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# **Dwight Tries Second Sales Tax Hike For Road Repairs**

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

The Village of Dwight is hoping the second time is a charm to raise the village sales tax rate — and they've sweetened the pie.

The Dwight Village Board will make a bargain with voters: Approve a 1 percent or 1 cent sales tax increase on the dollar and the village will abate one twomonth sewer bill (an average of \$38 per household).

The first attempt two years ago to increase the sales tax by a half cent per \$1 took place in the spring of 2014 — failing soundly, 565 against to 279 for the increase.

On March 15, Dwight voters will have an opportunity to vote for or against an increase in the town's sales tax from 7.25 cents on the dollar to 8.25 cents in Livingston County. In the Grundy County portion the tax hike is from 6.25 cents to 7.25 cents.

Dwight Mayor Jared Anderson sees no choice in generating the funds needed for road repairs.

The village engineers estimated the cost for road resurfacing not counting the downtown area is roughly \$5 million. Another \$2.5 million will be needed for the roads downtown including Chippewa west of the railroad tracks which is pocked with bumps.

A \$5 million bond paid off over a period of 10 years would cost roughly \$575,000 a year to repay.

Over 15 years, the cost is reduced to \$420,000.

The combination of motor fuel tax funds and funds generated by the 1 cent sales tax increase would generate enough to pay off the 10 year bond, Anderson

said, but is not sure if the board will opt for a 15-year payback period.

A sunset date for the sales tax is unknown, Anderson

Some roads have been resurfaced, but the majority need work

In November 2010, the village did a survey of the roads in town, rating them from a scale of poor at 1 to no need to resurface at 10.

Several of the poorest sections of roads have already been resurfaced, rated a 2 in the survey including:

Seminole Street, South Street, James Street, Sunset Drive, Clinton Street, and Smith Lane. But that resurfacing has barely scratched the total resurfacing needed in Dwight.

"The roads are bad," Anderson said.

Anderson stressed this money would be used solely for road resurfacing and sidewalk replacement. He also said if there are old sewer or water pipes under the roads, they will be replaced out of the water and sewer funds before being resurfaced to avoid tearing up the road in the near future due to a ruptured line.

"We don't want a 75- or 100-year-old water main under a brand new road," Anderson said.

He said a water bond is being paid off this year and increase is not worth going will be reissued at virtually no impact on property tax rates to pay for the pipeline replacement.

In addition to a bumpy drive, bad roads also increase wear and tear on vehicles, he added.

The increase in sales tax would not be for the purchase of food, prescription drugs or motor vehicles.

What remains is basically gasoline stations, restaurants and gift/hardware retail

Anderson sees this sales tax being paid for by travelers purchasing gasoline or dining in town as they come off Highways such as Interstate 55, Routes 17 and

He added the majority of this revenue (50%) will likely come from the Grundy County portion of town, which has nothing but gas stations and restaurants impacted by the sales tax increase.

"We get a lot of income from transients," Anderson

Alternatively, to pay for road repairs with property taxes, for example, could mean an additional \$400 a per household, Anderson estimated, which would be a prohibitively large increase for some residents.

"I haven't heard much opposition," Anderson said. "Just had questions," including if there would be a sunset date or if this would have a dramatic impact on busi-

He said a \$3 purchase would mean an extra three cents in sales tax paid by customers.

On a \$100 purchase, the increase is \$1 in sales tax.

"That [the 1 cent out of town to purchase the same product," Anderson

"It might cost an extra \$30 a year, depending on what a family spends in town," Anderson estimated, adding that this is the reason for the proposed abatement of the sewer bill of roughly



DWIGHT MAYOR JARED ANDERSON points to one of the worst roads in Dwight, North Street along Renfrew Park. The city is seeking a 1% sales tax increase, or 1 cent on the dollar, in the March 15 primary election. The Paper photo

# **Proposed** Sales Tax Hike Won't be on Cars, Food or Medicine

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

The proposed 1 percent sales tax increase in Dwight, or 1 cent on the dollar, will not be levied on purchases of cars, prescription medication or food purchased for later consumption.

It will also not apply to: certain over-the-counter medications such as aspirin or medicated products.

· pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, trailers, and other items titled and registered by a state agency.

· service occupations such as laundry and dry cleaning or video rental. (continued on page 4)

BUMPY, BRICK ROADS in Dwight need replacing, but Mayor Jared Anderson said they would also have to have water/sewer pipes underneath replaced before resurfac-The Paper photo

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# Essex Historical Society Museum Open February 28

The Essex Historical Society museum will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28.

That day there will also be an Essex Lions Pancake Breakfast at the Essex Lions Hall from 6 a.m. to noon.

For further information about the Essex Historical Society, call (815) 365-4048.

# Soft Landing

A SEMI TRUCK loaded with fabric softener spilled all over the ground after a semi overturned in the wee hours of the morning of Feb. 3 in Cardiff. The Livingston County Police did not have any reports recorded as of press deadlines to release further details. Submitted photo by Jim Ridings

# **Herscher Unit 2 Residents Seek Reinstatement of Volunteer Wrestling Coaches**

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Volunteer Herscher High School wrestling coaches want their job back, even though they don't receive any compensation for their work.

Why were they let go from their positions?

Because of a scandal involving head wrestling coach David Murphy, 29, of Mokena, who turned himself in to the Yorkville Police Dec. 31, 2015 after he resigned his teaching and

wrestling posts at HHS. Murphy was charged with six counts of Class 3 Felony aggravated battery, two counts of criminal sexual abuse, a class 4 felony, two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a class 2 felony, and one count of per-volunteers be reinstated. mitting a violation of the liquor control act, for serv-

ing alcohol to minors. The entire coaching staff, including the volunteers, was let go as a result of the incident involving six HHS students on an overnight

wrestling trip to Yorkville. Caroline Harris, mother of a wrestler, told the school board Monday, Feb. 8, she was unhappy with the firing of the volunteer coaches and asked that they be reinstated immediately.

Rod Miller also asked that the volunteers be reinstated, father of a wrestler on the squad. He said the squad will be harmed without the extra help.

Mark Harris, father of a wrestler, also asked that the

Volunteer Coaches Drew Mook and Ryan Rink each

asked for their position back. The board declined to take action on the matter.

In an unrelated matter, the board agreed to withdraw from the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative and provide special education services

in-house instead. The move will save the district roughly \$80,000 to \$90,000 a year.

"But if an \$80,000 student moves into the district, you just lost all that," Superintendent Rich

Decman told The Paper. In other business, the board:

> • heard a report from FFA (continued on page 5)

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### **Tickets Issued** by Dwight Police

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

February 6: David T. Windsor, 42, Essex, speeding (radar), 80/55; Denys Ianovski, 28, Lombard, speeding (radar), 75/55, suspended, revoked drivers license.

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

### 5 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 1; no front license plate, 1; obstructed windshield and/or rear window, 1; improper lighting - one headlamp, 1; void – citation,

### **Accident Report**

Monday, January 4, 6:20 a.m., Officer Charlie Houch reported an accident at 1 Aldi Dr. involving Craig L. Voss of South Holland, the driver of a International, and a 1990 utility trailer that was backed up to dock.



### Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

February 5: 9:00 p.m.,

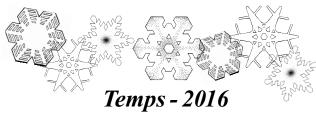
Main St., medical, Morris. February 6: 2:34 p.m., Main St., fire alarm; 3:49 p.m., Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris; 6:50 p.m., Mazon Ave., CO detector, patients.

February 7: 8:56 a.m., Wilmac St., medical, Morris.

February 8: 6:04 a.m., Union Ave., medical, Morris; 7:26 a.m., 3200 N. Rd., medical, Riverside; 9:52 a.m., Watters Dr., medical, Morris; 5:47 p.m., Bannon Dr., lift assist, refusal; 11:25 p.m., John St., medical, Morris.

February 9: 1:39 a.m., Bannon, lift assist, refusal; 9:16 a.m., Bannon, lift assist, refusal; 10:43 a.m., Main St., fire, no patient; 11:22 a.m., Bannon, medical, Morris; 2:59 p.m., Columbia St., medical, St.

February 10: 4:17 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. James; 8:27 p.m., Philmar St., medical/trauma, Morris.



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Feb. 8 – high 28°, low 15°

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Feb. 9 – high 17°, low 6° trace snow Feb. 10 – high 19°, low 6° One Year Ago -February 17, 2015 high 15°, low -2°





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# Watch for Changes to the FAFSA

If you have a child in college, you're probably familiar with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which must be completed to help ensure that students don't miss out on federal and state grants, work-study jobs and loans. But you might not know that some important changes will be coming to the FAFSA during 2016 – and these changes can affect both the process of filing for aid, and, possibly, the amount of aid your child will receive.

Here are three key changes to watch for:

Earlier availability of the FAFSA - Currently, you need to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Jan. 1 - which means you're probably filling out the form even before you've filed your taxes, which aren't due until April. As a result, you may have to estimate your income and update the information later. However, beginning with the 2017–2018 school year, you can complete the FAFSA starting on Oct. 1 of the previous calendar year, rather than wait until January. At that point, you will already have filed your 2015 taxes, so in filling out the FAFSA, you won't have to rely on estimates of your income.

For 2016 only, this change presents something of an anomaly - specifically, you should fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible for the 2016-2017 school year, using an estimate of your 2015 income, and then complete the FAFSA again in October for the 2017-2018 school year, using your actual 2015 income. In future years, you'll only have to complete the FAFSA once, with applications accepted beginning each Oct.1.

Lower "asset protection" allowance -When you report your financial information on the FAFSA, some of your assets - such as your IRA and 401(k) - are not counted toward the resources you're expected to contribute to your child's education. Some other assets are considered available, but a percentage of these assets can be sheltered, with the exact amount depending largely on your age and marital status. For the 2016-17 school year, this sheltered asset amount has been reduced significantly. However, while this reduction could have some effect on your student's aid package, it shouldn't be too severe because income, more than assets, is a bigger factor in the federal financial aid formula.

No more shared mailing list – When filing the FAFSA, students can choose up to 10 colleges to receive their financial information. Previously, when students sent their FAFSAs to multiple colleges and universities, these schools could see the other institutions on the mailing list. But starting with the 2016-2017 application, schools will no longer have this information. This could actually benefit your child. Previously, if a school saw it was listed first on the FAFSA, it might have assumed it was the student's first choice and, as a result, may not have felt the need to be flexible in awarding financial aid. Now, though, without a list of its competitors, a school might be more open to negotiating a more favorable aid package for your child.

It's a good idea to stay current on the changes connected to the FAFSA because it helps determine financial aid eligibility - and financial aid is a key component of your strategy to pay for your child's (or grandchild's)

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

# **Dwight Permits Issued**

11/28/16 - Crop Production Services, 418 E. North Street, two commercial buildings; Lyn Duncker, 310 W. Delaware Street, Fence; Franklin Corner, 162 E Main Street, Occupancy and Sign.

12/19/16 – Donna Smrekar/Village of Dwight, 411 S. Columbia Street, Fence; Janice Hotelling, 114 W. Chippewa Street, Shed.

1/13/16 – Lyn Duncker, 310 W Delaware Street, Electrical; VFW, 506 S. Old Route 66, Plumbing Work.

1/26/16 - Cherry Red Roasters, 200 S. Franklin Street, Plumbing Work.



# Livco **Drug Bust Yields** 500 Baggies of Heroin

The Livingston County Sheriff Proactive Gang/Drug Unit arrested two Flanagan residents Wednesday, Feb. 10, on several drug related charges after executing a search warrant at their home.

A drug investigation led to a search of the home of James Bankenbeckler, 37, and Beth Bankenbeckler, 31, where 500 baggies of heroin and 4.5 grams of cannabis were found along with drug paraphernalia items.

The bust was at 109 N. Harrison Street, Flanagan, at 8:14 p.m.

Both were arrested on controlled substance violations.

The Dwight Police Department is part of the County Gang/Drug Task force.

The investigation is ongoing with possibly more charges pending.

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occurred. Internet sources confirm that South Carolina now has more restrictive gambling a professor of business and laws than Utah, considered the No. 1 anti-gambling state

Dwight, situated in a good position geographically to draw folks off the roads to drop dollars into the community's 46 video gaming terminals, has one machine for every 92 of its residents, the I talked on the phone with highest percentage in the Kindt last week. He told me area. In December of 2012,

By contrast, Streator has He emphasized that has established no limit on

In the past four months, players invested an average of \$548,000 per month in which was narrated on 60 Dwight's 46 gaming termi-Minutes by Leslie Stahl in nals. Players losses averaged 26.5% month, a



EMS DIRECTOR AL METZKE, at left, shows Mrs. Goodwin's seventh grade class the operation of an AED (automatic external defibrillator). The class was able to practice CPR and how to use the AED. Assisting with the class was paramedics **Danielle** Aichele, Ryan Biernat, and Cecily Meadows.

# **Does Video Gaming Lower a Community's Quality of Life?**

the owners and operators of the state of South Carolina video gaming terminals experience an increase in revenue from the operation of their video gaming Carolina lobbyists slipped in machines. The vgts are pro- a law to legalize gambling. grammed to keep more Then in 2001 the governmoney than they pay out.

Cash-starved village and from the machines.

while playing. At least for a

But are there downsides? We asked John W. Kindt, legal policy at the University of Illinois. Kindt, a senior editor of the three volume 2009 U.S. International Gambling Report, states, "You cannot gamble your way to prosperity. Every economist says you can't do

we could quote anything he Dwight had 14 vgts. said, or anything he has written on the subject of gambling -- casinos, video gam-

everyone interested in video its gaming terminals. gaming should watch the You Tube feature: "Slot Machines: The Big Gamble,"

I asked Kindt if there was \$145,500. a community he could mention that would demonstrate can only result in a lesser

all of the worst aspects of There is no question that legalized gambling. He said your town." was one of the best examples.

In the '90s, South

ment got most gambling recriminalized, pointing out state governments also share the large increase in organin the net terminal income ized crime, bankruptcies, "and the virtual doubling of Some players even win addicted gamblers" that had

in the nation.

one machine per 121 residents; Pontiac 1/172; Fairbury 1/221. Dwight

Kindt remarked, "This

quality of life for everyone in

According to Kindt, there will be a loss in retail sales, an eventual net loss of jobs, an increase in personal and business bankruptcies, and the social consequences from gambling addictions, estimating the costs are \$3 for every dollar of benefit received by a community.

Benefits? The Village of Dwight is receiving an average of more than \$7,000 monthly from its 46 vgts. The State of Illinois collects more than \$36,000.

Questions abound:

If it is judged that 46 vgts are good for the village, should even more be encour-Should the village want to

be known for betting and booze, or emphasize its more traditional features? Should the village take a time out and make some

decisions about the crossroads we have reached? Or are we at a crossroads?

What do you think? Your short thoughts are welcome for publication, with or without your name. (Names are required on sub-

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# **Chili Supper in South** Wilmington February 27

Supper, sponsored by South Wilmington United Methodist Sunday School, is set for Saturday, February 27, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence Parish Hall, 2nd and Lemmon St. in S.

This is an "all-u-can-eat"

dogs, chips, dessert, and drinks. A fee applies. Children receive a discounted price.

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# **Gas Prices Hit Bottom**

The price of regular unleaded gasoline in the U.S. dropped to \$1.695 Monday, the lowest since Jan. 6, 2009. But now it doesn't appear prices will drop under \$1.592 gallon, the benchmark national average drop 12 years ago, according to Patrick DeHann, GasBuddy analyst.

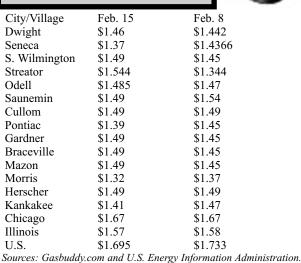
However, the Midwest continues to sink a bit lower, with Illinois 83 cents below a year ago, at 1.57 gal-

In The Paper's circulation area, the lowest gasoline averages are mixed, but have mostly begun to

climb or held steady from last week.

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 22% state & local taxes; 17% distribution; 19% marketing: and 42% refining.



Gasoline price data collected by The Paper

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# Dr. Keeley's Gold Cure Formulas



KEELEY PATIENTS stand in line for the injections of the famous Keeley cure for alcoholism. Submitted photo

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.

Upon arriving at the Keeley Institute, the patient or "undergraduate" was given a physical including a syphilis test, and if diagnosed with mental illness, admission was denied.

The syringe contained a golden yellow liquid that left a gold stain on the skin when the needle was removed.

This was repeated four times a day for four days, slowly decreasing the addictive substance.

For the next 24 days (longer for opium) patients would line up at "the shot tower" at 8 a.m., noon, 5 and 7:30 p.m. for injections of liquids in predetermined amounts drawn from red, white and blue bottles.

It is not known if fresh needles were used for each shot.

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called "dope" by the patients, were also consumed every two waking

Although the exact formulas remain secret, chemical analysis of these liquids at various times has identified the main ingredients, none being the gold element. Dr. Keeley's chemist, John R. Oughton, in a 1902 Tennessee federal court case, refused to answer a direct question if there was any gold in the treatment.

The initial shots contained a strychnine, which in small amounts stimulates the heart, nervous system and the senses.

Apomorphine was also included, which induced violent vomiting resulting almost instantly in the patient associating the taking of the addictive substance with the "torture."

The red bottle contained a strychnine regimen to continue the induced euphoria. The white bottle had a solution of atropine which was known to decrease the appetite for alcohol. The blue bottle had more apo-

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Nutritional liquid tonics, morphine and was only used if a patient relapsed or refused to surrender to the treatment.

> The three shots taken together produced the same nausea experienced when the patient first arrived, creating such a terror of "the barber pole" that the blue bottle was seldom needed.

> In 1905, the Federal Drug Administration reported that the "dope," in addition to vitamins, contained morphine, cocaine, alcohol, and cannabis. However, other analysis found only the same chemicals as in the red and white bottles.

> All of the above was formulated and manufactured in the Dwight Institute's lab and shipped to the franchised institutions in the patented bottles to be administered by physicians trained in Dwight, many of whom were institute graduates.

Omission: In last week's article, a line was inadvertently left out by The Paper. The line was: Dr. Keelev received patent No. 12,187 for his bottle design on March 15, 1881.

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A ticket fee applies, which admits two people -21 or older – and there will be only 200 tickets sold.

There will be 15 \$100 prizes, five \$500 prizes, and the Grand Prize will be \$5,000. Winner need not be present.

Free food and drinks will be served from 6:00-9:00 p.m., with a cash bar after 9:00. Music will be provided by Justin Mounce.

Proceeds benefit the 2016 Odell Days Celebration.

For tickets, contact Mayor Terry Joyner, Brian Mills, Joan Bullard, Lisa Riccolo, Sami Legner, Megan Hansen, or Lisa Lambert. Tickets are also available at the Odell Bank or Odell Village Hall.

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Kim is looking forward to sharing great memories, with lots of fun and laughter again this year, her 26th year as coordinator of Standard Club 55. Here's the bus trips she has planned for the first six months of 2016.



March 23rd April 3rd April 5th & 6th May 4th June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Starved Rock Lodge **Dueling Pianos** Sign up begins Feb 19th

**Conklin Players Washington Complex** Sign up begins Mar 3rd Jumer's Overnight Trip

A Great Get Away Sign up begins Feb 26th **Drury Lane Theater** 

**Dinner Theater** Sign up begins Mar 4th Theater At The Center The Roaring 20's

Sign up begins April 14th White Sox vs. Yankees **Grundy Community Night** 

Sign up begins May 1st

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# **Proposed** Sales Tax Hike Won't be on Cars, Food or Medicine

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· any labor or service where property no exchanges hand.

• professional services such as attorneys and accountants.

What will be taxed are gasoline, clothing, cleaning supplies, alcohol, household hardware, toiletries, tobacco, cosmetics, car parts, dine-in and carry out food, catered foods, soft drinks, laundry detergent, pet foods and supplies.

# Make Your Voice Heard February 18 **Dwight Village Board February 8 Follow-up**

by Madelyn Fogarty

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February

Area residents are encouraged to attend a special public meeting hosted by the Livingston County Recreation Committee beginning at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, at Dwight's Village Hall to "Make Your Voice Heard" regarding leisure time recreation possibilities for the Livingston County area.

Approximately years ago, a Livingston County Recreation Committee was formed to look at area recreational development opportunities. Public meetings have been held in Pontiac and Forrest to iden-

tify bike paths and walking trails that people use. This will be a first meeting in Dwight to inform the public of what the committee has been working on and to get public input on what people would like to see, both short term and long term, with regard to recreation. For example, the State has currently identified the formation of a bike path from Chicago to St. Louis on Route 66. Also, the development of some areas along the Vermillion River is a project being considered.

Promoters are hoping for a large area turnout at the February 18 meeting to show Dwight has interest in being part of the county's recreation design plan. Grants will be sought for any identified projects along landfill monies.

In regular board business, reports from the January 27 Dwight Services, Health and Safety Committee meeting and the January Dwight Utilities Committee meeting were presented. Groups falling under these areas (EMS, ESDA, Police, Public Works, Sewer, and Water) are preparing their budgets and their reports reflected discussions on capital outlay items that the groups are requesting. No actions were

taken at this time. In new business, a Liquor License request by Cherry Reds Garage, 200 S. Franklin Street, received board approval. Absent from the meeting were Village Trustees Jerry Curtis, Jenny

with the possible use of Johnson, and Jim Mixen, requiring Village President Jared Anderson to vote on this action item.

> In his comments to the board, Mayor Anderson mentioned the status of the former Dwight Correctional center. Anderson told The Paper that he has been in touch with Illinois government officials including Senator Jason Barickman, Congressman Adam Kinzinger. State Representative Tom Bennett, and Governor Rauner's office to try and find out if there has been any recent discussion around the status of the former Dwight Correctional Center facility and if there are any plans for its future. According to Anderson, CMS, which oversees the former Dwight Correctional Center, has

> > The February 8 meeting of

the Mazon United Methodist

Men was called to order at 6:02

p.m. by Pres. Joe Swithin. An

opening prayer was given by

Pastor Karen Fabian. Members

in attendance were Pastor

Fabian,

Lowery,

carried.

Reports:

Sec./Hist.

Treas.

McCormack, and Pres. Swithin.

Report – Sec. Lowery read the

minutes from the last meeting.

Treas. McCormack moved to

accept the minutes as read and

was seconded by Pastor Fabian.

All approved and the motion

McCormack presented the

monthly treasurer's report. Pres.

Swithin moved to accept the

treasurer's report as recorded

and was seconded by Pastor

Fabian. All approved and the

McCormack reported that

Old Business: Treas.

Treasurer's Report – Treas.

begun the process of getting property appraisals for the purpose of selling or putting out for auction. Dwight's prison for adult female offenders, which housed over 900 inmates, was shuttered by the State of Illinois in 2013 under the direction of former Governor Pat Ouinn.

Anderson told *The Paper* his main concern is that the former prison not become a piece of delinquent property and believes that, by engaging in continued conversation, maybe a use can be found for the facility.

The next regular meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 22, in the Public Services Complex.

\$65.00 was collected this past

month from the ongoing recy-

cling fund-raiser. The MUMM

extend their thanks to all who

have supported the ongoing

Fabian reported that the

MUMW discussed the possibil-

ity of compiling recipes for a

church cookbook. Also dis-

cussed was completing a history

of the church. The MUMM has

Fabian shared a reading enti-

For a devotional, Pastor

Dangerous Church

been invited to participate.

**Business:** Pastor

# **Dwight Grade School BOE Suspends Meeting**

### Stipanovich Appointed BOE / Graduation Date Set by Madelyn Fogarty where just a couple actions



The Dwight Grade School Board of Education suspended its February 10 meeting after its call to order and a brief meeting

NICK STIPANOVICH has been newly appointed to serve as a member of the Dwight Grade School District #232 Board of Education. At left, Mr. Stipanovich takes the Oath of Office on February 10.

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Stipanovich has been appointed to fill a vacancy recently created in January

by the resignation of Sara Peters from the board. Stipanovich has been appointed to fill the positon until the 2017 election where voters will be called upon to select a new board member.

took place before the meet-

ing, which was scheduled

to include a reduction in

force of several teachers

and aides, was put on hold.

took place was seating new

board member,

Stipanovich.

One of the actions that

Nick

In another action, the board approved Thursday, May 26, 2016 as the 8th Grade Graduation date.

While the February 10 agenda also included the honorable dismissal of five teachers and two classroom aides, no actions were taken on the dismissal items and the meeting was suspended until a later date. The meeting must reconvene before the next regular session which will take place at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9.

No reason was given as to why the meeting was suspended.

# St. Patrick's To Hold **Lenten Retreat**

St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Dwight will hold a Lenten retreat for adults Feb. 26 to 29.

The event, called "Light Of The World," is for adults and will be held Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday, and Monday

For further details, call David Bilot at the church, 815-584-3110.

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# **Bloodmobile** in Cullom February 22

A Bloodmobile will be held Monday, February 22, from 2-6 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall in Cullom sponsored by the Cullom Organiza-tions.

Call Judy Ehlers at 815-689-2778 for appointments. Walk-ins are welcome.

Donors will receive a long sleeve t-shirt.

# Girl Scout Cookies in Gardner Feb. 20

Girl Scout Troop 70304 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies at Standard Bank in Gardner Saturday, February 20, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Red Cross** 

motion carried.

monthly meeting. present, one being a guest of her life. Jackie Marks Nelson. A special invitation was extended to her to

Lunch was served by Kim, with each ordering

The prayer was cited by Ida as table grace. Lunch

President

Secretary's report was read and approved by voice

The treasurer read a "thank you" from The Church of Hope in memorial of Audrey Myers. The bank statement was given, approved, and ordered to be placed on file for audit.

Reports of shut-ins and to the March 11 meeting.

Paradigms I've Observed by Ron Edmondson. The next meeting of the MUMM will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the At 6:13 p.m., Treas.

McCormack moved to adjourn and was seconded by Pres. Swithin. All approved and the motion carried.

# **Southeastern Grundy Senior Citizens Meet**

Mazon UMM Meet

Randy

Forrest

Secretary's

project.

The Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens met

become a member of the club. Feb. 5 being her 55th birthday, it made her eligible to join.

from the menu.

was enjoyed by all.

Lorraine Hansen called the business meeting to order.

was Jerry Winter.

Honorary Members were June, Mary Ann, Florence, at Gardner Restaurant Rosemary, Laverne, and February 5 for their regular Evelyn. Conversation led to the collection of dolls that There were seven people Florence has maintained in

> Jackie had sent greeting cards.

There are plans to send homemade Valentines – possibly Sunday School students making them.

Pres. Hansen will take a guest to the next meeting.

Also included in New Business and Community Events was the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday of March. That being their regular meeting day, the next

meeting will be March 11. A reminder of Lent start-Birthday of the month ing is a reminder to prepare for Easter.

> The Church of Hope will feature a soup and sandwich supper Feb. 20 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

> The president closed the meeting with a happy thought – she was happy the groundhog didn't see his shadow.

All seniors are welcome

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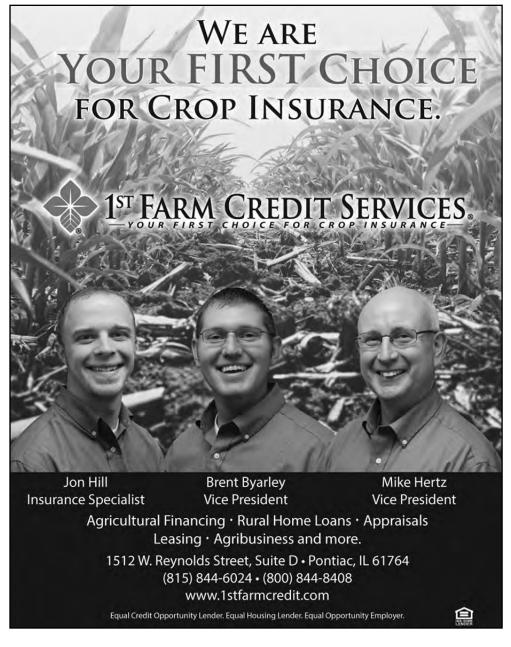
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IN THIS 1935 PHOTO, the First National Bank of Dwight's Cashier Ralph Sodini sits in a chair designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, now said to be worth \$10,000.

Submitted photo

# First National Bank Chair Featured on Television Roadshow

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Ralph Sodini, sitting on a chair at the First National Bank of Dwight back in 1935, probably had no idea that chair would be valued at \$10,000 today.

During a broadcast Feb. 8 aired for the Antiques Roadshow on Public Television, the chair from the bank was featured for appraisal.

It was part of the original furniture designed by Frank Lloyd Wright when he was for the bank at its inception

Wright designed chairs and tables to be used by the staff for their everyday func-

All the furniture bore his School classic Prairie design.

In the 1950s, the bank underwent a major remodeling project, and some of the original pieces of furniture were replaced, some of these pieces were given to employees.

It is believed that this

commissioned as architect chair was one of two given to an employee, who in time sold the chair to the present owner who had been to the bank and shown a great interest in its design, taking photographs.

> The chair, valued up to \$10,000, was used with a table and lamp still in use today at the bank, still a favorite among fans of Frank Lloyd Wright who travel to Dwight to view its design and marvel at the timelessness of the bank's architec-

# **Gardner Agrees to Lease Unused Roots Street**

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Roots Street will soon be a parking lot for Holt and Sons Inc.'s trucks.

The company is doing improvements to his business, and currently parks trucks on what is known as Roots Street. But he wanted assurances that he would be able to do so in the future since it is technically a street.

At the Village Board meeting Monday, Feb. 8, there were just three people W. Jefferson Street, inquired Commissioner Riley that he present, including Mayor about the ability to gravel is sending out two letters on Pat Mike Serena, and commissioners Terry Jensen and house, and the village did James Riley.

Rob Wolf and Dick Hilemen were absent.

The measure to allow Holt to lease the street passed 2-1, with Jensen dis-

Cub Scout Pack 802 of

Garrett Smolkovich and

Koletin Schilling received

their Bobcat badge. The late

Konnor Schilling also

Campus held its monthly pack meeting January 31 at

the hall in Campus.

Auto

Home

Life Health **Cub Scout Pack 802** 

of Campus Meets

senting. He had stated in previous meetings that this was not a good precedent to lease the village street, even though it was not in use.

The lease for 20 years will likely be for a minimal \$1 a year and be subject to a 90-day cancellation if the village should need the street in the future for some use, Serena said.

Attorney Scott Belt is to draw up such an agreement.

In a matter somewhat related, Kendall Lamb, 316 over the alley behind his not object to it.

However, Serena said most people with a grass alley avoid parking in winter due to the mud and getting a vehicle stuck.

Konnor Schilling's car -

Den was Zeke Houberg.

The winner of the Bear

The overall Pack winners

were: Smolkovich - first

place, Hummel - second,

Koletin Schilling – third.

second place.

The board also voted to approve a payment plan policy for late water/sewer bill users. Residents/commercial customers must pay the past due amount off in three months in three equal payments, can only make one such agreement per year and must pay it off on time above and beyond current costs, or water service will be shut

In other business, the

 Heard a report from abandoned vehicles.

 Learned from Commissioner Jensen that potholes will be filled on Pine south of Main and Peck and Main

# **Hosting Lenten** Fish Fries St. Patrick's and the

Knights of Columbus will again be having their Annual Lenten Fish Fries at St. Patrick's Hall in Dwight. This year, they have

Feb. Smart **Choice Foods Distribution** 

The February distribution

day for Smart Choice Foods is Saturday, February 20, from 11:30 a.m. to noon at New Life Assembly of God,

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more information at 815-

830-3712. You can also visit

the website at www.smartch

St. Patrick's,

Dwight K of C

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scheduled six Fish Fries, all the Fridays in Lent except Good Friday, including Fridays February 12, 19, 26, and March 4, 11, and 18, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Entrance fee includes a choice of baked or fried fish, breaded shrimp, or grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato or french fries, cole slaw or applesauce, rolls, beverage, and a dessert while they last.

Take out orders are available for the same price.

## **Dwight Senior Citizens** Meet

Fourteen members of the Dwight Senior Citizens met February 10 and enjoyed a meal catered by Millie Doran.

Barb Christensen led in reciting the pledge and gave the table prayer.

The Pontiac Jammers -Gwen Edwards, soloist; Velma Matter, keyboard; John Leenders, dulcimer; and Darrel Shoop, guitar entertained the group with a variety of songs and musical selections.

Everyone enjoyed this very talented group.

Due to the length of the program a very brief meeting was held.

Door prizes were won by Townsend, Barb Christensen, Ruth Bosman, Glenda Kutos, and Grace Johnson.

Barb Christensen moved to adjourn and was seconded by Grace Johnson.

# Editor's Corner

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor



# Less Than 13% Native Americans Finish College in U.S.

Did you know that curnative Americans have completed college in the United States.

That, my dear readers, is a tragedy.

So what can we do about it? Glad you asked.

For more than a decade my wife Cathy and I have donated to the American Indian College Fund which for the past 25 years has provided more than 100,000 scholarships to Native American students, allowing them to secure a college degree and start on a path to their future.

But president of the fund, Cheryl Crazy Bull (I love that name), said that the organization intends to increase the percentage beyond 13%.

She Native rently less than 13% of Americans are "the most underserved group in the United States.'

"We know these programs work," she continued. "Graduation rates for students in these programs increased to 70% to 80%, leaps and bounds above the national average for the American Indian student population."

Every dollar of every gift helps to build on the organization's past success.

For further information or to make a donation, contact the American Indian College Fund, 8333 Greenwood Blvd., Denver, Colorado, 80221. Call (303) 426-8900 or go online to:

www.collegefund.org/Hope

Thanks for reading.

# **Herscher Unit 2 Residents** Seek Reinstatement of Volunteer Wrestling Coaches

(continued from page 1) instructor Megan Coy that they are awaiting word on two \$10,000 grants for the proposed greenhouse replacement project. Because of the delay in word on the grants, the board tabled action to provide additional funding. Decman had suggested the board match the money raised by the FFA, for a brick greenhouse which will cost roughly \$90,000. The original greenhouse is two decades old and in need of expensive











# **Dean's List Honors Bestowed Upon Area Students**

Eastern Illinois University recently released its Fall tured the following students from the area:

Samuel J. Sievert, Kempton - School of Business.

Regina Ransom Sciences.

Dawson, Biological

Jessica Maass 2015 Dean's List, which fea- Herscher earned Dean's List honors from Missouri University of Science and Technology for the Fall 2015 semester.

> Jessica is the daughter of James and Jolene Maass,

# **Sean Lockwood Graduates** from Kent State University

Soup & Sandwich Supper

Saturday, February 20

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Church of Hope in Gardner

& Chili. Any Extra: \$1

On the Menu: Potato Soup, Chicken Tortellini Soup

Sean Lockwood of Herscher recently graduated from Kent State University with a Master of Arts from the College of Education Health and Human Services.

Adults: \$6

5-10 yrs.: \$3<sup>50</sup>

Carryout

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Lockwood was among nearly 2,800 students who received degrees during Kent State's 2015 Fall Commencement ceremony.



2016 Royal Court

Winter Ball royal court are (front left) King Bill Hollmeyer, Queen Helen Fuchsen, Alice Jirmasek, Alberta Simantel, Don McKeller, and (not pictured) Clarence Simantel.

At left, QUEEN HELEN FUCHSEN dances with newly-crowned King Bill Hollmeyer at the Heritage Woods winter ball in Dwight, Friday, Feb. 12.

The Paper photos

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# Alexandria **Borgstrom** Graduates from EIU

Alexandria H. Borgstrom, of Odell, recently graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.



**Brittany Rose Horine** Daniel Lee Ribordy, Jr.

# Horine, Ribordy to Be Wed June 18

Brittany Rose Horine and Daniel Lee Ribordy, Jr. of Forrest have chosen June 18 for their wedding, which will take place in Pontiac.

Brittany is the daughter of Candy and Rodney Godbee of Kempton, and the late Ronald Horine. Danny is the son of Kathy Furst of El Paso and Daniel, Sr. and Joanne Ribordy of Kinsman.

Grandparents are Marilyn Grieff of Gardner, Ida Grant of Forrest, and the late Joseph and Joanne Ribordy.

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Amy's Homemade Crab Salad

### **OBITUARIES**

# **David Constantine**

DWIGHT - David Constantine, 86, of Dwight passed away at Pleasant View Home, Lutheran Tuesday, Ottawa, February 9, 2016.

David was born February 19, 1929, son of County Farm Bureau. David and Nona Bice Constantine. He married Ribordy Jeanne A. September 10, 1949 in St. Paul Church, Odell. His wife passed away August 20,

2015. David is survived by a daughter, Deanna (Terry) of Scottsdale, Schaff Arizona; his sister, Jane (Allen) Hoffman of Dwight; and his granddaughter, Katie (Kelson) Fagan of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

David worked on his farm through the years and was the operator of Dwight Aero Service. He was a

of St. Catholic Patrick Church in Dwight, and was also a member of the International Flying Farmers, AOPA, and the Grundy

His Funeral Mass was Saturday, February 13, at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, celebrated by Father Chris Haake.

Burial: Goodfarm Cemetery, rural Dwight. His nephews were pallbearers.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m., Friday, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, with the rosary recited at

Memorials in honor of David may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, or to Goodfarm Cemetery, rural Dwight.

Condolences may be made at hagermemorial.com

ton, Dale attended Gardner

Grade School and High

School. He worked as a

guard for many years at the

He was a member of the

Seventh - day Adventist

Church in Streator; was very

involved with the Pathfind-

ers Club, serving as a leader

Thursday, February 11, 6:30

p.m., at Solon - Telford

Funeral Home in Streator.

Rev. Milton Fish officiated.

Blackstone Cemetery.

Burial: at a later date in

Cremation rites were

Visitation was from 4:30

Memorials may be direct-

ed to a charity of the donor's

to 6:30 p.m. preceding the

Funeral services were

Pontiac Prison.

in the club.

accorded.

service.

### Dale E. Walker

BLACKSTONE - Dale E. Walker, 68, of Blackstone passed away Sunday, January 31, 2016 at Kindred Hospital in Northlake.

He was born March 12, 1947 in Joliet, son of Sam and Genevieve Berta Walker. He married Betty L. Papenburg June 24, 1972 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Streator.

His wife survives in Blackstone. Also surviving are a daughter, Amanda Walker of Chicago; grandchildren: Arnell Lott and Nicolette Lott, both of Chicago; a brother, Dan (Denise) Walker of Aurora; a sister, Diane (Mike) Bols of Plano; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Raised in South Wilming-

Joan E. Wennerstrom DWIGHT – Joan E. Wennerstrom, 79, of Dwight

passed away Saturday. February 6, 2016. Joan was born in Verona

June 25, 1936, daughter of Ray and Corena Carlson Wennerstrom.

She is survived by her sister, Rosella Herb of Dwight; her caregiver, Suzin Haltz-Furlano; and many cousins.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents and her

brother-in-law, Edward F. Herb.

Joan worked in the Irvin L. Masching Law Office in Dwight.

A private service: Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

Burial: Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Memorials in honor of Joan may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be made at hagermemorial.com

# Sandra Sue Leonard

**TONICA** Sandra Sue Leonard, 74, of Tonica and formerly of Danville and Dwight, passed away at 6:40 p.m.,

Friday, January 29,

2016 at the La Salle County Nursing Home in Ottawa.

Sandra was born February 28, 1941 in Danville, the daughter of Harry and Ruth Hack Fagan.

She is survived by two daughters: Pam (Dale) Vigna of Dwight and Carrie (Dion) Christman of Tonica; one son, Hal Leonard of Billings, Montana; four grandchildren: Brianna (Chris) Schreiner, Cal Vigna, Kyle Christman and Carly Christman.

Also surviving are one brother, David (Diane) Fagan of Bradenton, Florida; four sisters: Judy (Fred) Schafer of St. Charles, Missouri; Debbie Lutton of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin; Kim (Greg) Hussman of

Wednesday,

Methodist

Pontiac.

February 17, from 3 until 6

p.m. at the First United

His funeral will be

Cremation rites will be

Inurnment will be at a

John was born January

later date in Sunnyslope

26, 1925 in Normal, son of

Merrill J. and Ruth Huffman

Rich. He married Shirley J.

Warbinton September 21,

1946 in Baltimore, Mary-

land. She preceded him in

Espy on April 11, 2004 in

Marco Island, Florida. She

He later married Nancy

Also surviving are three

Jane

Bradford of Saunemin; and

John (Margaret) Rich, Jr. of

Bettendorf, Iowa; two step-

children: Sherrie (Lamar)

of

(Keith)

Wayne,

Wildwood,

(Bob)

death on July 6, 2000.

survives in Pontiac.

children: Debby

Raftree of Ft.

Indiana;

Rieves

accorded after services.

Cemetery, Saunemin.

Church

Batavia, and Lorie of Fagan Petersburg, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sandra graduated from Schlarman High School in 1959 and attended Southern University. Later in life, she completed her degree at Eastern Illinois University. She enjoyed traveling to Door County, bird watching and gardening.

A private family service: St. Paul's Catholic Church in Danville, with Father Greg Nelson officiating.

According to her wishes, cremation rites were accorded by the Blurton Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

Memorials will be directed to La Salle County Nursing Home, where she received exceptional care; or to Pancreatic Cancer Research.

# **Minutes**



### To the Back of the Line

It's almost time to head to the back of the line. This happens a lot throughout life. You work your way up through the ranks, and get to remain at the top for a very short time before your run is over, and it's back to square one. It happens from junior high to high school, and then again from high school to

Those both happen in a 4-year span though, the rise through the job and employment world is typically much longer. Applying to jobs seems like a process that a very mean-spirited person came up with. A lot, actually almost all of them are very impersonal application processes, usually just involving the uploading of a resume and a very generic cover letter. It's obviously much easier for employers to sift through applications when they can view them all from their desktop by the click of a mouse.

There's just something about applying to a job in person that makes it different, you put a face to an application, even though it shouldn't matter what the person looks like, it should be based on ability, and credentials, I still think you can make an impact on the job by applying and handing off the application in person.

On the other hand it's easier to apply to a lot of places in a short amount of time, because I can do it quicker on my end, too. There's no filling them out all by hand, it's very easy. A lot of them say add something unique that will make you stand out from the other applications, but when you've just looked through 50 of them as an employer, is there really anything that's going to stand out to you at that point?

It's frustrating, and I still have about 10 weeks left of school, and not currently in need of a job, but the time is approaching. I'm honestly surprised I've already applied to as many places as I have, so I guess that's a good start. Having a job by the time I have my diploma is the goal.

> Aaron J. Boma 2012 DTHS Graduate and ISU Senior

Marjorie M. Drury **PONTIAC** Marjorie M. Drury, 95, of Pontiac and formerly of passed Emington, Sunday, away February 14, 2016 in Pontiac.

Cremation rites

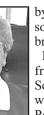
have been accorded. A private service will be held at a later date.

Inurnment will be in Rooks Creek Cemetery, rural Pontiac.

Marjorie was born March 19, 1929 in Pike Township, daughter Pontiac. Clarence and Ethel Miller Hoerner. She married Russell Drury January 5, 1939 in the Flanagan Methodist Church. Her husband preceded her in death on January 10, 1998.

Surviving are one son, Alvin "Al" (Jane) Drury of Plainfield; a brother, Richard Hoerner of Pontiac; grandchildren: Debbie (Tim) Kane of Plainfield and Rodney (Kate) Drury of Lombard; and great-grandchildren: Taylor and T.J. Kane and Charlie, Emma and Jack Drury.

She is preceded in death



by her parents; her be held today, son, Harold; and six brothers and sisters. Marjorie graduated

past member of the Pontiac Rev. Tom Goodell officiat-Women's Club, Women of ing. Moose, and the Emington Tuesday Evening

Women's Club. Marjorie resided at Pontiac Healthcare and Rehab for the past 13 years.

The Drury family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the OSF Hospice, as well as and especially to the staff and residents of Healthcare and Rehab, Dr. Rinker and Pastor Tom Goodell for the loving sup-

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the Pontiac Healthcare and

Condolences may be

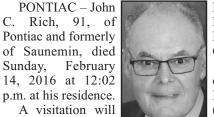
from Pontiac High School in 1938. She was a member of the Pontiac Methodist Thursday, February 18, at 11 Church. She was a a.m. in the Church, with

She enjoyed her time with family and friends and was an avid card player.

Pontiac port and care of Marge.

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John C. Rich

Missouri and Michael (Sherri) Klingshirn Covington, Georgia. Three grandchildren: Mariah Raftree, L. Keith (Vicki) Raftree III and Diana (Dan)

Pelzer; three stepgrandchildren: Kathi (Sam) Arnould, Stephanie Ghinazzi and Joel Bradford; and one great-grandchild, L. Keith Raftree IV also sur-

John was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Arnold and Bob.

John was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pontiac; Pontiac Elks Lodge; and Pine Lakes Country Club in North Ft. Myers, Florida. He farmed in the Saunemin area for more than 25 years and retired as a Capt. from the Pontiac Correctional Center. He served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1946 - 1947.

Memorials in John's name may be made to First United Methodist Church-Pontiac or Saunemin United Methodist Church.

His guestbook may be signed at

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Danny 'Doc' Watson for Livingston Co. Coroner

After serving for 25 years as the Coroner of Livingston County, it is important to me that my successor brings experience and dedication to this important office. The voters of Livingston County have the opportunity to elect an individual who has served honorably and well as Deputy Coroner for the past 20 years. Danny "Doc" Watson, a lifelong resident of our county, is very active in the Flanagan community, serving as an EMT and fireman. He has worked side by side with me carrying out the

duties of coroner throughout Livingston County. Danny will bring a wealth

of training, knowledge and experience when elected coroner of our county. In addition, he brings empathy, integrity and understanding in dealing with families at a most difficult time in their

It is without reservation that I endorse Danny "Doc" Watson to succeed me as the Coroner of Livingston County.

Michael P. Burke Livingston County Coroner

# **Job Well Done**

praise the Administration, Faculty and Student body of Dwight Township High School. All of you are true leaders in our community.

6:30 p.m. a Heroin/Prescription Pill program was put on in the auditorium at the Dwight Township High School. The Administration, several Faculty members and almost 50% of the student body attended this forum, along with several people from the community. Tim Ryan (A Man In Recovery) was the main speaker. Tim did a phenomenal job. When Tim spoke you could have heard a pin

drop in the auditorium.

I would like to give a big

# I am writing this letter to

On January 27th 2016 at

thank you to Max Sulzberger, who was our Master of Ceremony for the event. I would like to thank our partners, Dwight Police Department, O.S.F. and the Livingston County State's Attorney's Office and the rest of our panel members. But most of all, I would like to thank the Administration. Faculty, Students Community members who decided to partner with us, to try to make our town a safer and better place to live. I am extremely proud to be your Chief of Police.

Tim Henson Dwight, IL

### **Notice of Public Hearing Union Township Road District Budgets** and Town Budget

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance, for the Union Township - Town and Road Districts, Livingston County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection, at town clerk's home, from and after 1 o'clock p.m., February 24, 2016.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budgets and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 8, 2016 at Township Building, and final action on this ordinance will be taken.

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Early Voting: February 4 thru March 14

**Grace Period Registration:** February 17 thru March 15

**Extended Hours Voting:** 

March 9 Saturday Voting:

February 13 (Voter Registration Only) March 5 March 12

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The first date for Early Voting in the County Clerk's Office will be the afternoon of February 17th and

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Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

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# Panthers Claim Outright RVC Title; **Continue Home Winning Streak**

Tuesday, February 9 **GSW** vs. Grant Park Varsity -

The GSW Panthers grabbed the outright River Valley Conference Championship February 9 with a 63-39 win over Grant Park at home - also extending their home winning streak to 12 games, going back to December of 2014.

Austin Kavanaugh sparked the Panther offense in the first quarter, scoring 12 points in the opening frame and helping GSW jump out to a 23-6 lead after one.

Grant Park tried to stav with GSW throughout the remainder of the ball game, but that ugly first quarter proved to be too much of a hill to climb.

Kavanaugh ended up leading the Panthers in scoring with 14, including three three-pointers. Alex Bunna



added 11 points, with one trey, while Walker Eutsey put in nine points. Mike Wise scored eight points, including two trifectas. Scott Horrie and Junior Schultz each had six points, followed by Braden Marks' five. Colin Cash put in four points to round out the scor-

"We shot the ball very well tonight on our home floor," commented Coach Gibson, as the Panthers shot 70% overall and 54% from behind the arc. "Shooting the ball that well certainly helps to win games."

"Mike Wise has done a real nice job hitting some big shots for us off the bench," Gibson added.

"Defensively I thought we were decent at times, but we had too many breakdowns for my liking - we will correct some of those issues and improve."

# CHARGERS

Friday, February 12 Tri-Point vs. Donovan Varsity -

There was a thriller in Cullom February 12, as the Tri-Point Chargers escaped with a 64-61 win over the visitors from Donovan.

T-P trailed through much of the contest, but clawed their way back in the final frame, lighting it up to take the lead, and holding on for

Jordan Hamilton had a game-high 29 points, including four three-pointers and 3-4 shooting from the line. Randal Ifft and Nick Mahoney each added 12 points – Ifft with two treys; Mahoney with one. Jacob Bruner nailed two threes, tallying seven points total on the night, while Mark Miller had four points, with one tri-

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# **DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL**

### Thursday, February 4 Dwight vs. Odell 8th Grade -

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds triumphed over Odell 25-23, 22-25, 27-25 in a battle on February 4.

Katy Edwards led with 12 points, including seven aces and three kills. Kayla Kodat added eight points, five assists, and two kills. Amanda Delong contributed six points, with three aces and three digs, while Avery Ohlendorf had four points, including two aces, four digs, and a kill. Lindita Ahmedi also had four points, with two aces. Christina Pugh had three points and a kill, followed by Nora Anderson's two aces. Haley Jennings added one kill.

### Monday, February 8 Dwight vs. Morris Saratoga 7th Grade -

### IVC Tournament

The Lady Redbirds were in Elwood for an IVC Tournament meeting with Morris Saratoga February 8, taking a 20-25, 15-25 loss.

Destinie Drapeau had four points, including an ace and three kills, to lead Dwight. Nora Anderson had three points, with two aces, three assists, and two kills. Alexis Thetard added three aces, while Emily Weissman contributed two aces and a kill. Izzy Burkhardt had a point and a kill, with Kyerra English tallying two kills.

The Lady Redbirds are now 1-8 overall.

### Dwight vs. Odell 8th Grade - LCT

Odell got their revenge on Dwight in LCT action February 8, defeating the Lady Redbirds 25-19, 25-

Lindita Ahmedi led Dwight with eight points, including three aces and a kill. Kayla Kodat followed with seven points, with an ace, five kills, and an assist.

Avery Ohlendorf added six points, including two aces, while Christina Pugh had two points with one ace. Amanda Delong added an ace, with Katy Edwards adding a kill.

### Dwight vs. St. Mary's 8th Grade - LCT

In their second match of the day, Dwight was beaten by St. Mary's 23-25, 17-25 in the LCT.

Kayla Kodat came up with seven points, with three aces and an assist, to lead the Lady Redbirds. Amanda Delong had five points, including three aces, while Avery Ohlendorf added three points, including two aces. Lindita Ahmedi contributed two points, a kill, and a dig, with Christina Pugh adding two points. Katy Edwards had an ace, a kill, and a block.

### Tuesday, February 9 **Dwight vs. Wilmington** 6th Grade -

The sixth grade Lady Redbirds lost to Wilmington 11-25, 18-25 on February 9. Erin Anderson led with five points, followed by Mikalah Bregin, Addy Harms, and Kendahl Weller – all with two each. Sophie Anderson and Lora Weir each added a point.

In the "B" game, Dwight defeated Wilmington 25-18,

Leading scorer was Erin Anderson with eight, followed by Alayna Airgood with six. Other scorers were Bregin with three, Harms and Weller each with two, and Hailey Heath and Weir adding a point each.

### Thursday, February 11 Dwight vs. Shabbona 6th Grade -

Dwight's sixth graders were defeated by Shabbona 16-25, 23-25 when they faced off February 11.

Addy Harms led the way with six points, while Erin Anderson, Hailey Heath, and Rachel Heath each added four. Mikalah Bregin chipped in with one point. Dwight vs. St. Mary's 7th Grade -

LCT In Livingston County Tournament action at Pontiac Jr. High, the Lady Redbirds were beaten by St. Mary's 7-25, 11-25.

Nora Anderson led with three points, including an ace and two kills. Alexis Thetard had an ace and two digs to go with Emily Weissman's one point, one assist, and one kill. Izzy Burkhardt added a point, with Nellie Rieke adding a

### Dwight vs. Odell 7th Grade -LCT

In their second match of the afternoon, Dwight fell to Odell 17-25, 11-25 in the LCT.

Faith McInerney led with six points, including two aces, while Emily Weissman followed with three aces. Nora Anderson added two points and an assist, with Alexis Cuaya tallying two points with one ace. Alexis Thetard contributed an ace and two kills. Destinie Drapeau had one kill.

### Saturday, February 13 Dwight vs. Cornell 7th Grade -

Dwight dropped to 1-11 on the season following a 9-25, 23-25 loss to Cornell in the Livingston County Tourney.

Alexis Thetard's seven points, including four aces, two kills, and a dig, led the Lady Redbirds. Anderson added six points, including five aces and an assist, with Jordan Schultz contributing a point and two digs. Alexis Cuaya and Nellie Rieke each had one point. while Emily Weissman added a kill.







# DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, February 8 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central** Varsity -Regionals

The Lady Trojans had their season come to a close February 8, as they fell at the hands of Clifton Central, 52-33, in the quarterfinals of the Iroquois West regional in Gilman.

Mary Wiemken led the way for Dwight with 12 points and seven rebounds. Rachel Dawson added nine points and seven boards, while Daly Galloway chipped in seven points.

The Lady Trojans end the season with a record of 8-13 overall.



a three-point edge for the

Trojans going into halftime.

But the Hawks would take a

44-42 lead into the fourth

fourth, but a big trey from

Connor Gantzert provided

the spark for Dwight, giving

Justin Fox and Jace

the underdogs the victory.

It was a battle in the

quarter.



### Friday, February 12 Dwight vs. Iroquois West Varsity -

Justin Fox came up with a game-high 19 points to help lead the Trojans past Iroquois West on Friday night in Dwight, 48-41.

Dwight went into the second half with a 22-15 lead, but the Raiders tried to make it interesting, cutting that lead to one going into the fourth quarter. But the home team was able to hang on for the win, due in part to their 15-27 shooting from the free throw line in the contest.

Blaine Livingston followed Fox with eight points in the game, including two threes, with Connor Gantzert and Peter Hansen adding six each - Gantzert with two treys. Jace Kennedy had five points, with Blake Graham putting

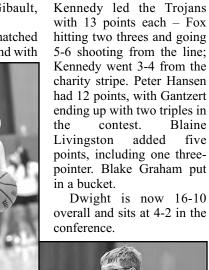


### Saturday, February 13 **Dwight** vs. Waterloo Gibault

**Varsity - Riverton Shootout** Dwight took part in the Riverton Shootout over the weekend, improving to 16-10 after coming from behind to defeat AP Class 1A 12thranked Waterloo Gibault,

It was an evenly matched first half that would end with

Gantzert



Livingston added five points, including one threepointer. Blake Graham put in a bucket. Dwight is now 16-10

contest.

Blaine

overall and sits at 4-2 in the conference.

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Dwight returned to Krischel and Schultz each Watseka for night five of Sangamon Valley Conference regular season action, winning their opening match against Cissna Park, 170-

Brendan Reamer and Alex Pampinella led the team with two toss-ups each. Gettinger, Nick Schultz, and Josh Krischel each had one.

In the second match, the Trojans defeated Watseka 240-30, with Reamer leading in toss-ups with four.

Pampinella added three, while Gettinger had two.

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had one.

Dwight is now 9-1 overall and leads the conference.

Dwight was able to avenge their only conference loss of the season with a February 10, with a 44-27 170-110 win over Iroquois West on February 11.

Alex Pampinella led the team with four toss-ups, while Josh Krischel scored three. Brendan Reamer had

In the second match, the Trojans rolled to a 320-60 victory over host Watseka.

Toss-ups came from Pampinella (5), Nick Schultz (4), Reamer (2), and Jack Gettinger (1).

Dwight moves to 11-1 in the Sangamon Valley Conference.

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# **GSW Lady Panthers Basketball**

### Wednesday, February 10 **GSW** vs. Newark

Varsity -Regionals

Lady Panthers' season win in the regional semifinals.

"I thought we played a great first half," said GSW head coach Adam Leigh. "It was 16-15 going into halftime so we felt pretty confident that we were going to hang around in the second half – unfortunately they came out shooting very well and we started to go cold

with every shot we took."

Leading scorer for the Lady Panthers was Sydney Perkins with seven, includ-Newark put an end to the ing a three. Celia Barna scored six, with Maranda Residori and Marlana Ferrari adding four each. Kaylee Steichen, Dana Wright, and Emily Hopwood all scored

two points. "We finished the season at 17-9, which is the best record I've had as a coach," Leigh added, "so I'm very proud of my team. I think they did an excellent job this



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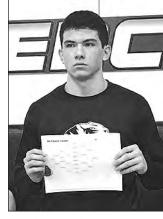
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# REGIONAL WRESTLING





THE DWIGHT TROJANS WRESTLED in the Bismark Regionals February 6, with Xaivier Slaughter, left, taking fourth. Cameron Klingler, right, placed third and advanced to Sectionals in Olympia.



NICK SCHULTZ, DTHS Senior, has been the voice for the Trojan Basketball team for the past four vears.

# PRIDE OF TRI-POINT STUDENTS - JANUARY

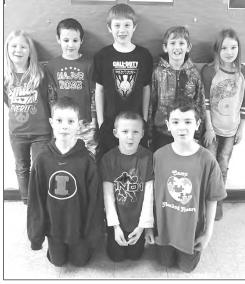




Kindergarten

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# Dwight Peace Meals

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.

Fri., Feb. 19: Tuna noodle casserole, seasoned baby

peas, corn casserole, whole grain wheat (1), banana. Mon., Feb. 22: Egg, bacon and cheddar scramble, warm cinnamon buttered apples, banana muffin, warm fruit strudel bites.

Tues., Feb. 23: Taco salad w/lettuce, beans, tomato, cheese, sour cream & taco sauce, taco chips, pudding.

Wed., Feb. 24: Beef stew with stew vegetables, Mexi-corn w/black beans, warm whole grain biscuit (1), jello with fruit.

Thurs., Feb. 25: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, tomatoes and zucchini, whole grain wheat (1), apricots.

Milk is served each day.

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# Tri-Point NHS 5K/2-Mile

The Tri-Point National Honor Society is raising money for the American Cancer Society by having a 5K run and 2-mile fun run/walk on Sunday, May 15

at 2 p.m. at the Cullom Park. Early registration is \$15 (shirt guaranteed) and ends on April 15th. Registration after this date is \$20 (no shirt guarantee). Registration will be taken on race day.

Registration forms can be found at www.tripointschools.org. Find the National Honor Society link on the main page under current highlights. If you have questions, please contact Alison Buckley at 815-689-2110 ext. 302





THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON PANTHERETTE SPIRITLINE traveled to Tuscola High School February 6 to compete in their Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) regional competition. The team placed second in the Pom A category and received another state qualifying score. The team also received the IDTA Team Spirit Award, that is voted on by the other teams in attendance. Members of the team, pictured, front row, I to r, are Sydney Bartels, Devin Fisher, Dana Wright, Emily Hopwood, Mady Patten; middle row, Maggie Harrod, Zoe Klingberg, Kristin Tramutolo, Lizzy Rodgers, Ali Kirk; back row, Jordan Bartels, Holly Swisher, Delaney Miner, Ava Siano, Haileigh Farerro. The Pantherette Spiritline is coached by Nicole Leigh and Michelle Scaccia.

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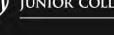
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# 'Meet the Candidates' Forum Feb. 20 in Cullom

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GFWC IL Woman's Club tion of candidates, there will be a "Meet and Greet" session, with candidates from Livingston and Counties present.

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# **Service Anniversaries** at RR Donnelley

Karl J. Eggenberger celebrated 35 years of service at RR Donnelley on February

Karl began his career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on July 28, 1980, as a Material Handler in the Pressroom working seasonally until June of 1982. He was promoted to Press Helper in October of 1985 and then to Apprentice Rolltender in December of 1985. In January of 1995, he was promoted to his current position of Assistant Press Operator.

Karl resides in Saunemin. He has five children, Jason, Sara, Calvin, Corey, and Elizabeth, and six grandchildren.

Also celebrating 35 years of service at RR Donnelley on February 13 was Susan M. DeLong.

"Sue" began her career in the Dwight Manufacturing Division on August 4, 1980, as a Task Force Material Handler. She became a Full Time Material Handler in July of 1982 and transferred to the Pressroom in September of 1982. She was promoted to Press Helper in July of 1984 and then to Apprentice Rolltender in July of 1985. Sue returned to Press Helper in June of 1986 and then transferred to the Bindery as a Material Handler in November of 1986. She was promoted to Router Mailer in March of 1995 and then to Mail Prep in January of 2000. Sue was promoted to Account Services Professional 2 in Customer Service in September of 2004 and her

Acct. Specialist 3. Sue and her husband, David - "Poke," reside in Dwight. They have two chil-Stephanie and Zachary, and four grandchil-

current job title is Print Prod.

**Cardiologist** to speak on Heart Disease Prevention Feb. 25

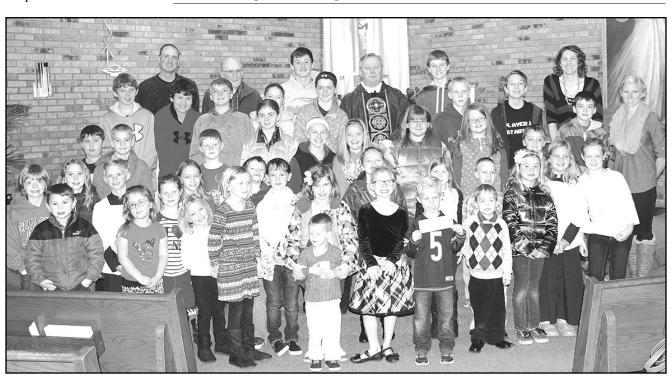
In conjunction and recognition of American Heart Month, board certified interventional cardiologist Athar Saeed, M.D., is presenting a free community program, "Preventing an Achy-Breaky Heart" on Thursday, February 25, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street.

During the presentation, Dr. Saeed will explain what people can do to lower their risk for heart disease.

To register for the program, go to www.morrishospital. org/events, or call the hospital at 815-705-7832.



IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD MARRIAGE DAY, St. Patrick Church, Dwight and Sacred Heart Church, Campus honored the most recently married couple and the longest married couple at each Mass February 13 and 14. All married couples in attendance renewed their wedding vows. Pictured are the couples honored from the 5 p.m. Mass in Dwight. Left to right, Matthew and Heather Boucher, married 13 years, and Ron and Rosemary Wilder, married 67 years. Couples recognized at other Masses are: Sunday, February 14, 8 a.m. Mass, Leo & Phyllis Tjelle married 62 years, and Craig & Julie Schultz married 17 years; Sunday 10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Jim and Darlene Steichen married 54 years, and Eric and Andrea Scheuer married 5 years. Father Chris Haake, pastor, is at right.



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Kim and Patti Drechsel



# Kim and Patti Drechsel to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Kim and Patti Finn up a 25-year career. Drechsel of Dwight will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary February 21.

The couple exchanged in Assumption Catholic Church in Coal City in 1976 and have lived in Dwight ever since.

Kim is retired from R.R. Donnelley after nearly 40 years of service, while Patti retired Clerk/Comptroller for the Village of Dwight, finishing City.

The couple has three children, Kevin (Heather) Drechsel of Odell, Brian Drechsel of El Paso, and Kelli Drechsel of Dwight. They are also the proud grandparents of Tyler, Chloe, and Alexis.

Kim is the son of the late Clarence and Edna Drechsel of Dwight. Patti is the daughter of the late William and Vivian Finn of Coal

# Vermillion Players To Present Wild Bill



Vermillion Players and WilleyWorld Community Productions presents "Wild Bill! An Evening with James Butler Hickok," starring Walt Willey at the newly renovated Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center

Performances will be Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 20, 2:30 p.m.

Walt Willey is known for his role as Jackson Montgomery on ABC's "All My Children." After discovering that Old West legend James

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To purchase tickets, contact the Eagle Box Office at (815) 844-1187, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4

# 'The Last Five Years' to Be Presented in Streator

Inc. recently announced that Jason Robert Brown's "The Last Five Years" will be presented February 25-28 at Engle Theatre, Columbus Rd. in Streator. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. February 25-27, and at 2:00 p.m. February 28.

Under the direction of Samantha Farb, "The Last Five Years" is an emotional musical about two New Yorkers in their twenties who fall in and out of love with each other over the course of five years. The show's structure consists of Cathy, the woman, telling her story backwards while Jamie, the man, tells his story chronologically. The two characters only meet once at their wedding in the middle of the show.

"The Last Five Years" was inspired by the author's own failed marriage. His exwife threatened legal action

Community Players of on the grounds the story of the musical represented her relationship with Brown too closely. The show premiered at Chicago's Northlight Theatre in 2001 and was produced off-Broadway in

> Cheyanna Geringer and Derek Zinke are featured in the roles of Cathy Hiatt and Jamie Wellerstein. Geringer has been involved at Engle Lane for 15 years and most recently played the role of Blanche Barrow in "Bonnie and Clyde." Zinke, who has a BA in vocal performance and teaches music in Tinley Park, played the role of Marius in Engle Lane Theatre's 2014 production of "Les Miserables."

Tickets for "The Last Five Years" are available online at www.englelane.org. Patrons may also call and leave a message at the box office, 815-672-3584. This is a special endowment show and is not part of the regular season ticket package.

Each candidate, in ballot order, will have up to three minutes for an opening statement. Following, there will be a series of questions

Following the questions, each candidate will be given statement. Questions may also be submitted by the

call Jody Hughes at the Dwight Livingston County Farm Bureau at 815-842-1103 or livcfbmgr@gmail.com.



**Barbara and Ervin Daniels** 



# **Ervin and Barbara Daniels to Celebrate** 50th Anniversary

Ervin and Barbara Daniels of Dwight will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary February 20 with an open house at the VFW Post 2608, 506 S. Old Rt. 66 in Dwight, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. No invitations have been sent and all family and friends are invited to help celebrate. The couple requests no gifts.

Erv and Barb were married February 20, 1966, in the Dwight First Congregational Church. Ervin returned to Fort Lewis, Washington after the ceremony to continue his time in the U.S. Army, stationed as one minute for a closing an active cadre. Barb went on to attend Illinois State University.

Miss Suzanne Pedersen was the maid of honor, with For more information, bridesmaids Peggy Scott of and Sydney Christenson of Macomb. Junior bridesmaid was Jean Legner of Dwight - the sons in Dwight.

bride's sister.

David Houston of Dwight was best man, with groomsmen including Ralph and Donald Daniels of Westervelt – the groom's brothers; and James Legner of Platteville, WI – the bride's brother, now deceased.

The couple has two children, Shane (Suzanne) of Bloomington, and Darren of LeRoy, along with four grandchildren, Alison and Daniels Bloomington, and Brooke and Paige Daniels of Peoria.

Erv is retired from Caterpillar, and is currently the Building Inspector for the Village of Dwight and manages the Dwight VFW Post 2608. Barb is retired from the Village of Dwight.

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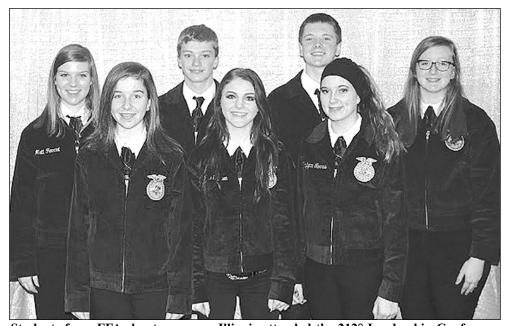


## Kindergarten Spirit Week GGS Dress Up Winners



MEMBERS OF THE GARDNER Grade School kindergarten class won the Spirit Week Dress Up contest. The class includes (front row from left) Sawyer Bennett, Caden Christensen, Case Christensen, Cameron Gray, Lillian Gerrish, Lilly Scheuber, Jaci Wilkey, Hailey Balcom, Jack Norrington, Jacob Thompson, Max Jennings (back row) Thomas Phillips, Noah Koch, Julianna Moats, Julian Pavon, Lilliana Scott, Riley Siegler, Ellie Traynor, Miley Cvitanovich, Noah Himes, Gianna Hahn, and teacher Sarah Sancken in back. Submitted photo

### 212° Leadership Conference



Students from FFA chapters across Illinois attended the 212° Leadership Conference on Jan., 29 in Schaumburg. This conference is an activity of the National FFA Organization made possible by Syngenta. Dwight FFA chapter attendees included Kathryn Berta, Maddy Erickson, Kaylynn Farris, Grechen Hilt, Morgyn Moyemont, Joey Scott and Bobby Ruder. Submitted photo

# 6th Annual CF Physical Therapy-Jill Bane Memorial Scholarship Being Offered to Area Students

CF Physical Therapy, along with the family of the late Jill Bane, is co-sponsoring the 6th Annual CF Physical Therapy-Jill Bane Memorial Scholarship for area high school students planning on entering the field of physical therapy or athletic training.

Jill Bane was well-known for serving the Pontiac and CF Physical Therapy clinics Livingston County areas as an Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist Assistant for CF Physical Therapy for over ten years. Highly regarded by the athletes, parents, and patients she worked with, she served as a mentor and inspiration to fellow employees and students interested in the athletic training and physical therapy fields before losing her courageous battle with lymphoma in 2009. In the spirit of her commitment to advancing patient care, CF Physical Therapy, in con-

junction with Jill's family, began this scholarship program.

This scholarship, first awarded in 2010, is available to any high school senior who plans to pursue a career in either physical therapy or athletic training and resides within a thirtymile radius of any of the 22 in central and southeastern Illinois and who has maintained a minimum 3.0/4.0 or 4.0/5.0 GPA.

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The deadline to submit materials is Friday, April 15. Winners, who will receive one of three \$1,000 one-year scholarship awards, will be announced April 29.

Contact CF Physical Therapy at 815-844-5411, email mpeterson@champfit.c om, or visit www.champfit. com for any questions.

### **GGS Victory Cheer Winner**



VICTORY CHEER WINNER at Gardner Grade School was the seventh grade class. Members include (front from left) Dokata Lenzie, Kevin Ferrari, Lucas Maurisak, Ashley Holloway, Goldie Hollingsworth, Brent Leonard, Tristan Smart, Carlos Soriano, Ty Johnson, Lindsey White, Avery Lenzie, Mackenzie Watson, Reganne Patrick, (back row) Dylan Light, Chris Bexson, Riley Morris, Lenard Wrona, Nathan Wise, Kaleb Macias, Koli Croy, and Abby Beck. Submitted photo

### Wall Decoration Champs



GARDNER GRADE SCHOOL sixth grade wall decoration champs are (front row from left) Alex Grivetti, Kaden Grivetti, Garrett Grant, Adrian Mena, Destiny Coleman, Madison Ragland, Michael Madonna, Ryan Gurney, Cecilee Thompson (back row) Caleb Taylor, Sophia Randolph, Bethani Nicoletti, Blake Huston, Mallory Wolf, Olivia Cerutti, Blake Patterson, Claire Hennessy, Katelyn Farris, Ashton Mejorada, Joshua Leveille, and Ethan Mack. Submitted photo

# Spirit Week Dress Up Winner



FIRST GRADE STUDENTS AT Gardner Grade School won the spirit week dress up contest. Members of the class are (front from left) Stratton Ritter, Aubrey Male, Abbie Olsen, Ella Mack, Aiden Mack, Kallee Pennington, Sethe Boyajean, Madison Grivetti, Mia Villarreal, Taylor Benoit Adams, (back row) Jomari Rodriguez, Will Cardwell, Grace Vitko, Reed Millette, Dylan Hadaway, Cooper Biros, Olivia Siana, Aiden Bodine, Reese Demarse, Ayden Balaban, and Mrs. Sara Countryman.

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WINNERS OF Gardner Grade School coloring contest in second grade were (kneeling) Naya Clark, (front row from left) Mina Siano, Aiden Himes, Johnny Moats, Abree Stein, Charlee Funes, Evan Leonard, Kayla Scheuber, (back row) Brent Manzello, Leanna Freeman, Lenijah Crawley, Madison Wright, Luca Byers, Tony Vyce, Vitko, Maddie Owen McConahay, (back) Mrs. Heather Morgan.

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## **Methodist Church** 701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church

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Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66 and Pete's Restaurants; 6 p.m., YAGO's dinner at Roadrunners Restaurant. • FEB. 21: 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; 11:30 a.m., Evangelism Chili lunch. • FEB. 22: 6:30 p.m.,

Bible Warriors. • FEB. 23: 8:30 a.m., Hen's Bible Study; 9 a.m., The Bible Seekers. • FEB. 24: 2 p.m., Kids Klub & Real; 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,

• FEB. 17: 3:30 - 5:15 p.m., Weekday School; 5:30 p.m., Lenten Vespers.

• FEB. 20: 5 p.m., Saturday Worship with Holy Communion.

• FEB. 21: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion. • FEB. 24: 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. • FEB. 17: 7 p.m., Pastor Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program. • FEB. 21: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 a.m., **Sunday Morning** Service; 6 p.m.,

Mass.

Sunday Evening Service. • FEB. 24: 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. 17: 7 p.m., Trustees meeting. • FEB. 21: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon Title: "This Is My Son, The Chosen One" • FEB. 23: 5:30 p.m., Bible Study; 6:30 p.m., Deacons meeting; Newsletter articles due. Date to remember -\* Apr. 10, 2016: 150th

Office: Tu-Th-F, 9 - noon Tu., Wed., Th 2 p.m. -5:30 p.m. • FEB. 17: 4:30 - 6 Anniversary Church p.m., Salvation Army; Service, and Dinner at 6 p.m., SPY's Youth Country Mansion after Group and Fellowship church service. Meal; 6:30 p.m., February "Mission of Casual Worship in the Month" - Dress an Fellowship Hall Angel. w/Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Youth and All

At the Churches

# Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office

Father Chris Haake, • FEB. 18: Property and Grounds committee meeting, 7 p.m. • FEB. 19: 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross. • FEB. 20: 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass. • FEB. 21: 8 a.m.,

# St. Patrick Catholic

• FEB. 26: 6:30 p.m.,

Stations of the Cross.

Ages - Dessert and Discussion. • FEB. 19: 8 p.m., AA • FEB. 21: 8:30 a.m., Handbell Warmup; 8:45 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10 a.m., HC Worship; 11:30 a.m., Handbell Practice. • FEB. 22: "Epistle" deadline; No quilting. • FEB. 23: No quilting; 9 a.m., Worship Team. • FEB. 24: 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; 7 p.m., All Ages Prepare for Agape' Worship, Holy Week and Easter.

# **BRACEVILLE**

**Braceville United Methodist Church** 106 W. Gould St. Pastor: Bennett A. Woods • FEB. 17: 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. • FEB. 19: 8 p.m., Alcoholics

Anonymous • FEB. 21: 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service; Trivia Fun and Fellowship: Noon meal; 1 p.m., Trivia Fun begins; Fun for all ages - Please take a dessert to share.

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# Catholic Church

Father Chris Haake, • FEB. 21: 10 a.m.,

# **EMINGTON**

### Emington Congregational **United Church** of Christ

103 Division Street Pastor Connie Williams Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister • FEB. 17: Bible

Study, 3 p.m. • FEB. 21: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "This Is My Son, The Chosen One.' February Food Pantry Collection: Canned

meat. March "Mission of the Month" - One Great Hour of Sharing/ OGHS

### **HERSCHER** St. Margaret Mary

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• Sunday Mass, 10:30 · Monday and Friday,

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attendants are chosen by their participation in FCCLA (Family, Career, Community Leaders of America). The 2034 future King and Queen of Winterball are Kindergarteners Hudson Colclasure and Braelyn Schou. Voting for King and Queen happens at school during Winterball Week. Coronation and King and Queen announcements are made at 9:00 p.m. at the dance. The public is invited to attend.

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ODELL GRADE SCHOOL held its annual Spelling Bee for their fourth through eighth graders February 11 in the gym, and Marley Noles (daughter of Edward and Kathryn Noles) was crowned the winner. Participating in the competition were: Junior Bolen and Brianna Hilleary (fourth grade), Ashlyn Heddins and Grace Mathus (fifth grade), Alexia Leonard and Christina Pozdol (sixth grade), Logan Deacetis and Kendall Taylor (seventh grade), and Connor Auer and Noles (eighth grade). Sponsor for the Bee is Mrs. Judy Adams. Serving as judges for the event were Mrs. Lindsay Fearman (sixth grade teacher) and Mrs. Megan Todd (eighth grade teacher).

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