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SPIDERMAN HENRY stopped long enough at the historic Odell Gas Station to hold up one of the wooden nickels he collected Saturday during Red Carpet Corridor stops that he began in Joliet. Henry had his face painted in Wilmington, and was collecting wooden nickels at towns along the RCC route to send to his dad, Justin, who is serving with the Air Force in Guam. Henry, from Pontiac, was traveling with his grandmother, Andrea. At right, some very brave individuals hold on to a slithering snake courtesy of Coal Black Exotics at Ssssspringfesssst, Dwight.



Dwight To Consider New Housing Incentives Outdoor Cafes/Outdoor Restaurant Seating Guidelines

by Madelyn Fogarty
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New housing incentives, outdoor café/outdoor restaurant seating, and the Columbia Street High Speed Rail Depot were agenda topics scheduled for discussion by the Village of Dwight Administration Committee at its April 27 meeting.

Despite the lack of a quorum, Dwight's Village Administrator, Kevin McNamara, led a discussion with the attending committee members regarding ways to stimulate new housing growth within the village. Over the past six years, only two new homes have been

built in Dwight.

Discussion centered on reducing current village fees for a designated timeframe in an effort to encourage new residential construction. Currently, to build a 2,000 square foot house in Dwight's Tjelle Subdivision would cost \$4,250 in fees. Fees include Fire Impact Fee, New home Building Fee, Electrical Permit, Plumbing Permit, Water Tap-on Fee, Water Meter Installation Fee, Sewer Tap-on Fee, Storm Sewer Tap-on Fee. A proposal to charge a flat fee of \$1,000 to cover the water meter, inspections and paperwork for a limited, designated period was dis-

cussed. Additional incentives are also being reviewed.

In a second topic, requests from some downtown restaurants regarding possible outside dining/sidewalk cafes led to a review of initial proposed regulations presented for consideration and discussion of the matter. Some items considered included adequate space with a minimum of six feet of clear space of travel required adjacent to the street on all sidewalk cafe locations in the downtown business district, café area enclosures, sound/noise restrictions, and smoking

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Gardner VB Meets, Talks Salary and Scholarship

The Gardner Village Board met in regular session on the evening of April 27, opening the meeting with public comments from Tom Perkins and Ida Schopp.

Perkins confirmed the board's approval for the Boy Scouts to sell Route 66 Soda during the Red Carpet Corridor. Perkins has the wooden nickel tokens to be given to drivers.

Schopp advised the Village Archives will be open Saturday and Sunday and the Church of Hope Rock-A-Thon will take place Sunday at the Gazebo. Schopp reported selling 750 pink petunias for an additional fund-raiser.

The board discussed a resolution fixing the salary of the Village Treasurer at \$4,000 annually, paid by quarter.

The board also discussed an ordinance to stop the automatic water and sewer rate increase scheduled for 2015. Commissioner Dick Hileman advised the water and sewer funds are in good enough condition to block the increase for the 14th time in the last 16 years.

Hileman advised that he had spoken to the flea market operators regarding the removal of the hearse and televisions currently along the side of the building. Hileman would like the village to act on the flea mar-

ket, Alotta Cars, and several residences to clean up their respective properties.

Hileman next commented on the status of the accounts at Standard Bank. Hileman reported the bank is required to keep the Village funds collateralized and according to the statements, there have been several instances of the funds not being properly collateralized and as Finance Commissioner he is prepared to move the funds to another location.

Commissioner Terry Jensen reported Stott has dirt available to fill areas the commissioners identify. Jensen added he would like to add the Nielsen grain ele-

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Dwight Schools Approve 2015-16 Calendar April 27 Joint Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty

A special joint school board session of Dwight Grade School District #232 and Dwight High School District #230 was held on Monday, April 27, to address a few final matters before new boards were seated on April 29. Topics of shared concern included the 2015-16 school calendar, transportation services, and an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Dwight.

Following a public hearing, the meeting led off with the school calendar. An option presented, which

would have allowed a flexible holiday schedule to backfill emergency days, was not favored by the group. Instead, both Dwight School Boards approved a recommendation to leave four holidays including Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, and Casmir Pulaski Day in the schedule and all emergency days will then be made up at the end of the school year calendar.

Also, all Wednesdays in the 2015-2016 School Calendar will dismiss on the Early PM

Dismissal schedule. Teachers will use the early release time for staff meetings, student data analysis, content and grade level meetings, and curriculum and instruction activities. 2015-16 School Calendar highlights include: First Day of School for Students, August 24, 2015; Winter Break, December 21 - January 4, 2016; Spring Break/No School, March 21 - 25; last day of school and High School Graduation May 27, 2016. DHS Graduation to be determined. May 31 - June 6, 2016 are slated as emergency makeup days.

In an ongoing discussion regarding transportation and bus services, the Dwight Boards of Education reviewed a final proposal by current bus services provider Illinois Central. After discussion and weighing options, both boards unanimously agreed to reject Illinois Central's final proposal and move forward with a leasing option that will give the Dwight School Districts more control of their transportation needs while showing an anticipated overall cost savings. Utilizing a three year bus

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THE PRAIRIE VIEW rail passenger car (above passing through Dwight) provided James C. Scott, Jim and Lisa Scott, a very nostalgic round trip to Springfield April 25. The car was originally built for Santa Fe in 1951-52.

All Aboard!

Scotts Enjoy Railroad Trip Into Yesteryear

James C. Scott of Dwight, son Jim and his wife Lisa of Elgin recently completed a train trip into the past aboard a very special railroad passenger car, the Prairie View.

Jim has been a model train buff for a number of years, and met Mike Abernethy of St. Charles, president of Zephyr Route tours, during a train show they both attended.

Zephyr Route tours offer a number of rail passenger journeys to various destinations throughout the year,

featuring first-class service aboard restored vintage rail cars.

The Scotts boarded the Prairie View April 25 at Chicago's Union Station. The Prairie View was the rear car on the Lincoln No. 303 train, proceeding south on a tour called "Abe Lincoln's Springfield," ultimate destination St. Louis.

The Scotts enjoyed breakfast and lunch service on the train and admission to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, where they disembarked for a day in the

state capital.

In St. Louis the Prairie View was attached to the rear of the Lincoln 306 train for a return trip to Chicago, picking up the Scotts in Springfield. They detrained in Dwight.

The Prairie View was built in 1951-52. It has been totally returned to its original luxurious condition, complete with white tablecloths and waiters in formal attire.

It provided a trip to remember.

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4/25 Vicki Thomas, Dwight.....	\$20
4/26 Sarah Sepeda, Pontiac	\$20
4/27 Rosie Miller, Dwight	\$20
4/28 Brian Seabert, Dwight.....	\$20
4/29 Sara Gallet, Dwight	\$20
4/30 Stephani Hoegger, Dwight.....	\$20
5/1 Pamela Wahl, Dwight	\$20

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CORRIDOR PICTURES -**

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

April 23: Singh Amardeep, Zion, IN, speeding (radar), 75/55; Shareen Mohammad, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 75/55.

April 24: Carla S. Fritz, Dwight, suspended, revoked drivers license, op. veh. when reg. susp./non-i; Benjamin D. Riggan, Henry, speeding (radar), 75/55.

April 25: Bonita A. Adams, Bloomington, speeding (radar), 71/55.

April 26: Kalie L. Reavis, Springfield, speeding (radar), 76/55; Raymond Y. Woods, Dwight, il. trans./poss. alcohol-passenger.

April 28: Kathleen J. Cross, Manteno, speeding (radar), 75/55.

April 29: Michael G. Bossert, Kankakee, speeding (radar), 74/55.

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

8 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 1; traffic sign violation, 1; driver's license not on person, 1; no rear registration plate light, 1; improper lighting - one headlamp, 3; fail to notify SOS of change/address, 1.

Accident Reports

Sunday, April 26, 2015,

Herscher Town-Wide Garage Sales May 15, 16

Herscher will host its Town-Wide Garage Sales on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16.

The sales will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10



Dale Coughlin
Financial Advisor



Max Sulzberger
Financial Advisor

Edward Jones

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Help Mom with Her Retirement Income Strategy

Mother's Day is almost here. This occasion may have special significance for you if you've been fortunate enough to have your mother around for your adult life. So naturally, you'll want to bring Mom some flowers or another gift. But if she's planning to retire soon, you may want to think about a longer-term way to improve her life — namely, by initiating a conversation about her retirement income strategy.

Of course, she may already have matters well in hand. But a great many people on the verge of retirement have not planned for those years, so you may be able to provide some valuable suggestions. Here are a few ideas:

Boost contributions to retirement plans. If Mom is still working, urge her to contribute as much as she can afford to her IRA and her employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). The chances are pretty good that she will be spending many years in retirement — in fact, the average life expectancy for a 65-year-old woman is 20.5 more years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So she'll want to accumulate as much as possible before she bids "adieu" to the working world.

Discuss appropriate withdrawal rates. Encourage your mother to meet with a financial professional to determine an appropriate rate of withdrawal from her investments. To help ensure that she doesn't outlive her resources, she needs to avoid taking out too much during her early years of retirement.

Take care of legal arrangements. If you haven't already done so, ask your mother if she has drawn up the important legal documents related to her estate plans. Does she have a will? Has she created a durable power of attorney, which allows her to name someone to make financial and health care decisions on her behalf if she becomes incapacitated? As you know, this is a sensitive topic, so you'll want to approach it with care.

Evaluate Social Security options. Your mother is probably well aware that she can start taking Social Security as early as age 62, but will get much bigger monthly payments if she waits until her full retirement age, which will likely be 66 or 67. But she may not know that she might be able to benefit from a Social Security "spousal strategy" that could result in her receiving more income than she could get by just taking her own benefits. For example, if her spouse is the higher wage earner and can afford to delay taking benefits, your mother could eventually receive higher survivor benefits. Or, your mother and her spouse could employ a "file and suspend" strategy. Under this strategy, her spouse, upon reaching full retirement age, files for retirement benefits and then immediately requests to have those benefits suspended. As a result, your mother can file for spousal benefits, which would be larger than what she would receive at her full retirement age. To make sure they are making any Social Security-related moves correctly, though, your mother and her spouse will want to consult with a tax advisor who is thoroughly familiar with Social Security rules.

You want your mother to enjoy a long, happy and active retirement. So, talk to her about the moves she can make to help turn that aspiration into reality.

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



Temps - 2015

April 23 – high 56°, low 26° .60" precip.

April 24 – high 65°, low 43° .72" precip.

April 25 – high 48°, low 33°

April 26 – high 57°, low 34°

April 27 – high 61°, low 33°

April 28 – high 65°, low 36°

April 29 – high 68°, low 36°

One Year Ago - May 6, 2014

high 66°, low 41°

May Smart Choice Foods Order and Distribution Dates

The May order date for Smart Choice Foods is Friday, May 15, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at New Life Assembly of God, 903 S. Old Rt. 66, Dwight.

The distribution day is Saturday, May 30, from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

All orders must be paid for when order is placed.

All orders must be received by May 15.

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

DTHS Temporary Records to be Permanently Destroyed

The temporary records of the members of the DTHS class of 2009 will be destroyed June 5, 2015. Graduates or legal guardians of graduates interested in obtaining these records should visit the high school guidance office before June 5 (temporary records do not include transcripts or health records, which are retained permanently).

For more information, contact Kim Trainor at 815-584-6204.

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• Require BAIID on a first DUI conviction that results in great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement.

• Non-binding recommendation: require prosecutors to report statistics on the number of DUI arrests, DUI convictions, court supervisions, dismissals, and sentence reductions.



THIS MAY BE THE ONLY TIME you see Country Chevrolet's new home with an empty parking lot. The dealership will move from its downtown Herscher location to a new spot on Route 115. A new car dealership, of various brands, has been in the downtown location for more than a hundred years. Country Chevrolet's move should be completed in a few weeks.

Jesse White Moves to Toughen Penalties on Drunk Driving

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White recently took steps to toughen penalties on drunk driving through innovative proposals endorsed unanimously by his Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety. The proposals are supported by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM). White initiated these upgrades at a second public hearing held April 27 in Springfield by the Advisory Committee.

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In the first meeting on March 6, the Advisory Committee listened to testimony from MADD, AAIM, representatives from the Illinois State's Attorneys Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. The Committee's recent meeting allowed the members to deliberate and vote on the proposals.

Proposals Endorsed by Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety

- Add a signature line to the Warning to Motorists form, which the driver would be required to sign. If the driver refuses, the law enforcement officer would indicate "refused to sign."
- Eliminate 30-day hard time

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LAST MONTH, THE DWIGHT Police Department partnered with the Grundy County and IL Liquor Control Commission to give a power point presentation as part of a five hour training class on proper procedure for businesses that serve/sell alcoholic beverages. Cathy Ferguson, Manager of Station 343, requested the training, and as a result, the Dwight Police Department picked up the entire cost of the class for all 42 community members who attended.

Unemployment Report Shows IL Job Losses

New state jobs numbers released on April 16 by the Illinois Department of Employment Security showed mostly bad news for Illinois during the month of March. According to IDES, Illinois lost 1,800 net payroll jobs last month, the unemployment rate for March stayed unchanged at six percent.

Michael Lucci, director of jobs and growth at the nonpartisan Illinois Policy Institute, issued the following statement on the report:

"Illinois' job growth has been sporadic – up one month, down the next. This illustrates how badly Illinois needs to enact public policies that will promote consistent economic growth."

"It's very troubling to see how many manufacturing jobs are leaving the state. In March, Illinois lost 600 manufacturing positions and over the last three years the state has lost 3,500 manufacturing jobs."

"Lawmakers need to enact public policies that make it easier for entrepreneurs to start a business, less expensive to run a business and easier for people to find a job. Illinois will not be

able to achieve consistent, positive economic growth until this happens."

Below are some highlights from today's jobs report issued by the IDES:

- In March, Illinois lost a net total of 1,800 jobs.
- The number of people working in the state fell by 10,000, shrinking the state's workforce.
- The Illinois unemployment rate for March is six percent – unchanged from February.

Industries that lost jobs in March include:

- Mining lost 200 jobs.
- Manufacturing lost 600 jobs.
- Education and Health lost 400 jobs.
- Other Services lost 1,900 jobs.
- Financial Activities lost 2,400 jobs.
- Leisure and Hospitality lost 4,900 jobs.

Industries that gained jobs in March include:

- Professional and Business Services gained 100 jobs.
- Information gained 300 jobs.
- Government gained 400 jobs.
- Construction gained 3,600 jobs.
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 4,200 jobs.

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Dwight Lions to Host Free Health Fair May 14

On Thursday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the Dwight Lions Club will host the Dwight Lions Health Fair in St. Patrick's Hall at 118 W. Mazon Ave.

The Lions of Illinois hearing and eye screening units will both be available for hearing and eye screening.

Dwight EMS will be doing cholesterol and blood sugar tests. You will need to fast (only water and coffee without sugar) for this test.

Morris Hospital will be available all day to check blood pressure.

Doc's Drugs will also be available to review prescriptions and recommend those that can be taken together and those that need to be taken separately. You will need a list of all your prescriptions for this service.

St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, will also provide staff to discuss and answer questions about Cardio Rehab.

The following educational health seminars and question sessions will be provided:

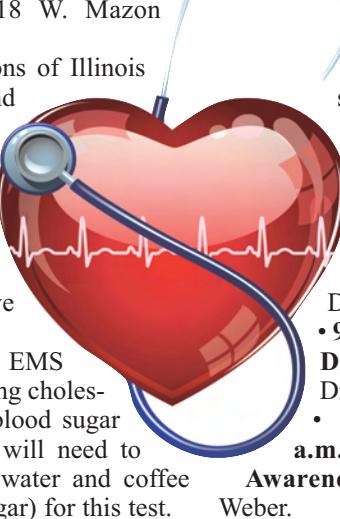
- 9:00-9:30 a.m. – PSA and Prostate, Dr. Swink.
- 9:30-10:00 a.m. – Diet and Exercise, Dr. Swink.
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Diabetes Awareness, Lion Bill Weber.

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Everything is free. If you have any questions, contact Gary Helsing at 815-822-4457, Dale Coughlin at 815-584-4940, or Tim Henson at 815-674-3529.



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sunday, may 10

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815-584-3122 teleflora

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Reservations requested for parties of 6 or more.
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DENKER BENEFIT

All Proceeds to benefit an education fund for Jack Denker

Sunday, May 17
St. Patrick's Parish Hall - Dwight

2 P.M. BINGO
\$10 ADULT \$5 CHILD
(ADDITIONAL CARDS EXTRA)

4 P.M. AUCTION

4 - 6 P.M. SPAGHETTI DINNER
\$10 ADULT \$5 CHILD

PRIZES - 50/50 RAFFLE

Graduation Packages

Pick from our Authentic slow-smoked meats

Cooked over hardwood and charcoal with a mix of cherry, apple and hickory.

Half Pan (serves 20-25) Full Pan (serves 45-50)

Pig in a Pan (Smoked Pulled Pork)

Includes Buns & BBQ Sauce

\$85 \$160

Texas Beef Brisket

Includes Buns & BBQ Sauce

\$95 \$175

Cherrywood Smoked Turkey Breast, Carved

Includes Buns & BBQ Sauce

\$80 \$160

Meat Total \$ _____

Then pick your sides

Half Pan \$30 (serves 20-25) Full Pan \$60 (serves 45-50)

Potato Salad

Creamy Coleslaw

Cucumber Salad

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Cinnamon Apples

Mac & Cheese

Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad

Kidney Bean Salad

Cowboy Caviar

Brisket Baked Beans

Tri-Point Jr. High, High School Americanism Essay Winners

The 2015 Department of Illinois Americanism Essay Contest is co-sponsored by the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Illinois. This year's theme was: *What new Amendment should be added to the U.S. Constitution?*

The winners are as follows, with all first place winners' essays being sent on to District for judging:

American Legion Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom

- Class I – 8th grade: 1st, Hayden Lane; 2nd, Corey Roach.
- Class II – 9th/10th grades: 1st, Elizabeth Houck; 2nd,

• Class I – 8th grade: 1st,

Abby Kerrins; 2nd, Danielle LeClair; 3rd, Lindsay Haren.

- Class II – 9th/10th grades: 1st, Jimmy Haag; 2nd, Jacob Steidinger; 3rd, Roger Viti.
- Class III – 11th/12th grades: 1st, Katy Haag; 2nd, Grace Metz; 3rd, Morgan Hindman.

Judges: Marge Kross and Pat Johnson.

American Legion Auxiliary Gibb Unit #588 of Piper City

- Class I – 8th grade: 1st, Hayden Lane; 2nd, Corey Roach.
- Class II – 9th/10th grades: 1st, Elizabeth Houck; 2nd,

• Class I – 8th grade: 1st,

Ashley Menigoz.

- Class III – 11th/12th grades: 1st, Samantha Ritchie; 2nd, Ashley LeClair.

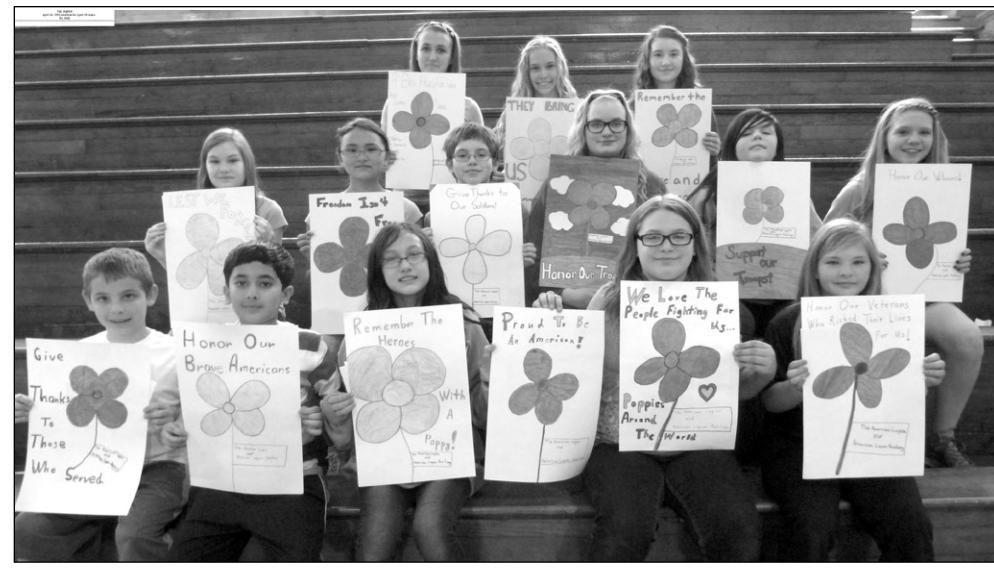
Judges: Dale Cupples, Sue Berry, Donna Kinkade.

Winners on the District Level were:

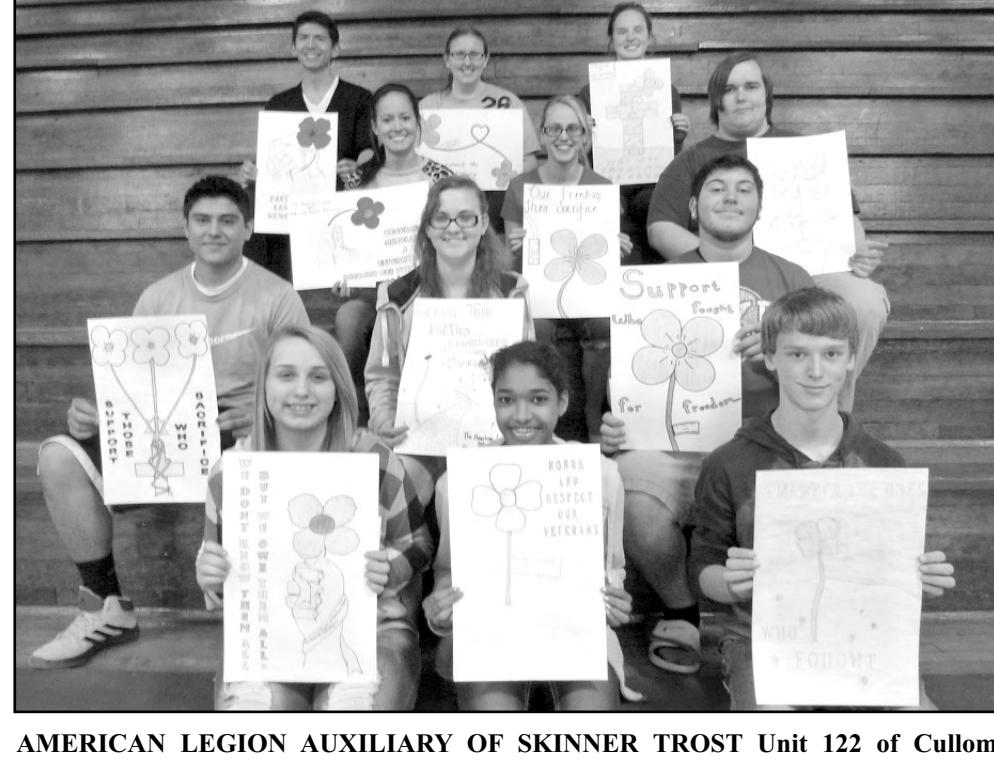
- Class I – 8th grade: Abby Kerrins, 2nd; Tara Hummel, 3rd.

• Class II – 9th/10th grades: Jimmy Haag, 1st; Jacob Bruner, 2nd; Elizabeth Houck, 3rd.

- Class III – 11th/12th grades: Lindsey Margewich, 2nd; Samantha Ritchie, 3rd.

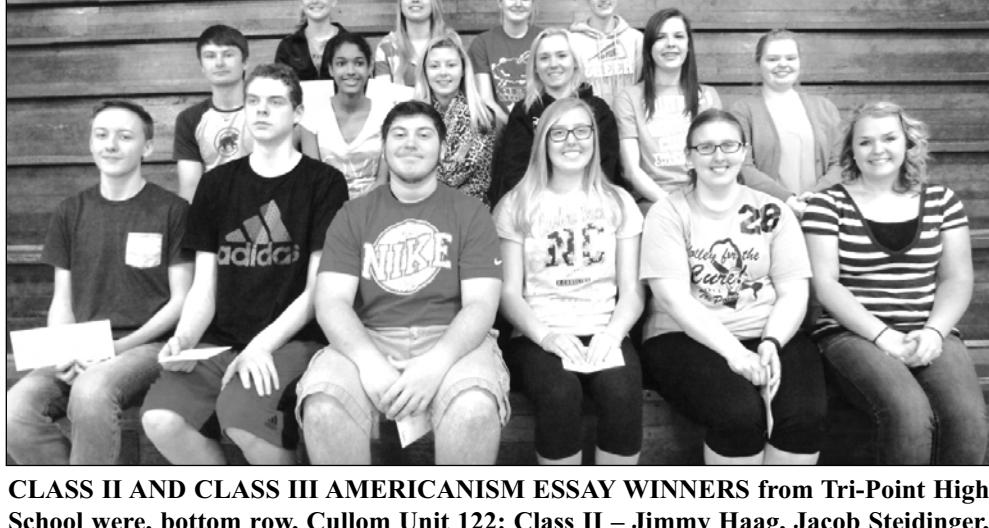


THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OF SKINNER TROST Unit 122 of Cullom recently announced their winners for the 2015 Tri-Point Upper Elementary and Jr. High Poppy Poster Contest, sponsored by the American Legion and ALA. All first place winners were sent to the Department Headquarters in Bloomington for judging on April 25. Winners were: front row, 1 to r, fourth grade – 1st, Owen Halpin; 2nd, Jashdeep Singh; 3rd, Erica Harrell; fifth grade – 1st, Melina Scheutte (not pictured); 2nd, Raven Ogle; 3rd, Cassidy LeClair; middle row, sixth grade – 1st, Elise Bruner; 2nd, Tiara Floyd; 3rd, Braeden Pender; seventh grade – 1st, Cady Denning-Kras; 2nd, Maeve Jahne; 3rd, Kaylie Terven; top row, eighth grade – 1st, Cheyenne Barfield; 2nd, Victoria Smith; 3rd, Anicah Bruner.



CLASS I AMERICANISM ESSAY WINNERS from Tri-Point Jr. High were, bottom row, Cullom Unit 122: Abbey Kerrins, Danielle LeClair, Lindsay Haren; middle row, Kempton Unit 737: Samantha Bielawski, Hallie Sippel (Tara Hummel – absent); top row, Corey Roach (Hayden Lane – absent).

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CLASS II AND CLASS III AMERICANISM ESSAY WINNERS from Tri-Point High School were, bottom row, Cullom Unit 122: Class II – Jimmy Haag, Jacob Steidinger, Roger Viti; Class III – Katy Haag, Grace Metz, Morgan Hindman; middle row, Kempton Unit 737: Class II – Jacob Bruner, Caitlyn Murphy, Gabby McDermott; Class III – Lindsey Margewich, Danielle Shelby, Lauren Mohler; top row, Piper City Unit 588: Class II – Elizabeth Houck; Ashley Menigoz; Class III – Samantha Ritchie and Ashley LeClair.

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Very many "Thanks" go out to our relatives, friends, and "The Paper" for all of the wonderful letters and articles in "The Paper". It has been a humble experience on Tuesday, April 7 for my "Honor Flight" to Washington D.C. and to Ed Voss for acting as my guardian. Thanks again! Harold Mahler (Fuzz)

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DWIGHT ROTARY President Lon Lovelette welcomed Duncan Miiller of Cherry Red Roasters in Dwight.

It's Miiller Time at Rotary

The Rotary Club of Dwight met at Dwight's Cherry Red Roasters, 207 E. Delaware Street, for their luncheon meeting on Wednesday, April 29th. Mr. Duncan Miiller and his wife, Sue Miiller, gave Rotarians an outstanding presentation on BBQ and the many regional varieties of meats and sauces across the U.S.

Rotarians were treated to samples of pork, chicken, beef, and sausage and their custom, homemade sauces available as well as their homemade baked beans and coleslaw. All agreed that the food was excellent!

Mr. Miiller explained that the U.S. has what is called the "Barbeque Belt," that stretches across the southern states and includes Texas, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Missouri. Each area has a specialty meat that is prevalent on their menu: In Kansas City you'll find "Burnt Ends," in Texas it's "Brisket," Kentucky will have "Mutton," Memphis, it'll be "Ribs," North Carolina has the "Whole Hog," but in South Carolina you'll get "Pork Shoulder."

Barbecue dates back to pre-Colonial days. The Spanish explorers brought pigs with them to the Americas and evidence of Indian corn cribs were found when English settlers arrived 200 years later! The pigs, which had turned feral, were the most widely used meat in barbecue.

What is the difference

between BBQ and grilling? Barbecue is smoking meat with indirect heat for a long period of time. Grilling is cooking meat over direct heat in a relatively short period of time. Barbecue uses a variety of wood to impart different flavors. Hard woods will give the meat a strong, smoky flavor, whereas fruit woods will give the meat a milder, sweeter taste.

And don't forget the sauces! Any sauce from clear vinegars to tomato based sweetened sauces to molasses and mustard sauces are acceptable!

Cherry Red Roasters BBQ, LLC has been a member of the Kansas City Barbeque Society since 2010 and has competed in nearly 25 competitions.

Rotary would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Miiller and their staff for giving us a wonderful lunch and for being a great example of the quality businesses Dwight has to offer.

Upcoming programs:

May 13th - Dwight Rotary sent two students to District Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp April 17, 18 and 19. Lyndey Krug and Delaney Haas will talk about their experiences at the Camp and what they got out of it.

May 20th - Brennan Caputo will explain "The Problems and Ways to Abate the Effect on the Headwaters of the Illinois River System." It may not be as bad as we have been told.

Emington Community Association

Meeting May 11

The Emington Community Association will meet at the Roadrunner Restaurant on Monday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the upcoming 3rd of July celebration.

This will be one of the

final meetings to firm up plans. Raffle items will need to be brought in so tickets can be printed and sold.

Volunteers are still welcome to attend.

Chatsworth Corner

by Mare Reardanz



2015 TOWN OF CHATSWORTH BOARD MEMBERS
Richard Runyon, Mayor; Will Price, Galen Schaffer, Shane Bell, Kenny Ashman and Art Scharf, Trustees; Dale Diller, Trustee, not pictured.

The Town of Chatsworth's Year End/ New Year meeting commenced at 7:02 pm April 30, 2015. Mayor Richard Runyon stated in his year end statement that Chatsworth has had a good year. "The completion of the completely rebuilt water treatment plant was a success with very few setbacks. The town now can be proud of a state of the art system complete with manholes and access points for evaluation, treatment and inspection.

The town has upgraded much of their equipment for efficiency and safety to the town employees. We have purchased a backhoe, Bobcat with attachments, newer trucks for the employees and rebuilt the motor on the snow plow truck. The Safe Routes to School money has come through and new sidewalks can begin construction as soon as school is finished for the year." Runyon thanked the Board members for making good decisions and working hard for the town both on and off their own time. He also thanked Josh Bell for his service of the last four years.

May Runyon looks forward to working for the people of the town with park improvements and other town projects.

Trustee Galen Schaffer read Lori Shafer's ESDA report. Bills were approved to be paid and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Runyon called the New Year meeting to order at 7:16 and approved liquor licenses for Casey's General Store, Walter Clemmons Post 613, Rick & Anita's Inc., and the Highlanders 13 Trees. He then asked the Board to approve the appointments for the town positions.

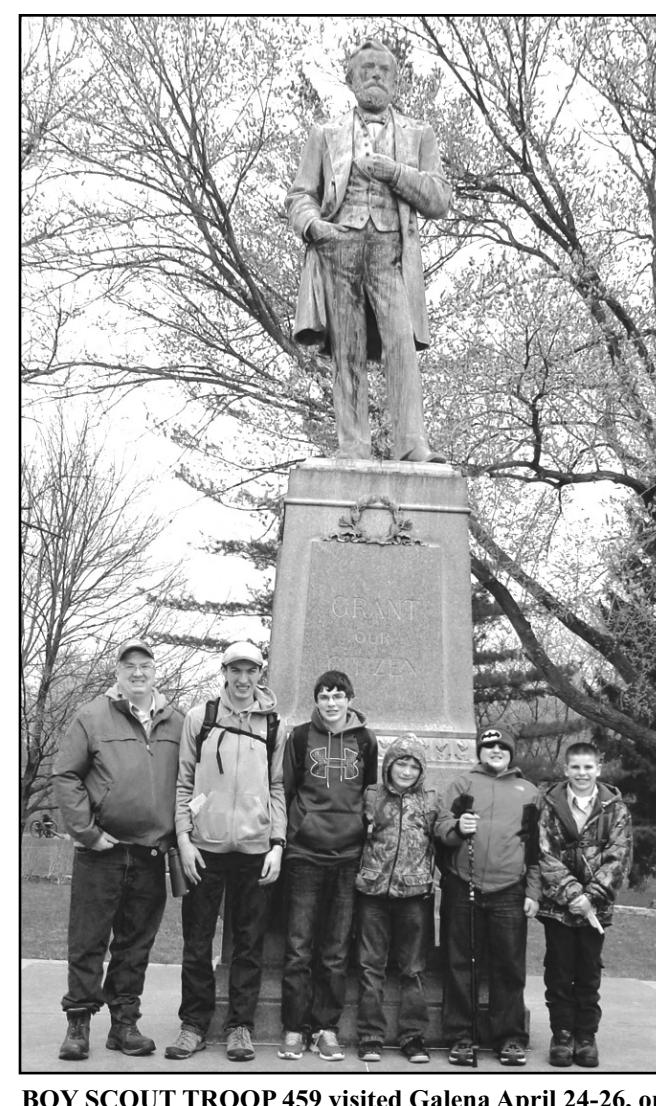


Nancy Gertes Hibisch

Nancy Gertes Hibisch retired from her post as town treasurer of 30 years and gave a heartfelt goodbye to all. She has been an attribute to the town and also a great friend.

Newly elected trustees, Will Price, Galen Schaffer, Shane Bell, Dale Diller, Kenny Ashman and Art Scharf were sworn in and welcomed. Mindy Meyer was appointed Town Treasurer and thanked Nancy Gertes Hibisch for her help and instruction in the past.

At that time, Mayor Runyon presented his standing committees for the fiscal year of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 459 visited Galena April 24-26, on the 61st Anniversary of the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage. Pictured in front of the U.S. Grant statue are, l to r, Scoutmaster Tom McDaniel, Scouter Harry McDaniel, Boy Scout Spencer McDaniel, James Morrison, Austin Niccum, and Danny Passini.

Boy Scout Troop 459 Celebrates Anniversary of U.S. Grant Pilgrimage

Boy Scout Troop 459, chartered by Godley Park District, went to the 61st Anniversary of the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage held in Galena April 24-26. This was the first time the troop has gone to this event.

The scouts camped out at a nearby campground and had to take down the tents each day due to the strong winds. The scouts received some extra practice taking care of the tents.

On Saturday, the scouts hiked around, visiting the Grant Museum and other landmarks in town. Even though it was the end of April, the temperature ranged from a high of 51° during the day, down to 32° at night. The scouts were prepared, however, and slept comfortably during the unusual cold.

This year marked the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War and thou-

sands of Boy Scouts came out to the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage to pay tribute to Ulysses S. Grant. As Commanding General, Grant worked closely with President Abraham Lincoln to lead the Union Army to victory over the Confederacy in the American Civil War.

On April 9, 1865, at the Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia, Robert E. Lee officially surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant. Four years later, Grant became the 18th President of the United States, from 1869-1877.

If interested in joining Boy Scout Troop 459, all boys from all surrounding towns are invited to visit one of the Boy Scout meetings on Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 p.m. at the Godley Rec. Hall. Call 815-237-0556 for more information.



DWIGHT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS president Chuck Gliva presented a check to MOSAIC's Jerry Woodcock, left, and Nadine McDonald recently. MOSAIC is a faith-based organization that serves people with intellectual disabilities, working as partners to create meaningful lives and opportunities for the people they serve.

May Events at Fossil Ridge Public Library

The following events are going on at Fossil Ridge Public Library in Braidwood during May:

- May 7: 9:00 a.m. to noon, LIHEAP; 4:00-5:00 p.m., Teen Book Club, discussing Hollow City by Ransom Riggs; 5:00-7:00 p.m., Free Movie and Popcorn. Showing The Giver.
- May 15: 10:00 a.m., Coffee and Bagels. All adults welcome.
- May 18: 6:30 p.m., Board

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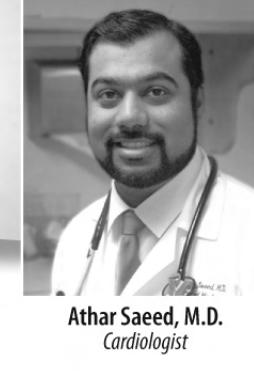
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Alycia Ferrari Named to MacMurray Dean's List

MacMurray College in Jacksonville recently named Alycia Ferrari, of Dwight, to their Dean's List for the fall semester.

To earn Dean's List honors, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 credit

Ryan Cookingham Graduates from Basic Combat Training

Army Pvt. Ryan M. Cookingham recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Ryan is a 2013 graduate of Gardner-South Wilmington High School.



ST. PATRICK CHURCH IN RANSOM celebrated First Communion and Crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary at their April 26 mass. The three First Communicants, front row, l to r, Makenna Ondrey, Kadence Ondrey, Mya Zavada, received the sacrament during the mass. Pictured, back row, l to r, are Clara Ross – crowned Blessed Mary, Leilani Zavada – altar server, Melinda Stevens – catechist, Fr. Anthony Ego, Brad Coughlin – catechist and Director of Religious Education, and Nolan Coughlin – altar server.

Parkland College Announces Candidates for 2015 Commencement

Parkland College recently announced the candidates for the College's 47th Commencement Exercises, to be held Thursday, May 14, at 8:00 p.m. in the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts in Urbana. Area students named as candidates are:

- **Julia Elizabeth Power**, Cabery.
- **Hillary Lorraine Webb**, Herscher.

A reception will be held in the Krannert Center lobby after the recessional. Tickets are required.

Chaney Tambling Receives Veterinary College Awards

Chaney Tambling, a first-year veterinary student, was recently honored at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine's annual awards program. Tambling is the daughter of Mike and Shari Tambling, of Dwight.

Tambling graduated from Dwight Township High School in 2010. She then attended Augustana College in Rock Island, earning a bachelor's in biology in 2014.

The College of Veterinary Medicine is one of only 30 veterinary schools in the United States. The veterinary medicine curriculum is a four-year program leading to a doctoral degree.

The society recognizes and encourages academic excellence among two-year college students.

Hillary Webb, of Herscher, was among 73 students recently inducted into the Parkland College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the official honor society of two-year colleges.

Membership is by invitation and is based on academic criteria. All inductees must have completed a minimum of 12 hours of college-level coursework and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. The Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony took place on April 24.



KCC's Sophia Hakey Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Sophia Hakey, of Essex, was one of 50 Kankakee Community College students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society on April 24.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international academic honor society for community college students. To join Phi Theta Kappa, students must meet requirements including completion of 12 semester

hours of credit division coursework at KCC with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Members must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher. Complete requirements are at www.kcc.edu/ptk/.

KCC holds induction ceremonies for new Phi Theta Kappa members each fall and spring semester.

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THREE STUDENTS FROM ST. PATRICK CCD CLASSES in Ransom were confirmed by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, on March 14 at St. Michael Church in Streator. Pictured, l to r, are Elizabeth Hess, Sheila Brockman – catechist, Taytum Williams, and Colten Fiedler.

Small World

Wendell Lighty of Saunemin called *The Paper* recently to relate an incident involving his daughter, Carmen Sue, who lives in Spokane, Washington.

A man visited the business where Carmen Sue is employed in Spokane and struck up a conversation with her. Result? Both learned they were from the central part of Illinois.

Carmen Sue grew up in the Saunemin/Dwight area, and the man, Arden Chapple, had lived in the home on Route 17 just east of the Campus Road intersection.

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AFTER NEARLY 25 YEARS of service to the Dwight Township High School Board of Education, Board President Irv Masching has stepped down. Masching served on the DTHS Board from 1990 – 2105. At a special joint session on April 29, Masching was honored for his service to the Board. Picture above, Masching, left, receives a commemoration from District Superintendent Richard Jancek stating "In Appreciation of 25 Years of dedicated Service, Friendship and Leadership to the Dwight Township High School District #230."

Butterfly Gardening at Prairie Creek Library

Master Gardener Dawn Baker, from University of Illinois Extension in Livingston County, will be at Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight Monday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Dawn will be sharing insights on creating a garden that will draw different butterflies to your yard. Her experience and knowledge will help you enhance your landscape with the color and grace of these beautiful insects.



JOHN CLAUSEN, RIGHT, MEMBER OF ST. PATRICK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 1282, was recently presented with a Newman Century Club plaque in recognition of his support of the Newman Fund and its centers. Newman Centers are residence and Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities throughout the world. These centers provide pastoral services and ministries to their Catholic communities, in particular to the respective Roman Catholic student populations.

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Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate bridge was played April 30 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center.

North/South:

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2. Liz Houck/Evelyn Neuhaufen
3. Darlene Drechsel/Mary Anne McNamara

East/West:

1. Carol Bush/Delores Slattery
2. Loisanne O'Connell/Norma Rodosky
3. Joan Francis/Dacia Hancock

The next duplicate bridge will be May 14.

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MVK Elementary School Kindergarten Orientation May 7

Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Elementary School will be holding Kindergarten Orientation Thursday, May 7, in the Gymnasium from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

If you have not pre-enrolled your Kindergarten student for the 2015-16 school year, call the school office at 448-2471 to make arrangements. A birth certifi-

cate is needed to complete the process. Pre-enrolling your student is important and helpful in determining class size and constructing class lists.

If you are unable to go to the school before the Orientation date, plan on attending Orientation and enrolling your child at that time.



Dana Wright



Kylie King

American Legion Selects Two for Girl's State

The American Legion Women's Auxiliary is sponsoring two Gardner-South Wilmington students to attend Girl's State at Eastern Illinois University June 21-27. Below is an autobiography of each young lady.

Dana Wright I am the daughter of Jeff and Stephanie Wright. I am the middle child out of five children. I am a current Junior at Gardner-South Wilmington High School. Some of the activities I am involved with include being the president of my class for three years in a row, student council member, National Honor Society member, Students Against Destructive Decisions member, Student Ambassador, Prom Committee member. I play basketball, and am on the Pantherette Spirit Line. I often help out at my local Mobile Food Pantry in my spare time.

My future plans are to major in Social Work and attend Southern Illinois University Carbondale. My main objective is to help out troubled children and let them know that someone is always there for them.

Kylie King I am going to be a senior in the upcoming school year. I will be playing softball and basketball. I am also going to be in student council, National Honor Society, and Orange Crush. I am the daughter of Mark and Bobbi King and I have an older brother, John, and a younger sister, Tori. I am deciding on my college major. If I choose to pursue Radiology I plan to attend Rock Valley College and transfer to SIU Carbondale. If I choose Forensic Pathology I will be attending Rock Valley and then the University of Minnesota. My goal is to continue to play softball at the college level.

SWGS Kindergarten Screenings

South Wilmington Grade School will have their Kindergarten screenings Monday, May 11, through Wednesday, May 13, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. each day.

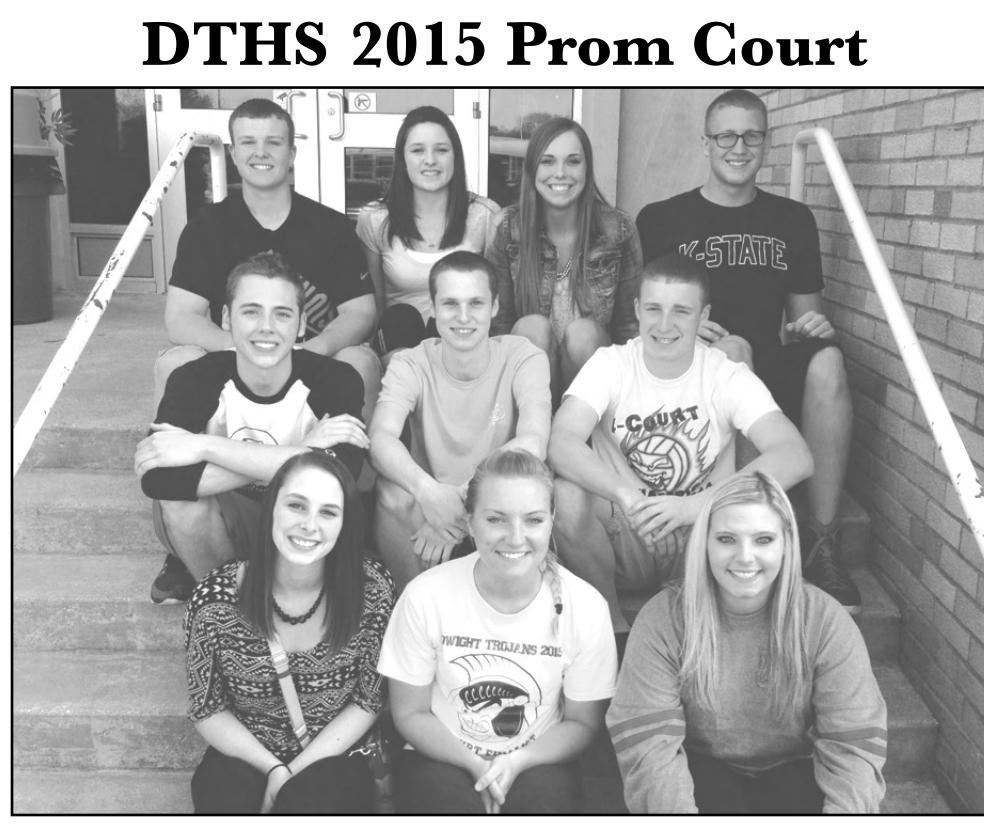
All children who will be in Kindergarten starting in August 2015 are asked to contact the school to schedule a time for screening for one of the aforementioned days. The screening will take approximately 45 minutes.

Contact the school at 815-237-2281 for more information.

Dwight CSD #232 Kindergarten Registration

Registration packets for Kindergarten will be distributed to Pre-K students this week. Dwight CSD #232 will have walk-in registration for incoming Kindergarteners Only from 12 - 6 p.m. on May 11.

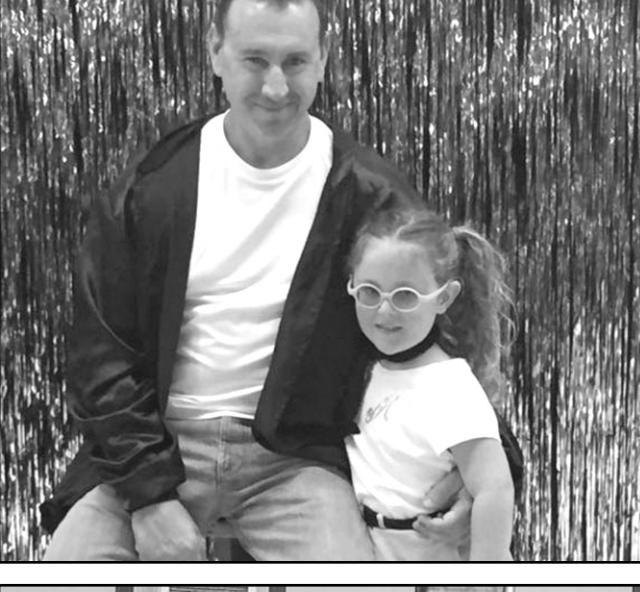
DTHS JAZZ SHOW MAY 15 & 16 DTHS AUDITORIUM



"PARIS UNDER THE STARS" is this year's DTHS Prom theme. The 2015 Prom will take place on Saturday, May 9 at the American Legion Hall in Gardner. Queen candidates are, l to r, Shannon Cain, Amy Ruder and Rachel Gschwendtner. King candidates are, l to r, Dalton Hagi, Dylan Cain and Drew Jensen. Junior attendants are: Connor Gantzert, Lyndey Krug, Molly Snyder and Jace Kennedy.



GARDNER GRADE SCHOOL hosted a fourth grade Ag Jeopardy event on April 24. Several schools in Grundy County competed. GGS students received third place overall. Shown with their trophy are, front row, l to r, Tanner Fisher, Ryan Olsen, Noah Wise; back row, Ricky Sarcinelli, Emma Wilson, Makensi Hahn, and Mrs. Sovey.



THE SOUTH WILMINGTON PARENTS CLUB held a Daddy-Daughter Dance at the grade school with a 'Grease' theme. Dads wore white t-shirts and jeans rolled up, while many little ones wore poodle skirts and scarfs. It was a fun night dancing to 50s and 60s music. Dan Burton of South Wilmington brought one of his old vehicles to make the event more memorable. At left, Marissa stands by her father, Dave Bafia. Below, everyone gathered for a group photo.

Daddy-Daughter Dance SW Grade School



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DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, faculty at Dwight Common School District #232 promoted Autism Awareness. April is dedicated as National Autism Awareness Month. Pictured above, front row, l to r, Vickie Roeder, Laura Calhoon, Sam Bastian, Jessie Moyemont, Stacey Stefanski. Back row: Ben Bailey, Laura Reamer, Laura Vigna, Sarah Jones, Chuck Butterbrodt and Maggie Taylor.



A GARDENING CLASS WAS HELD at Prairie Creek Library April 27 with Sandy Knight and Dawn Bakker from the University of Illinois Extension giving the presentation and many good tips. Each class participant took home a plant.



Dwight To Consider New Housing Incentives Outdoor Cafes/Outdoor Restaurant Seating

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regulations.

A third agenda item reviewed were the five bids received for the new Columbia Street High Speed Rail Depot. IDOT is currently reviewing the bids.

Following the Administration Committee meeting

was a meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees. The lack of a quorum carried over to this meeting which meant no actions could be taken by the Dwight Village Board at this April 27 session. Present at both meetings were Mayor Jared Anderson and Trustees Jerry Curtis and Tim Dougherty. Absent were

Trustees Randy Irvin, Marla Kinkade, Nick Kester, and Justin Eggenberger.

The board adjourned without rescheduling the village meeting and will address agenda items at its next regular session on May 11. Also at the May 11 session, elected board members will be seated.

Gardner VB Meets, Talks Salary and Scholarship

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vator to the list of properties to have cleaned up. Jensen advised the building appears to be infested with wild animals, particularly foxes. Village Attorney Scott Belt advised the board the last communication with Nielson was prior to the adoption of the property maintenance code, which may provide support for addressing the building. Commissioner James Riley reported he sent a letter to Nielson giving a July 1 deadline to demolish or make repairs to

the elevator, or the Village will begin the fine process. Commissioner Rob Wolf advised he sent a letter to O'Hare Towing advising them to remove the non-compliant items from the front of the property by June 1 or be subject to fines.

Village Clerk Pat Malinowski read a letter of resignation from Village Plumbing inspector Jeff Bexson based on changes to the Illinois State Plumbing code. Bexson's resignation went into effect May 1.

The board also received a prompt from the GSW Prom Lock-In.

Mayor Mike Serena presented a letter from the Grundy County Sheriff's Department regarding the annual 10% increase in contractual service fees.

Serena closed by asking the commissioners to begin considering diverting some of the gambling funds into a scholarship fund on an annual basis, possibly starting in 2016.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held before the Village of South Wilmington Zoning Board at the Village of South Wilmington Village Hall located at 380 Lake Street, on Thursday, the 28th day of May, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application for a zoning variation from the provisions of Article XIII, Section 3, Subsection .140 (C) of the Village of South Wilmington Zoning Code which requires a ten foot (10') rear yard setback. The variance request is associated with the construction of an accessory building located zero feet (0') from the rear lot line resulting in a zero foot (0') rear yard setback. Said variances shall affect the real property which is legally described as follows:

The South half of lot five (5) and all of lot six (6) in block four (4) in the original town of South Wilmington (Except coal and other minerals underlying said premises in question with the right to mine and to remove the same), in Grundy County, Illinois.

The application for the variance has been made by David Anderson, affecting the property located at 330 Lynn Street in the Village of South Wilmington, in Grundy County, Illinois.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and will be given the opportunity to be heard. The application for the zoning variance is on file with the Village Clerk for the Village of South Wilmington. Questions or comments may be submitted orally, in writing, or both.

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GSW Special Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: April 15, 2015 (Regular & Closed minutes) Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the meeting minutes for the month of April 2015.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo. MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

CANVASS OF ELECTIONS RESULTS: The Grundy and Kankakee County Clerks after having canvassed the votes have submitted an Abstract of Votes. The Abstract of Votes contains the number of votes each candidate has received in the election. The President, Mr. David

Doglio, read the Resolution certifying the election results.

Katy Wepprech received 581 votes for a 4-year term Joseph R. Elens received 440 votes for a 4-year term Pamela J. Brooks received 497 votes for a 4-year term

Bob Swisher, III received 320 votes for a 4-year term

Kori S. Speed received 457 votes for a 4-year term Katy Wepprech, Pamela J. Brooks and Kori S. Speed, were declared elected for a term of four years.

CERTIFICATION OF

APRIL 7, 2015 ELECTION

RESULTS: Approval of the Resolution certifying the election results as submitted by the Grundy County and Kankakee County Clerks.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS LEAVING THE BOARD: Mr. Matthew Finn and Mr. Joseph Elens – each serving a 4-year term from 2011 to 2015.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE RETIRING BOARD SINE DIE: President David Doglio adjourned the meeting sine die.

BOARD OF EDUCATION President: David Doglio Vice-President: Pam Brooks Members: Joe Elens, Matt Finn, Cindy Gerber, Craig Male, Allison Palermo Principal: John Engelman Superintendent: Michael Perrott

GSW Seats New Board Members

ACTION: BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION:

SWARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS: Katy Wepprech (newly elected member), Pamela Brooks (reclaimed her seat) and Kori Speed (newly elected member). Oath was taken by all newly elected board members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT: Mr. David Doglio was elected as President.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT: Mrs. Pamela Brooks was elected as Vice-President.

ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY: Mrs. Carla Huston was appointed as Board Secretary.

DESIGNATION OF REGULAR MEETING TIME, PLACE AND DATE: GSW Board Room, 7:00 PM, 3rd Wednesday of every month, and 4th Wednesday of every month (if needed).

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

GAVC = Craig Male
Special Education Co-Operative = Allison Palermo
IASB Governing Board = David Doglio

IASB Convention
Delegate = David Doglio
Board Policy = Cindy Gerber, Kori Speed & Katy Wepprech

Building & Grounds = Craig Male & Pam Brooks
Braceville Elementary School IGA = Allison Palermo

Community Council = Cindy Gerber, Katy Wepprech & Kori Speed

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mrs. Nicole Leigh and Mrs. Michelle Scaccia, Coaches, were present at the meeting to address and answer any questions regarding the new Pantherette Spiritline. They stated that in the past, the numbers were not there to support both a Cheerleading team and a Pantherette squad.

So, their vision was to take the talent and combine the girls into 1 team. IHSA is now recognizing team dance as a competitive sport. The new team will be its own entity – own sport – comparable to volleyball, basketball or softball. The dance team will be very competitive and rigorous.

It will be an "all year" sport. In the summer, they will hold the Kiddie Camp and will be performing at Party in the Park in South Wilmington the last weekend in July. They will also attend two camps: 1 Cheer Camp in June and 1 Dance Camp in

July. In the Fall, they will perform at Dwight High School Football Field during half-time and possibly at the University of Illinois during a half-time cheer show. They will also attend four Dance Competitions during the months of Nov., Dec. and Jan.

The girls will be participating in fund-raisers, selling concessions at baseball & softball games and selling 50/50 tickets to help with their expenses.

Board Member, Katy Wepprech, expressed her concern with the new Pantherette Spiritline not marching with the GSW band in the two parades = Dwight Harvest Days & Morris Corn Festival. She would like to see all the girls (the entire team) march in front of the band for both parades.

Audience members Tami Finn and Debbie Tjelle commented that the Pantherette Spiritline should be marching in the parades with the GSW band. They stated that they did not agree with splitting the team and making only the Fresh/Soph girls march. It should be all members, regardless of age / grade level. The girls need to stay together as a team.

Board member Kori Speed stated that she would like to see the dance team march with the band, as it is a 50-year plus tradition. She thanked Mrs. Leigh and Mrs.

Scaccia and informed them that she is in full support of the new Pantherette Spiritline but would really like to try and make it work for the girls to stay marching / performing with the GSW band.

Board member, Craig Male, said that the program has changed over the last 50-years and it is not the same as the traditional Pantherette team. He stated that the board is in support of the new idea of changing directions and combining Cheer and Dance into one team. We have enthusiastic coaches and students. The board is taking a step forward to a new, positive approach and supporting a new program for our students.

ACTION ITEMS:
Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Braceville Elementary School for the shared Employment of Music Teacher = Mr. Michael Leone.
Approval of Part-Time Temporary Summer Office Attendant = Samantha Schultz

BOARD OF EDUCATION President: David Doglio Vice-President: Pam Brooks Members: Cindy Gerber, Craig Male, Allison Palermo, Kori Speed, Katy Wepprech Principal: John Engelman Superintendent: Michael Perrott.

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GARDNER SOUTH WILMINGTON 2015 Prom Queen Emily Foley and King Tony Bernardy. Their court included, l to r, Kaylyn Harvey, Jack Davidson, Josie Hyslop, Blake Marks, Molly Schultz and Seth Patterson. Prom was held April 24 at the Gardner American Legion.

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

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff(s), vs. ROBERT TREGLIO, GRETCHEN A. TREGLIO, Defendant(s). Case No. 14 CH 78

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois, will on May 27, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at the LAW & JUSTICE CENTER, 110 N. MAIN STREET, PONTIAC, IL 61764, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

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The property is improved by a single family residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If 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).

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #06185808 Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Richard Drezek - ARDC #6301323 Nathan J. Buikema - ARDC #6302969 Brian D. Nevel - ARDC #6309777 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com MA # 14-03193

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District 435 in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, that a budget amendment for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Odell Grade School, 203 N. East Street in this school district from and after 8:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of May, 2015.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 10th day of June, 2015 at Odell Grade School Library.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2015 Board of Education of School District Number 435, in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois.

Mark Hilleary
Secretary
Board of Education

SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

General Town Fund

I, P. Douglas Abry, Supervisor of Nevada Township, Livingston County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April, 1 2014 and ending March 31, 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2014		55,490
REVENUES		
Property Tax	34,883	
Replacement Tax	2,056	
Interest Income	152	
TOTAL REVENUES		37,091
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	32,960	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		32,960
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2015		59,621

Road District Treasurer's Annual Report

General Town

TO WHOM PAID	ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID	AMOUNT
Paul Ribordy	Road Commissioner	20,400
P. Douglas Abry	Supervisor	3,300
Patty Ribordy	Clerk	2,800
Rick Anderson	Trustee	480
Wm. Hoeger	Trustee	480
Mike Cassady	Trustee	320
John Drew	Trustee	320

Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs

Pauper (GA) Fund

BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2014		13,976
REVENUES		
Property Tax	575	
Interest Income	28	
TOTAL REVENUES		603
EXPENDITURES		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		0
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2015		14,579

Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs

Audit

BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2014		84
REVENUES		
Property Tax	410	
Interest Income	0.17	
TOTAL REVENUES		494.17
EXPENDITURES		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		0
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2015		579.17

ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Road and Bridge Fund

BEGINNING BALANCE April 1, 2014		15,775
REVENUES		
Property Tax	43,137	
Replacement Tax	4,517	
Interest Income	23	
Traffic Fines	1,324	
TOTAL REVENUES		49,001
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	4,482	
Maintenance	29,982	
Equipment	17,114	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		51,578
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2015		13,198

Road and Bridge Fund

TO WHOM PAID	ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID	AMOUNT
Valley View	Rock/Chips	13,155
Ken's Oil Service	Fuel	6,281
Todd Campbell Trucking	Trucking	4,940
Mid State Asphalt Repair Inc.	Blacktop Repairs	4,791
Limestone Transit	Trucking	4,779
Wissmiller & Evans	Chains/Blades	4,200
John Deere Financial	Parts/Repairs	2,376
Rt. 66 Tire	Tires/Repairs	2,160
Riber Construction	Excavating	1,620
Ed Hogan	Labor	2,556
Devin Sturms	Labor	715
Jim Hogan	Labor	63
Brian Cassidy	Labor	31
Paul Ribordy	Rent	500

12 Vendors under \$1,000 each totaling 2,815

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SOUTH WILMINGTON 8TH GRADE STUDENTS, Madison Asbridge and Cadee Grieff were honored at the Three Rivers Region of Illinois Principals Association Breakfast on May 1st at the Rialto Theatre in Joliet. Superintendent/Principal Cynthia Christensen, center, recognized these two outstanding students for their diligence and dedication to their school and community.

Along with other area administrators, close to 100 students were brought together to celebrate the accomplishments of these remarkable students. These students will leave a lasting impression on their schools and community during their academic careers.

Guest Speaker, IPA Executive Director, addressed the students as the key note speaker and stressed the importance of having a "significant" life. Madison and Cadee are already on the road to having significant impacts on those around them with the activities that they engage in as leaders. Congratulations!

Upcoming Programs at Limestone Library

Limestone Township Library is hosting the following:

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m., Adult Book Club

Join the Adult Book Club for lively discussion. This month they are reading The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown, a non-fiction story about the 1936 U.S. Olympic rowing team.

Saturday, May 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Lego Building

Create houses, monsters, or futuristic vehicles with Legos

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Use It or Lose It

Five years ago this last February, I lost my eyesight in my left eye – it happened in five minutes.

Thirteen surgeries later, I am blind in my left eye, with diminished sight in my right eye.

About one month ago, I met Kim from Life Center for Independent Living. Kim has been blind for 45 years and now works for the state.

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Vision 20/20

Vision 20/20 is not just about the administrative aspects of public education. It is the desire of school boards across the state that our children are given the best education we can possibly give them. Vision 20/20 puts the child at the very heart of its mission.

Expectations of Education

Many adults can tell you that when they were children their idea of education in the 21st Century was something taken from Star Trek. Kids would have a tailored education plan that perfectly suited their needs and learning styles; there were no bored kids falling asleep at their desks...well, there were no desks! Education was an experience that incorporated research, hands-on exploration and experimentation, and really cool "mini-computers" that every student would have access to all the time. Education was fun and rich with adventure and history and every child was trained in the way that led them to exactly the right profession for who they were. Sounds pretty good, right? In the 30+ years since that educational concept was introduced through Star Trek: The Next Generation, we ask ourselves, has our current education system met those expectations? Yes. And no. Did the vision Gene Roddenberry have for education go too far beyond what was able to be accomplished, or was his vision

for our kids future so incredibly insightful that we are now just catching on? Visionaries like Roddenberry and Apple and countless educators, authors, film makers, and parents all have a dream: The best education for every child.

The History of Education

In the 1400's there were seven categories that, if mastered, one would be considered equipped for the future to do whatever it was that they wanted to do. Master grammar, logic, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy and the world held endless opportunities for you. The model was a teacher handing out information from the front of the room and a group of students learning by writing it down. Can that 1400's model of teaching be as effective when classroom size is large and there is such a vast amount of knowledge to be disseminated? Today, there are hundreds of disciplines available and more knowledge to be had than ever imagined before.

Technology in Education

Technology has made it possible to gain knowledge 24/7 and in a way that the learner can best learn. If you are visual, you can read about any subject to your mind's delight. If you are an audio learner, you can listen to countless books and satisfy your learning in that manner. If you have to "do" things to learn

them, there are educational games like Minecraft and Kerbal as well as thousands of instructional YouTube videos you can access. Technology has something for everyone from every walk of life and every learning style. So why isn't it utilized more in public education? The educational model we currently use is over 600 years old. Technology is advancing so fast today, that 20 years ago, the internet was just being introduced! Changing 600 years of success in under 20 years would be a miracle.

Vision 20/20 wants to see the "whole child" developed. We support the development of legislation that will align social and emotional standards from a pure academic focus to a whole child focus. We want to see appropriate instructional resources made available to support the incorporation of social and emotional learning best practices.

Vision 20/20 supports student creativity and innovation. We agree that every effort should be made to maintain and enhance educational opportunities that will encourage creativity and innovation. Flexibility in the classroom that allows the students own pursuits and passions will encourage them to be life-long learners.

Vision 20/20 promotes individualized learning. We support recognizing every child's learning through individualized plans, student goal setting, and differentiated instruction. We also support our teachers, knowing that additional time and resources may be necessary to provide individualized instruction and experiences for every child.

Vision 20/20 seeks to engage parents, family and community. We want to see each of our students succeed and achieve at high levels. It is our goal to communicate effectively and support student learning both at home and at school.

Vision 20/20 seeks to preserve instructional time. Educators need data from testing to develop effective instruction and support innovative instructional practices. We support a state testing program that meets the needs of our districts that would allow us to forgo local assessments.

Vision 20/20 seeks to address the disparity in the technological landscape. We support legislation that will provide high speed internet connectivity to every school and every community. Right now, a large portion of Illinois school districts, including Livingston County have broadband speeds below 1 Gbps. Only 26% of Illinois school districts have adequate infrastructure to administer the state test online. We support legislation that will address the technology infrastructure needs in Illinois so students and staff can fully access all the educational resources available online. We support legislation that will allow districts to utilize the School Facility Occupation/Sales Tax to add technology purchases/leases to allowable expenditures.

Vision 20/20 seeks to expand Early Childhood Education so all our children start the life-long learning process early.

Vision 20/20 seeks to promote partnerships with Post-Secondary Institutions. We support offering a wide-range of quality dual-credit and technical education programs. We support high school progressions and testing that is aligned with community colleges and other post-secondary institutions.

Vision 20/20 seeks to encourage career exploration. We support the forming of local partnerships with businesses, and the graduation requirement flexibility for students who participate in internships or apprenticeships.

New Boards Seated at Dwight Schools

by Madelyn Fogarty

At a special joint session of the Dwight School Districts on April 29, new board members were seated and a reorganization of both boards took place.

At Dwight Township High School, Board President Irv Masching stepped down from his post after nearly 25 years of service to the school and the community. Masching was recognized by the Board and presented with a special service award. Also leaving their respective posts and recognized for years of service to the Dwight School Boards of Education were Ron Colebank, 10 years DGS BOE; Rob Pulver, 8

years DGS BOE; and Paul Ferrari, 7 years DTHS BOE.

Officers for both boards were elected. Serving as President for the Dwight Grade School Board of Education District #232 will be Marc Ellis. Bo Partney will serve as DGS BOE Vice-President. For Dwight Township High School District #230, Board President is Brian Perschnick with Kathy Perry serving as Vice-President. Deb Conroy was elected Board Secretary for both school boards.

Taking the Oath of Office were new board members Sara Peters (DGS), Joel Funk (DGS), Travis Swink (DTHS) and Kevin Berta (DTHS) along with re-elect-

ed board members Kim Frauli (DGS), Marc Ellis (DGS) and Kim Rodosky (DTHS).

Meeting times and locations will remain unchanged with Dwight Grade School handled by Bank of Pontiac, Dwight Branch. The First National Bank of Dwight will handle Dwight High School funds.

The Designation of Depositories will remain unchanged with Financial Funds for Dwight Grade School handled by Bank of Pontiac, Dwight Branch. The First National Bank of Dwight will handle Dwight High School funds.



FOLLOWING FINAL CONFIRMATION of the April 7 election results, a special joint session of the Boards of Education for Dwight Public Schools was held on April 29 where a reorganization of the school boards took place and new board members were seated. Pictured are the current Boards of Education for Dwight Public School Districts #232 and #230.

Above, Dwight Grade School #232 Board members include (seated L-R) Cathy Ferguson, Kim Frauli, and Sara Peters. (Standing L-R) Board Vice-President Bo Partney, Joel Funk, and Board President Marc Ellis. Not pictured is Board member Steve Tock.

Below, Dwight Township High School #230 Board members include (seated L-R) Kim Rodosky, Jenn Myzia, and Board Vice-President Kathy Perry. (Standing L-R) Tim Henson, Board President Brian Perschnick, Travis Swink, and Kevin Berta.



Dwight Schools Approve 2015-16 Calendar

April 27 Joint Board Actions

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ing with Village Officials to discuss further.

In miscellaneous actions, all which were only related to the DTHS Board of Education, the DTHS board:

- approved \$20,000

towards the DTHS Campus

Beautification/Landscaping

Project. (DTHS BOE

Member Kathy Perry voted

against the move)

- approved Melissa

Snyder, Football Cheer-

leading Coach.

- approved Dan Tarnow-

ski, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach.

- approved an FCCLA Trip To National Conference.

- approved Boys Basketball Overnight Trips: Vandalia June 25-26; Wisconsin Dells June 28-29.

The Paper Deadline is Friday at noon.



OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS honored for their service to the Boards of Education at Dwight Public Schools were Ron Colebank, above, 10 years DGS BOE; Rob Pulver, below, 8 years DGS BOE; and Paul Ferrari (not pictured), 7 years DTHS BOE. Plaques were presented by Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek.



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Special Olympics continues to provide opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to go from quiet spectators to jubilant participation. Each participant exemplifies the Special Olympic Oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Special Olympics



ADIN KRISCHEL took first place in the Male Division 5 for the Softball Throw during the Spring Games held in Bloomington May 3.

ANGEL NORTON placed first in the Female Division 5 for the 50 Meter Run when the Special Olympic Games were held May 3 in Bloomington.

TAYLOR PECK took first place in the Female Division 5 for the Softball Throw on May 3 in Bloomington during the Spring Games.

THE SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES were held at Normal West High School in Bloomington May 3. Pictured (above right) are the assistant coaches for DTHS, Joshua Krischel, Brooklyn Long, Abigail Tyler, and Ariel Norton.

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Sunday, May 10

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Mazon UMC to Hold 5K Run/Walk June 6

The Mazon United Methodist Church will be holding their Fifth Annual 5K Run/Walk on June 6, with the race beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Seneca St. in Mazon.

Race day registration and pre-registered entrant pick-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. under the pavilion in Mazon City Park.

For more information, or to have a written registration form mailed to you, contact race director, Karen Fabian, via e-mail at mazonmethodis@aol.com or call/text her at 815-483-9343.

Online registration is available through www.activ.e.com.

The group has set up an event page on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/groups/MazonUMC5K/ – where you can see photos from the previous years, as well as find information for this year's event. They also have a page on their website, www.mazonmethodist.com/Events/5K_Run_2015/ – that contains all of the links for entry or sponsorship.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers, as well as the youngest and oldest finisher; plus medals to the top three finishers in each male and female age group.

Pre-registered entries will receive a t-shirt and goody bag. Race day entries will receive both until they are gone. There will also be refreshments after the race.



Tuesday, April 21

Dwight vs. Coal City and GSW

Boys -

The boys from Dwight traveled to Coal City April 21 to take on Coal City and GSW. The seventh graders scored a 39, good enough for second place. The eighth grade team also came in second, scoring a 32. Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade -

Lucas Bregin: 4x200, 2nd.

Camden Beier: 4x100, 2nd; shot, 3rd.

Rylan Bovelle: hurdles, 3rd; 1600, 3rd; 400, 3rd.

Tre Bowman: 800, 4th; long jump, 4th.

Brandon Ceylor: high jump, 1st; 1600, 2nd.

Lucas Downen: 4x200, 2nd.

Jack Gallet: 4x200, 2nd; discus, 3rd.

Jacob Hodge: 4x100, 2nd.

Brody Hoegger: long jump, 3rd.

Jarrett Jancek: 4x100, 2nd.

Andrew Kapper: 4x100, 2nd; 200, 3rd; hurdles, 4th.

Jake Partney: 4x200, 2nd.

Abe Rieke: discus, 1st; shot, 4th.

8th Grade -

Peyton Byerley: shot, 1st; discus, 4th.

Payton Christoff: 4x400, 1st; long jump, 2nd; 400, 2nd; 4x100, 2nd.

Blake Hill: 4x400, 1st; 4x100, 2nd; 100, 3rd; long jump, 4th.

Theodore Ledwa: 4x400, 1st; 4x200, 2nd; 200, 4th.

Bryce Lucas: 1600, 3rd.

J.C. Santos: 4000, 1st; 4x400, 1st; 4x200, 2nd; high jump, 4th.

Girls -

Dwight's girls' squads each took second place, with the seventh grade team scor-

ing 36 and the eighth grade team scoring 39. Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade -

Hurdles: Kaitlyn Bovelle, 4th, 22.06.

100M: Katy Edwards, 4th, 15.26.

1600M: Kayla Kodat, 2nd, 7.26.

4x200: Emily Weissmann, Eileen Betsworth, Nora Anderson, Edwards, 1st, 2:22.41.

4x100: Kyerra English, Faith McInerney, Meghan Scott, Bovelle, 2nd, 1:10.64.

400M: Anderson, 2nd, 1:23.18; Edwards, 4th, 1:25.

200M: Betsworth, 3rd, 34.13; English, 4th, 36.58.

800M: Kodat, 3rd, 3:19.

4x400: Betsworth, Anderson, Kodat, Edwards, 2nd, 5:46.

Shot Put: Nellie Rieke, 1st, 21'6"; Lilli Groves, 4th, 19'5".

Discus: Rieke, 1st,

53'11½".

8th Grade -

100M: Riley Connolly, 3rd, 14.94; Carli Schlabowske, 4th, 15.34.

1600M: Rylie Bond, 1st, 7:32.

4x200: Chloe Butterbrodt, Connolly, Schlabowske, Reece Mortensen, 1st, 2:13.64.

400M: Mortensen, 3rd, 1:20.54.

200M: Connolly, 3rd, 32.98; Butterbrodt, 4th, 33.81.

800M: Kaitlyn Harms, 3rd, 3:24; Bond, 4th, 3:28.

4x400: Sofie Swink, Schlabowske, Harms, Mortensen, 2nd, 5:40.07.

Shot Put: Butterbrodt, 3rd, 21'2½".

Discus: Harms, 2nd, 60'0"; Butterbrodt, 4th, 41'11".

High Jump: Melissa Stewart, 1st, 3'10".

Long Jump: Mortensen, 1st, 11'8".



Tuesday, April 14

GSWB vs. Herscher, Dwight and Grant Park

The GSWB track teams were in action against Herscher, Dwight and Grant Park on April 14. Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade Boys -

Jack James: 3rd, 800M.

Ethan Mack: 4th, 100M,

14.94; 4th, 800M.

Caleb Trinidad: 5th, shot, 17'2".

8th Grade Boys -

Christian Williams: 1st, hurdles, 18.1; 1st, 100M, 12.56.

Nathan Wozniak: 2nd, 800M, 2:47; 2nd, discus, 99'2"; 5th, high jump, 4'10".

Chris Bement: 2nd, shot, 34'9"; 3rd, discus, 97'1½".

Cam Klingler: 3rd, shot,

31'6"; 3rd, 200M, 29.05.

Nik States: 5th, 100M, 14.59.

Blake Lenzie: 5th, 1600M, 6:06.

4x200 Relay: Klingler, States, Bement, Williams, 3rd, 2:01.

7th Grade Girls -

Abby Beck: 1st, 100M, 14.69; 2nd, hurdles, 21.0.

Koli Croy: 1st, long jump, 11'7"; 4th, 800M, 3:04.

Alexis Brooke: 2nd, long jump, 11'6"; 3rd, 800M, 2:55.

Mady Hatfield: 3rd, discus, 46'8"; 5th, shot, 15'1".

Madison Sharp: 5th, hurdles, 25.78.

4x200 Relay: Croy, Sarah Leadingham, Beck, Brooke, 3rd, 2:19.

8th Grade Girls -

Kayli Olson: 2nd, 400M,

1:10; 3rd, 100M, 14.72; 4th, shot, 17'6".

Zoe Klingberg: 4th, 800M, 3:11; long jump, 5th.

Tuesday, April 21

GSWB vs. Coal City and Dwight

GSWB was back in competition April 21 versus Coal City and Dwight, placing third in both seventh and eighth grade action. Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade Boys -

Jack James: 2nd, 800M, 3:17; 4th, 100M, 17.20.

Ethan Mack: 4th, 400M, 1:30; 4th, discus, 50'.

8th Grade Boys -

Christian Williams: 1st, hurdles, 17.96; 3rd, long jump, 13'3"; 4th, 400M, 1:12.

Nathan Wozniak: 1st, 800M, 2:55; 1st, high jump,

4'8"; 4th, hurdles, 20.

Cam Klingler: 1st, discus, 100'11"; 200M, 30.04.

Nik States: 4th, 100M, 14.58.

Zack Klingberg: 4th, 800M, 3:30.

4x200 Relay: States, Chris Bement, Williams, Klingler, 2nd, 2:03.

7th Grade Girls -

Alexis Brooke: 1st, 1600M, 6:29.

Koli Croy: 1st, long jump, 12'2"; 2nd, 800M, 3:10.

Mady Hatfield: 2nd, discus, 50'.

Abby Beck: 2nd, long jump, 10'7¾"; 3rd, hurdles, 20.93; 3rd, 100M, 16.52.

8th Grade Girls -

Kayli Olson: 1st, 400M, 1:13; 2nd, 100M, 14.44.

Zoe Klingberg: 1st, 800M, 3:20.

The Paper Team Wins Big in Morris

On April 28, *The Paper* team traveled to Morris, delivering a big win, 13-1, in their first game of the season.

Carson Crouch was huge on the mound, giving up one unearned run, with no walks and ten strikeouts.

Coach Beier commented that "free bases at this level can really hurt. Crouch min-

imized their opportunities and *The Paper* team reaped the benefits."

Crouch wasn't bad at the dish either, going 4-4 with three singles and a double. Not to be outdone by Caden Schroeder or Landon Brown, however, as they both went 3-3, each with a single and two doubles. Brown ended up with three

Other *Paper* boys scoring in the game were Jaxon Tarnowski and Jake Partney, both scoring twice.

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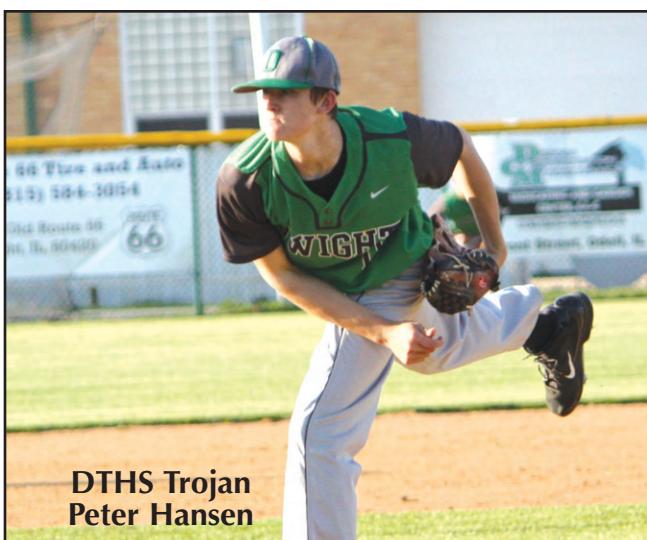
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DTHS Trojan
Peter Hansen

DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL

Wednesday, April 22
Dwight vs. Reed-Custer
Varsity -

Dwight came straight out of the gate hot, scoring four runs in a big first inning against Reed-Custer April 22.

R-C, however, would answer with three of their own in the bottom of the frame, and would end up taking the game, 6-4.

Chance Carlson took the loss for the Trojans, giving up three earned runs on seven hits and two walks, striking out two in 4 1/3 innings.

Chris Peck and Peter Hansen each saw time on the mound, with Hansen getting out of a first and second jam with no outs in the sixth by inducing a 5-4 double play and a 5-3 putout.

Hitting stars for Dwight included Colton Fieldman who batted in two with a single. Owen Pulver had an RBI on two singles.

Thursday, April 23
Dwight vs. Watseka
Varsity -

The Trojans got themselves a 12-3 win over Watseka April 23, with Peter Hansen getting the win and upping his record to 4-2.

Owen Pulver started on the mound for Dwight, allowing no runs and no hits, walking two and striking out four.

The Trojans poured on

eight runs in the first two innings, which prompted Dwight to put Hansen on the rubber. He would go five strong innings, giving up three earned runs on three hits and a walk, fanning eight.

Colton Fieldman led the offensive onslaught, as he singled, doubled, batted in four runs and scored thrice. Drew Jensen's two singles earned him two RBI. Connor Gantzert's two singles tallied one RBI. Ryan Gaston doubled, knocked in a run and scored three times. Caleb Boma tripled, scoring twice.

Dwight is now 14-5 overall, improving to a perfect 6-0 in the SVC.

Saturday, May 2
Dwight vs. Sandwich
Varsity -

A late game rally by the Trojans couldn't correct an error-filled game, as Dwight fell to Sandwich 10-8 on Saturday.

Peter Hansen was hit with the loss, dropping to 4-3 on the season. He allowed one earned run on six hits, striking out five.

Chance Carlson pitched in relief, giving up an earned run on three hits and a walk, striking out two.

Ryan Gaston's two doubles were good enough for two RBI in the contest. He also scored twice. Connor Gantzert also had two RBI on a single. Chris Peck singled, doubled, and scored twice. Carlson hit two singles and scored a run.

Dwight is now 15-9 this season.



GSW BASS FISHING TEAM placed 2nd at Sectionals at Braidwood Lake May 1. The team advances to State May 15 and 16 at Carlyle Lake. Pictured above are: Brenden Elens, Dj Ragan, Riley Miner and Coach Wally Debelak. Below, l to r: DJ Ragan, Brenden Elens, and Riley Miner.

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**GSW Panthers Baseball**

Thursday, April 23
GSW vs. Seneca
Varsity -

The game was tied 5-5 in the sixth between GSW and Seneca, when the Irish put two on the board to take the lead, and eventually the game, 7-5.

The Panthers never gave up, fighting hard and finding themselves in position to take the lead in the seventh with two on. However, they were unable to muster the comeback.

Blake Marks took the loss, giving up seven runs in six innings of work.

"Blake just had problems staying down in the zone and take a few pitches away he wins that game," stated Coach Grieff.

Brendan Elens was solid at the plate for GSW, going 2-3 with two singles, an RBI and a run scored. Jack Davidson, Mike Wise, Braden Marks, Connor Hays, and Scott Horrie all had nice hits in the game.

"This was a tough one to lose," Grieff admitted. "On a positive side, we played great

defense and had some guys really hit the ball. The better team didn't win today and the Panthers will have to simply get back at it as we have been playing a lot of games each week and have more tough games coming up."

Monday, April 27
GSW vs. IL Lutheran
Varsity -

Blake Marks took a 5-1 loss to Illinois Lutheran when GSW met them on April 27.

The game was tied at 1-1 until the bottom of the fifth, when IL Lutheran put four runs on the board.

In the end, Marks would give up five runs, walking three and striking out eight.

The Panthers' lone run came in the first, with an RBI single by Kyle Robison that knocked in the leadoff man, Scott Horrie.

"We have to play all seven innings and start making some key plays in key situations," head coach Todd Grieff said of his team. "I hope we can get hot soon and start playing to our potential. This is a great, talented group

of kids and I'm still optimistic they will get hot at the right time."

Tuesday, April 28
GSW vs. Putnam County
Varsity -

Despite a 9-1 advantage in the hit department, the Panthers dropped a 3-1 game to Putnam County on April 28.

Kody Kellogg pitched well, giving up three runs on six hits, striking out three. But it was his seven walks that proved to be the difference maker.

Putnam also robbed GSW of a few hits with some great plays in the field.

Brenden Elens and Braden Marks each had two hits for GSW. Wise, Davidson, Hays, Kavanaugh, and Robison each added a hit.

"I always say baseball is peaks and valleys," Coach Grieff stated. "And I'm hoping we made it over that valley and can put on a strong finish and play well in a tough regional."

The Panthers are now an even 10-10 on the season, but

are showing signs of life with the postseason approaching.

Wednesday, April 29
GSW vs. IL Lutheran
Varsity -

In Brendan Elens first game back after battling an arm injury, he put on a stellar performance but his squad was unable to get anything going at the plate (zero hits on the day), and the Panthers were defeated, 2-0, by Illinois Lutheran.

Lutheran scored one run on a sac-fly in the second, and would never surrender the lead.

Elens ended up striking out 11 in his return. However, 16 Panthers struck out on the other side.

"I feel bad for Brendan because it was his first game back," said Coach Grieff. "Great outing and the bats just couldn't help him out. As batters, we took way too many called third strikes, didn't jump on the good first pitch strikes, and took awkward swings at bad pitches. I'm still confident we will get hot when it counts."

**DTHS Trojans Track**

Tuesday, April 28

Dwight at Watseka

Invitational

Freshmen/Sophomore -

Dwight competed in the Watseka Freshmen/Sophomore Invitational on April 28, enjoying a night of normal, and some not-so-normal, events.

Besides the regular events, a 1600M run was held as a Gauntlet Run, where the runners ran through a line of people on both sides of them when they were on the 100 meters of the home stretch.

The top eight shot putters competed in a donut 100M dash, in which the winners earned a dozen donuts.

During the 4x400 relay, rock music blared over the loud speakers for the runners to race to.

Individual results are as follows:

Marlana Ferrari: 1st, high jump; 3rd, 4x100.

Isavel Lopez: 3rd, 400M; 3rd, 4x100.

Julie Ramsey: 3rd, 100H; 3rd, 4x100.

Alison Kirk: 3rd, 4x100.

Daly Galloway: 1st, 800M (**new school record), 2:19.97; 1st, 1600M.

Jordan Tyner: 3rd, LJ.

Logan Gouwens: 5th, 100M; 5th, 200M.

Calvin Croy: 4th, 110HH; 4th, 4x800; 6th, 4x400.

Dan Muller: 6th, 1600M; 4th, 800; 6th, 4x400.

Kerrick Dyer: 4th, 4x800; 6th, 4x400.

Josh Pearson: 4th, 4x800; 6th, 4x400.

TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASEBALL

Monday, April 27

Tri-Point vs. St. Anne

Varsity -

The Chargers got a big 16-6 win over St. Anne April 27, earning their fourth victory of the season.

Kyle Robinson got the win on the mound, giving up four earned runs on five hits and a walk, striking out five. He is now 3-4 overall.

Jacob Bruner picked up the save, allowing an earned run on three hits in three innings, striking out six.

Mark Miller was the big hitter for Tri-Point, going 4-5 with four RBI, two runs scored, and two stolen bases. Jake Dulek, Dylan Hummel, and Robinson all collected two hits and scored twice.

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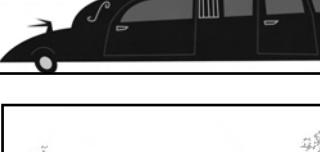
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Dwight Diamonds 12U Travel Team Results

On April 26, the Dwight Diamonds 12U Travel Team was in action in Alsip.

The Diamonds scored three runs in the first and would need no more to get the victory.

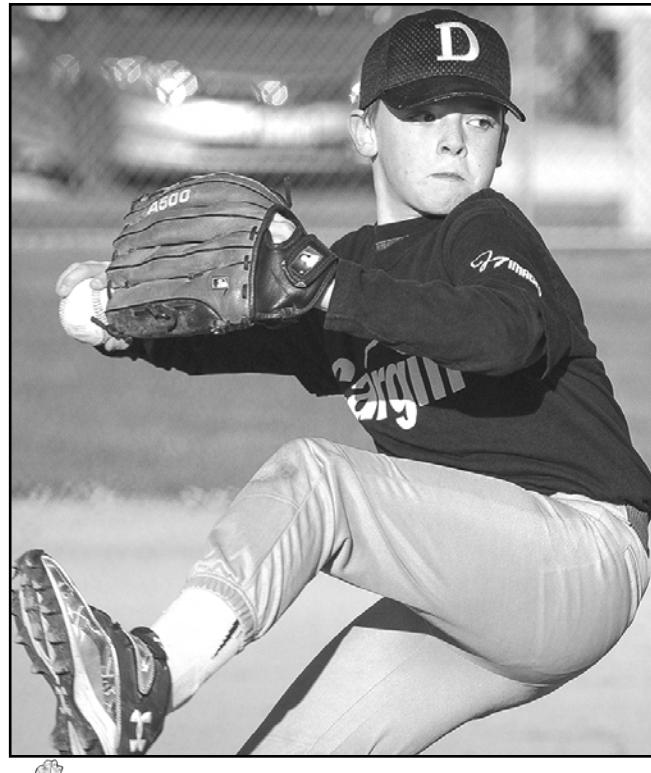
The score remained 3-0 until the fourth, when Dwight plated two more runs, making it 5-0.

The Diamonds put six more on the board in the sixth inning, upping their lead to 11-0. Unreachable for the Alsip team.

Andrew Harsh started on the mound for Dwight, allowing no runs and no walks, striking out seven in three innings of work. Jack Gallet came on in relief and struck out five Alsip hitters in his two innings on the rubber. Carson Crouch pitched the final inning, fanning two of the five Alsip batters he faced. In the box, Hudson Beier went 3-3 with three singles, an

Dwight 2 Mustang League

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GSW Panthers B-Ball Program Hosting Youth Camps June 8-10

The GSW Panthers Basketball programs are set to hold their Youth Camps June 8-10, in which the goal is to

tions.

- Rookie Panthers Skills Camp** – boys entering ninth and tenth grade. 12:00-2:00 p.m. each day. Campers will learn the “Panther Way” of

playing basketball, soaking up both the offensive and defensive systems that will be used during the season.

- Varsity Panthers Mini-Camp** – boys entering ninth through 12th grade. 2:00-4:00 p.m. each day. This camp will

stress the strategies of the game, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship, as GSW

coaches will act as instructors and help players utilize “The Gun” to help teach proper shooting form and correct arch on shots.

Fees apply for all camps. Individual and small group sessions will also be offered to those interested in a more personalized workout. Contact Coach Gibson at cgibson@gswhs73.org to schedule such a session.

Forms may be obtained at GSW High School or by contacting Coach Gibson.

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Red Carpet Corridor • Spring



MARIE, left, AND LILIANE drove from Lake in the Woods to tour the Red Carpet Corridor Saturday. They went as far south as Pontiac, stopped to see the windmill in Dwight, and then visited the K-Mine Museum in Godfrey on their return home. Above, they peruse one of the museum's books containing stories and photos about the area's coal-mining years.



Retirement Celebration May 17 for Father Richard Kostelz

The parishes of St. Joseph's in Cabery and St. Mary's in Reddick invite you to a retirement celebration for Father Richard Kostelz Sunday, May 17. An open house will be from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Country Mansion in Dwight, honoring Father's 63 years in the priesthood.



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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

MONA TOWNSHIP and ROAD DISTRICT

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2015

Township Revenue Summary

Property Tax	\$68,264
Replacement Tax	2,988
Interest Income	285
Miscellaneous Income	3,502
TOIRMA Dividend	932

Total Revenue \$75,971

Township Compensation Summary

Over \$25,000, Gary Hamilton; Under \$25,000, Howard E. Haley, Wm. Malone, Ed Moritz, Gary Loschen, Stan Dietz, Tom Saathoff, Chris Small

Total Compensation \$36,718

Township Expenditure Summary

TOIRMA	\$ 6,449
U.S. Treasury	5,385
FICA	6,696
Cemetery Care	7,484
IL Dept. of Rev.	421
Audit	1,300
All other disbursements under \$1,000	3,033
Total Vendors	\$ 30,768

Mona Road District Revenue Summary

Property Tax	\$ 76,214
Replacement Tax	4,232
Interest Income	285
Miscellaneous Income	4,420
Total Revenue	\$ 85,152

Road District Compensation Summary

Under \$3,000 – Craig Scott, Devin Winterroth, Dean Lowe, Jared Haberkorn, Larry Shelby

Total Compensation \$ 2,721

Mona Road District Expenditure Summary

Randy's Service	\$ 2,080
Evergreen F.S.	9,499
RFF Trucking	13,731
Birkey's	2,800
Prairie Materials	5,721
ComEd	1,298
NiCor	1,101
Mid-State Asphalt	5,238
Cabery Fertilizer	13,818
Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick	1,987
Remmer's Welding	1,197
Alterfor Cat	1,045
All others less than \$1,003	6,149
Total Vendors	65,665

Total Compensation \$ 2,721

Monogram Road District Revenue Summary

Property Tax	\$ 76,214
Replacement Tax	4,232
Interest Income	285
Miscellaneous Income	4,420
Total Revenue	\$ 85,152

Road District Compensation Summary

Under \$3,000 – Craig Scott, Devin Winterroth, Dean Lowe, Jared Haberkorn, Larry Shelby

Total Compensation \$ 2,721

Mona Road District Expenditure Summary

Randy's Service



Christian Laettner Clinic Comes to Pontiac June 5-7

The Basketball Museum of Illinois is bringing Christian Laettner to Pontiac June 6-7 for a basketball and coaches clinic, which is open to boys and girls entering kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as grade school and high school coaches.

For more information and registration form, contact Mark Myre at 815-258-6201 or mmyre1@gmail.com.

On Saturday, June 6, the Kindergarten through third

grade clinic will be 9:00-10:30 a.m., followed by the fourth through eighth grade clinic from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The high school clinic will be 2:00-4:00 p.m., with the Meet and Greet following from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Pontiac High School Commons.

Sunday, June 7, will be the Coaching Clinic, running from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Pontiac High School

MONA TWP. SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES – 2014-2015

Town Fund	Gen. Asst.	Tort Ins.	FICA	Audit
Apr. 1, 2014	\$46,079	\$13,975	\$4,191	\$8,051
Receipts	49,663	1,685	2,988	2,426
Totals	95,741	15,660	13,725	3,278
Expenditures	52,665	375	17,916	16,247
Mar. 31 2015	43,076	15,285	6,449	6,697
			11,467	1,300
				9,550
				1,978

MONA ROAD DISTRICT SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES – 2014-2015

Road & Bridge	Joint Bridge	Perm. Road	Build. & Equip.
Apr. 1, 2014	\$63,314	\$22,869	\$13,312
Receipts	59,977	3,999	2,899
Totals	123,291	26,867	7,335
Expenditures	44,899	1,987	2,800
Mar. 31, 2015	78,392	24,880	8,615
			4,535

I, Howard E. Haley, Mona Township Supervisor, Ford County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

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AMONG THE GUESTS passing through Dwight during Red Carpet Corridor weekend was this 1917 Ford Model T and its owner, Jim Haley, of Odell. Pictured above, Haley and his classic antique auto stop to visit Dwight's historic Ambler Becker gas station.

MEMBERS OF THE SCAPEGOATS Car Club from Gardner/Joliet showed off their vehicles in downtown Gardner Saturday. Pictured, from the left, are Matt Davis, Coal City; James Alexander and Dan Alexander, Gardner. Dan's car is a 1946 Pontiac Torpedo, license TIN INDIAN. It was the first year for the Scapegoats in Gardner, but they plan to be back. Food was collected for the Gardner Food Pantry and donations were received for Gardner Grade Schooler Parker Farrero, who is battling Battens disease.



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Clausen Retires, Gerber New Electrical Inspector in Dwight

by Scott R. Schultz

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Clausen agreed, was nominated, and unanimously approved by the village board,

and proceeded to write and enforce a new code based on the National Code until his recent retirement.

Learning the trade while serving in the U.S. Navy Construction Battalions, and the Korean War, he operated Clausen Electric for 20 years, prior to taking the position of Chief Electrician at the Fox Center. After retiring from his position at the Fox Center, he continued to run Clausen Electric, then turning over the business to his son, Mark.

Dwight resident Mike Gerber will serve as the new Electrical Inspector for the Village.

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'07 Ranger, 163K, 2WD, \$4,900
'05 F350 S/C Lariat, 106K, 4WD, Diesel, \$17,900
'04 F150 Crew FX4, 127K, 4WD, \$10,900

'03 F150 S/C FX4, 191K, 4WD, \$6,900

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'14 Escape SE, 12K, 4WD, Leather, \$25,900

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'07 Taurus SE, 266K, \$2,900
'07 500 LTD, 87K, \$8,900

'04 Taurus SES, 109K, \$4,900



ON APRIL 30, MORE THAN 50 GIRLS took part in a cheer camp hosted by the DTHS and DJHS cheerleaders. The camp participants performed at Springfest in Dwight on May 2.

Dwight Youth Football, Cheer Sign-Ups May 9

Extended sign-ups for Dwight Youth Football players and cheerleaders will be held in the DTHS cafeteria on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

A fee applies for both football and cheerleading, along with a refundable volunteer deposit. Payment should be made with cash or check at time of registration. No credit card payment will be accepted. Volunteer coaches should also register at this time.

For questions and additional information, contact Andy Pittenger at 584-9085 or pittenga@dwight.k12.il.us or Molly Turner at 674-1269.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

DWIGHT

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by DWIGHT is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name: David DeLong, Water Operator

Phone: 815-584-1128

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

This CCR Report will not be mailed individually to each customer, however it is available for pick up at the Village Hall, 209 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight, Illinois upon request.

Dwight Village Board Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month at 6:30pm downstairs in the Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight, Illinois.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 7 (40020)	CORNER OF SOUTH AND	GW	
WELL 8 (00357)	W OF CORNER OF DELAWARE	GW	
WELL 9 (01069)	NW CORNER FRANKLIN AND	GW	

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 815-584-1128. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

To determine Dwight's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, and a Source Water Assessment Program, were reviewed. Based on the information contained in these documents, six potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Dwight community water supply wells. These include a foundry/metal working, two vehicle sales, and three below ground fuel storages. Based on information obtained by Dwight water supply officials, the following facilities, also indicated as potential sources in the site data table, have had their tanks removed: Dempsey Dodge Chrysler Plymouth (now Public Service Complex), Tri Oil Station, TD Petroleum, Arthur Leach, and the Village of Dwight, Rub Buick Chevrolet Oldsmobile, Phillip Becker, and unknown underground fuel storage. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that Dwight Wells #7, #8, and #9 are not susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. Based on their proposed construction and location, the Illinois EPA anticipates that proposed Well #101 will not be susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination when it comes on line. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data for the wells. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that Dwight's community water supply wells are not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; there is a hydrogeologic barrier that restricts pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. However, having stated this, the U.S. EPA is proposing to require States to identify systems in karst, gravel and fractured rock aquifer systems as sensitive. Water systems utilizing these aquifer types would be required to perform routine source water monitoring. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should provide an adequate degree of protection to prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination.

2014 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Lead and Copper Date Sampled MCLG Action Level (AL) 90th Percentile # Sites Over AL Units Violation Likely Source of Contamination
Copper 2014 1.3 1.3 1.1 1 ppm N Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead 2014 0 15 1 0 ppb N Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

na: not applicable.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.



Friday, April 24
Dwight vs. Streator-Woodland Freshmen -

Taylor Anderson's four hits helped Dwight get a 9-5 win over Streator-Woodland on April 24.

Macey Rodosky picked up the win, striking out seven in the contest. She also contributed three hits.

Morgan Zabel, Kaitlyn Masching, LynnDee Hale, and Hayley Schlabowske each had two hits. Leah Flynn added one.

The freshmen girls move to 2-0 on the season.

Saturday, April 25

Dwight vs. GSW Varsity -

In a rivalry match-up with the Lady Panthers, Dwight took a tough 5-3 loss.

Kapri Kropke led the Lady Trojans with three hits in the game, while Becky Ruder added two hits of her own. Molly Rodosky, Quinn Bossert, Ashley Fox, Amy Ruder, and Abby Edwards each contributed a hit.

"I thought we did a good job at the plate but could not string together hits when we needed them," said Coach Black. "We

had a few costly errors in the game. It is always a tough battle when we play GSW, they play hard and are well coached. Hopefully it will work out and we can face each other again in the regionals."

Monday, April 27
Dwight vs. Marquette JV -

The JV Lady Trojans are now 14-3, following a 12-0 rout of Marquette on April 27, behind a no-hitter from Abby Edwards.

On offense, Hailey Transou and Kaitlyn Masching each had two hits. Morgan Zabel, Taylor Anderson, Macey Rodosky, and Edwards all added a hit.

"We made good contact, only striking out one time," stated Coach Harms. "We just had our moments on defense, but I am confident we will bounce back in our next game."

Tuesday, April 28

Dwight vs. PBL Varsity -

Dwight's varsity girls' squad beat PBL 14-1, with Dezi Leonard pitching a one-hit game, striking out 11.

"Dezi did a fantastic job of locating her pitches and picking up a big conference win," said

her head coach Erik Black.

Leonard also led the Lady Trojans at the plate, going 3-3 with two doubles. Abby Edwards was 2-2 with a double and three RBI. Becky Ruder had a hit and three RBI, with Molly Rodosky and Libby Beyer both doubling. Rachel Gschwendtner added a hit.

With the victory, Dwight moves to 12-4 overall. They remain unbeaten, at 5-0, in the conference.

Wednesday, April 29

Dwight vs. Coal City JV -

Macey Rodosky tossed a one-hitter on April 29, as Dwight's JV girls defeated Coal City 10-0.

LynnDee Hale and Morgan Zabel provided some quality at-bats for the Lady Trojans, tallying three hits each. Kaitlyn Masching and Leah Flynn each added two hits. Hayley Schlabowske had four RBI and had a big home run.

Rodosky fanned seven batters in the contest.

"It was a night that saw everyone get a hit," said Coach Harms. "We played well

against a pretty good Coal City team."

Varsity-Dwight put up a goose egg against Coal City on April 29, losing 10-1.

"We had one bad inning where we had a couple of errors and had a couple of balls take bad hops," admitted Coach Black. "We could not get it going at the plate – their pitcher did a good job of changing her speeds and keeping us off balance. It was a day that we hopefully can learn from our mistakes, work hard, and get better to finish out the last couple of weeks of the season."

Thursday, April 30

Dwight vs. Reed-Custer JV -

In a match-up with Reed-Custer on April 30, Dwight upped their record to 17-3 as they got a big 13-2 win, fueled by Macey Rodosky's effort in the circle.

Just four hits and two walks were allowed by Rodosky, who struck out seven Lady Comets in the contest.

Rodosky would also lead the way at the plate, knocking in four runs on three hits.

Brooklyn Long, Maddie Groves, Taylor Anderson, Hailey Transou, and Hayley Schlabowske each added a hit.

"We were very patient at the plate," said Coach Harms, "racking up 13 walks and making solid contact all game – only striking out twice."

Friday, May 1

Dwight vs. Newark Varsity -

The Lady Trojans played one of their better games of the season, coming away with a 10-0 victory over Newark May 1.

Dezi Leonard was credited with the win, throwing an incredible no-hitter, striking out nine while doing so.

Quinn Bossert got the scoring started, smacking a two-run homer. Also collecting hits on the day were Abby Edwards with a single and a triple. Libby Beyer and Amy Ruder each hit a double. Becky Ruder hit two singles. Molly Rodosky and Leonard each added a hit.

"Dezi was fantastic on the mound," said Coach Black. "She had great control of her pitches and had them off balance all afternoon. We played

very good defense and were very aggressive on the bases. We played a complete game – it is good to see the girls improving each game and playing our best ball going into the last couple of weeks of the season."

Saturday, May 2

Dwight vs. Sandwich Varsity -

In a pitcher's duel held May 2, Dwight got a big 2-0 win over Sandwich, scoring a run in both the fifth and sixth innings to secure the victory.

Sydney Christensen picked up the win in the circle, tossing a three-hitter and striking out 16 Sandwich batters.

Ashley Fox led the Lady Trojans' offense with two hits, including a triple. She also scored a run and knocked in one. Abby Edwards had a hit and an RBI. Molly Rodosky and Amy Ruder also had hits.

"Sydney did a great job on the mound," stated Coach Black. "She had good location on her pitches and had one of her best outings of the year. We played very good defense and picked up the hits when we needed to."



GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Monday, April 27

GSW vs. IL Lutheran Varsity -

GSW defeated Illinois Lutheran, 15-1, on an almost wintry April 27.

The win went to Emily Foley, who improved to 14-7 on the season, after allowing just one earned run on three hits, striking out six.

Foley also went off at the plate, going 3-4 with a double, a home run, and four RBI. Kylie King was 3-5 with a triple and two RBI. Mady Patten had two RBI on a 3-4 day at the dish, scoring three times. Maranda Residori also went 3-4, knocking in a run and scoring once.

"We played pretty well in

very cold and windy conditions," said Coach Posing. "Emily pitched well and we hit the ball hard up and down the lineup."

Wednesday, April 29

GSW vs. IL Lutheran Varsity -

The Lady Panthers got their 15th win of the year as they took out IL Lutheran again, 7-1.

Emily Foley allowed no earned runs and just four hits, walking one and striking out 11.

Maranda Residori knocked in two on a double, scoring once. Sydney Perkins had an RBI triple and two runs scored. Kylie Hopwood, Maranda Residori, and Kylie King each had a hit.

scored. Julie Chambers was 1-3 with an RBI. Emily Foley added two hits, while Lexi Posig and Sophie Barna each contributed a hit.

Thursday, April 30

GSW vs. Reed-Custer Varsity -

The varsity Lady Panthers were unable to get anything going against Reed-Custer on April 30, falling 7-0 to the 2A Lady Comets.

In the circle, Emily Foley took her eighth loss of the year, as she gave up five earned runs on 14 hits and two walks, striking out three. On offense, Emily Hopwood, Maranda Residori, and Kylie King each had a hit.



THE LADY TROJANS' Molly Rodosky legs out a hit.

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Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2014	1.9	1.6 - 2	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Halogenated Acids (HAA5)*	2014	11	11 - 11.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2014	7	5.773 - 7.46	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic - While your drinking water meets EPA standards for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPAs standard balances the current understanding of arsenics possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.	2014	6.3	6.3 - 6.3	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	2014	0.16	0.16 - 0.16	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2014	0.857	0.857 - 0.857	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2014	0.031	0.031 - 0.031		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	2014	150	150 - 150	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2014	2	1.9 - 1.9	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2014	180	180 - 180			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits: Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	2014	0.0096	0.0096 - 0.0096	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	01/02/2013	1.3	1.3 - 1.3	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	01/02/2013	0.859	0.859 - 0.859	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

ON APRIL 28, students and faculty from St. Paul School, Odell, gathered together in memory of Mrs. Sullivan on the anniversary of her passing. The group held a living rosary (right) before distributing balloons for a launch (below, left). All watched on in delight and fond remembrance as the balloons float peacefully into the sky, a colorful reminder of the way Mrs. Sullivan once inspired all those she encountered.



OBITUARY

Jerry W. Coleman

DWIGHT — Jerry W. "Spike" Coleman, 55, passed away Sunday, May 3, 2015.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 6, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

There will be a service at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 7, at the Memorial Home. Rev. Ognoskie will officiate.

Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Jerry was born February 10, 1960 in Streator, son of Clyde and Ruth Polan Coleman.

Jerry is survived by life-

time partner, Donna Davis;

daughter, Ashley A. Carlson,

Dwight; sisters: Kathy

(Larry) Turner of Dwight;

Pat (Terry) Kiper of Oswego; brother, Jim

Coleman, Dwight; nephews: Jason and Ryan Kiper; nieces: Jenny (Ron) Aldred, Angie Turner and Kristie (Jared) Anderson.

Also surviving are great-nieces: Nora and Sophie Anderson, and Jordan Kiper; and great-nephews: Ryker Anderson and Josef Kiper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Ruth.

Jerry was affiliated with the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He worked at RR Donnelley. He was a White Sox, Bears and Blackhawks fan; loved listening to the Rolling Stones; and loved his dog, Coretta.

Memorials may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society or the family.

AREA CHURCHES

DWIGHT

Dwight United Methodist Church

701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
Dwightume.org

Pastor: Lance Leeds

• MAY 6: 9:00 - 11:00

a.m., Prayer Shawl;

3 - 5 p.m., Kids Klub

(K - 5th grade); 3 - 5

p.m., REAL Youth

Group (Jr. High: 6th -

8th grade); 6:30 p.m.,

Sanctuary Choir

rehearsal; 7 - 8:30

p.m., Ignite Youth

Group (Sr. High: 9th -

12th grade).

• MAY 7: 7:30 p.m.,

Praise Team rehearsal.

• MAY 9: 7 a.m.,

Men's Bible Studies at

Rt. 66 and Pete's

Restaurant.

• MAY 10: 8 a.m.,

Early Worship Service;

9:15 a.m., Sunday

School for all ages;

9:30 a.m., Praise Team

rehearsal; 10:30 a.m.,

Late Worship Service.

• MAY 11: 6 p.m.,

Evangelism; 6:30 p.m.,

Bible Warriors.

• MAY 12: 8:30 a.m.,

Hens Bible Study and

AED training;

7 p.m., Trustees.

• MAY 13: 8:30 a.m.,

Willing Workers; 3 - 5

p.m., Kids Klub (K -

5th grade); REAL

Youth Group (Jr. High:

6th - 8th grade); 6:30

p.m., Sanctuary Choir

rehearsal; 7 - 8:30

p.m., Ignite Youth

Group (Sr. High: 9th -

12th grade).

• MAY 14: 6:30 p.m.,

Parish Council meet-

ing.

Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; Deacons meeting.

• MAY 14: 6:30 p.m., Parish Council meeting.

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182

Pastor Daniel L.

Woodward

• MAY 6: Wednesday

Evening Service &

King's Kids Children's Program,

7 p.m.

• MAY 10: Sunday

School for all ages,

9:45 a.m.; Sunday

Morning Service, 10:45

a.m.; Sunday Evening Service,

6 p.m.

• MAY 13: Wednesday

Evening Service &

King's Kids Children's Program,

7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

200 W. Delaware St.

584-1260 church

Pastor Connie Williams

Moodie, Intentional

Interim Minister

• MAY 6: Mother/

Daughter Salad Supper

and Style Show, 6:30

p.m.

• MAY 10: Worship,

10:30 a.m. Sermon title:

"Greatest Love Letter"

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BRACEVILLE

Braceville United Methodist Church

106 W. Gould St.

815-237-8512 Church

Pastor: Bennett A. Woods

EVERY WED.: 4:35 p.m.

- 5:05 p.m., The

Lighthouse Contemporary

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• MAY 6: After school

until 4:30 p.m., JAM

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- 8 p.m., STATIC

Youth Group. Snacks

are provided.

TUES. and THURS.,

Walk Fit and

Fellowship Exercise,

9 a.m.

• MAY 8: Alcoholics

Anonymous meeting, 8

p.m., Mass.

New Life Assembly of God

903 S. Old Route 66

Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor

815-584-3430

dwightnewlife.org

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie

815-584-3522 Rectory

Rev. Chris Haake

• MAY 9: 4 - 4:45

p.m., Reconciliation;

5 p.m., Mass.

• MAY 10: 8 a.m., Mass.

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Tu and Wed., 2 - 5:30

• MAY 6: 2 p.m., bingo

at Heritage Health;

4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation

Army; 6:30 p.m.,

Youth Group.

• MAY 7: 7 p.m., THE

STORY Group.

• MAY 8: 8 p.m., A.A.

• MAY 9: 5 p.m., HC

Worship.

• MAY 10 - Mother's

Day: 9 a.m., Sunday

School; Adult Faith

Development; 10 a.m.,

HC Worship; 11 a.m.,

Fellowship.

• MAY 12: 7 p.m.,

Church Council meet-

ing.

CAMPUS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Father Chris Haake,

Pastor

• MAY 10: 10 a.m.,

Mass.

Budget Cuts to Supportive Living Communities Both Harmful and Unnecessary

by Bridget DeWaard

Budget cuts proposed by Governor Rauner for the 2016 state budget have left many upset, and worried about the consequences such cuts might have for Illinois' elderly residents.

The proposal, which will cut funding to supportive living communities by 8.85%, will also raise the qualifications needed to be eligible for Medicaid. The raise will make it much harder for those already living in a supportive living facility to receive health-care and other services.

Supportive living facilities are a puzzling target for the cuts, since they end up saving the state money by keeping seniors out of nursing homes longer. In fact, it is an estimated \$60,000 per person savings to live in a supportive living facility before eventually transitioning to a nursing home.

These facilities also help lower income individuals who cannot afford the high costs of assisted living facilities. Assisted living facilities are very similar to the supportive living facilities, except that they are usually a bit more expensive. Without the funding for supportive living facilities,

lower income seniors will be forced into nursing homes, which will create bigger expenses for the state. Currently, the cost to the State of Illinois for an individual on Medicaid living in a supportive living community is 52% of nursing home rates.

In addition to the funding cuts which would affect senior citizens attempting to move into a supportive living facility, 60% of the residents in these facilities are on Medicaid, meaning that even current residents would be affected by the proposed qualifications raise.

"We even took a trip out to the capital, Springfield, when we learned of the cuts," commented Alex Shuell, Administrator at Heritage Woods, a supportive living facility in Dwight. "We wanted to put a face to the cuts; we wanted the Governor to see the individuals his cuts would affect."

Besides the fiscal savings these communities provide, they also give seniors a place to live that has support services available for its residents without robbing them of their independence. This includes everything from personal assistance to optional housekeeping and help with medication.

Not only do residents feel safe and secure, they also get the chance to interact with others in the facility and participate in daily programs meant to keep them active, healthy and happy.

Ruth Prich, a former librarian who has resided at Heritage Woods for just under a year, has loved living at the facility. "There is always something to do here – from learning how to arrange flowers, to yoga, to knitting – just about anything you can think of," she said of the facility. "Of course you can cook, too, but I've done enough cooking over the years, so I like to let other people cook while I'm here," she said with a laugh.

"These places provide a sense of community for seniors, allowing them to connect with others and share in their experiences," Shuell commented. "We should be asking why these cuts are being put in place at the expense of the elderly." Please visit www.aalconline.org (Affordable Assisted Living Coalition) for more information on supportive living communities, the proposed budget cuts, and how to reach out to elected officials about the proposal.

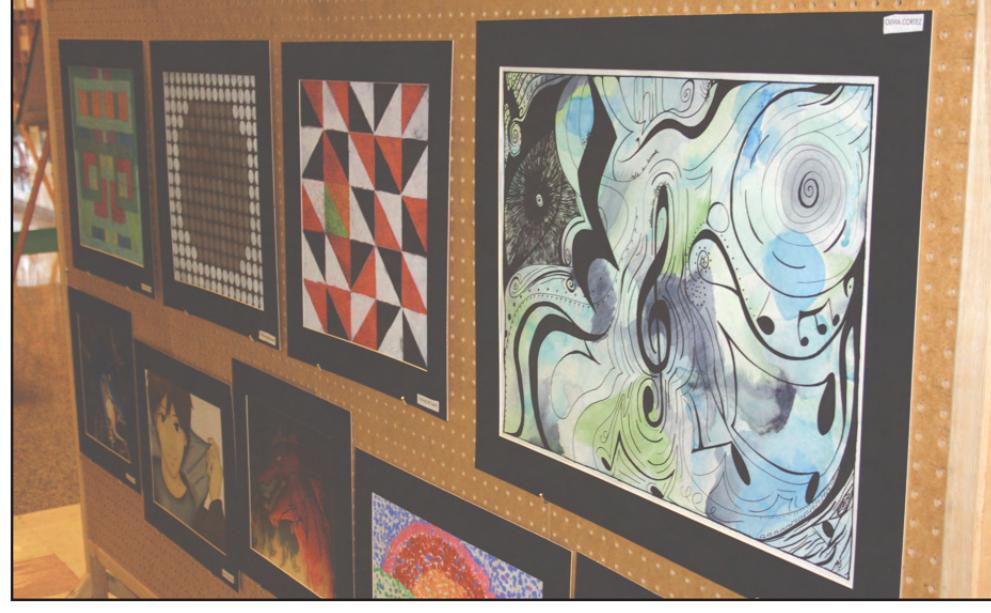


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