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Herscher Needs More Population to Continue Growth Momentum

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Note: This is the fifth in a series about towns in *The Paper's* circulation area looking back at 2015 and looking forward.

The village of Herscher started to grow in 2015 with 30 homes sold starting in the spring.

"All of a sudden we started seeing some growth since April," said Herscher Mayor Ray Schneider. "The economy-- it's time," for growth.

Most of those were existing homes. Meantime, in the newest subdivision, Park Place on the southeast edge of town, there are 17 lots available.

"The goal for 2016 is to figure out how to get more houses built," Schneider said.

Current population is roughly 1,600 people.

Herscher is now part of the Kankakee Enterprise Zone which will provide tax abatement for new development. Almost. The bill has been passed by the General Assembly and Senate, but is

sitting on the Governor's desk for his signature, Schneider said.

But without the enterprise zone, in 2015, the village saw the Chevrolet dealership build a new location on Route 115 and across the Herscher Road is a new Veterinary Clinic run by Beth Van Voorst.

The Herscher grocery store was recently purchased by a new owner who is redesigning the stock to include a fuller line of products for Herscher residents.

John Branz, finance chairman for the village, said from May to December 2014, sales tax revenue was \$217,814.09. From May to December this year, sales tax increased by \$15,013.47 to \$232,827.56.

The new businesses in Herscher helped the sales tax revenue surge, Branz said.

2016 planned growth in the village will include the opening of Sammy's Pizza, a Kankakee chain in downtown Herscher, and Stoller International moving to a location next to Doc's Drugs to expand its facilities.

And there are two other businesses that are interested in building in Herscher in the near future, Schneider revealed, though declining to name them. But he did say one was retail and the other was agriculture-related.

The business climate in the Herscher School District is also growing with several energy-related businesses locating or expanding, including the wind farm, Kinder Morgan condensate tank farm, and a new natural gas pipeline pump station built by ONEOK.

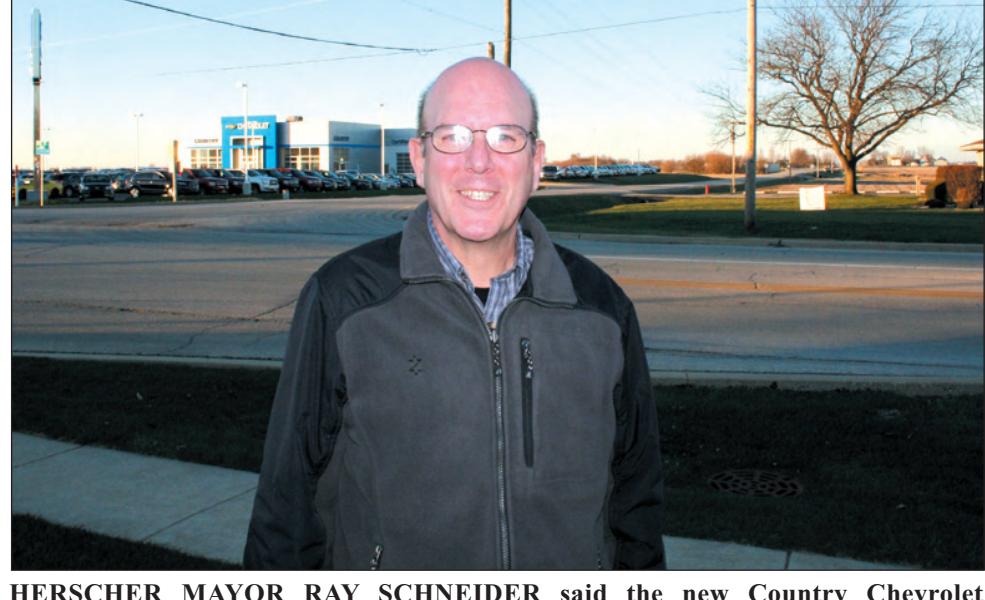
Those businesses near Herscher are providing employment and increased traffic to the town's retail businesses, Schneider said.

"The traffic is good for us," he added.

"The economy is starting to grow, but it is slow," he said. "We need the population to buy from the businesses."

Board members include Branz, Andy Cotter, Shannon Sweeney, Mike Bruner, John Wakey, and Bob Voss.

Village Clerk is Heather Meredith.



HERSCHER MAYOR RAY SCHNEIDER said the new Country Chevrolet Dealership, behind on the left, and new Veterinary clinic, on the right, were added to Herscher in 2015. Next year will see the expansion and move for Stoller International and the opening of a Sammy's Pizza downtown.

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superintendent.

Doug Menard is in charge of park maintenance.

The village has four parks now, including the newest one along Horse Creek on the Northeast end of town, with equipment in memory of Joe Bauer.

In addition, a fund-raiser

was held for Isaac Holt, a young boy who drowned and who loved trains. The fund-raiser will allow the village to include train playground equipment at the park adjacent to the Village Hall, with \$40,000 from the fund-raiser and a \$35,000 to \$45,000 contribution from the village for the equipment.

Odell Community Builders Named

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Odell Mayor Terry Joyner presented Community Builder awards this year, the first time such awards have been given, handed out at the recent village Christmas party.

The recipients were Frank Stahler and Bri Grieff.

Stahler was awarded for his tireless work to rehabilitate homes that were unlivable. He has done this work to four homes over the past

eight years on his own time with his own money.

"The neighborhoods look good and it increases the property values," Joyner explained.

Grieff started up a successful summer softball league two years ago.

"She got it going," Joyner said. "It is huge. You can hardly find a place to park," during games.

Grieff coordinates the games throughout the summer.

FRANK STAHLER, right, earned his Community Building Award in Odell for literally building the community. He has been refurbishing homes in town to increase the property values of the homes and surrounding buildings. He was handed the award by Odell Mayor Terry Joyner during a ceremony this month.

Submitted photo



BRI GRIEFF WAS a recipient of an Odell Community Builder award this year, receiving the plaque from Odell Mayor Terry Joyner this month at the village Christmas party.

Submitted photo



ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS! Dwight Township High School Principal, Dan Kaiser, has announced that six DTHS students from the graduating class of 2016 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Above, left to right, they are Diana Dobrzynski, Mary Wiemken, Molly Snyder, Ceci Soto, Josh Krischel, and Nathan Zabel. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) bestows this prestigious recognition to top Illinois high school students annually. This year, nearly 19,000 elite honorees join the other top state students honored for their academic achievements since the designation was first introduced in 1958. IL State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT scores and sixth semester class rank. State Scholars rank in approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors, representing 652 high schools across the state.

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Dec. 17, 2015: Madison P. Well, 22, Sugar Grove, speeding (radar) 71/55; Reier J. Groven, 19, Geneva, speeding (radar) 71/55; Timothy L. Koenig, 22, Dwight, criminal damage to property; domestic battery.

Dec. 18: Renee L. Rader, 43, Dwight, no valid driver's license.

Dec. 21: David B. Benson, 60, Dwight, accident; Tyler J. Moss, 18, Dwight, possessing a controlled subst; unlawful use of weapon; firearms/ammu., no FOID card; aggravated assault.

Dec. 23: Christopher S. Mascolo, 31, Dwight, poss. cannabis/30 gms or less; Jacob J. Mascolo, 24, Dwight, possession of drug equipment; poss. cannabis/ 30 gms or less; Garrett M. Smetanko, 21, Dwight, poss. cannabis/30 gms or less; Terry Crawford, 30, Dwight, other criminal offenses; possessing a controlled subst; Jesse R. Downen, 37, domestic battery.

5 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Traffic sign violation, 1; failure to signal when required, 1; driver's license not on person, 1; only one red taillight, 2.

Accidents Investigated by Dwight Police

Sunday, December 20, 2015, 4:52 p.m., 12 W. Northbrook Dr., Dwight – Officer Charlie Houch: Involved were Roger C. Harris' 2013 International truck and a P J Enter LLC 2005 Peterbilt. Harris is from Detroit, Michigan; the Peterbilt, Dallas, Georgia.

Dwight EMS Offers CPR Classes in January

Dwight EMS is offering American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED classes Tuesday, January 12, at 8:30 a.m., and Thursday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the basement ESDA training room in the Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Ave.

Call Dwight EMS at 815-



EMS Ambulance Runs

Dec. 21, 2015: 9:49 a.m., William St., medical, St. James; 12:03 p.m., Union, medical, Morris.

Dec. 22: 11:22 a.m., Waupansie, lift assist, refusal; 1:54 p.m., James, smell of gas; 11:05 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

Dec. 23: 11:46 a.m., Watters, medical, Riverside; 1:06 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris.

Dec. 24: 12:19 a.m., Bannon, lift assist, refusal; 7:58 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

Dec. 25: 6:55 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; 4:08 p.m., Ward Road, medical, disregarded, mutual aid to MVK; 5:22 p.m., Bannon Dr., lift

Monday, December 21, 2015, 9:40 a.m., E. Spencer at N. Chicago St., Dwight – Officer Charlie Houch: Involved were Mary E. Roff of Dwight in a 2007 Pontiac G6 and David B. Benson of Dwight in a 2001 Chevy Astro.

Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 12:20 p.m., 600 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight – Officer Charlie Houch: Involved was an unknown driver and James A. Voss' 2015 Mitsubishi Outlander. Voss is from Carpentersville.

Wednesday, December 23, 2015, 1:04 p.m., 600 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight – Officer Michael Nolan – Involved was Michael F. Grane's 2010 Honda Element S/C.

assist, refusal; 7:24 p.m., Waupansie, medical, St. James; 11:37 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Riverside.

Dec. 26: 3:55 p.m., Rte. 66, trauma, St. James; 3:57 p.m., Bannon, lift assist, refusal.

Dec. 27: 9:02 a.m., Bannon, lift assist, refusal; 5:46 a.m., John, medical, St. James; 6:52 a.m., Jennings, medical, refusal; 8:42 a.m., Taylor, medical, Morris; 12:20 p.m., Old Rt. 66, medical, St. James; 4:11 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 7:24 p.m., 2700E, medical, Morris; 8:17 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 10:04 p.m., Bannon Dr., medical, refusal.

Dec. 28: 1:25 a.m., Ward Rd., medical, Morris, mutual aid to MVK; 1:57 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; I-55, trauma, Morris (3), mutual aid from Gardner; I-55, trauma, St. James (1) and Morris (1), mutual aid from Duffy's and Braidwood.

Ransom Woman in Single Car Accident

La Salle County Sheriff's Police reported that Mari J. Petges, 55, of Ransom reported Dec. 23 that she had a single car accident on N. 17th at Route 23 in Bruce Township.

She was turning off N. 17th onto Route 23 and struck a road sign in the center median. No citations were issued.

Secretary of State Offices Closed for New Year's Day

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that all offices and facilities will be closed Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's day.

Comfortable clothing is suggested, as you will be down on a carpeted floor during the class.

All Monday through Friday Driver Services facilities will be open for business Monday, January 4, and Tuesday through Saturday facilities will open Saturday, January 2.

Individuals can visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com to locate the nearest Driver Services facility and the hours of operation. In addition, drivers can change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor, or renew license plate stickers online.

Ambulances responding will include Gardner,



THIS IS ONLY A DRILL. The Dwight Police Department, in cooperation with the Dwight EMS and Dwight Fire departments, will hold a drill at Dwight Grade School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 2. The drill will involve an "intruder" who "shoots" several "victims" at the school. As in a real emergency, mutual aid will be provided by neighboring departments.

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'Intruder' to 'Shoot' Several People at DGS Jan. 2 as Part of Drill

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Fortunately this will only be a drill. Unfortunately, the emergency police, fire and ambulance agencies have to practice for such emergencies as a shooter attacking people at a grade school.

A Violent Intruder Drill will be held at Dwight Grade School starting at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 2.

"The time schedules have been set up for normal response times," explained Dwight Police Detective Gary Beier.

She was turning off N. 17th onto Route 23 and struck a road sign in the center median.

No citations were issued.

For the event, 12 people, staff and students, will be transported by ambulance.

Also as part of the drill there will be 10 fatalities.

Among the agencies responding besides Dwight police, fire and EMS will be police from Livingston County, Pontiac Police, Illinois State Police and possibly Grundy County Sheriff's deputies, Beier said.

Ambulances responding will include Gardner,

Braidwood, Duffy of Pontiac, Coal City, Morris, Wilmington, Herscher, Limestone, and Seneca.

With all those police and EMS vehicles at DGS next Saturday, Beier wanted to be sure the public was aware this is a drill, not a real emergency.

Individuals can visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com to locate the nearest Driver Services facility and the hours of operation. In addition, drivers can change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor, or renew license plate stickers online.

Beier said the reason for the drill is police agencies have had a lot of training in active shooters, but the training ends once the "shooter" is stopped.

"Now we will have a chance to get the victims out," Beier said. "We have to do that quickly and safely working with our EMS

department," Beier said.

He said the necessity for such a drill in sleepy Dwight, Illinois, is apparent from similar crimes spreading across the nation.

"It happens far too often," Beier said.

Dwight also has a school crisis team including several teachers, and Beier has asked a handful to be part of the drill, along with some volunteer student "victims."

Beier described this as a "small drill."

The drill will include three phases.

The first phase will involve the shooter with law enforcement trying to "eliminate the bad guy," Beier said.

"Luckily we have had to do it in training before," Beier said of police training.

He said the police arriving on the scene (there will be two officers at first) are responsible to go in with the most relevant information as to where the shooter might be, Beier explained.

"Our job is to protect people," Beier said. "We put ourselves in a dangerous situation to do so. This is similar to what we do every day."

Tactics learned in training like this help police in future situations, he added.

The officers arriving on the scene could be alone

against the gunman for up to five minutes and must basically walk past victims to get to the shooter.

The second phase will entail EMS providing first aid and triage to the shooting victims and transporting those to the hospital that need it.

"EMS supports [victims'] vital signs, provides oxygen, IV units, uses military dressings on wounds, and stops the bleeding," Beier said.

"This is an opportunity for us to work with our EMS," Beier explained.

"You've got to get the victims out of the building for them to be safe," said Al Metzke, Dwight EMS director.

"If the victim has a lung collapsed, we can put in a tube to re-inflate the lung," Metzke added.

"We just had to do that [with an accident victim] not too long ago," Metzke said.

The final phase involves investigating the shooter.

"In a situation like this, the Feds would be involved," Beier said, including the FBI and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms agencies.

The local police would take the lead, and provide the first clues like known residence and associates of the shooter.

Dwight Man Arrested For Threatening Couple with 'Shotgun'

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Dwight Police arrested Tyler Moss, 18, of Dwight, for possession of a controlled substance, possession of firearms ammunition by a felon, aggravated assault and unlawful use of a weapon.

Police were called to a home in the 300 block of Morris Road at 7:22 p.m., Dec. 21.

"Police were called because of an altercation between him and a female resident of Dwight," said Police Chief Tim Henson.

"The female resident and her boyfriend were threatened by what they thought was a shotgun," he added.

Tyler allegedly said he was going to "blow their heads off," Henson said.

Police recovered two knives, a black air rifle, narcotics and shot gun shells on

the scene.

At night, the air rifle appeared to be a real shotgun, Henson said.

"A reasonable person would believe it was a real gun when you are threatened to have your head blown off," Henson added.

Henson did not know why Tyler was at the couple's home, but was told by the couple that he followed the girl to her home and was yelling profanities at her when the boyfriend came out to assist.

The couple was threatened with the air rifle when they followed Moss to his home on Morris Road.

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'Opening' Lu's Sports Bar and Grill

OFFICIATING AT THE Ribbon Cutting to commemorate the opening of Lu's Sports Bar and Grill on Main Street in Dwight are (from left) Janice Lauritzen, Dwight Economic Alliance Executive Director; Tim Henson, DEA Director; Cathy Ferguson, consultant; Jared Anderson, Dwight Mayor; Luan Ahmed, owner; Malie Ahmed, Lu's wife and co-owner; Suzanne Liccardi, bar manager; and Shayla Samples, DEA director. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held Thursday, Dec. 17, along with a Business After Hours featuring a sampling of menu items. The restaurant officially opened to the public Friday, Dec. 18.

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Football Fan's Bear Team Pic Donated

DEE ZIMMERMAN donated her husband's 1986-87 Chicago Bears team pic to Lu's Sports Bar and Grill in downtown Dwight. The picture belonged to her husband Zeke "Mr. Lucky," a big Bears fan who had season tickets to the team's games, Dee explained. Lu Ahmed (left) and his wife Malia accepted the picture from Dee Zimmerman (right) at the Business After Hours celebration held Thursday, Dec. 17.

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country.

Even though I won't be home for Christmas this year, you can bet I will be thinking of the hundreds of great memories that I have of 20 years of visiting my grandparents, Harry and Earline Landers, in all seasons in Dwight. From catching the train, riding bikes, camping, swimming and fishing, Dwight has a special place in my heart.

Operation S.O.S. keeps those memories alive and growing, and keeps me looking forward to my next trip to Dwight.

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Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Zackary Alan Landers U.S. Navy

Grundy County Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers of Grundy County is seeking information regarding a Gardner residential burglary report received by the Grundy County Sheriff's Department.

The incident occurred sometime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 in the area of Route 53 and Washington Street, Gardner.

The offenders forced the

rear entrance to the home and removed electronics, jewelry, a handgun and ammunition.

Callers providing information to the Crimestoppers at 815-942-9667 will remain anonymous and rewards of up to \$5,000 are available for information that leads to an arrest and filing of criminal charges on crime occurring in Grundy County.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 11, 2015, the Sheriff of Livingston County will at 10:00 AM on January 28, 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:

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Lindsey Landdeck Earns Masters from SIUE

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville completed 2015 Fall Commencement exercises for the 1,101 eligible graduates December 19 in the Vadalabene Center on campus.

SIUE Interim Chancellor Stephen Hansen bestowed

degrees upon Graduate School, and the Schools of Business, Nursing and Education, Health and Human Behavior students Saturday morning, including Lindsey Landdeck of Herscher, graduating with a Master of Science degree in Nurse Anesthesia.

Will/Grundy Genealogical Society Meeting January 9

The Will/Grundy Genealogical Society opens its 2016 series of monthly membership meetings Saturday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the Coal City Public Library, 85 North Garfield St.

Those attending will be offered assistance with their family history research by a

panel of experienced genealogists from among the WGGS membership. Take your problems, mysteries, and "brick walls" for helpful suggestions from researchers who are familiar with sources and solutions.

The public is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

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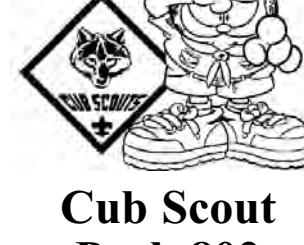
For more information, visit RiversideHealthcare.org.



BOTH DGS THIRD GRADE CLASSES recently toured Dwight EMS and were able to see 1815 – the newest ambulance. The students were given a guided tour of the EMS wing at the Public Services Complex and were shown the medical equipment inside the ambulance.



Vehicle Vs. Sign Post



Cub Scout Pack 802 Meets

Cub Scout Pack 802 of Campus held its pack meeting December 13 at the hall in Campus.

After the potluck dinner, Lance Hummel was awarded his Bobcat badge. Reese Raymond received a National Summertime Award pin for Wolf, and Zeke Houberg received a National Summertime Award pin for Bear.

Lance, Reese, and Zeke also received their popcorn patch and the prizes they earned for selling popcorn.

The new schedules and the upcoming Pinewood Derby were discussed. "Santa Bingo" was played to end the meeting.



A PEORIA MAN'S VEHICLE PLOWED into the Shell gas station sign after exiting Interstate 55 onto Rt. 17 in Dwight, Wednesday, Dec. 23. His 2010 Honda was damaged, but the sign post appears to be virtually untouched as Dwight EMS workers finish with the vehicle after putting the driver in the ambulance in which he was transported to the hospital. The driver told Dwight police he remembered exiting the interstate but nothing after that moment.

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The Paper office will close at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 31.

We wish you all a safe and happy new year!

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Final Week Down 82cts

The price of regular unleaded gasoline went into the final week of 2015 an average of 82 cents lower than last year. The peak price this year was \$2.82 gallon in mid-June.

By contrast, The Paper's circulation area gasoline prices were mostly steady to higher.

As of Monday, 32 states have gasoline averages below \$2 gallon.

"As the majority of the United States is still experiencing falling retail gas prices, California and the Great Lakes states are buoying the national average, keeping it from dropping below \$2 gallon," said Will Speer, analyst with GasBuddy.

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 21% state & local taxes; 19% distribution; 14% marketing; and 46% refining.

| City/Village | Dec. 28 | Dec. 21 |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Dwight | \$1.834 | \$1.882 |
| Seneca | \$1.8866 | \$1.8866 |
| Marseilles | \$1.9566 | \$1.89 |
| Streator | \$1.86 | \$1.762 |
| Odell | \$1.87 | \$1.915 |
| Saunemin | \$1.89 | \$1.85 |
| Cullom | \$1.85 | \$1.85 |
| Pontiac | \$1.79 | \$1.85 |
| Gardner | \$1.91 | \$1.91 |
| Braceville | \$2.06 | \$1.89 |
| Mazon | \$1.86 | \$1.89 |
| Morris | \$1.824 | \$1.864 |
| Herscher | \$1.89 | \$1.97 |
| Kankakee | \$1.812 | \$1.86 |
| Chicago | \$2.093 | \$2.062 |
| Illinois | \$2.02 | \$2.00 |
| U.S. | \$2.034 | \$2.026 |

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

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OBITUARIES

Alice L. Kruse

HERSCHER — Alice L. Kruse, 93, lifelong resident of Herscher, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2015 at Harvest View Senior Living in Herscher.



She was born June 16, 1922 on the family farm in Herscher, daughter of Alfred and Louise Berger Armstrong. She married Laverne Kruse January 27, 1942 in Herscher. He passed away March 9, 2004.

Alice was an operator at Bear Brand Hosiery in Kankakee from 1940 to 1942 and a loving homemaker to her husband and nine loving children.

She was a lifetime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Bible study groups and Lutheran Laymen's League. She loved to crochet for her grandchildren.

Alice is survived by her children: Ronald (Roxanna) Kruse of Herscher; Kenneth (Rhonda) Kruse of Washington, IL; Gerald (Barbara) Kruse of Herscher; Wayne (Elaine) Kruse of Montana;

Karl (Paula) Kruse of Herscher; Randy (Carol) Kruse of Canton, Ohio; Janet Kresl of Dwight; Ruth Kruse of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Lori Kruse of Herscher.

Also surviving are 15 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one grandchild, Gregory Kruse; and one sister, Ardis Schlaich.

The visitation was Wednesday, December 23, from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher. Rev. Eric Brown officiated at the service.

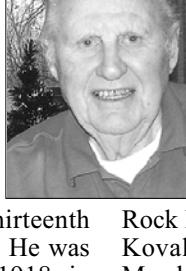
Burial: Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Herscher.

By the family request, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Harvest View Senior Living, Kankakee Valley Hospice, and Trinity Lutheran Church.

You may visit Schreffler funeralhome.com to sign Alice's on-line guestbook.

Raymond 'Bill' Vogen

STREATOR — Raymond "Bill" Laverne Vogen, 97, of Streator passed away Sunday, December 20, 2015 at Heritage Health Nursing Home in Streator.



Bill was the thirteenth child out of sixteen. He was born August 15, 1918 in Gardner, son of Knute and Johanna Hill Vogen.

He is a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II. He enlisted into active duty July 6, 1942, and served in the European Theatre of Operations and the 95th Infantry Division with the Iron Men of Metz. He was honorably discharged November 23, 1945. He was a member of the VFW in Streator.

After his enlistment into the Army, he married Doris Simantel on October 4, 1942 in Houston, Texas. Throughout the years, she followed Bill's career in the Army and traveled the world including Japan, China and much of Europe.

When Bill came home from the service he worked on the Vogen farm until his employment with Reynolds Aluminum in McCook. He retired from Alumax as a supervisor in Morris.

Following retirement, Bill and Doris moved from Calumet Park to Streator. They enjoyed boating and traveling.

Surviving are his nieces, Linda (Joe) Spiezio of

Morris; Lavonne (Alan) Babcock of Appleton, Wisconsin; Shirley (Dave) Morgan of Pontiac; Jane (Dick) Williams of Peoria; and Wanda (Tom) Hanson of Rock Island; nephews: Terry Koval of Streator and Marshall (Phyllis) Both of Indianapolis, Indiana; and many other nieces and nephews.

Also surviving are his sister-in-law, Barbara Vogen of Oro Valley, AZ; and special caregiver, Adam Harding of Streator.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Doris Jean, on July 6, 2015; seven brothers: Ole, Art, Stewart, Leonard, Arnold, Gustav; and Clifford Vogen, who passed August 13, 2015; and eight sisters: Ada Nelson, Martha Davito, Bertha Nelson, Lillian Lowery, Adeline Zogg, Thelma Vogen, Eloise Both and Ivis Wagner.

Funeral services were at the United Lutheran Church in Gardner Wednesday, December 23, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jana Howson officiating. Visitation was for one hour preceding services.

Interment: Goodfarm Cemetery, Dwight.

Memorial donations in his name to the United Lutheran Church would be appreciated.

To sign his on-line guestbook log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

Paul A. Immke

SAUNEMIN — Paul A. Immke, 84, of Saunemin passed away at 4:33 p.m., Thursday, December 24, 2015 at Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac.

Paul was born November 26, 1931 in Pleasant Ridge Township, a son of Arnold and Mae (Haren) Immke. He married Lois Friant January 27, 1957 in First Lutheran Church, Pontiac. She survives.

Also surviving are their children: Pamela E. (Thomas) Schaher of Forrest; Donald P. (Dora) Immke of Pontiac; and Mark A. (Lori) Immke of Bloomington; six grandchildren: Scott T. Schaher, Aaron (Ashley) Immke, Adam D. Immke, Andrew J. Immke, Joshua A. Immke, and Rachel L. Immke; and one brother, Robert Immke of Saunemin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Joan Immke.

Paul went to Bell Top grade school and graduated from Saunemin High School. He was a farmer all his life and loved every minute of it. He lived for three things: farming, fishing in Minnesota, and snow-mobiling in the winter.

He was a member of

Emmanuel United Methodist Church "Immke Church", where he served on the Church Council. In 1989 when the church closed they became members of the McDowell United Methodist

Church. He was a member of the Farm Bureau for more than 60 years, serving as past Vice President of the board and serving on the board for 25 years and loved attending the conventions.

Paul loved his family and spending time with them. He was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, brother, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 29, at McDowell United Methodist Church in McDowell.

Burial in Pleasant Ridge Township Cemetery, rural Wing, followed services.

Visitation was Monday from 4 until 8 p.m. at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to McDowell United Methodist Church or Livingston County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship.

Malvin Smith

GLENVIEW — Malvin W. Smith, 84, longtime Glenview resident, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2015.

Malvin was the beloved husband of the late Joanne; loving father of Beth (Cary) Friend; Sheila (the late Richard) Smith Cornett; Matthew Smith; Kristyn Smith and the late Donna LeClair; proud grandfather of Stacey (Kevin Campbell) Friend and Samantha Friend; brother of James (Mary Ruth) Smith; the late Lidge Smith; the late Taylor

Smith; and the late Betty (Eddie) Elkington; and fond uncle of many.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War; and Past Commander of Glenview American Legion Joseph M. Sesterhenn Post #166.

Visitation was Wednesday, December 23, from 4 until 7 p.m. at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, Glenview.

Interment: Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

Harold Locke

DWIGHT — Harold Locke, 90, of Dwight and formerly of Emington, passed away at Heritage Health, Dwight, Saturday, December 26, 2015.

Harold was born in Pontiac September 30, 1925, son of Frank and Ida Attaberry Locke. He married Lucille Fitzpatrick June 5, 1949 in Pontiac. She survives in Dwight.

Harold is also survived by sons: David (Darcel) Locke of Morris; Dennis (Suzann) of Bloomington; and granddaughter, Michele (John) Jenkins of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Irvin, Meryl and Beryl; and sister, Alma Haab.

He was a member of the Pontiac Moose Lodge; served in the Army National

Guard and enjoyed living in Emington for 56 years. He also enjoyed watching the Bulls, and always had time for a warm conversation with friends.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 29, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. Pastor Connie Moodie officiated.

Visitation was Monday from 4 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial: Union Cemetery, Emington, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Dwight or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be made on-line at www.hagermemorial.com

Irene E. Huston

GARDNER — Irene E. Huston, 96, of Gardner passed away peacefully Sunday, December 27, 2015 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

The family will receive friends at United Lutheran Church, 309 E. Jefferson Street in Gardner Thursday, December 31, from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service, 1:00 p.m. Pastor Zak Wagner will officiate at the service.

Burial will follow in Gardner Prairie Cemetery.

Irene was born March 16, 1919 in Mazon, daughter of John and Gertrude Gundersen Hill. She was raised and educated in Gardner and graduated from Gardner-South Wilmington High School. She married LaVerne "Buster" Huston November 25, 1939 in the United Lutheran Church, Gardner.

A homemaker her entire life, Irene also worked in the cafeteria of Gardner-South Wilmington High School for many years. She was an active member of United Lutheran Church in Gardner and belonged to the Grundy County Home Extension.

Irene enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting and crocheting, and took great pleasure in supply hundreds of crocheted baby bonnets to the Morris Hospital's nursery over the years. She was also a wonderful cook and baker, who will be remembered for her Kringle, pies, and apple squares.

Survivors include four children: Barbara (Carl) Chandler of South Carolina; Shirley (Keith) Kluge of Park Forest; Gary (Connie) Huston of Fairbury; and Karl (Karrin) Schaulin of Loveland, Ohio.

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren: Brad (Vicki) Wills, Tamara (Don) Brewer, Karrin (Chris) Hawkins, Pam Chandler, Steve Chandler, Lori

Huffman, Wendi (Scott) Hatcher, Jamie (Jenny) Huston, Erik (Jessica) Huston, Matt (Audrey) Shipley, Jeanna (Brian) Maticchak, Beth Malinis, Joel (Esther) Huston, Jeremy (Stephanie) Huston, Jon Huston (Steven Carroll), Kirsten (Kris) Brandenburg, and Kraig Schaulin.

Thirty great-grandchildren; two sisters: Evelyn (Roger) Danielson of Marseilles and Carol (Herman) Schaefer of Morris; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; son and daughter-in-law, James and Karen Huston; two grandsons: Kevin Kluge and Kyle Schaulin; her special nephew, Roger Schaulin; six brothers: Leroy (Marie) Hill, Elton (Delores) Hill, Merwyn (Louise) Hill, Earlyn (Alvera) Hill, Lester Hill and Arden (Shirley) Hill; and two sisters: Charline (George) Sutton and Mildred (Lyle) Schaulin.

The family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Heritage Health in Dwight; Dr. Charles Comfort; and Hospice of Kankakee Valley for the love and care shown to Irene in the past weeks, months and years.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made as gifts in Irene's memory to United Lutheran Church, Gardner 60424; or to Heritage Health of Dwight Activities Department, 300 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL 60420.

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

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Gardner.

An additional obituary appears on page 12.

Family members of the deceased:
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BBB: Top 10 Scams of 2015

The Better Business Bureau said this month that the top scam for 2015 was tax scams.

"It was expected that tax scams would be high on the list," the BBB said in a news release. "What was surprising was how high; more than the next three categories put together."

In the first 10,000 scam reports processed by the BBB, a whopping 24% were about imposters pretending to be either the Internal Revenue Services (2,363 reports) or the Canadian Revue Agency (50 reports).

The rest of the top 10 were all from some form of imposter scam including debt collection scam, sweepstakes scam, tech support scam and government grant scam.

"About 85% of those reporting scams to the BBB recognized them as frauds before any money was stolen, but the Top Ten Scams still account for \$1 million lost from those who filed with the BBB," the release stated.

"Scammers are all basically imposters," said Mary E. Power, president and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus, the umbrella organization for 113 local, independent BBBs across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"Three of the top four scams reported to us are those that scare people with threats of arrest, law suits or other frightening actions," she continued.

Scammers are pretending to be government agents, lawyers, debt collectors, and police officers.

"They engage directly with you, so your best bet to avoid being scammed is to stop engaging," she said. "Hang up the phone, delete the email, shut the door."

A description of the top 10 scams are:

1. Tax scam. A person

receives a phone call from someone who claims to be with the IRS or CRA (Canada). They claim you owe money in back taxes and will be arrested or face legal consequences if you do not pay (usually by wire or debit card). The caller ID is spoofed to appear to be a government agency or the police.

2. Debt Collection Scam. A person is threatened with garnishments, lawsuits if you don't pay right now.

3. Sweepstakes/Prizes/Gift where a person receives notice of a prize won but you are instructed to send a fee to cover expenses.

4. Tech Support Scam. A "technician" claims to have detected a virus on your computer and for a fee, can log in to correct the problem.

5. Government Grant Scam, involving sending money as a processing or delivery fee.

6. Advance Fee Loan Scam. An ad online, which provides the victim with a loan provided you pay a fee.

7. Credit Card Scam. The scammer pretends to be from your bank or credit card issuer, and claims you are eligible for a lower interest rate. The consumer provides the scammer with their credit card number and security code to "verify" their identity.

8. Work from Home Scam. You answer an online ad about making big bucks while working from home. You could have your identity stolen or even end up selling stolen merchandise.

9. Fake Check/Money Order Scam. You receive a check in the mail as payment that is larger than the amount owed, and you are asked to deposit the check and wire the difference. The check is fake, bounces, and you are out the money.

10. Lottery Scam. You must pay up-front taxes and fees.

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Waiting to Visit Santa



CONNIE PAPINEAU, BONFIELD, (standing, center) instructs Kara Billings, Bradley (seated foreground) as they prepare Christmas decorations while waiting to visit Santa Claus.

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A Present For Santa



JOSI CAYOT OF LIMESTONE turns the tables on Santa Claus in Herscher, Saturday, Dec. 19, and presents him with a present instead of the other way around.

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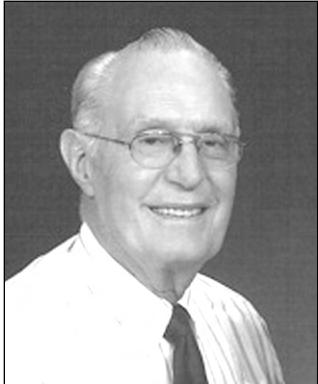
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Donald W. Shubert to Mark 90th Birthday



Donald Schubert

Donald W. Schubert of Saunemin will celebrate his 90th birthday Jan. 3, 2016.

Mr. Schubert married Marjorie DeGroodt Aug. 17, 1952.

The couple has two living children, Gregory (Rebecca Morris) Shubert, Fort Collins, Colorado; and

Colette (Greg Gourley), of Carlock, Illinois.

Their son Rodney Shubert is deceased.

Donald is a retired farmer who now enjoys nature, yardwork, walking, sodoku, and is a Cubs fan. He loves to sing and enjoys singing in the church choir. For many years, he has been a member of a Barbershop choir.

He served in World War II, is active in his community, serving as a volunteer fireman and township official. He is a member of the Saunemin United Methodist Church and has held many offices throughout the years.

Mr. Schubert will be celebrating with a family dinner.

Cards may be sent to 17985 N. 2800 East Road, Saunemin, IL 61769.

Happy New Year!!

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on December 24, 2015, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as The Paper, located at 204 E. Chippewa St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2015.

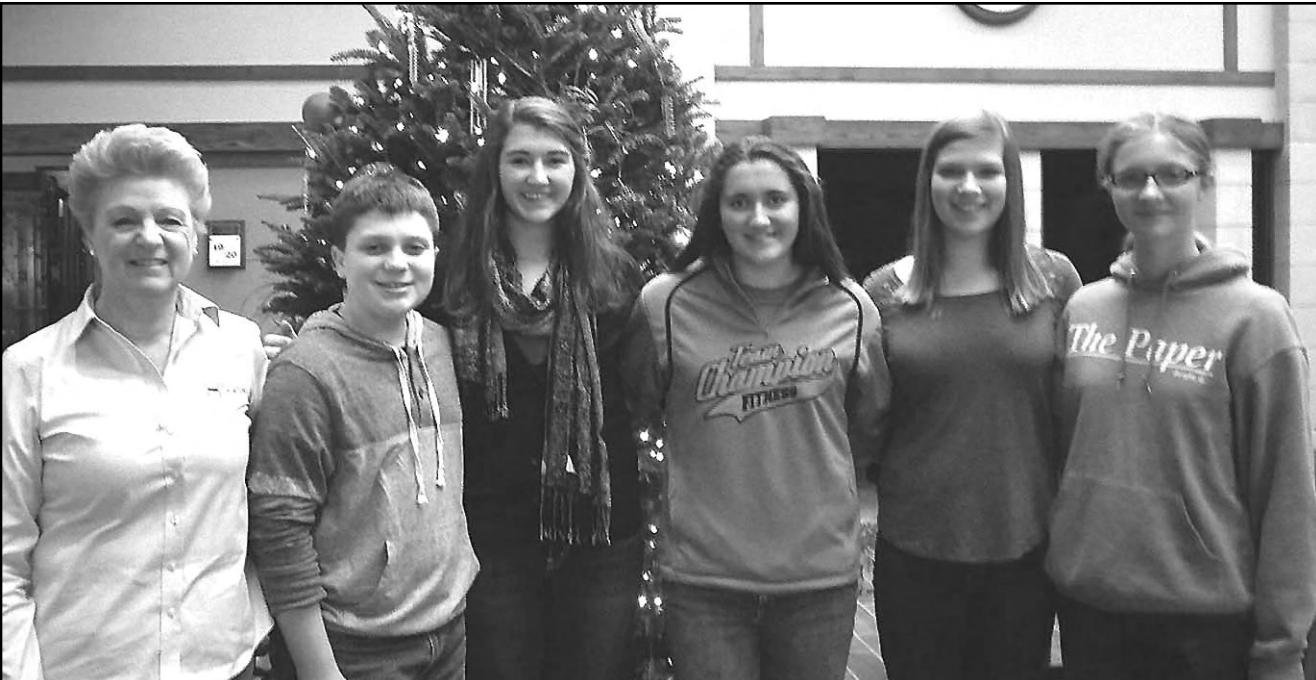
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Public Notice is hereby given that on December 24, 2015, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Franklin Corner, located at 162 East Main St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2015.

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The First National Bank Gift Wrapping Crew

DECEMBER 19, the Dwight High School FCCLA members wrapped presents at the bank for anyone and everyone that brought in their Christmas presents to be wrapped. The First National Bank of Dwight provided the space, wrapping paper, bows and the students brought their labor and good cheer to the event.



Bellringers

SHARING IS CARING! Bill Hemenover of Livingston Masonic Lodge #371, right, rings the Salvation Army bell Dec. 20 at SHOPKO, as Tim Dougherty makes a donation. The Masons rang the bell from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day as a Masonic community days event. Submitted

Santa's Secret

SANTA CLAUS whispers something in Peyton Oswald's ear in Dwight, Friday, Dec. 18. Peyton declined to reveal Santa's secret message. Peyton is the son of Ashleigh Scott.

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Contemplating Christmas Request

OLIVIA VALDEZ, daughter of Brook Baker, takes her time deciding what type of gift to ask Santa Claus for this year. Santa was visiting children in Dwight Dec. 18. *The Paper* photo

Fresh Fare: Comfort Food Makeover

University of Illinois Extension is partnering with Evenglow Inn to bring you Fresh Fare: Comfort Food Makeover. This class will be held on January 13, 2016 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at

Evenglow Inn in Pontiac. Comfort food gets a makeover! We'll lighten up some of your favorites so you can enjoy these delicious dishes without the guilt. Tastings of the dishes she prepares will be served to your table. Fresh Fare: Comfort Food Makeover is taught by Jenna Smith, University of Illinois Extension nutrition & wellness educator and Registered Dietitian. There is a \$5 recommended donation for this program.

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SPORTS

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Tuesday, December 22

Dwight vs. GSW

Varsity -

Dwight got a big win at home December 22 over their rivals, Gardner-South Wilmington, 62-49.

The Panthers stayed within striking distance throughout much of the first half, but the Trojans were able to pull away for the

DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

"W."

Justin Fox went off for a game-high 26 points, including three three-pointers and a perfect 5-5 from the line to lead Dwight (6-6). Drew Travers put up 15 points – going 11-12 from the charity stripe. In his first game back after a knee injury sidelined him in week seven of the Trojans' football season,

Jace Kennedy returned to score eight points for Dwight. Blake Graham had seven points, with one three. Connor Gantzert connected on a three, while Peter Hansen added a bucket. Wes Pulver made a free throw.

For GSW, Scott Horrie led with 18 points, going 5-6 from the free throw line and hitting a three. Braden Marks added ten points, including three treys. Alex Bonna and Austin Kavanaugh each scored seven, with Junior Schultz adding four points. Eutsey scored two, while Cash hit a free throw.

More basketball inside...



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Results of the December 21 Dartball match-ups are as follows:

| | W | L | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
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| Dwight Meth. | 3 | 0 | Dwight Meth. |
| Mazon Cong. | 1 | 2 | Essex-Bonfield |
| St. Peter's Luth. | 2 | 1 | Church of Hope |
| Dwight Cong. | 1 | 2 | New Life |
| Essex-Bonfield | 2 | 1 | Assembly/God |
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| Church of Hope | 3 | 0 | |
| Current League Standings | W | L | |
| Dwight Cong. | 8 | 4 | |

Schedule for January 4 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Lutheran has a bye.
New Life Assembly of God at Church of Hope.
Emmanuel Lutheran at Mazon Congregational.
Essex-Bonfield at Dwight Methodist.
Dwight Congregational at Trinity Lutheran.



SAUNEMIN EAGLES BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 22

Saunemin vs. Odell

4th/5th/6th Grade -

Odell Holiday Tournament

Saunemin knocked off the host Odell Rams in the semi-finals of the Odell Holiday Tournament, 24-17, jumping out to an early 9-0 lead.

The Eagles (7-9) took a 13-5 lead into the locker room at halftime, and were able to hold off the Rams to get the win.

Colten Ketcherside led with ten points, followed by Conner Telford's six. Austin Burkhardt, Jimmie Riley, Trey Duck, and Tyson Cramer each scored two points.

Wednesday, December 23
Saunemin vs. Pontiac Apaches



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The Induction Class of 2016 consists of:

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**DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL**

Tuesday, December 22

Dwight vs. GSW

JV -

The JV Lady Trojans remained unbeaten, defeating GSW 44-11 on December 22.

Dwight used their tough defense to get them a 22-2 lead at the half – cruising to victory.

Danielle Carlson led with 15 points and three rebounds, with Melissa Stewart adding ten points and two steals. Leah Flynn had eight points, three boards, while Chloe Butterbrodt added six points and two rebounds. Kaitlyn Masching scored three points to go with her five boards. Jillian Frauli added two points and two rebounds.

Madi Hughes and Abby Houch each had a steal and a rebound.

Varsity -

In the varsity rivalry match-up, Dwight topped the Lady Panthers 59-45.

Daly Galloway and Rachel Dawson each scored 17 points (Galloway – three three-pointers) to lead the Lady Trojans, while Lucy Rieke and Mary Wiemken added seven each. Brooklyn Long put in six points on two threes, with Brooke Bossert adding four points. Leah Flynn made a free throw.

For GSW, Maranda Residori led with 15 points, including a three. Jenni Price had 11 points and five steals, while Celia Barna scored six. Dana Wright added five points, including a three, with Sydney Perkins and Marlana Ferrari scoring four each.

The Lady Panthers fall to 9-6 overall.



Lucy Rieke and Marlana Ferrari

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| Dwight Girls | Jan. 1 | Streator | Streator | 7:00 p.m. |
| GSW Boys | Dec. 30 | Marseilles Holiday Tournament | Marseilles | TBA |
| GSW Girls | Jan. 4 | Westmont | Westmont | 7:00 p.m. |
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Week 14 Paper Bowl XV

Christmas isn't about the receiving as much as it is the giving. It is fun to receive though, just ask Dwight's Chris Kobel. Kobel hammered down a 12-2 record in week fourteen and he has received The Paper's last \$50 Paper Bowl Gift Certificate. He tied Dwight's Claudia Eggenberger. The tiebreaker for the week was 543. Kobel entered a tiebreaker of 613. Eggenberger came in with 627.

Ninety-two entries were tallied in week fourteen. Two swamis finished with 11-2 scores. They were Dwight's Lee Dixon and Lori Bowman. Seven entries were 10-4; 17 were 9-5; 16 came in at 8-6 and the remaining entries were .500 or below.

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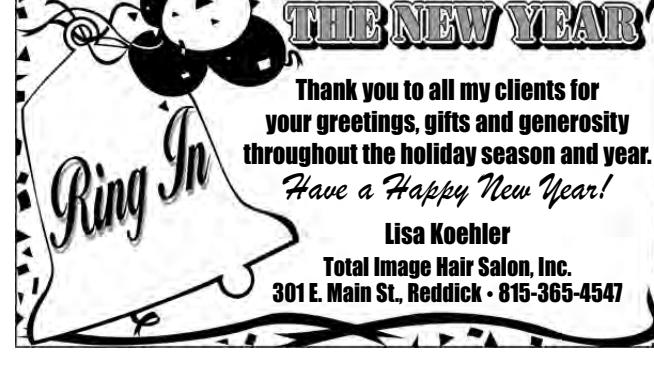
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Dwight vs.
Hartsburg-Emden
Marseilles Tournament
Varsity -

The Trojans picked up a first round win over Hartsburg Eden in the Marseilles Tournament, 61-54 on December 26.

Dwight is now 7-6 on the season.

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OBITUARY

Wanda Ann French

COLUMBIA, TN – Wanda Ann French, 93, wife of Robert French and a resident of Columbia and formerly of Dwight, passed away Monday, December 21, 2015 at Maury Regional Medical Center.

Lea of Plainfield, IL; grandchildren: Elizabeth Muller, Christine Thomas, Victoria Dahlberg, Frank P. Lasser, John Phelan, Paul Phelan, Matthew Wysock, Rebecca Garrett, Jessica Carlton, Anna Wilson; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Carolyn Lasser; brothers: Frank, Johnny, Edward and Walter Wrobel; and her previous husband, Paul Cummings.

A memorial service was held at 6 p.m., Monday, December 28, at Heritage Funeral Home with Dennis Smith officiating.

The family received friends for visitation Monday from 5 until 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

You may share condolences with the family at the website: www.TnFunerals.com

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Tips from IRS for Year-End Gifts to Charity

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Some of the changes taxpayers should keep in mind include:

- **Rules for Charitable Contributions of Clothing and Household Items:** Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances, and linens. Clothing

and household items donated to charity generally must be in good used condition or better to be tax-deductible. A clothing or household item for which a taxpayer claims a deduction of over \$500 does not have to meet this standard if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with the return. Donors must get a written acknowledgement from the charity for all gifts worth \$250 or more. It must include, among other things, a description of the items contributed.

• **Guidelines for Monetary Donations:** A taxpayer must have a bank record or a written statement from the charity in order to deduct any donation of money, regardless of amount. The record must show the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Bank records include canceled checks, and bank, credit union, and credit card statements. Bank or credit union statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the amount paid. Credit card state-

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Donations of money include those made in cash or by check, electronic funds transfer, credit card and payroll deduction. For payroll deductions, the taxpayer should retain a pay stub, a Form W-2 wage statement or other document furnished by the employer showing the total amount withheld for charity, along with the pledge card showing the name of the charity.

These requirements for the deduction of monetary donations do not change the longstanding requirement that a taxpayer obtain an acknowledgment from a charity for each deductible donation (either money or property) of \$250 or more. However, one statement containing all of the required information may meet both requirements.

Reminders: - **Qualified charities.** Check that the charity is eligible. Only donations to eligible organizations are tax-deductible. Select Check, a searchable online tool available on IRS.gov, lists most organizations that are eligible to receive deductible contributions. In addition, churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, and government agencies are eligible to receive deductible donations at www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Exempt-Organizations-Select-Check. That is true even if they are not listed in the tool's database.

- **Year-end gifts.** Contributions are deductible in the year made. Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of 2015 count for 2015, even if the credit card bill isn't paid until 2016. Also, checks count for 2015 as long as they are mailed in 2015.

- **Itemize deductions.** For individuals, only taxpayers who itemize their deductions on Form 1040 Schedule A can claim deductions for charitable contributions. This deduction is not available to individuals who choose the standard deduction. This includes anyone who files a short form (Form 1040A or 1040EZ). A taxpayer will have a tax savings only if the total itemized deductions (mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, etc.) exceed the standard deduction. Use the 2015 Form 1040 Schedule A to determine whether itemizing is better than claiming the standard deduction.

IRS.gov has additional information on charitable giving, including:

- Charities and Non Profits – www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits
- Publication 526, Charitable Contributions – www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p526.pdf
- Online mini-course, "Can I Deduct My Charitable Contributions?" – www.stayexempt.irs.gov/In-depth-To-pics/Can-I-Deduct-My-Charitable-Contributions-2


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• DEC. 31: Office closes at noon; 7 p.m., Ignite Bowling; 10:30 p.m., Lock-In Ignite.
• JAN. 1: 7 a.m., Lock-In ends; office closed.
• JAN. 3: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service with Communion; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service with Communion.
• JAN. 4: 7 p.m., Dartball.
• JAN. 5: 7 p.m., Evangelism.
• JAN. 6: 2 p.m., Kids Klub & Real; 6:30 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., Ignite.

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584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
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Rev. Daniel Ognoskie,
Pastor
• DEC. 30:
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First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward
• DEC. 30: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.
• JAN. 3: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Pastor Connie Williams Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister
• JAN. 3: Worship/Communion - 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "Eternally True."
• JAN. 13: Women's Guild 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.

January "Mission of the Month" – Outdoor Ministries: Pilgrim Hill Camp; Tower Hill Camp.

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903 S. Old Route 66
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- DEC. 30: 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.
- DEC. 31: 7 p.m., New Year's Eve Family Game Night. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.
- JAN. 2: 7 a.m., Courageous Men's Group; 9 a.m., Take down Christmas decorations.
- JAN. 3: 9 a.m., "Basic Training" Discipleship Class; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids' Church, ages 3-11; 5 p.m., Xtreme Youth Group.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

- Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office Father Chris Haake, Pastor
- JAN. 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – 10 a.m., Mass.
 - JAN. 2: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
 - JAN. 3: 8 a.m., Mass.

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- DEC. 30: 4:30 to 6 p.m., Salvation Army.

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815-237-8512 Church
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Dec. 30.

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- JAN. 1: 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.
- JAN. 3: Sunday Worship Service with Communion, 9:30 a.m.
- JAN. 6: After school programs resume; and from 6 - 8 p.m., S.T.A.T.I.C. Youth Group.

CAMPUS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

- DEC. 31: Vigil Mass, Mary Mother of God – 5 p.m., Mass.

• JAN. 3: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON

Eminington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Pastor Connie Williams Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister

- JAN. 3: Worship/Communion - 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "Eternally True."
- JAN. 10: Department meeting after Church Service.
- JAN. 13: Council meeting, 6:45 p.m.

January Food Pantry Collection: Cereal.

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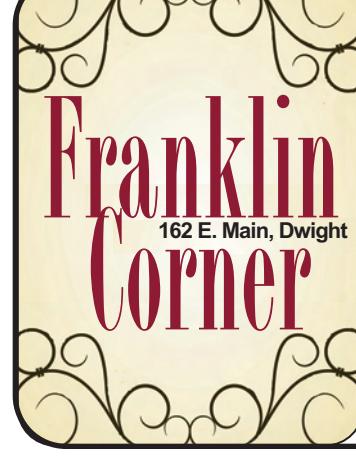
Despite the loss of their permanent home in the Barn Theatre in Goodfield, the show will go on for Conklin's Players acting company during 2016. Thanks to a generous offer from the Five Points Washington complex, the Conklin Players found a place to host their 2015 Christmas offering, "A Christmas to Remember," for one weekend, and it was a near sellout success.

The partnership was so well received that the staff at Five Points extended the offer to the Conklin Players for 2016.

Without funds from these productions, Conklin's owner Mary Simon would have had to declare bankruptcy and sell the Barn property – which would then be torn down.

At this time, plans are in place for Five Points to host five shows featuring the Conklin Players during 2016, beginning with "Let's Fall in Love," a Valentine's revue of music and comedy sketches to be performed in the Caterpillar Performing Arts Theater at Five Points February 11-13.

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