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A LONE SET OF TRACKS leads out to the dock where a snow covered Lions Lake, Dwight, hides the frozen lake underneath.

#### **Athletic Hall of Fame**

**Induction Ceremony - Friday, Jan. 16** Details on page 9 today.

#### **Coca-Cola Classic**

5th and 6th grade Basketball Tourney

Saunemin GS, January 17, 19, 23 and 24

#### **Dwight Sports Booster** Bash

Tickets available from any Booster Club Board member or at Jensen's Amoco in Dwight. Contact Molly with questions at

#### **South Wilmington Boys Bronco League Baseball Sign-up**

Saturday, January 17 and Sunday, January 25 from 1-3 p.m. South Wilmington Boys Bronco league baseball signups will be held at the Village Hall in South Wilmington. Any questions, contact Ralph Countryman @ 815-703-

#### **Gardner Area Youth Baseball** Sign-Ups Feb. 1

Gardner Area Youth Baseball sign-ups will be held for children who have turned four years of age by May 1, 2015. Sign-ups will be held at the Gardner Grade School Gym

Sunday, February 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. New players will need a birth certificate.

For further information, please contact Vice President Jamie Wilkey at 815-791-6599.

#### **Tri-Point FFA Alumni to Host Annual Auction Jan. 14**

Alumni will be holding the available beginning at 5:00 16th Annual Scholarship p.m., followed by the live Auction tonight, Wednesday, January 14, at the Kempton

Legion Hall. The event will begin with a complimentary meal at 5:00 p.m. The live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Many

Tri-Point FFA silent auction items will be auction. The proceeds from the auction are used for scholarships and incentives for Tri-Point FFA members as well as improvements for the Tri-Point High School

Agriculture Department.

#### **Shop Inserts** in The Paper Today! **Berkot's Super Foods Godley Park District**

**Nelson Furniture** • **Shopko** Some inserts not available in total market area. Kruzin' With The Bileckis

# Chicken Basket Re-visited

Whoever tried to take away the thought of a Route 66 event because of Fall and Winter weather was really

On Friday, November 21, we had the pleasure to attend a cruise-in, radio mote at yes - the nostalgic Chicken Basket on Route 66 in Willowbrook. Our co-hosts to several hundred diners were Wendy Snyder and Bill Leff of WGN-720-AM

Chicago. Owners of Dell Rhea's Chicken basket - Grace and Patrick Rhea - were busy accommodating all of the diners with their worldfamous delicious chicken dinners: Various show business stars popped in during the show and all mentioned they were happy to be on the famous Route 66. The route was publicized heavily the weeks before on WON radio. As usual, Del Rhea's was a great stop for the steady stream of customers making it a huge success.

We remember many visits to the Chicken Basket and an outstanding one was in 2002 when we accompanied and cruised with a large touring group of French visitors manning over 30 French Citron vehicles - pre and post WWII - on their journey through Illinois.

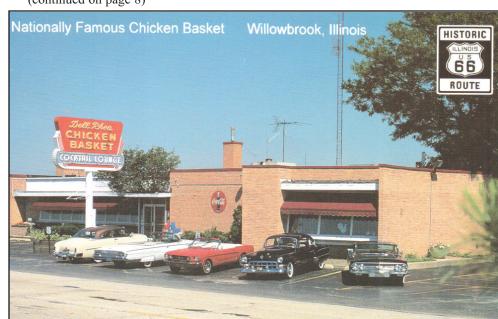
They were celebrating the liberation of their country by America's troops by traveling coast to coast - LA to Chicago to New York. This event occurred during the week of August 2, 2002. They too enjoyed the fabulous Rhea's chicken. We will never forget their enthusiasm to be here in America and to be able to thank us

Like many of our fellow roadies 2014 gave us much to remember in our travels and our friendships - new and old! We look back at our

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The Bileckis' Coral "57" - Geraldine - and a 1939 French Citron on Route 66/53 in 2002 in Elwood.



Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket, Willowbrook.

# Candidates File Petitions for Dwight School Boards

by Madelyn Fogarty

Several terms will expire leaving opportunities for candidates seeking open positions on the Dwight Grade School District #232 and Dwight Township High School District #230 Boards of Education.

At Dwight Grade School, seats currently held by Rob Pulver (current Board President), Ron Colebank, Marc Ellis, and Kim Frauli will expire leaving open seats for three four-year terms and one two-year term. Pulver and Colebank are not seeking re-election.

Petitions have been filed by Marc Ellis and Kim Frauli, both seeking

four-year seats on the Dwight Grade School Board of Education. There are no candidates for the third four-year seat or the two-year seat. While the date to file a formal petition has passed, Declarations of Intent to be a write-in candidate can still be filed with the County Clerk's Office until February 5.

For the Dwight High School District, seats held by Irv Masching, Kim Rodosky, and Paul Ferrari will expire leaving three four-year terms open. Petitions have been filed by four candidates including Kim Rodosky, Paul Ferrari, Travis Swink and Kevin

Regarding Dwight High School District #230, two board members of the seven member board must be from the unincorporated area. Of the current board members, one remaining resides in the unincorporated area which means one person from the three elected must be from the DTHS District's unincorporated area.

Irv Masching, current DTHS Board President, will not be seeking re-election. Masching has served on the Dwight Township High School Board of Education for more than 24 years.

The 2015 Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7.

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#### **Tickets Issued** by Dwight Police

January 2, 2015: Jonathan R. Person, Catlin, speeding (radar), 73/55; Megan Graham, Manteno, speeding (radar), 72/55; Patricia D. Boyne, Dwight, improper display of registration.

January 3: James C. Larsen, Dwight, failure to reduce speed/accident; Kirk Henning, Momence, speeding (radar), 72/55; Shirley E. Carraro, Seneca, improper lighting - one head-

January 7: Andrew S. Walker, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

#### 16 Warnings Issued

by Dwight Police Traffic sign violation, 3; driver's license not on person, 1; no rear registration plate light, 3; improper lighting - one headlamp, 5; muffler violations, 1; fail to notify SOS of change/address, 2; operate uninsured motor vehicle, 1.

#### **Accidents Investigated** by Dwight Police

Saturday, January 3, 2015, 1:25 p.m., Route 47 at East North Street, Dwight - Officer Charlie

Houch: A gray 1992 Nissan pickup truck, driven by James C. Larsen of Dwight, and a 2008 Toyota Camry, driven by Ronda M. Schlechte of Strasburg were involved in an acci-

dent. Sunday, January 4, 2015, 1:28 p.m., 12 W. Northbrook Dwight - Officer Charlie Houch: A 2000 Peterbilt driven tractor, Roberto Ruiz of Roma, Texas, and a 2012 Chevy pickup, driven Aleksander L. Tebich of Channahon, were involved in an accident.

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 8:00 a.m., 801 S. Franklin St., Dwight -Officer Michael Nolan: A 2005 Honda Civic, driven by Nicholas J. Parisi of Dwight, and a 2010 Toyota Camry, driven by Conor J. Livingston of Dwight, were involved in an acci-

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 9:00 a.m., northbound Rt. 47 at Rt. 17, Officer Dwight Michael Nolan: Cynthia L. Vojvoda of Minooka driving a 2007 Jeep Sportsman, and a 2010 Ford Fusion driven by Arlene E. Prindiville of Dwight were involved in an accident.

Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 6:43 p.m., 12 W. Northbrook Dwight - Officer Chad Brown: Francisco M. Mendez of Laredo, Texas, was driving a 2004 Freightliner.

#### Ambulance Runs by **Dwight EMS**

January 2, 2015: 9:50 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 12:39 p.m., Seminole, trauma, MCH.

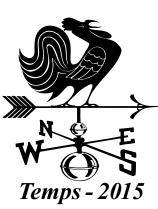
January 3: 7:13 a.m., Lincoln St., trauma, St. James; 11:52 Northbrook, medical, Morris; 1:54 p.m., Union St., trauma, refusal.

January 4: 11:35 a.m., Chippewa, trauma, Morris; 2:12 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 3:56 p.m., Prairie, medical, refusal; 6:10 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

January 5: 6:34 a.m., John St., trauma, refusal; 8:39 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

January 7: 8:37 a.m., Mazon, trauma, James.

January 8: 1:23 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 7:45 a.m., 2800N, medical, Morris.



Jan. 1 – high 29°, low 14° Jan. 2 – high 35°, low 17° .13" precip.

Jan. 3 – high 34°, low 30° .18" precip. / 1" snow

Jan. 4 – high 30°, low -1° .02" precip. / 1" snow Jan. 5 – high 10°, low 1°

.20" precip. / 5" snow Jan.  $6 - \text{high } 9^{\circ}, \text{low } -3^{\circ}$ 

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noon on Friday.

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1/2/15 Sue Carrasco, Dwight

1/7/15 Dave Bozarth, Dwight

1/9/15 Keith Perry, Dwight

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1/3/15 Eric & Kelli Baudino, Mazon

1/4/15 Mike & Mary Gerber, Dwight

1/6/15 Randall & Judy Farris, Dwight

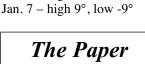
1/8/15 Willie & Norma Rodosky, Dwight \$20

Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar.

A few calendars are available. Contact Rodney Connor or

the DEA office in the Depot.

1/5/15 Kasey Strachan, Emington



Annual Meetings are an Annual Meetings are also an

dents are invited to attend the 70th Annual Meeting of the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), which will be held on Thursday, January 22, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Pontiac Elks Lodge. A breakfast buffet will be available at 8:00 a.m. and will be followed by a short business meeting, the election of two directors, presentation of awards and a program by guest speaker,

This year, they will be presenting the **Conservation** Partner Awards to several individuals who have gone above and beyond to promote and assist District programs and events this year:

- M & S Dairy
- Roger Windhorn

IDOT SALT TRUCKS were ready for the ice and snow that arrived Sunday afternoon and evening. A steady rain of snow fell across most of the area creating havoc on the roadways. Remember to keep an emergency kit in your car for unexpected emergencies, especially in the winter months.



#### Sec. of State Offices Closed for MLK, Jr. Day

Illinois Secretary of State ties will open for regular Jesse White announced that all Driver Services facilities and offices that are open Monday through Friday will be closed Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Driver Services facilities that are normally open Tuesday through Saturday will close on Saturday, January 17. All Driver Services facili-

business on Tuesday. January 20.

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.

#### **CPR Training Course at KCC Feb. 11**

A CPR training course is being offered at Kankakee Community College.

The training will provide the information, demonstration and practice necessary to pass the CPR Healthcare Provider written examination and perform adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation acceptable to the American Heart Association.

"CPR Healthcare Provider" will meet 5:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, in Room D151 at KCC. Registration deadline is February 3. No refunds are given after the

registration deadline. Course number is WELL 9006.Q16. A fee applies, and includes the required textbook. The instructor is Sheree Wertz. After successful completion, participants will receive an AHA certification card.

This course does not award college credit. To register or 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.

#### Liv. Co. SWCD's 70th Annual Meeting

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opportunity to celebrate the occasion to learn about chalaccomplishments of the past lenges and to discuss goals year and to recognize out- of an organization for the Award to: standing efforts of specific upcoming year. groups and individuals. Livingston County resi-**CONGRATULATIONS! DAILY CASH CALENDAR WINNERS** 

Gene Schmidt.

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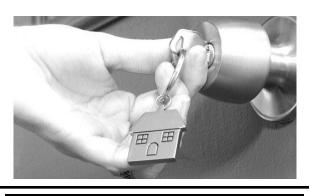
Farm Family of the Year • Maier Family Farm This year, they host guest

In addition, they are pre-

senting the Conservation

speaker, Mr. Gene Schmidt, Past President of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). Gene, a Livingston County native, and his wife, Diane, farm 1,500 acres in Indiana and operate a retail seed business. As their soils are sandy, irrigation and surface drainage are used. Crops that they grow include seed corn, seed beans, wheat, and recently they began growing tomatoes. Conservation practices in use on Schmidt's farm include minimum till, no-till, cover crops, stream buffers and windbreaks.

In 2012, Gene received the Master Farmer Award from Indiana Prairie Farmer. Gene has shown exemplary conservation leadership at the local, state and national



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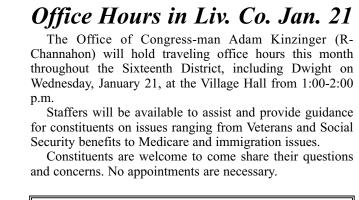
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What Does 2015 Hold in Store for Investors? If you're an investor, you probably had a pretty good year in

It's essentially impossible to make precise predictions about the performance of the financial markets — but it is possible to identify those economic conditions and market forces that may help shape outcomes in the investment world for 2015. By paying close attention to these conditions and forces, you can gain some valuable insights as to what investment moves might make sense

for you. Here are a few of these moves:

Consider adding stocks. With stock prices having climbed higher and higher for more than five years, you might be wondering if it's time to scale back on your ownership of equities. After all, no "bull" market lasts forever. Still, some factors point to continued strength for stocks over the long term. First, we are seeing signs of improving economic growth; employment gains and low oil prices are giving consumers more confidence, leading to a boost in spending. Second, corporate earnings — a key driver of stock prices — were quite strong in the second half of 2014, and companies appear poised to show more good results in 2015. Third, stocks — at least large-company stocks — are still reasonably valued, as measured by their price-to-earnings ratios (P/E). Given these factors, you might want to think about adding quality stocks to your holdings — assuming, of course, these stocks can help meet your needs for a balanced portfolio. And be aware that even the most favorable conditions can't assure a continued run-up in stock prices, which can and will fluctuate.

Prepare for rising interest rates. For several years, interest rates have been at, or near, historical lows. Given the strengthening economy, and the decreased need for stimulus, the Federal Reserve may well raise short-term interest rates in 2015, perhaps as early as this summer. But long-term rates may start rising even before then, so you may want to take a close look at your bonds and other fixed-rate investments. As you probably know, when interest rates rise, the value of existing bonds typically falls because investors won't pay full price for your bonds when they can get newly issued ones that pay higher rates. One way to combat the effects of rising rates is to build a "ladder" consisting of short-, intermediate- and long-term bonds. With such a ladder, you'll be able to redeem your maturing short-term bonds and reinvest them in the new, higher-paying bonds.

Look for investment opportunities abroad. Although economic growth has been slow in parts of the world, especially China, many countries have now initiated policies to spur economic growth. These actions can create opportunities for international equity investments. Keep in mind, though, that international investing involves particular risks, such as currency fluctuations and political and economic instability. So if you are considering foreign investments, you may want to consult with a financial professional.

There are no guarantees, but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to take advantage of what looks to be a fairly favorable investment environment for 2015. While you should make most of your investment decisions based on long-term considerations, it's always a good idea to be attuned to what's happening in the world around you — and to respond appropriately.

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



Report by: Justin Dyer, Deputy Fire Chief

The 2014 year-end report is dedicated to Fire Chief Paul Johnson and his family. Without their dedication, commitment and sacrifices, the level of success reached would not have been imagi-

Dwight Fire Protection District went through many changes in 2014. A new Fire Chief was named, a record number of training hours were completed, and countless upgrades throughout the station and apparatus have been completed.

In May of 2014, Paul Johnson was named Fire Chief and he brought a lot of new ideas and goals to the table. Chief Johnson has over 20 years of firefighting experience and is one of the most certified Firefighters in the State. Chief Johnson hosts an incredible number of State level certifications and licenses along with a Bachelor Degree in Fire Science with a minor in Administration. Public Changes in leadership did not end with the naming of a new Fire Chief. The organization restructured by promoting Andrew Kelson to Captain, Dustin Campbell to

#### Dwight Fire Protection District 2014 Year-End Report

Kolthoff, Mitch Nettleingham and Kyle Adamic to Engineers. With the new leadership the District has been able to accomplish goals never before imaginable. With the leadership of the Chief and his command staff the Fire District has been evolving to meet the needs of our community and

our firefighters. The members have been involved in more training in 2014 than in the past years, topping over 3000 hours of combined training. DFPD is hosting an in-house Firefighter Academy led by Chief Johnson and Captain Kelson. Also DFPD has hosted a number of training classes taught through the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

Significant improvements have been made to streamline the operation with emergency response effectiveness and safety. New technology has been purchased to better track incidents, training, billing, and building inspections. The membership has volunteered countless hours to assist in public education and community events throughout the year including school fire drills, extrication demos, Taste of Dwight activities for children, fundraisers, support parades, blood drives and Habitat for Humanity home The entire construction.

membership has become driven and focused, making all of the accomplishments a fantastic achievement.

The listed items are only a fraction of the time and dedication provided by the entire membership of the Dwight Fire Protection District. With the year 2014 wrapped up, the Dwight Fire Protection District has set more goals and raised the training bar even higher for 2015. We are looking forward to providing a quality service to the community and its visitors in 2015 by staying focused on our mission statement which is: "The Dwight Fire Protection District will provide for the safety and health of our community and our visitors through professional emergency response, fire prevention and public education."

#### 2014 Emergency **Incidents and Training**

Number of Incidents 225 including: 21 building fires, 35 medical assists, 48 motor vehicle accidents, 10 power lines down and numerous other emergencies.

Total Training Hours for all personnel: 3120, with numerous certifications reached by many personnel, such as: Structural Collapse Rescue, Trench Rescue Technician, Basic Firefighter, Operations Operations Advanced Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Tech-nician 'B"

Level, Fire Inspector 1, Fire Inspector 2, and Emergency Medical Technician.

The membership of the Dwight Fire Protection District would like to thank the members of the community for the continued support throughout the years. We all are looking forward getting even more involved with the community in the future. Feel free to stop by the Fire House anytime, even just to look around or chat.

Currently the department has 27 active members on the roster and would like to add a few more. Anyone interested in joining this outstanding organization is asked to stop by on Monday evenings or apply online at www.dwightfire.org. Also the members of the Dwight Fire Protection District would like to thank our District Trustees, President Gary Marx, Treasurer Eric Stewart and Secretary Rod Kodat. Without their support and enthusiasm none of the above achievements would have been possible.

**Senator Rezin's** reaction to Governor-elect Rauner's nomination of Philip Nelson, a Seneca farmer, to lead the Illinois **Department of** Agriculture

"I am very pleased and excited Philip Nelson will be the state's next Department of Agriculture Director. As a fourth generation farmer from Seneca, he is the perfect fit to grow Illinois' exports, be an advocate for farmers, and help feed not only Illinois residents, but people around the world. He will also be an advocate for growing our energy industry. I am so proud to call Philip a friend and neighbor. The 38th District is proud as well. It's refreshing very also Governor-elect Rauner picked a farmer to lead the Department of Agriculture. Philip's experience in the fields, on the combine, at the elevator, and leading the Illinois Farm Bureau will pay great dividends to those involved in the agriculture industry in Illinois and our economy. I am looking forward to working with Philip in his new role to make sure all our farmers, those in the agriculture industry, and those in the energy industry have the support they need from Springfield."



# "Strong Start" for IL in Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment

Mary Kuhlman

It's the final push to get eligible Illinoisans signed up for health insurance available under the Affordable Care Act. There's just about one month left until the deadline to sign up for a Marketplace Insurance Plan. It's the second year of Get Covered Illinois and executive director Jennifer Koehler says more than 121,000 people enrolled or reenrolled during the first month of enrollment.

We think that's a strong start, we obviously have still a way to go," she says. "But with the addition of this new number, basically it means that approximately 800,000 people in Illinois have obtained coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

There are 400 marketplace plans available this year, and Koehler says GetCoveredIllinois.gov website has comparison tools available to help people select a plan that meets their individual needs and budget. January 15 is the deadline to apply for coverage that starts February 1. The final deadline for coverage in 2015 is

February 15.

Koehler says there has been good interest in the marketplace this year and the majority of

enrollees are new applicants. "We've enrolled more people in the first 30 days of open enrollment this year, than we did in the first 90 days last year," says Koehler. "In general our reports from the field indicate the program overall seems to be running smoothly."

While pleased with the progress, Koehler adds there are still tens of thousands of uninsured Illinoisans. She says they've been using a direct-mail program in southern parts of the state where it can be difficult to reach the uninsured through traditional means.

"In urban areas, you've got a lot of traffic in particular locations," says Koehler. "Some of our downstate areas, the uninsured are literally tens or hundreds of miles away from each other."

In the final weeks before the deadline, she says they'll expand outreach to seven additional



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pate in LP training. At left,

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#### **Crimestoppers Search** for Information About **Gardner PO Damage**

Crimestoppers of Grundy County is seeking information regarding a recent criminal damage to property incident at the Gardner Post Office.

The incident occurred between January 6 and 7 at the Post Office. The suspect(s) broke the glass to one of the doors in the building.

Callers providing information to the Crimestoppers Line at 815-942-9667 will remain anonymous and rewards of up to \$5,000.00 are eligible for information that leads to an arrest and filing of criminal charges on crime occurring in Grundy County.

#### **Gardner Fire Protection District** Weekly Calls

January 8: MVC, I-55 mm 223; MVC, mutual aid Dwight FD, I-55 mm 217. January 9: medical, N.

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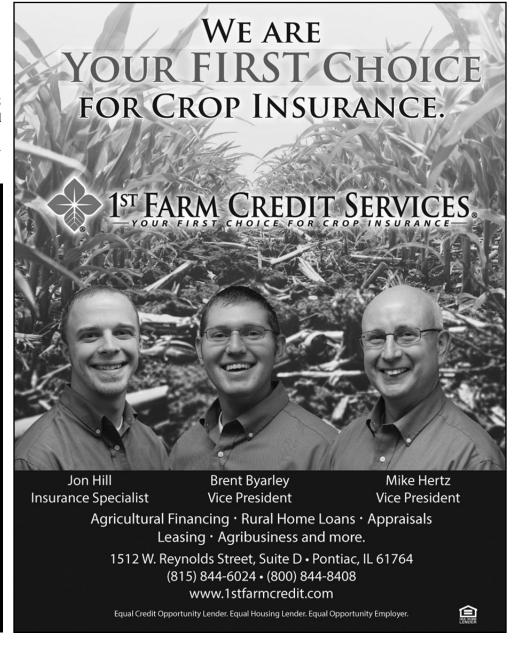
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#### American Legion Aux. Unit 122 Holds Party

Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom met December 8 for the Auxiliary Christmas Party at the Post.

President Suellen Fink held a short meeting. With the flags in place, a hand salute was given and Chaplain Vicki Allen offered a prayer. In memory of the deceased, they stood in silence. Co-Americanism Chairmen Pat Fagan and Judy Ehlers led in the Pledge of Allegiance. One stanza of "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung, led by Phyllis Perring. The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary repeated.

President Suellen welcomed the Junior Auxiliary members and other guests. Roll call of officers reported seven, with 17 members present. Secretary Diane Shapland read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved, with one correction being made: Meri Knapp did not volunteer to write a letter to the American Legion/SAL. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report by Diana Taylor was given. Bills were presented. Motion and second to pay the bills. Report filed for audit. On membership: announced that 17th District is in second place, and 4th Division is in first.

Report on Veteran's Day Assemblies: Kempton went well, with Marsha Haag and Suellen Fink folding the flag

The American Legion and showing the kids how the poppies are put together by the Veterans. Piper City the flag bearers were the Junior Girls Gabby Spangler and Jade King. It also went well. Lunch was attended by several Legion and Auxiliary people at Sling Shots, with guest speaker Matt Kreeb, who spoke at the High School in the afternoon.

> Audit Committee will continue the audit at a later date. Motion to hold off Audit was made. Motion carried.

Diane Shapland is hoping to have a Leadership Training on January 17. She will serve lunch and contact some close-by Units to attend. She will check the response for this. Past Presidents Parley raffle tickets: Ask each unit to purchase \$5.00 worth. Request to purchase poppies: Motion to purchase 2,000 poppies was made, seconded, and carried. Sick Call was made. With no further business coming before the meeting, the Chaplain led them in a prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

A meal was enjoyed afterwards, followed by Take Away Bingo with Juniors and Adults. Committee was Suellen Fink, Vicki and Becky Allen, and Kim then decides what to imple-Harms. Everyone brought unwrapped gifts for the Veterans at Manteno and articles of clothing for the young children at Tri-Point, who don't come with warm clothes or get them wet when they are there.

### **Dwight Rotarians Hears From IHSA**

Dwight welcomed Mr. Craig Anderson, from the Illinois High School Association, to speak to them regarding IHSA's purpose and organization, the state of sports in schools, and concussions. Mr. Anderson oversees football, wrestling, and baseball.

The IHSA is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors who are current school principals. They oversee all of the IHSA's business practices and policies. The IHSA member schools submit resolutions to amend or update IHSA's bylaws annually. An example of a recent change was the prohibition of full livecontact football in the summer months. This was done with the hope that it would reduce the number of injuries to players.

The IHSA performs two main roles for schools: 1) advises schools of agreed upon policies, and 2) sets up all playoffs for schools.

As researchers and the media have been shedding light on the problem of athletes incurring multiple concussions, the IHSA has included a Sports Medicine Advisory Committee comprised of members of the medical community. This committee makes recommendations to the IHSA Board of Directors which

Mr. Anderson informed Rotarians that there has been a steady decline in football in Illinois since 2008. While concussions may not account for all declines in numbers, it is believed that

if the decline continues schools will be forced to cut their programs because the talent pool will be too diminished to compete effectively. IHSA also has a 50-member Committee that reviews and decides on all the rules for football. Safety guidelines are their top priority. One of the most profound rules to come out of the committee is the 2010-11 ruling that a player must leave the game if a concussion is suspected and may not return until cleared by a medical professional. This rule was picked up by the IL General Assembly (HB 5431) and made into law.

Last Fall, the DTHS Education Board of approved the implementation of a neurological baseline testing program to be used for all DTHS athletes. This baseline testing allows for a level of neurological function to be set for each athlete and if a neurological event takes place, testing is then performed to assess brain functioning. This allows coaches and medical professionals to understand if a brain injury has happened and how it has affected the athlete. It also allows professionals to know when it is safe for the athlete to return to practice and games.

According to information available from the American Academy of Neurology, a concussion happens when the brain is moved by force and hits the inside of the skull, resulting in a brain injury. Symptoms of a concussion are headache, blurROTARY

MR. CRAIG ANDERSON from the Illinois High School Association spoke to the Dwight Rotary Club about changes in Football. Dwight Rotary President Lon Lovellette thanks Mr. Anderson.

ered or disrupted vision, drowsiness. confusion, inability to concentrate, dizziness, light sensitivity, slurred speech, nausea or vomiting, and, in some cases, blacking out. It is believed that each concussion one receives makes it easier to have repeated and more severe concussions. If you suspect your child has received a concussion, see your doctor for confirmation and treatment.

Dwight Rotarians welcome members of the community to join them for these upcoming events:

• January 14: "Exelon's View of Green Energy And Its Effects On Nuclear Power, Power Auctions, The Grid, Reliability, And The Future Of Our Electrical Supply." This presentation will be made by John Washco, Exelon Plant Manager for the Dresden Nuclear Power Station.

· January 28: "Wind power and our electricity system: integrating clean energy into the electrical grid." The discussion will provide an overview of wind and other renewable energy sources' role on the electrical grid, including power auctions, reliability, and grid operations today and in the future. The presenter will be Kevin Borgia, Public Policy Manager for Wind On The

#### **Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results**

Duplicate bridge was played January 8 at the Dwight Senior Citizens

North/South:

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1. Darlene Drechsel/ Mary Anne McNamara

3. Liz Houck/Evelyn

East/West:

1. Joan Francis/Pat Townsend

2. Judy Gillespie/Glenda Kutos

Carol Bush/Nancy

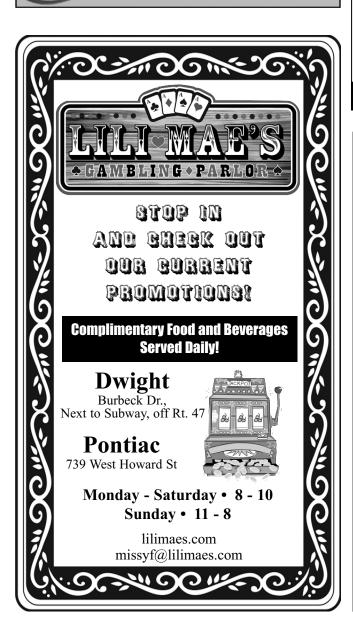
is January 22.

Center.

2. Judy Cashmer/Janet Kresl

The next duplicate bridge





#### Morris Theatre Guild's Barefoot in the Park **Rehearsals Approaching**

The Morris Theatre Guild, Inc. has begun rehearsals and is taking reservations for its winter production of Neil Simon's comedy, Barefoot in the Park, sponsored by the Morris Lions Club.

The story: Paul and Corie Bratter are newlyweds in every sense of the word. He's a straight-as-an-arrow lawyer and she's a free spirit always looking for the latest kick. Their new apartment is her most recent find - too expensive with bad plumbing and in need of a paint job. After a six-day honeymoon, they get a surprise visit from Corie's very conventional mother and decide to play matchmaker during a dinner with their outrageous neighbor-in-the-attic Victor Velasco, where everything that can go wrong, does.

Paul just doesn't understand Corie, as she sees it. He's too staid, too boring, and she just wants him to be a little more spontaneous and run- a fee, and can be reserved ning "barefoot in the park" would be a start.

The cast consists of both veteran and new guild members, including William Gillespie of Marseilles, Brian Stroup of Morris, Karianne Dugard and Bill Griffith, both of Plainfield, and Christine Spiros of Shorewood. The production reservation by phone will is directed by Judy Miller of Morris and assisted by Annie Kowalczyk, also of Morris.

Barefoot in the Park opens on Friday, February 27. The production continues on February 28, March 1, 6, 7, and closes on Sunday, March 8. All Friday and Saturday evening performances will begin at 7:30

p.m. and both Sunday matinee performances will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available, for via e-mail, phone, or purchased online. The fee increases if purchased at the door. For those age 13 and under, or students able to show their ID, the ticket price is discounted for email, phone, or online reservations. Also, groups of ten or more people making a seating is based on first which royalties are paid.

come, first served. There are no refunds. Reservations can be made by e-mailing tickets @morristheatreguild.org, calling the theatre at 815-942-1966, or at morristheatr eguild.org. All unpaid reservations will be held until a half hour before the production begins and then they will be released if needed. For house buy-outs or other information, call the theatre at 815-942-1966.

Barefoot in the Park is receive a 10% discount off presented with permission the total ticket price. All from Samuel French, Inc., to



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called to order their January 8, 2015 Board meeting at 7pm by Mayor Richard Runyon. All Trustees were resent. The minutes were approved and seconded.

Town of Chatsworth

**Chatsworth Corner** by Mare Reardanz

Sheriff Tony Childress introduced himself and spoke to the board of his plans for Livingston County in the coming year regarding the Sheriff's Department, and how these plans will relate to Chatsworth. Childress commented on how much he appreciates Deputy J. Mitchell donating his off duty time to visit the small town meetings to keep residents informed of the goings-on in their communi-

Deputy John Mitchell then informed the board of the 41 calls, nine citations and two warnings that were issued last month. No other questions were asked.

Old Business included the announcement that the new raw water treatment is

up and running on-line. All water tests were approved by the EPA and everything is running well, as expected.

New Business approved a Show Bus donation of \$300, and a transfer of funds to the Law Enforcement Fund from the General Fund of \$6300.

Ken Mr. Simmons inquired if rezoning was necessary for him to open a gunsmithing shop in his home. He was told since he will not be buying or selling guns, he did not need to be rezoned. Welcome, Mr. Simmons!

Mayor Richard Runyon stated in his report that a whole board meeting will be set for February 26th at 7 pm to discuss the town budget and plans for the up and coming year.

There were no other reports or comments. Bills were paid and meeting was adjourned. The weather was severe with extreme cold and blowing snow



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**CRAFTS WITH MISS** ROSIE is set for January 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight. This craft is open to all first through fourth graders. Sign-up required. You may sign up at the main desk or by calling 815-584-3061.



#### Free **Preschool Screenings**

developmental screenings are being offered on the following dates and are open to children from birth to five years of age:

- Saunemin #438 January
- **15**, 815-832-4421. • Tri-Point #6J - February
- 3, 815-686-2247, ext. 216. **19 and 20**, 815-584-6249 or 815-584-6254.
- Odell #435 February 24, 815-998-2272.

The screenings are sponsored by Livingston County Special Services Unit, the Livingston County Public Schools, OSF Medical Center and the Livingston County Health Department. Areas screened include vision, hearing, speech, language, learning, motor, and social skills. Children who past and have no developmental concerns do not need to attend.

Families participating in the screenings can learn how their child is developing and receive child/parent activity suggestions. If an area of need is identified, families will be linked with appropriate service providers for further evaluation, such as, Child & Family Connections, Heartland Head Start, or their local school district.

#### **MVK Seniors Meet**

The MVK seniors met on December 16 at the Mazon Legion Hall for a lunch from Cafe, Community Nutrition Network. President Rita Mills called the meeting to order by giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She thanked Pam for serving the meal, and CNN. There was a silent prayer for the ill and

deceased members. A "get well" card was signed for Lou Witt. Rita motion to adjourn the meetreminded members to be thankful for the free meal, donated from the MVK Senior Fund. Shirley Kiss had a humorous reading.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Door prizes went to Paul McIntosh, Bob Grieff, and Jan Alsbury.

Anne Holohan of Quality Home Health gave away

special door prizes to Rita Mills and Helen Griffiths. She also mentioned Quality thru Home Health's name will be changed to Quality at Home Health soon.

> Christmas carols were played by Cheryl Esgar on the keyboard, while members joined in singing.

> Rita reminded members who brought a gift to pick one before they left.

Gwen Johnson made a ing, Linda Poppleton sec-

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting. Anyone 60 or older is invited to lunch, for a small donation. Make a reservation by calling Community Nutrition Network at 815-941-1590.

# Dwight Music Boosters Meet

The Dwight Music Boosters met on January 5, in the DGS

Friday, January 16, will be a special night at the High School basketball game! Both the High School and the Grade School Pep Bands will be entertaining the crowd. Faculty at both schools are invited to play in the event. So, come out and enjoy a great night of basketball and music! The High School Pep Band will also be performing January 16, 17, and 19 at the basketball games.

The High School Choir's first performance will be on February 22 at the Winter Music Showcase. This event will showcase solo and ensemble groups from both band and choir.

The Marching Trojans are planning to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2015 in Chicago. The students are excited and will be performing "Happy" as their parade tune. They will also be wearing the new Marching uniforms for the first time! Plan a trip to Chicago for the day to watch the parade and support the Marching

The Dwight Grade School • Dwight #232 - February Pep Band will wrap up another successful season on Thursday, January 22, 2015. They have enjoyed supporting the Redbirds and look forward to next year! They are excited to be performing Friday, January 16th in the DTHS Kresl Gymnasium with the High School Pep Band!

Congratulations to all of our Redbird Concert Bands and Choirs for such successful performances at their winter concert! What a great night showcasing our Redbird musicians! Thank you to everyone who have been screened in the came out to listen and support your Redbird! A big Thank You to the parent helpers who came to help at the all-day practice at

the High School that day. The 2nd and 3rd Grade

Music Classes had a fantastic Winter Concert performance on December 8th! Everyone had a blast preparing and performing the music. The crowd support was wonderful! The 4th graders will get to show off their work

Fourth Grade beginning band is just about to get underway. Wednesday, January 14th from 3:30-6:30, Kidder Music will be available to answer questions and assist parents for our 4th grade instrument rental night.

DGS will again host the annual IESA Solo and Ensemble Contest. The contest will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Plan on coming out and supporting your Redbird Musician and Singer as they perform solos, duets, and/or group music selections in front of a judge. There will be many other schools attending. This is a great way for Dwight to show its hospitality!

The DGS Choir had the opportunity to do a lot of caroling in December. We hope that you were able to enjoy them along with the Winter Concert. They started off by caroling before the Christmas Parade in front of Coco's Sweet Shop. The next day, they caroled at the Woman's Club Festival of Trees at the Gothic Church. The week after the concerts, they used their rehearsal time to visit Heritage Woods and perform their holiday music, as well as a few carols. Again, the students represented themselves so well and did a great job!

There will be a Kindergarten and 1st grade concert on February 12th at 6:30 in the DGS Gym. You won't want to miss it!

The next meeting is Monday, February 2, in the DGS Library. The public is



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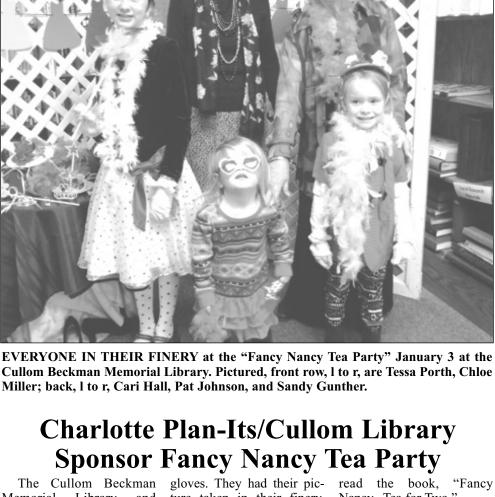
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sponsored a "Fancy Nancy Tea Party" on January 3 at the Library. Tessa Porth, Cari Hall, and Chloe Miller

The girls made paper plate hats, wands and fancy

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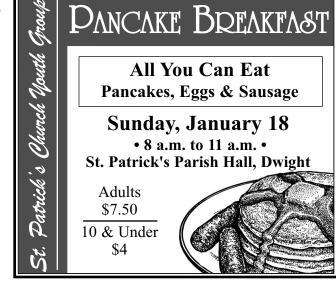
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the book "How to Behave at a Tea Party."

snacks, while Pat Johnson Ehlers.

Nancy...Tea for Two.'

Others helping with the event were Erran Melton, They had a Tea party with Linda Vercler, and Judy



#### **Essex Lions Breakfast Jan. 25**

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On Sunday, January 25, the Essex Lions will host their first Pancake Breakfast of the new year from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, eggs any way you like, bacon, sausage, toast, hashbrowns, coffee, milk, and orange juice.

A fee applies. Note that the adult price has been increased. Kids six to 12 still eat at the same price, while children six and under eat for

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#### Daniel 'Dan' Landstrom Celebrates 30 Years at RRD

recently celebrated 30 years of service at RR Donnelley on January 3, 2015.

Dan began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on August 9, 1984 as a Part Time Material Handler in the Pressroom. He became a Fulltime Material Handler in July of

Dan was promoted to

Daniel 'Dan' Landstrom Press Helper in January of 1996. He became an Apprentice Rolltender in August of 2000, graduating as Journeyman in August of 2002, and was promoted to this current position of Assistant Press Operator in May of 2004.

Dan and his wife, Janet, reside in Odell. They have children, Anna, Caroline and Zechariah.



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#### **Applications for Maurice Alford Memorial Scholarship**

Morris Theatre Guild, Inc. has distributed applications for its annual Maurice Alford Memorial Scholarship to area high schools.

This is a one-time only \$500.00 scholarship that honors the late Maurice Alford, a charter member of the Morris Theatre Guild, Inc., created in 1973, and is presented to an area high school senior who plans to pursue a career in some aspect of theatre/dramatic

arts, speech or speech/broadcast communications. The scholarship is applied to the student's freshman year of college. The scholarship money comes from donations and a percentage of ticket sales from each Morris Theatre Guild, Inc. production. Applications must be postmarked by Monday, March 16, to be accepted.

Visit www.morristheatreg uild.org for more informa-



#### Todd Oliver and Friends **Free Concert Open to Area Residents**

The Livingston County Concert Association, which has been bringing great musical entertainment to Livingston County for over 64 years, is now bringing a comedy show, featuring the ventriloquist Todd Oliver and his talking dogs to the Pontiac Township High Auditorium on School Sunday, January 18, at 4:00

Todd Oliver, nationally known for his real-life talking dogs and hilarious comedy, presents an all new show - Todd Oliver and Friends filled with his canine companions Irving and Lucy, plus a "real" cast of characters like Pops and Miss Lilly, and his outstanding Smiling Eves Band. There is a lot of audience participation, music, and good, clean com-

Todd is known worldwide and has been seen on America's Got Talent, The Late Show with Craig Ferguson, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and the Late Show with David Letterman, who proclaimed Todd as one of the top ventriloquists in the world.

As a featured performer on Branson's Showboat Branson Belle since 1998, Todd has recently moved to

ski-doo.

the Haygood Family's Americana Theatre where he opened their new show in 2013.

third concert of the 2014-15 season, the Board of Directors is inviting all interested people to attend this concert for free. This opportunity has been made possible through the generosity of the Apollos Camp-Bennet Humiston and Floyd A. and

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Patterson at 815-844-7833.

Even though this is the

Alta I. Byrne Trusts.

Rod Patterson, President of the LCCA, stated that "the board hopes that by getting more people into the auditorium to see one of our performances, more people will be interested in joining the Association for next year's season. This is also a great opportunity for our members to bring along friends and family who may be interested in becoming members in the future."

coming season and membership will be available at the concert on January 18.

For further information about this laugh-a-minute show, call Rod or Dorothy

#### Jennifer Paputsa Named to Bob Jones U. Dean's List

Jennifer Paputsa, a junior 2014 Dean's List, which rec-Bible major from Emington, was among approximately 950 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall located in Greenville, SC.

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#### Lewis University Names Area Students to Dean's List

Lewis Univeristy has announced its Dean's List honorees for Fall 2014, and the following area students made the list:

- Ashley Splear of Herscher, studying Computer Graphic Design.
- · Lena Grimes of Dwight, studying Criminal/Social Justice.
- Jamie Esparza of Gardner, studying Social Work.
- · Domingo Perez of Essex, studying Finance.
- · Megan Kelly of Mazon,

Business Administration.

honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit with a grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

#### **Area Students** Named to President's, **Honors Lists at KCC**

The following area stu- have been named to the dents have been named to the President's List at Kankakee Community College for the Fall 2014 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.80 or higher and be enrolled in six or more semester hours:

- Cullom: Kenzie Krause. • Dwight: Melissa Tripp.
- Gardner: Thomas San-
- Herscher: Aaron Cooper, Julia Lane and Christina Schwark.
- Kempton: Samuel Sievert and Catherine Weber.
- Reddick: Vera-Ellen Sena. The following students

Honors List at KCC for the Fall 2014 semester. To be named to the Honors List, a student must maintain a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.79 and be enrolled in six or more semester hours:

- Cullom: Sarah Hills, Rachael Kerrins and Daniel Metz. • Essex: Jessica Grove, Sophia Hakey and Carley Neese. Herscher: Lauren Ayde-
- lott, David Carrington, Kristen Jones, Michael Longtin, Matthew Olson, Ryan Smolkovich, Nichole Vercellono and Gage Wood.
- Reddick: Paul Kirkpatrick.

#### Munger Appointed as State Comptroller

Republican Federation has learned that Lincolnshire resident Leslie Munger, the Republican nominee in the last November was selected by Governor-Elect Bruce Rauner to fill the State Comptroller vacancy due to the sudden passing of Judy Baar Topinka.

Leslie Munger brings years of business and community leadership experience to the Comptroller's office. A graduate of the Munger earned an MBA from Northwestern and ended her business career as brand manager at Helene Curtis. In 2004, Munger was named Lincolnshire Citizen

of the Year after years of involvement in many community, political, and parent organizations.

Munger was sworn in on 59th State Representative University of Illinois, January 12, after Rauner was sworn in as governor. Jerry Stermer, who was appointed to complete Topinka's current term, announced he would resign on the 12th.

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January 26 February 23 March 30 14-Annual Meeting April 27

May 25

June 29 July 27 August 31 September 28 October 26 November 30 December 28

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Gloria Stevens

STREATOR - Gloria Stevens Stevens, 78, a resident of Liberty Village, Streator, died Monday evening, January 5, 2015 at her home.

Gloria was born March 19, 1936 in Streator, daughter of Ed and Ruby Knudson Slattery. She married Marvin Stevens October 8, 1955 in Ottawa. He survives.

She is also survived by one daughter, Debra Stevens of Wilmington; three sons: Terry (Marie) Stevens of Ransom; Kelly Stevens and Jeffry (Barb) Stevens, both of Streator.

Also surviving are six grandchildren: Lisa Taylor, Keith (Mindy) Stevens, Jenna (Jesse Nelson) Stevens, Saman-Molly Stevens,

Shane and Stevens; six great-grandchildren; two sisters: Patricia (Sonny) Mosell and Esther Minder, both of Streator.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Marjorie Osborn.

Gloria had been employed at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator, as a nurse's aide and in housekeeping. She attended Streator grade schools and was a graduate of Streator High School, class of 1953. She was of the Catholic

Private family funeral services: Hagi Funeral Home, Streator.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

#### **Darlene Dustman**

SCOTTSBORO ALABAMA-Darlene Catherine Dustman, 81, of Scottsboro, Alabama away Saturday, January 10, 2015 at her home.

Funeral services will be today, Wednesday, January 14, at 2 p.m., Rudder Funeral Home Chapel in Scottsboro. Dr. Screws will officiate.

Burial to follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 5 until 9 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Harry William Dustman of Scottsboro; children: Russell (Rosita) Reader, Renee Nelson, Nancy Mattingly, and Rudy

Dustman, all Scottsboro: Vicki (Scott) Carter of Mazon, Illinois; Lisa

(Jay) Tyler of Dwight,

Illinois; and Vida Ann

Weatherby of Dalton,

Georgia. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren and 36 greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Abe and Vida Hilderbrand; a daughter, Judy Barton; brothers: Donald, Russell and Roy Hilderbrand; her sister, Gertrude Burcham; grandchildren: Brian Reader, Robert and Serena Wheeler, Joey Wills and Catherine Holm; and greatgrandchildren: Angel Cheyenne Price and Lilliannah Darlene Blackmon.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### My Dream I had about our 'great country'

Just a few suggestions... Wouldn't It be great if racism didn't exist!!

Wouldn't It be great if 95% of voters would actually vote in elections (37% -2014; 57% - 2012)!!

Wouldn't It be great if elected positions went to Washington to do the work for us and not tear each other apart and "work together!!"

Wouldn't It be great if we could have just a six-month period prior to election to campaign!! (not two years)

Wouldn't It be great to get "big money" out of poli-

Wouldn't It be great to

"agree to disagree" but still get along and work to solve issues!!

Wouldn't It be great to pass "common sense gun control laws"!!

Finally, wouldn't It be great if we all would try in our own lives to live "by The Golden Rule" "do unto others as you would want them to do unto you!!

"Oops. I just woke up from my dream!!

Let's all work to make this an even greater country than it already is.

Dream with Me John Fitzpatrick "Go Trojans"

#### 2014 'In Review' July-December

I feel more grace and tact could have been used in reviewing the horrific event that occurred in our otherwise peaceful little town. I suffered in silence each week, after that terrible June day, when the paper would be issued knowing that it would make front page news. Each edition which covered this tragedy was impossible for me to read. As I gathered my mail this week, I began to review the Jan. 7th edition of The Paper. I gravitated toward the year in review. Unfortunately it didn't pro-

vide very many happy memories of this prior year. Instead of offering a memorial of sorts, I found many details of that fateful day had yet again made front page news. Is this truly the best we can do? Isn't it all still too fresh to be so simple in black and white format right next to fishing derby and Harvest Days news? So here I am reviewing tear stained pages, wishing that 2014 had been different. Also wishing DUANE B. DIBBLE her printed memory would have at least spelled her

name right. Kelli\* Michelle Telin

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words.

We welcome your thoughts.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) CHELSEA NICOLE SIMPSON ) GEN. NO. 14 MR 162

CHELSEA NICOLE SIMPSON FOR CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION** 

Public notice is hereby given that on January 28 at 9:00 a.m. in court room 1, being one of the return days in the circuit court of Grundy County, I will present and ask that my petition in said court, praying for the change of my name from Chelsea Nicole Simpson to that of Bryce Gunner Simpson be approved, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated at Morris, Illinois, November 23, 2014

Chelsea Nicole Simpson

#### Russell J. Anderson

**DWIGHT** Russell Anderson, 88, of Dwight passed away peacefully at Heritage Health,

Dwight, Friday, January 9, 2015. Russell was born December 1926

Dwight, son of Andrew Sorensen Eliza and Anderson. Russell was a veteran

of the Korean conflict. He farmed in Illinois and Missouri. He is survived by his

sister, Velda Burger; his brother, Delbert Anderson; and many nieces and nephews.



Preceding him in death were his parents; his sisters: Hazel Adair and Florence Hansen; brother, LeRoy Anderson; nephew, Robert Burger; and niece, Martha Anderson Hooker.

A service was held Monday, January 12, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, following the 10 - 11 a.m. visitation.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the choice donor's Russell's memory.

Condolences may be made at hagermemorial.

#### Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

Scholarship trustees announced today that applications for the 11th annual Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships are now being accepted. Applications are available at Odell Public Library, Odell Bank, Dwight High School, and Pontiac Township High School. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must live in the area currently served by the Odell Fire Protection District, Odell Public Library District, or the Odell Grade School District. Completed applications are due March 1, 2015.

The scholarship established by Marjorie J. Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and a teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years who died March 31, 2004. She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking continued education at an accredited college or university in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business or engineering.

In 2014, the trustees awarded \$49,000 to twentyfour students from Odell. Scholarships were awarded in recognition of academic and extracurricular excellence.

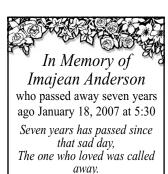
The recipients for the 2014 Scholarships were:

Cody Bauer, son of Derek Kristine Bauer; Borgstrom, Alexandria daughter of Ann Wolf; Meagan Brockman, daughter of Thomas and Teresa Brockman; Maureen Doran, daughter of Tom and Peg

Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: The Paper

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The Marjorie J. Martin Doran; Rachael Fearman, daughter of Ron Fearman and RayAnn Fearman; Andrea Flynn, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn; Erica Flynn, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn; Erin Gaston, daughter of James and Shelah Gaston; Haley Gaston, daughter of James and Shelah Gaston; Garrison Green, son of Edwin Green; Carli Grieff, daughter of Rich and Deb Grieff; Brittany Hilleary, daughter of Mark and Cheryl Hilleary; Brandon Hodge, son of Randall and Lynn Hodge; April Hogan, daughter of Sheri Hogan; Julie Hogan, daughter of Sheri Hogan; Ashley Johnson, daughter of Jamie Johnson and Mark Johnson; Kristin Johnson, daughter of Jamie Johnson and Mark Johnson; Alli Leacock, daughter of Jeremy and Bobbi Leacock; Megan Schmoeger, daughter Dave and Terra Schmoeger; Tyler Schmoeger, son of Dave and Terra Schmoeger; Marissa Somodi, daughter Michael and Shirley Somodi; Kyle Tucker, son of Rick and Renee Tucker; Ryan Tucker, son of Rick and Renee Tucker; Margaret Verdun, daugher of Stephen



and Kimberly Verdun.

God took her home at his will. But, in our hearts she liveth still So we who love and lost her Her memory will never grow old But what it meant to lose her. No one will ever know. Miss you, hun.

Love you, forever, Jack

#### STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON**

IN THE MATTER OF THE IN PROBATE ESTATE OF No. 2014-P-149 Deceased

**CLAIM NOTICE** 

Notice is given of the death of DUANE B. DIBBLE, of Dwight, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 22, 2014, to Diane R. (Dibble) Borger, 1921 Erin Lane, Morris, Illinois, 60450, whose attorney is Thomas L. Brucker of Weeks and Brucker, Ltd., 606 West Oak Street, Post Office Box 288, Fairbury, Illinois, 61739. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Sec. 28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Comp. Stat., 2012, ch. 755, Act. 5, par. 28-4) any interested person terminates Independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Pontiac, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 6, 2015, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 2012, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2014.

Diane R. (Dibble) Borger, Independent Executor of the estate of Duane B. Dibble, Deceased.

Weeks & Brucker, Ltd. Attorneys for Independent Executor 606 West Oak Street P.O. Box 288 Fairbury, Illinois 61739 Phone: (815) 692-2302

Thomas L. Brucker



# **Minutes**



#### The Birds

This weekend I traveled all the way to Texas, via car. Needless to say it was a pretty long trip with the drive being about 12 and a half hours long. I went down there to cheer on the Redbirds as I mentioned in my last column that they advanced to the FCS National Championship and the game was held in Frisco, Texas. The first thing we noticed upon entering our hotel, which was in Plano, is that we were outnumbered. There was yellow and green (NDSU, the team ISU was playing school's colors) everywhere. We thought that maybe it was just in the lobby but then we saw more of it in the hallways on the way to the room and realized that maybe this was going to be a recurring theme. Fast forward to game time and we find out that out of 20,000 seats NDSU had roughly 16,000 of them. At one point there was a dance off between the mascots and the winner was determined based on which mascot received the loudest cheer, didn't really seem like a fair contest due to the 4 to 1 Bison to Redbird ratio. The game didn't reflect the number of people in the stands in the least bit. The Redbirds jumped out to a 7-0 lead but then struggled from there on out until a few good drives in the 3rd and 4th quarters took place. With the score 23-21 and about a minute thirty left on the clock (Redbirds down), our the quarterback scored on a 60 plus yard play to take the lead. I don't think I'm exaggerating when I say that when that run was taking place it was the most excited I have ever been. Every ounce of energy that I had in my body was being transferred into pure undeniable excitement. Every Redbird in the place was doing the same thing, cheering him on all the way until he crossed the end zone and then some. That was the peak of the emotional roller coaster for the day, because the low was soon to follow. The Bison followed with a drive of their own and took the lead with a little over 30 seconds remaining and that sealed the deal. After the game it wasn't the normal feeling having cheered on your team and watching them lose. I as a fan still felt accomplished. The birds gave every last bit of their energy to the game and we did as fans as well. We all knew walking away from it that nothing was left on the field, or in the stands. Proud to have traveled all the way down there even in defeat, and even more proud to be a bird.

> Aaron Boma ISU Junior and 2012 DTHS Graduate

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ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON-PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

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DONALD J. SANDERS AKA DONALD SANDERS and ANGELA L. SANDERS AKA ANGELA SANDERS,

Defendants. 14CH-11

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 510 W. LOCUST ST. FAIRBURY, IL 61739

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on September 19, 2014, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots 8 and 9 in Block 14 of Marsh's Addition to the City of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 25-25-03-376-003 (Lot 8) Permanent Index Number: 25-25-03-376-004 (Lot 9)

Commonly known as: 510 W. Locust St., Fairbury, IL 61739

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on February 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM, at the New Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main, Pontiac,

The Judgment amount is \$92,780.90.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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.

For information, contact the Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar,

LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other

than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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DIANNE STRUFE, above, former Dwight resident, now of Mattoon, recently visited the Antique Archaeology store in Nashville, TN, owned by Mike and Frank of the TV show "American Pickers." Dianne wanted to again see the red arrow the antique store purchased from the Arrow/Strufe motel after it ceased operations on Old Route 66 in Dwight. Metha Jensen was the first owner of the motel, which was purchased by John and Dorothy Strufe in the early '50s. Dianne managed the motel for several years and remembers turning on the motel lights every night directly under the huge red arrow.

#### Kruzin' With The Bileckis

# Chicken Basket Re-visited

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tours with the Czech Route 66 Association and their acknowledged success with their second video titled - P.S. W By Ron W Site www.R66.CZ.

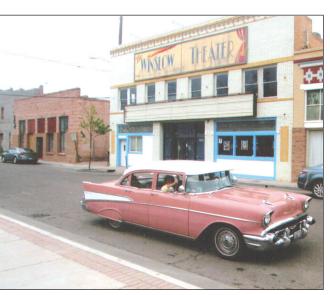
2015 will again see them visit with three tours - two on the Mother Road and one on U.S. 30. Touring with them and other groups and on our own keeps us "seasoned citizens" going and out of the rocking chairs! Our motto will always be "If You Don't Go - You Won't Know" the wonders of Route 66 await you.

We invite you to witness the spectacular morning sunris-

es and evening sunsets on the route. Til then - We Keep Kruzin -

P.S. We recently were made aware of a poll that was taken by Ron Wamick on the Route66news.com web-site to name the top 10 icons of route 66. Every one of the icons mentioned in the poll deserved top billing but, the top three were -#1 Standin' on the Corner - Winslow, AZ, #2 LaPosada, Winslow, AZ, and #3 Gay Parita, Halltown, MO.

Congrats to all nominees in the poll - these icons help to keep the road alive and businesses to flourish attracting thousands of visitors along the eight states..



Marty and Geri's Coral 57 Chevy in Winslow, AZ, August 2014



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#### Farmers Invited to attend Information Seminar on Farm Bill

Farmers who are looking for assistance in choosing available programs in the Agricultural Act of 2014 are invited to attend the Grundy County seminar on January 21, 2015.

This program will be held at the Kinsman Community Center, Kinsman. The event begins at 6:30 with a meal sponsored by COUNTRY Financial Representatives: Jason Clemmons, Dave



Scoggin, Matt Seidel, and Dean Tambling. This presentation will provide information on how farmers should update base acreage and program yields, and how to choose between the three farm programs included in the farm bill. The speaker for the evening will be Doug Yoder, senior director of affiliate and risk management, Illinois Farm Bureau. The seminar, which is free to the public, is offered through a cooperative venture between the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environ-

mental Sciences, the Farm

Service Agency of USDA, Illinois Farm Bureau, and University of Illinois Extension.

Pre-registration is encouraged due to space limitations. To register, call the Grundy County Farm Bureau office at 815.942.6400 or email grundycfb@sbcgloal.net

The Grundy County Farm Bureau is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through the county organization. Founded in 1914, the Grundy County Farm Bureau works to promote agriculture education, legislation, and information.



Friday, January 16 @ 6:30 p.m. **Kresl Memorial Gymnasium** 

The Paper

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

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#### Tuesday, January 6 Dwight vs. Wilmington

The JV Trojans lost to Wilmington, 36-28, on January 6.

Wykes and Nelson led Dwight, scoring seven points each. German added six, while Nutting and Graham each had three points. Pulver added two. Varsity -

In the varsity meeting, Dwight was able to dominate throughout, en route to a 75-37 win.

Drew Travers led all scorers with 16. Owen Pulver, Justin Fox, and Caleb Boma each added 11 points, with Boma knocking down three three-pointers; Fox hit one. Jace Kennedy put in seven points for the Trojans, while Rvan Gaston scored six. Devin Connolly and Colton Fieldman each had four points. Drew Jensen and Collin Irvin had two points each. Jayson Powell connected on a free throw.

#### Friday, January 9 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central** JV -

Despite a 31-point effort from Graham, Dwight lost a close one to Clifton Central, 48-43, on January 9.

Dwight's Wyke's would add five points, including a triple. Nelson scored four points, while Pulver hit a three.

Dwight falls to 3-9 overall, with an 0-2 record in the SVC.

#### Varsity -

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Prior to the contest against Clifton Central, the Trojans were voted fifth overall in the Class 1A rankings, and would once again prove why.

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#### **DTHS Trojans Basketball**

hot, scoring the first 17 points of the game.

Central would attempt to cut down the lead, however senior Caleb Boma wasn't having it, as he connected on five first-half threes, including a last-second half-court swish at the end of the first frame.

Devin Connolly would make Dwight a perfect 2-2 on circus shots for the night, hitting another half-courter later in the contest - just the type of game it was.

Boma ended up with 15, leading all scorers. Collin Irvin put in 11 points, while Justin Fox scored eight. Drew Travers and Ryan Gaston had six points each. Connolly and Colton Fieldman each ended up with five. Jace Kennedy scored four points. Jayson Powell hit a three-pointer.

The Trojans move to 13-2 on the year, and are 2-0 in SVC play.

Justin Fox, at right. Drew Travers, below.







#### **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 Gymnas-The induction class of 2015 pictured includes: Drake Rachel Edwards - 1994, softball

standout.



Other inductees this year include:

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

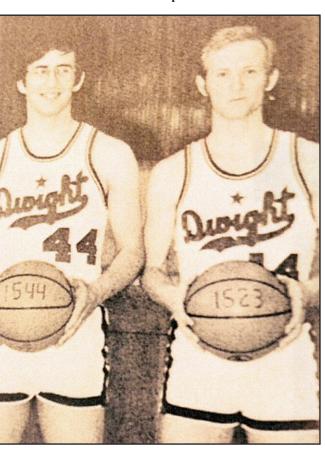
• 1967 Football Team -Undefeated (9-0)

Come out and cheer on the Trojans and the newest DTHS **Athletic** Hall of Fame Inductees!!

• Tom Halloran - 1974, three-sport standout.

**Dwight Township** 

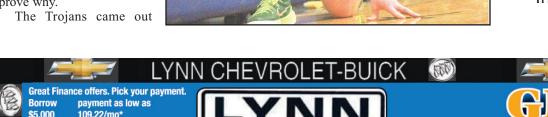
 Dwight "Whitey" Anderson - 1974, threesport standout.



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.

# **Congratulations to Dwight Anderson** and all of the Hall of Fame Inductees! Coco's Sweet Shop 108 W. Main St., Dwight 815-584-9890





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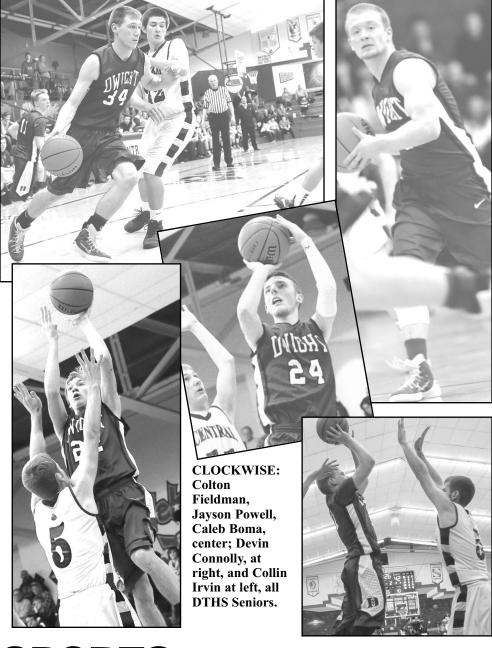












# **SPORTS** Week at a Glance

WHAT	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Dwight Boys JV & Varsity	January 16	Momence	Dwight	6:15
	January 17	Lanark Eastland	Dwight	3:00
	January 19	Beecher	Dwight	5:30
	January 20	Ottawa- Marquette	Ottawa	5:30
Dwight Boys Freshmen	January 16	Momence	Dwight	5:00
Dwight Girls JV & Varsity	January 15	Lexington	Lexington	5:30
	January 17	Seneca	Dwight	11 a.m.
Dwight Girls Varsity	January 19-24	SVC Tourny	Clifton Central	TBA
GSW Boys	January 16	Donovan	GSW	7:15
	January 20	St. Anne	St. Anne	7:17
GSW Girls	January 15	Grant Park	GSW	5:45
	January 19-24	SVC Tourny	Clifton Central	TBA
Tri-Point Boys	January 16	Beecher	Beecher	7:15
	January 20	Clifton Central	Tri-Point	7:15
Tri-Point Girls	January 15	Donovan	Donovan	5:45



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13 Edge SEL, 53K, AWD	
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'12 MKX, 19K, FWD, Premium	
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'10 Milan, 39K\$11,900
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#### Tuesday, January 6 Tri-Point vs. Grant Park Varsity -

Timmy Crouch led all scorers with 22 points, and led his team to a 56-52 win over Grant Park on January

Also adding to the scoring column was Kyle Robinson, who put in 12. Brandon Wilkerson scored ten points. Jordan Hamilton had eight. while Nick Thorson and Jared Haeme each scored two points.

In the JV match-up, Tri-Point got a 78-58 win over



#### Monday, January 5 Dwight vs. Herscher Freshmen -

The freshmen Lady Trojans got a 44-29 win over Herscher on January 5, improving to 6-0 on the season.

Brooklyn Long led the way with 13 points. Leah Flynn added 11, while Lucy Rieke scored ten. Abby Edwards had six points. Maddi Hughes put in two.

"We came out and played very aggressive against a good Herscher team," said Coach Black. "I felt that we set the tone for the game right off the bat, scoring 17 points in the first quarter. The girls did a great job on offense and played a very good defensive game. I am very happy with the way the girls played after a long lay-

#### Tuesday, January 6 **Dwight vs. Streator** JV -

Dwight's JV girls lost to Streator on January 6, 50-34, dropping their record to 2-4 overall.

Lucy Rieke and Brooklyn Long each scored eight points to lead the team. Leah Flynn had seven points, while Abby Edwards put in five. Abby Houch scored three points. Maddi Hughes added two. McKenzie Zeedvk made a free throw. Varsity -

The Lady Trojans were defeated by Streator, 53-42, in a non-conference matchup in Streator on January 6.

Brooke Bossert led the way with nine points; Amy Ruder chipped in six.

Dwight was outscored, 13-3, in the final quarter, putting the game out of reach.

The Lady Trojans are now 2-7 this season.

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#### **MVK Mavericks Basketball**

#### Tuesday, January 6 MVK vs. Reed-Custer

7th Gr. -In their first game back after holiday break, MVK fell to

Reed-Custer, 32-12. Cody Carey scored six points, leading the team. Logan Severson, Tommy Cahill and Justin Bedeker all added a

bucket. The young Mavs drop to 6-6 on the season.

8th Gr. - The Mavericks' eighth grade squad cruised to a 48-27 win, with Riley Punke

leading the attack with nine points and 12 rebounds.

Isaac Brockman also added nine points, while Sam Grushkin, Brody Baudino and Zakk Gonnam all had eight.

"Our balanced scoring was outstanding," stated head coach Kirk Walker. "I was kind of wondering how the boys would play after the long holiday break. All of them were fired up and ready, and it showed on the

Both teams are in action in the IVC Tournament this week.



#### DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, January 6 Dwight vs. Limestone

7th Grade -The Lady Redbirds dropped their first game of the season, 9-25, 12-25, against Limestone.

Lindita Ahmedi led with five points, including an ace. Nora Anderson added an ace. Christina had one point. Kayla Kodat added a kill.



#### **DGS Redbirds Basketball**

Tuesday, January 6 Dwight vs. Streator Woodland 6th Grade -

The Redbirds traveled to Streator Woodland to grab a 25-9 victory on January 6.

Andrew Harsh led the scoring attack, with eight points. Camden Beier added five, while Brody Hoegger and Dalton Smith each scored four. Jake Partney and Caden Schroeder had two each.

On the boards, Schroeder pulled down eight; C. Beier,

Dwight is now 6-7 overall. 7th Grade -

Abe Rieke's nine points, four boards and a steal weren't enough to help his team past Woodland, as the Redbirds fell

41-24 to Woodland.

Dwight found themselves within nine points late in the contest, but Woodland proved too much to handle down the stretch.

Trent Tilley added four points and four rebounds, while Jarrett Jancek had three points, three boards, and three steals. Payton Sulaica, Camden Beier, Brody Hoegger and Cade Schroeder each added a bucket. 8th Grade -

The eighth grade Redbirds took a 46-22 loss to Woodland, dropping to 7-10 on the season.

Logan Graham led with 14 points and four rebounds. J.C. Santos had four points, four boards, and four steals. Dakota Wahl added four points, four rebounds and a steal.

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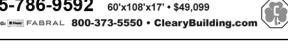




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#### Blue and Red Make Green Week 18 Paper Bowl XIV

He wore Cubbie blue after winning the Paper Bowl on week 15, and boy did we hear it from all the White Sox fans out there. So Dwight's Keith Lauritzen decided he would put on some red this time and honor his favorite agriculture equipment in Case IH. There shouldn't be any controversy over that, right? Whatever color Keith decides to wear, all he sees is green. Keith tied eight other swamis with a 12-2 record in week 18 of the Paper Bowl. The tiebreaker total was 170. Lauritzen guessed 172, and that was good enough for his second \$100 Paper Bowl gift certificate of the year. "I have \$60 left on the last one still," Lauritzen joyfully admitted. Now that's just rubbing it in, Keith.

Following Lucky Lauritzen in order were Dwight's Lee Dixon +5, Joliet's Tony Geschke +11, Odell's Terrence Schook -14,Dwight's Randy Thomas -19, Rebecca Ness +22, Pat Zappa -43, Mountain Home Arizona's Jennifer Wright -53, and an unknown swami -84. Don't forget to put your name on your entry form, folks.

There were one hundred and forty-five entries gathered in week 18. Eleven scored 11-3 records. They were Dwight's Dan Booth, Kathy Zitnik, Bill Martin, Abby Houch, Dee Banks, Mark German and Donna German, Mountain Home Arizona's Jacob Zappa, Braidwood's Andy Bailey, Odell's Harold Schook and Doug Campbell. Twentyfive scored 10-4 marks; 31 finished 9-5; 34 ended with 8-6 records and the remaining entries were .500 or below.

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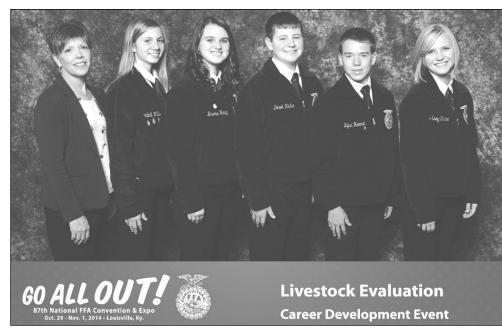
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THE TRI-POINT TEAM PLACED silver in the national FFA livestock event and each of the team members (Haag, Richie, Hummel and Richie) were silver individually. The team (from left) included Mrs. Diana Loschen, chapter advisor; Kendall Wills, team alternate; Brooke Haag, Derek Richie, Dylan Hummel and Kelsey Richie.

#### Four Tri-Point FFA Members Receive Silver Emblems at Event

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The team, led by advisor Diana Loschen, was awarded a Silver emblem. Members also competed for individual awards with 171 other participants. Brooke Haag, Kelsey Richie, Derek Richie, and Dylan Hummel all received a Silver emblem.

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(total XX points)

on livestock production. A team activity, utilizing reproductive and marketing information, demonstrates the teams livestock selection ability. Each team in the event competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at National the FFA Convention & Expo.

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According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), overuse of antibiotics by humans—such as for the mistreatment of viral infections-means these important drugs are less effective for all of us. Besides the toll on our health, researchers estimate that antibiotic resistance causes Americans upwards of \$20 billion in additional healthcare costs every year stemming from the treatment of otherwise preventable infections.

A bigger issue, though, is our growing reliance on feeding antibiotics to livestock for growth promotion, weight gain and to treat, control and prevent disease. This increasingly common

Dear EarthTalk: How is it that antibiotics are being "overused," as I've read, and what are the potential consequences?

-- Mitchell Chase, Hartford, CT

practice is a significant factor in the emergence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) acknowledges can get passed onto humans who eat food from treated animals.

The non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG) reports that the majority of the ground beef and ground turkey sold in the typical American grocery store contains antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Last year, 26 animal pharmaceutical companies voluntarily complied with an FDA request to re-label medically important antibiotics used in food-producing animals to warn against using them for growth promotion and weight gain. FDA also recommended that medically important antibiotics be prescribed by licensed veterinarians and only to treat, control and prevent disease. "We need to be selective about the drugs we use in animals and when we use them," says William Flynn of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. "Antimicrobial resistance may not be completely preventable, but we need to do

what we can to slow it down.

Still some worry that the FDA's action doesn't go far enough, given that farmers will still be able to administer antibiotics to their livestock for disease prevention. The fact that more and more livestock operations are switching over to Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs) whereby animals are confined in crowded enclosures (instead of allowed to graze at pasture) means that antibiotics will play an increasingly important role in disease prevention.

For its part, the FDA argues that since veterinarians need to authorize antibiotic use for disease prevention, farmers and ranchers are less likely to overuse antibiotics for their livestock populations. The same can be said about doctors' limiting the prescription of antibiotics for their human patients, but only time will tell whether such newfound restraint is enough in the fast evolving arms race between bacteria and our antibiotics.

Of course, consumers can do their part by avoiding antibiotic medications unless absolutely necessary



Socially Responsible Agricultural Project, Flicker CC According to the EPA, there are more than 450,000 Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs) across the United States like the one pictured where animals are kept and raised in confined situations. Since antibiotics are necessary to keep disease at bay, AFOs are breeding grounds for antibiotic-resistant bacteria, much of which can get transferred to consumers who eat meat.

and eating less meat (or giving it up entirely) to help reduce demand.

**CONTACTS:** CDC, EWG, www.cdc.gov; www.ewg.org; FDA Center and edited by Roddy Scheer

for Veterinary Medicine, www.fda.gov/AnimalVeteri

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Sanctuary Choir rehearsal. • JAN. 15: 9 a.m., Outreach Committee meeting; 7 p.m., Ad Council meeting; 7:30

p.m., Praise Team rehearsal. • JAN. 16: 7 - 9 p.m.,

The Edge. • JAN. 17: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at

Rt. 66 and Pete's; 6 p.m., YAGOs meets at Al's Place in Streator. • JAN. 18: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service;

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Worship with Holy Communion. • JAN. 18: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship

with Holy Communion. JAN. 19: 7 p.m., Dartball here vs.

Dwight Methodist. • JAN. 21: NO WEEK-

• JAN. 20: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study. • JAN. 21: Kids Klub; REAL Youth Group; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Ignite Youth Group; 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir

meeting; 6:30 p.m.,

Dartball team 1 at

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Team 2 at DUMC.

Bible Warriors; 7 p.m.,

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dwightnewlife.org • JAN. 14: 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery. • JAN. 15: 6:30 p.m.,

X-treme Youth; 7 p.m., Worship practice. • JAN. 17: 7 a.m. Courageous Men's

Group. • JAN. 18: 9 a.m., Morning Prayer; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Ministry.

• JAN. 19: 7 p.m., Dartball at Essex/Bonfield.

• JAN. 21: 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery. • JAN. 22: 6:30 p.m., X-treme Youth Group; 7 p.m., Worship pracSt. Patrick Catholic Church

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• JAN. 17: 5 p.m., HC Worship. • JAN. 18: 9 a.m., HC

Worship; 10:15 a.m., Council Minutes meeting; Fellowship; 10:30 a.m., Sunday School; Adult Faith Development; 3:15 p.m., Leave for Confirmation.

The Story group; 4:30 -6 p.m., Salvation Army; 6:30 p.m., Youth Group. • JAN. 22: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at The

• JAN. 19: Martin L.

Men's Club at DUMC.

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• JAN. 21: 10 a.m.,

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come! • FRIDAYS: 8 p.m., Alcoholics

Anonymous meeting. • JAN. 18: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30

• JAN. 21: Children's After School – J.A.M. and E.D.G.E - after school until 4:30 p.m. S.T.A.T.I.C. Youth

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Rotating your car's tires is like going to the dentist. Nobody likes it, but it's something that should be done. Depending on where and when it happens, getting a flat tire is similar to teeth issues. If a tire goes flat in your driveway, it's like a small cavity that has to be filled. It's annoying but not that big a deal. If a tire blows in rush-hour traffic, you're talking full-blown root canal, and who wants that? Here are some tips to prevent tire decay.

Most newer model cars are front-wheel drive, and tire rotation becomes important because the front tires wear faster than the rear. The reason for this is simple: When you make any kind of full turn in traffic or follow the curve of the road, more of the vehicle's weight is placed on the edges of the

tires. This especially affects the front tires because these are ones that are actually turning while the rear tires stay in a straight line. This turning causes the edges of the tires to wear over time.

If your tires wear unevenly, you're susceptible to spotty braking and poor handling-real toothaches, er, headaches.

Another important aspect to tire rotation is the eventual replacement of your tires. If you don't rotate your tires, you'll replace them two at a time, and that means always having uneven wear on your wheels. If you replace your tires four at a time-and keep them rotated regularly-you'll have even wear

How often should you rotate your tires?

Well, that obviously varies based on the amount of miles you drive each day. Unfortunately, for some drivers, you may need to rotate your tires more often than you visit the dentist for a checkup. A rotation is often recommended at about 7,500 miles. That's often the time

for an oil change, so do some multi-tasking and get both jobs done at once. Check your owner's manual to see when it recommends tire rotations for your particular

How to have your tires rotated has been subject to debate similar to the discourse over the merits of fluoride. Again, check your owner's manual to see if there's a specific method recommended for your model of vehicle. If there isn't, there are two basic ways for frontwheel drive tire rotation, and both are as simple as flossing. One method is to move the front driver's side tire to

the back driver's side and the back driver's side to the front passenger's side. The front passenger's side then moves to the back passenger's side and the back passenger's side to the front driver's side.

Another method is to swap the front driver's side and the rear passenger's side tires with each other, and then swap the front pas

senger's side tire with the rear driver's side. Either method seems to help the tires achieve more even tread wear, and that's what you're after. Keeping your tires rotated on a regular basis can prevent an ill-timed

#### Six Quick Tips for **Sub-Zero Winter Driving**

car care, many motorists think of antifreeze and batteries, but vehicles need extra attention when temperatures drop below zero. The non-profit Car Care Council offers six quick tips to help your vehicle perform at its best during cold weather

1) Keep the gas tank at least half full; this decreases the chance of moisture forming in the gas lines and possibly freezing.

2) Check the tire pressure, including the spare, as tires can lose pressure when temperatures drop. Consider special tires if snow and ice are a problem in your area.

3) Have the exhaust system checked for carbon monoxide leaks, which can be especially dangerous during cold weather driving when windows are closed.

4) If you're not trying to defrost the windshield or warm the interior, modern cars are ready to be driven

When it comes to winter right away. Idling longer than 30 seconds, in most cases, is unnecessary for the sake of warming up the engine. The best way to warm up your car is to drive gently at the start.

5) Change to low-viscosity oil in winter, as it will flow more easily between moving parts when it is cold. Drivers in sub-zero temperatures should drop their oil weight from 10-W30 to 5-W30, as thickened oil can make it hard to start the car.

6) Consider using cold weather washer fluid and special winter windshield blades if you live in a place with especially harsh winter conditions.

precaution, motorists should be sure their vehicle is stocked with an emergency kit containing an ice scraper and snowbrush, jumper cables, flashlight, blanket, extra clothes, bottled water, dry food snacks and needed medica-

#### Cloonen Reminds Residents About Winter Safety and Warming Centers Cloonen is reminding community With the winter season's harsh conmembers to take additional precautions

ditions upon us, state Representative Kate Cloonen is reminding area residents to exercise increased caution when they are outdoors in frigid temperatures and while traveling. Additionally, Cloonen is providing some winter safety tips and encourages area residents to utilize local and state resources, such as warming centers.

"We must all exercise caution during these dangerous cold winter times," Cloonen said. "As I go door to door to speak with residents, I take simple steps such as avoiding ice covered surfaces, wearing snow boots, and stopping to warm up frequently, and I advise people to do the same. It is also important that we check up on our friends, relatives and neighbors whose mobility may be limited."

that may prevent injuries this winter season. To help protect pedestrians, children and others who are out and about, it is best to keep walkways and steps free of ice and snow. It is also important that residents layer clothing before going outside and keep extra blankets in their car if they are driving. Cloonen strongly urges residents to take advantage of local warming centers, such as city halls, should they find themselves without heat. For a complete list of statewide warming centers, resources, and weather updates please visit: http://www.illinois.gov/keepwarm/Pages/default.aspx

"Even something basic, such as going outside for the mail or to pick up the paper, can be potentially harmful if you are not wearing a hat, gloves, and jacket and if your walkways and driveways have not been thoroughly cleared of snow and ice," Cloonen said. "Although these suggestions seem very common, they are often forgotten and being prepared for rapidly changing winter weather conditions helps ensure a fun, safe winter for everyone."

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