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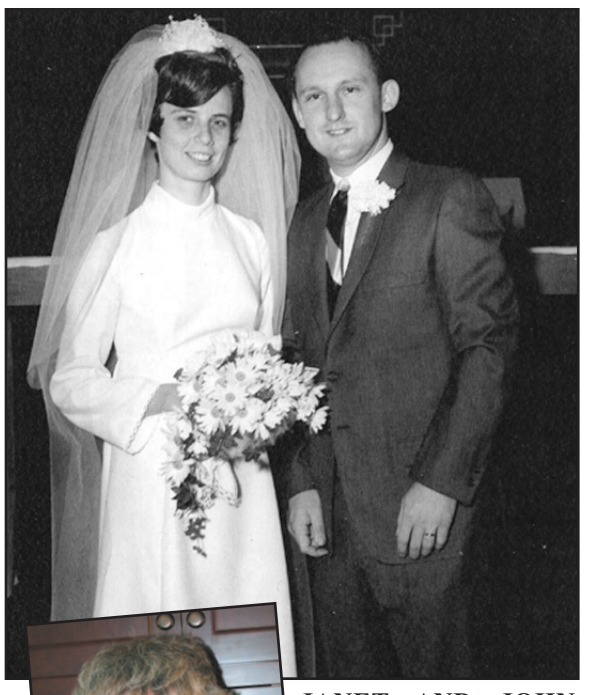

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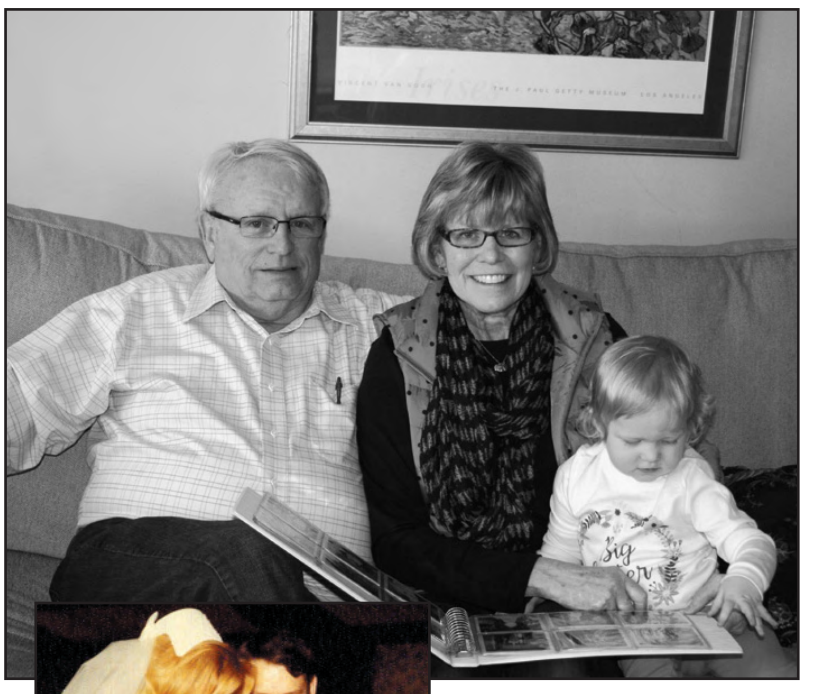

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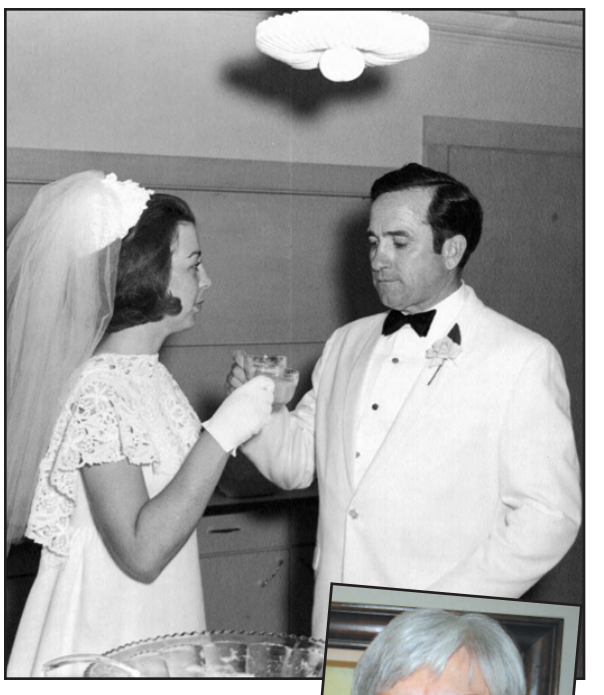

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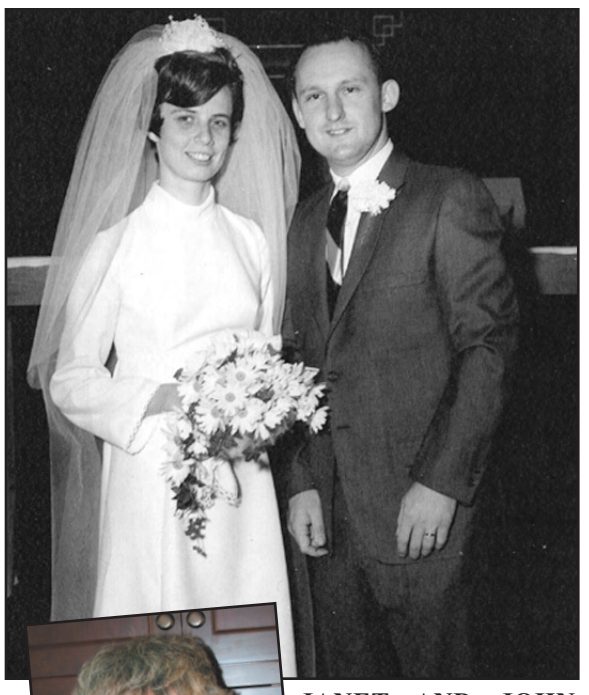

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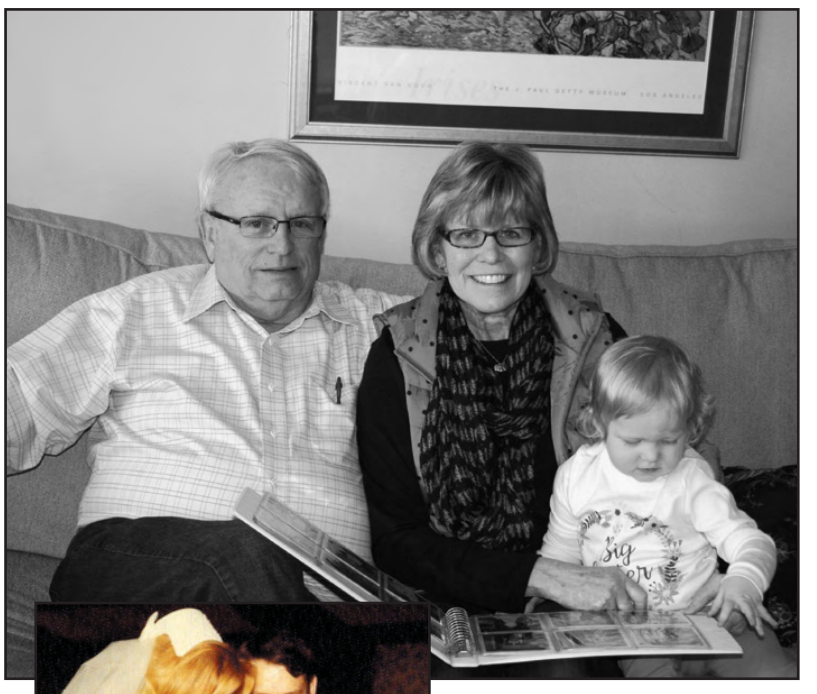

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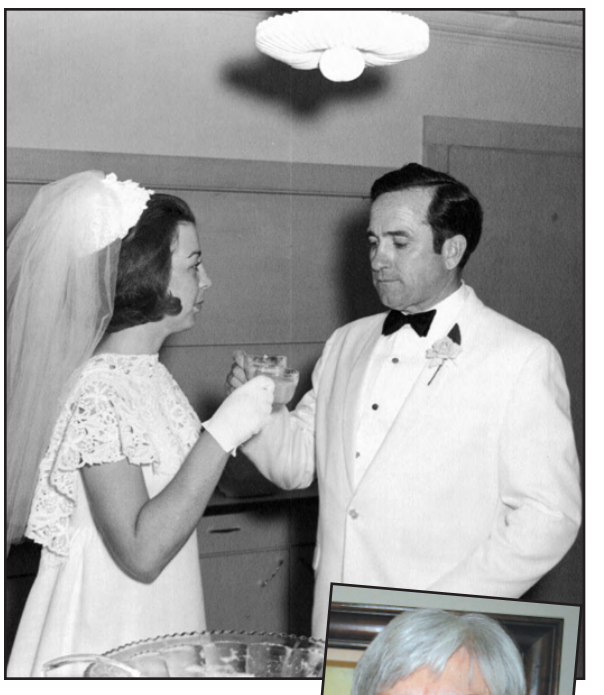

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

January 31: Jack A. Waldschmidt, 21, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 80/55.

February 4: Nicole M. Ray, 28, Braidwood, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

4 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 1; obstructed windshield and/or rear window, 1; improper display of registration, 1; wrong way on one way street, 1.

Accident Report

Thursday, January 28, 7:59 a.m., Officer Charlie Houch reported an accident at 801 S. Columbia involving Antonette N. Ford of Dwight, the driver of a 2015 Cadillac SRX, and Taylor M. Richie of Dwight, the driver of a 2002 Nissan Pathfinder.

Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 29: 10:12 a.m., Delaware, medical, Pontiac; 3:24 p.m., Northbrook, medical, Morris; 4:06 p.m., Columbia, trauma, Pontiac; 8:49 p.m., Scully Rd., medical, Morris.

January 30: 12:03 a.m., Chicago St., medical, Morris; 2:39 p.m., Sunset, medical, Morris; 9:55 a.m., Northbrook Dr., medical, Morris; 11:22 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

February 1: 12:06 p.m., Franklin, medical, Provena St. Joe's, Joliet; 12:14 p.m., Rt. 17, trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Allen Twp.; 6:13 p.m., Union, fire alarm, no patient; 6:24 p.m., Flood St., trauma, Riverside, mutual aid to Campus.

February 2: 12:08 a.m., Spencer, medical, Riverside; 2:10 a.m., Union, fire alarm, no patient; 11:43 a.m., I-55, trauma, St. James; 12:01 p.m., Watters Dr., medical, Riverside; 5:26 p.m., James, fire, standby; 6:58 p.m., Delaware, medical, St. James.

February 3: 11:30 a.m., Cedar – Gardner, lifeline, no PT, mutual aid to Gardner; 3:15 p.m., 304 N. Union St., medical, Riverside.

February 4: 11:40 a.m., Union St., medical, Riverside; 2:44 p.m., James St., medical, Morris.

February 5: 6:07 a.m., Clinton, trauma, refusal.

THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY Operation Snowball 2016 will be held in April at Odell Grade School for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Dwight Township High School teen staff members include (front row from left) Liam Gestner, Hannah Van Der Karr, Shanna Carman, (back row) Josh Jardine, Hunter Esposito, Lyndey Krug, Cassie Holmes, and Samantha Carlson. *The Paper* photo

Operation Snowball Slated April 2 at Odell

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The 2016 Livingston County Operation Snowball will be held Saturday, April 2 at Odell Grade School.

The event, for students in grades sixth, seventh and eighth, will include teen staff members from Dwight Township High School, under the guidance of Dwight Police Detective Gary Beier.

Livingston County's Operation Snowball is one of 76 chapters across the United States and other countries.

The name originates from the idea that "If I have a positive impact on you, you can have a positive impact on someone else and the effect snowballs."

Tiffany Yoder, prevention specialist, Beier, and Jack Bristow, law enforcement instructor at Pontiac Township High are three of the leaders of the events.

Also available are numerous counselors who donate time.

The adult and teen directors work together to pick the themes, select the speakers for the event and recruit and train the staff.

Livingston County's Operation Snowball won "Outstanding Chapter of the Year" for 2015 based on attendance and successes of their events throughout the fiscal year.

This year's speakers will be Matt and Phil of M&P Presentations who bring "an insanely energetic and fun approach to the awkward years of junior high and high school," said Beier.

"Through their presentation, they run through their personal ups and downs in school and life, creating a comfortable and humorous atmosphere for students to take the time to reflect about their lives and strange moments that have occurred."

They present the idea for students not to take themselves so seriously all of the time and to learn to laugh and embrace life's awkward moments.

The finale of the presentation leaves students with a few ideas to think about including the idea that "we are never alone," "life is full of changes that we should embrace," and how the power of a positive mental attitude can "lead you to understand how ordinary is extraordinary," Beier said.

Blocked Exits Can Become Fire Traps

Keep Doors and Windows Clear to Ensure Home Fire Safety

With the recent house fire that claimed the life of a Dwight resident, the Dwight Fire Protection District feels it is necessary to provide some helpful tips to assist area residents in being prepared if and when a fire happens in the home.

Residents can set up a voluntary in-home fire safety inspection through the Fire Department by contacting Deputy Fire Chief Justin Dyer via e-mail at:
jdyer@dwightfire.org
or by calling the fire station at 815-584-2373. The team will help identify fire and life safety hazards, as well as evaluate and help with escape planning.

Emergency crews responded to the house fire that claimed the life of a Dwight resident in the early morning hours of January 28, and encountered heavy fire and smoke conditions upon their arrival. Dwight Fire, EMS, and Police were the first emergency agencies on the scene and quickly worked together in an attempt to locate the victim and extinguish the blaze. Multiple area emergency agencies assisted with the incident from Livingston and Grundy Counties. Although a blocked exit was not a contributing factor with this incident, it still is a leading cause in fire fatalities in the United States.

Read the following material and review it with your loved ones, as this information could help save lives.

For many people, home is a sanctuary filled with items that make them feel comfortable and safe. But when furniture, boxes, and other items block or clutter doors and windows, they can become inadvertent fire hazards that threaten or altogether eliminate occupants' ability to escape a fire.

According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association's NFPA 101, Life Safety Code®, every sleeping room and living area in the home must have two clear ways out – usually a door and a window. To ensure that all ways out are easily reached, the following steps should be taken:

• Remove any interior key operated locks or padlocks on doors.
• Check to see that all windows open and close easily. Remove any nails or paint that jam them shut.
• If you have security bars on one or more windows, make sure they have quick release devices that everyone in your home knows how to use.
• If you use permanent hurricane shutters during storms, remember to put them back in the open position when there is no longer a storm threat. If you use plywood sheets, remove them when the inclement weather passes.
• Remove all smaller items in and around windows, including potted plants, which can slow down escape.

Clear any uncluttered ways out to serve as part of an effective home fire escape plan. After making sure all your ways out are not blocked and easy to use, create a plan for how everyone will get out in a fire. Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home where everyone can meet upon exiting, and make sure everyone knows the local emergency phone number to alert the local fire department. Check to see that working smoke alarms have been properly installed throughout your home, and that everyone knows the sound the alarm makes when there's a fire. Then practice your escape drill regularly, at least twice a year.

A few minor adjustments and relocated items, as needed, can make a life-saving difference for all members of the household. For additional information about exits in the home, or to learn more about home escape planning and practice, contact the Dwight Fire Department at 815-584-2373, e-mail Deputy Fire Chief Justin Dyer at jdyer@dwightfire.org, or visit NFPA's official website, www.nfpa.org/homeescape.

Gardner Creates Water Bill Late Payment Procedure

by Myke Feinman
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After months of discussion, the board has decided rather than alter its ordinance on water bill collections, it has created a payment plan for delinquent accounts.

While their ordinance will remain as is with delinquent accounts required to pay and the process eventually getting to a sticker placed on the door prior to water shut off.

Commissioner Dick Hileman said the policy will be strict, allowing delinquent water bills to be split into three equal payments on top of the regular monthly bills.

If the water customer misses a payment on the delinquent bill, water will be cut off, Hileman said.

Only one three-month delinquent pay plan will be allowed per user per year.

This will prevent a water user from falling behind and coming in to the office to create a new payment plan, Hileman said.

He added, however, that a bad water leak would be an exception since that tends to create large usage unintentionally.

Commissioner Rob Wolf agreed with the plan adding "We better stick to it."

This went into effect as of Feb. 1.

The ordinance for water payments remains in effect. This is a guideline and could change by future administrations.

The board also had a long discussion regarding Roots Street, which is not used by the village, but is used by a business owner to park his trucks.

He asked the village for permission to lease the street.

Hileman said he wanted to purchase the street but Hileman would rather lease it in case the village needs it in the future.

"He wants to blacktop his lot and park more trucks," Hileman reported.

Mayor Mike Serena said the village has never used the street as a thoroughfare, but it was deeded to the village as a street when apartments were built near the Campus road.

"To me, it's a non-issue because we have allowed him to park vehicles there."

Terry Jensen said this could cause problems with other residents who wish to lease alleys.

Hileman said this is a single situation and does not have impact on alleys.

The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

In other business, the board:

• approved a request by Cathy Pettavino to use the village parking lot on Depot Street for a car show in conjunction with the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor event in early May. The village will barricade the area off, and provide trash cans.

• heard a report from Commissioner James Riley reporting 14 abandoned vehicle owners were notified to move them, with most complying.

• heard a request from Commissioner Terry Jensen to have the village engineers patch potholes on Main Street. Guy Christensen said the work will be performed.

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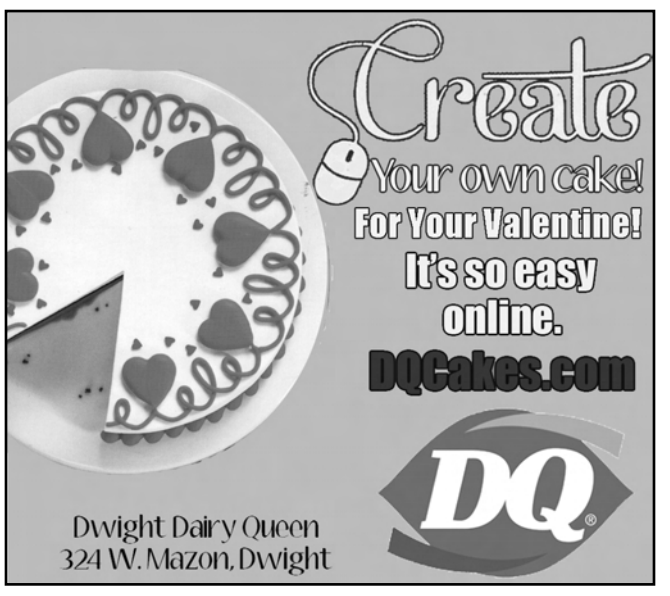
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"So he kind of warmed my heart," Mary said, only half-joking.

When asked why teachers married each other so much, Mary added, "It's a small pool here in Dwight."

She said teachers often socialized together, making it easier to find one's true love.

The couple married on a Saturday in January, went on a one-day honeymoon in Chicago and were back at work teaching by Monday.

"We were very happy to live in Dwight and raise our kids here."

The couple has three grown children, Jeff, age 36; Amy Golden, 33; and Carrie Rudolph, 31.

Janet and John Kresl

Janet taught third grade while John taught junior high science. She came to the grade school in 1965 and John was already there, starting in 1964.

"On our first date, he was so nervous," she said. "We went out for a movie and ice cream later and he realized he forgot to pay the bill."

John, who was also interested in sports "paid more attention to my brothers in Herscher than to me," said the Herscher native, the former Janet Kruse.

She said John was using her brothers to get his foot in the door with the family.

"It was his way of getting to know me."

It worked. The couple was married in 1969 after a nervous courtship on John's part.

John taught for 43 years while she finished a 28-year career. He died in 2009.

She said the reason so many teachers found love was "common interests."

The couple has three children, Juli Mahorney, born in 1975; Jane Kresl, born in 1976; and Tim born in 1977.

Jeff and Stephanie Flott

This couple is the next generation of teacher couples, with Jeff the son of Bill and Mary Flott.

Stephanie started at Dwight Grade School in 2001, first a teacher in eighth grade, sixth grade, and now librarian at DTHS, DGS.

Jeff was a substitute teacher at Dwight in 2003, then worked in the Life Skills class. He has since left Dwight schools but the couple remains in Dwight. He is a guidance counselor at Pontiac Township High School.

The couple was married in 2009.

"One of the first times Jeff subbed in the library, I came in with my class," Stephanie explained.

"After class, he immediately went to [grade school teacher] Kelly Bruce's room to find out more about me because he thought I was cute."

But Jeff was not the one to make the first move.

"After talking many days after school, I finally asked Jeff out on our first date," she said.

She confessed to *The Paper* that the reason she married Jeff is because she knew Jeff was someone she wanted to "spend the rest of my life with and watching him with the kids at school showed me what a great father he would be."

The couple now has two daughters, Clara, age 5, and Greta, 3.

According to Stephanie, he said he married her because she makes a "pretty good pie" and she is the "kindest, most caring person he knows."

She said she also believes Jeff married her because "it seemed like I could tolerate him."

STEPHANIE AND JEFF FLOTT are part of the second generation of teacher couples at Dwight Schools. They married in 2009. Their children are Greta and Clara.
Submitted photo

Franklin Corner, Dwight

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• Marylin Thorsen, Dwight, quilting.

• Kathy Shaw, Odell - Barnboard signs

• Cat Clausen Dwight - fine art and pen and ink, Abraham Lincoln.

"People coming to downtown Dwight to eat at our fine dining establishments can stop by before or after they enjoy their meal."

She added that shopping at Franklin Corner is "kind of like a taste of all things good. If you're looking for a piece of jewelry or bridal gift, check us out."

So far the response has been good to the store.

"I hope to create an inviting atmosphere and a unique store in Dwight. I invite everyone to stop by and take a look."

Mark and Mary Boma, who have also published *The Paper* of Dwight weekly since 1999, opened the store Jan. 6.

The couple knew Mary's many years of retail experience would pay off.

"For many years I worked in retail sales and management and in Morris at Baum's in merchandising and buying," she explained.

She also worked in advertising sales both at *The Paper* and for her father's newspaper chain, *Star Newspapers* of Dwight.

Store hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 4 to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

A webpage is in the works.

County 2015 EMS Calls

The Dwight EMS made a total of 1,056 calls in 2015, coming in fourth in total calls for Livingston only to the Duffy Ambulance Service (1,943), Pontiac (1,485), and the South East Livingston County Ambulance Service (1,072).

Total Emergency Medical Service calls last year in the county were 8,404.

Of area towns served by *The Paper*, Cullom led with 269 calls, Odell was next with 259, and Dwight fire made 255 calls.

Other towns in the area are Saunemin (182), Emington/Campus (73), Gardner (33), Reddick (4), and Kempton (3).

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THE KEELEY oral cure was sold to individuals by mail order over four weeks in numbered, paired, uniquely-shaped and ornately-labeled bottles with instructions to break the empty bottles.

Submitted photo

Dr. Kelley's Theory of Addiction

by the Dwight Historical Society

Note: This is part of a weekly series of articles about the Keeley Institute that will be appearing in *The Paper* until the July 14-17 Alcohol and Drug History Society conference event in Dwight.

At the turn of the 19th century, medicine had deduced that mental illness was inherited, and various gold compounds were believed to diminish the symptoms of epilepsy, psychosis and dementia.

Since inebriation manifests similarly, it was assumed that alcoholism was, also, inherited. However, the gold remedies of the time were ineffective.

If drunkenness (Gen. 9:20-25) was either redeemed through salvation in Christ, or treatment for the non-believer was commitment to mental institutions, both remedies resulted in severe withdrawal pains and no long-term sobriety.

Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, a Union surgeon in the "Drunk War" had abundant case histories of soldiers addicted to alcohol and opiates.

The germ theory of disease was gaining medical acceptance, and Keeley opined that alcohol, opiates and tobacco contained toxic germs that poisoned brain and nerve cells causing overstimulation and then paralysis leading to death.

As with germs, these poisons did little harm if received in moderation, however, repeated large quantities altered the cells to accept the stimulation. This change, or disease, caused the cells to demand or crave the addictive substance to maintain the altered state. Abrupt denial of the substance resulted in the cells rapidly, but painfully, readapting to a healthy condition.

Keeley sought both an antidote and a means to slowly rehabilitate the damaged cells. He focused his experiments on modifying the earlier gold remedies resulting in a powder of gold mineral salt dissolved in water and taken orally.

During the 1886 hiatus, l Dr. Keeley "found the correct homeopathic formula that would leave merely the vibrational frequency of the gold mineral."

After resuming treatment in 1887, the "gold cure" was then administered by hypodermic injection in an arm and supplemented by tonics to diminish withdrawal pains and provide nutrition.

The above is a simple overview of Dr. Keeley's theory on which he lectured in churches and Temperance rallies throughout the nation and abroad professing his disease theory and that his cure "has become the great ethical agent which, acting promptly upon the nerve centers, gives to the worn out and diseased system renewed health, activity and life."

No patent was sought for the formulas as the Keeley Company claimed they were proprietary secrets, which remain today.

Dr. Keeley did, however, on March 15, 1881, market a pirated cure.

The Keeley formulas for each addiction were sent to the franchisees.

Until Keeley suspended treatment in 1885, the oral cure was sold to individuals by mail order over four weeks in numbered, paired, uniquely-shaped and ornately-labeled bottles with instructions to break the empty bottles after use.

Caring Pregnancy Center to Soon Offer Medical Services

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Caring Pregnancy Center of Pontiac which serves greater Livingston County is expected to start offering ultrasound exams in early April.

"We are in the process of offering many medical services," said Margie Sauder, RN, who is coordinating the addition of medical services.

"The goal is to offer all medical pregnancy services."

Dr. Jared Zotes of the OSF St. James- John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac will be the medical doctor working with them, she said.

The medical clinic will be staffed with Illinois licensed nurses and sonographers that will be offering ultrasounds to the clinic's clients at no charge.

Once the medical services begin in May, the Caring Pregnancy Center's name will change to Hope Pregnancy Center, Sauder added.

The organization has been serving Livingston county pregnant women and couples since July of 1986.

During that time, Livingston County churches have been "instrumental in allowing us to minister to these women for the last 30 years," said Darleta Gramm, executive director.

"The CPC exists to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ by advocating for the unborn and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of area families to empower them in challenging life issues," Gramm told *The Paper* in an email message last week.

"The CPC offers free services, which include pregnancy testing, abstinence and sexually transmitted disease education, options counseling, and ultrasound."

Parenting and spiritual training videos are provided to both male and female clients and allow them to earn vouchers at each visit which enables them to purchase necessary childcare supplies.

"The CPC also provides a three-tier post-abortion support," Gramm said.

The center also makes presentations to schools and youth groups.

"In essence, the CPC exists to be a physical and spiritual life-giving source of all," Gramm added.

Livingston County area churches that have supported the center include:

- New Life Assembly, United Methodist Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church all of Dwight.
- St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and St. John's Catholic Church in Cullom.
- Sacred Heart Church in Campus.
- Kempton's Church of the Nazarene.
- Odell's St. Paul's Catholic Church.
- Saunemin's United Methodist Church.

The center is located at 202 N. Main Street in Pontiac and can be reached by calling (815) 842-2484.

DFPD January Incidents and Training

Incidents

January 3: Rt. 17 – reported vehicle fire – unfounded; W. Main St. – medical assist; N. Franklin St. – false call EMS assist.

January 4: W. Waupansie St. – gas leak and carbon monoxide incident; mutual aid to Morris – structure fire.

January 9: I-55 – motor vehicle accident with injuries.

January 10: mutual aid to Bonfield – structure fire; Spencer St. – medical assist.; E. Waupansie St. – medical assist.

January 12: I-55 – motor vehicle accident with injuries; motor vehicle accident with injuries.

January 14: E. Mazon Ave. – automatic fire alarm.

January 18: N. Union St. – smoke odor investigation.

January 19: mutual aid to Limestone – structure fire; Rt. 47 – semi trailer fire.

January 23: E. Main St. – smoke odor investigation; mutual aid to Mazon Rt. 47 – motor vehicle accident with injuries.

January 26: rural Dwight – motor vehicle accident with injuries.

January 28: W. Chippewa St. – structure fire.

Training

The Dwight Fire Protection District was busy during the month of January with emergency response and training. In addition to responding to the listed emergencies, personnel have clocked a staggering 1,694 hours of training during the month of January.

The Dwight and Pontiac Fire Departments have teamed up to teach a State Certified, Basic Operation Firefighter class that began in January and will run until the summer. Classes meet every Monday and Wednesday during the week and also on at least every other Saturday.

This class has 20 firefighters total from Dwight, Pontiac, Odell, and Chenoa Fire Departments in attendance. State Certified Instructors are teaching the class from Dwight and Pontiac, and the meeting location will rotate between departments.

Liv. Co. Offices Closed Feb. 12, 15

All Livingston County Offices will be closed Friday, February 12, and Monday, February 15, in observance of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays.

Temps - 2016

Jan. 28 – high 40°, low 20°
Jan. 29 – high 36°, low 20°
Jan. 30 – high 49°, low 33°
Jan. 31 – high 53°, low 27°
Feb. 1 – high 46°, low 27°
Feb. 2 – high 45°, low 32°
.79" precip.
Feb. 3 – high 37°, low 17°

One Year Ago - February 10, 2015
high 38°, low 23°

MVK Seniors Meet

The MVK Seniors met for lunch January 19 at the American Legion Hall, catered by Weitz's Café through Community Nutrition Network.

President Rita Mills called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge to the flag. She thanked Pam for serving the meal, CNN, and all of their volunteers. There was a silent prayer for the ill and deceased members.

Get well cards were signed for Paul McIntosh and Marlene Claypool. Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Gwen Johnson and June Elam, and Rita welcomed new member Jean Peterson.

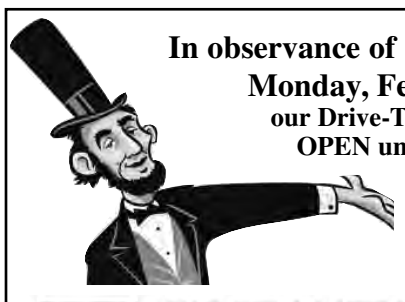
Helen Griffiths made a proposal to have a plaque made for Bob Grieff, honoring his many years as treasurer. Everyone was in agreement and Jim Sterba is going to check on prices.

Shirley Kiss spoke to members about being scammed on computers, phones, and mailings. It scams millions of dollars from innocent victims each year. She said not to answer calls when you do not recognize the number and always destroy your mail with your address on it when you are done.

Next, the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Door prizes went to Jim Sterba, Jean Peterson, and June Elam.

Peg from Park Pointe Senior Living took prizes for the Bingo games. Lou Witt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gwen Johnson seconded.

The next meeting will be February 16, with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting. Anyone 60 or older is invited to lunch for a small donation. Make a reservation by calling CNN at 815-941-1590.



In observance of President's Day, Monday, February 15, our Drive-Thru will be OPEN until Noon.

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Dwight Woman's Club Meeting February 16

Open to the Public

The Dwight Woman's Club will meet at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, at Prairie Creek Library.

Members are reminded to take a *Sweet or Treat* donation for the February Dwight Food Pantry to the meeting.

The program for the evening, *What I Learned from the Dogs*, will be presented by Elaine Mortensen of Dwight and Olive, her Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog. Members of the public are invited to join club members for the program and to meet Olive. Refreshments will be served.

The club's regular business meeting will follow the program and refreshments.

Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington February 29

On Monday, February 29, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food in the parking lot of St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road) in South Wilmington, rain or shine.

Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce, and nonperishable items) to people in need.

Participants are asked to take bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information, visit www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

2015 Year in Review

The second part of a two-part series

JULY

Small town living may not be the easiest place to find a high price venue, but it is the best source for home cookin'. The Grand Prairie Station food truck in Cabery, is a great source for satisfying the taste buds. The food truck is run by Cheryl Weaver, and is stationed on the Main Street of Cabery.

South Wilmington welcomes its new grocery store, Amy's Fresh Market, located at 125 3rd Avenue. The transition from Berkot's Super Foods to Amy's Fresh Market was complete on June 30. The new market provides the same merchandise and services as the previous owners, and offers the customers reduced prices and quality service.

Amy's Fresh Market is family-run and focuses on providing the best service and reaching out to the surrounding community.

AUGUST

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce and its Labor Day Parade Committee has announced that Randy Bisaillon has been selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2015 Herscher Grand Labor Day Parade.

Randy was born on October 3, 1947, and graduated from Herscher High School in 1965.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, the Taste of Dwight, sponsored by the Dwight Economic Alliance, had a large turnout, despite attempts by the rain to dampen the fun. Friends and family gathered in Renfrew Park to enjoy the live music, check out the tables set up by area vendors, and even take an unexpected plunge in the dunk tank. This year's Taste of Dwight was the second annual celebration of the event, and featured a wide array of businesses. From food vendors, to informative organization tables, to a beer tent, this event is sure to be a staple Dwight celebration for years to come.

The Dwight Economic Alliance held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Amtrak station August 11, in addition to a ribbon cutting for the extension of Pine Cone Path in Dwight.

Governor Rauner gave a thumbs-up to the crowd that greeted some 200 motorcyclists and veterans at Old Route 66 Family Restaurant.

SEPTEMBER

Meet Ron and Rosemary Wilder, 2015 Dwight Harvest Days Parade Marshals.

Ron Wilder has been a Dwight businessman all of his adult life. And, at age 91, he still puts on a dress shirt and tie most every day and still goes to work. His wife Rosemary, age 89 and the family matriarch, has always been by his side, tending the family, and is a constant light in their life.

Dwight will honor and pay tribute to a lost comrade - Keith Lauritzen during this year's Harvest Days parade for his many contributions to the community.

Keith Lauritzen grew up on a farm north of Reddick where he attended Reddick Grade and High School, graduating in 1966. When he was young, Keith attended church and visited grandparents in Dwight, so this community became his sort of second home. At church in Dwight, he met his future wife, the former Janice Christiansen, and they

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Kankakee Quilt Makers to Meet February 11

The Kankakee Quilt Makers Guild meeting will be Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Calvary Bible Church, 2587 E. Armour Rd. in Bourbonnais.

This month's program will feature one of the guild members, Kathy Treece, who has been a member since the guild started. She will be taking the Quilt Makers on her quilt journey, showing a few antique quilts, a bit of needlework, and a bunch of her favorite quilt projects. And there will be a few tips and tricks (and gadgets) that may prove helpful, too.

Beginner and seasoned quilters are welcome to attend.

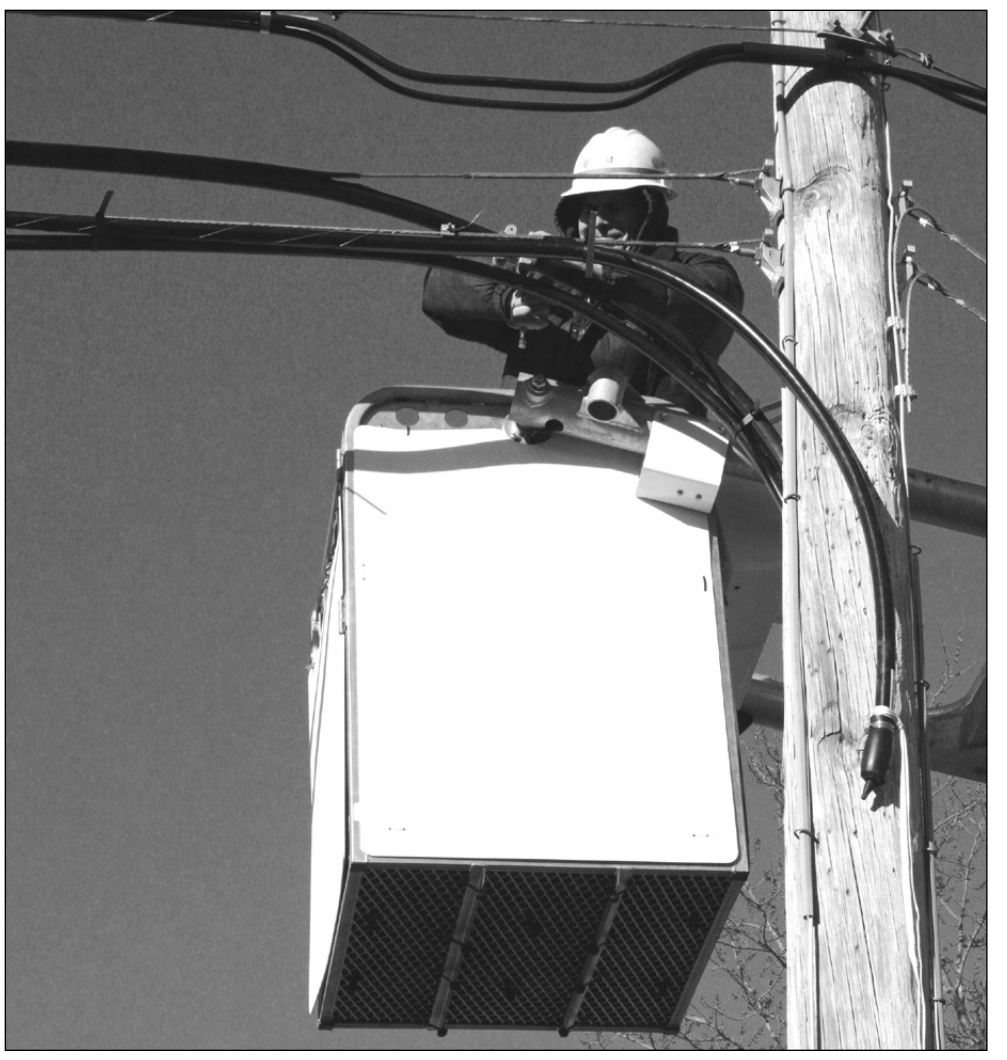
Godley Park Circle Jam February 13

The Godley Park Circle Jam is set for Saturday, February 13, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Hall by the Water Tower.

Admission is free, however donations are accepted. For more information, call Randy at 815-237-8139.

The Circle Jam is held at the same time and location the second Saturday of each month.

Rerouting Lines Buried at Train Depot



BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION of the new train depot in Dwight, AT&T was in town Thursday, Feb. 4, to reroute lines buried underground at the site. The worker is installing a line at the corner of Franklin and Chippewa streets. *The Paper* photo

You will be well informed if you read *The Paper.*

DWIGHT EMS DIRECTOR AL METZKE is pictured with Dwight Cub Scout Pack 4877. Al provided the Bear and Webelo Dens with a first aid program at the Dwight United Methodist Church. The scouts were given a review on splinting, controlling bleeding, snakebites, and other medical emergencies.

Livingston County Health Department Wellness Clinic Feb. 17

The Livingston County Health Department is now taking appointments for a Wellness Clinic at the health department, which will be conducted Wednesday, February 17, and is open to all adults in Livingston County.

Basic Wellness Clinic services include: blood pressure screening and a blood chemistry profile. This profile includes testing for: all cholesterol levels; glucose level; blood count; and liver and kidney function enzymes. The cost for a basic wellness clinic visit includes all lab fees. Lab results are reviewed by the health department, and sent to participants within two weeks.

Additional services available through the wellness clinic at additional fees include: PSA (prostate specific antigen) prostate cancer testing for men; Thyroid (TSH) screening; A1C screening for clients with diabetes; and Osteoporosis screening for women.

To make an appointment, call the Livingston Co. Health Dept. at 815-844-7174.

***The Paper* Deadline for news and advertising is Friday at noon.**

Meagan Brockman Earns Dean's List Honors at Loyola U.

Meagan Brockman of Odell was honored for her scholastic performance during the first semester of the 2015-16 academic year at Loyola University Chicago by being named to the College of Arts and Sciences' Dean's List.

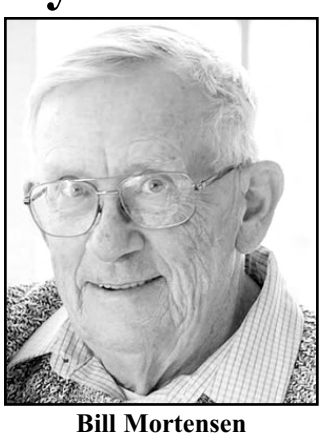
Meagan is the daughter of Tom and Teresa Brockman.

Meagan Brockman

Bill Mortensen's 80th Birthday Open House February 27

On Saturday, February 27, there will be an open house held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 506 S. Old Rt. 66, in honor of Dwight's own Bill Mortensen's 80th birthday.

If you are unable to attend but wish to send a card, his address is 307 W. Chippewa.



Bill Mortensen

Odell Firemen Fish Fry February 19

On Friday, February 19, the Odell Firemen will hold their annual "All-you-can-eat" Fish Fry from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Odell Fire Station.

A fee applies. Children under 12 receive a discount and preschoolers are free.

Carry-outs will be available. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

Soup and Sandwich Supper at Church of Hope February 20

The Church of Hope in Gardner will hold a Soup and Sandwich Supper Saturday, February 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The menu includes potato soup, chicken tortellini, and Chili. Sandwiches are ham and chicken salad. Salad, desserts, and drinks are included.

A fee applies. Kids five- to ten-years old receive a discount and children under five eat for free.

Carry-outs are also available.

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Area Students Named to Olivet Nazarene Dean's List

Olivet Nazarene University named the following area students to their Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester:

- **Natalie Cash** of Gardner
- **Sydney Hartman** and **Emily Henderson** of Herscher
- **Brittany Hilleary** of Odell
- **Lauren Mohler** of Kempton
- **Elisabeth Myzia** of Dwight
- **Hannah Shiner** of Cabery

To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, students must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Find Out if You Qualify for SNAP February 29 in Gardner

For those wishing to find out if they qualify for SNAP (food assistance – food stamps or Link), there will be a program held at Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe in Gardner, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, February 29.

You will be asked about:

- **Identification** – know or take social security number or Alien ID and Document Number. *Must* be citizen or legal permanent resident for five years to qualify. Non-citizen adults may apply on behalf of children with citizenship.
- **Job Income** – pay stubs from past month, if available.
- **Other Income** – social security, child support, unemployment, SSI, checking/savings statements, veterans benefits, pension retirement.
- **Residency** – know your exact rent, mortgage, association dues, insurance, and property tax.
- **Seniors 60+, Blind, and/or Disabled Only**: itemized medical expenses.

If you have questions, call Archana Liggins, Northern Illinois Food Bank at 630-398-2179 or e-mail aliggins@northernilfoodbank.org. You may also visit www.solvehungertoday.org.

The program is first come, first served. Allow 30-60 minutes to complete.

To place a social announcement, send information to:

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Angela and Trent Becker

Angela Boundy Weds Trent Becker

Angela Marie Boundy and Trent Steven Becker, both of Homewood, exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony October 17, 2015 at the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Parents of the bride are Steve and Vivian Boundy, of Dwight. Mother of the groom is Mary Becker of Odell. Pastor Lance Leeds and Pastor Daniel Wentworth officiated the ceremony. Music was provided by Jason Langdon and Rachel Roussel.

The bride wore a strapless trumpet-style gown of ivory satin with beaded lace appliques, satin buttons went down the back of the dress, and a rhinestone, pearl and crystal beaded sash adorned the waist. The two-tier ivory fingertip length veil had matching beaded edges.

The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of lavender roses, white hydrangea, eggplant carnations, wax flowers, green pompons and hypericum. The bridesmaids carried hand-tied bouquets of white hydrangea, eggplant carnations and green pompons. The altar was decorated with an arrangement of white hydrangea and larkspur, eggplant wax flowers and green pompons.

Matron of honor was Stephani Hoegger of Dwight, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Melissa Funk of Dwight, Erin Fogarty of South Wilmington, Sarah Gereaux of Mississauga, Ontario, Sarah Sancken of Cabery, Alyson DePaul of Chicago, Kathleen Albert of Heyworth, and Katie Good of Hoffman Estates, all friends of the bride. They wore matching chiffon eggplant-colored dresses. Flower girl was Leah Hoegger and ring bearer was Reid Hoegger of Dwight, niece and nephew of the bride. Best man was Jan Rakes of Bloomington, Indiana, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Nathan Hoegger of Dwight, brother-in-law of the bride; Roger Feltenz of Dwight, brother of the groom; Michael Sand of Minooka, Ryan Barschdorf of Morris, Jesse Walker of Pontiac, Jake Marshall of Aurora, and Jake Wilson of Pontiac, all friends of the groom.

Ushers were Jody Davis of Pontiac and Andy Price of Morris, friends of the groom. Reader was Christina Sancken of Decatur, Georgia, cousin of the bride.

Attending the guestbook was Allyson Feltenz of Freeport and attending the programs was Samantha Feltenz of Iowa City, Iowa, nieces of the groom.

Bubble attendants were Abby and Kara Sancken of Geneseo and Owynn Gliwa of Dwight, cousins of the bride. A reception and dance were held at the Pontiac Elks Lodge. A week-long wedding trip was taken to Jamaica.

The bride is a 2006 Dwight Township High School graduate, a graduate of Illinois State University with a bachelor of science degree in 2010, and from Bradley University with a doctor of physical therapy degree in 2013. She is a physical therapist at METT Therapy Services in Olympia Fields.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of Pontiac Township High School and graduate from Illinois State University with a bachelor of science degree in 2013. He is a safety manager at Walsh Construction of Chicago.

The bride's grandparents are J. Marshall and Marilynn Sancken of Pontiac, and Richard and Carolyn Boundy of Emington.

The groom's grandparents are deceased, Leo and Imogene Becker of Dwight and Charles and Virginia Tilton of Odell.

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Think About Sending Financial Valentines to Loved Ones

Americans spent nearly $19 billion in Valentine's Day gifts last year, according to the National Retail Federation. Much of this money went for gifts with short shelf lives, such as candy, flowers and restaurant meals (and about $700 million was spent on gifts for pets). There's certainly nothing wrong with giving chocolates or roses. But this year, think about going beyond the classic gifts. Instead, use Valentine's Day as an opportunity to determine how you can make gifts with long-lasting impact to your circle of loved ones.

Here are some suggestions:

For your spouse or significant other … As long as your spouse or significant other has earned income, he or she may be able to contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA. So, consider giving a check to be used for that purpose. A traditional IRA can grow tax deferred, while contributions are usually tax-deductible. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) While Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, any earnings growth can be distributed tax free, provided the account owner doesn't take withdrawals until age 59½ and has had the account at least five years. For 2015 and 2016, the IRA contribution limit is $5,500, or $6,500 for those 50 or older.

For your children … You don't have to be rich to give your children a gift worth $1 million – you just have to help them through school. College graduates earn about $1 million more over their lifetimes than those without a degree, according to research from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Still, college isn't cheap: The average annual cost – tuition, fees, room and board – for a private four-year college is more than $42,000, according to the College Board, while the comparable figure for a public four-year school is about $19,000. Of course, if financial aid is available, you could get some help. Nonetheless, you may want to start putting away money for college. One popular college savings vehicle is a 529 plan. Your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes, and any earnings growth can be withdrawn tax-free, provided it is used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, if you take withdrawals from your 529 plan, and you don't use the money for these higher education expenses, you may be subject to both income tax and a 10% penalty on the earnings.)

For your parents … If you have elderly parents, you may want to find out if they've got their retirement and estate plans in place. If they've already taken care of everything, you may not need to get involved – but if they've left some "loose ends," your help could be a valuable gift. So, ask them if they have drawn up the necessary legal documents. Do they each have a will? Have they created a durable power of attorney, which allows them to name someone to make financial and health care decisions on their behalf if they become incapacitated? If it appears they have much work to do in these areas, you may want to offer to arrange a consultation for them with a legal advisor and a financial professional.

None of these ideas are "traditional" Valentine's Day gifts – but all of them can prove of great value to your loved ones.

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

Illinois Gas at $1.58

The price of regular unleaded gasoline in Illinois is well below the national average this week at $1.58 gallon as of Feb. 8. The U.S. average is $1.733.

The Paper's circulation area gas prices are all below $1.50 except Saunemin.

GasBuddy said the continued decline in gasoline comes as crude oil prices struggle and concerns of economic slowdown hit.

"Weakness in China is sapping demand from the world's second largest oil consumer precisely at the same time Iran is ramping up oil exports," said Patrick DeHann, GasBuddy.

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

Average U.S. gallon regular price made up of 17% state & local taxes; 19% distribution; 24% marketing: and 40% refining.

City/Village	Feb. 18	Feb. 1
Dwight	$1.442	$1.514
Seneca	$1.4366	$1.5366
Marseilles	$1.433	$1.54
Streator	$1.334	$1.49
Odell	$1.47	$1.535
Saunemin	$1.54	$1.54
Cullom	$1.49	$1.55
Pontiac	$1.45	$1.48
Gardner	$1.45	$1.55
Braceville	$1.45	$1.55
Mazon	$1.45	$1.52
Morris	$1.37	$1.426
Herscher	$1.49	$1.55
Kankakee	$1.47	$1.53
Chicago	$1.67	$1.77
Illinois	$1.58	$1.67
U.S.	$1.733	$1.79

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

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OBITUARIES

Anton 'Anthony' Jezek Jr.

DWIGHT – Anton "Anthony" Jezek Jr., 80, of Dwight and formerly of Chicago, passed away Friday, February 5, 2016.

Visitation will be from 9 until 11 a.m., Thursday, February 11, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

A short service will immediately follow the visitation. Father Chris Haake will officiate.

Burial will take place at 3 p.m. in Chicago Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside.

Anton Jr. was born June 4, 1935 in Chicago, son of Anton Sr. and Francis Sladek Jezek. He was raised by his stepmother, Catherine Jezek. He married Nadine J. Phillips January 6, 1979 in Chicago. She survives in Dwight.

Surviving are his son, Anton (Dorothy) Jezek III of Dwight; and his grandchildren, Michael Jezek and Christopher Jezek, both of Elwood; and Charles Jezek of Orland Park.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother; a brother, Joseph Jezek; and sons, Michael and Charles Jezek.

Anton owned and operated Jezek Graphic Arts and was an active member in the Chicago Boys Club. He will be dearly missed by his wife and family.

Memorials in honor of Anton may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be made at hagermemorial.com

Margaret L. Stahler

ODELL – Margaret L. Stahler, 98, of Odell passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 3:02 a.m. at OSF St. James John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac.

Margaret was born June 6, 1917 in Emington, daughter of J. Oscar and Bridget Foley Fraher. She married Harold Stahler January 3, 1944 in Meridian, Mississippi. He passed away January 21, 2003.

She is survived by her daughter, Jean (Nelson) Ruther of Chenoa; son, Edward (Kristine) Stahler of Odell; son-in-law, Richard Diemer of Pontiac; grandchildren: Teresa (Joe Vaughan) Diemer, Tony (Kim) Ruther, Keri (William) Grob, Lori (Eric) Gerth, Robert (Kay) Stahler, and Ryan (Elisha) Stahler.

Twelve great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren also survive.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two children in infancy; two daughters, Ann Teresa Diemer and Mary Margret Stahler; two brothers, Donald and Vincent Fraher; and one sister, Mary Giacometti.

Margaret was a graduate of Reddick High School; was a telephone operator and homemaker. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell; the Pontiac Elks; the Moose; and Cosmos Dance Club.

Her funeral service was Monday, February 8, at 10 a.m. in St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell, with Father David Sabel officiating.

Burial: St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, Odell.

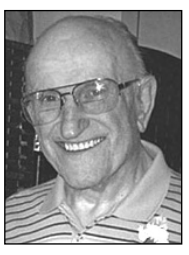
Visitation was Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m. in St. Paul Church, Odell, with the rosary recited at 1:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Catholic Grade School in Odell or to a charity of the donor's choice.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at duffyfuneralhome.com

Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, was in charge of arrangements.

John William Austin



GARDNER – John William Austin, 93, of Gardner passed away Monday, February 8, 2016 at his home.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., South Wilmington Chapel, today, Wednesday, February 10, from 4 until 8 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Stanley Drewniak at 10 a.m., Thursday, February 11, in St. Lawrence Catholic Church, South Wilmington.

Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood.

John was born February 11, 1922 in Flanagan, son of Joseph and Katie Huls Austin. He retired from Caterpillar, Inc. in Joliet.

A veteran of the United States Army Air Corps, he served overseas during World War II. He was a member of and religious education teacher at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington; member of the Knights of Columbus #1574 in Braidwood, and 4th Degree member of St. Viator in Kankakee.

He was a past member of GSW School Board, Mount Olivet Cemetery Board, St. Lawrence Parish Credit Union, and Caterpillar Retirees Club.

John bowled in several competitive bowling leagues and was the midnight guard at the Coal City Area Club until 2014. He enjoyed attending all of his grandchildren's sporting events.

Surviving are his wife, Delores Muzzarelli Austin, to whom he was married June 7, 1942 in Palmyra, Missouri; and two daughters: Sharon (Rodney) Ford of Gardner and Jona (Jim) Berta of Sachse, Texas.

Also surviving are four grandchildren: Toni (Patrick) Schaner, Teri (Quinton Kevin) Ford, Austin (Isa) Berta, and Elyse Berta; four great-grandchildren: Ryan Schaner, Kayle Schaner, Julia Kevin and Jack Kevin; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers: Les (Dorothy) Austin, Ernest (Alyce) Austin, and Ralph (Gladys) Austin; and one sister, Anne Januszewski.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Lawrence Catholic Church or the Braidwood Knights of Columbus.

For more information or to visit his on-line guestbook, log on to: www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or see Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to the Ambulance, Medical Support

Does our wonderful EMT and ambulance service of Dwight know how much they are appreciated by the people of this town?

On Dec. 6, I could not have asked for any better emotional and physical support than what was given me by Sandy Kokaly and her recent partner. Sandy followed me into the ER and talked me through what was happening and stayed with me until I was finally released from Morris Hospital.

This little town of Dwight is so fortunate to have such people of character, empathy, kindness, experts at what they do for people in a crisis situation.

Thanks so much, Sandy, for singing Christmas carols to me in the ambulance on our trip to Morris!

Lynne Adair

Re-Elect Seth Uphoff for Livingston Co. State's Atty.

Not only did I know Seth Uphoff growing up together in Flanagan, but I've gotten to know him again as our State's Attorney. Seth and his family were always an active part of the community and he has continued that in office. We see him at events in Dwight all the time, not just during election years. As a mother of three, with one who will be a teenager before I know it, I've greatly appreciated Seth being involved at our schools. He's been part of our mock-DUI event, he spoke at our grade school, and I know he's given talks at Flanagan, Woodland, and Prairie Central. Now he's partnered with our police in a terrific anti-drug initiative. Anyone who really knows Seth knows that he cares about our community and that he's a fighter who will stand up for us. I hope you'll join me and vote for Seth!

Laura Pittenger
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Dwight

Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate bridge was played February 4 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center.

North/South:
1. Mary Anne McNamara/Darlene Drechsel
2. Judy Cashmer/Janet Kresl
3. Stella Spandet/Janyce Gross

East/West:
1. Docia Hancock/Glenda Kutos
2. Norma Rodosky/Patsy Harty
3. Evelyn Lydigsen/Barb Christensen

The next duplicate bridge will be February 18.

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A Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to our relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers for their expressions of sympathy, support and kindness shown to us after the passing of our father, Kenny Launius. The visits, notes, emails, calls, cards, food, flowers, statues, plaques, plants, kind words, stories, donations and mass tributes will always be remembered. A special thanks to the doctors and staff at Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center and Villa Franciscan in Joliet for dad's exceptional care. Thank you to Pastor Kurt Hoover for his kind words and prayer, and to Steven and the staff at Hager Memorial Home for your guidance and understanding.

Jill and Beth Launius

"Tomorrow is a gift. Give your kid a hug. Smile when you can." -Skinny Sezz

PUBLIC NOTICE
EARLY VOTING AND GRACE PERIOD
VOTING DATE

Public Notice is hereby given that Early and Grace Period Voting in Livingston County will be conducted on the following dates at the temporary location in the Historic Court House prior to the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election:

Dates	Location	Hours
Early Voting: February 4 thru March 14	County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St, Room 106 Pontiac, IL	Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Grace Period Registration: February 17 thru March 15	County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St, Room 106	Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Extended Hours Voting: March 9	County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St, Room 106	Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday Voting: February 13 (Voter Registration Only) March 5 March 12	County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St, Room 106	9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

The first date for Early Voting in the County Clerk's Office will be the afternoon of February 17th and the last day will be March 14th. The process allows any registered voter in Livingston County to use the above location to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Voters must be prepared to present a valid ID for signature verification. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply. Early Voters will cast their votes using the Accu Vote or Touch Screen voting systems.

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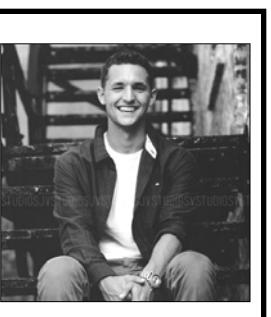
5 Minutes with Boma



BORING GAME

If you're following over from my other columns you'll know I made some predictions, so far I'm 0/2 on those, one being Groundhog's Day and the other being the Super Bowl in which I predicted the Panthers to win, and they didn't. They didn't win, and they lost in the most boring fashion. Maybe the people who really love old school football enjoyed this game, but to the average fan, it was not a good showing for the NFL. The game was a defensive struggle from the opening kickoff. There was only one offensive touchdown from both teams. The winning quarterback didn't throw for a touchdown, and he passed for less than 150 yards. In the regular season he threw for less than 10 touchdowns. Even though it's Peyton Manning, at this point in his career I think you could argue that he's the worst quarterback to ever win a Superbowl, which is crazy. The MVP of the Superbowl came from the defense, it wasn't even an offensive player. The halftime show was arguably more exciting than the game, but just barely because it was Coldplay, and they don't exactly have music that you would play while you work out at the gym. Coming off of last year's game which had one of the most dramatic finishes in Superbowl history, this game really stunk. I think it will go down as one of the most boring Superbowls of all time. There were almost no big plays, just a lot of sacks, fumbles, and punts. The underdog won, that made it somewhat exciting if you like rooting for the team that isn't favored in the game. The unofficial holiday didn't quite live up to the expectations this year. It's easy to see why the NFL keeps changing the rules to let the offense score more, because it's exciting.

Aaron Boma
DTHS Graduate and ISU Senior

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We wish to extend our gratitude to Father Adam Cesarek of St. Paul for the beautiful service performed. Thank you to Steven Snyder of Hager Memorial Home for the wonderful work you did and guidance you gave. Thank you to all who sent food, cards, donations, flowers, kind words, thoughts, and prayers. To those of you who waited patiently in the cold to pay their last respects and share one last story, thank you. It was all very comforting in our time of need.

The family of Lonnie "Spud" Sorensen.
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Michelle Farris and family • Lori Marques and family

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Holy Mary , Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse in thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

Anonymous

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held before the President and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dwight, Illinois with respect to the Tentative Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017 for the Village of Dwight. The Public Hearing shall be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Hour of 6:30 P.M. at the Public Services Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

Copies of the Tentative Annual Budget are available for public inspection commencing Monday, February 22, 2016 at the Office of the Dwight Village Clerk, Public Services Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420 during regular business hours.

At the time and place of the Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative.

After the close of the Public Hearing, the President and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dwight shall vote on the Annual Budget Ordinance for the above Fiscal Year, either as presented or as modified after the Public Hearing.

For further information, contact the Village Administrator as set forth above during regular business hours:

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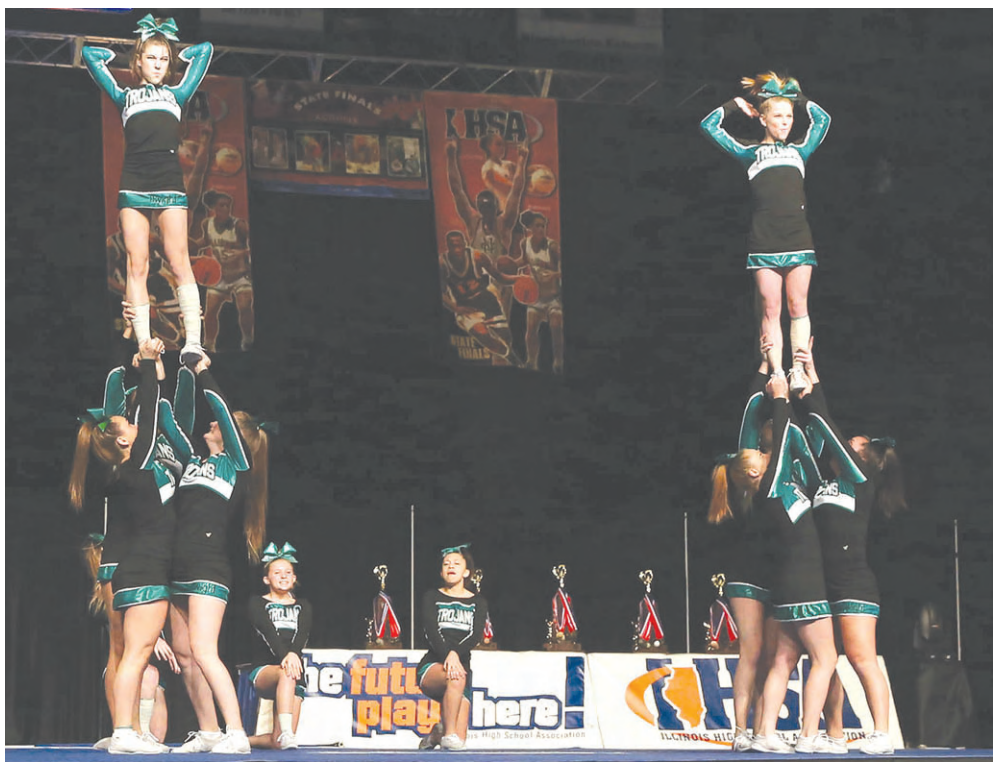

Fifth in State

THE DWIGHT Township High School Trojan Cheerleaders (photos at left) team took fifth at the IHSA state finals in Bloomington Feb. 6. The girls performed their best finish of the season in the small varsity squad division. Members of the squad include seniors captain Molly Snyder, captain Lyndey Krug, Ceci Soto, Jordan Tilley; juniors Karli Kelson, Isa Lopez, Jenna Foose; sophomore Isabel Morales; and freshmen Reece Mortensen, Sofie Swink, Riley Connolly, and Carli Schlabowske. The girls are coached by Angie Goley and assistant coaches Missy Snyder and Kathy Perry.

Photos by J7 Images

SVC Conference Action

IN THE Sangamon Valley Conference tournament action, the Dwight Township High School Trojans scored a thrilling 62-59 victory against the Clifton Central Comets on Friday, Feb. 2. The Trojans placed fourth in the tournament. In the top photo Peter Hansen and Justin Fox defend against a Comet shooter. On offense, Fox scored 24 points that night. Below right, Jace Kennedy attempts a layup. Kennedy scored 12 points that night.

Photos by Shayla Loring

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9213	2016	Buick	LaCrosse	Sedan	Graphite Gray	$40,325	$35,325
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9134	2015	Buick	Enclave	SUV	Quicksilver	$47,010	$40,802
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DTHS Trojans Basketball

Tuesday, February 2
Dwight vs. Clifton Central
Varsity -
SVC Tournament

Dwight improved to 14-8 with a thrilling 62-59 overtime win in the first round of the SVC tournament versus the hosts, Clifton Central.

With the game tied at 59 with five seconds remaining in OT, Connor Gantzert drilled his second three of the game, sealing the victory for the Trojans.

Justin Fox led all scorers with 24 points, including a three-pointer and 5-7 from the line. Blake Graham and Jace Kennedy each scored 12 points, with Graham hitting a triple. Gantzert ended up with eight points, with Peter Hansen coming up with four. Wes Pulver added a basket.

Friday, February 5
Dwight vs. South Newton
Varsity -
SVC Tournament

In SVC Semi-final action Friday night at Clifton Central, Dwight fell to 14-9 with a 61-44 loss to South Newton – who took control early and never took their foot off the pedal.

Jace Kennedy led the Trojans, scoring 14 points, while Blake Graham added 13, including three treys. Justin Fox hit two threes, en route to an eight-point night. Peter Hansen put in six points, with Blaine Livingston drilling a three-pointer to round out the scoring.

Saturday, February 6
Dwight vs. Watseka
Varsity -
SVC Tournament

The Trojans dropped to 14-10 after a tough 84-54 loss to Watseka over the weekend in the Sangamon Valley Conference Tourney.

Dwight struggled to keep up with the Warriors throughout the contest, as the onslaught started early and didn't let up.

Jace Kennedy's 18 points led the Trojans. He was followed by Justin Fox's 15, including three trifectas. Blake Graham had 12 points, with two threes, while Blaine Livingston made a three of his own.

Carter Wykes, Andrew German, and Peter Hansen all had two points.

GSW Panthers Basketball

Friday, January 29
GSW vs. St. Anne
Varsity -

The GSW Panthers were able to stave off the St. Anne Cardinals January 29, picking up a 50-46 win, improving to 9-0 in the RVC.

"I'm really proud of how our kids continue to persevere and work through some of the challenges of being a championship caliber team," stated Coach Gibson. "We know that we are now the "hunted" and that we will get the best of each opponent. St. Anne did that in this game and made us really earn this win."

Scott Horrie led GSW with 16 points, hitting three three-pointers and going 3-5 from the charity stripe.

"Scott has been consistent for us all year long," Gibson continued, "and he has done whatever it took to help his team win. In this game, Scott really showed that he was going to step up and score for us – especially early on and we needed him to."

Alex Bunna followed with 13 points of his own, including two treys, nine rebounds, and a couple critical steals.

"Alex had a fantastic game as well," Gibson said. "He has really matured this year as a basketball player."

Walker Eutsey finished with ten points in the contest, with Austin Kavanaugh scoring eight (one three-pointer). Braden Marks added a three-pointer, also.

"We are in a great position to go undefeated in the conference," said Gibson. "The last GSW team to do that was the 2010-11 team that went 10-0. We are hoping to surpass that and finish 12-0. I'm proud of this team!"

Tuesday, February 2
GSW vs. Peotone
Varsity -

Gardner-South Wilmington hit a roadblock February 2, losing to a tough team from Peotone, 62-35.

"We ran into a very good Peotone team that had been struggling some but really played well on their home court," head coach Chris Gibson said. "They knocked down open shots and shot the ball very well. Defensively, they were the best team we've played by far, as they held us to a season low. When we did get looks, we were just not able to knock them down and that led to a rough second half."

The Panthers stuck around early on, going into the second quarter tied at 16. They trailed by just six heading into the third quarter, but that's when the Blue Devils turned it up a few notches.

Scott Horrie led GSW on offense, scoring ten points, including two three-pointers. Austin Kavanaugh, who was under the weather, managed to put up nine points, including a three. Alex Bunna also had nine, knocking down a triple as well, while Walker Eutsey scored four points. Braden Marks added a bucket, with Noah Brannock hitting a free throw.

"It was tough having the eight-game win streak come to an end," admitted Gibson, "but we are poised to start a new streak now with three big conference games on the horizon with a chance to go 12-0 in the RVC. That's our focus right now."

The Panthers are now 15-6 overall.

Friday, February 5
GSW vs. Donovan
Varsity -

The Panthers rolled to an 85-53 win over Donovan Friday night, upping their record to 16-6 overall and claiming the RVC Championship all for themselves – as they sit at a perfect 10-0 in the conference.

"I couldn't be more proud of our guys and this basketball program," said head coach Chris Gibson. "We have been so close in the last two years and it feels so good to be sitting on top of the conference. We are still undefeated at home and are hungry for a 12-0 finish in the conference – still a lot of work to do."

Leading the way for GSW was Alex Bunna who went off for 18 points, including three three-pointers.

"Alex had a monster game for us," Gibson added. "He shot the ball very well from the arc (75%) and overall (77%). I am so proud of his development as a basketball player. He has been tremendous for us."

Walker Eutsey had 17 points for the Panthers, with one three. Scott Horrie added 12 points, including a trey. Austin Kavanaugh and Noah Brannock each put in nine points, with one triple each. Junior Schultz scored seven in the game. Ben Bexson connected on two three-pointers, while Colin Cash hit a three as well. Mike Wise and Braden Marks had two points each.

Church Dartball League

Results of the February 1 Dartball match-ups are as follows:

	W	L
Emmanuel Luth.	2	1
New Life Assembly/God	1	2
bye		
Dwight Meth.	3	0
Dwight Cong.	3	0
St. Peter's Luth.	0	3
Trinity Lutheran	1	2
Essex-Bonfield	2	1
Mazon Cong.	2	1
Church of Hope	1	2

Current League Standings

	W	L
Dwight Meth.	15	6
Dwight Cong.	14	7
St. Peter's Luth.	13	8
Church of Hope	13	8
Emmanuel Luth.	12	9
Essex-Bonfield	11	10
Mazon Cong.	11	10
New Life Assembly/God	9	12
Trinity Lutheran	7	14

Schedule for February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Dwight Congregational at Church of Hope.

Trinity Lutheran at St. Peter's Lutheran.

Emmanuel Lutheran at Dwight Methodist.

Essex-Bonfield at New Life Assembly of God.

Mazon Congregational has a bye.

SPORTS Week at a glance

WHAT	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Dwight Boys	Feb. 12	Iroquois West	Dwight	7:00 p.m.
	Feb. 13	Riverton Shootout	Riverton	TBA
	Feb. 19	Watseka	Watseka	7:30 p.m.
GSW Boys	Feb. 12	Illinois Lutheran	IL Lutheran	7:00 p.m.
	Feb. 16	Momence	GSW	7:00 p.m.
	Feb. 19	Crossroads Christian Academy	GSW	7:00 p.m.
Tri-Point Boys	Feb. 12	Donovan	Tri-Point	7:00 p.m.
	Feb. 15	Iroquois West	Tri-Point	7:00 p.m.
	Feb. 19	Beecher	Beecher	7:00 p.m.
Herscher Boys	Feb. 10	Seneca	Herscher	12:45 a.m.
	Feb. 12	Streator	Herscher	7:00 p.m.
	Feb. 13	Illinois Christian	Lansing	6:30 p.m.
	Feb. 20	Plano	Plano	12:45 a.m.

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GSW Lady Panthers Basketball

Monday, February 1
GSW vs. IL Lutheran
Varsity -

It wasn't pretty – but the GSW Lady Panthers were able to defeat Illinois Lutheran 48-33 when they met up for their conference finale February 1.

"Not a great night for us," admitted Coach Leigh. "Didn't take care of the ball very well, but were able to apply enough pressure to keep the lead comfortable."

Jenni Price had a big night, scoring 14 points, including two threes, to go with her six steals. Marlana Ferrari added nine points, with Maranda Residori scoring eight. Sydney Perkins had seven points, while Olivia Asbridge and Celia Barna each put in four. Kaylee Steichen contributed a bucket.

GSW finishes the season 10-2 in conference play – good enough for second place.

Wednesday, February 3
GSW vs. Central
Varsity -

In their final regular season game, and Senior Night in Gardner, the Lady Panthers came from behind to beat Central, 34-25.

GSW started off down 6-0 in the first, then an up and down battle for both teams followed. But a big fourth quarter for the Lady Panthers put it away, as the girls end the season with a 17-8 record and a second place finish in the conference.

"Jenni Price did a nice job of guarding Podowicz for Central tonight," stated Coach Leigh. "I think she frustrated her a little, even though Podowicz had 15 points. It always helps when you have a 14-2 fourth quarter to seal the win."

Price and Maranda Residori each ended up with eight points in the contest – Price connecting on two trifectas. Marlana Ferrari added seven points, while Celia Barna put in six. Kaylee Steichen had three points, with Emily Hopwood adding a basket.

GSW also shot 12-15 (80%) from the free throw line to help aid in their victory.

THE GSW Lady Panther basketball seniors were honored on senior night Feb. 3. Girls included (from left) Dana Wright, Haley Schuck, Maranda Residori, Emily Hopwood and Olivia Asbridge. The girls finished their regular season 17-8 and advance to the regionals tonight (Feb.10), 7:30 p.m.

Maranda Residori passes to Sydney Perkins during the game Feb. 3. Photos by Shayla Loring Photography.

DYS Registrations

Registrations are being accepted for Dwight Youth Softball. Registration fees apply, which are due – along with the completed registration form – during the following registration dates and times in the DGS cafeteria: • **Saturday, February 13**: 9:00 a.m. to noon. • **Saturday, February 20**: 9:00 a.m. to noon. • **Saturday, February 27**: 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Checks can be made out to DYS. Registration forms are available online at http://dwight-softball.wix.com /home if you wish to have it filled out before the turn-in days. If there are any questions, call Rodney Connor at 815-374-0364, Kim Heath at 815-883-0556, or Stacy Richie at 815-252-5938.

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Victory Lanes, Dwight League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG, 267, Brandon Petry; HSS, 667, Brandon Petry; HSG, 973, Willy's Pub; HSS, 2791, DeLong Ford.

League Standings	W	L
KM Industrial	20½	7½
Jensens	19	9
McArdle Grain	17	11
DeLong Ford	17	11
Krug Lawn Care	17	11
Willy's Pub	14	14
Ray's RH	12	16
JF Recycling	11	17
Star Trucking	8½	19½

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG, 279, Kyle Battle; HSS, 648, Brian Scott; HTSG, 980, Strachan Farms; HTSS, 2784, Victory Lanes.

League Standings	W	L
Dairy Queen	10	2
Willy's Pub	10	2
Pro Shop	8	4
Victory Lanes	7	5
Station 343	6½	5½
Jensens	6	6
Strachan Farms	5	7
Dwight Printing	3	9
A & S Exteriors	3	9
D Queen	1½	10½

Last Year's Problems Should Not Impact 2016 Crop

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A University of Illinois Agronomist believes last year's issues of standing water on crops and light freezing this winter should not have an adverse impact on the 2016 crop.

"We've had above average rainfall, two inches since early November," said Emerson Nafziger of the U of I.

At this time of year, it is still too early to tell what the weather will do to the crop yields. In the meantime, farmers are preparing for planting and getting their equipment in order for the upcoming season.

And as always, Mother Nature is a big concern for the agricultural production sector.

"Moisture is fully recharged," he added. "the concern is always about wet springs."

There is a lack of snow cover as of last week, he said, with little freezing deep in the ground.

"That's not a big problem," Nafziger said. "We don't know of any negative consequences (with shallow frost)."

He added in the Dwight area, there is some frozen ground.

For the last two years, Illinois crops have been good with 2014 a benchmark year for yields.

"The state average yield was 200 bushels an acre for corn in 2014," he said. "Last year it was 175 bushels an acre."

What hurt yields in 2015 was standing water.

Last year, the heavy rains caused standing water in much of the Dwight and surrounding area, causing corn plants to die.

If the crop stands in water long enough, the root system dies.

"You don't need to throw

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TOM WILLIAMS, VERONA, does repair work on a 9750 combine at Arends Hogan Walker of Dwight, Feb. 4. Farmers often bring in their equipment for repair and maintenance work over the winter months prior to the planting season.

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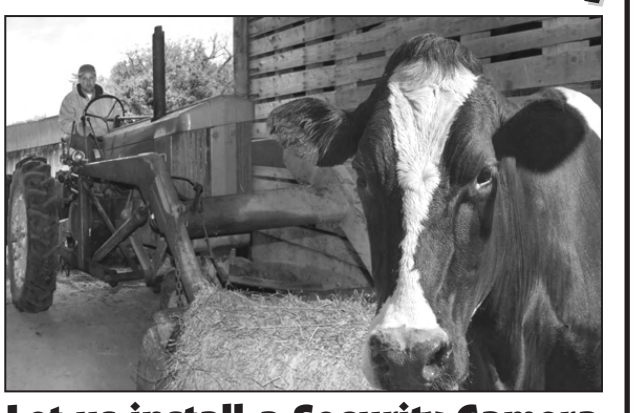

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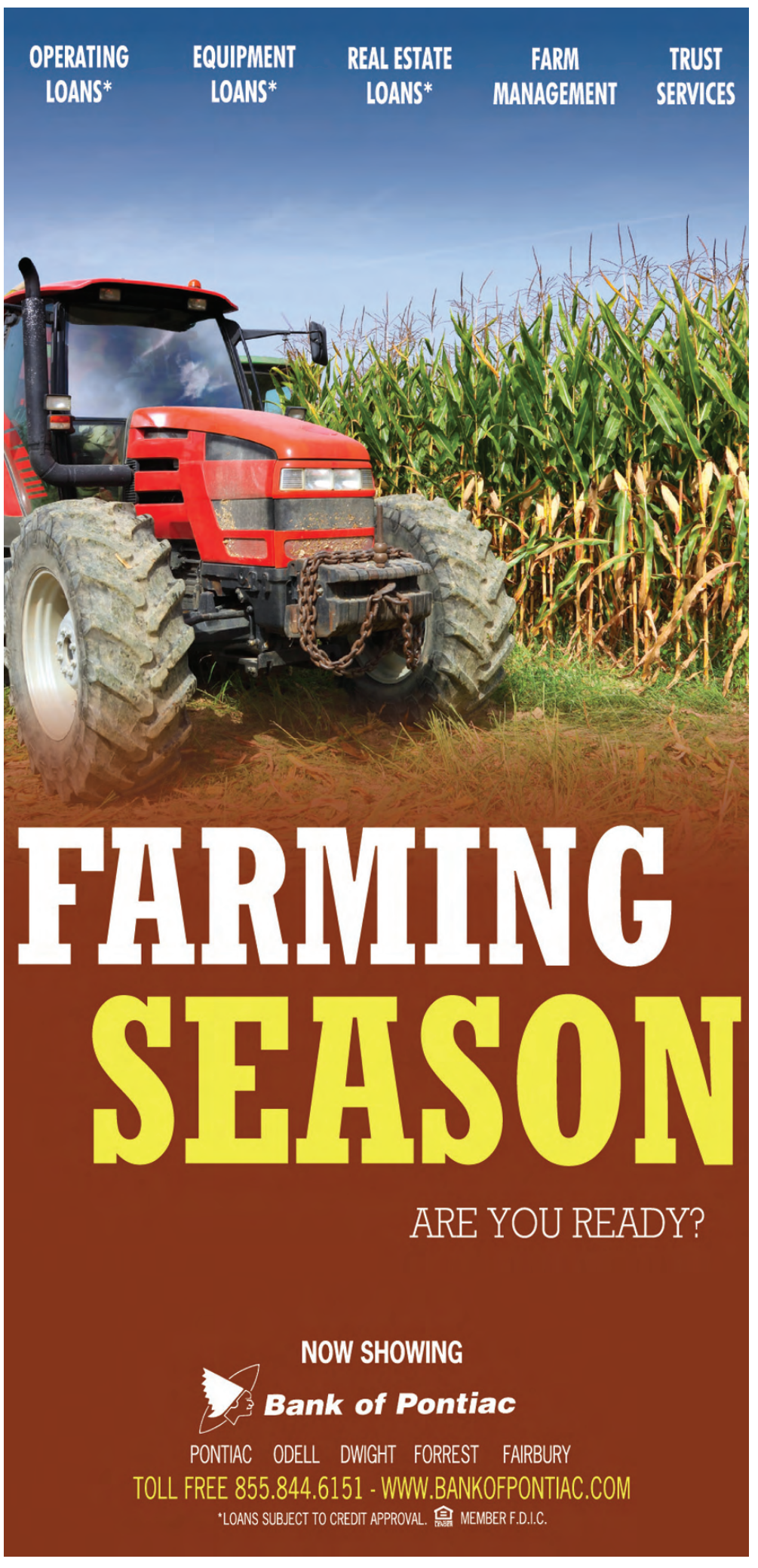

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Last Year's Problems Should Not Impact 2016 Crop

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nitrogen on it and bring it back to life," Nafziger said of last year's flooded crops. Farmers knew the "plant probably won't thrive."

He added last year's corn crop was "done in by rainfall."

The good news is, last year's problems are in the past.

"I don't think there will be a lingering effect on 2016 crops," he continued. "It's still probably fairly early yet today to tell."

Assuming the weather cooperates this year, 2016 should be another high yield crop year, he predicted.

On the soybean side, yields were better last year.

For the past two years, 2014 and 2015, soybean yields have averaged 56 bushels per acre, a record yield, he said.

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POTATOES WERE born high in the Andean mountains of Peru, and are derived from the nightshade family. Orignally, the Aymara natives developed more than 200 varieties, which became a staple in the diets of the Aymara, Incan, Mochia and Chimu aboriginal peoples. It eventually spread to Europe and the United States.

Potatoes: From The Andes To The States

by Tresa Erickson

Centuries ago, Spanish explorers discovered sweet potatoes on their travels through the West Indies. They liked the sweet potatoes so much that they decided to bring them back to Spain. Years later when white potatoes, or "papas" as they were called, were introduced in Spain, many assumed the two types of potatoes were related, but they were wrong. Sweet potatoes belong to the morning glory family, and white potatoes to the nightshade family. If the white potato isn't related to the sweet potato, where does it come from and how did it get to the United States?

The Irish white potato that we eat today was born high in the Andes Mountains on the Titicaca Plateau, stretching across Peru and Bolivia. There, Aymara Indians developed more than 200 varieties of the potato. It became a staple in the Aymara diet as well as in the Incan, Mochia and Chimu diets.

In the 1500s, Spanish conquistadors discovered the potato in South America while they were searching for gold, and brought it back with them. It took some time, however, before the potato was appreciated in other parts of Europe. Because it was a member of the nightshade family, a group including some poisonous plants, many feared it. Others recognized the potato for its medicinal purposes, and believed it could cure a wide array of illnesses, including tuberculosis.

The potato slowly spread to the Low Countries and Switzerland, and in 1620, was introduced to Prussia, where it was recognized for its nutritional value. To combat the famine spreading across Prussia, Frederick the Great ordered his people to plant potato crops. Many Prussians, however, feared the potato and refused to grow it. Frederick the Great retaliated by threatening to cut off the nose and ears of anyone who disobeyed his orders. By 1756, the beginning of the Seven Years War, the potato had become a staple in the Prussian diet.

During the Seven Years War, a young French chemist, Antoine Augustin Parmentier, was imprisoned in Prussia. While there, he subsisted on potatoes. Claiming that the potato was the reason for his survival, Parmentier fought hard upon his release to popularize it in his country. He convinced King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette to encourage farmers to grow the potato, and to ease the fears of his peers, he shared potato dishes with several highly respected government leaders, including Benjamin Franklin. His campaign worked, and by the late 1700s, the potato had become a staple in the French diet.

Europeans made several attempts to introduce the potato to the United States throughout the 1600s, but it didn't take hold until 1719, when Irish immigrants brought the potato to Londonberry, NH. The immigrants discovered the crop grew as well in the colonies as it did in Ireland. Their success with growing the potato prompted other colonists to try it, and before long, it became the second largest crop in the colonies. However, the potato was still used primarily to feed animals and did not become a staple in the American diet until the late 1800s with the help of Thomas Jefferson.

While serving as the American minister to France, Jefferson developed a taste for French cooking, especially their potato dishes. As president, he introduced a wide variety of potato dishes at various dinners and was the first to serve French fries. Because of his influence, the potato became popular in American cuisine.

From the Andes to the States, the potato has become a staple in the diet of many. In America alone, farmers earned $2.7 billion in 2000 for the production of potatoes. As the population around the world continues to increase, the demand for potatoes is sure to rise.

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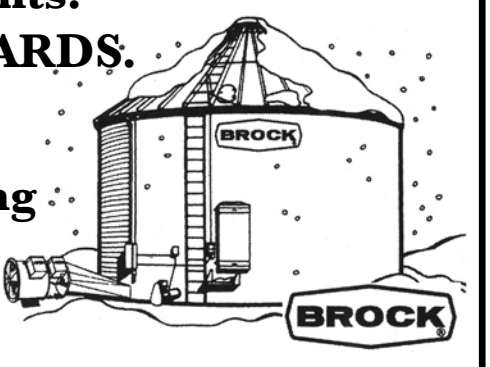

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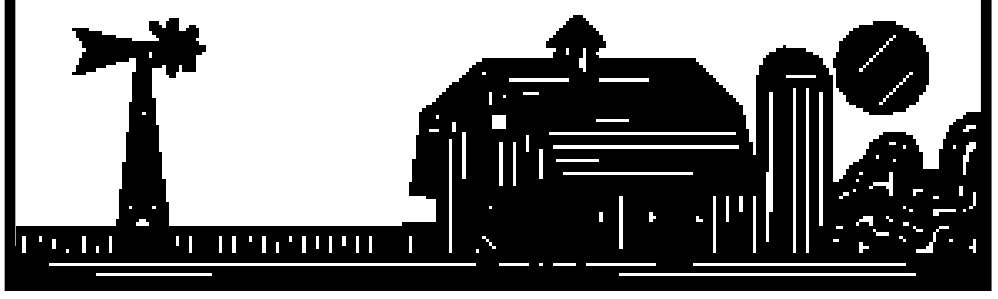

Farming By Satellite

by Tresa Erickson

It's Sunday afternoon, and you're getting ready for the game. You've got the remote, the chips and the soda. You flop into the recliner and switch on the TV. Miles away, a satellite dish receives a signal from a satellite in space and transforms it into the game you are about to watch. At a farm across town, a similar event is taking place. A combine antenna receives a signal from a satellite in space and transfers it to a computer, providing the farmer with information about his fields, including the exact location of the combine. The farmer is engaged in precision farming.

In precision farming, satellites collect data about a farm and transfer it back to the farmer on his computer. The farmer can then analyze the data himself or hire a company to do it for him. Some farmers have already benefited from the use of this technology. Images from the satellites Landsat and SPOT have been used to identify areas that are under stress on a farm. However, the cost to obtain these images is high. To monitor by satellite the conditions of a typical 2,500 acre farm in the Midwest, a farmer would have to pay $3,500 every two weeks. Most farmers cannot afford this, so researchers are looking into ways to make the technology more affordable.

Because it is so costly, precision farming is more popular in the West where farms are larger. There, most farmers use Global Positioning Sensing (GPS), a series of military satellites that identify the location of farm equipment within a meter of the actual site in the field.

Pinpointing the location of a piece of equipment can help farmers determine the quality of the land in that location. In the spring, the farmer's fields are mapped out on a computer, and each field map is transformed into a field grid. At harvesttime, satellite signals determine the location of the combine on the field grid. Meanwhile, the combine's computer gathers yield data for each square in the grid. As the data is analyzed, the farmer may discover a difference in yields among the squares in the grid. While one square may have produced 175 bushels of beans per acre, another might have only produced 150 bushels per acre. The farmer can then test the soil in each of the squares to determine the reason for the different yields. The square that produced more, for example, may have more nutrients than the one that produced less.

The typical farmer has too many acres to test, but with precision farming, he can pinpoint areas that need testing and then adjust his practices to meet the needs of those areas. For example, after discovering that a particular square produced less because it lacked nutrients, he can take that knowledge and apply it to the crops in the fall. Armed with a computerized soil map of his field and satellite signals indicating where he is in the field, the farmer can add more fertilizer to the area of the field that needs it when he comes to it.

Farmers who use precision farming tend to have a better idea of what it takes to produce the greatest yields. They rarely purchase more supplies than necessary and use them only where needed, saving time and money. However, precision farming isn't as easy as it sounds. Farmers may know which squares to test, but determining why those squares are bearing smaller yields can be difficult. Factors, like nitrogen levels in the soil, fluctuate throughout the season, so it may take months before the cause is pinpointed. Even if the cause is determined, deciding how to correct the problem can be difficult.

Precision farming requires a lot of intensive labor, including field mapping, soil testing, data analysis and record keeping, another reason small farmers choose not to do it. Those who do use it, however, benefit and may benefit even more in the future with the addition of geographic information systems (GIS) to GPS. Several companies are now marketing GIS record keeping systems that allow farmers to record details, such as the type of equipment used and the weather at the time, and personal notes as well, such as an increase in weed growth. This information is combined with the GPS data and documented in the GIS system for the farmer's future use.

As the technology becomes more affordable, precision farming will become a way of life for many farmers in the future. Those who once farmed by the mile may soon be farming by the foot.

Kankakee Fruit and Vegetable Growers Symposium Feb. 26

University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County invites fruit and vegetable producers to the Kankakee Fruit and Vegetable Growers Symposium February 26, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., which will provide training in management skills needed to achieve success in the commercial production and sale of fruits and vegetables.

Topics in the Symposium will include new varieties; crop protection; no-till gardening; marketing strategies; weed management; fruit production; season extension; and updates on rules of Food Safety Modernization Act. The Symposium will be held at U of I, Kankakee County, 1650 Commerce Drive in Bourbonnais.

A pre-registration fee is required by February 19, which includes lunch and handout materials. Register online at http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gkw. With this registration opportunity, you may use a credit card or you may choose to pay by check, which will tentatively register you until your check is received in their office. Additionally, you may call the office at 815-933-8337 to register by credit card or stop by the office with cash, check, or credit card.

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A Cow Isn't Just A Cow

By Tresa Erickson

Milk.
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Ayshire
Originally from Scotland, Ayshire cattle are reddish-brown mahogany with white markings or white with reddish-brown mahogany markings. The mahogany varies in shades from light to dark. Ayshire cows weigh around 1,200 pounds and bulls between 1,600 and 2,300 pounds. Recognized as the most beautiful of all the breeds, they have level rumps, nice udders and straight top lines. Ayshire cattle are strong, efficient grazers and easy to raise. They do not produce as much milk or milk fat, however, as other breeds.

Brown Swiss
Originally from Switzerland, Brown Swiss cattle range in color from light fawn to black. Their muzzles and dorsal stripes are light, while their horn tips, switches, tongues and noses are black. The largest of all breeds, Brown Swiss cows weigh 1,200 to 1,400 pounds, and bulls, 1,600 to 2,400 pounds. They are quite meaty with large heads and bones. Brown Swiss cattle are gentle and quiet and easily managed. They graze well. Their milk contains about 4% fat.

Guernsey
Originally from France, Guernsey cattle range in color from light fawn to red, with white markings on their legs, switches, flanks and faces. The cows weigh about 1,100 pounds and the bulls about 1,700 pounds. Guernsey cattle are rough over the rump and weak in the loin. Although alert and active, they are not nervous and therefore are easily managed. Guernsey cattle are excellent grazers. Their milk is high in quality with nearly 5% fat.

Holstein-Friesian
Originally from Holland, Holstein-Friesian cattle are black and white with white switches. Larger than most other breeds, the cows weigh about 1,500 pounds, and the bulls, about 1,800 pounds. Holstein-Friesian cattle are ruggedly built—their heads are long, straight and narrow and they have straight thighs and slightly rounded withers. The cows are gentle and quiet, whereas the bulls can be vicious, making them somewhat harder to manage. Holstein-Friesian cattle require good pastures to graze well. Their milk is lower in fat than any of the other breeds'.

Jersey
Originally from England, Jersey cattle range in color from light gray to very dark fawn or black. Some are solid, while others are spotted. Their tongues and switches may be black or white and their muzzles are black with a light ring. The smallest of the breeds, Jersey cows weigh between 800 and 1,200 pounds, and bulls, between 1,200 and 1,800 pounds. They have long, straight top lines, level rumps and good udders. Although nervous and sensitive, the cows are gentle and sometimes make great pets. The bulls, on the other hand, have the least gentle temperament of all the breeds and at times can be downright vicious. Jersey cattle do well on good or poor pastures. They are easy to maintain. Their milk contains about 5.3% fat and almost 15% solids.

Now you know a little something about common dairy cattle. Bet you didn't realize there were so many different breeds. There are some rare breeds, too, including the Dutch Belted and the Kerry. The next time you grab a glass of milk, think about the cow that might have produced it.

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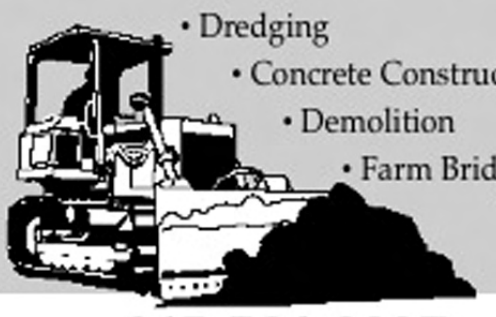
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Logan Vieira Wins DAR American History Contest

The Governor Thomas Ford Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has announced the winning essay in their annual American History essay contest. Logan Vieira, seventh grader at Tri-Point Junior High School, has won two levels of competition, the local and the District III division. His essay has now advanced to the state of Illinois competition.

The theme was "A Colonial Family's Reaction to the 1765 Stamp Act." Using historical facts,

Logan Vieira

Logan's essay describes the hardships of an eleven year old boy during the colonial fight for freedom. Passed by the British Parliament and King George, the Stamp Act required all colonists to pay a tax on every printed piece of paper they used.

The 250th anniversary of the "taxation without representation" Stamp Act was marked on March 22, 2015.

Essays were judged on historical accuracy, originality, spelling, and grammar. Logan's teachers who encouraged him to enter the contest are Keri Andrews (Language Arts) and Linda Avery (Social Studies). He is the son of the Rev. Mauricio and Ana Vieira of Cullom.

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Kaitlyn Dennett Named to Culver-Stockton College's Honor Roll

Kaitlyn Dennett, FR Nursing major from Braceville, was named to the Culver-Stockton College (Canton, MO) Honor Roll for work done during the fall 2015 semester.

To be named to an honors list, Culver-Stockton College requires students to meet high academic standards. Honor Roll students have earned between a 3.2 and 3.49 and were enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours, with no grade lower than a C.

Early Voting Begins In Livingston County

Livingston County Clerk Kristy Masching announced that early voting in the county clerk's office and Vote By Mail is available as of Feb. 8.

Early Voting was to begin Feb. 4, but was on hold until the State Board of Elections could review objections to several Presidential Candidates. The State Board of Elections resolved the objections much sooner than they anticipated and were able to certify their results to the county clerks a few days before early voting was to begin.

Masching said that their elections vendor, Liberty Systems was able to finalize their ballots and set up the early voting equipment Feb. 5.

Early voting will take place until March 14, a process that allows any registered voter in Livingston County to vote in person at the county clerk's office prior to Election Day.

Voters wishing to vote by mail may obtain an application by contacting the county clerk's office or by visiting the website at:
www.livingstoncountyil.gov

The last day an application for a vote by mail ballot can be received and a ballot mailed is March 10.

Masching reminded voters that no reason or excuse is needed to vote by mail or vote early in the clerk's office.

For questions regarding voting, contact Masching's office at (815) 844-2006.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the historic courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac.

Special Saturday hours for voting only will be held March 5 and 12, 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesday, March 9, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Voters may also contact the clerk's office via email at:
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DTHS Lady Trojans Basketball

Monday, February 1
Dwight vs. Cissna Park
JV -

The JV Lady Trojans were dealt their first loss of the season February 1, falling 44-29 in a hard fought battle with Cissna Park.

Chloe Butterbrodt led with nine points, followed by eight each from Morgan Zabel and Leah Flynn. Madi Hughes and Kaitlyn Masching added two points each.

Varsity -

Dwight's varsity squad was also defeated by Cissna Park, 57-27, in conference action at CP.

Daly Galloway led the Lady Trojans with 11 points and four boards.

Tuesday, February 2
Dwight vs. Wilmington
JV -

In JV b-ball action on February 2, Dwight topped Wilmington 45-19 in non-conference play.

The Lady Trojans used a strong 19-point first quarter to establish an early lead – en route to their 13th win of the season.

Danielle Carlson had 12 points to lead Dwight, while Leah Flynn and Kaitlyn Masching each put in nine points. Melissa Stewart had six points. Morgan Zabel added three, with Cassie Holmes, Madi Hughes, and Chloe Butterbrodt scoring two each.

Varsity -

In the varsity match-up, the Lady Trojans defeated Wilmington, 62-42, led by Rachel Dawson's 20 points and ten rebounds.

Brooke Bossert added ten points in the victory, with Mary Wiemken chipping in with eight points and nine boards. Lucy Rieke finished with seven points and seven rebounds. Lauren Widman had five, including a three-pointer, while Daly Galloway scored four points. Danielle Carlson, Molly Rodosky, Leah Flynn, and Brooklyn Long all scored two points each.

With the win, Dwight improves to 8-11 on the season.

Thursday, February 4
Dwight vs. Watseka
JV -

The JV Lady Trojans defeated Watseka in their season finale Thursday night, 36-31, tightening down defensively in the third and hanging onto the victory.

"The third quarter proved to be the difference in the game," Coach Butterbrodt stated, as Dwight held Watseka to just four points in the quarter – taking a five point lead into the fourth and keeping it there.

Leah Flynn led with 15 points, while Melissa Stewart scored 11. Danielle Carlson had four points to go with Madi Hughes' three. Chloe Butterbrodt put in two points, with Morgan Zabel making a free throw.

"Thank you to all of the players for all of your hard work," Butterbrodt said of his girls. "Great job on a great season."

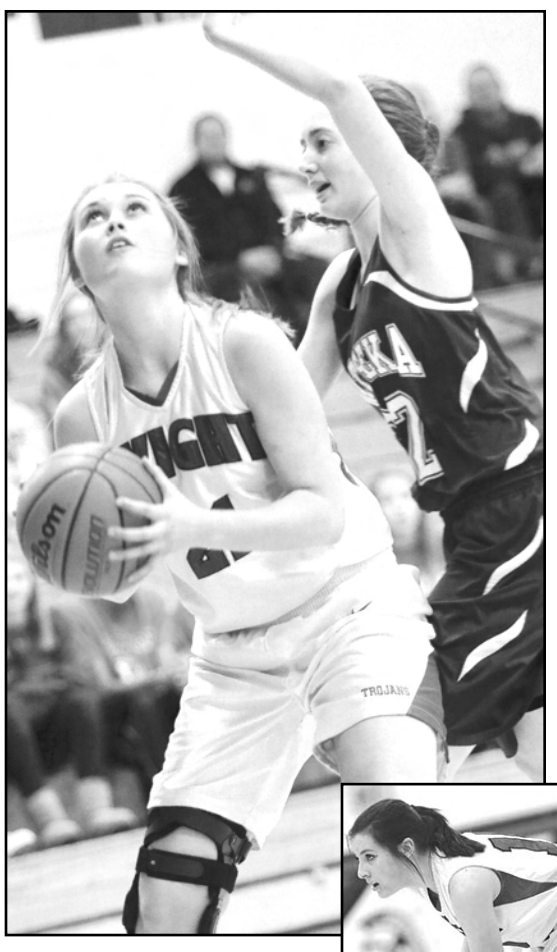
The JV squad ends the season 14-1 overall with a 5-1 record in the Sangamon Valley Conference.

Varsity -

In the varsity game, the Lady Trojans ended the regular season with a "W," defeating Watseka 51-47 in SVC action in Dwight.

Rachel Dawson led the way with 23 points (11-14 from the line) and ten boards. Daly Galloway chipped in 11 points, including three three-pointers. Brooklyn Long had five points, with one three, while Leah Flynn put in three points. Brooke Bossert and Lucy Rieke each scored two points, with Mary Wiemken knocking down a free throw.

Dwight ends the season with an 8-12 record overall and 2-5 in the conference.



DWIGHT JV LADY TROJANS Danielle Carlson, at left; Chloe Butterbrodt, center below and Melissa Stewart shoots for three above the defenders. The JV Trojans ended their season defeating Watseka. *J7 Images for The Paper*

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Dwight Scholastic Bowl

The JV Trojans' Scholastic Bowl team split a pair with PBL February 1, losing 190-220 and winning 180-150.

Scoring toss-ups were Bubba Schultz with 11, Hayden Tjelle with three, and one from Mason Imhoff.

Dwight's varsity moved to 6-0 in the conference, as they picked up a 10-0 forfeit win over Watseka and defeated PBL 200-140.

Alex Pampinella led the Trojans with four toss-ups. Nick Schultz and Jack Gettinger each had two toss-ups.

In a non-conference match against the Panthers, the Trojans won 220-170.

Alex led with four toss-ups, while Nick Schultz added two. Josh Krischel and Brendan Reamer each scored one.

Dwight traveled to Gilman February 4, suffering their first loss in the SVC this season, 130-120, in their first match against Iroquois West.

The Trojans were limited to three toss-ups but managed to keep the match close with strong bonus play. Alex Pampinella had two and Jack Gettinger had one.

Dwight bounced back to win the second match, however, topping Momence 180-50.

Nick Schultz led with three toss-ups, followed by two from Brendan Reamer. Josh Krischel, Pampinella, and Gettinger each added one.

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DGS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH in January, pictured l to r, were Ace Eggenberger, Sawyer Kucera, Jensen Carman, Madison Bailey, Brooke Doyle, Mark Redman, Ava Kargle, Alexis Thetard, Dustin Hauert, and Dylan Lee. These students were recognized by their grade level teachers for going above and beyond the "Core 4" expectations.

Many More Deaths Than Births in Livingston County

by Tom Tock

There were 116 more deaths than births in Livingston County in 2015 — 301 deaths and 185 births.

(Livingston County recorded 148 more deaths than births in 2014 — 325 deaths and 177 births.)

La Salle County, another county in which *The Paper* circulates, also recorded more deaths than births in 2015 — 1,134 deaths and 840 births.

Kankakee County recorded 1,512 births and 1,189 deaths.

Grundy County — 549 births, 360 deaths.

Ford County — 212 births, 185 deaths.

The 2013 statistics for all of Illinois showed the state recorded 156,931 births in that year, and 103,401 deaths.

Population-wise, Livingston County has had a difficult time retaining its residents. In 2000 the population was 39,651; 2010, 38,850; 2014, 37,903 (est).

Ford County has a similar difficulty. Its 2000 population was 14,209; 2010, 14,077; 2014, 13,688 (est).

La Salle, 2000, 111,516; 2010, 113,863; 2014, 111,245 (est).

Kankakee County grew its population from 103,879 in 2000 to 113,462 in 2010, then slipped to 111,375 (est) in 2014.

Grundy County has shown rather remarkable growth: from 37,678 residents in 2000 to 50,115 in 2010; 50,425 (est) in 2014.

News stories keep reporting on a population exodus from Illinois. However, Illinois grew from 12.84 million people in 2010 to 12.89 million in 2013, a gain of .05 million, or 50,000 residents.

Indiana, which is often credited with draining population from Illinois, grew from 6.491 million inhabitants in 2010 to 6.571 million in 2013, a gain of .08 million, or 80 thousand.

One thing appears certain — this section of mid-central Illinois has room for growth and development.

Tri-Point WYSE Takes 2nd at KCC Regional

On February 2, Tri-Point's WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) team placed second at the KCC Regional.

Eli McDonald placed third in Chemistry, with David Longmire placing second.

Longmire also placed third in Computer Science, while Nathan Berens placed first.

In Physics, Katie Malone and Lindsey Margewich tied for third.

Jimmy Haag and AmyJo Steichen placed second and third, respectively, in Biology.

Kacie Haag took first in Engineering Graphics, while Gail Sievert took first in English.

The WYSE team advances to Sections and will compete again on March 17.

Read The Paper every week!

MVK Mavericks Basketball

Monday, February 1
MVK vs. Elwood
8th Grade - Regionals

In the IESA 8-2A Regional semi-finals in Gardner February 1, MVK's eighth graders had their season come to a close, following a 35-28 loss to Elwood.

The Mavericks had no answer to Elwood's trio of guards, which combined for 26 points in the game.

"Their guards pretty much controlled the game," stated Coach Walker, "and we didn't do a very good job in containing their penetration to the lane which resulted in easy lay-ups that hurt us throughout the game."

MVK was led by Ben Krause's eight points, followed by Cody Carey's six. Tommy Cahill, Justin Bedeker, and Trevor Till each added four points.

The Mavs end the season with a 12-6 record.

Wednesday, February 3
MVK vs. Hazel Crest Jesse White
7th Grade - Sectionals

The seventh grade Mavericks of MVK were defeated by the Hazel Crest Jesse White Wildcats in IESA 2A sectional action, 44-21.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 15-4 lead over the Mavs, using their pressure defense and height advantage to make it difficult for MVK to get into any sort of offensive rhythm throughout the game.

"Their athleticism gave us problems all game and their quickness pretty much dominated us right from the start," said Coach Walker.

Trey Hauch led with ten points for the Mavericks, while Chase Hauch chipped in with five. Ethan Brockman scored four points, with Andrew Litwiller adding two free throws.

"The boys got a taste of what it's like to play in a sectional game," Walker added. "This experience will definitely benefit this Mavericks' team as they move on to their eighth grade year."

MVK finishes the season at 15-7 overall.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016,** in the **County of Grundy**, a **General Primary Election** will be held for the purpose of nominating (or electing, if so specified) candidates for the Democratic and Republican Parties:

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES

TO BE NOMINATED:
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TO BE ELECTED:

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PRECINCT COMITTEEMEN - (one to be elected from each party per precinct)

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that the following Propositions will be submitted to the electors:

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the election to be held on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, 2016 the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Village of Dwight, Grundy and Livingston Counties, Illinois

Shall the Village of Dwight impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation (commonly referred to as a "municipal sales tax") at the rate of 1.0% for expenditure on public infrastructure, and municipal operations in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Sections 8-11-1.3 and 8-11-1.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code(65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.3 and 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.4)?

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the election to be held on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, 2016 the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Mazon Fire Protection District and Verona/Kinsman Fire Protection District in the County of Grundy, Illinois

Shall the territory comprising the Mazon Fire Protection District and Verona/Kinsman Fire Protection District lying within Maine, Mazon, Vienna, Highland and Goodfarm Townships, Grundy County, Illinois be organized as The Mazon/Verona/Kinsman Rescue Squad District and shall the District be authorized to levy and collect a property tax not to exceed .20% on the property situated in the District?

At the following Grundy County Polling Places:

PRECINCT NAME	LOCATION
AUX SABLE I	Minooka Village Hall - 121 E. McEvilly Road, Minooka
AUX SABLE II	Aux Sable Township Hall - 8960 N. NI-Gas Road (East Route 6), Morris
AUX SABLE III	Minooka Fire Station #1 - 7901 E. Minooka Road, Minooka
AUX SABLE IV	Minooka Fire Station #1 - 7901 E. Minooka Road, Minooka
AUX SABLE V	Lakewood Trails Clubhouse - 401 Misty Creek Drive, Minooka
AUX SABLE VI	Aux Sable Township Hall - 8960 N. NI-Gas Road (East Route 6), Morris
AUX SABLE VII	Minooka Village Hall - 121 E. McEvilly Road, Minooka
BRACEVILLE I	Coal City Village Hall - 515 S. Broadway Street, Coal City
BRACEVILLE II	Braceville Township Hall - 3935 S. Merrill Street, Braceville
BRACEVILLE III	Centrue Bank - 660 S. Broadway Street, Coal City
BRACEVILLE IV	Lions Hall - 460 S. Illinois Street, Coal City
ERIENNA I	Morris Country Club – 2615 W. Route 6, Morris
ERIENNA II	Morris Country Club – 2615 W. Route 6, Morris
FELIX I	New Hope Presbyterian Church - 80 N. Garfield Street, Coal City
FELIX II	Felix Township Hall - 6525 E. Whitetie Road, Coal City
FELIX III	Diamond Village Hall - 1750 E. Division Street, Diamond
FELIX IV	New Hope Presbyterian Church - 80 N. Garfield Street, Coal City
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GOOSE LAKE II	Goose Lake Township Hall - 2990 E. Pine Bluff Road, Morris
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MAZON I	Mazon Township Hall - 703 Park Street, Mazon
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MORRIS II	Morris Municipal Services Bldg. – 700 N. Division Street, Morris (City Hall)
MORRIS III	Morris Municipal Services Bldg. – 700 N. Division Street, Morris (City Hall)
MORRIS IV	Grundy County Administration Center – 1320 Union Street, Morris
MORRIS V	Grundy County Administration Center – 1320 Union Street, Morris
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SARATOGA III	Peace Lutheran Church - 101 Candlelight Lane, Morris
SARATOGA IV	Morris Fire Station #2 - 2301 N. Ashton Road, Morris
SARATOGA V	Grace Lutheran Church – 10025 N. Route 47, Morris
VIENNA I	Vienna Township Hall – 501 N. Division, Verona
WAUPONSEE I	First Christian Church - Gymnasium - 455 W. Southmor Road, Morris
WAUPONSEE II	First Christian Church - Gymnasium - 455 W. Southmor Road, Morris

The polls of said **General Primary Election** shall be open continuously from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 7:00 o'clock P.M. on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

Dated at Morris, Illinois on this 11TH day of February, 2016

KAY T. OLSON
GRUNDY COUNTY CLERK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LIVINGSTON COUNTY-PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

PNC Bank, National Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
Robin T. Craig aka Robin Theresa Craig aka Robin T. Durham aka Robin Theresa Craig Durham; Collection Professionals, Inc.; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.

CASE NO.
15 CH 45

Property Address: 510 East Payson Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on December 4, 2015, I, Sheriff, Tony Childress of Livingston County, Illinois, will hold a sale on March 8, 2016 , commencing at 10:00am, at the Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

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P.I.N.: 15-15-23-380-003

First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount $61522.53

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Fri., Feb. 12: Chili, mixed lettuce salad w/dressing pkt., pea and cauliflower salad, crackers, cookie.

Mon., Feb. 15: Chicken pot pie over biscuits, seasoned greens, warm Michigan blend fruit.

Tues., Feb. 16: Ham and beans, copper carrots, cornbread, pears.

Wed., Feb. 17: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, whole grain wheat (1), cake w/fruit.

Thurs., Feb. 18: Turkey pot roast, baked beans, winter mix vegetables, roll, peaches.

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2015 Year in Review

The second part of a two-part series

(continued from page 5)

SEPTEMBER

would later share rides to college together.

Janice, along with the couple's two children, son Matt Lauritzen and daughter Sara Senger, will ride in the Harvest Days parade car honoring this man who simply enjoyed his friends, his family, his community and his life. The family expresses their gratitude to the community for this tribute.

OCTOBER

Del and Docia Hancock believe a career spanning more than six decades in the retail jewelry business in Dwight is long enough.

"When we first started in the jewelry business, it was considered a 'no-no' for a jewelry store to offer discounts," Del explained. "Now, it's a necessity."

NOVEMBER

The Cookie Monster would be a friend to Sharon Soto.

Soto, of Dwight, the food services director for Dwight Township High School, Dwight Elementary School and Elwood schools, was recently published in the Barnes & Noble Cookie Bake Off book, on sale now at the bookstore across the country.

Her recipe is one of 4,000 entries nationwide.

Dax Patel is the new owner of County West Market, Herscher, having purchased the store Oct. 22 in downtown Herscher.

He and his wife Manta will be moving to Herscher with their two daughters, ages eight and 10, planning the move by the end of November.

Nothing could stop Jim and Cheryl Berta from keeping their business open and thriving for more than three decades – except the effects of aging.

After moving from Main Street to the Watters Subdivision on the west side of Dwight amid controversy in 1994, and leaving the True Value Franchise in 2000 due to True Value Cooperative executives mishandling finances, the couple had to start from scratch and rebuild its business once again.

And they did. But now, they are looking forward to retiring after a long career. Jim is 74 and Cheryl is 72.

The Essex Fire Protection District station is running out of room.

So a new building is being constructed just north of the existing station.

The existing station, located for more than 50 years on the corner of Main and Linden streets in downtown Essex, currently houses seven pieces of firefighting equipment like tankers and fire trucks, plus Emergency Medical Services equipment, and a boat for rescues on the district's many lakes, like Shannon Shores and Mazonia.

DECEMBER

Cat Clausen, Dwight artist, painted a pixilated version of Abraham Lincoln called LINCOLN: Pixel Blue. The original portrait, purchased by the mother of a man who works in the White House, now hangs in his office along with another Clausen print.

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.

The Dwight Township High School Board of Education has approved a 2015 levy rate increase. The tax increase was approved at the Board's December 16 session.

The 2015 levy rate increase of 2.49%, with an overall rate of $3.13, is up from $3.01 in 2014. This represents a $93,800 increase in the extension requested. As Dr. Jancek presented the levy and extension proposal to the Board, he also informed the BOE that this would be the last year to levy for the existing building bond which is 16 cents of this year's rate and represents $200,021. This amount will be abated next year providing taxpayers a break for the 2016 tax year.

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in a special session December 21 taking actions necessary following the resignation of Dwight's Village Clerk and Comptroller, Patricia Drechsel. Drechsel is retiring after 25 years with the Village.

New Lincoln Book Series Debuts During Lincoln's Birthday Week

Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition, in partnership with Southern Illinois University Press, will celebrate the release of the first two in a series of Lincoln books showcasing the stories of Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy in Illinois, with book signings by author Bryon Andreasen in both Springfield and Quincy. The author will sign books and visit with readers Wednesday, February 10, at The History Museum of Quincy, 425 South 12th Street, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., and Thursday, February 11, at Prairie Archives in Springfield, 522 East Adams, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition, Andreasen will participate in the George L. Painter Looking for Lincoln Lectures at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, 413 South 8th Street, on Lincoln's birthday, Friday, February 12, at 8:30 a.m. to discuss both books, followed by a book signing in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, Eastern National Bookstore.

Andreasen's first book, Lincoln's Springfield, showcases the Looking for Lincoln Story Trail featuring the many stories told through the "Here I Have Lived" exhibits scattered throughout historic downtown Springfield. The Springfield exhibits are included in the Story Trail which includes over 200 storyboards scattered throughout the 42-county Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. The book features 50 Lincoln stories, including the original stories told through the Story Trail exhibits, plus about a dozen new stories uncovered through years of painstaking research, as well as over 150 illustrations. The second book in the series, Lincoln in Mormon Country, explores more than 30 fascinating and surprising stories showing how the life of one of America's most beloved presidents intersected with the lives of the pioneer generation of Mormons, whose 19th century capital was located in Nauvoo, Illinois.

These books, and several others that will be published over the next couple of years, will allow readers, and visitors to the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, to connect the Lincoln-related tales to the geographic locations where they actually took place. Readers, and visitors alike, will be able to use the books to tour Lincoln's 19th century world and its social and cultural landscape – while at the same time getting to know the very human Abraham Lincoln known by his many friends, family, and associates.

For more information about the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition and the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, visit www.lookingforlincoln.com.

Morris Hospital Receives Primary Stroke Center Designation from IDPH

Six months after being awarded Primary Stroke Certification from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP), Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers was upgraded from an Emergent Stroke Ready Hospital to a Primary Stroke Center by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

In order to achieve the Primary Stroke Center designation from IDPH, Morris Hospital had to demonstrate achievement of stroke certification from a nationally recognized certification body such as HFAP.

In order to be recognized as a Primary Stroke Center by IDPH, hospitals must have a program director with extensive experience in acute stroke, a stroke code team available to respond to the patient's bedside within 15 minutes, lab testing and advanced imaging and CAT scan capabilities available 24/7, access to neurologists 24/7, arrangements to transfer patients needing neurosurgical expertise within two hours, a designated stroke unit, and educational requirements for staff.

Cara Marco, 2 South Manager and Stroke Coordinator at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers, says Morris Hospital has been enhancing its stroke care over the past few years in preparation for pursuing Primary Stroke Center designation.

Upcoming Programs at Limestone Library

Limestone Township Library, 2701 W. Tower Rd., is hosting the following upcoming programs:

YA/Adult Craft: Thursday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. Have fun working on a sweet Valentine craft. All supplies are included and there is no fee. For sixth grade students to adults.

Heart Art: Saturday, February 13, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Join in making various objects using hearts. All supplies are included and there is no fee. This program is for children in kindergarten and up.

Tiny Explorers: Tuesday, February 16, and Thursday, February 18, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Parents and guardians, accompany your children, six months to five years old, for a time to play and skill-building using age-appropriate manipulatives. It is a great time of socialization and play.

Stompin' with the Dinosaurs: Tuesday, February 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Visit the library as Miss Karen and Miss Janet lead a fun night of reading stories, making crafts, and learning how to dance like dinosaurs. This program is for children in preschool through second grade.

Lego Building: Saturday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m. Lego building blocks and your creativity can only add up to fun at the library. Join other Lego enthusiasts for an afternoon of building fun. For children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Beginning Chess: Wednesday, February 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Have you ever wondered about how to play the board game that involves kings, queens, knights, and bishops? Then visit the library to discover Chess. If you have never played before, this class is for you. Spaces are limited. Take a Chess board. For kids in fifth through eighth grades.

If you need special accommodations, contact the library at least five days prior to the program. 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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Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Planning February 15

A Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Planning program is set for 10 a.m. Monday, February 15 in the Grundy County Farm Bureau office, 4000 N. Division in Morris, with a lunch to follow.

This program is designed to engage farmers in the nutrient and water quality issues facing agriculture by providing information on possible nutrient losses from their production operations. Presenting information will be: Lauren Lurkins, Illinois Farm Bureau Director of Natural & Environmental Resources; Jim Isermann, CBMP Cover Crop Specialist; and Doug Bentson, GRAINCO FS.

Take in an eight ounce sample to quickly and confidentially test the nitrate nitrogen level. Then compare results to other known concentrations to understand the impact on water quality and practices which may reduce nutrient losses.

Contact the Grundy County Farm Bureau at 815-942-6400 for more information or to register. RSVP by Thursday, February 11.

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At the Churches

DWIGHT

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia
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Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Lance Leeds

• FEB. 10: 9 a.m., Prayer Shawl; 2 p.m., Kids Klub & Real; 6:30 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service; 7 p.m., Choir practice; Ignite.
• FEB. 11: 7:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.
• FEB. 12: Office closes at noon.
• FEB. 13: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66 and Pete's Restaurants.
• FEB. 14: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service.
• FEB. 15: 8:30 a.m., Executive Team UMW; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors; 7 p.m., Dartball.
• FEB. 16: 8:30 a.m., Hen's Bible Study; 9 a.m., The Bible Seekers.
• FEB. 17: 2 p.m., Kids Klub & Real; 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage Health; 6:30 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., Ignite.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
584-1023 parsonage
Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, Pastor

• FEB. 10: Ash Wednesday – 3:30 - 5:15 p.m., Weekday School; 5:30 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion.
• FEB. 11: 6:30 p.m., Parish Council meeting.
• FEB. 13: 5 p.m., Saturday Worship with Holy Communion.
• FEB. 14: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 2 p.m., Heritage Manor Chapel.
• FEB. 15: 7 p.m., Dartball at Dwight United Methodist Church.
• FEB. 17: 3:30 - 5:15 p.m., Weekday School; 5:30 p.m., Lenten Vespers.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward

• FEB. 10: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program.
• FEB. 14: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service; 6 p.m., Sunday Evening Service.
• FEB. 17: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Pastor Connie Williams Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister

• FEB. 10: Ash Wednesday Church Service, 7 p.m.
• FEB. 14: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon Title: "Listen for the Whisper"
• FEB. 16: Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.
• FEB. 17: 7 p.m., Trustees meeting.
• FEB. 23: Newsletter articles due.

Dates to remember –
* Feb. 14, 2016: Last date for donations for the Dwight-Emington Food Resource Bank Growing Project to be accepted.
* Apr. 10, 2016: 150th Anniversary Church Service, and Dinner at Country Mansion after church service.

February "Mission of the Month" – Dress an Angel.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

• FEB. 10: Ash Wednesday – 6 p.m., Mass.
• FEB. 13: 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
• FEB. 14: 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.

• FEB. 10: Ash Wednesday – 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 6 p.m., SPY's Youth Group and Fellowship Meal; 6:30 p.m., Worship in Sanctuary w/Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Youth and All Ages – Dessert and Discussion.
• FEB. 12: 8 p.m., AA
• FEB. 14: 8:30 a.m., Handbell Warmup; 8:45 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10 a.m., HC Worship; 11:15 a.m., Council Minutes meeting; 11:30 a.m., Youth Council; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Confirmation Class.
• FEB. 15: 7 p.m., Men's Club Trinity Lutheran at St. Peter's.
• FEB. 17: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army; 6 p.m., SPYs Youth Group and Fellowship Meal; 6:30 p.m., Casual Worship in Fellowship Hall w/Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Youth and All Ages Dessert and Discussion.
• FEB. 18: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at Country Mansion.

BRACEVILLE

Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Gould St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods

• FEB. 10: After School - 4:30 p.m., Children's After School programs – J.A.M. Junction, Kindergarten - 4th grades; Pre-teen After School program – E.D.G.E. Snacks are provided; and from 6 - 8 p.m., S.T.A.T.I.C. Youth Group, 7th - 12th grades. Snacks are provided. • 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Worship Service.
• FEB. 12: 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.
• FEB. 14: 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service.

CAMPUS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

• FEB. 10 – Ash Wednesday: 6:30 a.m., Mass.
• FEB. 14: 10 a.m., Mass

EMINGTON

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

• FEB. 10: Bible Study, 3 p.m.; Council meeting, 6:45 p.m.
• FEB. 14: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "Listen for the Whisper"; Department meetings after church service.
• FEB. 14: Last date for donation to the Food Resource Bank Growing Project for Dwight/Emington Churches.

February Food Pantry Collection: Canned meat.

Pet of the Week

SAMANTHA

Samantha is our Pet of the Week. When we posted Samantha as pet of the week before, she was lucky enough to find a home. Unfortunately, circumstances changed and Samantha is back with us again. She is a beautiful, long haired female tortie, front declawed and is four years old. She is still waiting to find her forever home.

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It's Official

MORGAN GUNN, manager of ACE Hardware on Watters Drive in Dwight, stands before the newly-installed ACE sign.

The Paper photo

Dwight Public Forum On Rec Planning Set

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A public forum on planning desired recreational projects will be held at 5:15 p.m., Feb. 18, at the Dwight Village Hall.

The meeting will be held by the Livingston County Multi-Use Network Master Plan committee and is considered a design workshop.

People are encouraged to bring in ideas about recreational facilities they wish to see in the Dwight area.

"What would you like to see in the way of recreation?" asked Dwight Village Administrator Kevin McNamara.

He said funding for such projects will be from the landfill, which has already provided funding for a new county jail and other county facilities in Pontiac.

"The meeting is to find out from those in attendance to fill in where we have been, where we are right now and where we would like to go in the future," McNamara added.

The Farnsworth Group, an engineering firm, and Livingston County will host the workshop.

Dwight FFA Alumni Auction Postponed to Aug. 27

The Dwight FFA Alumni Association Auction has been rescheduled from Feb. 27 to Aug. 27, according to Tom Emm, one of the auction organizers.

He said in the meantime, the Alumni Association will hold a silent auction on the association Facebook page for two sports events:

- Tickets for a Peoria CornBelters baseball game.
- Tickets for a Bloomington Thunder hockey game.

The silent auction runs today (Feb. 10) through Feb. 27.

For further information, go to the Facebook page or call Emm at (815) 257-4460.

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