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Odell Struggles to Prepare Town for Economic Development Projects

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

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Odell Mayor Terry Joyner and his board of trustees have been fighting to make Odell more attractive to prospective developers.

One of the ways they have done that is to pass a property tax abatement program which was in force as of this year.

But the town has not received any bites on economic development yet.

"I believe it in part has to do with the state – no budget," Joyner explained.

He said a $250,000 grant for a walk/bike path was okayed by the state, but no money was released due to the state budget impasse.

But even more important is keeping the town looking attractive for prospective developers.

"The main issue I'm having is with IDOT and Union Pacific maintaining inside the fence."

He said he fights constantly with U.P. to have them mow their property inside the fence, which the railroad will not allow the village to mow due to liability concerns.

Joyner said this becomes an eyesore in the summer, so he mows it anyway, at his own expense.

The grass gets so high, and attracts mosquitoes, which could lead to a West Nile Virus health situation in town.

He is also trying to get FS to "clean up" abandoned grain elevators in town.

"In the summer kids play there, and it attracts animals," Joyner explained of the abandoned elevators.

He is also concerned about safety issues if the abandoned buildings fall down onto the railroad, especially while a train is traveling through town.

"Odell doesn't need to be known for the Great Train Derailment," he said.

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ODELL MAYOR Terry Joyner said the Odell historic gas station on Route 66 has been filmed in 2015 for two television commercials and a Japanese movie.
The Paper photo

Gardner Watching Bottom Line as Village Improves Infrastructure

GARDNER MAYOR Mike Serena points to photos in his office depicting the relocation of the Gardner Riviera Dining Car in downtown Gardner after a fire destroyed the Riviera restaurant in 2010. Serena explained he used mostly volunteer labor and equipment to move the historic car. The diner car, dating back to 1932 in Gardner, originally a part of the Kankakee Transit System in the late 1800s, was inducted into the Route 66 Hall of fame in 2004. *The Paper* photo

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The village of Gardner continues to move forward on infrastructure projects, while keeping a sharp eye on spending to avoid debt, according to Mayor Mike Serena.

"A big stumbling block has been our storm sewer project," Serena explained.

He said some of the lines needed replacing because the pipes were egg-shaped from pressure or were bursting.

The lines which will be going under Interstate 55 were delayed this year because an agency wanted more engineering studies done to show there would not be flooding in drainage ditches along the highway.

That project has resumed, currently involving pipe being placed on Main Street in front of the Gardner-South Wilmington High School.

But the delay will likely mean that the line replacement is not done until next spring.

"We got put on hold for two months," Serena said.

The new lines are being installed from Main Street to Jackson and south to Odell Street, he explained.

This project will cost between $850,000 and $900,000, paid through the general fund and Tax Increment Finance district funds.

Another controversy in town this year was related to the storm sewer plant capacity.

Bookwalter Woods, a manufactured home community outside the Gardner village limits, wants to connect roughly 140 households into the village sewer system.

Since the system is at capacity now, a storm has been brewing in town about the project.

But Serena explained that it is not up to the village to stop the Bookwalter people from spending their own money on a feasibility study.

"We've had a lot of people question it," Serena said. "Even my uncle, ex-Mayor Ray Serena, has been outspoken about it."

Mike Serena said that even if the village does not agree with such a project, they are obligated to allow Bookwalter to research it and come up with a plan – on their own dime, that is.

The Bookwalter project

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Gov. Rauner Signs Bill to Preserve Streator E.R.

Governor Bruce Rauner signed House Bill 3213 into law Dec. 4, that preserves the stand-alone emergency room status for the hospital in Streator, currently known as St. Mary's Hospital.

"This is vital for the people of Streator and the communities surrounding the city," said State Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Peru.

"I am grateful we could get this legislation passed and signed into law quickly, as keeping an emergency room in Streator is critical in saving people's lives and making sure the health of citizens in that area is not in jeopardy."

Earlier this year, it was announced that Peoria-based OSF would purchase St. Mary's Hospital owned by Springfield-based HSHS and take control of the Streator facility in early 2016.

In-patient services are planned to be eliminated.

Without a change in law, OSF would not have been allowed to operate an emergency room without in-patient services.

House Bill 3213, however, now allows St. Mary's to keep its ER without providing in-patient services.

Out-patient services, those not requiring overnight stays in the hospital, will continue at the Streator location, OSF has said.

There will also be lab services along with the ER.

"With the size of Streator, it doesn't make sense to not have an emergency room," Rezin said.

"People would have to drive up to 30 miles to get to the nearest emergency room without this legislation. Time means everything when it comes to saving lives."

Rezin said the new law is imperative in maintaining jobs, doctors, and high technology for the Streator area.

THE RIVERSIDE IMMEDIATE CARE facility in Dwight officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 2. Attending the ceremony are (from left) Crystal Miller, assistant; Ashton Forsythe, certified nurse practitioner; Melissa Shepard, CNP; Jennifer Gessner, site supervisor; Lori Tison, regional practice manager; Jared Anderson, Dwight mayor; Justin Caldwell, director of retail operations; and Phil Kambic, president and chief executive officer for Riverside. *The Paper* photo

Tree Work in Ransom

EMPLOYEES OF JACK'S TREE SERVICES, Seneca, work to trim trees in Ransom, Wednesday, Dec. 2. They use a special "claw" to remove large tree pieces that they have cut down, to save time. *The Paper* photo

Riverside Hospital Opens Immediate Care Facility in Dwight

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Riverside Healthcare, Kankakee, opened its new Immediate Care facility in Dwight, Tuesday, Dec. 1.

"We're excited for this to be a part of the Dwight community," Dwight Mayor Jared Anderson told *The Paper* at the official ribbon-cutting ceremony held Dec. 2.

"This offers a lot of benefits that were not available before," he continued.

The new location will be open 364 days a year (every day except Christmas).

Justin Caldwell, director of Retail Operations for Riverside, said the Dwight office will have extended hours.

It will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"This has been in the works for 10 to 12 months," Caldwell explained.

Riverside Immediate Care in Dwight, located next to Doc's Drugs at 106B Watters Drive, provides treatment for minor medical emergencies, including colds and flu, bug bites and stings, burns, earaches, rashes, sore throats, sprains, upset stomachs, urinary tract infections and more. The office will serve patients ages 18 months and older.

Meantime, Riverside Healthcare's Immediate care locations are available to help patients in other locations as well, including Coal City, Gilman, Monee,

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12/04	Jason Bunting, Emington	$500

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Dwight Christmas Parade and Breakfast with Santa photos appear in today's edition of *The Paper* on Page 8

FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

November 26: Bruno K. Rodriguez, 21, Sterling, speeding (radar), 73/55; Garry M. Ercoli, 62, Herscher, speeding (radar), 72/55.

November 28: Matthew Kovar, 65, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 80/55.

November 29: Amanda K. Thrun, 23, Frankfort, speeding (radar), 47/30; Elizabeth M. Willford, 20, Edelstein, speeding (radar), 50/30; Alexander N. Hunt, 20, Eureka, speeding (radar), 50/30.

December 1: Justin T. Binert, 22, Kankakee, no valid driver's license, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

2 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Traffic sign violation, 1; failure to yield – private road, 1.

Accident Report

Monday, November 30, 10:10 p.m., Officer Brian Maier reported an accident involving Jeff A. Griffin of Lucedale, MS, the driver of a 2015 Freightliner, and a non-moving vehicle, a 2012 Kenworth.

Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 27: 12:11 a.m., Union St., medical, Morris; 8:59 p.m., Rt. 47, fire, no patient.

November 28: 7:18 p.m., South, trauma, Riverside.

November 29: 9:31 a.m., Franklin, medical, Riverside; 10:59 a.m., John, medical, refusal; 1:13 p.m., Carbon Hill Rd. and Route 129, trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; 10:27 p.m., I-55, medical, Morris.

November 30: 7:59 a.m., Philmar, trauma, Morris; 10:54 a.m., Waupansie, lift assist, refusal.

December 1: 8:11 a.m., Clinton, lift assist, refusal; 9:25 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 11:23 a.m., Mazon, medical, St. James.

December 2: 8:48 a.m., James, trauma, Morris; 11:58 a.m., Union, medical, refusal; 9:29 p.m., Main, medical, Morris; 11:36 p.m., John, medical, refusal.

December 3: 11:30 a.m., Julie, medical, St. James.

Temps - 2015

Nov. 26 – high 62°, low 42° .78 precip.
Nov. 27 – high 42°, low 32° .05" precip.
Nov. 28 – high 39°, low 29°
Nov. 29 – high 40°, low 29°
Nov. 30 – high 44°, low 34° .23" precip.
Dec. 1 – high 44°, low 31° .11" precip./1" snow
Dec. 2 – high 35°, low 28°

One Year Ago - December 9, 2014
high 36°, low 30°

Christmas Day is only 16 days away.

Gardner Sewer Lines

WORK ON THE GARDNER storm sewer lines was delayed for two months this year due to a request from a state agency for more engineering studies. The work has since resumed, but will not likely be finished before next spring. The workers are currently installing pipes along Main Street in front of Gardner-South Wilmington High School.
The Paper photo

Livingston Co. Public Health Dept. Attains Recertification

The Livingston County Public Health Department has received notification from the Illinois Department of Public Health indicating the department has achieved recertification status. This certification is effective for a five-year period, which began November 2. Certification status means the health department is in compliance with codes established by IDPH for local health departments, and that Livingston County's Community Needs Assessment and Health Plan for 2015-2020 has been approved.

The Health Plan priorities, identified by a committee of local stakeholders, to be addressed over the next five years include: education awareness and training, mental health, obesity, and susbtance abuse – including illegal drugs, prescription medications, alcohol and tobacco. The plan includes goals, objectives, and activities for each priority.

Community efforts may include: individual citizens taking steps to improve their own health and the health of their families, businesses finding ways to improve the health of their employees, and towns identifying ways they can be healthier places to live. Health care providers and community agencies can lead the way, but without active participation by the community, at every level, success of the 2015-2020 work plan will be limited.

Steps to address obesity might include: personally getting to or maintaining a healthy weight, starting a company wellness program, or becoming a walking community.

Addressing substance abuse could include: if you smoke or vape – call 1-800-QuitYes for assistance with quitting, not selling or supplying alcohol to minors, educating your employees about the growing problem of prescription medication abuse by youth and adults. Similarly, addressing mental health could include educating yourself and/or your employees about mental health issues, warning signs to watch for in yourself, family, friends, or co-workers, and mental health resources available throughout the county.

On-the-Road Seminar December 15 in Morris

Learn how to straighten out all the twists and turns in trucking rules that apply to farmers at a two-hour seminar beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, at the Grundy County Farm Bureau office – 4000 N. Division in Morris.

Federal truck regulations affect virtually all operating farmers in Illinois. As a "Farm Vehicle Driver," many farmers enjoy exemptions. But, significant new exemptions from the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations were made effective in November, 2013, with Illinois legislation bringing additional changes in 2014 and again in 2015 for those operating a "Covered Farm Vehicle." You need to know the differences in those sets of exemptions. That's the primary focus of this seminar.

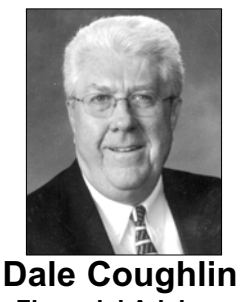
Also, over the past 18 months, the Off-Highway Vehicle Stamp program has been started, retracted, re-legislated and is being readied for a restart. New medical card rules have kicked in: one last January, and another last May. The USDOT Number and UCR registrations – and even the CDL – are still widely misunderstood. And there's more. Join in on the discussion and get your questions answered.

The seminar, hosted by Grundy County Farm Bureau, will focus on trucking laws – new and well-worn – important to farmers with a focus on the Covered Farm Vehicle. In addition, you'll have the chance to ask your questions.

Topics included in this presentation will cover new regulations such as covered farm vehicle exemptions, medical cards, pending regulations, interstate carrier information, a recap of fundamentals, and a time for questions.

Presenting the seminar will be Kevin Rund who, for more than 30 years, has specialized in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau. In addition to his presentation, Rund will provide take-home materials addressing these topics.

The seminar is free, courtesy of the Grundy and State Farm Bureaus, but advance registration is requested. Call Grundy Farm Bureau at 815-942-6400 to reserve your place at the *On-the-Road Seminar*.



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Check Out These End-of-Year Investment Tips

Who knows where the time goes? Although 2015 is almost in the books, you can still make some year-end investment and financial moves that may help you get off to a good start in 2016. Here are a few suggestions:

Boost your 401(k) contributions. Ask your employer if you still have time to add more to your 401(k) before the year ends. If not, at least increase your contributions in 2016, especially if your salary goes up.

Consider "tax-loss" selling. We experienced considerable turbulence in the financial markets this past year, so you may own some investments that have lost value. Generally speaking, it's a good idea to hold these investments if they still meet your needs, but if you do decide to sell them, you can use the loss to offset capital gains taxes on investments you've sold that have appreciated. If the loss from the sale was greater than your combined long- and short-term capital gains, you can deduct up to $3,000 against other income. And if your losses exceed your capital gains by more than $3,000, you can carry the remaining losses forward to future tax years.

Review your asset allocation. Make sure your asset allocation – that is, your investment mix – is still appropriate for your time horizon and goals. You might consider being a bit more aggressive if you're not meeting your financial targets, or more conservative if you're getting closer to retirement. If you want greater diversification, you might think about adding an asset class that tends to react to market conditions differently from your existing investments. Diversifying your portfolio may help reduce the impact of volatility; however, diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss. If you do need to adjust, or "rebalance," you can do so fairly easily in tax-deferred accounts, such as your IRA or 401(k) – but for those investments held in a taxable account, you should talk to your tax advisor on how to manage the tax consequences of rebalancing.

Evaluate your insurance situation. This past year, did you undergo any changes in your personal life, such as marriage, divorce or the addition of a new child? If so, review your life and disability insurance to make sure they are sufficient for your needs, and list the proper beneficiaries on all insurance policies.

Start an emergency fund. If you don't already have one, start an emergency fund before the year is out. Ideally, you'd like to have between six and 12 months' worth of living expenses in such a fund; without it, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace, a major car repair or a big medical bill. For this fund, you're less interested in return than in preservation of principal, so put your money in a low-risk, liquid account.

Making these moves can help you close out 2015 on a positive note – and ring in the new year with greater confidence in your financial future.

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U.S. Gas Prices Dip

The national average for the price of regular gasoline began declining again last week after a brief round of price increases, as markets reacted to Turkey downing a Russian fighter jet two weeks ago.

GasBuddy said the decline has resumed and Monday's national average is $2.032 gallon.

"The U.S. average needs to fall just seven-tenths of a penny from its current $2.032 per gallon to $2.025 gallon to be the lowest prices since March 25, 2009, said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst.

The Paper publishes last week's and this week's averages as of Mondays each week for the towns listed below.

Average U.S. gallon regular price made up of 20% state & local taxes; 19% distribution; 15% marketing: and 47% refining.

City/Village	Dec. 7	Nov. 30
Dwight	$1.78	$1.77
Seneca	$1.886	$1.886
Marseilles	$1.89	$1.89
Streator	$1.934	$1.87
Odell	$1.83	$1.81
Saunemin	$1.79	$1.79
Cullom	$1.79	$1.79
Pontiac	$1.7416	$1.743
Gardner	$1.86	$1.85
Braceville	$1.82	$1.82
Mazon	$1.78	$1.85
Morris	$1.6675	$1.83
Herscher	$1.82	$1.88
Kankakee	$1.7773	$1.846
Chicago	$2.014	$1.995
Illinois	$1.900	$1.95
U.S.	$2.032	$2.059

Sources: Gasbuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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Trustees in Odell are Brian Verdun, Jamie Johnson, Joan Bullard, Brian Mills, Gary Wykes, and Phaela Hodges. The village clerk is Iris Thorne.

On the positive side, the Odell Route 66 historic gas station was featured in two television commercials and a Japanese movie this year.

He joked that when the Japanese crew was in town to film, there was only one person on the crew he could understand when they spoke.

Looking forward, Joyner wants to see the return of the summer "Odell Days" celebration and other town festivals to attract visitors.

"In 2016 we want to concentrate on making the town cleaner, making the town nicer," he said.

He and the trustees will also be looking at upgrading infrastructure such as replacing aging drainage tiles, which in some cases are 100 years old and made of cracking clay.

The water treatment plant needs to be upgraded.

One selling point is two schools in town, the public Odell Grade School and St. Paul Catholic School.

"This gives residents in town a choice, which is unique in a small town," Joyner said.

"If the town looks nice and presentable, the business will come," Joyner believes.

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ball is in their court at the moment. If the plan is not feasible, that will be the end of it, Serena explained.

Soon a new ordinance will be passed to prevent unwanted uses in the downtown district. A business opened up downtown which was against zoning ordinances and included a residence in the downstairs.

Serena said it took a long time and legal fees to eliminate the problem.

The solution is a new business registration ordinance, not yet ready for action, that will require each new business to be inspected by the city inspector, Dean Rankovich.

Meantime, spending money is being watched closely by the commissioners.

He said Finance Commissioner Dick Hileman "has a way with conserving money."

"If a snow plow breaks down, our guys fix it," instead of purchasing brand new equipment, he said, as an example of saving taxpayer revenue.

He talked about how the village constructed a salt storage facility for roughly $20,000, a building that would have cost $75,000 if the village had to contract the work out. It was done with all volunteer and city labor.

"Now we can store 150 tons of salt," and not have to purchase it every year with wildly fluctuating prices, he explained.

"We are saving our money, paying our bills," Serena said.

He said he gets a dozen bids on projects because the village has a reputation for paying its bills quickly.

Road improvement projects are done as money is accumulated in the motor fuel tax fund, he said, generally every three years or so.

In the meantime, cold patch is used to fill potholes or make minor repairs as needed.

This year, the biggest issue was Mayor Tom Wise passing away, leaving a leadership gap.

Serena, who had been a commissioner, stepped up to replace Wise.

Other commissioners along with Hileman are James Riley, parks and recreation; Terry Jensen, streets and alleys; and Rob Wolf, sewer and water.

Village Clerk is Pat Malinowski, with assistant Kaitlyn Marks.

Village maintenance employees are Brad Kingman and Joe McMeen.

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Kankakee. Fastcare is scheduled to open in Bourbonnais next year inside Walmart, and in Manhattan.

Riverside Healthcare in Kankakee is an integrated healthcare system serving those in Kankakee, Livingston, Iroquois, Will, and Grundy counties.

The medical center in Kankakee contains a 312-bed hospital, providing a full scope of inpatient and outpatient care, a Level II Trauma hospital with programs in heart care, cancer care, neurosurgery and orthopedics.

Free Christmas Day Dinners

St. Peter's Lutheran Church is once again continuing the Christmas Tradition of providing Free Christmas Day Dinners on Friday December 25, 2015. Meals will either be delivered to your home or you may join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 326 W. Chippewa for dinner and fellowship.

A Christmas dinner of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and a vegetable with pie for dessert will be delivered between 11:30 and 12:30 on Tuesday December 25th. Dinner will be served at the church as soon as all the deliveries have been made.

Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship Fund Applications Available

The Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship Fund will again be awarding scholarships to seniors and graduates of Livingston County High Schools, with preference given to graduates from the Saunemin area. During the last four years, more than $475,000 has been awarded, with 74 scholarships totaling $139,000 being awarded last year. It is expected another $120,000 will be awarded this spring.

This scholarship fund was set up by Nina and Pat Chesebro, who were originally from the Saunemin area. They devoted their lives to education.

The evaluation of qualifications of eligible applicants includes, but is not limited to, the following: SAT/ACT scores, grade point average, class ranking, references, school and community activities, an essay, honors, and academic aspirations.

Preference will be given to applicants who plan to physically attend a four-year academic program on a full-time basis. Applicants need not be recent high school graduates.

Applications are available at all Livingston County High Schools, the State Bank of Saunemin in Pontiac and Saunemin, Saunemin Grade School, and the Johnson & Taylor Law Office in Pontiac.

Applications are due by March 1 at the State Bank of Saunemin – Saunemin or Pontiac branch.

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I will not be sending out Holiday Greetings this year but want to wish Family & Friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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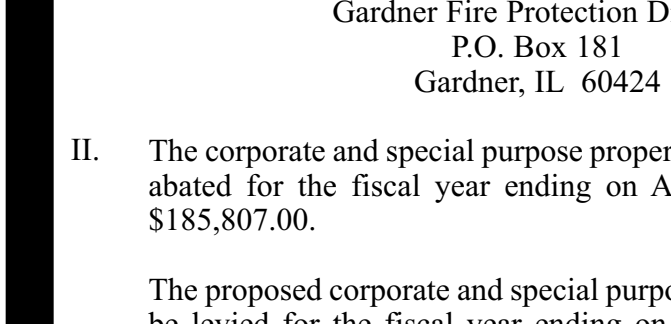

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR GARDNER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

I. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a **Public Hearing** to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Gardner Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2017 will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the hour of 6:30 pm at the Gardner Fire Protection District, 206 Depot St., Gardner, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact:

Todd Perkins
Trustee / Secretary
Gardner Fire Protection District
P.O. Box 181
Gardner, IL 60424

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2016 were $185,807.00.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2017 are $197,217.00. This represents a 6.141% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2016 were $0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2017 are $0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for the fiscal year ending on April 30, 2016 were $185,807.00

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Southeastern Grundy Senior Citizens Meet

On November 6, the Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens of Gardner met for their regular monthly meeting at the Gardner Restaurant.

There were eight regular members in attendance.

Lunch was served at noon, which was a turkey Thanksgiving dinner served by Kim.

The club paid for the meal. Pres. Hansen took in her famous cranberry salad for all.

Table grace was a prayer from the Ideal magazine, "A Thanksgiving Day Prayer," by Brian Kind.

The business meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

Birthdays were: Margaret – Oct. 17; Mary Ann – Nov. 3; Florence – Nov. 4; and Virginia – Nov. 16. Jerry and Linn Winter celebrated their anniversary on Nov. 18.

Secretary's report was read by Ida and approved.

Treasurer's report was given for Sept. and Oct. by Wavel. It was approved and ordered to be placed on file.

Reports of shut-ins and Honorary Members were Leah, June, Mary Ann, La Verne, and Evelyn.

Jackie reported she sent cards to: Florence, Virginia, Margaret, and Mary Ann.

Community Events: Veterans Day – Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day; Festival of Trees – Nov. 16-29 – raffle, silent and live auction, and lighting of the Christmas tree.

Old business reminded the group that there will be no Jan. or Feb. meetings, in anticipation of inclement weather.

The Dec. lunch is usually hosted by the Garfield Township Board – Lorraine is checking on that.

There was mention of Emling's Christmas open house being on Nov. 6 – Ida Schopp went and won a $200 gift certificate.

There were four carry-outs to Mary Ann, Evelyn, Leah, and Barb.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jackie, with a second from Margaret.

Pres. Hansen, with the rap of the gavel, wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Dwight Rotary Hosts *Cops and Kids* Program Representatives

Dwight Rotary recently welcomed Livingston County Detective Ryan Bohm and Sheriff Tony Childress, speaking on the *Cops and Kids* program. The Livingston County Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #186 team up for this program, in which uniformed law enforcement officers from numerous agencies in Livingston Co. are matched one-on-one with nominated children to shop for Christmas gifts.

The children are first given necessities, such as a coat, gloves, clothes, and footwear. Then they are allowed to purchase a toy or game, either as gifts for others or themselves. Last year, the program served about 75 children throughout the county, including those in Dwight, spending roughly $200 per child.

Bohm explained that Sheriff Childress took the program to Livingston Co. in 2012, when he was president of the FOP Lodge. Bohm credited Childress that first year with raising the money by literally knocking on doors, contacting the schools to find kids in need, and taking those kids shopping. "I have very big shoes to fill," said Bohm, now the program coordinator.

Bohm said they discuss with the parents what the child's needs are before the shopping experience begins.

The program relies on the public schools in the county to nominate children for the experience, but the program also has helped those who have had family emergencies, such as a house fire or a death in the family.

Bohm explained that he always likes to make sure his kids receive a collared shirt. "If they have an event at school or church, they have something to wear that looks nice."

As Sheriff Childress explained, "We want children to run to our officers when there's trouble, not be afraid of them."

The program partners with Streator Onized Credit Union for financial services and fund-raising. Anyone interested in making a donation to the program can do so at a SOCU branch in Pontiac or Dwight, or by sending it to the Sheriff's office. Donations of any amount are always welcome.

Karah Colebank and Lucy Rieke

Colebank, Rieke Selected to Attend HOBY Leadership Seminar

Karah Colebank and Lucy Rieke, both Dwight Township High School students, have been selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, designed for high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their home, schools, workplace, and community. The high level of energy, encouragement, and motivation as well as the interaction with peers, panelists, and volunteers are important elements in nurturing the students' future leadership roles.

In addition, students participate in hands-on leadership activities and meet state leaders in such areas as business, government, education, media, and the non-profit sector.

There are approximately 70 Leadership Seminars held each spring throughout the United States. Local volunteer committees plan, organize, and run these three- or four-day seminars, and also raise the funds to pay for program expenses. Each September, every accredited public, private, and charter high school in the country is invited to select and register an outstanding sophomore as their representative to their local state seminar. Currently, nearly 9,000 sophomores, representing as many high schools nationwide, attend the Leadership Seminars annually.

For the fourth year in a row, DTHS is partnering with the Dwight Woman's Club to cover the cost of the weekend long seminar for two Dwight students.

Colebank is the daughter of Ron and Sheri Colebank of Dwight, and Rieke is the daughter of Molly and John Rieke of Dwight.

KCC Affected by State Budget Impasse

Kankakee Community College is reducing a number of programs, services, and staff to adjust to the state's budget impasse.

Along with other public colleges and universities in Illinois, KCC has not received any state funds for this academic year. KCC was appropriated almost $7 million from the state for this fiscal year.

Areas impacted at KCC include Adult Education, Athletics, Massage Therapy, Commercial Driver's License Training, and the Child Development Center. The college is also reducing some full-time positions to part-time and leaving vacant positions unfilled. Changes will go into effect in January.

The college will still offer GED preparation, English as a Second Language, high school equivalency classes, and adult basic education courses that provide students with basic skills.

The college is discontinuing the Massage Therapy program, Commercial Driver's License Training, and Child Development Center daycare.

Christmas Karaoke Night at Prairie Creek Library December 11

Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight is set to hold a Christmas Karaoke Night Friday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m., where Christmas songs will be sung while enjoying s'mores and hot chocolate.

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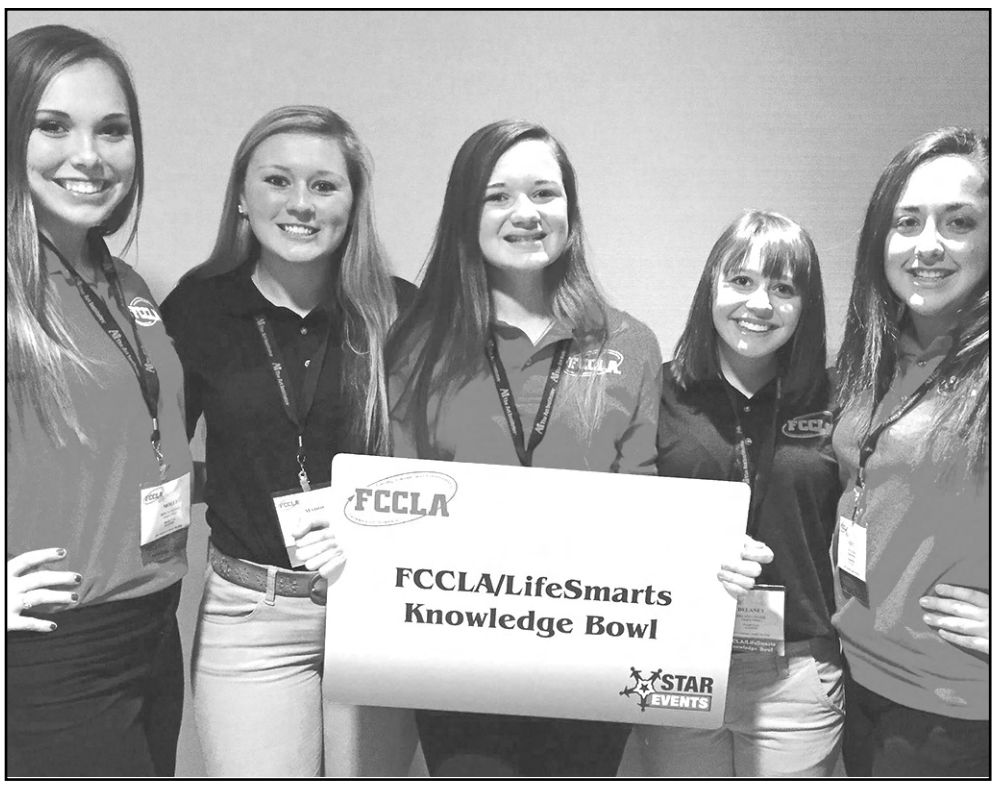

DTHS' FCCLA ATTENDED THE 2015 NATIONAL CLUSTER MEETING in Indianapolis, IN November 19-22. The five members of the DTHS Officer team attending – pictured, l to r, Molly Snyder, Maddi Groves, Hannah Van Der Karr, Delaney Haase, and Ceci Soto. They are advised by Kathy Patten. While at the Meeting, the officers attended motivational speakers, leadership skill building workshops, and networked with FCCLA members from across the country. While attending, the team competed in the FCCLA LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl. Prior to the Meeting, the team took an online test consisting of 100 questions. This seeded DTHS sixth out of 18 teams. In Indianapolis, the team participated in a Quiz Bee – where each member had a category of study to focus on and answer questions. After the Quiz Bee round, DTHS advanced to the pool play round. Only the top 16 teams advanced. DTHS was seeded fifth in pool play, where teams answer up to 30 questions about Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA. DTHS prevailed and earned a spot at fifth place. The top six teams advance to the National FCCLA Leadership Conference, to be held in San Diego, CA in July 2016.

Governor Thomas Ford DAR Meets

Governor Thomas Ford Chapter, NSDAR met for a luncheon meeting at the *Lost in Time Tea Room* in Fairbury November 2.

Hostesses Jean Fox and Joyce Schmale decorated the tables with bees, since State Regent Sharon Frizzell was present to give her program on "What's the Buzz about DAR?"

The meeting was called to order by Regent Pam Bork. She led members in the Ritual, the Pledge, and the American's Creed. Carol Camp read the President General's Message. Mary Knapp gave the National Defense Message – based on Veterans Day. The importance of helping children to recognize what Veterans have done was the main focus of the article.

State Regent Frizell's program was based on the significance of contributing time, energies, and talents to fulfill the organization's mission. Members were treated to the story of how the bees saved the country during the American Revolutionary War.

Beekeeper Charity Crabtree was tending to her bees when she came across a wounded soldier. He told her to take his horse and ride to General Washington, warning him that the British were planning an attack. Just as Charity was about to ride off, the British Redcoats arrived. Charity beat her bee hives with a stick, angering the bees. Bees came out of the hives and she threw the stick at her pursuers. The bees followed the stick, stinging the soldiers relentlessly. Charity then relayed the warning and foiled the attack. George Washington remarked, "Neither you nor your bees shall be forgotten when our country is at peace again. It was the cackling geese that saved Rome, but was the bees that saved America." Frizzell also talked about her project to sponsor a baseball field dugout at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

Registrar Marilyn Ames reported they have 106 chapter members, 15 of those being junior members and four new members this year. DAR Good Citizens Chairman Joyce Schmale reported she picked up the DAR and SAR Good Citizens' information packets and essays from GCMS and PBL High Schools.

Lena Nickrent, DAR Service for Veterans Chairman, stated they donated $488 worth of comfort items for the Danville Veterans' Hospital. Twenty-two members took Christmas gifts to the meeting for the LaSalle Veterans' Home. Lena and her daughter will be delivering those Christmas gifts to the veterans in the near future. Ruth Wessels, DAR Schools Chairman, sent the education labels and box tops, which they've been collecting, to the DAR Schools. Vonna Heustis, Women's Issues Chairman, reported the Women's Issues essay contest due date is January 9.

Pam Bork, Marilyn Ames, Pat DeHeer, Jean Fox, Sharon Hall, Lena Nickrent, Judy Jepsen-Popel, Joyce Schmale, and Ruth Wessels attended the Dist. III meeting in Savoy November 6. Governor Thomas Ford Chapter took and served the morning refreshments.

The December luncheon meeting will take place December 7 at the Arcade Family Restaurant in Paxton. Jepsen-Popel will give members a tour of the historic Ford County jail that the Ford County Historical Society is renovating.

SOUTH WILMINGTON GRADE SCHOOL hosted a Veterans Program November 11 entitled, "Proud of Our Veterans." All veterans were escorted to their seats in Red Carpet fashion by a family member or friend. The Star Spangled Banner began the program as a duet, featuring sixth grade student Alex Clayton and Mr. Mike Leone, band director, on saxophone. The kindergarten class led the Pledge of Allegiance. Junior High students presented an emotional piece entitled, "America's White Table," signifying the Veterans who were MIA's or POW's, as well as those missing from our lives. A candle lighting ceremony recognized any former veteran who had attended previous programs at SWGS and had passed on. Mr. Leone played taps in their honor. Throughout the program, first through eighth grade students read poems, put on a reader's theatre, sang songs and offered many thanks for the veterans' sacrifice and service. The veterans and their families stayed and visited while taking photos and sharing in refreshments.

Dwight Economic Alliance Gift Certificates Available

Dwight Economic Alliance Gift Certificates are available for holiday gifting.

The perfect gift for those challenging to buy for, they are valid in approximately 70 local businesses. Shopping locally keeps sales tax dollars in town, as well as supporting those doing business here – they are the ones who support local and school events.

Gift certificates may be purchased for face value at the DEA office in the Depot, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Herscher Residents Have '*Coffee with Kate*'

Herscher area residents recently joined state Rep. Kate Cloonen for coffee and discussion at the Herscher Restaurant.

Cloonen regularly holds "*Coffee with Kate*" events throughout the 79th District, speaking with residents from many communities in the area. Each event provides an opportunity for Cloonen to listen to residents' concerns and provide assistance with state issues.

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Morris Theatre Guild Holding Auditions for *Judgment Days*

The Morris Theatre Guild, Inc. will hold open auditions for its spring production of *Judgment Days*, a drama written by guild member Dennis Fisher.

Auditions will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8 and 9, at the Morris Theatre Guild, Inc., 516 W. Illinois Ave., beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. To prepare for auditions, you may pre-read the audition script in the Morris Theatre Guild, Inc.'s Facebook group or e-mail the director for a copy. You need not be a member of the Morris Theatre Guild, Inc. to audition, however, you must be 18 years of age or older to audition. Three males and three females of various ages are needed.

The story: The Holy Bible says to judge not, lest ye be judged. As people stagger drunk in the streets of a small Illinois town at the height of the Great Depression, judgments are made and judgments are received. The repercussions have mortal consequences for a young family.

Judgment Days opens Friday, February 19. Additional performances will be held February 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28. All Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and both Sunday matinee performances will begin at 2:30 p.m.

For more information on auditions, house buy-outs, or other information, contact Director Jeff Harris at jeff0616@hotmail.com or visit www.morristheatreguild.org.

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Katelyn Schultz Receives 2015 Future Healthcare Hero Award

Katelyn Schultz of Dwight, majoring in Nursing at Lewis University, was recently chosen by the East Central Illinois AHEC Advisory Board and approved by the East Central Illinois AHEC Director to be a recipient of the 2015 Future Healthcare Hero Award.

Katelyn is the daughter of David and Maureen Schultz.

Dax Macklin Turner

A boy!

Troy and Sarah Turner of Dwight are happy to announce the birth of their son, Dax Macklin Turner, who was born at 2:03 p.m. on October 23, 2015, at Morris Hospital.

He weighed nine pounds and was 21½ inches long.

His older siblings, Ty and Olivia, welcomed him home.

Dax's maternal grandparents are Kevin and Pam Peterson of Dwight.

Paternal grandparents are Tim and Glenda Turner of Campus.

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Katherine Reed Lehnus

A girl!

Mark and Amy (Alderson) Lehnus of Mazon are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine (Kate) Reed.

Katherine was born at 5:39 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2015. She weighed eight pounds, two ounces, and was 21 inches in length.

She was welcomed home by her older sister, Callie.

Maternal grandparents are Rick and Cindy Alderson of South Wilmington. Maternal great-grandmother is Dolly Yenerich of South Wilmington.

Paternal grandparents are Darwin and Mary Lehnus of Mazon. Kate's middle name is after her late paternal great-grandfather, Reed Lehnus.

Paisley Jean Kimmell

A girl!

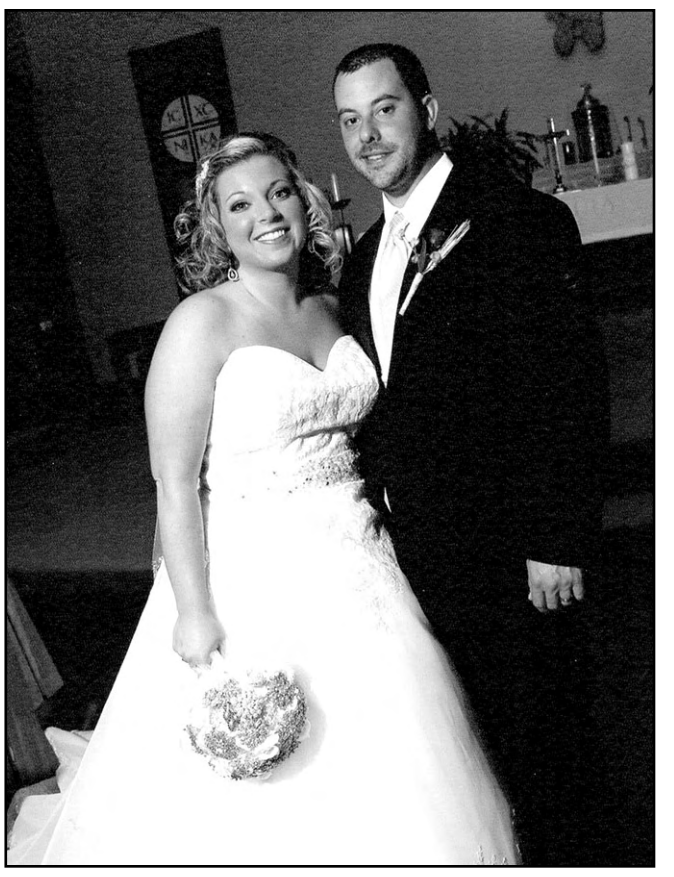
Billie and Anthony Kimmell, of Odell, joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Paisley Jean.

Paisley was born at 3:39 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Older siblings Alexandra (10), Michael (8), and Hayden (17 months) welcomed their new baby sister home.

Maternal grandparents are James and Jackie Eskins of Odell, and the late William Stacy of Dwight.

Paternal grandparents are Barbra and Dennis Goodwin of Bloomington, and the late Michael Kimmell of Bloomington.



Crystal and Jeffrey Carlson

Delong, Carlson Marry

Crystal Dawn DeLong and Jeffrey Douglas Carlson, both of Dwight, were united in marriage at 2:00 p.m October 10, 2015 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight. The reception followed at the Walton Center in Fairbury.

The bride is the daughter of Randy and Cindy DeLong of Dwight. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert and Elaine DeLong of Dwight, and the late Russell Richie of Dwight and Elaine Richie.

The groom is the son of Douglas and Catherine Carlson of Dwight. He is the grandson of Jewell and Peg Carlson of Dwight.

The maid of honor was Theresa Kallas and the best man was Craig Krug.

The bridesmaids were Alyssa Henson, Paige Pfeifer, Felicia Huseman, Jessica Moyemont, Sarah DeLong, Deanna DeLong, Jennifer Robison, and junior bridesmaid Claire Robison.

The groomsmen were Andrew Funk, Danny McConnell, Andy Price, Chase Perschnick, Blaine Wilkey, Daniel Anderson, and Cory Scoles.

Shelby DeLong and Callie Robison were the flower girls, and Dalton and Dawson DeLong were the ring bearers.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and two brothers, Josh and Jeremy DeLong.

The couple will continue to reside in Dwight and plan to honeymoon in Mexico in January.

THE TRI-POINT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION held their second annual Taste of Tri-Point Scholar Dollar Fund-raiser at Ne's Place in Piper City November 14. Guests tried various dishes prepared by local cooks and voted for the top cooks in each category. The top cooks, pictured, are Bryant and Rene Movern in the appetizer category; Barb and Gary Hamilton for side dish; Marge Halpin and Melissa Grubbs for dessert; and Paul (not pictured) and Todd Meister for the main dish category. The event raised $4,750 for senior scholarships. ***Submitted photo***

John Beier Attended Bob Hope Vietnam '67 Christmas Show

John Beier of Dwight was on hand at the Bob Hope Christmas Show in the Republic of Vietnam, circa December 1967.

The show was at the Phu Cat Air Base, and Beier was attending with other members of his Army Unit, 71st Transportation Company, of the Pacific 1st Logistical Command.

Beier was active in Vietnam from March 17 1967 to March 9, 1968.

Kankakee Quilt Makers Meeting December 10

A meeting of the Kankakee Quilt Makers Guild is slated for Thursday, December 10, at Calvary Bible Church – 2587 E. Armour Rd. in Bourbonnais – at 6:00 p.m.

This month's program is the Guild's Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It Banquet.

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Make, bake, sew, or grow something to sell in their silent auction.

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Santa, Mrs. Claus at Odell Library Dec. 14

The Odell Public Library, 301 E. Richard Street, is hosting a Christmas Open House, for parents and children, with Santa and Mrs. Claus Monday, December 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Stop in for refreshments, treats, and good cheer – as well as to see what's new at the library.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will read and visit with the children.

Cookies with Santa in Emington December 12

On Saturday, December 12, enjoy *Cookies with Santa* in the Emington Church basement from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

There will be pictures with Mr. Claus, crafts, cookies, and more.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65 for 2015 will be held on December 16, 2015 at 5:45 p.m. at 400 S. Lane, Ransom, IL 60470.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mary Pat Baima, Superintendent of Allen Otter Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 65, 400 S. Lane, Ransom, IL 60470 (Phone number: (815) 586-4611).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were $1,089,800.00

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2015 are $1,395,200.00. This represents a 28.2% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2014 were 0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 are $98,000.00. This represents a 100% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were $1,089,800.00. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2015 are $1,395,200.00. This represents a 28.2% increase over the previous year.

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Michelle Opyd Named *Fire Starter of the Month* at Morris Hospital

Michelle Opyd

Michelle Opyd, of Gardner, was selected Fire Starter of the Month for October at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. An Occupational Medicine Liaison, Opyd is described as a loyal Morris Hospital employee who goes above and beyond in everything she does, always with a smile.

"Michelle is a valuable resource to our Occupational Medicine team due to her experience and knowledge in so many areas," said Morris Hospital Marketing Liaison Robert Alaimo in nominating Opyd as Fire Starter. "Her dedication to helping make the Occupational Medicine program efficient and successful has greatly contributed to our wonderful reputation and stellar employee satisfaction. She always sees the positive and has a kind and professional approach when dealing with staff and clients. This makes her an inspiration and rock solid pillar of support for our entire team."

Opyd began her career at Morris Hospital in 2000 as a unit secretary on 2 South and later became a telemetry tech on ICU and Cardiac Rehab. From there, she took a full-time opportunity in Registration/Scheduling where she was primarily stationed at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center and had the opportunity to assist the Occupational Medicine team.

In her current role as Occupational Medicine Liaison, Opyd assists with billing and paperwork related to worker's compensation, schedules services for clients, on boards new clients and problem solves issues. Clients know they can reach out to Opyd for any of their needs, and she will help get an answer.

"Michelle has built great relationships with all of our clients – old and new," says Sue Brooks, Occupational Medicine Licensed Practical Nurse. "She is great at troubleshooting any problems and is always willing to learn new tasks."

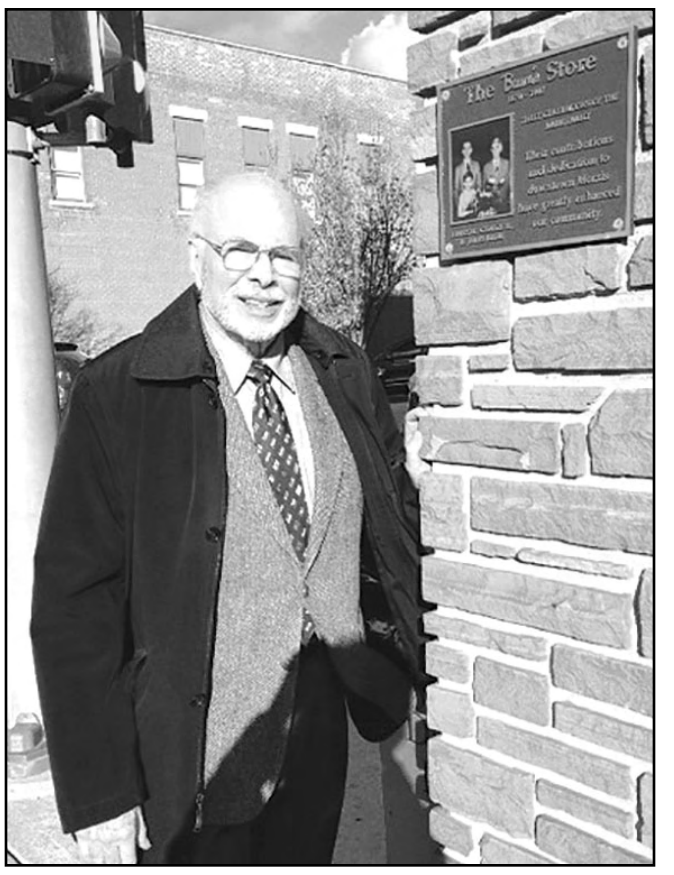
For Opyd, being part of the Occupational Medicine team is a true pleasure.

"I really enjoy the people I work with," says Opyd. "They make coming to work fun. We really enjoy what we're doing."

Along with working alongside her teammates, Opyd says she thoroughly enjoys arranging services for the Occupational Medicine clients, which can range from pre-employment physicals, to drug testing, work related injury treatment and follow up care, to arranging on-site employer services such as flu shots.

"I really try to focus on listening to what our clients are saying and always getting back to them with a solution," she adds.

In early civilizations, fire starters were the individuals who had the important job of keeping the flame alive. As Fire Starter of the Month, Opyd received a Grundy County Chamber of Commerce gift certificate, a clothing item of her choice with Morris Hospital logo, a special "Fire Starter" lapel pin, and a designated parking spot for the month.



THE MORRIS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP recently had a bronze plaque attached to the Baum Building, recognizing three generations of Baums and their contributions to downtown Morris. During a recent visit to Morris, Jim Baum posed by the sign that includes a photograph of himself and his father, George H. Baum, and his grandfather, Henry H. Baum. Henry opened his first dry good store in 1874 with his brother-in-law, John Schobert. Henry moved the business to the Streeter Building at Liberty and Main Streets in 1888. His son George entered the business in 1921. Jim Baum, along with his wife, Carol, stepped in in 1963. After 132 years, the Baum Store closed in January 2007.

Shopko Foundation Launches '*Help Us Give Back*' in Support of Local School Districts

This holiday season, as shoppers seek the ideal gift for their loved ones, the Shopko Foundation is giving back to the Hometown communities it serves.

For every signature Shopko Hometown in Dwight receives through December 24, the Shopko Foundation will make a $1 donation to Dwight Township School District (up to $2,000) as part of its *Help Us Give Back* initiative, a program that is being run in all 219 store locations across the country. Customers can sign up once a day, every day, and show their support; no donation or purchase is required.

"At Shopko Hometown, we believe kids count," said Connie Buberle, Shopko Hometown store manager. "The Help Us Give Back campaign is an easy and free way for local residents to raise money to support programs that are important to a child's educational experience. Given our community's strong commitment to its children, I fully expect we will reach 2,000 signatures in our store well before the December 24 deadline."

To maximize its impact, the Shopko Foundation has a narrow focus of giving on areas that support the health of Shopko customers, teammates and communities. Recognizing that education is fundamental to an individual's health and functionality in society, the Foundation has developed the Help Us Give Back program to provide critical support to schools across the country, while raising awareness to the budgetary challenges many districts face.

To achieve its vision, the Shopko Foundation believes in supporting community projects, with funds raised supporting established non-profit organizations with a proven record of success in maintaining solid, vital programs or innovative new organizations and programs supported by established non-profits or successful leadership. During last year's program, the Foundation donated more than $310,000 to school districts across America. This year, if all 219 stores reach the 2,000 signature goal, the Foundation will have donated more than $430,000.

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Tri-Point National Honor Society Holds Christmas Week; Plans January 22 Spaghetti Supper

The Tri-Point National Honor Society is holding their Christmas Week through December 11, and will be collecting non-perishable food and toiletries to be donated to the community food pantry. Taking two food or toiletry items will qualify for free admission to the high school girls' basketball game December 10 against Grant Park.

The Tri-Point NHS will also be hosting a spaghetti supper Friday, January 22, at the high school in Cullom from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Carry-outs are available.

The menu includes spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, dessert, and drink.

Meal tickets can be purchased prior to the supper (children four and under are free) by contacting Alison Buckley at 815-689-2110, ext. 302. NHS will also sell tickets at the girls' basketball games on December 10 and Tuesday, January 12, and the boys' basketball game Friday, January 15. Ticket price increases at the door.

The night of the Supper, there is also a high school boys' basketball game starting at 5:45 p.m. against Gardner-South Wilmington. Cheer camp performances will also be held on this night.

For additional information about upcoming NHS events, check the NHS page at www.tripointschools.org.

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Christmas in Dwight

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!! Dwight held its annual Christmas Parade Friday, December 4 for people to enjoy and get into the Christmas spirit. Saturday, December 5 there was a breakfast with Santa where people were able to visit with the big man and enjoy the most important meal of the day.

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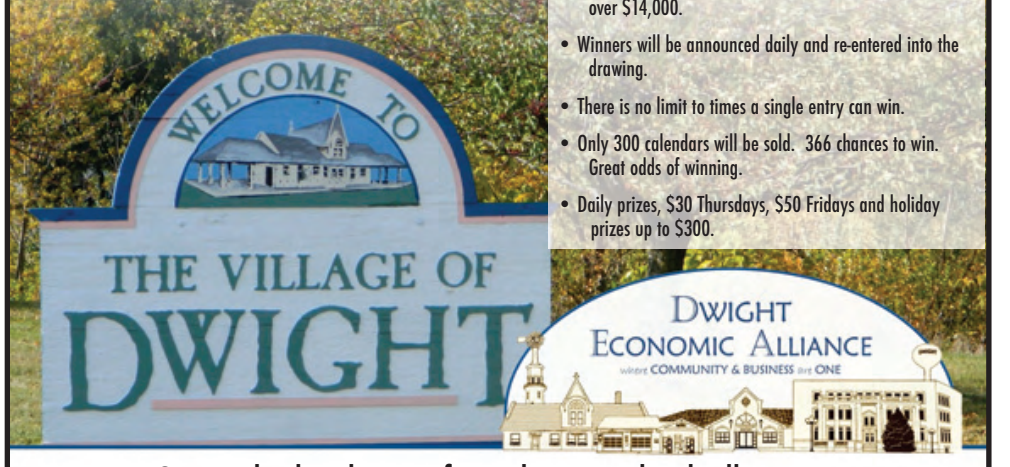

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OBITUARIES

Audrey O. Myers

GARDNER – Audrey O. Myers, 82, of Gardner went to her eternal rest on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

The family will receive friends at The Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe St., Gardner, Saturday, December 12, from 12 noon until the funeral service at 2 p.m. Rev. Jan Chandler will officiate and burial will follow in Braceville - Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

Pallbearers will be Audrey's grandchildren: Carl Sipes, Ashley Bozue, Michael Halloran, Tyler Halloran, Morgan Myers, Matthew Myers, Katie Bollini and Nicholas Bollini.

Audrey was born December 16, 1932 in Morgantown, West Virginia, a daughter of Charles and Ollie Dalton Murray. She was educated in West Virginia and graduated from Masontown High School with the Class of 1951.

On October 6, 1957 she married Herbert Myers in the Methodist Church, Reedsville, West Virginia. She was active in the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Reedsville, where she taught Sunday School and was involved with the youth ministry. Audrey was a faithful friend of the Church of Hope in Gardner.

As a homemaker, Audrey also worked as a waitress and at Coils, Inc. in Dwight for many years.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Gregg and Denise Myers of Sammamish, Washington; and three daughters and sons-in-law: Debora and Jim Bozue of Gardner; Rita and Jim Bollini of Valders, Wisconsin; and Sarah and Tim Halloran of Dwight.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren: Carl (Kendra) Sipes, Ashley Bozue, Michael Halloran, Tyler Halloran, Morgan Myers, Matthew Myers, Katie Bollini and Nicholas Bollini; and two great-grandchildren: Grayson Sipes and Lyla Sipes; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

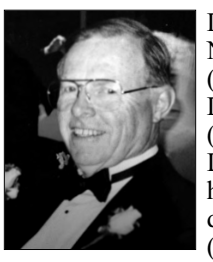
Audrey was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herbert, on October 30, 1998; four brothers: John, Harold, Jack and Harry Murray; and two sisters: Agnes Hall and Edna Satterfield.

Audrey asked that flowers be omitted, and in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to The Church of Hope or The Gardner Emergency Department. You may also call a friend and go out to lunch to remember Audrey.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, share photographs or view Audrey's memorial page by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com

Arrangements were made under the direction of Reeves Funeral Home, Gardner.

Dave Neville



GALLATIN, TN – Dave Neville, 78, passed away November 30, 2015 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center after a brief illness.

Dave was born March 25, 1937 in Dwight. He was a 1954 graduate of St. Paul's High School in Odell; attended St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, and graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1959, with a degree in electrical engineering.

He married his high school sweetheart, Ann Sullivan, in 1959. Dave and Ann lived in Montana, California and Dwight before settling in Gallatin, TN in 1974.

He and Ann loved to travel and visited all 50 states plus many European countries. He explored Rome with his five daughters as recently as October of this year. Dave was an avid golfer and known for his do-it-yourself home improvement projects for both himself and friends and family.

Following his retirement from RR Donnelley & Sons in 1999, Dave turned his handyman skills to good use through his work with Habitat for Humanity and Habilitation and Training Services (H.A.T.S.).

In addition to raising their six children, Dave was very active with the St. John Vianney Catholic parish and the Knights of Columbus for over 30 years. Family was always extremely important to Dave.

Surviving are four brothers: Don (Ginger) Neville of The Woodlands, Texas; Doug (Lynn) Neville and Gary (Janet) Neville of Dwight; and Paul (Kathy) Neville of Libertyville; and his six children: daughters, Mary (Jeff) Crutcher, Patricia (Dan) Guaglianone, Christie (Kim Duke) Neville, Bridget Neville, and Kate (Adam Elhofy) Neville; and his son, David Neville.

He was adored by his 12 grandchildren: Elizabeth Crutcher Tucker, Mary Kathryn Crutcher Bennett, and Barbara Crutcher Simpson; Nathan, Gretchen and Neal Guaglianone; Nick, Lily, Keira and Charlotte Neville; and Gabe and Liam Elhofy.

In addition to Ann, his wife of nearly 56 years, he was preceded in death by his parents, Patricia and William Neville.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Gallatin Saturday, December 5, with The Most Reverend David R. Choby, Bishop of Nashville, and The Reverend Stephen Gideon of St. John Vianney, as concelebrants.

Interment was Monday, December 7, at Sumner Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was Friday, December 4, at Family Heritage Funeral Home in Gallatin.

The family suggests a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 1161 Woodvale Drive, Gallatin, TN 37066.

On-line condolences may be submitted at: familyheritagefh.com.

Maybelle Welsh

MANTENO – Maybelle Welsh, 97, of Manteno and formerly of Wilton Center and Manhattan, passed away peacefully with family at her side on Friday, December 4, 2015 at Manteno Springs Assisted Living Center, Manteno.

Her funeral service will be today, Wednesday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. in Wilton Center Federated Church with Pastor Doug Carroll officiating. She will lie in state from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Interment: Wilton Cemetery, Wilton Center.

Visitation was Tuesday from 3 until 8 p.m. at Forsythe Gould Funeral Home, Manhattan.

Maybelle is survived by her children: Wayne (Debbie) Welsh of Dwight; Dolores (Gary) Shores of Manhattan; Phyllis Petreikis of Kankakee; and Katharine (Tom) Manning of Bourbonnais.

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Everett and Elda Love Munger; her husband, Harold Welsh (1995); her son, Raymond Welsh (2012); her son-in-law, Paul Petreikis (1988); three sisters and one brother.

Maybelle was born in Peotone and graduated from Peotone High School. She liked to garden and play cards (mostly euchre), but her passion was crocheting. Her creations can be found spread throughout her family and friends.

While most of the time Maybelle was a homemaker, she was also the Wilton Township Tax Assessor for many years, and she was a longtime member of Wilton Center Federated Church in Wilton Center.

Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: ***The Paper*** fax: 815-584-2196 email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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Free pictures with Santa will be available, printed instantly on photo-lab quality paper.

There will also be a station for children to write their Christmas wish lists, so they can be ready to present them to Santa.

A large antique sleigh will sit outside the Datatech building.

At least a dozen Christmas trees will be on display inside the building.

Several Herscher High School orchestra students will perform Christmas music during Saturday's celebration.

The town will host its annual Christmas celebration downtown at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, with a Santa in the Herscher Museum that evening.

Letters to the Editor

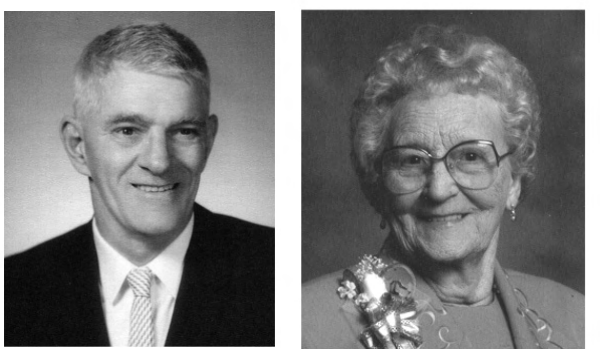
in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words.

Letters must be signed when submitted and received by Friday noon prior to Wednesday publication.

Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household.

Political letters will not run the week prior to an election.

We welcome your thoughts.



In Loving Memory
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Helga M. (Lund) Male (5/22/191742/17/2014)

Yesterday in our arms, today in our memories, forever in our hearts...
Words can't tell how much we miss you.
Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal,
Love leaves memories that no one can steal,
Close to our hearts you will forever stay,
Loved and remembered every day.

Love,
Shirley, Janet, Diane and Families

5 Minutes with Boma

FINALS

It was the week before finals, when all through the campus, pretty much everyone was studying, probably even a mouse. The worst part about finals week isn't the studying for the tests, that happens before every test, it's not having the entire semester crammed into one test, it's opening that gradebook the week before, all the other grades have been submitted, and you see your current grade. You take a real long somber look at the current grade. You see your total points. The next step in this exhilarating ride is pulling out the calculator. What do you need to get to either keep the grade you have, or advance up to the next grade. Every scenario is analyzed; if the test has multiple parts, you break each part down and figure out how well you have to do on each part. If there's extra credit that's available, you calculate what that will do for your grade, and see if it's worth your time to do it. Before you know it you've spent over an hour just calculating what you have to get on your test, and not even looking at what is going to be on it, because your brain wants that grade, it wants it bad. I have a few classes right on the fringe, and it eats at you. A lot of the time the word "clutch" is reserved for sports, and competitions, but it definitely needs to be revisited for school at the end of the semester. I think you can be "clutch." It takes a lot of poise to pull yourself together, study what needs to be studied and go into your finals prepared to walk out of there with the grade that you wanted when you went in. I got this.

Aaron Boma
ISU Senior and 2012 DTHS Graduate

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CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC PLAINTIFF
VS
BRIAN WITT A/K/A BRIAN D WITT; DEBBIE WITT A/K/A DEBBIE P WITT A/K/A DEBRA P WITT; DEFENDANTS
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407 EAST NORTH STREET DWIGHT, IL 60420

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT ***THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE*** PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2015, LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF in LIVINGSTON County, Illinois, will on January 5, 2016, in 110 N. Main St. Pontiac, IL61764, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of LIVINGSTON, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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NOVEMBER PRIDE OF TRI-POINT STUDENTS. Tri-Point Elementary participates in an important district initiative called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and expectations intended for all students and staff. Tri-Point students are given Pride Points if a staff member views the student(s) following expectations. Pride Points are then used in numerous ways to reward students in classrooms. In addition to the classroom rewards, two students from each classroom are also being recognized through a weekly drawing. Students whose names are drawn receive a certificate, small treat, and have their picture placed on a specially designated bulletin board as the Pride of Tri-Point Students. At the end of each month, group pictures are taken to recognize students.

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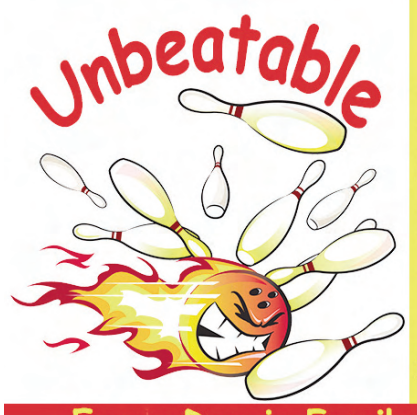

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Vermillion Players Announces Auditions for 'Second Time Around'

Vermillion Players has announced their second production for early 2016 in the newly renovated dinner theater – The Eagle Performing Arts & Conference Center.

"The Second Time Around," a full-length comedy written by Henry Denker, first appeared on Broadway in the late 70's. The story surrounds senior citizens Samuel Jonas and Laura Curtis, a widower and a widow, who strike up a love affair. When they announce plans to live together without marrying so they can keep social security benefits they'd otherwise lose, their children hit the ceiling.

The show will run for two weekends: February 5-7 and February 12-14, with Friday and Saturday evening performances (7:30 p.m) and Sunday matiness (2:00 p.m.) More specific ticket information will be announced in early 2016.

Auditions for "The Second Time Around" will take place December 14, 15, and 16, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Vermillion Players' Storage Building (on Pearl St. and Timber St. in Pontiac). The cast calls for four adult males and four adult females.

For any questions, or to set up an alternative audition time, contact director Robert McKenzie at 815-848-3321.

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If you wish to help deliver the gifts, be at the church Saturday morning, December 12, by 9 a.m.

If you have any questions, call 815-584-2179.

Cullom Christmas Chorale Concert Slated Dec. 13

The Christmas Cantata, "Breathe of Heaven," will be performed by the Cullom community chorale at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Cullom United Methodist Church.

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for South Wilmington Grade School District #74

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for South Wilmington Grade School District #74 on the equalized assessed value of the taxable property for the year 2015, with taxes payable in 2016, will be held on December 17, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. at the South Wilmington Grade School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Cynthia Christensen, Superintendent, at the South Wilmington Grade School, 375 Fifth Ave., P.O. Box 475, South Wilmington, IL 60474. 815-237-2281.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were $665,078.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2015 are $742,367. This represents an 11.6% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2014 were $0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 are $0.
This represents neither a decrease nor an increase.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were $665,078.

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106 Anthony Rodriguez
113 Dakota Voigts
120 Codi Lundberg/ Jeremy Chapparo
126 Garrett Watson
132 Hasani Branch
138 Dylan Mann/ Chase Travers
145 Hunter Maccani/ Paul Norton
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SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS! The GSWB seventh grade Lady Tigers captured a 29-24 win over St. George in the sectional championship held in Mazon December 2. Pictured, l to r, are Claire Hennessy, Kylie Hawks, Avery Lenzie, Abby Beck, Koli Croy, Grace Halpin, and Olivia Cerutti. Story appears on page 12. *Submitted photo.*

Victory Lanes, Dwight
League Bowling Results

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG, 275, Gregg Jensen; HSS, 701, Gregg Jensen; HTSG, 1023, Ray's Ranch House; HTSS, 2900, Ray's Ranch House.

League Standings	W	L
McArdle Grain	19	5
Jensens	17	7
Willy's Pub	16	8
Ray's RH	14½	9½
Krug Lawn Care	13	11
JF Recycling	9	15
KM Industrial	9	15
Star Trucking	8	16
DeLong Ford	7½	16½
Jeremy's Barber	7	17

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG, 244, Ed Poqson; HSS, 621, Michael King; HSG, 944, Victory Lanes; HSS, 2669, Victory Lanes.

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	15	5
Strachan Farms	14	6
A&S Exteriors	13	7
Willy's Pub	13	7
Dwight Printing	10	10
Jensens	8	12
DQueens	8	12
Station 343	7	13
Dairy Queen	6	14

7th Grade Lady Tigers Take Sectional Crown

The GSWB Lady Tigers' seventh grade squad played for the sectional championship in Mazon against St. George December 2, earning a 29-24 victory and a chance to play at state.

Abby Beck came out strong for GSWB, scoring their first eight points and giving them an 8-5 edge after one quarter. The second frame would prove less eventful, and it would be a 12-10 score at the half.

A slow start to the second half found the Lady Tigers giving up the lead, 13-12, a few minutes in – but a 12-0 run would blow the game wide open and they wouldn't look back.

"We played really well tonight," said head coach Kirk Telford in the post game. "We were ready to play from the beginning of the game and didn't let up. These girls have been playing so well since we started the IVC Tournament and I am so proud of them – the whole school and our communities are proud of them and what they have accomplished."

Beck would end up with ten in the contest, followed by Koli Croy's seven. Grace Halpin scored six in the win, with Kylie Hawks adding four. Claire Hennessy contributed two points.

Rachel Dawson

Daly Galloway

Brooklyn Long

DGS Lady Redbirds Basketball

Monday, November 30
8th Grade - Regionals

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds fell in regional action November 30, putting an end to their season.

Destinie Drapeau led the way with six points, while Katy Edwards and Felicia Nelson added three and two points, respectively.

Kelsie Transou and Edwards led Dwight in both steals and rebounds. Brianna Hall also had one swipe.

"The ladies played hard together and worked as a team," said Coach Jones. "They never gave up on one another throughout the season and mastered personal and team goals along the way. Great season, ladies, and good luck next year."

DTHS Lady Trojans Basketball

Tuesday, November 24
Dwight vs. Wilmington
Freshmen -

The freshmen Lady Trojans improved their record with a hard fought 24-22 win over the Wilmington Lady Wildcats November 24.

Mel Stewart led the team in scoring with 12, while Cassie Holmes put in six. Chloe Butterbrodt had four points, with Kaitlyn Harms coming up with two.

"I was happy with the way our girls fought for four quarters," stated head coach Erik Black. "I thought we played very good defense and rebounded the ball well."

Monday, November 30
Dwight vs. Seneca
Freshmen -

The freshmen Lady Trojans ran their record to 3-0 after a 37-15 win over the Lady Irish from Seneca November 30.

"We did a great job on the defensive end of the floor," said head coach Erik Black, "and also did an outstanding job of rebounding the basketball."

Melissa Stewart scored more than Seneca's entire team, tallying 21 in the game. Chloe Butterbrodt added seven, with Cassie Holmes coming up with four. Danielle Carlson scored three, with Kaitlyn Harms scoring two.

Holmes led Dwight with ten rebounds, while Harms had eight. Carlson grabbed six.

"We played with a lot of energy and it was a total team win," Black added. "I was very proud of the effort the girls put in."

The two teams square off again December 10 in Dwight.

Tuesday, December 1
Dwight vs. Newark
JV -

Dwight's JV girls defeated Newark 47-21 in their meeting December 1.

Melissa Stewart led the Lady Trojans with 20 points, followed by Abby Edwards' eight points. Abby Houch scored six, with Morgan Zabel adding five. Madi Hughes and Leah Flynn each had three points. Dakota Irvine scored two.

Varsity -

Dwight was taken down by Newark, 63-39, in a non-conference match-up in Newark December 1.

Mary Wiemken was top scorer for the Lady Trojans with 11. She also added six boards. Leah Flynn scored six points, while Daly Galloway chipped in five. Rachel Dawson, Abby Edwards, and Lucy Rieke each contributed four.

Thursday, December 3
Dwight vs. PBL
JV -

The JV Lady Trojans got a 42-27 win over PBL December 3, moving to 3-0 on the season.

Melissa Stewart had 17 points, six rebounds, and two steals to lead Dwight. Morgan Zabel added nine points, seven boards, and a steal. Leah Flynn had six points and three steals to go with her 14 rebounds. Chloe Butterbrodt contributed three points, three steals, and two boards, while Abby Edwards added three points and four rebounds. Danielle Carlson had two points and two boards, with Jillian Frauli coming up with two points. Kaitlyn Masching grabbed six rebounds and two swipes.

Varsity -

Dwight's varsity girls were defeated by PBL in their SVC conference opener December 3, 54-43.

The Lady Trojans kept it close throughout, tying the game with four minutes remaining – but PBL would pull away on 6-6 shooting from the free throw line.

Daly Galloway led the Lady Trojans with 16 points and seven boards, with Rachel Dawson chipping in nine points, five rebounds, and four steals. Rieke and Bossert both had six points for Dwight, while Brooklyn Long put in four. Wiemken rounded out the scoring with two free throws.

Dwight is now 1-3 overall and travel to Seneca Wednesday, December 9, for their next contest.

GSW Lady Panthers Basketball

Monday, November 30
GSW vs. Tri-Point
Varsity -

The Lady Panthers faced an uptempo Tri-Point team November 30, but T-P had no answer for Marlana Ferrari and her season-high 20 points in the contest, as GSW cruised to a 63-35 win.

"I thought we distributed the ball very well on offense," stated Coach Leigh after the game.

Sydney Perkins added ten points in the game, with Dana Wright and Celia Barna each scoring eight. Jenni Price put in five for GSW, while Kaylee Steichen, Maranda Residori, and Olivia Asbridge scored four each – Residori added six boards.

Thursday, December 3
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -

Despite a lead going into halftime, the Lady Panthers fell victim to Beecher, 52-40, when they met December 3.

"Tough loss for us," stated GSW head coach Adam Leigh. "The girls were really pumped up about this game and it kind of fell through our fingers in the fourth quarter."

The Lady Panthers (4-3 overall, 1-1 in the conference) were led by Jenni Price's 11 points, four assists, and three steals. Kaylee Steichen added eight points and three assists, with Celia Barna contributing seven points, four boards, and two assists. Sydney Perkins put in six points to go with her six rebounds. Marlana Ferrari had four points and four boards; Emily Hopwood also scored four.

"I thought Celia and Kaylee played pretty well for us," added Leigh. "Maranda, I thought, also played well defensively."

Dwight Youth Baseball Meeting

Dwight Youth Baseball Meeting Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the basement of the Village Hall.

I-70 Baseball Coaches Clinic Jan. 17-18

Legendary Atlanta Braves pitching coach Leo Mazzone, Jack Leggett (Clemson), Pat McMahon (NY Yankees) and Rick Eckstein (University of Kentucky) are the speakers for the 13th annual I-70 Baseball Coaches Clinic to be held Sunday and Monday, January 17 and 18, in Greenville High School's Auditorium in Greenville.

Mazzone will speak on Sunday night and his topics include "My Pitching Philosophy," "Leading a Staff," "Mechanics of a Healthy Pitcher," and "Proper Ways to Teach Different Pitches."

Leggett, McMahon, and Eckstein will all speak on Monday (MLK Day). Leggett, an ABCA Hall of Famer, will speak on "Fundamentals and Drills to Improve Infielders" and "Moving Your Team to the Next Level." McMahon, formerly the head coach at Mississippi State and University of Florida, will speak on "Baserunners Rules at Each Base," "Developing a Catcher to Call a Game," "Strategy and Teaching Players to Take Charge," and "When and Why to Use the Short Game." Eckstein, the former hitting coach of the Washington Nationals, will cover "Hitting Development" and "Coaching Today's Player."

The clinic runs Sunday night from 6:00-8:30 p.m., followed by a coaches social at Greenville Country Club. Monday's clinic format runs from 9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Registration for the clinic will begin an hour earlier than starting time. Clinic pre-registration fees apply – fee increases when paid at the door. Staff rates (4-6 coaches from same coaching staff) receive a discounted price. The clinic is a fundraiser for the Greenville High School Comets baseball program. Last year's clinic attracted 320 baseball coaches from six different states.

For information or a brochure, visit www.i70clinic.com, follow @i70clinic on Twitter, or contact Joe Alstat at 618-664-5580 or jalstat@bccu2.org.

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Redbirds and Mavs Square Off in Dwight

The MVK Mavericks were in Dwight December 1 for an IVC match-up with the Redbirds.

7th Grade -

Despite an ugly shooting night for Dwight, they were able to sneak by MVK, 29-27.

"A good win in our last conference game," stated Coach Conroy. "We shot less than 20% from the field, but we hung on to win."

Caden Schroeder led the Redbirds (7-4 overall) with eight points, 11 rebounds, and three steals, followed by Brandon Ceylor's six points, five boards, and three steals. Abe Rieke added five points, seven rebounds, and two steals, with Jarrett Jancek contributing four points and two boards. Trent Tilley put in three points and had one swipe, while Brody Hoegger added two points and three rebounds. Andrew Harsh had seven boards and hit a free throw.

For the Mavericks (2-2 in the IVC), Trey and Chase Hauch led the way with eight and seven points, respectively. Cole Hintze added six, while Brayden Roe put in four.

"We had scoring opportunities to take the lead late in the final quarter," said MVK's Coach Walker, "but costly turnovers at crucial times in the game hurt us. It's frustrating when lay-ups are not going in, especially in close games – and the missed free throws are not helping either."

8th Grade -

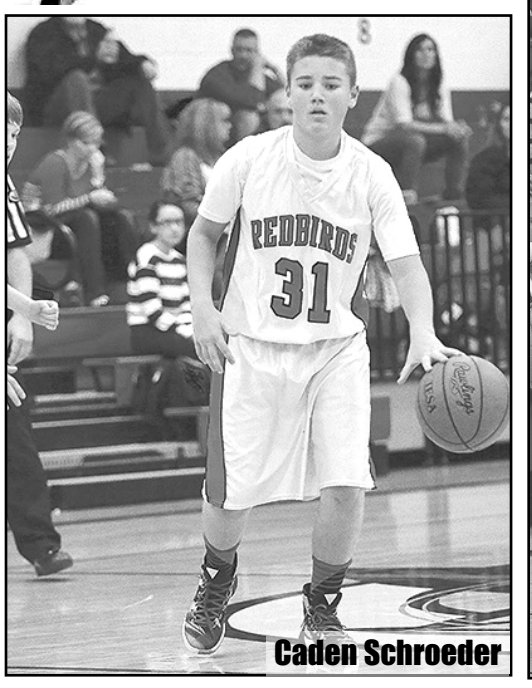
MVK would redeem themselves in the eighth grade game – however sloppy it may have been – as they topped Dwight by a score of 29-21.

Logan Severson had the hot hand for the Mavs (4-0 in the IVC), scoring nine points – including a three-pointer. Trevor Till and Cody Carey each added six points, with Till leading on the glass with eight.

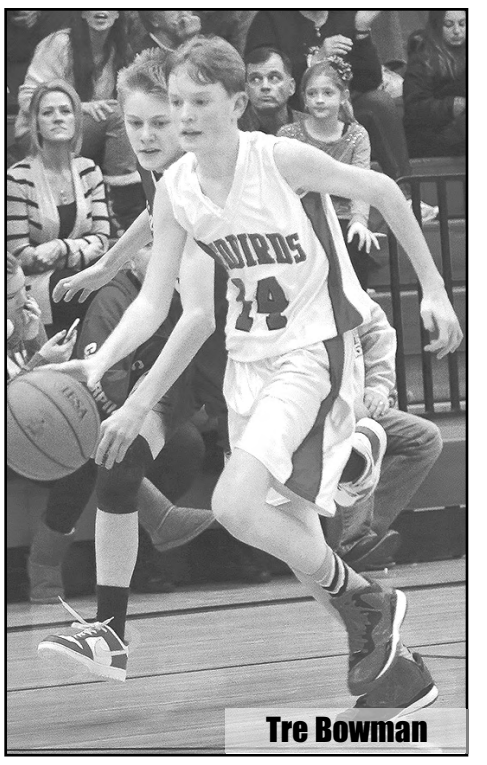
"It wasn't pretty," admitted Coach Walker. "It was our first game back from the holiday break and it showed all game."

For the Redbirds (2-8 overall), Brandon Ceylor had a game-high ten points to go with his six steals and two rebounds. Caden Schroeder added six points, five boards, and two steals. Abe Rieke and Trent Tilley both had two points – Rieke with four rebounds and a steal; Tilley with two steals and one rebound. Tre Bowman knocked down a free throw, in addition to his two boards and a steal.

Dwight Redbird Action



Caden Schroeder



Tre Bowman

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, 2015. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Allen-Otter Creek CCSD #65	400 S Lane St, Ransom IL 60470	815-586-4611	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
School District/Joint Agreement Name	*Address*	*Telephone*	*Office Hours*

Also by **January 15, 2016** the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@**www.isbe.net.**

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2015

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,023,465	221,324	333	65,329	31,003	0	16,955	28,696	42
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	76,026	0	0	42,040	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	86,487	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		1,185,978	221,324	333	107,369	31,003	0	16,955	28,696	42
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		1,170,979	239,939	74	138,263	32,076	0		33,577	27,231
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2014		235,386	489,763	69,907	39,032	30,660	0	120,256	81,389	13,393
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2015		250,385	471,148	70,166	8,138	29,587	0	137,211	76,508	(13,796)

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $25,000	Salary Range: $25,000 - $39,999	Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - $89,999	Salary Range: $90,000 and over
BENJAMIN BOLDT	AMANDA ESGAR	BRAD COUGHLIN		MARY PAT BAIMA
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SHEILA BROCKMAN	KARA RUTHERFORD	JAMES FRULAND		
STEVEN BROCKMAN	MELINDA STEVENS	NICOLE HALL		
MARNA ELIAS		ERIN MARCONI		
CHERI ANN FRENCH		MARY BETH MORELLI		
DEREK MCMULLEN		LINDSEY PAUL		
GREGORY MYERS		JANELL SATLER		
PATRICE SIMONS				
CURTIS STARNER				
MARY STOIBER				
LOREN WILEY				

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than $25,000	Salary Range: $25,000 - $39,999	Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999	Salary Range: $60,000 and over
COLLEEN BLAIR	LESLIE COUGHLIN	LINDA PLYMIRE	
RHONDA BOREN			
KAREN DALY			
KIMBER DALY			
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THOMAS EMM			
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LINDSEY PAUL			
TRISHA PUCKETT			
SARA RIEUF			
KAREN SHINKEY			
MARY JANE YEDINAK			

Payments over $2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
ABSOLUTE MOBILE SERVICES	2,557
AMANDA ESGAR	9,616
AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA	7,765
THE BABY FOLD	38,062
MARY PAT BAIMA	4,828
BRAD COUGHLIN	8,443
BENCHMARK BANK	5,890
CDW GOVERNMENT	4,960
CERTIFIED LAB	3,314
COMMON GOAL SYSTEMS	3,314
DENNY'S SPORTING GOODS	2,542
DESIGNS & SIGNS	12,282
DIVERSIFIED SHEET METAL	2,501
EDMENTUM	4,469
CARD MEMBER SERVICES	17,833
FIRST STATE BANK	127,294
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	2,943
FREEMAN ENVIRONMENTAL	38,000
FUNK CONCRETE INC	17,191
GREEN ASSOCIATES	14,466
THE HARTFORD	18,337
HOUGHTON-MIFFLIN	5,859
HULSE EXCAVATING	3,000
IDEAL ENVIRONMENTAL	27,234
ILL EDUCATION ASSOC	6,500
IFIBER	9,000
IL DEPT OF REVENUE	33,635
ILLINOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUS	106,950
IL MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND	16,837
JANELL SATLER	8,404
JERRY SCHMITT	5,525
KEITH LIPTAK	4,000
KS STATE BANK	6,533
LAURA MENTGEN	30,983
LEASE	23,648
LIEBHART CONSTRUCTION	2,856
TWAPT INC	29,370

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
LOSTANT COMM SD 425	11,908
MACK & ASSOCIATES	5,665
MARCO, INC	3,524
METCALF-MARTIN	6,465
MURRAY CABINETRY & TOPS	14,042
NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES	11,368
NICOLE HALL	6,989
NICOR	7,323
FOX RIVER	11,843
PRAIRIE FARMS, PEORIA DIV	6,511
RAMZA INSURANCE GROUP	10,691
REFLECTIVE LEARNING	5,555
REVOLVING FUND	6,622
LASALLE COUNTY ROE	4,225
SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC	4,138
STREATOR ELEM SCHOOLS	4,929
TEACHERS RETIREMENT	71,707
THIS FUND	14,299
VALLEY VIEW INDUSTRIES	4,126
VISSERING CONSTRUCTION	25,779
SHERI LEROY	27,982
WALTER ZUKOWSKI & ASSOC	4,190

MVK Mavericks Basketball

Wednesday, December 2
MVK vs. Milton Pope
7th Grade -

The MVK Mavs pulled away late in a game against Milton Pope December 2, en route to a 44-30 victory.

Chase Hauch scored a game-high 17 points to lead the Mavericks. Cole Hintze chipped in with nine to go with his eight rebounds. Trey Hauch added seven points, while Ethan Brockman contributed five.

"We utilized our speed on the offensive side by pushing the ball up the court," stated Coach Walker, "resulting in the Pilots getting tired in the final quarter – which led us to expand our lead."

8th Grade -

The eighth grade Mavericks were not so lucky, losing a 31-27 decision against the Pilots, due in part to throwing the ball away at crucial times in the final frame.

"We had our opportunities in the final minutes of the game to take the lead," said Coach Walker, "but we struggled continuously on our ball handling skills towards the end of the game."

Cody Carey led MVK with nine points and four steals. Logan Severson added five points, while Trevor Till, Justin Bedeker, and Ben Krause each scored four points.

MVK hosted the Saunemin Eagles Monday in non-conference play.

Saturday, December 5
MVK at 6th Grade Tournament

The Mavericks were back on the court Saturday morning, hosting the sixth grade tournament.

In the opening round game, MVK was defeated by the Mohawks from Grand Ridge, 31-16.

Andrew Litwiller led the young Mavs with 11 points. Matthew Cruise and Robert Metroz each added a bucket. Eli Hill made a free throw.

"I thought the boys played a great first quarter, only down a basket," said Coach Walker. "But the Mohawks got going in the second quarter – outscoring us 11-5 to break the game wide open."

In the third place game, MVK struggled to score throughout the contest, dropping a 24-7 decision to the Elwood Tigers.

Litwiller and Cruise had five and two points, respectively.

"We just could not get any shots to go in," stated Walker. "Playing only our third game of the season, I thought the boys had a better understanding of what skills they need to improve on in practice to be successful in the games. That's all they were talking about after the game."

Grand Ridge would go on to defeat Gardner in overtime in the championship game, 29-25.

The Mavs will participate in the Saunemin fifth/sixth grade tournament in January next.

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Saunemin Eagles Basketball

Monday, November 30
Saunemin vs. St. Mary's
4th/5th Grade -

Saunemin's young Eagles (3-6) knocked off the Saints of St. Mary's, 29-10, when they traveled to Pontiac November 30.

Tyson Cramer led all scorers with ten, to go with his nine boards. Preston Jama scored seven, while Jimmie Riley, Conner Telford, and Isaiah Barrera each added four points.

7th Grade -

The seventh grade Eagles had trouble stopping St. Mary's squad, eventually falling 36-13.

Isaac Telford led Saunemin (4-6) with six points, while Carson Crouch scored three. Colten Ketcherside and Tyson Cramer each scored two.

8th Grade -

St. Mary's would take the eighth grade game, 50-25, running away with it in the second half.

Peyton Cramer's nine points and ten boards led the Eagles, while Bryce Osborn scored six. Cole Brickman contributed five points, with Crouch scoring three. Caleb Peet rounded out the Eagles' (2-4) scoring with two points.

Tuesday, December 1
Saunemin vs. Ransom
7th Grade -

The Eagles were off to face Ransom at St. Michael's December 1 to take on the Pirates in a game that saw many lead changes.

It was 9-2 Ransom early, but Saunemin would rally to take a 10-9 lead by the end of the first quarter. A 7-1 run in the second gave the Eagles (5-5) a 17-10 edge at halftime, but the Pirates answered with a big third quarter – knotting it at 20-20. Four lead changes later, Saunemin would come away with a 27-25 win.

Isaac Telford and Carson Crouch both scored ten points to lead the Eagles. Caleb Peet put in five points, while Dallas Hillier tossed in two.

Crouch added ten rebounds.

8th Grade -

Peyton Cramer put up a game-high 15 points and 16 rebounds, but it wasn't enough as the Pirates took the eighth grade game, 38-20.

Cole Brickman added four points for the Eagles (2-5), while Leighton Gerdes added a free throw.

Wednesday, December 2
Saunemin vs. Woodland
3rd/4th -

The Eagles' third/fourth grade team nabbed a 24-18 win over Woodland December 2, led by Isaiah Barera's ten points.

Conner Telford added eight points, with James Durham scoring six.

4th/5th -

In the fourth/fifth grade game, Saunemin got a big 27-4 "W" over Woodland.

Preston Jama led all scorers with ten points. Telford put in six, with Tyson Cramer scoring five. Jimmie Riley and Barera had four and two points, respectively.

6th Grade -

The sixth grade Eagles (5-6) held on for a 14-12 win, backed by Colten Ketcherside's eight points.

Walker Gerdes, Cramer, and Riley each scored two.

Thursday, December 3
Saunemin vs. Grand Ridge
7th Grade -

The seventh grade Eagles (5-6) couldn't hold onto their 18-16 halftime lead, as Grand Ridge used a big second half to lift them over Saunemin, 44-25.

Carson Crouch led the Eagles with a season-high 16 points. Caleb Peet put in six, while Colton Ketcherside added two. Tyson Cramer hit a free throw.

8th Grade -

The Eagles dropped to 2-6 on the season after the Mohawks slowly pulled away for a 38-19 win.

Peyton Cramer led with ten points, while Cole Brickman scored five. Leighton Gerdes and Crouch each had two points.

Saturday, December 5
Saunemin vs. Odell
7th Grade -

The seventh grade Eagles evened their record at 6-6, following a 33-19 win over Odell at Pontiac High School on Saturday.

Carson Crouch and Isaac Telford each scored eight to lead Saunemin, while Caleb Peet and Colten Ketcherside added six and five points, respectively. Dallas Hillier put in four, with Walker Gerdes contributing two points.

Ketcherside also grabbed seven boards to lead the Eagles on the glass.

8th Grade -

Odell would take the eighth grade game by a score of 50-37.

Peyton Cramer led Saunemin, now 2-7 overall, with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Peet added seven, with Cole Brickman and Telford each scoring four. Crouch scored two points, while Leighton Gerdes hit a free throw.

The Eagles were in action against Mazon on Monday.

DGS Redbirds Basketball

Monday, November 30
Dwight vs. Cornell 6th Grade

Dwight's sixth grade Redbirds were beaten by Cornell 27-16 in their meeting November 30.

Landon Brown led the Redbirds with ten, while Daniel Ford put in four. Chase Becker had two points.

Leading Dwight on the glass was Sam Edwards with eight rebounds. Keegan Krug grabbed three.

7th Grade -

The Redbirds trounced Cornell in the seventh grade game, 39-6 – holding them to just three points in each half.

Andrew Harsh's ten points, five boards, and a steal led the way for Dwight. Abe Rieke added eight points, five rebounds, and two steals, while Caden Schroeder had five points, four boards, and a steal. Jarrett Jancek added four points and a rebound, with Brody Hoegger, Brandon Ceylor, Hudson Beier, and Luis Hides scoring two points each – Hoegger added two rebounds and a steal; Ceylor had four boards and three steals; Hides and Beier had three and one rebound(s), respectively.

Jack Gallett would pull down six rebounds, while Rylan Bovelle had two boards and two steals.

Thursday, December 3
Dwight vs. Saratoga
6th Grade

The sixth grade Redbirds traveled to Morris to take on Saratoga December 3, coming up short, 18-12.

Sam Edwards and Landon Brown each had three points to lead Dwight, while Chase Becker, Nate Schumacker, and Daniel Ford each scored two points.

Kaleb Duden and Landon Brown led the Redbirds on the boards with seven each.

It took overtime to decide the winner of the "B" game, but Dwight would fall 14-13.

With time running out in regulation, Kaleb Duden drilled a three to tie the game as the buzzer sounded, but Saratoga would pull ahead in overtime.

Jack Denker led the Redbirds with four points. Daniel Petree had three points to go with Gabe Seabert and Emmett Emmons' two points each.

7th Grade -

Turnovers killed the Redbirds' chances of a win in the seventh grade meeting, as they lost, 29-15, to Saratoga.

Dwight took just 18 shots total in the game – making it difficult to come back from a poor, 25 turnover showing.

Caden Schroeder had six points and two boards to lead the team, with Brandon Ceylor adding three points and three rebounds. Jarrett Jancek, Andrew Kapper, and Rylan Bovelle all scored two points – Jancek and Bovelle with a steal each; Kapper with a rebound and a steal.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade Redbirds fell to 2-9 on the year following a 36-16 loss to Saratoga.

Nate Green's seven points and four boards led Dwight, with Lucas Bregin adding three points, two rebounds, and two steals. Brody Hoegger, Brandon Ceylor, and Trent Tilley each scored two, with Tilley coming up with a rebound and a steal.

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13. A. DALLAS @ B. GREEN BAY — Cherry Red Roasters BBQ — 207 E. Delaware, Dwight — 815-584-1227
14. A. SEATTLE @ B. BALTIMORE — SOCU — Streator Onized Credit Union — Member NCUA — 124 E. Main St., Dwight — 815-584-9730

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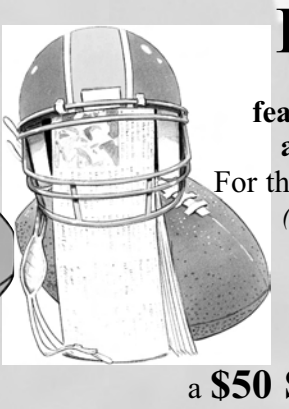
PAPER BOWL XV



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Winner announced in the Wednesday, December 23rd edition.

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Fill in the number with the letter matching the name of the team you think will win.

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2	6	10	14	
3	7	11	Tie Breaker (total points)	
4	8	12	.....	

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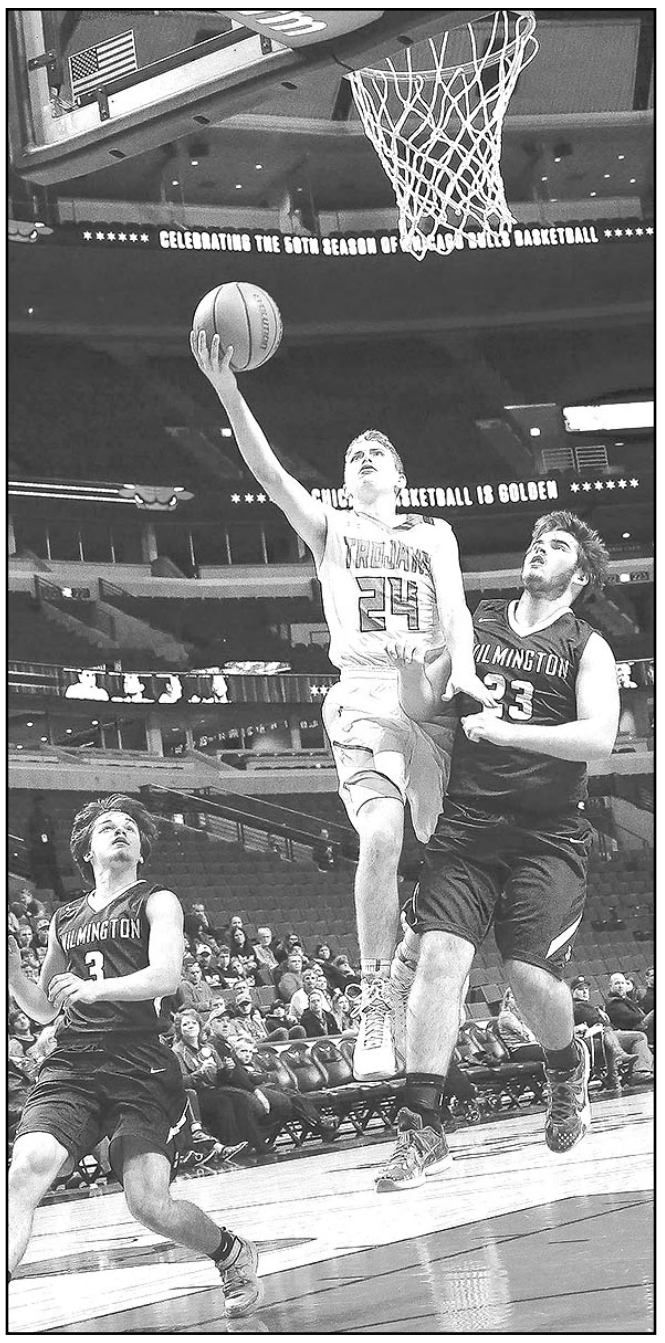

BLAKE GRAHAM goes up and in for a basket in the United Center Saturday. Dwight defeated Wilmington 53-41. Below, DTHS' Justin Fox rolls one toward the basket. Fox led all scorers with 16 on the day.

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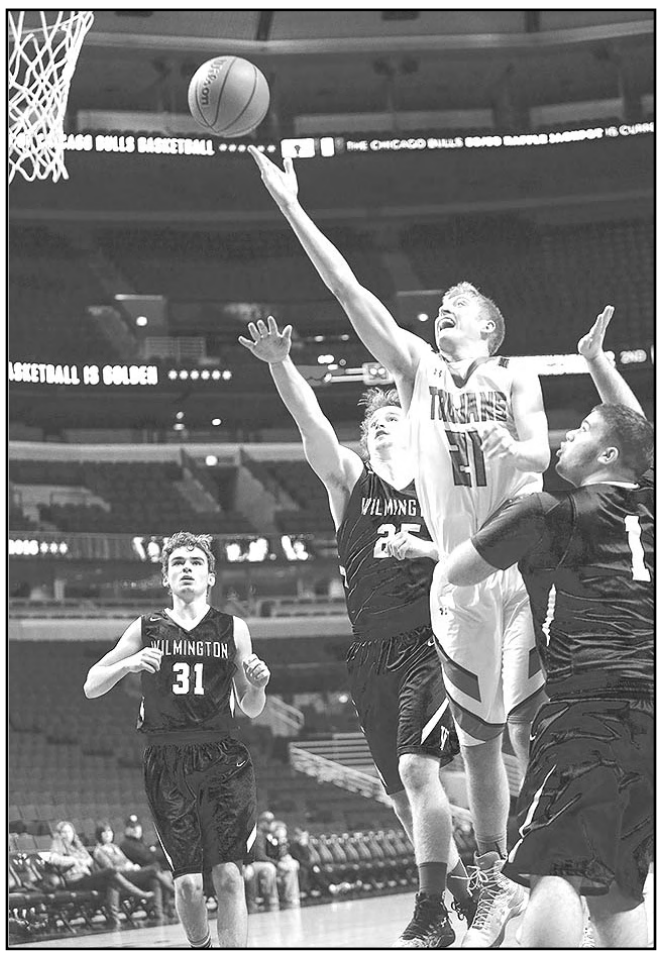

DTHS Trojans Basketball

Tuesday, December 1
Dwight vs. Reed-Custer
Varsity -

In a high scoring affair December 1, Dwight took its second straight loss, 95-78, to Reed-Custer – who had five players score in double figures.

Drew Travers had 26 points to lead the Trojans, followed by Justin Fox's 19 (nine coming from the charity stripe). Peter Hansen contributed 14 points, with Connor Gantzert adding four three-pointers. Wes Pulver put in four, while Blake Graham nailed a three.

The JV Trojans fell to the Comets, 59-42.

Friday, December 4
Dwight vs. PBL
Varsity -

After a dismal first quarter on Friday night (outscored 13-2), the Dwight Trojans fought back to make it interesting against PBL – however, they would fall short, 42-40, and fall to 3-3 overall on the season.

Drew Travers led Dwight with 17 points, followed by Justin Fox's 13. Blake Graham would add five points, including a triple. Connor Gantzert would also add a three, with Peter Hansen chipping in two points.

Saturday, December 5
Dwight vs. Wilmington
Varsity -
at the United Center

The Trojans and the Wildcats were in Chi-Town Saturday afternoon for a battle at the hallowed United Center, and Dwight was able to improve to 4-3 with a 53-41 victory.

Throughout much of the first half, the two teams kept it close – but after coming out of the gate with a 26-24 lead in the second half, the Trojans began to pull away and Wilmington could not find a way to recover.

Justin Fox led all scorers with 16 points, including a three-pointer and 9-10 shooting from the line. Blake Graham would go 7-8 from the charity stripe, en route to an 11-point effort. Connor Gantzert had the hot hand, connecting three separate times from downtown. Peter Hansen added eight points, with Drew Travers putting up six. Blaine Livingston added a three in the win.

Dwight was at home Tuesday night against Newark.

Nothing Left But A Crumb
Week 11 Paper Bowl XV

Dwight's Joshua Crumb is our Paper Bowl champion for week eleven. He earned his victory with a tiebreaker decision after tying six other swamis with 11-3 records. The tiebreaker for week eleven was 612. Crumb dialed in a guess of 594 (-18), and that was good enough to claim our first $50 Paper Bowl Gift Certificate of the year.

The six other swamis that tied Crumb were Dwight's Lee Dixon 639, Bill Martin 661, Rusty Robison 680, Odell's Randy Battle 484, Dwight's Ryan Armour 450 and Tony Telin 199. Fourteen entries finished with 10-4 scores, 19 were 9-5; 25 scored 8-6 marks and the remaining entries finished .500 or below.

There is plenty of money left to win. You can enter four times this week at a shot at the prize. You may enter once at each drop location. Don't wait. Get in today. It's Fun. It's Free. It's what all the cool kids are doing. Good luck and have a ball. **Sponsor Results on page 17.**

SPORTS
Week at a Glance

WHAT	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Dwight Boys	Dec. 11	South Newton HS	Dwight	7:00 p.m.
	Dec. 12	Herscher	Herscher	7:00 p.m.
	Dec. 15	Seneca	Seneca	7:00 p.m.
Dwight Girls	Dec. 9	Seneca	Seneca	7:00 p.m.
	Dec. 11	South Newton HS	Dwight	5:30 p.m.
	Dec. 15	Reed-Custer	Dwight	7:00 p.m.
GSW Boys	Dec. 11	Grace Christian Academy	GSW	7:00 p.m.
	Dec. 15	Wilmington	GSW	7:00 p.m.
GSW Girls	Dec. 10	Donovan	Donovan	5:30 p.m.
	Dec. 12	Raider Holiday Tourney	Iroquois West	TBA
	Dec. 14	Raider Holiday Tourney	Iroquois West	TBA
Tri-Point Boys	Dec. 10-15	Watseka Tourney	Watseka	TBA
Tri-Point Girls	Dec. 10	Grant Park	Tri-Point	5:30 p.m.
	Dec. 12	GCMS	Tri-Point	11 a.m.
Herscher Boys	Dec. 11	Peotone	Herscher	7:00 p.m.
	Dec. 12	Dwight	Herscher	7:00 p.m.
Herscher Girls	Dec. 10	Peotone	Bonfield	6:45 p.m.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LIVINGSTON COUNTY - PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JUDITH KNIGHT
Defendant

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 25, 2015, the Sheriff of Livingston County will at 10:00 AM on January 7, 2016, at the Livingston County Courthouse, West door of the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, PONTIAC, IL, 61764, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 4, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 55 FEET OF LOT 1, IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF FLANAGAN, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 103 N. JEFFERSON STREET, Flanagan, IL 61740

Property Index No. 13-22-256-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $80,189.29.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

For information, contact Plaintiff s attorney: POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number C14-03765.

ORDINANCE TO SELL REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, REDDICK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as "District," owns certain real estate commonly known as 210 E. Main Street, Reddick, Kankakee County, Illinois, and parcel numbers 15-13-07-100-042 and 15-13-07-100-036 and described as follows:

Tract 1: Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 Hulbert's Addition to the Village of Reddick, situated in Kankakee County, Illinois.

Tract 2: Beginning at a point 20 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 11 in Block 1 Hulbert's Addition to the Village of Reddick, Illinois; thence due South 94 feet; thence East 320 feet; thence North 94 feet; thence West 320 feet to the place of beginning, in the Village of Reddick, situated in Kankakee County, Illinois.

Tract 3: Outlot 1 of Hulbert's Addition to the Village of Reddick, situated in Kankakee County, Illinois.

Tract 4: A rectangular parcel of real estate 507 feet in length East and West by 386.57 feet in width North and South, being a part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, lying immediately South of and adjacent to the High School Building site and bounded on the East by the East line extended South of the alley along the East side of Outlot 1 on the East side of Hulbert's Addition to the Village of Reddick, situated in Kankakee County, Illinois, excepting therefrom the following: Beginning at a point 380.57 feet South from the Southwest corner of Lot 11 in Block 1 in Hulbert's Addition to the Village of Reddick; and running thence South, parallel with the East line of said West Half; 120.0 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of said West half, 505.4 feet to said East line of the West Half; thence North along said East line of the West Half, 120.0 feet; thence West parallel with said North line of the West Half, 505.4 feet to the point of beginning.

Tract 5: That part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Kankakee County, Illinois, described as follows: The North 60 feet of the following described tract of land: Beginning at a point 380.57 feet South from the Southwest corner of Lot 11 in Block 1 in Hulbert's Addition to the Village of Reddick; and running thence South parallel with the East line of said West Half, 120.0 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of said West Half, 505.4 feet to said East line of the West Half; thence North along said East line of the West Half, 120.0 feet; thence West parallel with said North line of the West Half, 505.4 feet to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, the above described Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, except the approximately 3 acres described below, have become inadequate for the District and inefficient to operate; and

WHEREAS, the above described Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, except the approximately 3 acres described below, are no longer needed for fire protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, construction of a new fire station on the portion of the above described property, ownership of which is being retained by the district, being the EXCEPTION described below containing approximately 3 acres, is in the best interest of the District;

EXCEPT from said Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, the following: That part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 30 North Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Kankakee County, Illinois, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Lot 11 in Hulbert's Addition to the Village of Reddick in said West 1/2, and running; thence South 01 degree 25 minutes 17 seconds East, along the West line of said Lot 11 and said West Line extended South, 590.57 feet; thence North 88 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds East, parallel with the North line of said West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, 503.84 feet to the East line of said West 1/2; thence North 01 degree 23 minutes 45 seconds West, Along said East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, 590.57 feet to a point on the South line of Main Street in said Village; thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds West, along said South line of Main Street, 40.00 feet; thence South 01 degree 23 minutes 45 seconds East, parallel with said East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, 380.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds West, parallel with said North Line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, 430.93 feet; thence North 01 degree 25 minutes 17 seconds West, parallel with said West line of Lot 11, 380.00 feet, to a point on said South line of Main Street; thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds West, along said South line, 33.00 feet to the point of beginning; containing 3.07 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, we do hereby make the determination that the public interest will be best served by selling said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

That said real estate shall be sold in accord with the following terms:

a. in accord with 70 ILCS 705/10a, the District shall sell said property to the highest and best bidder. Said bidding shall be conducted by sealed bids. Said bids shall be submitted on or before December 31, 2015.

b. Notice of the due date for receipt of bids shall be published in The Paper, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the District.

c. The District shall advise the successful bidder in writing within two business days following the due date for sale bids. Acceptance of the bid shall be subject to final approval by the Board of Trustees of the District.

d. The successful bidder shall pay 10% of the purchase price to the District within two business days of the District's written acknowledgement accepting the bid and the balance shall be paid within thirty days thereafter and in accord with a contract to be entered into by the parties containing the usual and customary provisions for the sale of real estate in Kankakee County.

e. The purchaser shall allow the District access to the property, including any improvements located thereon, for a period of one year, which year may be extended if necessary and upon agreed, renegotiated terms.

f. Interested prospective bidders may contact Roger Ribbke or Lisa Koehler at the following telephone number for the District 815-365-2284, for additional details regarding this sale.

g. Roger Ribbke, District President and Treasurer, and Lisa Koehler, Secretary, are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary or desirable to complete the sale of the above described real estate for the District.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as provided by law.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTIES OF LIVINGSTON, GRUNDY, AND KANKAKEE) SS

I, Lisa Koehler, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary and ex-officio keeper of the records and seal of said Reddick Community Fire Protection District.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of an ORDINANCE TO SELL REAL ESTATE, and that said ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said District upon a call of Yeas and Nays with at least 3/4 of the Trustees then holding office voting Aye and duly entered on the legislative records at a regularly held meeting of said President and Board of Trustees held in the office of said District, on the 6th day of November, 2015 and thereafter on said day signed and approved by the President of the District, and said ordinance is now on file in my office.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the members of the Board of Trustees of said District and the passage of said ordinance were taken openly; that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public; that the vote on the passage of said ordinance was taken openly; that notice of said meeting was duly given to all newspapers, radio or television stations and other news media requesting such notice; that said meeting was called and held in strict accordance with the provisions of "An Act in Relation to Meetings" approved July 11, 1957, as amended, and that said Board of Trustees of the Reddick Community Fire Protection District, has complied with all the applicable provisions of said Act in its procedural rules in the passage of said ordinance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of said District, this 6th day of November, 2015.

Lisa Koehler
Secretary

Prepared by:
Mary C. Ludwig
Johnson & Taylor
109 N. Mill St.
P.O. Box 497
Pontiac, IL 61764-0497

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Reddick Community Fire District, Illinois, on the 6th day of November, 2015.

Roger H. Ribbke Jr.
President

ATTEST: Lisa Koehler, Secretary

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Real Estate Auction

Auction to be held at:
The Dwight VFW Post #2608.
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Becker Properties, L.L.C.; DBA Becker Storage will be holding a sale to enforce the self storage lien for non-payment of rent on Units 75 and 121.

David Brown, Tenant
DBA Horsin' Around

Last known address: Claremore, Ok.

Sale to be held after December 16, 2015 at Becker Storage or a designated location. Tenant must pay in full prior to this date.

Pet of the Week

FRANK

Meet our pet of the week...Frank!

Frank is a very sweet, but shy, 3 month old gray and white tabby kitten. He was brought in from a feral colony with some other cats and kittens. He is very friendly, and has gotten used to people quickly. Livingston County Humane Society is dedicated to caring for ferals here at the shelter and we are so happy that our little Frank is learning that people can be very nice!

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1 story 3 bedroom, living room, dining room, one of the bedrooms has been converted to a laundry room/office for convenience on main level could be easily converted back and full basement. Has a 3 1/2 car detached heated garage.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY - PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC
PLAINTIFF
VS
BRIAN WITT A/K/A BRIAN D WITT; DEBBIE WITT A/K/A DEBBIE P WITT A/K/A DEBRA P WITT; DEFENDANTS
14 CH 22
407 EAST NORTH STREET DWIGHT, IL 60420

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT ***THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE*** PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2015, LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF in LIVINGSTON County, Illinois, will on January 5, 2016, in 110 N. Main St. Pontiac, IL61764, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of LIVINGSTON, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 05-05-03-351-003

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 407 EAST NORTH STREET DWIGHT, IL 60420

Description of Improvements: YELLOW, VINYL SIDING, SINGLE FAMILY, NO GARAGE The Judgment amount was $115,602.63. Sale Terms: This is an \"AS IS\" sale for \"CASH\". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DYAS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file #PA1402168 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LIVINGSTON COUNTY - PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JUDITH KNIGHT
Defendant

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 25, 2015, the Sheriff of Livingston County will at 10:00 AM on January 7, 2016, at the Livingston County Courthouse, West door of the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, PONTIAC, IL, 61764, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 103 N. JEFFERSON STREET, Flanagan, IL 61740

Property Index No. 13-22-256-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $80,189.29.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

For information, contact Plaintiff s attorney: POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number C14-03765.

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Dwight Peace Meals

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Thurs., Dec. 10: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables with limas, roll, pineapple slices.

Fri., Dec. 11: Chili with beans, mixed lettuce salad w/dressing, warm Michigan blend fruit, crackers, warm coffee cake.

Mon., Dec. 14: Ham and beans, copper carrots, cornbread, tropical fruit.

Tues., Dec. 15: Taco salad w/beans, lettuce, tomato, cheese and sour cream; Mandarin oranges, taco chips, pudding.

Wed., Dec. 16: Salisbury beef pattie, mashed potatoes, corn, whole grain wheat, apricots.

Thurs., Dec. 17: Sweet and sour chicken w/fruit and veggies, brown rice, chunky applesauce, roll, warm fruit crisp.

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Scholarships are worth $4,000 each for the 2016-17 school year, and will be awarded to students majoring in crop sciences at Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, or Western Illinois University. Awards are based on exceptional academic ability, leadership and financial need.

Students must plan to follow an agricultural course of study with a major in crop production or a crop science discipline, including breeding biotechnology, plant pathology, weed management or crop management, with an emphasis on soybeans. Recipients are encouraged to find on-campus employment in soybean research, attend graduate school and choose a career in soybean research. Recipients also can reapply to receive another $4,000 for their senior year.

The IAA Foundation administers the scholarship program. Guidelines and all application materials are available at www.iaafoundation.org. Direct any questions to Susan Moore, the IAA Foundation director and program administrator, at 309-557-2230 or smoore@ilfb.org. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2016.

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December Programs at Limestone Library

Limestone Township Library, 2701 W. Tower Road, is hosting the following events in December:

• **Holiday Craft Night: Thursday, December 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** All supplies are included and there is no fee. For young adults and adults.

• **Saturday Scrabble: Saturday, December 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** Compete against family and friends with the popular word game face-to-face. Fifth grade and up.

• **Tiny Explorers: Tuesday, December 15, and Thursday, December 17, 10:00 a.m.** Children learn fine motor skills with the help of manipulatives. For children ages six months to five years old.

• **The Over-18-Crowd Movie: Friday, December 18, 1:30 p.m.** Have a date afternoon as they watch The Nativity Story (2006) starring Keisha Castle-Hughes and Oscar Issac.

• **Lego Building: Saturday, December 19, 1:00 p.m.** For children in K - fifth grade. The next Lego Building date is Monday, December 28.

• **Holiday Craft Time: Tuesday, December 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m.** A fun holiday craft inspired by Charlie Brown and Snoopy. All supplies are included and there is no fee. For children in K - fifth grade.

• **School's Out Movie Day: Wednesday, December 23, 1:00 p.m.** No school today? Visit the library. This afternoon they are watching Merry Madagascar. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

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

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

ESTATE OF:)
) 15-P-130
MARGARET M. BURNS, DECEASED)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Margaret M. Burns, of Dwight, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on November 23, 2015, to Margaret M. Hauger, 318 South Oak Street, Plano, IL 60545 and, whose attorney is C. Thomas Blakeman of the law firm of Blakeman & Schrock, Ltd., 307 West Washington Street, Pontiac, IL 61764.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at Livingston County Court House, Pontiac, Illinois, or with the representatives, or both, on or before June 17, 2016 and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorneys within 10 days after it had been filed.

Margaret M. Hauger,
Independent Executor of the Estate of
Margaret M. Burns

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Paper Bowl XV • Week 11 Results

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Danko's S.Farm 8-6 over Big Boyz Toyz 6-8
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Dairy Queen 7-7 over DeLong Ford 6-8
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Standings

North		South	
Dairy Queen	8-3	Dwight Bank	8-3
Planning Assoc.	7-4	Danko's St. Farm	7-4
Jensen's BP	6-5	DeLong Ford	6-5
Berkot's	6-5	LPL Financial	6-5
OWL	5-5	1st National Bank	5-6
Big Boyz Toyz	4-7	Cherry Red	3-8
Victory Lanes	3-8	SOCU	3-8

AREA CHURCHES

DWIGHT

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Lance Leeds
• DEC. 9: 2 p.m., REAL; NO Kids Klub ages K-5th; 6 p.m., Gala; 7 p.m., Ignite.
• DEC. 10: 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Drop off wrapped and tagged gifts for Christmas for Kids; 5 p.m., Love Boxes; 7:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.
• DEC. 11: 9 a.m., Love Boxes packed.
• DEC. 12: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Studies at Rte 66 and Pete's Restaurants; 9 a.m., Love Boxes and Christmas for Kids delivered; 11 a.m., Hen's bus trip.
• DEC. 13: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service with Prayer Shawl Dedication; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service with Prayer Shawl Dedication. Cookie Walk/Bake Sale after both services.
• DEC. 14: 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.
• DEC. 15: 8:30 a.m., Hen's Bible Study; 7 p.m., Pavilion vote.
• DEC. 16: 2 p.m., Kids Klub; REAL, 6:30 p.m., Choir; 7 p.m., Ignite; 7:30 p.m., Cantata practice.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward
• DEC. 13: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service; 6 p.m., Sunday Evening Service and Children's Christmas program.
• DEC.16: 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
• DEC. 9: Guild Christmas Party, 6 p.m.
• DEC. 13: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title, "People of Hope."
• DEC. 15: Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.
• DEC. 16: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
Dates to remember –
* Jan. 12, 2016: 150th Anniversary of the First Congregational United Church of Christ.
* Apr. 10, 2016: Anniversary Church Service and Dinner at Country Mansion.
December "Mission of the Month" – The Christmas Fund/ V.O.C.

New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
815-584-3430
• DEC. 9: 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Rev. Chris Haake, Pastor
• DEC. 12: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
• DEC. 13: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St.
stpetersdwight@sbcglobal.net
Office: Tu-Th-F, 9 - noon Tu., Wed., Th 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
• DEC. 9: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 5:15 p.m., Handbell & Worship rehearsal; 6 p.m., Advent Supper; 6:30 p.m., Caroling Worship.
• DEC. 11: 8 p.m., AA meeting.
• DEC. 12: 4:30 p.m., P & W Music; 5 p.m., HC Worship; 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., Handbell and Worship rehearsal.
• DEC. 13: 8:45 a.m., Faith Development for All Ages; 10 a.m., HC Worship; 11:15 a.m., Minutes meeting; 11:30 a.m., Handbell & Worship rehearsal; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Confirmation Class.
• DEC. 14: Annual Reports due.
• DEC. 15: 7 p.m., Praying for St. Peter's in the Sanctuary.
• DEC. 16: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 5:15 p.m., Handbell & Worship rehearsal; 6 p.m., Advent Supper; 6:30 p.m., Advent Service; 7 p.m., Discussions.
• DEC. 17: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at Country Mansion.

BRACEVILLE

Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Gould St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods
• WEDNESDAYS: After school - 4:30 p.m. – Children's after school programs: J.A.M. Junction, Jesus and Me, Kindergarten - 4th grades. Snacks are provided. Preteen after school programs. E.D.G.E., Exploring and Discovering God Everywhere. Snacks are provided. 6 - 8 p.m., S.T.A.T.I.C. Youth Group, Standing Together as Teens in Christ, 7th - 12th grades. Snacks are provided. NO J.A.M. Junction, E.D.G.E., or S.T.A.T.I.C. Youth, Dec. 16, 23, 30
• DEC. 11: UMW Bake Sale at Matteson Ace Hardware, Diamond; Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m.
• DEC. 13: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; 5 p.m., Community Christmas Supper in Godley Park District Gym. Programs by the Children and Youth Programs. Main dish provided, please take a side to share. Drinks, dessert and tableware are provided. Everyone is welcome!

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• DEC.13: 10 a.m., Mass.

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Pastor Mauricio Vieira
Parsonage: 815-689-2129
Pastor's Office: 815-689-2150
• SUNDAYS: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship with Communion, 10:15 a.m.

EMINGTON

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Pastor Connie Williams Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister
• DEC. 9: Bible Study, 3 p.m.; Council meeting, 6:45 p.m.
• DEC. 13: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "People of Hope." Department meetings after Church Service.
December Food Pantry Collection: Macaroni and Cheese
December "Mission of the Month" – The Christmas Fund/ V.O.C.

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• DEC. 13: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service – All Christmas tree gifts due; 7 p.m., Session and Deacon's meeting.
• DEC. 17: 8:30 a.m., Pastor's Prayer & Lectionary Group meeting.

HERSCHER

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After a 35-Year Career, McBeath to Leave Dwight Implement Dealership

by Myke Feinman
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Royce McBeath, 70, who has been working at the John Deere implement dealership in Dwight (now AHW), will retire at the end of this month after a 35-year stretch.

McBeath, who has been selling farm equipment in Dwight since he lost a job when Don Marx gave up the Dodge, Chrysler and Plymouth dealership in 1980, has been serving the local farming community through those 3½ decades, watching farms grow from small family farms to at least 15,000 acres.

"Which also means less clients," McBeath noted.

And he started his career in selling farm equipment due to a car customer, Steve Mayberry, who bought Chryslers from Don Marx.

Mayberry knew Marx was giving up the auto dealership.

"Mayberry came to me and said come to talk to Sean Hogan," McBeath remembered. At the time, Mayberry was a representative for John Deere. Mayberry "linked it up," with Hogan.

McBeath, a lifelong Dwight resident, remembers telling Sean Hogan that he would only stay at the implement dealership for a short time.

"I told him I probably won't be here that long."

That was 1980.

"You just get involved with it," he said of his reasons for staying. "I grew up on a farm. We had John Deeres on the farm."

When McBeath began, there was Sean and Dan Hogan, and McBeath in sales, and Mike Hogan did service work.

In addition to working for Don Marx's Garage previously, McBeath also rented two service stations in Dwight.

"Phil Becker worked for me at the Texaco Station," McBeath said, the historic Route 66 station at the intersection with Mazon Avenue.

Becker since had the station preserved as a historic site along Route 66.

McBeath said he likes working in sales because he gets along well with people.

"I went out to the farms and saw what I sold in operation," he said.

Over the years, he saw the agriculture business change and have dips and highs depending on economic conditions.

"When ag was down, we sold lawn and garden equipment," McBeath said. "We just kept growing."

The dealership, formerly Hogan Implement, joined with Walker and later Arends to form AHW in 2012, now up to 13 stores, including three in Indiana.

In addition to changes in the dealership, McBeath lost two friends and fellow employees over the years, Fred Drendel and Jim Thies.

"In those years I've lost two fellow employees, and good friends, and of course, many of my faithful customers," McBeath explained. "I will miss my fellow employees and all of my customers, but it's time to have some new adventures. Looking forward to what lies ahead."

The company will be holding a retirement party for McBeath this month.

McBeath and Nancy, his wife of 50 years, continue to reside in Dwight, with a daughter, Lisa, married to Craig Long, and a son, Craig, married to Carrie. The McBeaths also have two grandchildren, Heather Long, 21, and Brandon Long, 19.

ROYCE McBEATH, 70, is ending a 35-year career at the Dwight implement John Deere dealership, now known as AHW. Beginning his career in 1980, he has seen the agricultural community change from small family farms to farms with a minimum of 15,000 acres. *The Paper* photo

One Dead afterAccident Near Ransom Saturday

by Myke Feinman, Managing Editor

A Crest Hill woman died as a passenger in a single-vehicle accident when the vehicle rolled over on Route 170 at North 17th Road in Allen Township near Ransom, 11:23 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5.

Upon arrival at the scene, La Salle County Sheriff's Deputies observed a single vehicle roll-over car with two occupants. The female driver of the vehicle was transported by Ransom EMS ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital, Streator, after which she was transported to St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

The passenger of the car, Cheryl Giacomi, age 51, of Crest Hill, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to La Salle County Coroner, Jody Bernard.

The incident is under investigation by the La Salle County Sheriff's and Coroner's offices.

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