastor Kevin Boesen
• Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

Herscher Christian Church
30 Tobey Drive
Lead Minister, Tyson Graber;
Youth Minister, Ryan Baker;
Children’s Minister, Tiffani Graber; Worship Minister, Dustin Honn
815-426-2908 or 823-6072
Staff e-mail: life@herscherschristian.com
herscherschristian.com
On Facebook: Herscher Christian Church
• Sundays: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Morning Worship; 6 p.m., Prayer Time
• Wednesdays: 6 p.m., Open Meal Program; 6:30 p.m., Children’s Program; 6:30 p.m., Adult Bible Study; 7:45 p.m., Teen Worship Time

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
Main Street
Pastor: Rev. Doug Hauber
815-426-2153
• Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.

• Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.
• Monday and Friday, Masses, 8 a.m.
• Saturday confessions, 4:15 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Pastor Rodney Serbus
Deaconess Phaedra Serbus
255 E. Third Street
Phone 815-426-2262
fax 815-426-2390
Email: trinityher1@comcast.net
trinitylutheranherscher.org
• Services: Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
• Sunday School and Bible Study, 9:15 - 10:45
• Communion schedule: First and third weekends of each month

KEMPTON

Kempton Church of the Nazarene
105 E. Main St.
815-253-6250
Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor
• Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Kempton United Methodist Church
305 W. Main Street
708-707-7648
Rev. Rebecca Klemm
• Sundays: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship

KINSMAN

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
301 Emmett Street
Fr. John Horniak, Pastor
392-4245 or 237-2230
• Saturday, 6 p.m., Mass; Reconciliation, 5:15 - 5:45 p.m.
• Sunday, 7:30 a.m., Mass

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
E-mail: markamenda@gmail.com
Rev. Mark D. Amenda
• Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.
• Sunday School Class, 10:15 a.m., each Sunday.
• Bible Study Group, 10:30 a.m., each Sunday.

Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ
806 Park Street
Pastor Tyler Carrell
Phone 448-5514
• Sunday Worship Services, 9 a.m.
• Sunday School: Destination Unknown, 10:15 a.m.
• Coffee hour, 10:15 a.m.

ODELL

St. Paul Catholic Church
• Saturdays: Mass, 4:30 p.m.
• Sundays: 8 a.m., Mass

United Church of Odell
109 N. Morgan Street
Phone 815-998-2271
Pastor Patricia Morton
• Sundays: 8:45 a.m., Worship Service, followed by adult bible study

RANSOM

Ransom United Methodist Church
102 E. Plumb Street
Church: 586-4504
Parsonage: 586-4657
Pastor Danira Parra
• Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.
• Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

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

REDDICK

Reddick United Methodist Church
35900 E 3200 N Road
Pastor Kevin Boesen
Phones: Office: 815-426-6169
Church: 815-365-4223
• 8:30 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Sunday Service

SAUNEMIN

Saunemin United Methodist Church
90 North Street
815-832-4935
Pastor Jane Bradford
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.

SOUTH WILMINGTON

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
135 Rice Road
Fr. John Horniak, Pastor
• SATURDAYS: 4 p.m. Mass
• SUNDAYS: 10 a.m. Mass
• Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Mass

South Wilmington United Methodist Church
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Pastor Kevin Boesen
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Dwight Takes 2nd in Marseilles Holiday Tourney



DTHS TROJAN Drew Travers goes inside for two against Reed Custer in the Marseilles Holiday Tournament. Travers put up big numbers in the game, with 23 points and seven boards. Collin Irvin, at right, goes up in traffic against Flanagan and scores two for Dwight.



CONGRATS TO SOPHOMORE JUSTIN FOX! ABOVE, Fox was named to the All-Tournament Team at Marseilles. He scored 20 in the championship game against Reed Custer. At left, he goes up for two in a crowd of Comets. Below, Trojan Drew Jensen moves the ball.



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