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## Memorial 5K to Honor Officer Casey Kohlmeier June 6

On Saturday, June 6, the Casey Kohlmeier Memorial Foundation will be hosting a 5K race – the day after Casey would have turned 31 years old. This will be a yearly event on the Saturday following Casey's June 5 birthday, to benefit his memorial foundation.

Check-in begins at 6:30 a.m. at the parking lot across from the Law & Justice Center in Pontiac. Race begins at 7:30 a.m.

Online race registration can be found at: <https://hostmypdf.com/en/frm/wryer>.

Registration forms may also be picked up and dropped off at Dairy Queen in Pontiac.

Early registration will guarantee participants receive a t-shirt on race day. Prizes for the top three run-

ners in each division will be awarded, plus a trophy for overall male and female winners. Cups, wrist bands, trading cards, decals, and shirts will also be available.

Officer Kohlmeier was killed October 30, 2013, in the line of duty as he was sitting in the median lane of Interstate 55, at mile marker 202, by a drunk driver. His K-9 partner, Draco, joined his End of Watch.

The Casey Kohlmeier Memorial Foundation was created to raise awareness of how deadly driving under the influence is, along with supporting law enforcement, local charities, scholarships for law enforcement students, Special Olympics, MADD, and all the other things Casey was passionate about.

SUMMER ON HOLD...for now. Temperatures in the area prohibited the opening of Dwight's Robert W. Stevenson pool last weekend. Temps dipped into the 40s at night and only reached highs in the 50s. The forecast calls for 80s by today and into the weekend. The pool officially opened Tuesday and Swim Team practice is scheduled for today, Wednesday, at 9 a.m.

## Country Chevrolet Reopens at New Location

By Bridget DeWaard

299 East State Rt. 115 is the new address of Country Chevrolet, a car dealership located in Herscher,

Now owned by Brent Manau and Scott Irps, the dealership has been in business 10 years as Country Chevrolet. Known previously as Lockwood Chevrolet and then Busch Chevrolet, Brent and Scott decided to buy the dealership in 2005. Lockwood's wife, Dee, still works in the business office at Country Chevrolet.

The building, which was newly constructed and just recently completed, offers the growing business much more room than their previous location downtown.

"All of the local businesses were so great to us over the years," Irps said. "As we began to outgrow our original building, we were causing some problems for them, and we realized we had to invest in a new location."

The Mayor and the Village of Herscher worked with the pair, providing them with the financial assistance needed to complete the project.

"It was a long deal," Irps commented. "The entire process, from start to finish, took about five years."

The dealership will, of course, continue to sell new and used cars, as well as provide vehicle related services/maintenance. The new 17,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility has over 300 new and used vehicles in stock, with 175 of them new Chevy models.

The new location will also have a fully automatic car wash that will be open to the public for use during the dealership's normal hours of



BRENT MANAU, LEFT, and Scott Irps, right, owners of Country Chevrolet, shake hands in front of the new dealership, located at 299 East State Route 115, Herscher. Pictured below is the previous location of the business. The downtown storefront forced the pair to park cars in different spots all over town. The new building, which has much more space, took five years to complete. Grand Reopening is planned for Friday, June 26.



operation.

The grand opening for the business at their new location is planned for Friday, June 26.

"We want to invite everyone to come in and take a look at the new place and see how we've grown," Irps said.

Country Chevrolet, Herscher, is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Inside:  
Summer Car Care  
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### Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

May 21, 2015: Dana M. Lukens, Naperville, speeding (radar) 65/45.

May 22: Aaron D. Dolliger, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar) 60/40.

May 23: Janice D. Harvey, Bloomington, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Joslyn N. Miles, Kankakee, il. trans./poss. alcohol - driver; suspended, revoked driver's license; Stephanie N. Porter, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar) 70/55.

May 24: Robert D. Concepcion, Oswego, speeding (radar) 74/55.

May 25: Pamela M. Alioto, Dwight, domestic battery; Barbara A. Mayes, Dwight, domestic battery.

May 26: Zak T. Holtz-Robisky, Emington, illegal consump. alcohol by mi; probation violation or revocation; Dominic A. Megrant, Joliet, battery.

May 27: Destiney L. Riley, Saunemin, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

No date: Gage A. Megrant, Joliet, possession of drug equipment; poss. cannabis/30 gms or less; Joshua M. Newell, Dwight, all other disorderly conduct; poss. cannabis/30 gms. or less; domestic battery.

Persons in the Police Report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

### 14 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 2; traffic sign violation, 1; expired registration sticker, 2; no rear registration plate light,

5; no taillights, 1; muffler violations, 1; improper lane usage, 1; only one red tail-light, 1.

### Accident Report

Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 12:15 p.m., northbound Union at Northbrook Dr., Dwight - Officer Tim Henson: A collision between Kaylin B. Nelson of Dwight, driving a 2007 Chevy HHR, and Donald J. Ribordy, Jr., of Odell's non-moving 2001 Mercury Grand Marquis.

### Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 22, 2015: 3:21 p.m., Columbia, medical, St. James; John, medical, mutual aid from Gardner.

May 23: 4:07 a.m., Waupansie, medical, MCH; 9:27 a.m., ALDI, trauma, MCH; 2:36 p.m., Northbrook, trauma, Morris; 3:27 p.m., I-55, trauma, refusals, mutual aid from Gardner.

May 24: 8:14 a.m., Chippewa, medical, Morris; 6:02 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

May 25: 10:06 a.m., Waupansie, lift assist, refusal.

May 26: 1:46 p.m., Franklin, medical, Morris; 5:19 p.m., Philmar, medical, St. James; 6:14 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

May 28: 6:02 a.m., Clinton, medical, St. James; 12:57 p.m., Mazon, medical, OSF; 1:26 p.m., Mazon, medical, Riverside, mutual aid from Gardner; 11:11 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris.



### Temps - 2015

May 21 - high 68°, low 45°  
May 22 - high 75°, low 51°  
May 23 - high 81°, low 56° trace precip.

May 24 - high 83°, low 61° trace precip.

May 25 - high 80°, low 65° .05" precip.

May 26 - high 76°, low 63° .45" precip.

May 27 - high 77°, low 55°

One Year Ago - June 3, 2014  
high 82°, low 61° .35" precip.

### Click It or Ticket Enforcement In Grundy Ends With 132 Seat Belt Citations

From May 11 through 25, IDOT supported law enforcement agencies statewide to remind motorists to buckle up, both day and night, during the Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization. The Grundy County Sheriff's Office joined other state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois in this annual effort to get more motorists to buckle up, in the front and back seat – and save more lives.

During the mobilization, Grundy County Sheriff's Deputies issued: 132 seat belt citations; two child safety seat citations; five DUI arrests; four felony arrests; 12 fugitives apprehended; 17 suspended/revoked licenses; 36 uninsured motorists; 119 speeding citations; and 16 drug arrests.

Remember: In Illinois, children are required to be in a car seat or booster seat until at least age eight, and all children younger than 13 should ride in the back seat.

For more information on the Illinois Click It or Ticket mobilization, visit [www.buc-kleupillinois.org](http://www.buc-kleupillinois.org).



**AFTER HEARING FROM SEVERAL NOT-FOR-PROFITS and other local organizations, Seneca students involved in the Youth Philanthropy program (directed by Devan Gagliardo) picked We Care of Grundy County as one of four organizations that was chosen by the newly created student program to receive grant money. \$1,800 was given to the organization on May 13, when the students had the opportunity to present checks to the We Care of Grundy County, in addition to the other organizations selected to receive money. "We Care was honored to be chosen as one of the recipient charities," said Denise Gaska, Executive Director of We Care.**

Seneca High School students involved with the Youth Philanthropy group are Sean Baker, Gabe Burla, Eva Bruno, Crystal Carlos, Ashley Hatz, Mackenzie Maierhofer, Emily Misener, Mason Mitchell, Lysett Mora, Mariah Solis, Heather Vroman, Cole Westmoreland and Emily Woods. Gagliardo hopes that the 2015-16 group will be made up of students from each of the five high schools Grundy County students attend. He plans to meet with them in late September, and will present grants again in May.

## Get Outside and Stay Outside!

Many films, and some recent TV shows, depict movie stars engaging in dramatic acts of heroism, jumping through flames to save someone else trapped in a fire. While these scenes can serve as great entertainment, the Dwight Fire Department wants to remind everyone that they are just that: enjoyable, but completely unrealistic images of fire solely used to entertain audiences.

"Going to action movies or watching a dramatic television program with sensational fire scenes keeps fans entertained, and we certainly wouldn't discourage anyone from enjoying them," says Deputy Chief Dyer of the Dwight Fire Department.

"But they're just not realistic." Dyer says that when people view television or movie images of fire and how people respond to them, they sometimes develop inaccurate, potentially dangerous ideas about how fire truly behaves, and their ability to survive it.

In a collaborative effort to keep residents safe from fire, Dwight Fire Department and the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urge everyone to stay out of a fire once they've escaped it. Deputy Chief Dyer says that fire can spread rapidly, particularly in homes, which often contain multiple, highly combustible items like furniture, bedding and curtains. Within minutes, the intense heat from fire can cause severe, life-threatening burns; the dark, black smoke it generates makes it impossible to see through, and breathing can quickly become difficult or impossible. Re-entering a burning building is treacherous, and can deliver crippling, if not fatal consequences.

If you know or think someone is trapped inside a home or building, it's safest to immediately alert the fire department and let them perform the rescue. "Understandably, this can be a tough message to accept, especially if a loved one or pet is still inside," says Dyer. He emphasizes that only trained professionals who have the appropriate protective gear and experience should enter a burning building. "Firefighters are properly trained and equipped to navigate a fire, civilians are not."

According to Judy Comoletti, NFPA division manager for public education, going back into a fire to save a person or animal on your own can result in tragedy. "In many cases, the individual who goes back inside becomes trapped, while the person or pet they're trying to save has

"Home escape planning and practice serve as vital skills for getting out of a fire safely," adds Ms. Comoletti. "And if you ever have to put your home fire escape skills into practice, remember to get outside, and stay outside!" For more information on home escape plans or to receive a free smoke detector please email Deputy Chief Dyer at [jdyer@dwrightfire.org](mailto:jdyer@dwrightfire.org) or visit NFPA's official Web site at [www.nfpa.org/home-escape](http://www.nfpa.org/home-escape).

### Livingston TB Board, Board of Health to Meet June 8

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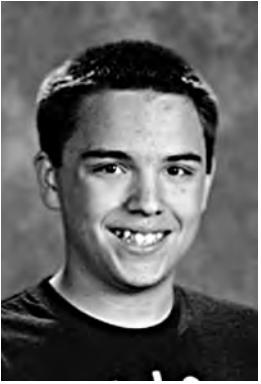
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# Chatsworth Corner

by Mare Reardanz

The Town of Chatsworth held their May 28, 2015 Board meeting at the Town Hall. Mayor Richard Runyon called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. All Board members were present. Minutes were approved and seconded. There was no Sheriff's report at this meeting. Mayor Runyon read a note of appreciation from retiring Nancy Hibisch for the time she spent working for Chatsworth as Treasurer. We had a report from Adam Dantz of the Greater Livingston County Economic Council inviting the town to join the council to promote economic growth within the County. The Board agreed to study the information provided and make a decision at the next meeting. The GLCEDC basically promotes the town to potential new businesses looking to open or relocate to our town. There is no cost to join, and opting out is possible thirty days before renewal in January if necessary.

Other items on the agenda included discussions on masonry quotes from Abraham on exterior and interior walls in the town maintenance building, approving a fence bid from the Ifft company for a 6' high chain link enclosure around the aerator for the water system, and gaining

more information from Frontier Communications about upgrading the phone system to four telephone lines at the town hall.

The short sidewalk near 211 West Elm will be removed by the town and landscaped by the home owner.

Trustee Shane Bell submitted research on new basketball hoop systems for the board to review. That action will be addressed at the next meeting. A new basketball court is in the works.

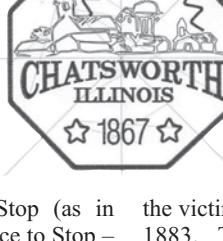
Water and sewer usage price increases for this year will be rescinded and a rewrite for future increases will be reflected in the ordinance.

Tara Gallahue needed clarification of the position and installation of water meters for new construction and existing structures as per ordinance. It was learned that there is no ordinance covering that specific installation. Gallahue was granted permission to install a new meter for an upgraded mobile home and the ordinance governing that request will be reviewed and written in.

The town will be responsible for a meter pit, meter and maintenance for mobile homes and structures without basements or crawl spaces in the future as part of the ordinance.

## Chatsworth Logo Suggestion: Explanation of the Design

I asked citizens of Chatsworth, both in person and on Facebook, to give me one word that represented Chatsworth to them. The most repeated words were:



"Home; Faith, Warm; Honor; Friends/Friendly; Farm; Love; Integrity; Caring; Stop (as in Stop By – Good Place to Stop – or 140 stop signs in a .9 square mile town); Togetherness; Strength; Parents/Ancestors; Safe; Peaceful; Close; Family.

forward moving into a new day. The line drawing already existing on our Welcome signs has the Home-Faith-Farm-Integrity-Family part. Chatsworth shows Strength and appears as a train trestle remembering the citizens of Chatsworth that came together to aid the victims of the train wreck in 1863. The stars honor our Veterans of Chatsworth, and finally the year 1867 is the year our Families/Ancestors founded this town in Illinois.

Reading this logo is like a livestock brand, you read it from the outside in. So, STOP,

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## GSW High School District #73 Board Meets

(continued from page 3) was distributed to all board members, along with copies of the letters.

- **BAND COMPETITION:** The Gardner Area Band received first Place in the High School Concert Band 1A Division at Six Flags Great America May 2.
- **GAVC DIRECTOR AWARD WINNER:** Jeffrey Blatti is the April Winner for Building Trades.
- **SKILLS USA STATE COMPETITION:** Jordyn Bell placed seventh in Criminal Justice competition at the recent State Level Competition
- **IHSA STATE FISHING TOURNAMENT:** GSW took second place in the Sectional meet and qualified for the state tournament. The team did not place in State.
- **HOST IHSA TOURNAMENT EVENTS GSW HS:**

Girls 1A Softball Regionals games 2-4 at VFW Park in South Wilmington.

Boys 1A Baseball Sectional at the GSW HS Baseball Field in Gardner.

- **MATH TEAM:** took 15th place in the state.
- **END OF THE YEAR CALENDAR ITEMS:** Final Exams – May 28 and 29; Teacher Institute – Monday, June 1

• **ATHLETIC BOOSTER GOLF OUTING:** June 27 at Dwight Country Club. Interested golfers can contact GSW for information.

- **BOYS BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMPS June 8-10;** Junior Camp (5th-8th Grade Boys and Girls) is from 9:00-11:00 a.m.; Rookie Camp (9th-10th Grade Boys) is from noon to 2:00 p.m.; Varsity Camp (11th-12th Grade Boys) is from 2:00-4:00 p.m. A fee applies.



FRANK AND CANDI LHOSTKA established the Little Free Library in Odell. Pictured are the builders, Rob Blair with Lhostka's son, John.

### Little Free Library Opens in Odell

Memorial Day marked the opening of a Little Free Library in Odell. Located just south of the corner of Prairie and Wabash, near Frank and Candi Lhostka's driveway, the library invites anyone to stop by and, "Take a book. Return a book."

The Lhostkas have long hoped to establish a Little Free Library in Odell. Things finally came together when their son John offered to construct the little building, and son-in-law Rob Blair agreed to create a special

post and handle installation.

The Little Free Library program began in Wisconsin in 2009, and has since grown into an international movement.

Lhostkas' library is number 24148. According to the website, littlefreelibrary.org, the program's mission is to promote literacy and a love of reading, and build a sense of community.

That is a mission the Lhostkas, long-time Livingston County educators, are happy to support.

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## RR Donnelley Service Anniversaries

**Alan J. Naretto** celebrated 45 years of service at RR Donnelley on May 28.

"Al" began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on May 28, 1970, as a Pressroom Take Away. He was promoted to By-Products Handler in the Materials Department in November of 1973, then to Pressroom Hoist Operator in December of 1973. He transferred to Roll Storage in February of 1974 and was promoted to Press Helper in June of 1977. Al became an Apprentice Rolltender in November of 1978, graduating as Journeyman in November of 1980. He was

promoted to Assistant Press Operator in July of 1984 and then to Press Operator 3 in March of 1989.

Al and his wife Ann reside in Odell. They have two children, David and Eric, and three grandchildren.

**Jeff W. Juergens** celebrated 30 years of service at RR Donnelley on May 29.

Jeff began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on August 11, 1980, as a Seasonal Material Handler in the Pressroom.

He became a Fulltime Material Handler in February of 1986. Jeff was promoted to Press Helper in

September of 1988. In April of 1989, he was promoted to Apprentice Rolltender, graduating as Journeyman in April of 1991. Jeff was promoted to Assistant Press Operator in November of 1995 and then to Quality Analyst in May of 1999. He was promoted to his current position of Manufacturing Supervisor in January of 2005 and has since supervised in both the Bindery and Pressroom Departments.

Jeff and his wife, Cheryl, reside in Cullom. They have three children, Brittany, Jessica, and Dylan.



**THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM** at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign recently welcomed Ms. Amy Loschen, of Kempton, to its roster of students for the fall semester. Ms. Loschen attended Tri-Point High School and Lincoln Land Community College prior to enrolling at U of I. After completing her degree in Agricultural Sciences Education, Ms. Loschen plans to become a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. She chose the University because "U of I has the best program in what I'm interested." Ms. Loschen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Loschen of Kempton.

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Many thanks to everyone who sent a card, message or stopped by on my 90th birthday. It was wonderful to hear from and see so many friends and family. Special thanks to my wife and children for making it a very enjoyable day. 90 Joe Kelly

### Area Students Earn Dean's List Honors at WIU

More than 1,506 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2015 spring Dean's List. The total includes 234 students at WIU-Quad Cities.

Area students making the Dean's List were:

- **Ryan George Brown**, senior from Verona.
- **Maureen Alveda Doran**, junior from Odell.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted.



## Open House for Fr. John Hornicak June 14 in So. Wilmington

Fr. John Hornicak, pastor of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington, has been assigned a new parish, and will be leaving to begin his new ministry assignment at the end of June.

There will be an open house held in the St. Lawrence Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A light lunch and cake will be served, in honor of Fr. John.



Axel Lee Johnson

### A boy!

Jason and Megan Johnson of Pontiac are proud to announce the birth of their son, Axel Lee Johnson.

Axel was born on April 13, 2015, in Pontiac. He weighed seven pounds, eight ounces, and was 19½ inches long. He was welcomed home by big sister, Jade, and brother, Donald.

His grandparents are Alban and Denise Scheuber of Gardner, and Waynette Johnson of Streator. Great-grandparents are JoAnn Kincaid of Wilmington and Robert and Delores Mack, of Gardner.

## Brandon Wills Wins Hasselmo Award at Augustana College

Augustana junior Brandon Wills of Mazon won the 2015-16 Hasselmo Award for Academic Pursuit from Augustana College.

One of the inaugural group of students in the Augustana College Science Scholars program sponsored by the National Science Foundation, at first Brandon Wills considered majoring in music education.

What he really wanted

was to pursue both music and science. That's why he chose Augustana.

"At Augustana I could play my clarinet, be in band, do all the music stuff, and still be able to major in biology," he said. "I knew [Augustana] had great programs for both music and science, so either way, I was going to get a great experience."

## Local Students Graduate from Carthage College

Local students have graduated from Carthage College. A weekend of activities culminated in the May 24 Commencement ceremony, as Carthage awarded 530 degrees in the N. E. Tarble Athletic and Recreation Center Fieldhouse.

Luke Houberg of Reddick, IL, earned a Bachelor of Arts in

Accounting (graduated magna cum laude).

Andrew Wilkerson of Stelle earned a Bachelor of Arts in Management and Marketing.

Emmy-winning broadcast journalist Laura Ling gave the Commencement address. She is now director of development for Discovery Digital Networks.

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## Pontiac Municipal Band Opens Concert Series June 5

The Pontiac Municipal Band will open its series of Friday night concerts at 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 5, on the south side of the Livingston County Courthouse in downtown Pontiac.

The series will continue every Friday night through June and July. Everyone is invited to take lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy this musical tradition.

Tom Ramseyer will be the vocalist leading the audience in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" to open the concert. Also featured on the program will be "Shenandoah" by Tichelli, "America" by Ward, "Sedona" by Reineke, and "Apotheosis" Marines Hymn." Marches will include "Fairest of the Fair," "Washington Post," and "Sempre Fi March," all by John Philip Sousa.

St. Jude Minonk to Peoria Run will be serving sandwiches, baked goods, and bottled water, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The inclement weather location is the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, located a block east of the square.

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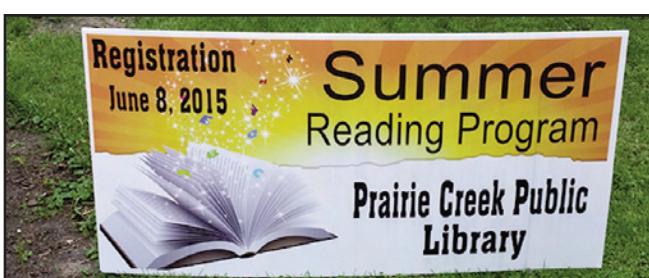
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## Prairie Creek Library Receives Grant from IL Prairie Community Foundation

Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. The funds will be used for the 2015 Summer Reading Program.

The library also received an additional grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 through an anonymous donor, and extends their thanks for the generous gifts.

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## Dwight Grade School Graduation Awards



DGS AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS were given out at graduation. Cassandra Holmes, citizenship female runner up; Hunter Sulaica, citizenship male runner up; Chloe Butterbrodt, outstanding female athlete; Juan Santos, out-

standing male athlete. Gretchen, outstanding band member and citizenship female winner; Timothy Western, citizenship male winner.



DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL BOARD SCHOLARS for the 2014-2015 school year. Left to right, Riley Connolly, Kathryn Berta, Andrew Myzia, Dakota Wahl, James Harkenrider,

Sophia Swink, Gabrielle Mascolo, and Gretchen Hilt. Board Scholar requirements are a 4.0 grade point average for each quarter.



DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL HIGH HONOR ROLL: Front row, left to right Adin Krischel, Zoie Burkhardt, Carli Schlabowske, Reece Mortensen, Juan Santos, Hunter Sulaica, Timothy Western, and Cal Schultz. Back Row, left to right, Cassandra Holmes, Rylie Bond, Payton Christoff, Dane Rodosky, Andrew Cirl, and Kirkland Pfeifer.



DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL: Front row, left to right: Dakota Voights, Gabby Barlow, Melissa Stewart, Miranda Holte, Kaitlyn Harms, Rishell Galbraith, McKenzey Stacy. Back row, left to right: Blake Hill, Elijah McCullough, Max Bean, Adin Krischel (3.5 - 3.999), Colton Holm, Xavier Slaughter, Logan Graham, Paul Norton, Cole Hahn, Joey Scott.

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**Thursday, May 28**  
Dwight at State Track  
Prelims

**Boys -**

The Trojan squad of Blaine Livingston, Connor Livingston, John Carter, and Michael Bennett had a good day in the Class A prelims on May 28, with the 4x800 relay team winning the second heat in a new school record of 8:05.45 – improving their season best time by 11 seconds and lowering the school record by five seconds. Their performance was the third best time in the prelims.

In the 400m dash, Blaine Livingston turned in a time of 52.33, which was his third best 400m of the season – finishing fifth in his heat and 20th overall.

The quartet came back in the 4x400 relay, producing a season best time of 3:30.86. That time placed them third in their heat and 12th overall.

"We are proud of their prelim performances and know they were ready for the challenge of racing in the finals," stated Coach Lane.



**Tuesday, May 26**  
Dwight at Bloomington Honor Roll Track Meet

The Lady Trojans took part in the Bloomington Honor Roll Track Meet on May 26 at Bloomington High School.

Marlana Ferrari cleared 4'8" in the high jump, while Alison Kirk jumped 13'10" in the long jump.

On the track, Taylor Richie ran a 1:01.95 in the 400m dash, finishing third. Daly Galloway finished first in the 1600m run with a time of 5:08.24.

"It was a nice evening for a fun meet," said Coach Lane. "The girls did a great job against very strong competition."

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## 7th Annual Earl Muir Memorial Kid's Fishing Derby June 14

Members of the Odell Sportsman's Club have chosen Sunday, June 14, to host their 7th Annual Earl Muir Memorial Kid's Fishing Derby, to be held at Muir's pond in rural Odell from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The event will be followed by lunch and an awards ceremony, courtesy of anonymous donors and club members.

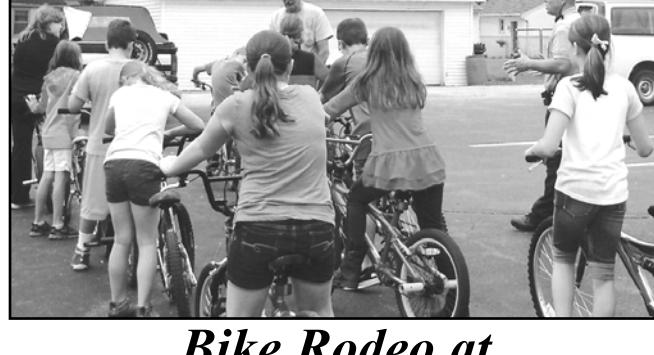
The Derby is for youth ages three to 14, and they must be accompanied by an adult. Each child is allowed to fish with one pole and live worms are the only bait which can be used. Take a container of worms, a bucket, and a fishing pole for each child.

The 2015 high school scholarships were presented by Bill Bolen, Director, at Pontiac Township High School on Wednesday, May 13. The recipients were Lauren Cassady and will be attending the University of Illinois and majoring in

Food Science. Sam is the son of Mark and Kelli Trainor and will be attending Joliet Junior College and plans to major in Agricultural Business. Both students were presented with a framed certificate and \$250.00.

Applications are now available for the \$250.00 Open Scholarship. Applicants must be an adult club member or the child of an adult club member who is pursuing a career in any field at a college or junior college within the state of Illinois. Forms must be postmarked no later than June 24 and may be sent to Odell Sportsman's Club Bonnie Bolen, secretary, 19155 E. 2500 North Rd., Odell, IL, 60460-8141, or e-mail it to doubleb10@frontier.com.

Club members will meet at Pour Richard's in Odell on Monday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.



### Bike Rodeo at S. Wilmington Grade School

On May 26, Kindergarten through fifth grade students at South Wilmington Grade School participated in a Bike Rodeo, sponsored by the Grundy County Sheriff's Department and the South Wilmington Fire Department.

Ninety-five percent of the students either rode their bikes to school or had their bikes brought in for the rodeo. All students were allowed to participate in the obstacle course.

Students' bikes were checked for proper fit and function. Deputy Chad Hrechko of the Grundy County Sheriff's Department talked with students about riding bikes safely and the South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department checked bicycles and ran the obstacle course for the students. Jr. High students and staff were also able to take in their bicycles to be inspected.

With the start of warmer weather, students will be out on the road more often and now is a good time to reinforce the safety rules related to riding bikes. Students demonstrated their skills at making tight turns, riding in straight lines, and also proper ways to stop.

Deputy Hrechko also instructed students as to the proper hand signals to be used by bike riders and that bike riders should always ride in the same direction as the traffic.



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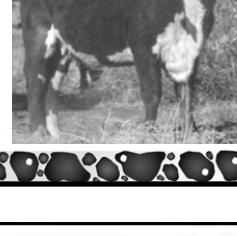
### Duplicate Bridge Results

In the North/South division Delores Slattery and Peg Waters took home first place in Dwight Senior Citizens duplicate bridge. Janyce Gross and June Miller took second, and Darlene Dreschsel and Mary Anne McNamara took third.

In the East/West division Glenda Kutos and Dorothy Roche took first. Taking second were Barb Christensen and Evelyn Lydigson. Mary Goley and Evelyn Neuhalen took 3rd.

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## SWGS 4th Quarter Honor Roll

### High Honor Roll

**Fifth Grade:** Easton Ashley, Ashley Frideres.

**Seventh Grade:** Carson Halpin, Wilton Jackman, Michael Ashley, Shelby Serena.

**Eighth Grade:** Madison Asbridge, Abby Cash.

### Honor Roll

**Fourth Grade:** Ryan Caccello, Calista Conley, Kevin Frideres, Colby Grieff, Dane Halpin, Ethan Maxard, Jacob Shaughnessy.

**Fifth Grade:** Alex Clayton, Molly Conger, Taylor Conger, Riley Klingler, Melissa Traver.

**Sixth Grade:** Grace Halpin, Kylie Hawks.

**Seventh Grade:** Jordan Buck-Noble, Kaitlynn Kavanaugh, Jessica Kiefling, Kennedy Fair.

**Eighth Grade:** Summer Fitzgerald, Cadee Grieff, Cameron Klingler.



AUTHOR JULIE STROEBEL BARICHELLO visited GGS to talk about writing and to autograph copies of her book, "Sarah & Katy and the Imagination Blankets."

## Ransom Grade School Honor Roll

Robert Ruder.

### Honor Roll

**Fifth Grade:** Addyson Parcher, Kyle Schaffner, Carson Trainor.

**Sixth Grade:** Mark Bergeson, Madison Fiedler, Emily Hess, Ashton Klling, Kyla Yedinak.

**Sixth Grade:** Braden Craft, Jacob Magana, Ashlyn Rogers.

**Seventh Grade:** Skyler Bedeker, Ellie Magana, Taytum Williams.

**Eighth Grade:** Elizabeth Hess, Isabella Rodriguez, Cali Rogers, Chase Travers.

## Memorial Bricks for Downtown Park

The Dwight Economic Alliance will be taking orders for new bricks for the downtown park. The bricks may contain a maximum of 3 lines with 13 letters or spaces per line.

Order forms are available in the office at the Depot Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Deadline for orders is June 1. For more information stop in the office or call 584-1830.

### Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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

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

The source of drinking water used by MAZON is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name Jeff Marques

Phone 815-448-2206

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o 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

WELL 11 (22032)

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WELL 12 (00232)

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WELL 13 (00233)

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WELL 14 (01600)

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WELL 15 (01358)

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WELL 16 (01581)

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WELL 17 (01831)

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WELL 19 (01833)

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WELL 20 (01834)

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WELL 5 (22026)

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WELL 6 (22027)

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WELL 7 (22028)

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WELL 8 (22029)

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### 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 **815-448-2206**. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

To determine Mazon's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, the following documents were reviewed: a Well Site Survey, published in 1990 by the Illinois EPA and the Source Water Assessment written in 2003. Based on the information obtained in this document, there are 7 potential sources of groundwater contamination that could pose a hazard to groundwater utilized by Mazon's community water supply. They are all abandoned or improperly plugged wells. In addition, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank and Remedial Project Management Sections of the Illinois EPA indicated sites with on-going remediation that might be of concern. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Mazon Community Water Supply's source water is susceptible to contamination. As such, the Illinois EPA has provided 5-year recharge area calculations for the wells. The land use within the recharge areas of the wells was analyzed as part of this susceptibility determination. This land use includes predominantly agricultural properties. In 2008 and 2009 Mazon received Non-Compliance Advisories (NCAs) for bacteriological detections in wells #7, 8, 11, and 16 and subsequently a violation notice (VN) for well #7. Resolution of these NCAs and the VN resulted in the proper abandonment of several nearby wells that may have provided a route for bacteria into the aquifer.

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# Time To Hit The Road

## A Long Way From A Model A – A Brief Look At The Automobile's Transformation

By Ronda Addy

In 1903, Ford introduced one of the first mass-produced family vehicles, the Model A. With a top speed

of 45 mph, the Model A came in a two- and four-seater model with a three-speed transmission. The available options were a

rubber roof (rubber for \$30 or leather for \$50), a rear door and a rear tonneau, the rear compartment containing two seats for passengers. To top

to improve the quality of shifts. It also adjusts shift smoothness to suit driving style. The system gives drivers the responsiveness of a manual transmission without the manual shifting.

Advanced (smart) power windows are designed to stop closing and go back down when an obstruction is detected. The system works in one of two ways. It either detects changes in the electrical current and stops or reverses the window, or it relies upon a light curtain or infrared detector to stop the window before it comes into contact with an item. The system reduces the chance of getting stuck in the window and suffering an injury, especially with children and pets.

Delayed accessory power grants certain features of a vehicle power even after it has been turned off. Delayed accessories include the radio, message center, power windows and power moonroof. The power remains on for at least 10 minutes after the key is turned off and as long as the front door isn't opened.

Double locking makes it impossible to open a locked vehicle door from the inside or outside without a key or remote transmitter. Anyone attempting to gain entry into the vehicle must break a window and crawl through it. Once the key is turned in a specific sequence, the double lock is activated. It is deactivated when the key is used to unlock the door. With keyless entry, the lock button is pressed twice. It is deactivated when the door is unlocked with the transmitter. The added security for parked vehicles is a major benefit of this feature.

Driver alertness monitoring sounds an alarm when the driver's ability is impaired due to drowsiness, intoxication or inattention. There are other more complex systems that can sound

## Keep Your Vehicle Running Its Best – Maintain The Belts And Hoses

By Rhonda Addy

Belts and hoses are important components in your vehicle. By paying attention to the belts and hoses, you can help keep your vehicle running its best. You don't need to hire a professional to check your belts and hoses. You can do it yourself. You just need to make sure the engine is cold.

Belts operate the alternator, power steering pump, water pump and air conditioner compressor. It is important to start with a visual inspection of the belts and a testing of the tension. Look for cracking, fraying or missing pieces, all of which warrant a replacement. To get an accurate reading of a belt's tension, you need a belt tension gauge. If you don't have one of

these, you can check the tension by depressing the belt along its longest straight section. If it deflects one-half to one inch, the tension is good.

Here is a brief description of various types of belts, along with some maintenance tips:

- The drive belt or fan belt powers the power steering pump, air injection pump, air conditioning compressor and mechanical cooling fan. There are two types: the V-belt and the serpentine belt. The belts should be checked when the oil is changed. Look for signs of cracking (random cracks on the ribs of a serpentine belt are normal and don't require an immediate replacement), missing pieces, splitting or separating layers.
- The timing belt keeps the crankshaft and camshaft synchronized, which, in turn, keeps the valve operation matched to the position of the pistons. There are some engines in which the belt operates other

parts, such as the water and oil pump and balance shafts. For this, manufacturers usually have a recommended mileage for replacement. Failure to follow this recommendation could result in major engine damage.

Because it is easier to access the water pump, tensioning pulleys and timing belt sprockets when the timing belt is removed, you may want to consider replacing these parts as well.

After checking the belts, you may check the hoses – the radiator hoses (upper and lower), heater hose and bypass hose. Look for small leaks, and if you find some, use duct tape as a temporary patch. If you notice the upper radiator hose has collapsed, you have a defective radiator pressure cap that will need to be replaced.

Test the heater and radiator hoses by firmly squeezing them. If they are hard, make a crunching sound, are extremely soft or sticky, or are covered with oil, they need to be

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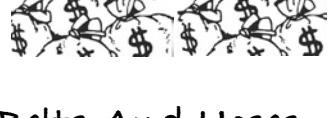
**Oxygen Sensor** – This part monitors and sends data about the exhaust flow before and after the catalytic converter, adjusting the fuel injection level accordingly. Again, if the part is faulty, the information will not be accurate, affecting fuel economy. It's recommended to replace the sensor on cars with more than 100,000 miles.

**Spark Plugs** – New spark plugs will help the engine run cleaner and more efficiently.

**Air Filter** – Since this part filters the air going into the engine, a dirty filter will reduce gas mileage.

**Tires** – Checking the air pressure monthly is essential; tires will naturally lose air over time, and they need to be at the proper pressure to achieve the best gas mileage (in addition to handling). Tires that are worn or out of alignment can also reduce fuel economy.

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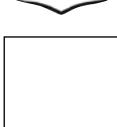
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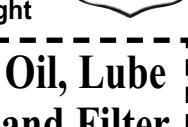
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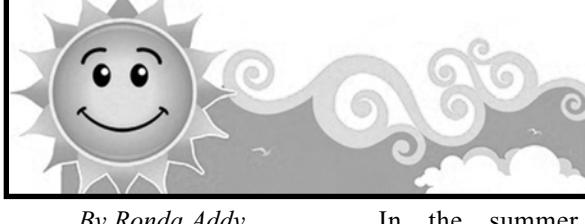
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# Time To Hit The Road



By Ronda Addy

Summer is just around the corner. While winter is hard on vehicles, summer can be equally as hard. Engines overheat, batteries get weakened and tires have to deal with hotter conditions, all of which could lead to a breakdown and being stranded on the highway waiting for help. Let's get your vehicle ready for summer, shall we?

Take off the snow tires. They're not real useful when there's no snow on the ground, plus using them on dry pavement will wear them out faster. If you don't use snow tires, check all the tires, even the spare, to see that they are properly inflated. Check your owner's manual for the proper tire pressure and to find out if you need to adjust the pressure to compensate for the hot temperatures. Properly inflated tires can improve gas mileage and they will last longer.

Checking and changing your engine oil will also help prepare your vehicle for the coming summer months. Motor oil is available in different levels of viscosity; this refers to the thickness of the oil. Many of the motor oils available on the market today are multi-viscous, meaning the thickness of the oil can change depending on its temperature. The warmer the oil, the thinner it is; the thinner it is, the less lubrication that will get to the engine.

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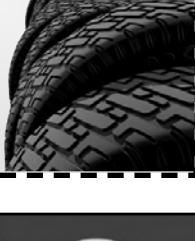
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## Report: High School Grad Rate Stagnant in Illinois

by Mary Kuhlman

It's graduation season, but approximately one-in-five Illinois high school seniors is not donning a cap and gown. According to the 2015 Building a Grad Nation report, while Illinois' high school graduation rate of 83% is slightly higher than the national average, the rate has been stagnant for several years.

Co-author of the report, Robert Balfanz says another concern is the opportunity gap.

The report found in Illinois about 90% of middle and high-income students graduate, compared to only 73% of low income youth.

To increase the overall graduation rate, the report recommends states expand the use of early-warning systems that can indicate a child needs intervention and make state funding more equitable so low-income and affluent students have the same opportunities.

Balfanz says increasing the number of high school graduates is critical for both the students' future and the success of Illinois.

According to the report, for the third year in a row, the country remains on pace to achieve the national goal of a 90% on-time high school graduation rate by 2020.



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