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Sons of the American Legion stand in respect as taps is played at the Memorial Day Service in Dwight on Monday. From left to right are Rylan Bovellev, Jake Partney, Jarrett Jancek, Hudson Beier, Camden Beier and Landon Brown. Sons of The American Legion members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents

served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. The weather cooperated and a good crowd was on hand for the ceremony honoring all our veterans.

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9th Annual Braceville Summer Kickoff

The Braceville Summer Kickoff is Friday June 5 and Saturday June 6.

Friday night there will be grilling, a beer tent, bouncy boxing, jousting, an obstacle course and a slide. DJ Jim Rock will be there playing music, and from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Wicked Vic will be playing.

Saturday there will be a beer tent, a bean bag tournament (ages 12 and up). At 11 a.m. the grills will start as will the bouncy boxing, jousting and obstacle course. DJ Jim Rock starts and then from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Under D Influence plays. At 9:30 there will be fireworks.

Farmer's Market Reminder

The Farmer's Markets, sponsored by the Dwight Economic Alliance, will be held downtown Dwight every Wednesday evening beginning June 3 and continue through September 9. Vendors will offer fresh garden produce, baked goods, flowers and plants from 5-8 p.m.

This change of day was made for several reasons, especially since the turnout on Saturday mornings has been decreasing. On Wednesday vendors will be able to pick their produce during the day instead of in the early morning dew and dampness.

A large number of diners

downtown Wednesday evening could shop the market while here. Market shoppers could meet friends and enjoy a meal downtown.

Setup will be in the downtown park and south parking lot. Vendors may still set up tables next to their vehicle in the parking lot as they did previously. The park will be an optional setting for those who would like a choice.

If you are a new vendor or have questions about the markets you may call the Dwight Economic Alliance at 815-584-1830 or visit our website at "http://www.dwightalliance.org"

VFW Ladies Aux., DWC to Host Community Program

Plans are being finalized by a joint committee of members of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Dwight Woman's Club for a free community program Monday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW hall.

The program will be presented by Matthew Kreeb, a veteran who served in the U.S. Army from 2001 to 2005 as a *Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* at Arlington National Cemetery.

Committee members have decided to offer a picnic plate supper from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the hall before the program begins.

Picnic plates will be for sale, with proceeds going to Operation SOS; ala carte items will also be available.

This program was originally planned for November 2014, but had to be cancelled at that time.

Police Resource Officer a Valued Asset at DTHS *May Board Actions*

by Madelyn Fogarty
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A one-year Intergovernmental Agreement between Dwight Township High School and the Village of Dwight to provide a Police Resource Office for the school district received Board approval at the May 20 meeting of the DTHS Board of Education.

Since 1981, Dwight has had an Officer Friendly type program in its schools. And for 21 years, Dwight Police Detective Gary Beier has filled that role as the School Resource Officer initiating a wide variety of programs such as drug and alcohol awareness and prevention, intruder training, and gang prevention. The Resource Officer and related programs received very positive feedback from school officials.

DTHS Guidance Counselor Jackie Froelich called the impact of the Resource Officer in school "huge".

"We are doing good things and we are saving kids," Froelich told the

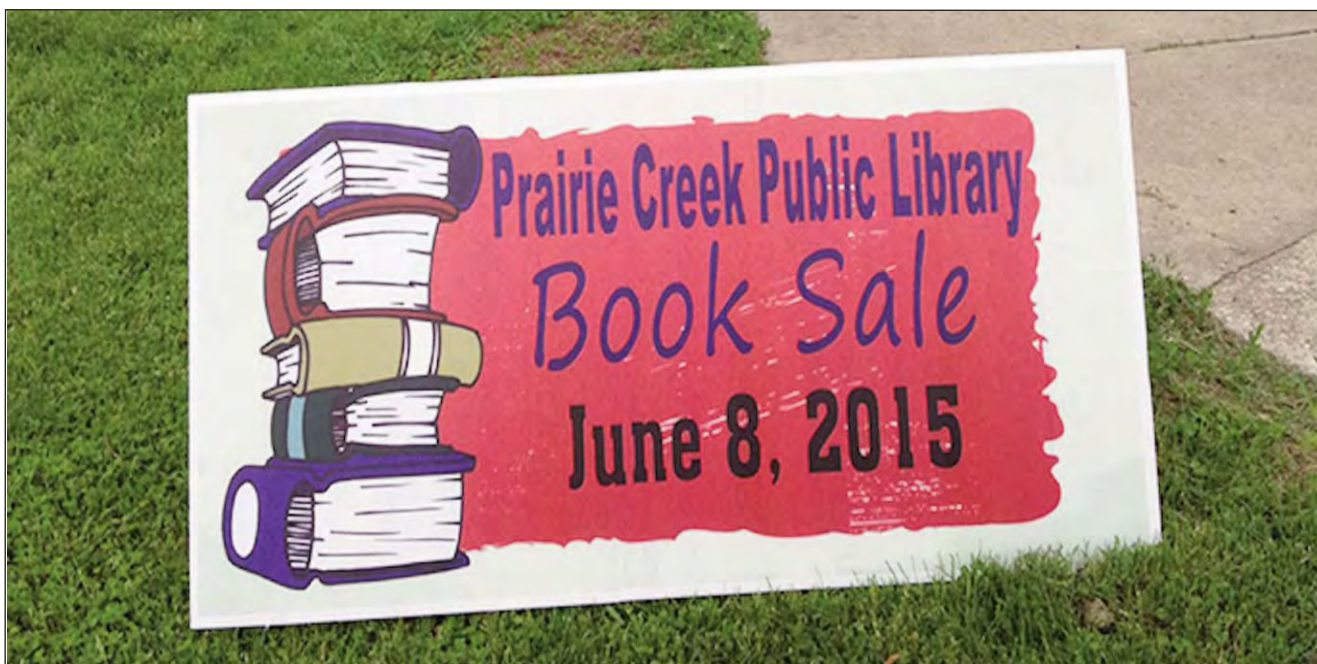
board.

The original proposed agreement was for a three-year arrangement calling for each school district to pay the Village of Dwight \$11,000 per school year for the Resource Officer and \$35 per hour for each additional requested police officer at school-sponsored functions. At a recent joint DGS and DTHS board session, several board members expressed concerns about the proposed agreement indicating that since the schools and police are both publically funded entities, services to the schools might be considered part of the Police Department's responsibility through taxpayer dollars. The matter was tabled at that time until the boards could meet with Village Officials to discuss further.

Present at the May 20 DTHS meeting was Village Administrator Kevin McNamara to discuss the matter and answer questions from the board. It was noted that Officer Beier spends about 12 hours per week at Dwight Grade school and eight hours per week

at Dwight High School for an estimated minimum of 270 hours per year at Dwight High School and 400 hours per year at Dwight Grade School. A breakdown of expenses incurred by the Village for materials alone used for the programs total \$9,000 across both Dwight school districts. With regard to the \$35 fee for requested police services at school events, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek estimated the cost to be no more than \$3,000 to the district and encourage board approval saying that people act differently if there is a police presence and it "brings a proactive sense of safety and security" to events.

The DTHS board expressed little concern about the value of having a school Resource Officer and police coverage at events. After discussion, the Dwight High School Board passed a motion to pay the Village of Dwight \$10,000 for 2014-15 program services received and continue the program for the 2015-16 school year at a cost of (continued on page 3)



PRAIRIE CREEK LIBRARY, DWIGHT, will be holding its Book Sale on the library porch and in the library yard on Monday, June 8th from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Books, videos and audio books will be for sale at prices starting at 25 cents. Visitors to the book sale will be treated to popcorn and water while they shop. Registration for the Summer Reading Program will be going on inside the library from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. the day of the sale. Community members of all ages are invited to stop by and find a great summer read for a great price.

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5/20	Bill Oates, Dwight	\$20
5/21	Art Connor, Blackstone	\$20
5/22	Josh DeLong, Dwight	\$20

FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

May 14: Latoya S. Anderson, Bradley, speeding (radar), 74/55.

May 15: Taylor J. Bonomo, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 47/30.

May 17: Timothy J. Ford, Saint John, IN, speeding (radar), 74/55; Bianca P. Kelly, Dwight, speeding (radar) 66/45.

May 18: Grant M. Van Haelst, Wilmington, speeding (radar), 71/55; Dina Abdallah, Plainfield, speeding (radar), 65/35.

May 19: Jacob J. Mascolo, Dwight, failure to reduce speed/accident; Jacob D. Enerson, Dwight, theft under \$500.00.

May 20: Donald W. Branz, Jr., Dwight, speeding (radar), 64/45.

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

7 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Traffic sign violation, 1; failure to yield at intersection, 1; no rear registration plate light, 2; improper lighting - one headlamp, 1; fail to notify SOS of change of address,1; only one red tail-light, 1.

Accident Reports

Thursday, May 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Officer John Hoy reported an accident at Route 17 at I-55 involving

Shannon O. Stratton of Elmwood Park, the driver of a 2014 Toyota Prius.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 7:50 a.m., Officer Charlie Houch reported an accident at 12 W. Northbrook Drive involving Outis A. Newland of Groveland, FL, the driver of a 2014 Freightliner Semi, and Joseph A. Dorweiler of Rolfe, IA, the driver of a 2003 Kenworth Semi.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 5:46 p.m., Officer Glenn Peters reported an accident at Union St. and Mazon involving Jacob J. Mascolo of Dwight, the driver of a 2000 Volvo S80, and Cameron L. Anderson of Dwight, the driver of a 2008 Mercury Sable.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 18: 5:47 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. James; 9:13 p.m., North, medical, Morris; 9:23 p.m., Prairie, medical, Riverside Kankakee; 10:44 p.m., Mazon, fire alarm.

May 19: 7:57 p.m., Chippewa, Medical, refusal.

May 20: 6:37 p.m., John, Medical, no transport; 7:38 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. James.

May 21: 8:38 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 12:31 p.m., Main St., Odor Investigation, no patient; 1:03 p.m., Franklin, trauma, refusal; 4:31 p.m., Waupansie, medical, refusal; 7:18 p.m., Rt. 47, medical, Morris.

Temps - 2015

May 14 – high 68°, low 50° .05 precip.

May 15 – high 79°, low 62° .10” precip.

May 16 – high 78°, low 63° trace precip.

May 17 – high 81°, low 64°

May 18 – high 78°, low 44°

May 19 – high 56°, low 41°

May 20 – high 49°, low 41° .05” precip.

One Year Ago - May 27, 2014
high 83°, low 62°

Gardner Fire Protection District Weekly Calls

May 11: medical, mutual aid to Braceville, N. Merrill; EMS COQ, mutual aid to Braidwood, Main St.; medical/ALS intercept, mutual aid to S. Wilmington, Main St.

May 12: EMS COQ, mutual aid – Braidwood, Main.

May 13: medical, Chaucer; EMS C/Q, mutual aid to Braidwood, Main St.; brush fire, E. Gardner Rd.

May 14: medical, W. Parker.

May 15: accident, mutual aid to Dwight, I-55; fire, mutual aid to Braceville, Mitchell.

Need for Child Welfare Reform in Illinois

by Mary Kuhlman

Experts say children removed from their homes need the support of a family to help them get through the tough times. But a new report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation finds about one-in-ten foster kids in Illinois spends their time in a non-family setting.

Larry Joseph, research director with Voices for Illinois Children, says these 1,600 children live in institutions or group homes, which don't provide the same stability or security of a family setting.

The report says about 40% of children in group care have no documented behavioral or clinical reason for placement in such restrictive settings. And while the total number of children in group homes has dropped by 28% in Cook County since 2008, it increased in the southern, northwestern, and east central parts of Illinois.

Joseph adds the state's budget woes have had an adverse effect on the child welfare system.

And news investigations have uncovered hundreds of cases of abuse and sexual assault of young people in institutional care over the past six months.

Joseph says a "family-first" approach is needed in the child welfare system, but he notes it cannot happen without adequate resources.

The report recommends agencies do more to provide families the skills and resources they need to minimize the need for foster care, and that there be substantial justification for more restrictive placements.

Video gaming tax rev-



DWIGHT BOY SCOUTS helped place flags on Veterans’ graves on May 18. Pictured, front row, l to r, Anthony Villamill, Emmett Emmons; back, Bob DeMarse, Brandon Brant, John Steurer, and Mike Montalbano.

Report Outlines ‘Lapses in Care’ at IDOC Facilities

by Mary Kuhlman

Inadequate for people it serves.

The experts also found “significant lapses in care” in 60% of the cases of prisoners who died from non-violent causes between January 2013 and May 2014.

In a statement, IDOC disagreed with a number of the conclusions, and stated, “The investigative team used a broad brush to paint an incomplete picture of the comprehensive medical system in place department-wide based upon a review of only eight of the 25 correctional facilities.”

Yohnka says the reports’ findings speak for themselves, and adds that the team of experts was selected jointly by lawyers for the inmates and IDOC.

IDOC contends its leadership and clinicians within its health-care units are qualified, and states it is taking steps to improve its delivery of medical services, including increasing staffing in certain areas, and working to designate appropriate clinical space that is properly equipped and ensures patient privacy.

Report: Illinois Video Gaming a Big Success, Has Even Greater Potential

by Ryan Keith

Video gaming is a vital economic lifeline for the state of Illinois and communities in every county, creating significant tax revenue and providing for tens of thousands of jobs, a new report finds.

The study from gaming industry experts Union Gaming Analytics, commissioned by the Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association (IGMOA), finds video gaming producing a real economic impact through:

- \$355 million in state and local tax revenue since video gaming terminals first went online in fall 2012.
- More than 32,000 jobs created and supported by video gaming statewide.
- Nearly \$830 million in net video gaming proceeds funneling through local businesses in Illinois communities.
- Thousands of businesses created and supported, with about 15 percent being brand new businesses.
- More than half of all revenues coming in 2014, showing video gaming's growth and future potential.

The report also finds great potential for state and local revenue benefits from video gaming if leaders in Springfield and in various Illinois communities want to tap into it.

Video gaming tax revenue total could jump up to about \$480 million. And if the city of Chicago would allow terminals, the figure would climb to more than \$700 million a year in state and local tax benefits – with more than 20,000 additional jobs created and supported.

Leaders of IGMOA, the association representing video gaming terminal operators, hope the comprehensive study of video gaming in Illinois will both help dispel some myths about its impact in local communities and show how it is working to bring renewed opportunity to bars, restaurants, veterans and fraternal organizations and other small businesses after many years of struggles.

“It is clear from these results that video gaming is an economic shot in the arm for our state and in every county,” said Michael Gelatka, IGMOA's president and an operator in the south suburbs. “We hope the governor, lawmakers and local leaders around the state will look closely at how great a benefit video gaming is providing in a short time and where we can work together to build on those benefits moving forward.”

“Based on Union Gaming Analytics’ comprehensive and thorough analysis of the market since the passage of the law in 2009, we determined that video gaming has had a significant and positive impact, both direct and indirect, on the state of Illinois in terms of incremental jobs, businesses, investment dollars and tax revenue,” said Michael Greene, Vice President of Union Gaming Analytics. “Additionally, the incremental gross gaming revenue generated from video gaming has helped to offset the decline seen in the riverboat gaming market in Illinois.”

IGMOA is joined in promoting the results of the study by associations representing Illinois bars and restaurants, many of whom have seen stories of economic despair turn around quickly since video gaming's introduction.

“So many times, I would hear from our members who were about to close their doors because they just couldn't make the economics work anymore,” said Dan Clausner, executive director of the Illinois Licensed Beverage Association. “Now with video gaming, people are coming back in the doors and spending money, which means these bar owners can hire people and improve their facilities. I'm excited to see how we can turn such impressive results from video gaming into opportunities for more of our establishments around the state.”

“Video gaming isn't always the answer for Illinois restaurants, but this report shows it really does matter for many of them,” said Sam Toia, president of the Illinois Restaurant Association. “We look forward to working with our partners in the gaming industry to build on these first few years of success and offer our Chicago members new opportunities in video gaming.”

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Should You Make Investment Moves Based on a Strong Dollar?

Currently, the U.S. dollar is pumped-up and powerful. But what does a strong dollar mean to you, as an investor?

To begin with, it's important to understand just what is meant by a "strong" dollar. The U.S. dollar does not exist in a vacuum — its value, from a global perspective, is determined by its changing strength relative to that of other currencies. Let's look at an example: Suppose that, in 2011, you traveled to Europe and wanted to trade in one dollar for its equivalent value in euros. At that time, your dollar would have converted to about .75 of a euro. Fast forward to early 2015; if you returned to Europe now, your dollar would fetch you almost one full euro. In other words, you can buy more euros because the dollar is "stronger."

In fact, earlier this year, the euro hit a 12-year low versus the dollar. And it isn't just the euro; the dollar is strong against almost every other major currency in the world. What has led to this strength? It's not always easy to determine what's behind foreign exchange rates — which can fluctuate even more than the stock market — but the recent surge in the dollar seems to be due, at least in part, to its obvious connection to the American economy, which has been growing faster than many other economies around the world. The stronger dollar is also due to expectations that interest rates will remain higher in the U.S. than in many other countries.

But whatever the reasons for it, the dollar's strength may be having an impact on your investments. A strengthening dollar typically lowers returns from international investments because you get fewer dollars in exchange for the value in euros or other foreign currencies. And some U.S. companies with a global presence may face challenges due to lower earnings from their international operations.

These results might lead you to think that a strong dollar would be bad news for the stock market, but that hasn't been the case in the past. At different times, the markets have performed well with both a strong and a weak dollar.

In contrast to its impact on U.S. companies, a strong dollar can help foreign companies compete and may give them an earnings boost from their U.S. sales. Also, the stronger dollar can help make foreign investments "cheaper." Even more importantly, by taking advantage of the stronger dollar and investing an appropriate amount internationally, gaining exposure to different economies and markets, you can help diversify your holdings, which is important. Although diversification can't guarantee a profit or always protect against loss, it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. Be aware, though, that international investing carries special risks beyond currency fluctuations, including political and economic instability.

The strong dollar may have attracted your attention, but don't be distracted by it — and don't overreact. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate rapidly, and no one can predict how long a strong dollar environment will last. By sticking with a solid, long-term investment strategy, you can help keep up the "strength" of your own dollars.

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Friday, June 5 & Saturday, June 6
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Debbie Provence taught 12 years general education-Kindergarten at Jonesville Elem., Jonesville, VA; 4th Grade at Pennington Elem., Pennington Gap, VA; 5th Grade at Dwight Grade School, Dwight, IL; 6th Grade Science & Health at Robertsville Jr. High, Oak Ridge, TN; Special Ed Self-Contained & Resource at Woodland Elem., Streator, IL; 22 years as Speech-Language-Pathologist with Grundy County Special Education Co-operative, Morris, IL at the following schools: Garfield, White Oak Elem., Saratoga, and Immaculate Conception School, all in Morris; 5 years currently at Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Elem., Coal City Elem., and South Wilmington Grade School in Grundy County.

She decided to retire now because “many of my friends are retired, and they highly recommend it.” She wants to do what she wants to do when she wants to do it

for a change. Her plans after retirement are to travel with her husband, who is already retired. They will camp a lot. She wants to explore her family’s genealogy also.

Her thoughts on retirement are that she always took her responsibility as a teacher very seriously and always wanted to do the best for “her kids”. Education has changed a lot since she started in 1978. Now she feels there is too much mandated testing, and teachers are not allowed to be creative in presenting their subject matter.

She will miss the kids and her colleagues, many of whom are lifelong friends.

She and the kids had a lot of fun as they learned.

Her favorite moments were when her students “got” a difficult concept (or in speech, a difficult sound), and he or she realizes they have it. It’s a ‘lightbulb’ moment! Also, she will always remember the spontaneous hugs and the “I love yous” she got just before the student skips down the hall back to class. How many jobs let you make someone so happy they want to skip?!

She is staying in Dwight because that’s where her kids are.

Her family members include Randy, husband; Britt & Ben, children; Quincy, English Pointer.

She is looking forward to this very different but exciting stage of her life. She plans to stay very active.

Police Resource Officer
a Valued Asset at DTHS
May Board Actions — — —

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\$11,000. All voting DTHS Board members were in favor of the one-year agreement, with board member Tim Henson abstaining. Over the next year, Dwight Schools will review and evaluate the various programs being offered by the Police Resource Officer and make a determination on how to proceed beginning with the 2016-17 school year. The DTHS BOE action was in line with actions taken by the DGS Board of Education at its earlier May meeting.

In other business, a one-year extension with school food service provider Arbor Management was approved. In addition, the board approved a recommended three percent meal price increase. The 10 cent increase on school plate lunches brings the student plate lunch price to \$2.45. Various other menu items will also be subject to an increase.

The board approved hiring Mathematics Teacher Steven Summers. Mr. Summers most recently taught at Cissna Park High School where he also was the Head Girls Varsity Basketball coach. Mr. Summers also has military experience. Summers will teach Geometry, Calculus, Pre-Calculus, will coach Mathletes, and be the Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. He hires in at Step 3, Masters + 0.

In reports to the Board, Principal Dan Kaiser noted that 26 students have signed up to attend the Livingston Area Career Center next year. The students have chosen to focus on training in Law Enforcement (six students), CNA (5), Auto Tech (4), Computer Networking (2), Welding (2), Fire Science (1), Cosmetology (1), Engineering/Architectural Drafting (1), and Medical Technology (1).

Dr. Jancek gave the board an update on the 2015-16

transportation plan. Applications for transportation personnel have been received and buses have been ordered. The transportation office will be located in the DGS Main Office. An Inter-Agency Bus Agreement is being discussed with area facilities that utilize buses for residents to possibly create an agreement to share buses in emergency situations.

In other business the board approved:

- paying Illinois Association of School Board Annual Dues of \$2,330.
- the Class of 2015 student list for graduation and diplomas.
- the hiring of summer maintenance employees.
- the Substitute list for continuation of employment for the 2015-16 school year.
- the employment of Tenured Teachers as presented for 2015-16.
- the parent / community member volunteer list as amended.
- an FMLA request from Jodi Minnaert.
- the resignation of Barb Patten, Head Varsity Golf Coach.
- Julie Jensen, Head Varsity Golf Coach.
- summer school teachers Mark Fiske and Amy Demarse.
- Dan Tarnowski, Head Wrestling Coach.
- the annual prevailing wage resolution.
- summer maintenance projects at an estimated cost of \$48,000.
- the 2015-16 Student Handbook.
- support staff as presented for 2015-16.
- the 2015-16 BOE Meeting Dates; all held in DTHS Room 19 on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. in DTHS Room 19. Meetings are open to the public.

Selig Adding
to Forrest Facility

Selig group is planning to add 25,000 square feet to its plant in Forrest.

The company will participate in a 10-year property tax abatement program recently established by the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council. That program has been endorsed by 15 county taxing bodies.

May 21 the Village of Forrest and Prairie Central School District both agreed to tax abatements on the new Selig addition, 100% for the first five years; 75% in years 6, 7; and 50% for years 8, 9,

10. Adam Dontz, CEO of GLCEDC, stated, “This is one of the largest industrial building expansion projects Livingston County has seen in years.”

Selig employs more than 130 people. Initially, the expansion will add four jobs.

Dontz said, “The real success is that Selig is continuing its investment in Livingston County, adding jobs, and adding to the tax base with its expansion.”



Summer Safety Camp
for Kids June 9

Summer Safety Camp is returning to Livingston County. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Livingston County 4-H Park in Pontiac.

The Camp is sponsored by Livingston County’s Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), Farm Bureau, University of Illinois Extension, Health Department, USDA-Farm Service Agency, as well as 1st Farm Credit Services, Prairie Central Co-Op, American Red Cross of the Heartland, and OSF St. James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center.

What is Summer Safety Camp? It is a day-long event where children are placed in small, supervised groups to attend a variety of safety stations. These stations, conducted by trained safety presenters, provide information, demonstrations and hands-on activities on how to be

safe at home, at school, and at play.

Who should attend a Safety Camp for Kids? Camp is for **any** child who will be entering grades three through six in the fall. Lunch is provided. Parents may also attend with their child if they desire. To cover expenses of guest presenters and materials, a registration fee is being charged per child and per family. Scholarships are available upon request. Children registered for the June 9 camp will be given the first opportunity to attend. Camp registration is limited to the first 100 children.

Registration forms are available at www.livecfb.org, by contacting the Livingston County Farm Bureau at 815-842-1103 or e-mail livecfbmg_r@gmail.com, or by contacting the Livingston County SWCD at 815-844-6127, ext. 3, to register or for questions.

Michael Engfer to Retire
from Reed-Custer

Michael Engfer taught Industrial Technology for both Reed-Custer High School and Middle School. He currently has 6th through 12th Grade Students.

During the time he has been there he was honored to be selected as a Pilot Site in the State of Illinois for Principals of Technology, Honored as Industrial Technology program of the Year and a top 50 program in the United States.

He led a group of students in a state program called Energy NET and had students placed in state level for both Drafting and WYSE. He also served a three year term as a member of the ISBE Certification Board. (Now known as Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB)). He coached Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and was a class Sponsor three times.

He has been at Reed-



Michael Engfer

Custer 34 years.

He decided to retire at this time as it was the right time. He plans on starting a Handyman Light Construction Business and to do some Substitute Teaching.

He will miss seeing the students grow and mature into young men and ladies.

He will continue to live in Gardner and plans on spending time with his family.

Breakfast on the Farm
is Back June 6

The Livingston County Farm Bureau Young Leaders invite the public to attend the Farmers’ Share Breakfast prepared by Young Leader committee members and local farmers.

The breakfast will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6 at Kilgus FarmStead located in Fairbury. The menu will include: biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, milk, coffee and orange juice all for a donation of \$1.00 per person. “The dollar represents the approximate amount of money the farmer makes for growing/raising the ingredients,” said Jenna Kilgus, Chairman of Livingston County Young Leaders.

“It’s a great way for our community to understand that farmers make a very small amount for the amount of

money spent on food in this country.”

In addition to the meal, attendees will be able to view agricultural displays, tour the dairy farm and chat with local farmers. “We hope everyone enjoys the great food and realizes agriculture is a vital part of this community,” Kilgus said.

The Livingston County Young Leaders is a group that is open to anyone in the county that has an interest in agriculture. The group works throughout the year to provide events and programs that promote agriculture to the community. They also bring in speakers from the Ag industry each month to continue to learn what is happening in the industry and the community. Directions to the farmstead: In Fairbury on Rte. 24 at light turn south onto S. 1st street, go one mile, Farmstead is on the right.



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Dwight Woman's Club Awards Two \$1,000 Scholarships

The Dwight Woman's Club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships at the Annual Senior Awards Night Ceremony May 17 at Dwight Township High School.

Dr. Lynn Bertino Neville, Dwight Woman's Club president, presented the 2015 scholarships to Dalton Hagi, who will be attending Joliet Junior College and majoring in Agricultural Business, and to Jenna Stevenson, who is enrolled at Eastern Illinois University in the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Dwight Woman's Club scholarships are open to all graduating seniors in the community each year. One scholarship is awarded to a student planning to attend a



Dalton Hagi

junior college or vocational program and one scholarship is presented to a student who will attend a four year college or university. The scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated participation in service and volunteer activities at school and in the community, strong academic perform-



Jenna Stevenson

ance, and participation in extra-curricular activities throughout their school career.

Funds for the scholarships awarded by the Dwight Woman's Club are generated through community support of Woman's Club projects during the club year.

Chatsworth American Legion



THE WALTER CLEMMONS POST 613 of the Chatsworth American Legion joined with Thrivent Financial to purchase and place grave markers on the graves of veterans in Chatsworth cemeteries. Lucie Haberkorn was responsible for coordinating the funds to purchase seven new markers and their placements in the cemeteries by Legion Members, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the Legion Members for this year's Memorial Day services. Pictured from, left to right, are Cary Dehm, Gerry Weller, Mary Hanshaw, Jim Flessner, Mary Ann Barnhart, Pat Ulitzsch and Lucie Haberkorn.



Chatsworth is looking beautiful this spring. The flowers in the planters are starting to fill the empty spaces with vibrant blooms. The Mini Park and landscaping are bursting with new growth and blooming perennials. Those gardens don't maintain themselves and a big thank you and appreciation goes out to all who lovingly take care of them. New people to town always remark how pretty the town is.

They sure have that right. How many times do we all drive past the Welcome to Chatsworth signs and take

for granted the flowers and decorations? It takes a town

are home grown green onions, radishes, some lettuce. There even may be some hot peppers for grilling. There is usually a good supply of honey and goat milk soap, too. Come on down.

Bring your crafts and artwork. Baked goods always sell well, as does Julie's Sweet Tooth hand-crafted chocolates.

The market runs every Saturday morning from 8 am until noon. If there is something special you are interested in, it is always a good idea to come early so as not to be disappointed.



full of people to make a town prosper and it is gratifying to see the folks in Chatsworth come together.

The Farmers Market is ramping up with a great crop of asparagus and rhubarb. Just starting this weekend

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The Dwight Food Pantry is held at the Old Town Hall, the Gothic Church, at 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight, from 1 - 2 p.m. on the fourth Wednesdays, Jan. through Nov.

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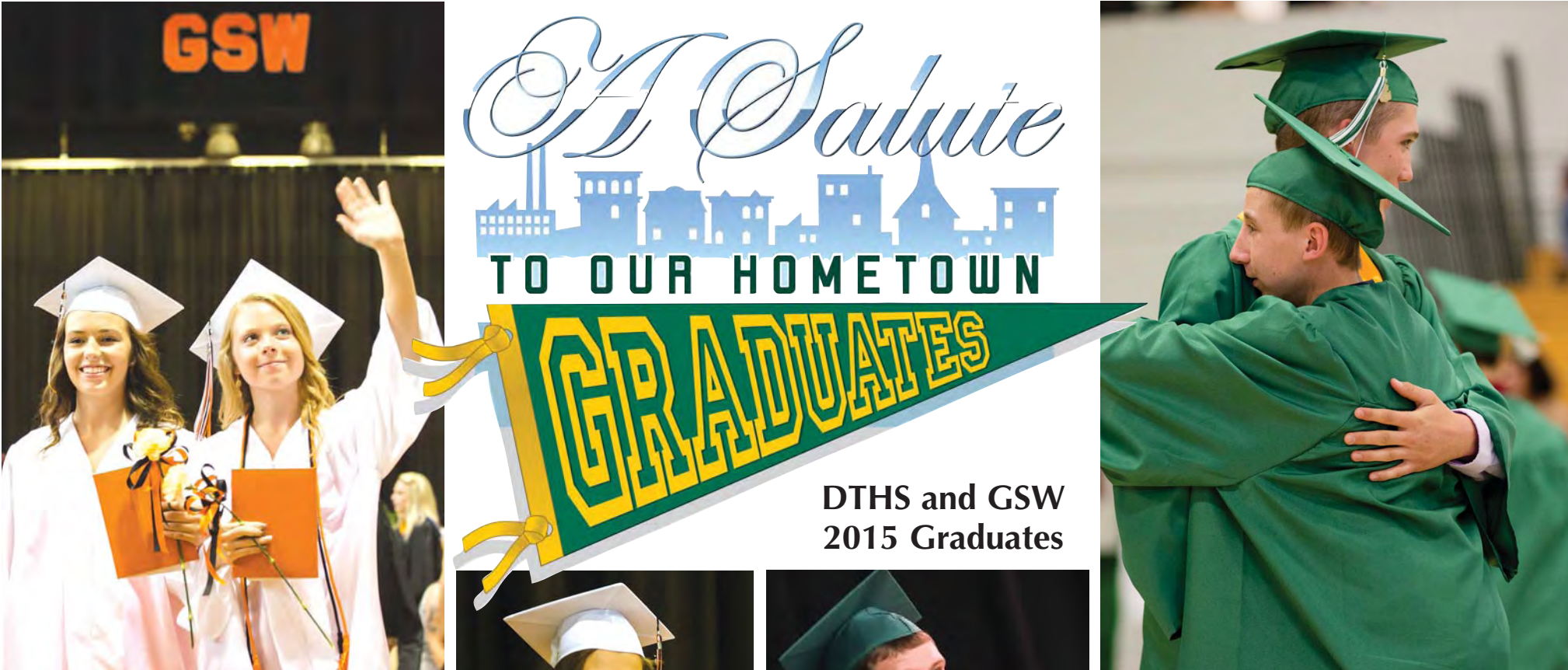
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DTHS TOP TEN in the Class of 2015. Right to left, Co-Valedictorians John Carter, Owen Pulver. Salutatorian, Ryan Gaston, Riley Van Der Karr, Drew Jensen, Ashley Fox, Chris Peck, Kapri Krople, Dalton Hagi, Ryan Beier and Katelyn Schultz. Job Well Done.



Dwight Rotary Club Meeting Update

Herscher High School Valedictorians

Brennan Caputo, Biologist for Illinois Department of Natural Resources, spoke at the May 20 Rotary meeting about the invasive species in the upper Illinois River system. While he compared the different types of Carp, he showed pictures of some requiring two men to hold up for a picture.

Mr. Caputo explained why the imported species had spread throughout the Mississippi River system, but the Asian Carp (the Big Head and the Silver) do not seem to reproduce above the Dresden Lock and Dam. He said the IDNR thinks the three electrical barriers are keeping the fish from going closer to the Great Lakes.

The problem is people use small shad for bait and often some Asian Carp

young are caught up in the bait net also and dumped out at the end of the fishing trip in a new area.

The problem with the Asian Carp is they suck up the algae and plankton that is needed for the young of desirable species to eat and grow. In reality, they can clean the river water to the point it has so little nutrients that they can starve themselves to death.

The Silver Carp are the ones that have ended boating and skiing on large stretches of the river because they jump out of the water and hit people. The Big Head Carp can eat twenty percent of its body weight each day and lay 300 million eggs each year.

Mr. Caputo showed pictures of IDOT and commercial fishermen harvesting

thousands of carp to be processed into liquid fertilizer; a very unpleasant smelly process. The best way to rid the country of these invaders would be human consumption in our country. He says they taste very good, or so he has been told.

Two other carp in the area are the Grass Carp (grass eater), and the Black which are uncommon. Many Grass Carp are in ponds and lakes where they are supposed to keep the weeds down. They can grow large but are supposed to be genetically fixed to not reproduce.

Mr. Caputo downplayed the Round Goby that was dumped into the Great Lakes years ago since it is food for other fish species. He brought a Round Goby and a native Sculpin for the Rotarians to try to note any differences.

Honor Society, polar bear club, soccer, volleyball, and newspaper and yearbook committee.

Brody Ryan is a co-valedictorian for the Herscher graduating class of 2015. He is the son of Donna Ryan.

His extra-curricular activities included: National Honor Society, Student Council, SADD, soccer, math team, and newspaper and yearbook committee.

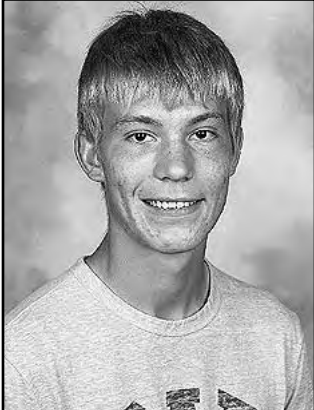
Alexis Lovell is a co-valedictorian. She is the daughter of Darren and Hollie Lovell.

Her extra-curricular activities include student council, National Honor Society, SADD, polar bear club, soccer, cross country, publications.



Jessica Maass is a co-valedictorian. She is the daughter of James and Jolene Maass.

Her extra-curricular activities include National Honor Society, scholastic bowl, math team, team quest, WYSE, Publications, Peer tutoring.



Samuel Reifsteck is a co-valedictorian. He is the son of David and Carol Reifsteck.

His extra-curricular activities include cross country, SEA, National Honor Society, math team, jazz band.



Tri-Point Board of Education Meets

The Board of Education of Tri-Point CUSD #6J held a Regular Meeting May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tri-Point Board of Education Room in Kempton. Board Members Ted Conkling, Kris Haag, Trisha Haag, Amy Fecht, Lloyd Vaughn, and Sharon Mogged were present. Cherie Smolkovich arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Visitors included: June Haeme, Jeff Kuhn, Shirley Knilands, Sara Riebe, Nadine Stites, Andrea Lane, Chris Haren, Lindsay Haren, Linda Avery, Janay Ericksen, Kathi Wallrich, Kaylyn Davis, Kim Mogged, Danielle Donley, Dale Cupples, Jessica McDermott, Rhonda Wilkerson, Angela Taylor, Michelle Dunlavey, and Kayla Dunlavey.

Action by the Board included the following:

- After the Consent Agenda was approved, it was moved that the format for eighth grade recognition is an individual recognition during the Junior High Awards Night.
- A move to approve the letter of engagement with Russell Leigh and Associates for the fiscal year 2015 audit followed.
- Several other actions included moves to:

- employ John Mohler, Nadine Stites, Sharon Vito, Matt Mogged, Samantha Holle, Shelly Turner, and Jennifer Weller as temporary summer custodial workers
- adopt the fee structure for the 2015-16 school year, with the addition of Vet Tech class
- renew membership in Illinois Association of School Boards for the 2015-16 school year
- approve the interfund loans from Working Cash and Transportation Funds to Education Fund
- let Bids for Bread and Milk for the school food service program for the 2015-16 school year
- set Junior High Basketball Official pay at \$65 and Junior High Volleyball Official Pay at \$60
- reject the Transportation Contract proposal from Illinois Central
- accept the bid from Piggush Simoneau in the amount of \$186,140 for Life/Safety Work
- accept the bid from Midwest Service group in the amount of \$15,215 for Life/Safety asbestos abatement work
- accept the bus lease proposal from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$142,116 plus \$6,522 for Camera/GPS
- approve a contract with Simply Sealcoating in the amount of \$2,417.60
- approve a contract to clean and paint the roof of the Piper City Bus Garage, not to exceed \$5,440

A movement was then made to go into closed session at 8:33 p.m. for the A) appointment, employment, discipline, performance of specific employees; B) Collective Bargaining matter or consideration of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; C) Special Education program or other matters relating to individual students in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (c) and (1) and (2) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act.

A move to come out of closed session was made at 8:45 p.m., followed by the movement to accept the resignation of Kaylyn Davis as Special Education Teacher.

The meeting was closed at 8:47 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be June 15 in the Board Room at Tri-Point CUSD in Kempton.

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Cub Scout Pack 802 Meeting

Cub Scout Pack 802 of Campus held its May pack meeting at the hall in Campus on Sunday, May 17.

After a discussion of the summertime activities, Reese Raymond received his Bobcat and Tiger badges and then graduated into the Wolf den. Zeke Houberg received his Bowling sports belt loop and then graduated into the Bear den. Mikie Kincade received his Bear badge and then graduated into the Webelos den.

Mazon Choir Director to Retire After 59 Years

On Sunday, May 31, there will be an open house to celebrate and honor the Mazon Park Street Church Choir, which will sing together for the last time at the 9:00 a.m. worship service that day.

Director **Doris Madison** is retiring after directing the choir for the past 59 years.

The Park Street Choir has

many dedicated members, including Lou Witt, who has sung with the group for the past 70 years.

The open house will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments and a light lunch will be available. All are welcome to the service and open house.

Genealogy Workshop Planned

Governor Thomas Ford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold a genealogy workshop in Gibson City on Saturday, June 13, 2015. The workshop is designed for women interested in joining the organization.

The workshop is open to the public and will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Moyer Library, 618 S. Sangamon in Gibson City. To qualify for DAR membership, a woman must be able to trace her ancestry to someone who participated in the Revolutionary War. It does not have to be military service. Headquartered in Wash-

ington DC, the DAR is a service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism and preserving American History. The workshop will show prospective members how to follow their lineage, generation by generation, and will allow them to work one-on-one with DAR experienced genealogists.

The reservation deadline is Monday, June 8. If you are interested in genealogical research, beginners and advanced, contact Marilyn Ames, Registrar, amesmarilyn@gmail.com, or 217-369-0202 to make a reservation.



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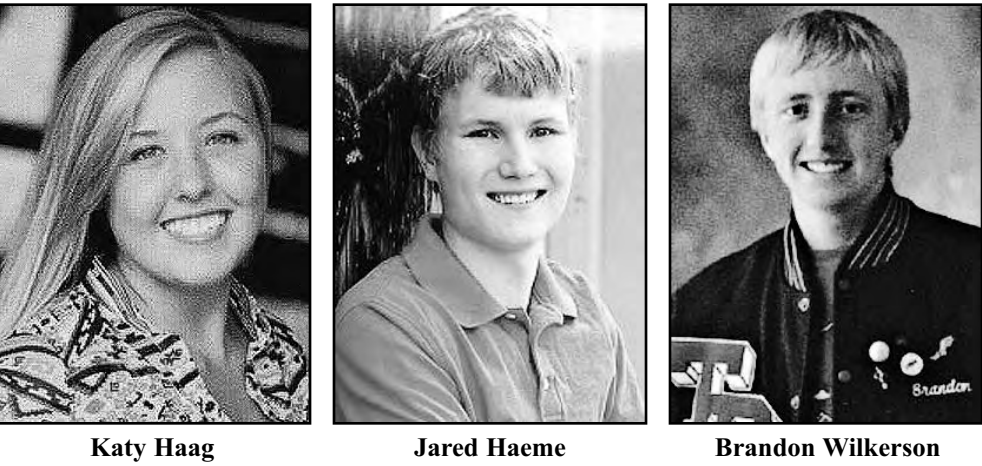
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Tri-Point Valedictorian and Co-Salutatorians

The Valedictorian of Tri-Point's 2015 graduating class is Katy Haag, daughter of Doug and Kelly Haag.

Her extra-curricular activities included volleyball, cheerleading, scholastic bowl, National Honor Society, track, student council, FCCLA, WYSE, and Class President. Her GPA was 4.23 on a 4.0 scale.

Jared Haeme was a co-salutatorian. He is the son of Jon and June Haeme of Kempton. His extra-curricular activities include basketball, track, cross country, National Honor Society, and scholastic bowl. He had a 4.19 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Brandon Wilkerson was a co-salutatorian. He is the son of Mark and Rhonda Wilkerson of Stelle. His extra-curricular activities include basketball, track, scholastic bowl, National Honor Society, Tennis, and cross country. He had a 4.19 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Braceville Elementary Hosts Annual Awards Night



BRACEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL honored Salutatorian **Nikolas States** and Valedictorian **Madyson Schuck** at their annual Awards Night on May 14.

On May 14, Braceville Elementary School hosted their annual awards night, with over 70 awards presented throughout the evening.

Some awards given out were for students who took part in Band and Chorus, Student Council, Science Fair, and the Spelling Bee.

Some of the highlights of the night were those students who received academic awards. The following stu-

dents had the highest grade point averages for the first three quarters of the school year:

Fifth Grade: Ambiance Krah.

Sixth Grade: Nathan Hoffman.

Seventh Grade: Taylor Bartels.

Eighth Grade: Madyson Schuck.

Also, there were four seventh grade students who earned the opportunity to serve as the Marshals and Ushers at the eighth grade Graduation Ceremony:

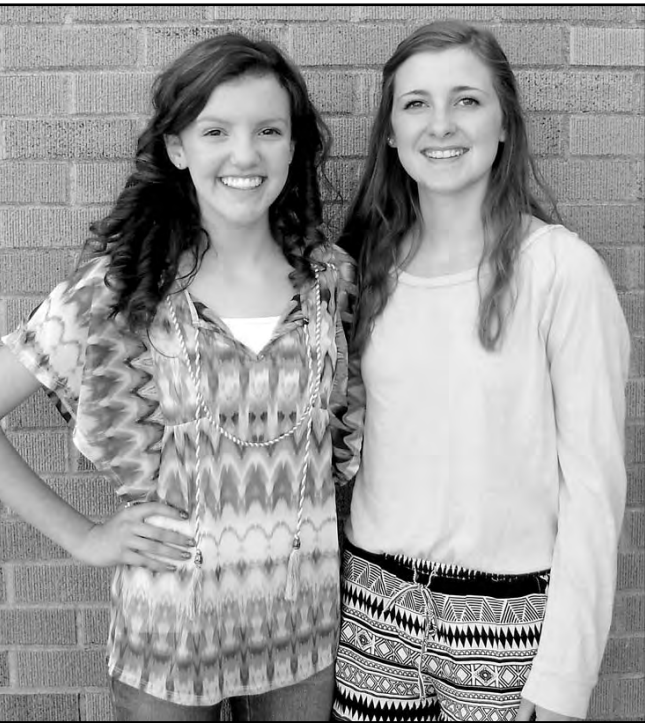
Ushers: Jared Gallup and Colton Neu.

Marshals: Taylor Bartels and Dezarie Wampler.

The highest honors of the night went to two eighth grade students:

Salutatorian: **Nikolas States**.

Valedictorian: **Madyson Schuck**.



SOUTH WILMINGTON HAS ANNOUNCED their Valedictorian and Salutatorian. The valedictorian, **Madison Asbridge**, is the daughter of **Dave and Samara Anderson** and **Bill Asbridge**. The Salutatorian, **Cadee Grieff**, is the daughter of **Tim and Angie Grieff**. Graduation was May 22.

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Salutatorians

Taylor Jo Speed – a young lady who excelled academically inside and outside of the classroom, along with her dedication to her studies, Taylor is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Business Club, and the Orange Crush. During her time at GSW, she also played volleyball, basketball, and softball. Taylor is the daughter of Kori and Terry Speed.

Valedictorians

Alexia Marie Posing – the first Valedictorian for the class of 2015 is a recognized athlete in volleyball, basketball, and softball at GSW, while contributing to the community with her involvement in Business Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Orange Crush. Alexia's other achievements include being an Illinois State Scholar, an RVC Female Scholar, and a Kankakee Journal Scholar Athlete. She will begin her post secondary education at Kankakee Community College, where she is enrolled in the Physical Therapy Assistant Program. Alexia is the daughter of Jon and Sheri Posing.

Kaytlyn Alexandra Harvey – during her time at GSW, Kaytlyn exemplified the work ethic of a true scholar, participating in numerous extracurricular activities including the Pantherettes, Cheer, STUDS, the Math Team, and the Business Club. The second Salutatorian of the class of 2015 will continue her education at Illinois State University, where she received the Redbird Scholar Award for \$2,000. Kaytlyn is the daughter of

David and Tracy Harvey.

Sherry Schultz, Molly has excelled in all academics and has been honored as an Illinois State Scholar and River Valley Conference All-Academic Team. She is part of the math team, the scholastic bowl team, Student Publications, the Business Club, and SADD, as well as president of both the Student Council and National Honors Society. In the fall, she will begin her professional pursuit at Northern Illinois University, majoring in Engineering.

Josie Beth Hyslop – GSW's third Valedictorian is recognized as an Illinois State Scholar, is part of the RVC All-Academic Team, is a state qualifier for ICTM math, and is also recognized for scholarly excellence by the Marine Corp. She has been awarded nearly \$3,000 in scholarship and award money for her academic and social achievements. The daughter of Edward and Jane Hyslop, Josie served GSW as the Business Club secretary, the NHS vice-president, the Student Council vice-president, and the editor for Student Publications. She also participated in volleyball, the math team, SADD, Student Ambassadors, Orange Crush, and Scholastic Bowl.

Molly Jo Schultz – the daughter of Joe Schultz and

Dwight Township High School Valedictorians, Salutatorian

Valedictorians

John Carter – the son of Gerald and Sharon Carter, during his four years at DTHS, John participated in Mathletes, Scholastic Bowl, Track, and was a member of the Livingston County Commission on Children and Youth.

Owen Pulver – the son of Robert and Tamara Pulver, participated in baseball, basketball, scholastic bowl, student council, and

John was named an Illinois State Scholar, and will attend the University of Illinois – Champaign-Urbana, where he plans to major in Civil Engineering.

National Honor Society while at DTHS. He was selected as an Illinois State Scholar, a Daily Journal Scholar/Athlete, a member of the Interstate Eight All-Academic Baseball Team, and a member of the IHSSB-CA All-State Scholastic Bowl Team. In the fall, Owen will attend Millikin University to major in biology and play baseball for the Big Blue.

Salutatorian

Ryan Gaston – the son of Jim and Shelah Gaston, Ryan has been a member of Spanish Club and National Honor Society, as well as a player on the Trojan football, basketball, and baseball teams all four years of his career at DTHS.

Ryan was selected as a member of the Kankakee All-Area Team and a member of the Interstate Eight All-Conference Team, and was recently selected as an Illinois State Scholar. In the fall, he will attend the University of St. Francis to major in Nursing.

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June 8-12. Later this summer, Bob McKenzie will direct *One More Time! Another Musical Encore of Our First 50 Years*, August 6-9. Tickets are available at Bank of Pontiac, First Financial Bank, State Bank of Graymont, SOCU, Pontiac Recreation Center, and Joy's Hallmark. Seniors 62 and up, as well as children 12 and under, receive a discount.

KVTA's Mary Poppins Auditions in June

Kankakee Valley Theatre Association will be opening their new season with Mary Poppins, one of the most popular Disney movies of all time – as a musical. Auditions will be early, Saturday, June 13, due to the extensive costumes that need to be made. Full cast practices will begin in August. The auditions will be held at the Civic Auditorium, 8th Ave. in Kankakee, with a general dance audition from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Session two will be a Step in Time dance audition from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (tap shoes should be taken, however, children 12 and under do not have to take tap shoes). Note that there are some roles that do not require a

dance audition. Vocal Auditions and Callbacks will be held at Adventure Church, 235 N. Kinzie Ave. in Bradley. Boys and girls, ages nine to 12, will audition Thursday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m. Teens (13+) and Adults will audition Friday, June 19, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. or Saturday, June 20, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Callbacks will also be June 20, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. If unable to make any of the audition dates listed, contact the director at pjpops2015@gmail.com to schedule an early audition. Visit KVTA.org for sign-ups and audition information.

Devon Lynne Severson Graduates from Southern Illinois University

Devon Lynne Severson participated in the 139th Commencement Exercises at Southern Illinois University on May 16th, where she received a bachelor's degree from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Pending completion of all program requirements, Devon's degree will be with Cum Laude honors. While attending Southern Illinois University, Devon studied Radiologic Science specializing in Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound. Devon previously received her Associate's Degree from Southern Illinois University and is a certified x-ray technician. Devon is the daughter of Evan and Lynne (Bush) Severson of Clinton, IL and the granddaughter of Everett and Dorothy Severson of rural Gardner, IL, Carol Bush of Dwight, IL, and Kenneth Bush of Bloomington, IL.

Gardner All-Town Garage Sales June 5, 6

Gardner will host its All-Town Garage Sales June 5 and 6. To be put on the map, send your name, address, and fee to Sharon Sovey, P.O. Box 215, Gardner 60424 by June 1. The sales are sponsored by the GGS Tiger Talk Book Club.

Braceville UMC Outdoor Community Worship Service, Fifth Annual Fish Fry

The Braceville United Methodist Church, 106 W. Gould St., invites everyone in the surrounding communities to their annual outdoor worship service, being held in the church garden Sunday, June 7, at 9:30 a.m. Some seating will be provided, but participants are welcome to take their own lawn chairs. Also being held later that day will be the Fifth Annual Fish Fry from 3:00-7:00 p.m., hosted by the Nurture, Outreach, Witness committee. The menu includes crispy fried fish, southern greens, red beans and rice, cornbread, and pecan pie. This year, a child's meal has been added, consisting of a hot dog, chips, and applesauce. The meal is free but donations will be accepted. All proceeds from the fish fry will be used to support the 2015 Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School program, July 13-17.

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Jamie Sorensen Receives Scholarship from Iowa State

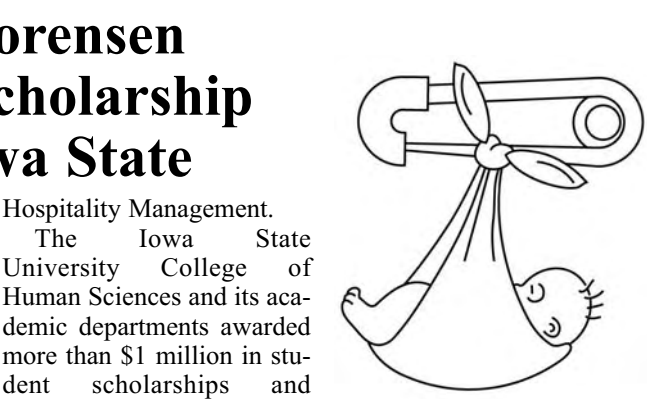
Jamie Sorensen from Gardner will receive the Mary K. Alexander Scholarship from the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University. Sorensen is transferring to Iowa State as a sophomore and is going to study Hospitality Management. The Iowa State University College of Human Sciences and its academic departments awarded more than \$1 million in student scholarships and awards for the upcoming academic year.

Brandon Wills Earns High-Ranking Viking Score

Augustana senior, Brandon Wills of Mazon, majoring in Biology, has achieved one of the highest Viking Scores among Augustana seniors. The Viking Score is Augustana's unique and valuable approach to helping students track their level of professional preparation. A voluntary program, the Viking Score is available for all students regardless of year or major.

Pie Baking Contest

Sullivan's Irish Brigade's Relay for Life Team will host its annual Pie Baking Contest during Pontiac's Heritage Days on Saturday, May 30th. Judging will begin at 9:30 am on the northeast corner of the square. All pies must be dropped off no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Last year's winner was a rhubarb pie made by Kristi Masching from Pontiac, IL. The top three winners will receive a gift basket from County Market and their pies will be auctioned off at a silent auction that ends at 2 p.m. For more information, please contact Marsha Roe at (815) 842-1326 or email roe71@frontier.com



It's a girl!

Mia Grace Keller was born May 23, 2015, at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. She is the first child of Daniel and Laura Keller of Chicago. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces. Paternal grandparents are Curt and Mary Keller of Deerfield. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Janet Ridings of Herscher.



MEMBERS OF CITIZENS FOR CULLOM, (Nancy Groskreutz, Diane Shapland, and Erran Melton,) made and delivered 24 May Baskets to shut-in residents in Cullom, and to Cullom residents in nursing homes and assisted living in Pontiac. Citizens for Cullom meet the third Tuesday of each month in the Cullom Community Building at 7:00 p.m., and new members are welcome.

First Christian Church Invites Children to Everest VBS

A summer kids' event called Everest VBS will be hosted at First Christian Church June 15-19 in Morris, where kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:35 a.m. Everest is for kids age three (potty-trained) to those entering fifth grade, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. There is no cost to participate. Pre-register your child by June 7 by calling the Church at 815-942-3454 or online at www.fccmorris.org. Arrive by 8:30 a.m. the first day of VBS if you are unable to pre-register. Note: No registration forms will be taken between June 7 and 14.

Strawberry Jazz Festival

More than 90 fine arts and crafts vendors will show their wares, from paintings and stained glass to garden decorations, at the annual Strawberry Jazz Festival 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 7 at Gov. Small Memorial Park 801 S. Eighth Ave., Kankakee. The event will be presented by the Community Arts Council of Kankakee County. New attractions will be a baby contest at 11 a.m., selection of the Strawberry Prince and Princess at 12:45 p.m. and a performance by the Jesse White Tumblers at 1 p.m., sponsored by McDonald's. There also will be continuous entertainment, featuring a Dixieland band, dancers and singers and a vintage car show. Children's activities will include games, dime toss, face painting and a visit to a 19th century one-room schoolhouse. Enjoy all sorts of sandwiches, kettle corn and strawberry-themed foods. Other sponsors for the event are the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau and King Music.

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Donald L. Masters

JACKSONVILLE – Donald L. Masters, 83, of Jacksonville passed away Sunday, May 17, 2015 at his home.

He was born August 28, 1931 in Greenfield to Fred J. and Dorothy A. Ford Masters. He graduated from Greenfield High School in 1949 and attended the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, graduating from the College of Agriculture in 1953.

During his four years on campus, he lived in Nabor House Fraternity. He served two years in the U.S. Army in White Sands, New Mexico. Donald farmed on a Centennial farm in Greenfield the majority of his life.

Don married Jane Anderson in Urbana December 20, 1959. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons: Frank A. (Elaine) Masters of Janesville, Wisconsin and Carl J. (Debbie) Masters of Greenfield; four grandsons: Derek and Adam Masters of Janesville, Wisconsin; and Isaac and Hunter Masters of

Greenfield.

One sister, Eleanor (David) Bossert of Dwight and several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Don served for several years on the boards of directors of both the Greene County Service Company and the Greene County Farm Bureau. He was a voracious reader; a devoted fan of the Fighting Illini; and a passionate supporter of the many activities in which his four grandsons were involved.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation was from 4 until 8 p.m., Friday, May 22, in the Centenary United Methodist Church, Jacksonville.

His funeral was at 11 a.m. Saturday in the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to H.E.L.P.S. Ministry in Jacksonville or the Jacksonville Food Bank.

Shields-Bishop Funeral Home, Greenfield, was in charge of arrangements.



William T. Kruger Jr.

RANSOM – William T. Kruger Jr., 64, a lifetime resident of the Ransom area, passed away unexpectedly May 22, 2015.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m., today, Wednesday, May 27, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kinsman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. John Hornicak at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 28, at Sacred Heart Church.

Burial will be in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Ransom.

Bill was born April 14, 1951 in Streator, son of William and Marjorie McCambridge Kruger Sr. He married the love of his life, Marilyn Masching, September 16, 1972 in Dwight. Marilyn died suddenly March 8, 2015. The family is trying to find comfort in knowing that the couple is now united once again for eternity.

He farmed in the rural Ransom area his lifetime. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kinsman, where he faithfully attended Mass and always put his trust in God. His faith will lead him home and back to his beloved wife. He will be deeply missed.

Bill attended Ransom Grade School and was a graduate of Dwight High School, Class of 1969. He was also a graduate of Joliet Junior College. He enjoyed fast pitch softball.

The heart and soul of Bill Kruger Jr. could be captured in two simple words – family and farming. Family was foremost in his life. He cherished his wife, children, grandchildren and family above all else, setting a wonderful example of faithful love. He was a trusted and loyal friend to many. Bill was loved by all who knew

him.

Farming was his second greatest love. He was a man of the earth – living his life in sync with nature. He truly loved the land, his work, and the life that he lived. Bill was a man of integrity and hard work and his approach to life was always made with simple common sense.

The Krugers raised their family and made their comfortable, welcoming home on the same farmstead where Bill was raised – the only home he had known for nearly all of his 64 years of life.

He is survived by two daughters: Kristen (Kirby) Woods of Washington, IL and Kelly Kruger of Ransom; one son, Kurt (Kelly) Kruger of Kinsman; four grandchildren: Grant and Kate Woods and Bailey and Kenley Kruger; and his father, William Kruger Sr., rural Ransom.

Surviving siblings include four sisters: Sandy (Richard) Roenfeldt of Ottawa; Linda Bookout of Kinsman; Karen (Jim) Hopp of Dayton, Ohio; and Pam (Jim) Sidentop of Ransom.

Bill was a loved and respected uncle to 27 nieces and nephews. In-laws include Ken (Jan) Masching and Irv (Lynn) Masching of Dwight; Gary (Peg) Masching of Elgin; Terry (Karen) Masching of Little Rock, Arkansas; Madelyn Fogarty of Dwight; and Jeff (Anita) Masching of Algonquin.

He was also preceded in death by his mother; and in-laws, Lyle and Marie Masching.

Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice.

Hagi Funeral Home, Streator, is in charge of arrangements.



Harold J. West, Jr.

PARK FOREST – Harold James “Bim” West, Jr., 83, formerly of Dwight, died Thursday, April 2, 2015.

He was born January 5, 1932 to Harold and Mary West.

Surviving are his companion, Mary “Midge” Casper; his children: Michael West and Jean Martin (Philip Perry); three

grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His parents; one sister, Mary Jane (Robert) Wiegman; and a son, Theodore West preceded him in death.

Harold was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

A private memorial service with the family.

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Upcoming Programs at Fossil Ridge Library

The following programs are set up at Fossil Ridge Public Library in Braidwood in the month of June:

- **June 1: Children’s Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, 12:00-2:00 p.m.** Live performance from children’s musician, Jeanie B.
- **June 1-6: Pet Food for Fines** – Reduce or eliminate your fines by bringing in pet food (dry and unopened). One pound of pet food equals \$1 in fines. Food collected will be given to local animal shelters. No expired food.
- **June 2: Guitar Jam Session** | first Tuesday of each month, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **June 3: Adult Summer Reading Kick-Off, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Musical performance by Thomas Swenson.
- **June 4: Teen Book Club, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Heap House by Edward Carey.
- **June 8, 22, 29: Musical Movie Mondays, 12:00-2:00 p.m.** Contact library for movie titles.
- **June 9, 16, 23, 30: Make It and Take It!** | Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Learn about a different musical instrument, and then create one of your own. All

ages. Registration required.

- **June 10, 17, 24: Music Exploration** | Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Join in each week as they explore the various sounds and types of music. Open to all ages, no registration required.
- **June 11: Symphony of Summer Desserts, 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Fruit, chocolate, and custard desserts presented by Chef Michael Maddox. Registration required.
- **June 11, 25: Teen MusicCrafts, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**
- **June 12, 19: Small Fry Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.** Toddlers and their caregivers can explore and play with various sensory materials, as well as develop fine motor and language skills. Caregiver must accompany child during programs. Ages birth to three. Registration required.
- **June 15: Joliet Junior College Fine Arts Presents “The Bremmen Town Musicians,” 1:30-2:30 p.m.** | Ages birth to 12; **Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
- **June 16: Scrapbooking Club** | Third Tuesday every month, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m.

- **June 17: Adult Name That Tune, 6:00-7:00 p.m.** | A fun competition with original videos and songs. Put your 80’s music knowledge to the ultimate test. Registration required.
- **June 18: Just Dance Party, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** | Ages birth to 12; **Jr. Friends of the Library Meeting, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** | Be a library volunteer and make a difference; **Teen Game Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Xbox 360 and Wii games, board games, snacks, and an art cart filled with craft supplies. Grades sixth through 12th.
- **June 19: Homeschool Picnic at Godley Park, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** | Take a dish to share and register with the homeschool librarian at tmsmith@fossilridge.org.
- **June 22: Adult Book Club** – The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Steadman.
- **June 24: Wine Tasting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** | Presented by wine specialist Danna Stillwell. A refundable deposit and a photo ID are required to register. Ages 21 and over. thirty max.

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It’s been 2015 for almost five months now and I’ve noticed a recurring theme among most people in administrative positions, some even in Dwight and the surrounding areas. They’d rather plow ahead blindly, knowing they’re wrong, than admit they messed up before they get to that point. I’m not sure when it was decided that this is the proper way to go about things, but it’s dumb, and it’s not fooling anyone. It’s like when you get a paper or something that you’ve been working on proofread and the person who proofreads it marks it up a bunch and says there are things that need to be fixed, or maybe you should even start over completely. Maybe the idea you had, or the way you went about constructing your paper, wasn’t the best. Instead of fixing your paper, (you had it proofread for a reason) you just decided to make very little changes, and turn the paper in anyway, not caring about what the final grade might be, or how it might affect the way your employer sees you. It’s okay to admit you messed up, I come across this a lot. People don’t want to admit they messed up, but it’s okay. People will think more of you if you admit that you messed up and you start over or retract your original statement. When people realize they’re wrong (this happens a lot on the internet), they just give you the “don’t talk to me” or “I have nothing more to say” argument instead of just admitting they’re wrong. Let’s get a trend started by making it okay to be wrong and to mess up, but then to fix it. You can start a fire in your kitchen without burning down the whole house.

Aaron Boma
2012 DTHS Grad and ISU Senior

EAA Young Eagles Program
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Chapter 95 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) based at the Morris Municipal Airport will be hosting their annual Young Eagles Day Program to be held at the airport on June 13th and September 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weather permitting.

17 the opportunity to fly in a general aviation airplane. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member pilots and volunteers. Since 1992, more than 1.9 million Young Eagles have enjoyed a flight from EAA’s network of volunteer pilots and are listed in the World’s Largest Logbook at the EAA Airventure Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

We wish to express our many thanks to our relatives, friends and everyone who sent cards, made phone calls, visits, sent food, flowers and memorials to us with the passing of William “Bob” Taylor. Your acts of kindness and memories of Bob were a comfort to his children and family at a most difficult time. Bless each and every one of you.

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Jan & Todd Miller
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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR THE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection District general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, is hereby rescheduled to Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

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Benefits Planned for Zoey Coughlin

More treatments needed

by Bridget DeWaard

Having a child fall ill is a parent’s worst nightmare; it is hard to imagine a child sick or otherwise hurt, unable to enjoy the simple pleasures of being a kid. For Keri Coughlin, this nightmare has come true.

“We found out after she had run a fever for 12 days,” Keri said. “Bloodwork showed that she was anemic, which then prompted an ultrasound.” This was the test that would confirm that 17 month old Zoey Coughlin had a tumor.

The tumor, located behind her kidneys, is so large that it takes up half of her abdomen. Thankfully, the tumor has not spread; however, due to its large size and other specific indicators,

Zoey has been classified as Stage 3, high risk, and diagnosed with Neuroblastoma. This classification means Zoey will have to endure much more aggressive and lengthy treatments to eradicate the tumor.

“She went from having to do eight rounds of chemo and possible surgery, to having to go through five rounds of chemo, surgery, another round of chemo, stem cell/bone marrow transplant, and radiation sessions followed by six more rounds of chemo,” Keri said.

Throughout everything, Zoey has remained calm and strong, still smiling even though most of her days are now spent at the hospital. “She doesn’t necessarily grasp everything that’s going

on right now,” Keri commented. “But she’s been very resilient.”

For Keri, time spent at the hospital has been hard to juggle, forcing her to take a leave from work to be by Zoey’s side. But in spite of everything, Keri is confident her daughter will beat this.

Even after the tumor is removed, Zoey is at risk for a number of other things, including developing a secondary cancer from the medication. “We’ve been very lucky, as she has tolerated the medication very well,” Keri said. “And though this is something that could return, to be honest I haven’t wanted to know the chance of that; to me, that percentage is just a number, and I have no won’t give it any value.”

"It has been hard," Keri continued, "but we have a very strong support system, as well as amazing Doctors; everyone has pulled together."

There are two benefits planned for Zoey – one on Sunday, June 14, in South Wilmington at the bridge along Rice Road, and another, July 18, in Gardner at the American Legion. The June 14 benefit will feature a duck race, with a chance to win \$500 by purchasing a duck for only \$5. The benefit in July will include beer and a meal, catered by R Place, Morris, in addition to a live/silent auction, a 50-50, and a dessert/bake sale. Tickets are \$30 if purchased in advance and \$35 if purchased at the door.

Allison Coughlin, Keri’s sister, can be reached at 815-258-6576 with questions. For more information on the June 14 benefit, contact Kathy Bunting at 815-674-9244.



ZOEY COUGHLIN, PICTURED above, continues to smile, even through painful procedures and constant hospital visits. Zoey is the daughter of Keri Coughlin, Dwight, formerly of Mazon. Zoey is also the great-granddaughter of Dale and Pam Coughlin, Dwight. The family also has a gofundme account set up for Zoey at the Bank of Pontiac, First Midwest (Morris), and the Mazon State Bank. Visit www.gofundme/Zoey111 to donate.



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Pontiac Community Art Center Gallery Art Show: ‘Ruminations and Illustrations’

The June 2015 Gallery Show at the Pontiac Community Art Center opens on Sunday, May 31, 2015 and runs through Friday, June 26. This will be an exhibit entitled ‘Ruminations and Illustrations.’

‘Ruminations and Illustrations’ features pencil and

colored pencil drawings by local Pontiac artist and resident Lisa Mayback. Lisa is a free lance artist, and teaches Art at Pontiac Christian School. She also teaches art classes at the Pontiac Community Art Center, in addition to hosting painting parties at Edinger’s Filling Station.

The Pontiac Community Art Center gallery is located at 103 W. Madison St., Pontiac.

Regular hours for the Art Center are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The public is welcome.

Trinity Lutheran Church to Celebrate Confirmation and First Communion

Trinity Lutheran Church will observe Trinity Sunday and celebrate Confirmation Day and First Communion for the members of the 2015 Confirmation Class on Sunday, May 31 at the 10:00 a.m. service with Rev. William T. Mitschke officiating.

The seven youth of the class are: Wilton Alan Jackman, Brooke Elizabeth Montgomery, Morgan Alexis Montgomery, Felicia Marie Nelson, Marie Judith Simonelli, Jacob Steven Tazlaar and Emily Kate Wolf. Part of the group has

attended Confirmation Classes for two years and part for three years.

In addition to speaking their Confirmation vows professing their faith in Christ, the seven members of the class have each chosen a Confirmation Verse and prepared an essay on their verse which they will share with the congregation in the service on May 31. The class has also rehearsed the hymn “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” which the class will sing as their Confirmation Hymn in the service.

The Epistle Reading for Trinity Sunday will be the basis for Pastor William Mitschke’s pastoral words to the class: “Always Remember Who You Are”. Two of the class mothers, Mrs. Kerry Montgomery and Mrs. Katie Wolf, will sing a duet in the service, “On Eagles’ Wings”.

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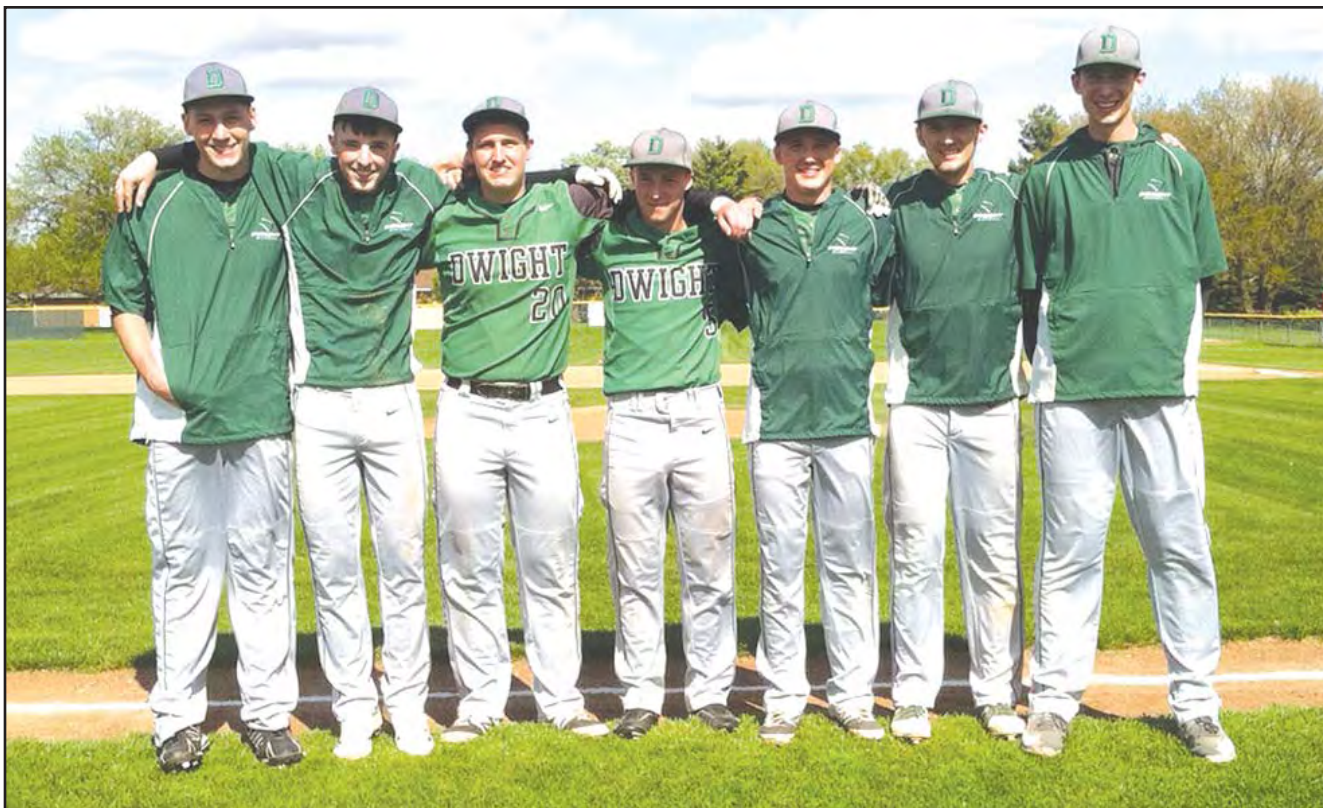
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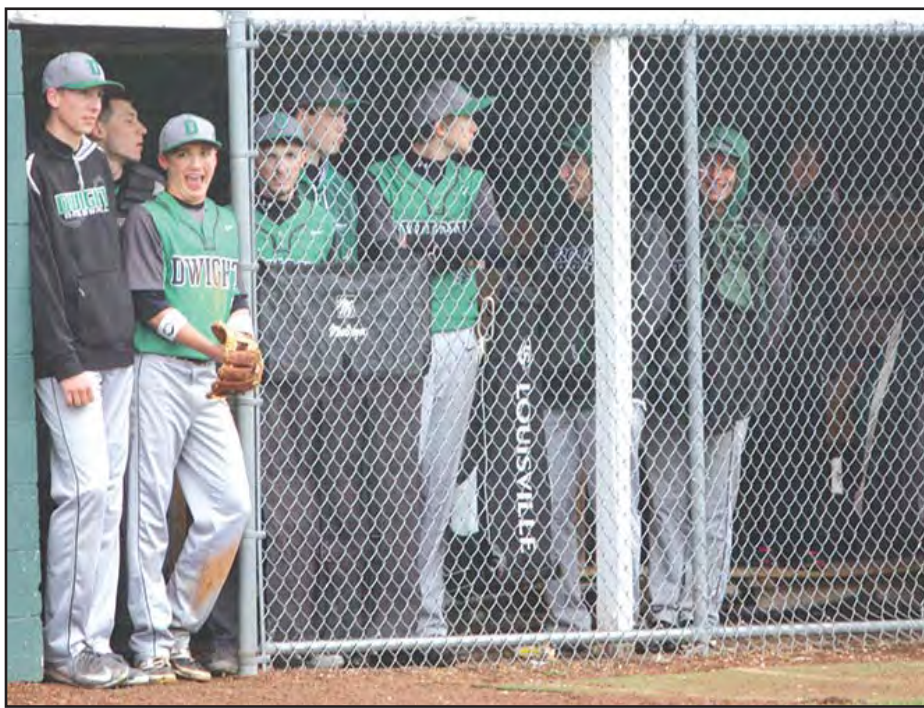
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DTHS TROJAN BASEBALL MEMBERS INCLUDE: L TO R, Colton Fieldman, Caleb Boma, Ryan Gaston, Drew Jensen, Chance Carlson, Chris Peck and Owen Pulver. BELOW: Ryan Gaston, pitching; Drew Jensen, Batting, and the Dugout.



I-55 Basketball Camp

The I-55 Basketball Camp in Saunemin is approaching.

Camp highlights will include PTHS head coach Brandon Martin and DTHS head coach Eric Long. They will also welcome a member of the Illinois Wesleyan Titans and members of the

Pontiac Indians and Dwight Trojans throughout the camp.

Coach Martin and Long will demonstrate a number of skills and drills that campers can work on individually to improve their game.

Illinois Basketball Museum To Host Christian Laettner

The Basketball Museum of Illinois is bringing Christian Laettner to Pontiac, June 6-7 for a basketball and coaches clinic.

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For more information or to set up an interview, please contact me at 815-258-6201 or mmyrel@gmail.com.

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Cullom AL Post 122 Celebrates 92nd Birthday with Supper

The American Legion Post 122 celebrated their 92nd birthday on April 18, hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 122 ladies, consisting of Diane Shapland, Susan Spangler, Pat Fagan, and Judy Ehlers.

A pot luck was enjoyed by 55 members, family, and guests. Diane Shapland gave the table grace.

Following the supper, a short program was held. Judy Ehlers served as emcee.

Post 122 Adjutant Ron Shapland took greetings along with Unit 122 Vice President Marsha Haag. Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Detachment Post 122 Commander Rick Allen brought greetings and acknowledge all the SAL members present.

Judy Ehlers recognized Skinner Trost Auxiliary Unit's first place

Americanism Essay winners, families, and judges. This year's topic was "What New Amendment Should be added to the U.S. Constitution?"

There were 37 essays from eighth through 12th grade. The Judges were Marge Kross and Pat Johnson.

First place winners were: Class I (eighth grade): Abby Kerrins (unable to attend); Class II (ninth through tenth grades): Jimmy Haag; Class III (11th-12th grades): Katy Haag. Jimmy's essay won first place in District and moved on to Division.

Three of the Junior Auxiliary members (Bailee Osborn, Gabby Spangler, Lauren Ehlers) told of their time at the Junior Department Conference in Bloomington April 11-12.

Bailee read the Poppy Poem she wrote, which won first place at the Jr. Department Conference.

Don McCaughey, WWII Veteran, spoke of his time in service from the day he left to the day he came home. His daughter, Michelle Ocean, spoke on the Honor Flight she went on as a guardian for her dad and another Veteran, John from Tinley Park. They went on the ninth month, the ninth day, and was the ninth flight that year.

Each branch of the service was honored through their Military Song: Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force. Each Veteran and family members stood at the appropriate time. The program closed with all singing *God Bless America*.



AN ILLINI GIRLS STATE TEA was held by the American Legion Auxiliary 17th District on May 17. Present for the event were, front row, l to r, Bailee Osborn – Saunemin; Rachael Hennessey – Lincoln; Lauren Ehlers – Cullom; Anna Kerrins – Cullom; back row, Lexi Beal – Forrest; Hannah Folwell – Forrest; Julia Bleich – Gibson City. Bailee, Lauren, and Anna are members of the American Legion Junior Auxiliary Unit of Cullom.

17th District Illini Girls State Tea Held

The American Legion Auxiliary 17th District held an Illini Girls State Tea on May 17 at the Saunemin Community Center, hosted by 17th District IGS chairman, Marsha Haag.

Director, and Kathy Cisna, Political Party Leader for 2015, tell what Girls State is about and what to expect during their week June 21-27 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

working with youth around the state. This is a learning experience where they will be taught about government and providing them with an opportunity to enrich their writing, debating, and voting knowledge. They will have speakers, run for various offices in government and make lasting friendships.

There were seven IGS citizens and parents present to hear Pam Ray, 2015 IGS

Illini Girls State is celebrating its Diamond Anniversary (75 years) of



SPEAKERS AT THE 17TH DISTRICT Illini Girls State Tea on May 17 were Kathy Cisna, Pam Ray, and 17th District IGS Chairman, Marsha Haag.



CULLOM AL POST 122 Veteran's Birthday Supper attendees were, front row, l to r, Dave Haag, Roy Knapp, Don McCaughey, Dick Gassler, Ron Shapland; back row, Kevin Ehlers (SAL), Rick Allen (SAL), Alexis Wojchowski, Nick Gualandi (SAL), Will Osborn, Jerry Burnside, Jordan Spangler (SAL), Bob Vercler (SAL).

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VFW Golf Outing June 14

Show your support for the Veterans June 14 at the Dwight Country Club.

Four-person scramble with shot-gun start at 1:00 p.m. Registration begins at noon. Fees apply for both members of Dwight Country Club and non-members – with members receiving a discounted price. That includes 18 holes of golf, cart, pork chop dinner and prizes.

There will be a chance to win \$10,000.00 on hole #5. Hole prizes will be awarded

for longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin, and also team prizes of first place - \$400; second place - \$300; third place - \$200; and fourth place - \$100. It is limited to the first 144 golfers.

Perhaps you would like to sponsor a hole for \$100 for your business, or corporation? For an additional fee, you may purchase a sign in Memory of/or in Honor of a Veteran, which will be displayed at the outing. You may also purchase a plaque for a Veteran to be added to

the Veteran's Moving Wall, which is displayed at various Veterans' activities. Deadline for sponsorship is June 1.

For those non-golfers, a pork chop dinner can be purchased, with proceeds going to the Veterans.

For further information or entry form, contact Harry Johnson at 815-584-3341, or send an email to VFW-AML EGIONGOLF2015@yahoo.com.



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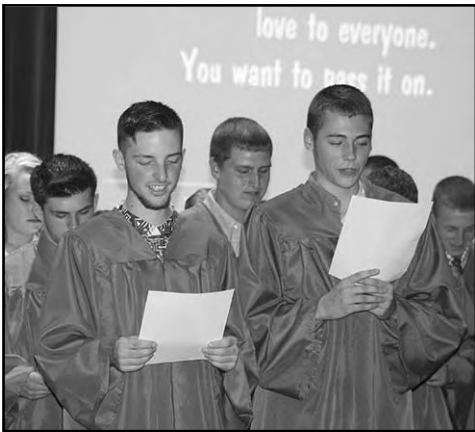


SATURDAY, May 23, the Village of Odell held a Car Show fund-raiser in honor of Lenore Weiss. Lenore, who passed away in 2010 after a courageous fight with Cancer, helped fix up the old Standard Service gas station in Odell, along with her husband, John. All of the funds raised from the show will go towards charity. A memorial service was held at noon in Lenore's honor, and a photo of her with John was hung in the gas station. Organizers of the event hope to make this an annual show.



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Kiefer Kious: Augustana 2015 Golf Letterwinner

Kiefer Kious, a sophomore from Dwight, was a letterwinner for the 2014-15 Augustana Vikings’ Golf season. He shot four rounds total during the season, with a low round of 89.



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

BUSEY BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SCOTT SHAFER, INDEPEND-
ENT EXECUTOR OF THE
ESTATE OF KURT SHAFER, AKA
R. KURT SHAFER AKA RONALD
KURT SHAFER, DECEASED,
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ERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
KURT SHAFER, AKA R. KURT
SHAFER AKA RONALD KURT
SHAFER, DECEASED,
UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND
LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
DEWISEES OF KURT SHAFER,
AKA R. KURT SHAFER AKA
RONALD KURT SHAFER,
DECEASED, KIMRA SHAFER,
BRANDON SHAFER, BUSEY
BANK and SCOTT SHAFER,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 15-CH-19
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DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Monday, May 18
Dwight at Tony Thorsen
Invitational
Boys -

Dwight’s boys’ track
team competed in the Tony
Thorsen Invitational May
18, finishing seventh overall
with a score of 37.
Individual results are as fol-
lows:

Michael Mankowski: HJ,
4th, 5’8”; 1600, 3rd,
4:53.73.

Logan Gouwens: 100m,
4th, 11.73; 200m, 5th, 24.22.

Dan Muller: 1600m, 5th,
4:59.84.

John Carter: 4x800, 1st,
8:24.02; 4x400, 1st, 3:37.19.

Michael Bennett: 4x800,
1st; 4x400, 1st.

Conor Livingston: 4x800,
1st; 4x400, 1st.

Blaine Livingston:
4x800, 1st; 4x400, 1st.

“The meet went very
well, although numerous
athletes were given a lighter
load to be better prepared for
Thursday’s Paxton section-
al,” stated Coach Lane.

Thursday, May 21
Dwight at Paxton
Sectional Meet
Boys -

At the sectional meet,
held May 21, Dwight placed
seventh overall with a score
of 40 in action in Paxton –
just points away from finish-
ing fourth. Individual results
are as follows:

Logan Gouwens: 5th,
100m, 12.02; 6th, 200m,
24.54.

Michael Mankowski: 5th,
1600m, 4:58.33; 4th,
3200m, 10:35.25 (season
best).

Blaine Livingston: 1st,
400m, 52.56. **State
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Ryan Beier: 18’7, LJ
(new personal best by 11
inches).

4x800 Relay: B.
Livingston, Conor
Livingston, John Carter,
Michael Bennett, 1st,
8:16.94 (season best and
Paxton sectional meet
record). **State Qualifi-

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT OF DWIGHT TOWNSHIP

Dwight Township hereby
provides public notice that an
audit of its funds for the period
April 1, 2013 through March 31,
2014 has been made, and that a
report of such audit dated
September 16, 2014, performed
by Groskreutz, Schmidt,
Abraham, Eshleman & Garretse
has been filed with the County
Clerk of Livingston County, in
accordance with 30 ILCS
15/0.01 et seq. The full report of
the audit is available for public
inspection at the Dwight
Township Hall, 201 North
Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois
during regular business hours:
Thursday mornings from 9:30 to
11:00 a.m., or by appointment.

Patricia S. Rosenbaum
Dwight Township Supervisor

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois banking corporation,
as Trustee of a trust agreement dated the 11th day of
December, 1959 and known as Trust Number 133,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MILES G. SCHERMERHORN; Unknown Heirs and
Devises of MILES G. SCHERMERHORN;
D.J. CHONOWSKI; Unknown Heirs and
Devises of D.J. CHONOWSKI; ROBERT JANKO;
KATHY JOHANNESON; Unknown Heirs and
Devises of ROBERT JANKO; RICHARD JANKO;
RACHEL CALLE; ALI QURESHI; SUNNY & VIT REALTY, INC.;
BANK OF PONTIAC as Trustee of Bank of Pontiac Trust No. 1961;
JEFFERY SCHADE; CITY OF PONTIAC; UNKNOWN HEIRS
and NON RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant.

No.: 15-MR-65

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, Notice is now
given to you, MILES G. SCHERMERHORN; Unknown Heirs and Devises
of MILES G. SCHERMERHORN; D.J. CHONOWSKI; Unknown Heirs and
Devises of D.J. CHONOWSKI; ROBERT JANKO; Unknown Heirs and
Devises of ROBERT JANKO, Defendants, that a Complaint has been
filed in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois by
the Plaintiff for Complaint for Declaratory Relief and for other relief and this
suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, MILES G. SCHERMERHORN; Unknown
Heirs and Devises of MILES G. SCHERMERHORN; D.J. CHONOWSKI;
Unknown Heirs and Devises of D.J. CHONOWSKI; ROBERT JANKO;
Unknown Heirs and Devises of ROBERT JANKO, Defendants, file your
Response to the Complaint or otherwise make your appearance in this pro-
ceeding, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County,
in the City of Pontiac, Illinois on or before the 22nd day of June, 2015, a
default may be entered against you at anytime after that date and an order
for the sale of the property pursuant to public auction in accordance with the
request of the Complaint.

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er**
4x400 Relay: B.
Livingston, C. Livingston,
Carter, Bennett, 1st, 3:31.49
(season best and Paxton sec-
tional meet record). **State
Qualifier**

Friday, May 22
Dwight at State Meet
Girls -

After a cool, rainy prac-
tice session on Friday, the
Lady Trojans were excited
and ready to roll.

Marlana Ferrari equaled
her season best of 5’0” in the
high jump to start the team
off.

Taylor Richie ran a race
in the 400m dash, placing
third in her heat in a near-
personal best time of
1:01.66.

In the 1600m run, Daly
Galloway won the third heat
with a new school record
time of 5:01.90.

Finally, the 4x400 squad
of Richie, Galloway, Isavel
Lopez and Alison Kirk had
their second best time of the
season, finishing sixth in a
strong fourth heat.

“The ladies did an out-
standing job of competing,
since most of the team was
there for their state meet,”
said Coach Lane. “The com-
petition was as tough as ever
and they stepped up and met
the challenges of the
moment. We coaches are
proud of their performances
and how hard they worked to
reach “Big Blue.”



Galloway Places 2nd At State

Ends the Season with Three School Records

Daly Galloway finishes her 2015 season with improved times and places at the state meet.

Her first race on Saturday was the 3200m run, where she battled with the defend-
ing champion throughout the race. Her finish time of 10:46.97 broke her own school
record, as she finished in second place. That was the fourth fastest 3200m of the day in
all three classes, and is the 22nd fastest 3200 for sophomore girls in the USA, accord-
ing to a running website.

“Daly is probably the most improved female distance runner in Class A and one of
the best in the whole state,” stated Coach Lane.

In the 1600m run, she ran a strong race in 5:09.28, to finish in fourth place.
Galloway was in the middle of the race until the final lap, when the leaders pushed the
pace. The earlier race left her not quite able to respond to the final challenge, although
she was only five seconds behind the winner.

“The coaches and the team are proud of Daly’s performances at state and all sea-
son,” Lane added. She finished her sophomore year holding three school records.



GSW LADY PANTHERS WON THE GARDNER REGIONAL Team members are: Front Row Delaney Miner, Maranda Residori, Emily Hopwood, Mady Patten, Kylie King, Summer Gray, Celia Barna. BACK Row Head Coach Jon Posing, Carly Bernardy, Lexi Posing, Sophie Barna, Emily Foley, Julie Chambers, Sydney Perkins, Kira Gleason, Coaches Christina Sukley and Terry Grimler. Not pictured, Autumn Kinney.

Regional Ripe with Rivalry: Lady Panthers Heading to Sectionals

Tuesday, May 19
GSW vs. IL Lutheran
Varsity -
Regional Semi-Finals

The Lady Panthers were
able to knock off Illinois
Lutheran, 11-3, in regional
semi-final action May 19.

After drawing first blood
with a two-run first inning,
GSW held the lead until the

fourth, when Lutheran coun-
tered with three runs.

They would take that one-
run lead into the bottom of the
sixth – but with their season
on the line, the Lady Panthers
came back in epic fashion.

A nine-run sixth would
give them the lead and then
some, highlighted by Lexi
Posing’s grand slam – her
only hit of the game.

Maranda Residori batted in
two with a double and a triple,
scoring twice. Sophie Barna
and Sydney Perkins each went
2-4 with an RBI. Mady Patten
was 1-3 with an RBI and a run
scored.

Emily Foley got the “W,”
as she allowed three earned
runs on seven hits and a walk,
fanning seven.

“It doesn’t have to be pret-
ty,” admitted Coach Posing.
“You just have to survive and
move on.”

Saturday, May 23
Dwight vs. GSW
Varsity -
Regionals

The regional champi-
onship was all set up to be a
great battle, and the two teams
did not disappoint. But some-
body had to be sent home, and
this year it was Dwight, as
they fell to GSW 2-1 on
Saturday.

“This was a classic region-
al championship between two
real good teams, and two real
good pitchers battling,”
exclaimed Lady Panthers’
head coach Jon Posing. “We

were lucky enough to come
out on top.”

In a contest that saw just
eight hits total between both
teams, it was scoreless until
the bottom of the third, when
GSW’s star pitcher Emily
Foley came up with two big
RBIs on her only hit of the
ballgame.

In the circle, Foley would
give up no earned runs on just
four hits and a walk, striking
out seven Dwightites.

Also providing some spark
on offense for GSW was
Sydney Perkins, who doubled,
with Julie Chambers and
Kylie King each singling and
scoring a run.

For the Lady Trojans,
Molly Rodosky and Becky
Ruder each connected on dou-
bles, while Sydney
Christensen and Amy Ruder
both singled.

Dezi Leonard pitched a
great game, but was tagged
with the loss – giving up two
runs on four hits, fanning
seven.

“I was very proud of the
girls,” said Dwight’s Coach
Black. “They played hard and
fought until the very last out.
We couldn’t come up with the
big hit when we needed to. I
thought Emily Foley did a
very good job of changing
things up and kind of keeping
us off balance.”

“It was well played by
both teams,” added Posing.
“Unfortunately, someone had
to lose today.”

The Lady Trojans head to
the off-season with a final
record of 20-7.

“Saying goodbye to the
seniors was a tough thing,”
admitted Black. “They will be
greatly missed.”

The Lady Panthers move
on to sectional play.

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THIS MONTH, THE DWIGHT LIONS CLUB hosted a Free Health Fair, where patrons could stop in and get a Vision and Hearing test (hearing test area pictured at left), in addition to speak with representatives from different healthcare professions. A prescription disposal bin, called P2D2, will be available for patrons at future Health Fairs. Having faced health issues himself, Gary Helsing organized the Fair in the hopes of helping others. Pictured above are: Scott Allen, EMS; Brad Senesac, EMS; Stacey Wolcott, CNA, Morris Hospital; Dwight Lion, Gary Helsing; Debbie Caise, St. Mary's, Kankakee; Jayme Bradshaw, Livingston County Public Health Department; Sarah Matichak, Doc's Drugs, Dwight; all were volunteers at the Fair. Below, George Hager, the oldest charter member of the Dwight Lions, sat by the door to greet people as they walked in, offering some helpful information via pamphlets on health-related issues, in addition to different programs in Dwight.



A MEETING HOSTED BY THE FARNSWORTH GROUP was held Tuesday May19, at the Old Courthouse in Pontiac, to discuss and develop the future of a county-wide Bicycle Network Master Plan. Below, speaking to the group were Collins Miller, left, and Jeff Martin, right, of The Farnsworth Group.

Photos by Steve "Sully" Sullivan



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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

SOUTH WILMINGTON

IL0630650

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 SOUTH WILMINGTON is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name JEFF James

Phone 815 6710034

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>.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 3 (22047)	NE CORNER LAKE AND	GW	
WELL 4 (22048)	SO OF ELM ST E OF 4TH AVE	GW	
WELL 5 (01365)	NE OF 4TH AVENUE & LAKE	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 815 671 0034 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>.

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, three possible problem sites were identified within the maximum setback zone. The Illinois EPA has determined that the South Wilmington Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. 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 on the wells.

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	08/02/2012	1.3	1.3	0.68	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

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.

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	0.3	0.04 - 0.3	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2014	2	2.38 - 2.5	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
Fluoride	04/03/2012	1.36	1.36 - 1.36	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	04/03/2012	0.019	0.019 - 0.019		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2014	1	0.916 - 0.937	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen]	2014	0.021	0.021 - 0.021	1	1	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	04/03/2012	896000	896000 - 896000			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	04/03/2012	0.005	0.005 - 0.005	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	2014	2.7	2.7 - 2.7	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2014	4	4 - 4	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Violations Table

Consumer Confidence Rule			
The Consumer Confidence Rule requires community water systems to prepare and provide to their customers annual consumer confidence reports on the quality of the water delivered by the systems.			
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
CCR ADEQUACY/AVAILABILITY/CONTENT	07/01/2014	2014	We failed to provide to you, our drinking water customers, an annual report that adequately informed you about the quality of our drinking water and the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.

This report will not be mailed. To obtain a copy, please contact the Village of South Wilmington at 815-237-2241



GARDNER GRADE SCHOOL’S fourth grade class presented the play “A Mother for Mother’s Day” on Thursday, May 21 to family and friends. Back row: Makenzi Hahn, Ricky Sarcinelli, Jayden Buchanan, Taeryn Lardi, Cade Croy, Robert Gunty, Alex Alvarado, Parker Miner, Emma Wilson. Middle Row: Abbey Granger, Chris Cvitanovich, Justin White, Dylan Carpenter, Payton Leonard. Front Row: Katy Wallerich, Tanner Fisher, Noah Wise, Ryan Olsen, Joey Leadingham, Toby Riley.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-05-01
ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
ALLEN TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

For the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Allen Township Fire Protection District of LaSalle, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, BE IT ORDAINED by the District’s President and Board of Trustees as follows:

SECTION I: The fiscal year for the fire protection district commences on the 1st day of May, 2015 and ends on the 30th day of April, 2016.

SECTION II: The following budget for the General Corporate Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

General Corporate Fund	
Total Income and Opening Balance	\$135,813.34
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2015 approx.	\$ 37,691.78
Income from LaSalle Co.	\$ 77,547.36
Income from Livingston Co.	\$ 10,257.77
Income from Grundy Co.	\$ 7,016.43
State of Illinois	\$ 2,500.00
Foreign Fire Insurance Payment	\$ 500.00
Interest from NOW Account	\$ 200.00
Refunds	\$ 100.00
Expenses	
Administrative	\$ 2,100.00
Membership Dues	\$ 300.00
Postage and Supplies	\$ 500.00
R and R Program	\$ 1,000.00
Trustee Mileage and Expenses	\$ 300.00
Equipment Fund	\$ 18,250.00
Apparatus Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00
Fire Equipment Purchases	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Equipment Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Fuel and Oil	\$ 1,750.00
Portable Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Repairs to Apparatus and Equipment	\$ 2,500.00
Hose and Ladder Testing	\$ 1,500.00
SCBA Fit Testing	\$ 1,500.00
Legal Fund	\$ 3,800.00
Attorney Fees	\$ 3,000.00
Court Costs	\$ 100.00
Publication and Printing	\$ 700.00
Licensing Fund	\$ 600.00
Licenses	\$ 100.00
Vaccines & Medical Expenses	\$ 500.00
Station Fund	\$ 9,950.00
Building Security System	\$ 600.00
Building Supplies & Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00
Electricity	\$ 850.00
Natural Gas	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 4,000.00
Water Bill - Village of Ransom	\$ 500.00
Contingent Fund	\$ 1,735.00
Contingent Expenses	\$ 1,735.00
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 99,000.00
Corporate Reserve	\$ 30,000.00
Volunteer Fund	\$ 4,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Total Income	\$135,813.34
Transfers to other funds	\$ 99,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 36,435.00
Ending Balance	\$ 378.34

SECTION III: That the following budget for the Ambulance Service Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Ambulance Fund	
Income and Opening Balance	\$ 99,989.08
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2015	\$ 20,826.07
Income LaSalle Co.	\$ 64,486.18
Income Livingston Co.	\$ 8,530.14
Income Grundy Co.	\$ 5,846.69
Interest from NOW Account	\$ 200.00
Refunds	\$ 100.00
Expenses	
Administrative	\$ 2,100.00
Membership Dues	\$ 300.00
Postage and Supplies	\$ 500.00
R and R Program	\$ 1,000.00
Trustee Mileage and Expenses	\$ 300.00
Ambulance Equipment Fund	\$ 14,550.00
Ambulance Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00
Ambulance Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Fuel and Oil	\$ 1,750.00
Maintenance of Defibrillator	\$ 2,300.00
Purchase of Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Repairs to Ambulance and Equipment	\$ 4,500.00
Legal Fund	\$ 3,800.00
Attorney Fees	\$ 3,000.00
Court Costs	\$ 100.00
Publication and Printing	\$ 700.00
Licensing Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Licenses	\$ 500.00
Vaccines & Medical Expenses	\$ 500.00
Station Fund	\$ 7,450.00
Building Security System	\$ 600.00
Electricity	\$ 850.00
Natural Gas	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 4,000.00
Water Bill - Village of Ransom	\$ 500.00
Contingent Fund	\$ 1,420.00
Contingent Expenses	\$ 1,445.00
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 69,480.00
Transfer to Ambulance Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Transfer to Volunteer Fund	\$ 4,480.00
Transfer to Building Fund	\$ 45,000.00
Total Income	\$ 99,989.08
Transfers to other funds	\$ 69,480.00
Total Expenses	\$ 30,320.00
Ending Balance	\$ 189.08

SECTION IV: That the following budget for the Insurance Liability Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Insurance Fund	
Income and Opening Balance	\$ 28,389.13
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2015	\$ 10,869.37
Income LaSalle Co.	\$ 13,876.72
Income Livingston Co.	\$ 1,835.64
Income Grundy Co.	\$ 1,307.40
Refunds	\$ 500.00
Expenses	\$ 23,310.00
Accidental Injury and Death	\$ 2,500.00
Bonds	\$ 500.00
Commercial Package	\$ 8,500.00
Umbrella Liability Package	\$ 900.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 2,300.00
Legal Fees	\$ 6,000.00
Builders Risk	\$ 1,500.00
Contingent Fund	\$ 1,110.00
Total Income	\$ 28,389.13
Total Expenses	\$ 23,310.00
Ending Balance	\$ 5,079.13

SECTION V: That the following budget for the Audit Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Audit Fund	
Income and Opening Balance	\$ 3,356.23
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2015	\$ 751.09
Income LaSalle Co.	\$ 2,123.77
Income Livingston Co.	\$ 281.28
Income Grundy Co.	\$ 200.09
Expenses	\$ 3,675.00
Auditing Accounts	\$ 3,500.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 175.00
Total Income	\$ 3,356.23
Total Expenses	\$ 3,675.00
Ending Balance	\$ (318.77)

SECTION VI: That the following budget for the General Reserve Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Corporate Reserve Fund	
Income and Opening Balance	\$207,718.15
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2015 Approx.	\$177,718.15
Transfer from General Corporate Fund	\$ 30,000.00
Expenses	\$ 96,600.00
Gutter and Downspout	\$ 2,000.00
Apparatus	\$ 75,000.00
Apparatus Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 4,600.00
Total Income	\$207,718.15
Total Expenses	\$ 96,600.00
Ending Balance	\$111,118.15

SECTION VII: That the following budget for the Ambulance Reserve Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Ambulance Reserve Fund	
Income and Opening Balance	\$168,475.13
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2015 Approx.	\$148,475.13
Transfer from Ambulance Fund	\$ 20,000.00
Expenses	\$ 96,600.00
Gutter and Downspout	\$ 2,000.00
Apparatus	\$ 75,000.00
Apparatus Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 4,600.00
Total Income	\$168,475.13
Total Expenses	\$ 96,600.00
Ending Balance	\$ 71,875.13

SECTION VIII: That the following budget for the Volunteer Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Volunteer Fund	
Income and Opening Balance	\$ 14,363.25
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2015	\$ 5,883.25
Transfer from Corporate Fund	\$ 4,000.00
Transfer from Ambulance Fund	\$ 4,480.00
Expenses	\$ 14,280.00
Fire Training	\$ 6,700.00
EMS Training	\$ 6,900.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 680.00
Total Income	\$ 14,363.25
Total Expenses	\$ 14,280.00
Ending Balance	\$ 83.25

SECTION IX: That the following budget for the Building Fund contains a statement of cash on hand, an estimate of the cash expected to be received, an estimate of the expenditures, and an estimate of cash expected to be on hand at the end of said fiscal year as follows:

Building Fund	
Income and Opening Balance	\$510,000.00
Opening Balance as of May 1, 2015	\$ -
Transfer from General Corporate Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Transfer from Ambulance Fund	\$ 45,000.00
Commercial Loan	\$400,000.00
Expenses	\$509,250.00
Engineer/Architect Fees	\$ 40,000.00
Construction Cost	\$415,000.00
Capital Equipment Costs	\$ 30,000.00
Contingency	\$ 24,250.00
Total Income	\$510,000.00
Total Expenses	\$509,250.00
Ending Balance	\$ 750.00

SECTION X: That the following amounts, or so much thereof as shall be authorized by law, are appropriated for said fiscal year to defray all necessary and proper expenses and reserves, the object and purposes of such appropriated amounts being described in above SECTIONS II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII:

Fund	Appropriated Expenditures	Appropriated Transfers	Total
General Corporate Fund	\$ 36,435.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$135,435.00
Ambulance Fund	\$ 30,320.00	\$ 69,480.00	\$ 99,800.00
Insurance Liability Fund	\$ 23,310.00		\$ 23,310.00
Audit Fund	\$ 3,675.00		\$ 3,675.00
General Corp. Reserve Fund	\$ 96,600.00		\$ 96,600.00
Ambulance Reserve Fund	\$ 96,600.00		\$ 96,600.00
Volunteer Fund	\$ 14,280.00		\$ 14,280.00
Building Fund	\$509,250.00		\$509,250.00
TOTAL	\$810,470.00	\$168,480.00	\$978,950.00

SECTION XI: That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this Ordinance may be guaranteed in making up any deficiency in any items under the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance.

SECTION XII: That should any portion of this ordinance be declared invalid, then all other portions of this ordinance shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION XIII: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Allen Township Fire Protection District this 20th day of May, 2015.

Timothy Armstrong
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ATTENDEES AT THE ALPHA BETA STATE CONVENTION were, front row, Carol Hughes (Roanoke), Carol Hoffman (Fairbury), Connie Rich (Fairbury); back row, Alberta Kinate (Forrest), Sue Coons (Dana), Elaine Cunningham (Minonk), Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal), Shirley Mueser (Roanoke), Karen Harms (Fairbury), and Louann Harms (Fairbury).

Alpha Beta Chapter Awards Grants to Early Career Educators, Future Teacher

Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International awarded five \$100 grants to early career educators for purchasing books, classroom supplies, or behavior incentives, and a grant of \$200 to a high school student who plans to become a teacher recently, at the Family Kitchen in Pontiac.

To assist and encourage early career teachers, the chapter awards \$100 grants. Recipients include: Shiann Poshard, who teaches sixth grade at Eureka Middle School; Anna Roorda, English, Eureka High School; Megan Rients and Jennifer Steidinger, third grade, Westview Elementary, Fairbury; and Kerstyn Wescott, sixth grade, Prairie Central Elementary, Forrest.

A recruitment grant of \$200 was awarded to outstanding high school senior Kelly Waldbeser, Fairbury, who plans to major in elementary education and

minor in Spanish at Illinois State University.

Presenting the program was Louann Harms (Fairbury) who explained how DKG members may secure a grant from the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies. Louann, who has been a recipient of multiple Foundation grants, shared how to apply along with ideas, tips, and activities she used in her applications. In 2014, the Foundation awarded \$14,868 in grants.

Ten members attended the 80th State Convention at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center April 24-26. President Carol Hoffman (Fairbury) praised the chapter for the awards it received: initiating three or more members, retaining membership, supporting Schools for Africa, donating funds for a well in Malawi, submitting news for four issues of the *Newscaster*, and earning Honor Chapter

status.

Michelle Harms of Pontiac announced that she and Kate Walter of Cullom have been working on the chapter website, which will have a variety of pages and be ready to use by the September meeting.

Vice-President Barb Baumann of Minonk announced that the summer planning meeting will be held in Chenoa June 12 and August 7 at 8:30 a.m. All members are welcome to attend and share program ideas.

The next meeting will be at the Dwight Country Club on September 12. Members are to take school supplies for early career educators. Committees will meet and members will share books read over the summer.

For more information, visit www.dkg.org or call Carol Hughes at 309-923-7370.

Livingston County HCE Meets

The annual meeting for Livingston County Home and Community Education Association (HCE) was held April 20 at the Livingston County Extension office. The theme for the evening was "Come Together – Walk with HCE."

Vice-President Evelyn Neuhaften introduced the speaker for the evening, Aimee Ingalls, Community and Economic Development Educator for the Livingston, McLean and Woodford Counties. She is based in Livingston County. She discussed the various aspects of her job, including helping develop the Livingston County Barn Quilt Trail. Ingalls explained how Barn Quilts help beautify the county and have proven to be a big draw for Agribusiness in other counties.

Ingalls' program was followed with a business meeting that began with a pledge to the flag.

Retiring Officers were thanked for their service by President Joan Haren.

New Officers were installed by Marsha

Weber, who presented each one with a shoe-shaped scissor case made by Haren. Officers for the 2015-16 year are: Joan Haren, President; Evelyn Neuhaften, 1st Vice-President; Shirley Meenen, 2nd Vice-President; Ellie Bossert, secretary; Brenda Collins, treasurer; Connie Kostelc, Public Relations and Certified Volunteer Hours; Sharon Raymond, Family Issues; Lucy Weichmann, Cultural Enrichment; and Diana Taylor, Community Outreach.

Collins gave the treasurer's report and discussed the proposed budget, which was passed.

Kostelc discussed how to complete the forms for Certified Volunteer Hours.

Meenen recognized new members and 50-year members. She also gave a report on the scholarship program. A memorial service was given by the Charlotte Unit for members who died in the past year.

For more information about joining HCE, call Joan Haren at 815-689-2659.

Shared Accountability and Vision 20/20, Part 1

Vision 20/20 desires "a quality education for all Illinois students." In order for this to happen, collaboration, compromise, and hard work of both educators and legislators has to take place. Vision 20/20 invited educators to take a more pronounced role in the legislative process, to help create a shared accountability model, and restructure mandates to allow more local district flexibility.

In 2014 State Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill) introduced SB 16. As of 2014, Illinois was 43rd out of 48 ranked states in public education funding. SB16 was to update how public schools are funded. Illinois has \$6.8 billion to distribute among its schools. Relying heavily on property taxes with little state funding has resulted in school districts in areas that are not land-wealthy to be severely underfunded, left struggling to provide students with basic educational opportunities while schools in areas with high taxes have strong budgets and an abundance of

programs students can benefit from. Every child, regardless of their location, deserves an equal education. The current funding model results in wide economic and educational gaps, resulting in lowered economic opportunities for children who live in poverty.

Unfortunately, SB16 caused a new problem: winners and losers. SB16 was designed to redistribute the pool of funding by stripping General State Aid from schools Springfield deems as having too much.

Last May, Dwight School Districts learned that if SB16 passed, the grade school would lose \$11,500 and the high school would lose \$99,800. Fortunately, SB16 was stalled at the end of 2014. In January 2015, it was learned that SB16 became the new SB1 and is on the table again, but it is under going changes to the formula thanks to the efforts of the Vision 20/20 coalition and State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington). Sen. Barickman is pushing for an evidence-

based funding solution, "so we can have confidence as taxpayers and educators that the limited taxpayer dollars that we have are going to create the best outcomes for our children." For more information on Sen. Barickman's fight for our kids, visit www.senatorbarickman.com and watch the newly released video, "The Fight To Fix Inequity In School Funding." Dwight School Districts would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to Senator Barickman for putting our kids as the number one priority in the funding process.

As supporters of Vision 20/20, we believe:

- ① Student learning should be the number one priority of the education system.
- ② Educators should be held to the highest professional standards and be accountable for student learning.
- ③ Accountability for student learning rests in the local school district.
- ④ Educators' experiences and voices are essential to crafting effective education policy.

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• MAY 30: 7:00 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Rt. 66 & Pete's Restaurant.
• MAY 31: 8:00 a.m., Early Worship Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service.
• JUNE 1: 7:00 p.m., Evening Summer Service.
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• JUNE 3: 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 31: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: The Holy Trinity.
May "Mission of the Month"
Blanket Sunday/ Church World Service

New Life Assembly of God

903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
815-584-3430
dwrightnewlife.org
• MAY 27: Celebrate Recovery in Praise Pit; 6:00 p.m., Acts 29

Bible Study at Pastors home, 7:00 p.m.

• MAY 28: Worship Practice, 7:00 p.m.
• MAY 30: Courageous Men's Group, 7:00 a.m., Church Work Day, 9:00 a.m., Smart Choice Distribution, 11:00 a.m.
• MAY 31: Morning Prayer Service, 9:00 a.m.; Main Service-Tasha Zacek Missions Trip to Japan Update, 10:00 a.m.; kid's Ministry ages 3-11, 10:00 a.m., X-treme Youth Group, 5:00 p.m.
• JUNE 1: First Place Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.
• JUNE 2: Robb's Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Rectory
Rev. Chris Haake
• MAY 30: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation;

5 p.m., Mass.

• MAY 31: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

326 W. Chippewa St.
stpetersdwight@sbcglobal.net
Office: Tu-F, 9 - noon
Tu. and Wed., 2 - 5:30
• MAY 27: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 6:30 p.m., Youth Group.
• MAY 29: 8 p.m., A.A.
• MAY 30: 5 p.m., HC Worship.
• MAY 31: 9 a.m., Sunday School; Adult Faith Development; 10 a.m., HC Worship; 11 a.m., Fellowship;

Trinity Lutheran Church "Goodfarm" LCMS

515 E. Stonewall Rd.
Pastor William Mitschke
815-725-1341

BRACEVILLE

Braceville United

Methodist Church

106 W. Gould St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods
• MAY 27: NOW Committee Salad Luncheon, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Donations accepted.

CAMPUS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• MAY 31: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ

103 Division Street
Pastor Connie Williams
Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister
• MAY 27: Bible Study, 3 p.m.
• MAY 31: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title:

The Holy Trinity.

• JUNE 3: Bible Study, 3:00 p.m.

May Food Pantry

Collection:

Dwight Peace Meals

Wed., May 27: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered corn, whole grain wheat, fruit pie.

Thurs., May 28: Baked ham, frosted sweet potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, rye bread (2), fresh fruit.

Fri., May 29: chili with beans, lettuce salad with spring greens, pears, crackers, cake.

Mon., June 1: Sloppy Joe, seasoned potato wedges, lemon pepper wax beans with pimento, wheat bun, apricots.

Tues., June 2: Roast pork, mashed potatoes

Peanut Butter and Jelly

May "Mission of the Month" – *Saunemin Food Pantry*

Wed., June 3: Smoked sausage casserole with beans, Harvard beets, buttered broccoli, whole grain wheat, brownie.

Thurs., June 4: Taco salad with meat, cheese, lettuce, beans, tomatoes and salsa; peaches, taco chips, banana pudding.

Milk is served each day.

For a reservation, call 815-584-2968 or 1-800-543-1800; or for more information call the 800 number.



LADY TROJAN FANS, at left, were bundled up last week during Regional action. Temps dropped to the mid 40s. Clockwise starting below, Dezi Leonard pitches during the Regional game against Grant Park, She struck out 14 batters. The final game of Trojan baseball was rainy and cold. Quinn Bossert slides safely into home. Molly Rodosky battles at bat. Libby Beyer slides onto base. The Lady Trojans ended the season in the Gardner Regional Championship 2-1 to Gardner.

Great Season, Girls!



DTHS Lady Trojans Softball

Thursday, May 14
Dwight vs. Herscher
JV -

Dwight hit 20 wins on the season, as they defeated Herscher 10-0 on May 14. Macey Rodosky pitched the win, striking out six and giving up just four hits. Morgan Zabel and Hayley Schlabowske each had three hits, while Taylor Anderson, Hailey Transou, Kaitlyn Masching, LynnDee Hale, Abby Houch, and Macey Rodosky each added two hits.

Saturday, May 16
Dwight vs. Joliet Central
JV -

The Lady Trojans played two on May 16 against Joliet Central, splitting the contests. In game one, Macey Rodosky helped Dwight capture a 12-1 victory, as she allowed just three hits and struck out ten. Rodosky ends the regular season with a record of 10-2 in the circle. At the plate, Morgan Zabel and Hailey Transou had three hits each, with two of Zabel's being triples. Abby Houch, Leah Flynn, Kaitlyn Masching, Taylor Anderson and Rodosky each added two hits. Game two saw Joliet Central come back to take out Dwight, 9-2. Leah Flynn pitched well, but came up a little short. On offense, Brooklyn Long and Hailey Transou

each had two hits, with one of Transou's being a triple. Kaitlyn Masching, Morgan Zabel, and Abby Houch each added hits. The JV Lady Trojans end the regular season with a 21-5 record overall. "I just want to say thanks to all my players and parents for a great year," said Coach Harms afterwards.

Wednesday, May 20
Dwight vs. Grant Park
Varsity -
Regionals

The Lady Trojans overcame poor weather conditions to pull off a 14-4 regional win over Grant Park on May 20. Dezi Leonard picked up the win, striking out 14 batters in the contest. Abby Edwards and Leonard each reached base four times in the game, accounting for seven runs and seven hits (Edwards, 4; Leonard, 3), with Edwards plating an inside-the-park home run. Also picking up hits were Libby Beyer, Quinn Bossert, Amy Ruder, and Sydne Christensen with two hits each, while Molly Rodosky and Becky Ruder each added one. "The girls did a great job in tough conditions," said Coach Black. "Dezi threw a great game to pick up her 12th win of the season, and we hit the ball well. We are excited to be playing for the regional championship."



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