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## Voters May Vote Early in Dwight's Referendum

Voters can vote early in the Dwight sales tax referendum on the March 15 ballot without voting in the primary and without declaring a party.

A voter may request to just vote on the proposed 1% or 1 cent per dollar sales tax

increase.

The increased sales tax revenue will go toward road resurfacing in Dwight.

For further information on early voting, contact the Livingston County Clerk's office at (815) 844-2006.

## First National Bank of Dwight to Acquire Bank in Seneca

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

First National Bank of Dwight, a wholly owned subsidiary of First Dwight Corporation, has entered into an agreement to purchase M B Financial, Bank N.A. bank branch in Seneca.

"We were looking to expand our footprint," said Robert J. Maierhofer, president and chief executive officer of First National.

"Seneca is 25 miles northwest of Dwight."

First National Bank has \$115 million in total assets and has been operating in Dwight since 1906.

The Seneca branch of MB Financial had \$11.2 million

in total deposits as of Dec. 31, 2015.

"We are delighted to acquire MB's Seneca branch," Maierhofer said. "We look forward to providing community banking services to the Seneca market and becoming an important part of this community."

"Since the day the [Dwight] bank was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, we have always followed the principles of providing high quality service and value to our customers," according to First National's web site.

"In today's ever-changing world we feel customers appreciate doing business with someone they know.

We pride ourselves on offering a wide range of products and services that can meet our customers' high demands while still knowing them on a personal level."

The transaction to acquire the Seneca bank is subject to regulatory approval and may be months away from closing.

"We have enjoyed serving the Seneca area for the past six years and are confident that our customers will continue to be well-served by First National Bank of Dwight," said Mark A. Hoppe, president and CEO of MB Financial.

## Dwight Grade School Cuts Teachers/Aides

*"The financial situation of this district is in bad shape..."*

by Madelyn Fogarty  
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Grade School Board of education reacted to its financial crisis when it moved forward with staff reductions which included the honorable dismissal of five teachers and two classroom aides effective with the 2016-17 school year. The measures are part of an effort to reduce expenditures by approximately \$300,000.

On Feb. 24, the board reconvened to address agenda items from the February 10 BOE session where the meeting was suspended without taking action on the dismissal items.

Honorable dismissals were approved by the board as follows:

- Allegra Rossi, special education Teacher. Marc Ellis voted "no."
- Jessica Moyemont, special education teacher. Ellis voted "no."
- Sarah Jones, fourth grade teacher.
- Jessica Legner, first grade teacher.
- Theodore Wargo, physical education teacher. Ellis voted "no."
- Kelley Turner, Classroom Aide.
- Geraldine Holmes, Classroom Aide.

In addition to the professional staff reductions, the board approved a reduction of full time classroom aides from 7.5 hours paid per day to 7.0 hours paid per day

(loss of paid lunch), which carries a projected cost saving impact of \$20,807, effective with the 2016-17 school year.

Board members Cathy Ferguson, Joel Funk, and Ellis were opposed to this move, while Kim Frauli, Steve Tock, Bo Partney and Nick Stiponovich voted in favor.

Financial hardship is nothing new to the Dwight Grade School District which successfully passed a tax referendum in 2010 as the District worked through financial troubles at that time.

Last fall, Superintendent Richard Jancek again warned the board that more actions would soon be needed.

"Based on the three year projections, the Grade School District is looking at a financial crisis at some point during the 2017-2018 school year," Jancek told the board in October.

"If there are no significant changes over the next three years, the District will expend \$1,000,000 more than they will receive in revenues. The Board of Education basically has three choices, raise revenues, lower expenditures, or a combination of both."

At that time, Jancek made three combined recommendations to the Board to address the looming financial crisis including issuing a Working Cash Bond, fully leveraging the upcoming

levy and extension request, and reducing expenditures by \$200,000 to \$300,000 with the Education Fund being the primary target. The Education Fund pays for things that have a chief impact on students and their education, such as teachers, with most of the fund's budget tied to salaries and benefits. In January, the board elected to issue a \$1 million Working Cash Bond as a short term fix to keep the school district afloat.

During public comment at the Feb. 24 session, many teachers present raised questions, expressed concerns, and shared thoughts on the situation.

Board member Cathy Ferguson made an emphatic suggestion that the board take a closer look at services provided by Livingston County Special Services Unit and possibly realign the district's needs with LCSSU's services looking closely at effectiveness and appropriate wage for services received.

"If we are making these changes here, I think in all fairness to everyone, that it's time that we evaluate why we are paying three-quarter of a million dollars to LCSSU," said Ferguson, indicating that there may be opportunities to better utilize Dwight's in-house Special Education staff.

In closing, board member Bo Partney read a prepared comment regarding the position (continued on page 8)



JEFF MARQUES, MAZON Police Chief, also works as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician for the MVK Ambulance service. He is one of the few available during the day, but even his schedule may require him to be elsewhere when there is an ambulance emergency in the area. Since the district cannot cover the day shifts properly, they are asking voters to approve a referendum to fund an ambulance district with paid EMTs.

*The Paper photo*

## Mazon Verona Kinsman Rescue Squad Referendum Set March 15

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

Voters in the Mazon, Verona, and Kinsman areas will be given a chance to vote on forming a Mazon Verona Kinsman rescue squad on the March 15 ballot.

The newly created ambulance district will be bordered on the north by Route 113, West to Kinsman, south to Becker Road and East to Tynan Road.

According to Mazon Police Chief Jeff Marques, who is also a first responder Emergency Medical Technician for the Mazon ambulance service, the three towns have volunteer coverage but are unable to cover day shifts as most people work out of town.

"We hope to hire enough EMTs for the 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. shift to get started," Marques explained.

But covering those hours requires paid EMTs rather than volunteers. He said when the ambulance districts were originally formed more than three decades ago, there were nearly 30 volunteers to man all shifts.

Now there are seven including Marques, most of whom are not available during the day.

"It's because everybody works out of town during the day," Marques said. "This is essentially a bedroom community."

On the ballot, voters will be asked to increase property taxes by 0.20% per \$100 in equalized assessed valuation, which equates to roughly \$6.66 more a year based on a home valued at \$100,000, before the home-stead exemption.

In a flyer planned to be sent to voters, the author said the M-V-K ambulance service has "reached a point in its

existence where we feel it is necessary to become a taxing body and form the M-V-K Rescue District."

If the referendum does not pass, the existing ambulance service could be dissolved for lack of coverage.

"The Illinois Department of Public Health regulates all ambulance services and watch our activity," the flyer said. "We are on the Watch List and they could close our doors at any time."

The same thing happened to the Oregon ambulance district last year.

"During the day we are missing a lot of calls," Marques said. "And we still miss calls at night too."

The result is neighboring ambulance services respond to the calls, but they are driving longer distances with longer travel times — but as everyone knows, seconds count in an emergency.

## Gardner Council Okays Donation for GSW High School Lock-in

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

The Gardner Village Board approved a \$500 donation to the Gardner-South Wilmington Prom lock-in to be held Saturday, April 30.

The donation, approved by the board at its regular meeting Monday, Feb. 22, will come from the village gambling machine fund.

Also at the meeting, the audience was given brochures for the Route 66 Anniversary Red Carpet Corridor 10th Annual Festival, May 7 and 8.

Towns included in the celebration which lie in *The Paper's* circulation will be Braceville, Gardner, Dwight and Odell.

Gardner Mayor Mike Serena highlighted the Gardner events which include:

- Saturday and Sunday Meet and Greet at Two-Cell Jail, Gardner Lions serving root beer floats in the Diner

Car, Gardner Archives open at the Village Hall, and the "All About You" Co-op Flea Market at 591 W. Main Street.

• On Saturday, the Scapegoats Car Show will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., plus there will be Coal Black Exotics Serpentarium, Vino's Bar and Grill Dine-In Burgers for 66 cents.

The event is also to include free hearing tests and an art show.

For more information, call (630) 215-8968.

In Braceville, there will be a Junk-in-the Trunk sale, baked goods plus a Scavenger Hunt for Elwood-Braceville with clues or geocache coordinates at [www.geochaching.com](http://www.geochaching.com).

For more information, contact (815) 237-8655.

In Dwight, the event will feature all-town garage sales Friday through Sunday, May 6-8.

Saturday will feature the (continued on page 8)



IDA SCHOPP WILL be donating a monetary award presented to her Feb. 14 by the Sulphur Springs Gleaners Arbor #628 of Coal City. Schopp plans to use the funds to create a sign for the Gardner Archives in the Gardner Village Hall.

*The Paper photo*

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**Odell Townwide Spring Garage Sales April 1, 2**

Odell Townwide Spring Garage Sales are set for Friday, April 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 2, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

To add your name to the list, send your name, address, and phone number to: P.O. Box 173, Odell, IL 60460 by Friday, March 25. You must pick up your lists Thursday, March 31, after 4:00 p.m.



FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued  
by Dwight Police

February 18: Marjorie M. Perry, Joliet, speeding (radar), 92/55, no valid driver's license, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

February 19: Madison S. McDonald, 20, Streator, speeding (radar), 77/55.

February 20: Lynn A. Latino, 55, Streator, 75/55; Amis Mercado, 42, Dwight, speeding (radar), 79/55; Dean D. Wollensien, 56, Kankakee, speeding (radar), 80/55.

February 21: Natalie E. Becton, 53, Pembroke Township, speeding (radar), 46/30.

February 22: Hunter D. Jones, 22, Smiths Grove, KY, speeding (radar), 48/30.

February 23: Sherre D. Mladic, 59, Seneca, speeding (radar), 73/55; Jeffrey P. Gibson, 56, Brookfield, speeding (radar), 73/55; Steven P. Norris, 36, Dwight, possessing a controlled substance, possession of drug equipment, poss. cannabis/30 grams or less, probation violation or revocat.

February 24: Romel D. Westbrook, 40, Streator, no valid driver's license, operate uninsured motor vehicle,

in-state warrant.

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

2 Warnings Issued  
by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 1; failure to signal when required, 1.

Weekly Ambulance Runs  
by Dwight EMS

February 20: 7:38 a.m., Union, medical, Morris; 6:39 p.m., Seminole St., trauma, refusal; 11:58 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

February 21: 6:45 p.m., Mazon, fire; 10:58 p.m., Spencer, medical, St. Joe's; 11:48 p.m., Union, trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Gardner.

February 23: 1:31 p.m., Seminole, medical, St. James.

February 24: 1:22 p.m., Union, trauma, refusal.

February 25: 11:27 a.m., Chippewa, medical, Morris.

Temps  
2016

Feb. 18 – high 44°, low 27°  
Feb. 19 – high 62°, low 37°  
Feb. 20 – high 62°, low 31°  
Feb. 21 – high 44°, low 24°  
Feb. 22 – high 47°, low 25°  
Feb. 23 – high 46°, low 26°

Feb. 24 – high 35°, low 30°  
.05" melt / 2" snow

One Year Ago - March 2, 2015  
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Gas Prices on Upswing

The price of regular unleaded gasoline in the U.S. jumped four cents a gallon last week to \$1.749 Monday, the highest level in more than three weeks.

“While motorists may have seen unpleasant jumps at the pump over the last week, March's start at the pump will not be like a lion, but more like a lamb,” according to Patrick DeHann, GasBuddy analyst.

The recent uptick in gas prices comes as crude oil prices have rallied with a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude up 42 cents Monday to \$33.02 barrel.

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.

City/Village	Feb. 29	Feb. 22
Dwight	\$1.724	\$1.678
Seneca	\$1.536	\$1.538
S. Wilmington	\$1.69	\$1.59
Streator	\$1.72	\$1.654
Odell	\$1.72	\$1.59
Saunemin	\$1.69	\$1.49
Cullom	\$1.65	\$1.49
Pontiac	\$1.59	\$1.45
Gardner	\$1.69	\$1.59
Braceville	\$1.69	\$1.59
Mazon	\$1.69	\$1.59
Morris	\$1.49	\$1.355
Herscher	\$1.59	\$1.49
Kankakee	\$1.59	\$1.65
Chicago	\$1.92	\$1.78
Illinois	\$1.79	\$1.69
U.S.	\$1.749	\$1.709

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

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Hunter Safety  
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in Morris  
April 16, 17

Grundy County Sheriff Kevin Callahan has announced that his office will again be hosting an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Hunter Safety Education Course Saturday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Sheriff's Department Training Room in the lower level of the James L. Olson Law Enforcement Center – 111 E. Illinois Ave. in Morris.

Area residents will have an opportunity to learn the basic principles of hunter safety during the two-day course. The education material is based on a sixth grade reading level. This course covers the basics of hunter responsibility, wildlife conservation and identification, firearms and ammunition, field safety, wildlife management, first aid, archery, muzzle loading, and state regulations. Persons completing the minimum ten hours of instruction and successfully completing the final examination will receive a State of Illinois Certificate of Competency and a graduate patch.

Who must take the course?

On January 1, 1996, a State law passed that anyone born on or after January 1, 1980, may not be issued a hunting license unless: 1) they present a valid Hunter Education Certificate of Competency issued by the IDNR, Safety Education Division, or 2) they present evidence he or she has held a hunting license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a prior year.

Many states are now requiring adult hunters to furnish evidence of having completed a Hunter Education Course prior to issuance of a non-resident license.

Participants must attend both days of the course to receive a certificate that will allow them to obtain a hunting license in the State of Illinois. Lunch will be provided on April 16.

To register for the class, or for additional information, contact the Sheriff's Office at 815-941-3122. At this time, **registration is limited to Grundy County residents only.** Open registration for all others will begin March 8.

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Flan/Gray	298
Forrest/Strawn	198
Gardner	33
Gridley	10
Kempton	3
Long Point	94
Minonk	1
Odell	259
Piper City	3
Pontiac	1485
Reading	358
Reddick	4
Saunemin	182
Dwight EMS	1056
Duffy	1943
Selcas	1072
Streator/St. Marys	204
Liv Com	0
Liv Co ESDA	0
Dwight ESDA	0
Liv Co Mutual Aid	1
Other	168
Totals	8404

2015 Fire & EMS Calls  
8,404 Total

The LivCom call report for 2015 Fire and EMS shows Dwight in relation to the rest of Livingston County. Dwight EMS are contracted through Kurtz Paramedic Service, Inc. of New Lenox. Dwight has contracted EMS personnel to reduce operational costs since 2007. Dwight EMS calls are among the top four in the county.

Submitted chart

Dwight EMS 2015 in Review

**Note: The Dwight Emergency Medical Service answered 1,056 calls in 2015, compared with 225 for the Dwight Fire Department last year. Because of the ever-increasing volumes, Al Metzke, Dwight EMS director, compiled a year in review of the Dwight EMS calls noting other activities of the department last year.**

In 2015, the Dwight EMS:

- JANUARY — attended EMS training on cardiac emergencies. Calls for the month were 85.
- FEBRUARY — placed into service its new 2014 Medix ambulance. Attended Grundy Chief's meeting. Provided Heartsaver CPR classes for the public. CPR demonstration was provided for Dwight 7th grade students. EMS training was on multiple casualty incidents. Calls for the month were 68.
- MARCH — attended EMS training on rarely used protocols. Calls for the month were 95.
- APRIL — began the second contract year of a five-year contract with Kurtz. Awarded \$55,985 for two new cardiac monitors from FEMA. Dwight was also awarded \$1,000 from Enbridge Energy for CPR training and materials. EMS training was on infectious

diseases. Calls for the month were 101.

• MAY — hosted a CPR class for Heritage Woods employees. Participated in Dwight Mock DUI crash. Coordinated and participated in Dwight Elementary School's Camp 911. EMS training was on traumatic injuries. Calls for the month were 85.

• JUNE — hosted EMS program at the United Methodist Church. Hosted First-aid/CPR class for ALDI employees. CPR classes for the public. Stand-by at auto extrication demonstration at Buzz the Gut. Paramedics attended the Advanced Cardiac Life Support refresher course. EMS training was on documentation. Calls for the month were 86.

• JULY — helped cover six hours for EMS coverage at the Livingston County 4-H Fair in Pontiac. Provided first-aid classes for the public. EMS training was on traumatic chest injuries. Calls for the month were 93.

• AUGUST — attended EMS training on abdominal injuries. Calls for the month were 84.

• SEPTEMBER — covered second ambulance full-time for Harvest Days. Provided CPR class for the public, Enbridge Energy and the Emington-Campus Fire.

EMS training was on sheet documentation. Calls for the month were 89.

• OCTOBER — Provided two weeks of CPR classes for Dwight High School. EMS training was pediatric advanced life support recertification for paramedics. Calls for the month were 77.

• NOVEMBER — provided a “Math in EMS” program for Dwight 8th grade students. Provided CPR demonstration for Dwight 7th grade students. Dwight 3rd grade students were given a tour of the ambulances and the Dwight facility. Provided CPR class for the public. Provided EMS training for R. R. Donnelley response team. EMS training was 12-Lead ECG reading. Calls for the month were 113.

• December — provided EDP Renewables CPR and first-aid class. Calls for the month were 113.

Dwight Emergency Medical Services also provides blood pressure reading; blood glucose and triglyceride reading; and minor first-aid at the Dwight Public Services Complex. The department also provides child safety seat installation by appointment.

Call (815) 584-2050 for further information.

Dwight Blood Drive March 8

A community blood drive will be held in the conference room of the Dwight Fire Department, 111 S. Prairie Ave., Tuesday, March 8, from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

For an appointment, contact Justin Dyer at 815-671-2133 or e-mail [jdyer@dwightfire.org](mailto:jdyer@dwightfire.org).

Eat a healthy meal and drink an extra 16 ounces of water and fluids before the donation. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate by using RapidPass – visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

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THE LESLIE E. KEELEY CO.'S 56-room new hotel, The Livingston House, opened April 1, 1891, but the grand opening was held in June. The three-story brick hotel featured electric lights, a basement boiler room to heat the rooms, and shared bathrooms on the guest floors.

## The Boom Years (Part II of III)

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 in Dwight.**

Although patients began to occupy The Leslie E. Keeley Co.'s new 56 room hotel April 1, 1891, the grand opening of The Livingston House was delayed until June 3, four days after the committee was formed to keep The Keeley Institute in Dwight.

The three-story, brick hotel had every modern convenience including electric lights, and an annunciator connecting each guest room with the first floor office for service.

The basement boiler provided steam heat to the 90 radiators by electric circulation pumps. There were shared bathrooms on the two guest floors and a large bathroom in the basement with a barber shop. Running cold water came to these rooms from a 60-barrel water tank on the roof supplied by a deep well and windmill.

The committee convened Thursday evening, June 11,

1891, and worked well into the next day. At 8:00 p.m., a band began playing in front of the Keeley offices in the middle of W. Main attracting a packed and jolly crowd.

It was announced that "...the great Gold Cure establishment would remain in Dwight permanently."

Speakers praised Dr. Keeley and claimed that during the past year the number of patients had quadrupled, and should this continue over the next five years, 300,000 would be treated annually and Dwight could increase to 1,000.

Some thought these growth estimates "wild and wooly" and not everyone was pleased.

During the celebration, the village agreed to construct water and sewer systems, macadamize the streets connecting the two depots, improve the electric plant and install electric street lights.

David McWilliams handed Mayor Thompson the deed to 31 acres which became Renfrew Park. That day The Leslie E. Keeley Co. purchased The McPherson House on E. Main, and announced that the day earlier it had bought Len Hahn's home and the

## Dwight Developing Economic Recovery Strategy

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

Key Dwight business leaders will be involved with focus group interviews Monday, March 7 at the Dwight Village Hall, to help develop an Economic Recovery Plan for the village.

"This is a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration," said Kevin McNamara, village administrator.

He said the 50/50 grant for a bill of \$35,000 was awarded to Dwight basically due to the loss of sales tax and jobs when the Dwight women's prison was closed.

"The final product will be used to attract jobs to town," McNamara said.

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## Editor's Corner

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

### Kids' Twig Fortress: Good Deed or No?

So three neighborhood children took it upon themselves to clean up the loose twigs around the yards near their homes.

And being the ingenious children they are, they turned the twigs into a "Tee Pee" to play in while they keep warm out of the frigid wind.

One neighbor called *The Paper* praising the efforts of the children, thankful that they cleared away the twigs in the yards.

Another neighbor, however, complained that this twig structure would be in the way when mowing the lawns behind the yards.

The mother of one of the kids said, "Let the kids have fun."

Hear hear. Well said Mom.

Just as an aside, the temperatures outside the day I am writing this were at a high of 38 degrees with windchills in the 20s. The grass is still brown and wet from recent snows.

Nobody will be doing any lawn mowing for a few weeks yet.

I would like to officially commend the work of these three fine youngsters not only for clearing people's yards but for utilizing the material to create something to play in.

The children are Cheyenne Holzhauer, Dalton Thacker, and J. K. Holcomb. The twig fortress is behind Holcomb's home at 107 D Bannon Drive in Dwight.

See the photo below.

These kids are hereby awarded Golden Paws by my teddy bear friend, Dusty. Thanks for listening.

Isn't it better to have children doing something constructive and playing than getting into trouble?

I think so.

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### MVK Seniors Meet

The MVK seniors met February 16 at the American Legion Hall in Mazon. President Rita Mills called the meeting to order by giving the Pledge to the flag. She thanked Pam from Weitz's, CNN, and the volunteers. There was a silent prayer for the ill and deceased members, military, and the upcoming elections. Get-well cards were signed for Bob Grieff and Jean Wooden. Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Paul McIntosh and Dorothy Johnson. Door prizes went to Frank Phillips, June Elam, and Pat Arthur. Next, the secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report will be ready next month.

The new CNN Nutrition Director, Patti, introduced herself to the group. President Rita reminded members of the Chili Supper at MVK Middle School and "Spud Nite" at Mazon Park Street Church. Kathie Davis, of Heritage in Dwight, took prizes for Bingo. Dorothy Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Helen Griffiths seconded. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting. Anyone 60 and older is invited to join for lunch by calling Community Nutrition Network at 815-941-1569 for a reservation.



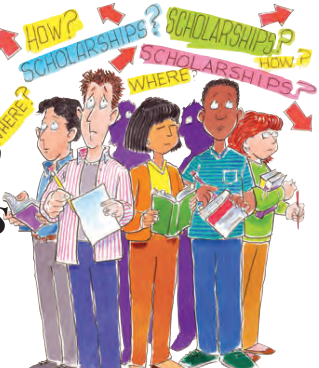
### Silent Auction, Chicken and Spaghetti Supper March 13 in Emington

The Emington Community Association will host a Silent Auction along with a Chicken and Spaghetti Supper March 13 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Road Runner Restaurant in Emington. The menu includes spaghetti, chicken, green beans, garlic bread, salad, and donated desserts. A fee applies. Children under ten receive a discount. Take donations to the Road Runner Restaurant for the Silent Auction by March 10 to help fund the Emington 3rd of July Celebration.

### GSW High School Parent/Teacher Conferences

Gardner-South Wilming-ton will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday, March 3, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., and Friday, March 4, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. No appointments are necessary – walk-ins are welcome.

### Vermillion Players Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted



Applications are now being accepted for the second Annual Vermillion Players Scholarship, designed to encourage participation in theatre arts and to show appreciation for those who choose to participate in theatre arts activities. Up to eight scholarships of \$500 may be awarded to Livingston County area college bound high school seniors who have demonstrated activity in and appreciation for the theatre arts, with a special emphasis on their affiliation with Vermillion Players. Detailed information about the scholarship application may be found at [www.vermillionplayersinc.com](http://www.vermillionplayersinc.com). Deadline for applications is Monday, April 11, and winners will be announced by April 25. Any questions or inquiries may be directed to [vermillionplayersinc@gmail.com](mailto:vermillionplayersinc@gmail.com).



### 'GISHWES' Exhibit at Pontiac Art Center

March 30 in the Joe Bailey Gallery. This show will feature photos and mixed media sculptures that were created for the "Greatest International Scavenger Hunt the World Has Ever Seen." Team "Monkey Brigade" (consisting of many Art Center members), invites you to view some of their favorite challenges from last summer's hunt. In 2015, Team "Monkey Brigade" came in second place out of over 4,000 teams worldwide. The Art Center Gallery is located at 103 W. Madison St. Winter hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

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## Cat Clausen Visits Prairie Creek Library March 7

Local artist, Cat Clausen, will be at Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight, Monday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. to present a program on art and the passion and inspiration behind her art.

This program is free and open to the public.

## Free Food at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church for Those In Need

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 326 W. Chippewa St. in Dwight, is changing their Food Pantry Distribution. Thanks to assistance from the Midwest Food Bank, they are now able to provide some fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food – depending on what is available for that particular month. The variety will likely change from month to month.

Starting Monday, March 7, they are providing a once monthly food distribution from 3:00-5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday evenings from 4:30-6:00 p.m., and on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon, they will be available to distribute emergency portions of non-perishable food.

All participants **must** fill out a registration form and turn in to the church office by March 2 **to be eligible** for food distribution on March 7.

After you turn in your registration, you will receive a call indicating you are eligible to pick up food on March 7.

If you have any questions, call Louis or Lynne Cronin at 815-584-1106, 815-514-4611, or 309-287-2727.

St. Peter’s Church office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 2:00-5:30 p.m.

## Benefit Planned for the Family of Heather Black Zacek

A fund-raiser benefit will be held for the family of Heather Black Zacek of Dwight.

She died of cancer at the age of 27, leaving her husband Ryan and her one-year-old daughter Kilana.

A benefit will be held from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 9 at the Dwight VFW.

The benefit is to help her family with expenses at this difficult time.

Heather was a devoted mother and is missed greatly by her family.

The benefit will include food, drinks, a live auction, and a 50/50 drawing.

To donate to the event or for further information, call Rick at (309) 825-2521 or Jim at (309) 533-5359.

Cash donations may be sent to Centurion Bank, 302 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL, 60420. Make checks payable to:

Ryan Zacek Benefit

## March Smart Choice Foods Order and Distribution Dates

The March order date for Smart Choice Foods is Friday, March 4, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at New Life Assembly of God, 903 S. Old Rt. 66, Dwight.

The distribution day is Saturday, March 19, from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

All orders must be paid for when order is placed and must be received by March 4.

Contact Lin Thrasher for more information at 815-830-3712. You can also visit [www.smartchoicefood.com](http://www.smartchoicefood.com). There is a 3% fee for online orders.

## March Events at Fossil Ridge Library

Fossil Ridge Public Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd. in Braidwood, will host the following events and programs in March:

- **March 1-9: Book Sale continues.**
- **March 3: Sr. Tax Help, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; L.I.H.E.A.P., 9:00 a.m. to noon.**
- **March 5: Melissa’s Closet and Crystals Jewelry Box – \$500 prom dress sale at Godley Park District, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- **March 7, 14, 21, 28: Pooches and Pages, 4:30 p.m.** Children pre-K through fifth grade read to a therapy dog. First come, first serve;
- **Storytime, 5:45 p.m.** Ages three to five. Lap-sit age, birth to three.
- **March 9, 16, 23, 30: Storytime, 11:00 a.m.** Ages three to five. Lap-sit age, birth to three;
- **Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.**
- **March 10: Teen Game Night at Godley Park District, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
- **March 15: Crafting with Kevin at Godley Park District, 6:00 p.m.**
- **March 21: Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
- **March 25: Adult Book Club, 6:30 p.m.** Discussing *Diary of a Player* by Brad Paisley.

For more information, see the library’s newsletter, visit [www.fossilridge.org](http://www.fossilridge.org), or call 815-458-2187. To register for a program, go to the library or visit the Bookmobile.

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## Brooke Haag Named 2016 Illinois Pork Ambassador



Brooke Haag

Brooke Haag, daughter of Mike and Tricia Haag of Emington, was named the 2016 Illinois Pork Ambassador at the Illinois Pork Expo February 16 and 17. The Illinois Pork Ambassador will work alongside the Illinois Pork Producers Association staff

during the summer. The purpose of the Illinois Pork Ambassador program is to provide an opportunity for a young person to serve for one year as the official youth representative of the IPPA. The Ambassador will work on many projects, some of which include the birthing center at the Illinois State Fair, summer ag institutes, and working with county ambassadors. Brooke is currently attending Joliet Junior College and will be transferring to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall. She plans on majoring in Agricultural Education. Along with growing up on a pig farm, Brooke has been actively involved in IPPA. She has been a

Livingston County Pork Ambassador and has attended the Illinois Pork Leadership Institute for the past four years. Not only that, Brooke has also helped at the pork patio and birthing center at the Illinois State Fair, an event at the Lincoln Park Zoo, and promoting the Da Burger. “I am very passionate about the agriculture industry, especially pork production, having grown up around it,” says Brooke. “I want to take more responsibility in promoting the industry as well as get the chance to explore the potential career opportunities.” She is most looking forward to getting the chance to talk to different people across the state and be able to share her passion.

## Prairie Creek Library Launches New Website

Prairie Creek Public Library District launched a new website – [www.prairiecreeklibrary.org](http://www.prairiecreeklibrary.org). The new website features menu tabs for kids, adults, as

well as other useful areas of information. It will also feature an up-to-date calendar containing dates and times for all scheduled events.



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COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
RICHARD POPPLETON, KAREN L. POPPLETON, Defendant(s).

Case No. 14 CH 41

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois, will on April 6, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at the LAW & JUSTICE CENTER, 110 N. MAIN STREET, PONTIAC, IL 61764, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

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Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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## World Day of Prayer Hosted by Dwight First Congregational Church

The Dwight First Congregational United Church of Christ will host the World Day of Prayer event, 1 p.m. Friday, March 4.

The ceremony will feature prayers for women and children mistreated around the world, focusing this year on Cuba.

The public is invited to take part in the event.

For further information, call the church at (815) 584-1260.



Clyde David Simmons

### A boy!

Jason and Kimberly Simmons of Campus are happy to announce the birth of their son, Clyde David Simmons.

Clyde was born at 11:58 p.m. on Friday, January 29, at Riverside Medical Center. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Clyde was welcomed home by big sister, Quinley (five).

Paternal grandparents are Tammy (Troy) Quinley of Cayuga and David Simmons of Dwight.

Jason is a union laborer for Linblad Construction and Kimberly is an office assistant at Pontiac Correctional Center.



Miles William Golden

### A boy!

Erik and Carrie Golden of Fairbury are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Miles William Golden.

Miles was born at 6:57 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Bloomington. He weighed six pounds, five ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Miles was welcomed home by big sister, Elsa.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Mary Flott of Dwight. Paternal grandparents are Vern and Tina Golden of Hollowayville.

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## Correction

A story about the death of Lloyd Meredith on page one of the Feb. 24 issue of *The Paper* contained incorrect information about Clarke City never getting built.

The article should have said in 1900 Clarke City was the sixth largest city, ahead of other towns now including Herscher. It is estimated at its peak there were 2,000 people in Clarke City. When the mines closed, the town vanished.

*The Paper* regrets the error.

## Vermillion Players to Present ‘Game Show’

The Vermillion Players next dinner theater production at the Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center in Pontiac will be “Game Show,” an interactive comedy play written by Jeffery Finn and Bob Walton.

Game Show is set during a live broadcast of a fictional, long-running TV game show and places the theater audience in the role of the

TV studio audience. Audience members are picked as the contestants to play the trivia-based game and win real prizes.

In addition to watching and playing during the “broadcast” where anything can and does happen, the audience also witnesses all the backstage, back-stabbing antics behind the scenes that go on during the commercial breaks.

Game show is directed by Julie Peterson and co-produced by Michele Barnett and Mary Jones.

Catering is by Bernardi's II.

Dinner theater reservations can be made by calling the Eagle Box Office at (815) 844-1187.

The show will run April 1 to 3, and April 8 to 10, with Friday and Saturday evening performances and Sunday matinees.

## True Crime Author in Dwight March 5

True crime author, journalist, and research historian Richard Lindberg will present a fascinating montage of Gaslight era serial killers, scoundrels, and murderers entitled “Devils in White Cities and Beyond” at Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight Saturday, March 5, at 3:00 p.m.

A rogue's gallery will be discussed, including H.H. Holmes, matrimonial swindlers, and murderers Johann Hoch and Belle Gunness, as well as Lizzie Borden and the black widow, Amy Archer Gilligan.

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Should You Retire in “Stages”?

For many people, the concept of retirement can be scary, both emotionally and financially. If you, too, feel somewhat anxious about what awaits you, you might feel more comfortable in knowing that, depending on where you work, you might be able to retire in stages.

As its name suggests, retiring in stages typically involves reducing one's work hours from full-time to part-time, and then, eventually, to complete retirement. If you enjoy the social relationships of work, and you define part of your identity with what you do at your job, this type of gradual transition may be easier for you to accommodate than the abrupt transition from “worker” to “retiree.”

As for the financial aspects of such a move, you will want to plan ahead. A “phased-in” retirement can affect your investment and income strategies in several areas, such as these:

**Social Security** – You can start collecting Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will only be about 75% of what you'd get if you wait until you reach 66 (assuming that 66 is your “full” retirement age). And the payments get larger from there, until they “max out” at 70. So, if you had planned to retire at 62 but instead retired in stages, you could possibly afford to delay taking Social Security until your checks were bigger. You could work and receive Social Security, but if your earnings exceed a certain amount, some of your benefits may be withheld, at least until you reach full retirement age – after which you can earn as much as you want with no withholding of benefits. However, your Social Security could still be taxed based on your income.

**Required minimum distributions** – During your working years, you may well have contributed to tax-deferred retirement accounts, such as a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But once you turn 70½, you must start taking withdrawals (“required minimum distributions,” or RMDs) from these accounts. You can't delay taking these payments, which are taxable. But if you did retire in stages and continued to work part-time, past when you expected to completely retire, you may be able to stick with the required minimum withdrawals at least for a while, rather than taking out larger amounts immediately. In this way, you could potentially keep more of your retirement funds growing in your tax-deferred accounts.

**Investment mix** – If you planned to retire at a certain date, you might have created a specific mix of investments designed to provide you with sufficient income to last your lifetime. But if you continue to work, you may not have to rely so heavily on your portfolio – that is, your IRA, 401(k) and all investments held outside these retirement accounts – to help you meet your income needs. Consequently, during these extra years of work, you may be able to withdraw less from your portfolio, thus potentially having more assets to provide for your income needs down the road.

As you can see, a “phased-in” retirement could help provide you with options in making a variety of financial decisions. So, plan carefully before you exit the workforce – a gradual departure may be a good way to say “goodbye.”

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

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IN OUR OPINION

Vote for Dwight’s 1¢ Sales Tax Increase

Dwight needs to fix its streets. So does Bloomington. *The Pantagraph* noted February 20 that “aging streets is a major concern” in Bloomington. Their answer: a five-year plan that includes \$20-to \$30-million to address Bloomington’s aging street and other infrastructure demands. Bloomington will issue bonds to cover the costs. A 1¢ sales tax increase (in effect there since January 1 of this year) will assist in repaying the bonds. Dwight, on a much smaller scale, of course, has an identical problem and a similar proposed solution. A sales tax increase is being sought by Dwight in an upcoming March 15 referendum, the money earmarked for street improvements. If approved, the 1¢ increase, plus motor fuel tax funds, would pay for a \$5-million bond to be repaid in 10 or 15 years. Work on Dwight streets could begin this fall, and would continue for years.

Engineers have estimated the total cost of the infrastructure work in Dwight to be roughly \$5-million for residential areas and \$2.5 million for downtown. The increase in sales tax would be tempered for residents by a one-time abatement of a two-month garbage fee. The proposed 1¢ sales tax hike would not apply to purchases of cars, prescription medications, or food purchased for later consumption. A good portion of the 1¢ sales tax increase will be earned from sales by visitors to Dwight. The bottom line is that the street work is obviously necessary, and corrective action must begin soon. Delaying the street improvements will only increase the cost. We ask all of Dwight’s registered voters to turn out March 15 and support the 1¢ increase.

— The Paper

OBITUARIES

Burl Lucas

DWIGHT – Burl Roger Lucas, 89, of Dwight and formerly of the Long Point - Cornell area, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Heritage Manor in Dwight surrounded by his family. Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, March 2, at 10 a.m. in the Dwight United Methodist Church. Burial will take place in Long Point Cemetery, Long Point. Visitation was from 5 until 7 p.m., Tuesday, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. Masonic services were held immediately following the visitation. Burl was born September 18, 1926, son of Jesse Ross and Lorena Cashmer Lucas in Amity Township. He married Shirley Maurine Talbot October 18, 1945 in the Long Point Methodist Church. They recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. His wife survives in Dwight. Also surviving are his children: Charles (Jan) Lucas of New Bloomfield, Missouri; Sheryl (Lyle) Landstrom of Heyworth; and Beverly (Gary) DeLong of Dwight; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-



grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons: Francis in infancy and Roger Lucas; four grandchildren; his sisters: Marcia Saxton, Doris Willis and Stella Jean Lucas; and his brothers: Russel, Eldon, Victor and Lawrence Lucas. Burl farmed his entire life, beginning in the Cornell - Long Point area and farming in the Dwight and Gardner area for the last 63 years. He also worked at Mobil Chemical in Joliet for 23 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason; a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church; and a member of the Order of Eastern Star of Illinois. Memorials in honor of Burl may be made to the Dwight United Methodist Church, or to a charity of the donor’s choice. Condolences may be made at hagermemorial.com

Marilyn Mount

DWIGHT – Marilyn M. Mount, 86, of Dwight and formerly of Mazon, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2016 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria. Marilyn was born January 6, 1930 in Sparland, daughter of Vearle and Marie Hodge Funk. She married William Mount June 10, 1949 in the Ransom Methodist Church. She graduated from MVK High School in Mazon. She was a 4-H leader for many years. She loved to sew and also enjoyed doing crafts when the family was all together and getting everyone involved, which was the beginning of one of many family traditions. Marilyn was all about family and friends. She enjoyed entertaining friends and family and spending time with the grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She and her husband, Bill, kept active by bowling on a team for many years. Marilyn was a past member of the Mazon Methodist Church, where she served as secretary as well as Sunday School and Bible School teacher. She later joined the Verona Methodist Church, continuing to provide the same services. Marilyn enjoyed all the kids that she took to and from school when she was a bus driver for the Mazon and Dwight school districts. She also worked at the Fabric Center in Morris for many years. Surviving are her five children: Darlene (Robert) Cofoid of Granville; Thomas (Jan) Mount of Crest Hill; Wayne (Nora) Mount of Yazzo City, Mississippi; Donna (James) Tondini of Morris; and Nancy Moore of Oswego. Also surviving are her sister, Arlene Prindiville of Dwight; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill, in 2009; one brother, Virgil Funk; and one grandson, Wayne Mount. Her funeral service was Thursday, February 25, at UC Davis-Callahan Funeral Home in Morris. Pastor Mary McQuilkin and Dan Lybarger officiated. Burial: Ward Cemetery, Verona. Mike Walker, Kevin Walker, Adam Mount, Nathan Mount, Billy Sproull, Christian Bates, Chris Ammenhauser, Craig Strum and Brad Mount served as pallbearers. Visitation was Wednesday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Marilyn’s church. On-line condolences may be made to her family at: www.dcfunerals.com Dysart - Cofoid Funeral Chapel in Granville assisted the family with the arrangements.

Marilyn Mount

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March 2, 2015  
The day God took you home

Del,  
A million times  
I've needed you  
A million times I've cried,  
If love alone  
Could have saved you  
you never would have died.  
In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place,  
No one else can ever fill.  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone  
Part of me went with you,  
The day God took you home.

Love Always,  
Mary

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words. We welcome your thoughts.

The Marilyn Baker family would like to thank you for your continued support and prayers at this difficult time. A big thank you to Good Samaritan-Pontiac for great care. Saunemin Fire Department for all your care and kindness. Both shared the memorials that we received.

The William Baker Family

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as Indenture Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-HE3; Plaintiff, VS. Mary Platt Kweiser; William T. Kweiser; CACH, LLC; Defendants. 15 CH 65

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff Tony Childress, Sheriff of Livingston, Illinois, will on April 5, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 AM at Livingston County Courthouse, 112 West Madison Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:

THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF BLOCK 4 OF I.J. KRACK'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF FORREST, ALSO KNOWN AS I. J. KRACK'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF FORREST, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number WA15-0634. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: Single Family Home. The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale.

The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms.

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True Test of Greatness

I'm writing this Sunday night and it's very obvious what I should write about. Leonardo DiCaprio, who many consider one of the best actors of the past twenty years or so, finally brought home an Oscar. Truthfully, I don't even know if he deserved it this year, I think this was more of a lifetime achievement Oscar than it was necessarily for his role in The Revenant. Nonetheless, it's really nice to see someone who has as much talent, and has continued to show that much talent for this long, be recognized for his talents and successes. I think there are other examples of this happening in other areas of entertainment. Kobe Bryant won an MVP in a year where he might not have been the one who should have won the award. However, he had never had an MVP up to that point because every year that he had a great year was met and exceeded by someone else having an even greater year. It happened this year at the Grammys too. Kendrick Lamar, who lost several awards in the previous Grammy awards in which he was nominated, took home five this year. Had he won that year, I'm not so sure that he would've gone home with that many. This has happened time and time again. I don't think there's anything wrong with it, he was pretty much on par with all the other people who were nominated. Had there been a runaway performance that really truly deserved it, then I think there would be reason to argue that he didn't deserve it. I think the moral of this story is: the Oscars, The Grammys, the whatever, don't matter. You can be great for 20 years, and in your peak years someone who was only great for five years might've exceeded you, but just temporarily. Longevity is the true test of greatness, not an award that's given out yearly.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/25/2015, the Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois will on 3/30/16 at the hour of 10:00AM at New Law & Justice Center 110 N. Main Street Pontiac, IL 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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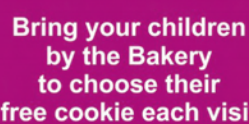
The next regular session of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will take place at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 9. Meetings are open to the public.

Applications must be postmarked by March 8 or may be e-mailed by that date to secretary Bonnie Bolen at [doubleb10@frontier.com](mailto:doubleb10@frontier.com).



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LORRAINE WHITWELL, rural Herscher, has played the church organ at Zion Lutheran Church on Route 17 north of Herscher for nearly six decades, starting before the current church pastor was born.

The Paper photo

## Herscher Woman Tickles Keyboard Ivories at Zion for 59 Years

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

For nearly six decades Lorraine Whitwell of rural Herscher has been providing music for the church services at Zion Lutheran Church on Route. 17, north of Herscher.

She began officially playing organ for the church Feb. 17, 1957, and was given an award by the church for her service at the Sunday, Feb. 21 service.

She lost her husband Dave of 33 years in March of 2015. The work as organist kept her from dwelling on the loss. Her husband was buried on a Wednesday and she played the next day for Maundy Thursday last year on April 1; then played for two services on Sunday.

"I don't know how I got through it," she said.

"One thing about a small congregation," Whitwell added. "The members here are just so good, so caring and thoughtful."

She said this past year would have been much more difficult without her church and her faith.

The Feb. 21 service at which she was honored as church organist for nearly

six decades happened to fall on her wedding anniversary to her late husband, she noted.

Zion Lutheran Church is situated just two miles west of the farm where she grew up.

She and her husband farmed in rural Herscher for many years.

"It would have been nice to have my husband here," when she was honored last month as longtime organist.

She estimates there are roughly 175 members of the Missouri Synod church.

"It's nice just to play here," she added. "I've touched a lot of lives playing for baptisms, weddings and funerals."

Her favorite service, however, is for Christmas Eve at Zion Lutheran.

"We go all out," she explained of the Christmas Eve service.

"It's just a beautiful service."

The Christmas decorations at the church include special lighting for the pews. When the congregation sings "Silent Night," all the lights are turned off except for those special lights.

"It's just a warm feeling," she added.

She followed in her mother's footsteps as organist, only her mother played on a pipe organ for 10 years.

For many years Betty Dummer was the church choir director. Dummer died in 2011, and so Whitwell began directing the choir at the same time as playing the organ.

Whitwell explained that the choir is upstairs and she cannot see them while playing the organ, but it seems to work out.

Jamie Dooley plays piano during Sunday services now and Whitwell plays on Wednesdays.

She has played at Harvest View in Herscher for its church services, and at Trinity Lutheran in Herscher, as well as at the churches in Chebanse, Dwight, and Kankakee.

During her career, she has served as organist spanning the terms of five pastors at the church.

Zion's current Pastor John Kiefer was born Aug. 31, 1957.

"He [Kiefer] wasn't even alive when I started," she joked.

## 51st Annual Fish Fry in Emington March 18

Emington Troop 87 BSA will host the 51st Annual Fish Fry in Emington Friday, March 18, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the basement of Emington Congregational Church.

## Dwight Approves Police Contract February 22 Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty  
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

A three-year contract for the Dwight Metropolitan Association of Police Chapter 636 was approved by the Dwight Village Board of Trustees at its February 22 meeting.

Dwight's Police Union contract includes a two percent salary increase for year one, a 2.5 percent increase for year two, and a three percent salary increase for year three. The increases are effective April 1, 2016 for all seven full time Dwight Police Officers. No other changes were made to the contract. Chief of Police Tim Henson, Seargent Glen Peters, and Dwight's three part-time officers are not included in the contract.

In other business, a special Use Permit has been submitted to the Village of Dwight for the purpose of building a solar farm. Anthony Donato is currently negotiating the purchase of land including approximately 20 acres west of RR Donnelley to be used for the proposed solar farm. The board referred the request to the Plan Commission.

Adam Dontz, CEO of the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council, was present to provide an update on GLCEDC initiatives currently taking place in Dwight and the county. The GLCEDC is a public-private partnership comprised of businesses, individuals, and governmental agencies that believe in the importance of controlling the area's economic future by taking a proactive and strategic approach to

economic development and is comprised of 73 members who collectively employ over 3,600 employees within Livingston County. Dontz had positive things to say about Dwight and its opportunity for economic development.

"Dwight is home to one of Livingston County's chief economic development assets and, I really believe that the land around the intersection of the Union Pacific and Norfolk and Southern offers some of the best economic development opportunities for something of a very large scale - probably better than anywhere in Livingston County and maybe the region," Dontz told the board describing the unique intersection of the two Class 1 railroads.

Residents are reminded that March 12 is the Dwight Economic Alliance 2nd Annual Auction and Dinner event at Dwight Country Mansion. Tickets are currently for sale. The board approved three Fund-a-Need Projects which will utilize funds raised by the DEA auction event. The approved projects include improvements to the flag-pole area at Renfrew Park, adding benches along the pine cone path extension to Lions Lake, and bleachers for the T-ball field area. Last year, the DEA auction raised \$10,500.

Mayor Jared Anderson reminded residents that Tuesday, March 15 is the Illinois Primary Election where Dwight residents will have the opportunity to vote for a sales tax referendum which will be on the ballot. The referendum will ask

area voters to increase the local sales tax, the increase to be used strictly to improve infrastructure with an accelerated street resurfacing and reconstruction program being where the money would be initially directed.

The proposed sales tax increase applies only to non-titled or non-registered tangible personal property. It does not apply to the sale of qualifying food, drug, and medical appliances (for example food purchased at the grocery store or prescription and non-prescription drugs) and vehicles. Since visitors make up an estimated 60-65 percent of the shoppers in Dwight who would be impacted by the types of purchases affected by the additional sales tax, it is believed to be a valuable opportunity to generate revenue without putting the entire burden on local taxpayers.

Village officials are in the process of outlining the details of the proposed referendum to the public.

The board also:

- approved Vissering pay request #6 for \$171,540.07 for high speed rail depot.

- received notice that ComEd will be performing vegetation management activities (tree trimming) in the Village during the Month of March.

Residents are asked to mark their calendars and plan to attend the Dwight area-wide cleanup day on April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 14 in the Public Services Complex.

## Tri-Point District To Likely Borrow Money Against Early Tax Funds

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

The Tri-Point School District relies on early tax revenue in the final quarter of the previous school year.

Because the first payment of 2016-17 of \$1.1 million does not arrive until the final eight or nine days of the fiscal year, it means the district will likely have to borrow against the early funds for next year to meet final quarter payment.

"In the spring, we won't be able to get by in the last quarter without borrowing

against early tax money," Superintendent Jeff Bryan told *The Paper* last week after the Feb. 22 school board meeting.

He said the board discussed the need to borrow using tax anticipation warrants late in the school year, but no action was taken at the meeting.

In other action, the board:

- Agreed to approve a \$500 donation to the high school prom after-party to be held at Victory Lanes in Dwight. The prom will be at the Country Mansion in Dwight.

- Re-employed the following spring coaches: Will Patterson, head girls softball; Anne Fritsch, assistant girls softball; Rich Bell, high school boys track; Dan Graham, high school girls track; Becky Allen, junior high girls track; Steve Find, junior high boys track; and Austin McDowell as high school baseball coach.

- The board also appointed Kim Miller as high school volunteer baseball coach and Cindy Hindman as high school volunteer softball coach.

## Dwight Preschool Receives Highest Rating from ISBOE

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

The Illinois state board of Education awarded the Dwight Preschool program at Dwight Grade School its highest "gold" Circle of Quality award.

"After a thorough review of all documents, it has been determined that you successfully met all areas of compliance," said Cindy Zumwalt, Early Childhood Division for the ISBOE.

"The state people visit and watch interactions with students, files and records along with academic and curriculum," said Leslie

Grieff, who has been with the program at Dwight for 10 years.

"You have to jump through a lot of paperwork hoops. This is our second gold status."

The program currently serves 80 pupils with two full time teachers and two teacher's aides. Amy Kargle is the other teacher.

"Originally, Dwight was funded for Early Childhood Block Grant in 1986," Grieff said.

She said the district requested funding to expand the program and received it six years ago.

## Gardner Lions Club Breakfast March 13

The Gardner Lions Club will serve breakfast at the Gardner American Legion Hall Sunday, March 13, from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice, and milk.

Funds raised will benefit GSW Summer Youth Baseball, the visually and hearing impaired, and any other community projects funded by the Gardner Lions.

A donation of canned goods for the local Food Pantry is also appreciated.

The club also accepts donations of eye glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones.

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# Non - Home Rule Sales Tax Referendum

**Tuesday,  
March 15**

## *Dwight Residents for Road Repairs Questions & Answers*

**Q. What is Non-Home Rule Sales Tax?**

**A.** Non-Home Rule Municipality (community with less than 25,000 people) may impose an additional 1% sales tax for capital improvement projects and tax relief. The tax does not apply to non-pre-prepared groceries, prescriptions, medical appliances and titled or registered property with the State, (e.g. cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, snowmobiles and aircraft).

**Q. Why is Dwight seeking a Non-Home Rule Sales Tax?**

**A.** The Village of Dwight is seeking a Non-Home Rule Retail Sales Tax in order to provide dedicated funding to make major infrastructure improvements throughout the village. Rapidly deteriorated roadways will be repaired and flooding due to poor street drainage will be alleviated. These improvements are critical for the public safety and quality of life of village residents.

**Q. How will the Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Referendum help the entire community?**

**A.** In addition to the new village roads and flood relief, the new sales tax revenue will allow the village to implement a Lifetime Street Maintenance Program and abate the last Garbage Fee payment of each year to residents.

**Q. Who will pay the majority of the new sales tax?**

**A.** Studies done by municipalities similar in retail comparison to Dwight estimate a vast majority of the sales tax will be paid by people living outside of our village. In essence, residents will receive the benefit of “out of towners” shopping in our community.

**Q. How much will the additional sales tax cost residents?**

**A.** It will cost just a “penny” for every dollar spent on eligible purchases. The village has estimated that the sales tax will cost the average Dwight family household \$48.00 per year.

**Q. When would the new 1% sales tax be enacted?**

**A.** By state law, the earliest the new sales tax could be enacted would be July 1st, 2016. The earliest the Village would receive funds would be October 1, 2016.

**Q. How will having the new 1% sales tax facilitate residential, retail and commercial development?**

**A.** By making village wide capital improvements, Dwight will be more attractive to home buyers and developers as the economy strengthens. Shoppers at current and new retail stores will pay an additional 1% sales tax that will be used to fund these major improvements now and in the future.

**Q. How much money does the abatement to residents of their last Garbage Fee payment of each year equate to?**

**A.** The Garbage Fee abatement given to homeowners for their last monthly payment of each year would equal \$38.00 annually.

**Q. How many other municipalities have adopted a Non-Home Rule Sales Tax?**

**A.** Since 2011, more than 100 municipalities within the State of Illinois have adopted the Non-Home Rule Sales Tax.

**Q. What are the scheduled capital improvement projects if the referendum is passed?**

**A.** If the referendum passes, the village will receive nearly \$500,000.00 annually in new sales tax revenue which can only be used for village infrastructure improvements. The village will begin implementation of the Dwight Lifetime Street Maintenance Program by fall of 2016. This program will be enacted to repair all the deteriorated streets in an aggressive time frame.

**Q. What are the Village’s alternatives if the referendum fails?**

**A.** If the referendum should fail, the Dwight Village Board would be forced to create revenue to repair our streets and sidewalks. The only other alternative other than the passing of the 1% sales tax would be a dramatic rise in property taxes to offset the money needed, that property tax could be as much as \$400 per household annually.

**VOTE  
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**TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH**

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# SPORTS

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Austin Kavanaugh

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## GSW Grabs 20th Win; Falls in Regional Championship

Friday, February 26  
GSW vs. Donovan  
Varsity - Regionals

In regional action on their home floor Friday night, the Gardner-South Wilmington Panthers captured their 20th win of the season with a 68-49 beating of the Donovan Wildcats.

"We were rusty coming out in this one having not played in a full week," admitted GSW head coach Chris Gibson, "but we finally started clicking again."

The Panthers got up early, taking a 22-12 lead into the second quarter — where they would continue to build on their lead, due in part to Scott Horrie taking over.

"I thought Scott took control of the game in the second quarter," Gibson added, "and that allowed us to get some separation."

Horrie, along with Junior Schultz, led GSW with 16 points each — Horrie with a three and 5-6 shooting from the line.

"Schultz did a fantastic job off the bench for us also," said Gibson. "He has really given us a nice lift this season."

Despite some issues with some defensive toughness at times, Gibson thought his team locked in well, especially in the middle two quarters — en route to the regional "W."

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Peter Hansen



DTHS Trojan basketball came to an end in the second contest of the regional. After defeating the Wilmington Wildcats on Monday night, they fell to El Paso-Gridley Thursday. Results of Monday's game on page 15. *J7Images*

Justin Fox



DTHS SENIOR JACE KENNEDY has signed a letter of intent to continue his football career at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois. Pictured, seated, l to r, is Jace's father Don Kennedy; Jace; and his mother, Teri Kennedy; standing is Parnell Kennedy (grandfather); Betty Ann Kennedy (grandmother); and head football coach, Andy Pittenger.

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# GSW Grabs 20th Win; Falls in Regional Championship



GSW BASKETBALL: Pictured above, Scott Horrie takes a shot over a defensiveman for the Panthers. Below, the GSW Cheerleaders get the crowd into the game.

Photos by Shalya Loring Photography

(Continued from page 11)  
Alex Bunna tallied 14 points in the contest, with a three-pointer, while Austin Kavanaugh and Walker Eutsey each scored seven – Kavanaugh with a three. Nathan Wozniak and Ben Bexson both connected on trifectas, with Colin Cash adding a bucket.  
“It’s always great getting to the 20 win mark,” stated Gibson, “and I am proud of this group and how hard they have worked to accomplish this goal.”

## Saturday, February 27 GSW vs. St. Francis de Sales Varsity - Regionals

The Panthers took their 20-7 record up against #3-ranked St. Francis de Sales on Saturday, suffering a 63-58 loss to the Pioneers.  
“I thought my boys played their hearts out,” said Coach Gibson afterwards, “and we just never could get over the hump against a good St. Francis de

Sales team. I couldn’t be more proud of how we kept scratching and crawling our way back into the game as they made their runs on us. We talked about it being a heavyweight bout and that both teams would throw punches throughout the night. They made runs, we made runs, but at the end of the night, they made more plays than we did.”

Scott Horrie went off for a game-high 30 points in the game, hitting two threes and going 12-14 from the line.

“I am so proud of our seniors and what they have done for our program,” Gibson continued. “Scott started 79 games over his three-year career as my point guard and his heart and soul is what has carried us to the success that we have had. In his final game, he showed what a true competitor he is by putting his team on his shoulders and putting us in a position to win. He will be sorely missed.”

Austin Kavanaugh added 15 points in the contest, with one trey and 6-13 shooting from the charity stripe. Walker Eutsey put in nine points, while Braden Marks had two. Junior Schultz and Noah Brannock each made a free throw.

The Panthers show 21-36 overall from the free throw line in the loss.

“We talked about the many good memories from this season,” added Gibson, “and that is what we are going to let define us. For the first time since 2011, we are RVC Champions and not only that, but we went undefeated in that league and that is truly an accomplishment. We will not let this one game define us as a team or a program. We continue to improve and that is what we intend to do next year.”

GSW finishes the season at 20-8 overall, with a 12-0 RVC record.



Saint Francis Senior, Jens Kennedy

# St. Francis Earns First No. 1 National Ranking

The University of St. Francis men’s basketball team has earned a number one national ranking for the first time in school history – as the Saints sit atop the NAIA Division II Coaches’ Top-25 poll (taken February 23).

USF, sitting at 28-3 as of press time, captured the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season championship – giving them an automatic bid to the NAIA DII National Tournament later this month – and received eight of 12 first place votes.

The Saints closed out their regular season action with a 13-game winning streak, and former Dwight Trojan, 6’8” Jens Kennedy,

has been a vital part of the team’s success.

Kennedy, who began his USF career in 2013, has continued to improve since his rookie season, now averaging 15.7 points and 5.8 boards a game during this 2015-16 campaign.

In addition to those numbers, he also has 33 blocks, 16 assists, and 14 steals on the season, as well as a 25-49 showing from behind the arc and 78% shooting from the line.

The Saints fell to Robert Morris U. in the CCAC Tourney semi-finals over the weekend, but are readying themselves for the National Tournament, which begins March 9.



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# Dwight Boys Basketball Regional Photos

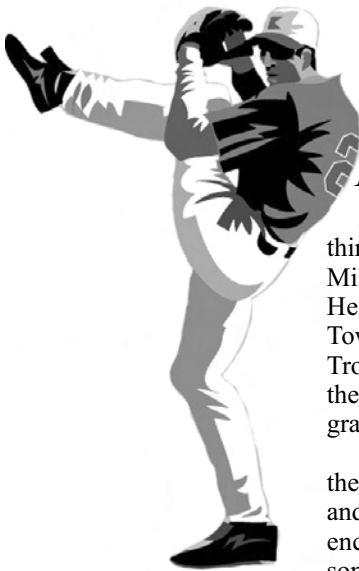
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## Millikin Baseball Ready for 2016 Season

### Program Heavy with Dwight Ties

As he embarks on his third season at the helm of Millikin's baseball program, Head Coach Brandon Townsend (former Dwight Trojan) has helped reshape the Big Blue baseball program.

"We are expecting to take the next step as a program and compete for the conference tournament this season," stated Townsend. "We took one step last season and are ready for the next major step."

Millikin's 17 wins last year were the most wins in a season for the program since 2006, and tenth highest in the program's history.

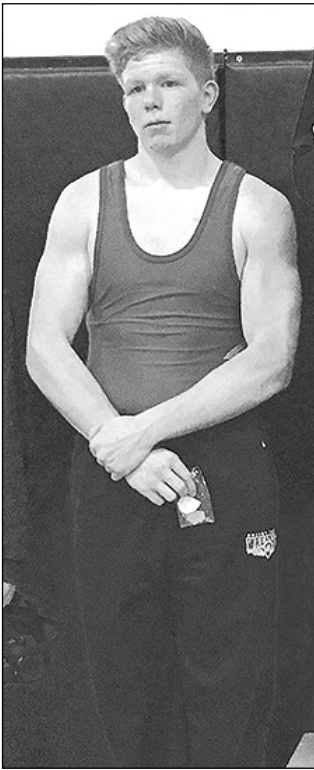
With a lack of experience posing a hindrance for the

Big Blue, talent on the mound looks to not be an issue as most of their key pitchers, though newcomers, will likely be the team's strong suit.

Townsend believes he has a strong group of young arms that will make big contributions this season. One of those arms is freshman Owen Pulver of Dwight – who is one of the leading candidates for a spot on Millikin's starting rotation.

The Big Blue opened their season with two games at Fontbonne University over the weekend, and will be at the University of the Ozarks March 12-13. Their home opener is March 30 against Blackburn College.

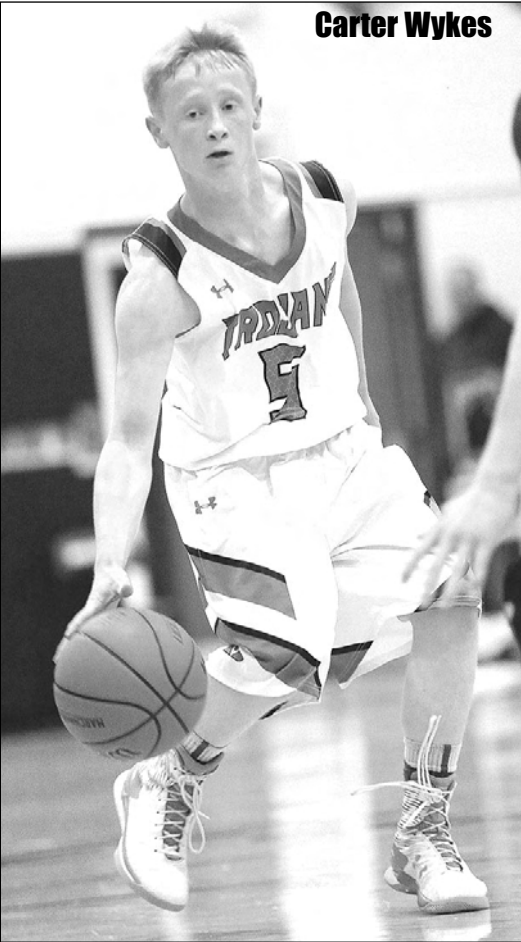
## Dwight Wrestlers Place at Regionals



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



Justin Fox



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DGS Redbird Wrestlers Place at Regional



Daniel Gutierrez  
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Cade Enerson  
8th grade  
1st place  
Regional Champion



Dillon Sarff  
6th grade  
2nd place

Three DGS Redbird wrestlers battled their way through the IESA Wrestling State Regional held at Prairie Central High School on February 27th and will be advancing to the IESA Wrestling State Sectional in Normal, IL on March 5th.



DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, February 22  
Dwight vs. Shabbona  
7th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds fell to Shabbona on February 22, 21-25, 18-25.

Emily Weissman led with five points, including four aces and a dig. Nora Anderson came up with four points, with three aces and three assists. Jordan Schultz and Izzy Burkhardt both had three points – Schultz with two aces and a dig; Burkhardt with an ace. Faith McInerney added two points and two kills, while Alexis Thetard and Nellie Rieke each added a point – Thetard’s coming from an ace. Destinie Drapeau and Kyerra English each had two kills to go with Kallista Cox’s one dig.

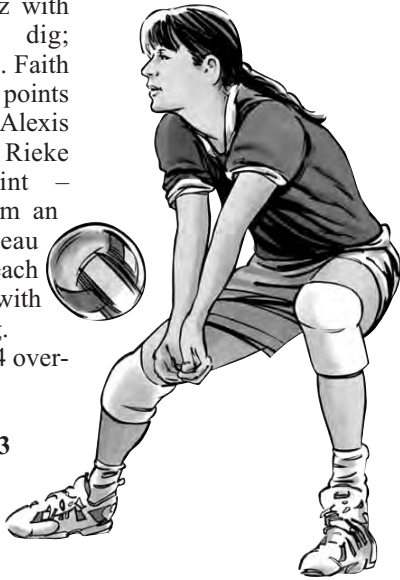
Dwight is now 1-14 overall.

Tuesday, February 23  
Dwight vs.  
Streator Northlawn

6th Grade -

The sixth grade Lady Redbirds lost a good game to Streator Northlawn, 21-25, 25-14, 19-25, when they met February 23.

Addy Harms led with 19 points in the contest, while Erin Anderson, Rachel Heath, and Kendahl Weller each added four points. Alayna Airgood had three, with Lora Weir scoring two.



Herscher Wins Consolation Bracket of Match Points 2016

The 42nd annual academic bowl competition took place at Kankakee Community College February 19, with Herscher High School winning the consolation bracket.

Herscher defeated Iroquois West and Beecher to win the consolation bracket, receiving a \$100 Match Points Scholarship for their work.

Team members are Ryan Kornokowski, Isabel Riordan, Caleb Hatting, Shannon Nugent, Jacob Elling, and Ian Telschow. They are coached by Jessie Rezba.

Kankakee County 4-H/Youth Foundation Scholarships Available

Kankakee County 4H/Youth Foundation will award eight \$1,000 scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year. Graduating seniors will be granted four of the eight scholarships, with the remaining four being awarded to individuals presently enrolled in an accredited college or university.

Applicants must have participated in the 4-H/youth programs in Kankakee County conducted by University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee Co. Academic achievement and service to school and community will also be considered in selecting the recipients.

The deadline for submit-



ting applications is April 15. Further information and an application for scholarships may be secured from High School Guidance Counselors, from University of Illinois Extension in Bourbonnais, area libraries, from any 4-H Main Club Leader in a Kankakee County 4-H Club or at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gkw>.

These scholarships are being granted by the 4-H/Youth Foundation as one of the ways it promotes educational opportunities for higher education for Kankakee County residents.

The scholarships and Foundation’s commitment toward supporting 4-H, youth and University of Illinois Extension programs are financed by an annual fund-raiser. In addition to the college scholarships and donations to Extension, the Kankakee County 4-H/Youth Foundation purchases shirts for Master Showman and Showmen at the Kankakee County Fair and contributes to the annual 4-H Youth and Volunteer

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Re-Elect  
Seth Uphoff  
Livingston County State’s Attorney  
Vote – March 15



**Claim:** Seth’s opponent created the drug forfeiture program in Livingston County

**Truth:** The State’s Attorney’s Office had been forfeiting drug dealer’s property long before he arrived.

**Claim:** Seth’s opponent was endorsed “by a unanimous vote” of the Pontiac Police union.

**Truth:** Only 7 of 15 officers voted for Seth’s opponent -- hardly unanimous, not even a majority.

**Claim:** Seth’s opponent’s website claims he has “personally litigated approximately 45 felony jury trials during his tenure in Livingston County.”

**Truth:** Records indicate he has tried 27

**Claim:** Seth is “disagreeable.”

**Truth:** Seth is not a doormat for a few, but insists on standing up for what is right. The “go along to get along” way of doing business is not in the best interest of justice in Livingston County.

**Claim:** Seth’s opponent promised the selection committee in Ford County he would move his family there and that he was there for the “long term.”

**Truth:** He did not relocate his family, nor was there any apparent plan to stay in the job he lobbied so hard for. Einstein said: “Anyone who doesn’t take the truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either.”

**Claim:** Seth is not supported by police officers.

**Truth:** Seth respects all law enforcement and will prosecute based on good police work. There should be a separation of powers between law enforcement, prosecutors, and the judges. Seth is supported by many in law enforcement, including several in leadership positions.

**Claim:** Seth Uphoff is against mental health patients and mental health court.

**Truth:** Seth is dedicated to finding alternative solutions for mentally ill defendants, utilizing best in class resources like IHR. At this time, there is no study indicating a small county like Livingston needs a separate court system.

Seth Uphoff can be trusted:

- to remain an independent prosecutor
- to not give in to those that want to return to inappropriate practices of the past
- to protect all of us from the criminals brought into the court system
- to treat all with respect and equality
- to continue to seek solutions for those with mental health issues to avoid incarceration
- to continue to manage the office efficiently, having already saved taxpayers over \$250,000 in his first 3 years in office

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DTHS SCHOLASTIC BOWL SENIORS gathered with their parents on Senior Night. Pictured, seated, 1 to r, are Jackson Gettinger, Josh Krischel, and Nick Schultz; standing, Kathleen Gettinger, Stinnett Gettinger, Joe Krischel, Mary Schultz, and Scott Schultz.

## DTHS Scholastic Bowl Team Celebrates Senior Night with 2 Wins

On February 18, Dwight’s JV Scholastic Bowl team split two close matches with PBL – winning the first and dropping the second.

Scoring toss-ups were: Bubba Schultz – 6; Hayden Tjelle – 3; Mason Imhoff – 2; and Hayley Cummings – 1.

In their final two matches of the season February 23, the Trojans lost the first match to Reed-Custer, but came back to defeat them in the second match.

Toss-ups for Dwight came from: Bubba Schultz – 4; Mason Imhoff and Hayden Tjelle – 3; Hayley Cummings, Jimmy Soto, Andrew Myzia, and Diego Prats – 1.

The varsity Trojans celebrated Senior Night on the 23rd with a pair of wins over R-C.

Dwight used a dominant first half in their first match to lead them to a 280-70 win.

Alex Pampinella led the team with four toss-ups, while Nick Schultz scored three. Brendan Reamer added two, with Josh Krischel and Jack Gettinger each scoring one.

In the second match, DTHS overcame a sluggish first half and was able to post a 230-100 win, with each player scoring two toss-ups.



THE DTHS SCHOLASTIC BOWL SQUAD was in action last week. Pictured, seated, 1 to r, are Nick Schultz, Josh Krischel, Brendan Reamer; standing, Jackson Gettinger and Alex Pampinella.



## ‘Learn S’more About FCCLA’ March 2

FCCLA members will host an FCCLA informational meeting for all incoming freshmen to Dwight Township High School Wednesday, March 2, from 2:15-4:15 p.m. titled “Learn S’more About FCCLA,” which will include a presentation on FCCLA’s values, games, prizes, and s’mores.

It will begin in the Dwight Grade School library and end in the DTHS Family and Consumer Sciences room.

This event is being hosted by Lucy Rieke and Hannah Van Der Karr, as they seek their second trip to nationals for a STAR event.

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## DTHS Basketball Trojans – –

**Monday, February 22  
Dwight vs. Wilmington  
Varsity -  
Regionals**

The Dwight Trojans moved to 17-11 after their opening round regional win over Wilmington, 67-48, on Monday night at Reed-Custer.

Dwight had the momentum early, jumping out to a 19-4 lead after one, and leading 36-9 going into the half. The Wildcats attempted to stick around in the second half, but the Trojans were just too much.

Justin Fox scored a game-high 18 points for Dwight, hitting two three-pointers and shooting 4-5 from the line. Blake Graham followed with 13 points, including two threes, while Blaine Livingston and Jace Kennedy each put in nine points – Livingston’s coming from three treys.

Andrew German, Peter Hansen, and Wes Pulver scored four points each, with Carter Wykes, Austin Nelson, and Connor Gantzert each scoring two.

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The Trojans’ season came to a close on Thursday night, when El Paso Gridley came from behind to defeat Dwight, 64-48.

*Complete stats and story in next week’s edition of The Paper.*



## Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress Announces Illinois Sheriffs’ Association Scholarship

The Illinois Sheriffs’ Association has announced that it will be awarding over \$54,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2016-17 academic year (excluding summer session).

The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the state.

Sheriff Childress will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.00.

- There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin.
- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents.

Applications are now available at the Livingston County Sheriffs’ Office, 844 W. Lincoln St. in Pontiac, or online at [www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org). Students must complete the application, answer the essay questions and return all documentation to the Sheriffs’ Office by March 15 (must be postmarked by this date).

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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
<u>Early Voting:</u> 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.
<u>Grace Period Registration:</u> 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.
<u>Extended Hours Voting:</u> March 9	County Clerk's Office 112 W. Madison St, Room 106	Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<u>Saturday Voting:</u> 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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NOTICE  
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ANNOUNCEMENT IS HEREBY MADE THAT THE COLORS OF THE OFFICIAL  
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MARCH 15, 2016

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Dated February 23, 2016

KRISTY A MASCHING  
County Clerk of Livingston County

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 at the usual polling places in the County of Livingston and the State of Illinois, a Primary Election will be held for the following offices: The DEMOCRAT PARTY and the REPUBLICAN PARTY will nominate or elect the following offices:	
TO BE NOMINATED: PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS STATE SENATOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE CIRCUIT CLERK CORONER STATE'S ATTORNEY COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS – DISTRICT 1, 2 & 3 JUDICIAL OFFICES	
TO BE ELECTED: DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE NATION NOMINATING CONVENTION PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ALSO THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS: VILLAGE OF DWIGHT Municipal Retailers' Sales Tax Increase PIKE TOWNSHIP Proposition to increase the limiting rate for the general corporate fund PIKE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT Proposition to increase the limiting rate for the general corporate fund	

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The polls of said General Primary Election will be open continuously from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Dated February 2, 2016

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK

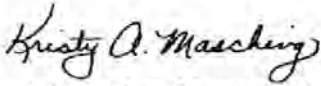
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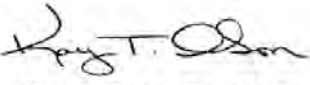
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, 2016, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Village of Dwight, Livingston and Grundy Counties, and State of Illinois.

PROPOSITION
VILLAGE OF DWIGHT RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND A SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX
Shall the Village of Dwight impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax (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)?
YES
NO

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this      day of February, 2016.

  
Kristy A. Masching, County Clerk  
The County of Livingston, Illinois

  
Kay T. Olson, County Clerk  
The County of Grundy, Illinois

2016 Illinois Housing Market Starts Strong  
with January Gains in Homes Sales, Prices

In the strongest January market in several years, Illinois home sales and median prices posted robust year-over-year increases, despite lower inventory levels, according to the Illinois Association of REALTORS®.

Statewide home sales (including single-family homes and condominiums) in January 2016 totaled 8,247 homes sold, up 3.0% from 8,003 in January 2015. The last time January home sales were higher was in 2013, when 8,654 homes sold.

The statewide median price in January was \$164,000 up 9.3% from January 2015 when the median price was \$150,000. Statewide median prices have notched year-over-year increases for the last 41 months. The median is a typical market price where half the homes sold for more and half sold for less.

“The year appears to be getting off to a strong start, in no small part due to a mild winter,” said IAR President Mike Drews, broker-associate with Charles B. Doss & Co. in Aurora.

The time it took to sell a home in January averaged 79 days, down from 83 days a year ago. Available housing inventory totaled 55,447 homes for sale, a 12.6% decline from January 2015 when there were 63,461 homes on the market.

The monthly average commitment rate for a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage was 3.87% in January 2016, down from 3.95% during the previous month, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. In January 2015 it averaged 3.66%.

In the nine-county Chicago Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), home sales (single family and condominiums) in January 2016 totaled 6,018 homes sold, up 4.8% from January 2015 sales of 5,743 homes. The median price in January 2016 was \$191,000 in the Chicago PMSA, up 9.1% from \$175,100 in January 2015.

“With Illinois ending 2015 with a net job loss for the first time since 2009, there is some concern about when this begins to affect the housing market,” said Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, director of the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL) at the University of Illinois. “Nationally, consumers seem more optimistic about selling a house than buying one; with the continuing budget impasse in Springfield, concerns about job retention are likely to dampen housing demand. The first quarter of 2016 should provide a key to the impact of the state’s economy on the housing market.”

According to the data, 35 Illinois counties reported sales gains for January 2016 over previous-year numbers, including DuPage County, up 27.6% with 762 units sold; Peoria County, up 20.4% with 136 units sold; and Cook County, up 4.4% with 3,282 units sold. Fifty-five counties showed year-over-year median price increases including Sangamon County, up 22.1% to \$125,730; Madison County, up 17.4% to \$125,000; and Lake County, up 11.4% to \$195,000.

The city of Chicago saw

a 1.1% year-over-year home sales increase in January 2016 with 1,363 sales, up from 1,348 in January 2015. The median price of a home in the city of Chicago in January 2016 was \$230,000, up 4.5% compared to January 2015 when it was \$220,000.

“The Chicago market is seeing sustained, steady increases in both sales and prices,” said Dan Wagner, president of the Chicago Association of REALTORS® and senior vice president for governmental relations for the Inland Real Estate Group of Companies. “To have a January with strong results bodes well for the spring selling season when interest in the housing market typically increases.”

Sales and price information is generated by Multiple Listing Service closed sales reported by 28 participating Illinois REALTOR® local boards and associations including Midwest Real Estate Data LLC data as of Feb. 7, 2016 for the period Jan. 1 through Jan. 31. The Chicago PMSA, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, includes the counties of Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will.

Find Illinois housing stats, data, and the U of I REAL forecast at [www.illinoisrealtor.org/marketstats](http://www.illinoisrealtor.org/marketstats).

Chicken Supper  
March 12 at  
Saunemin UMC

Saunemin United Methodist Church will be holding a Chicken Supper Saturday, March 12, at the Community Building from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, drink, salad bar, homemade pie or other desserts.

Tickets will be available at the door, with proceeds going towards the new church building fund.

25th Annual  
Booster Bash  
Saturday,  
April 9

EARLY BIRD  
DRAWING

Purchase your ticket by March 2nd to be entered in the Early Bird drawing that gives you 5 additional chances to win \$200.

Tickets on sale: DTHS and DGS Offices, Jensen's BP Stations, and any Booster Officer; or any questions 815-674-1269 Molly.

Spring  
Break  
Basketball  
Camp in  
Saunemin  
March  
19-20

Saunemin Grade School will host its annual Spring Break Basketball Camp March 19 and 20 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. each day.

The camp will feature area high school players who will demonstrate a number of skill drills on shooting and ball-handling. The cost of the camp is \$25 and the registration deadline is March 12. There is limited space available.

A camp brochure is available at [www.saunemineagles.org](http://www.saunemineagles.org) or by calling the school at 815-832-4421.

‘Herscher Style’  
BBQ Chicken Dinner March 5

Herscher United Methodist Men’s Club will host their “Herscher Style” BBQ Chicken Dinner Saturday, March 5, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Legion Community Center, 102 S. Oak St.

There is a choice between a 1/2 and a 1/4 chicken dinner. A fee applies. Children ages five and under eat for free. Eat in or carry-outs will be available.

Be sure to shop the inserts  
in today’s  
*The Paper!*

NOTICE FOR BID

The Village of Saunemin is soliciting bid proposals for garbage/recycle pickup. Garbage pickup will be on a weekly schedule. Recyclables picked up at least once a month. There are approximately 155 pickups on the route.

If further information regarding specifics and duties of garbage collector is needed, feel free to contact Village Clerk, Nancy Haag at 815-832-4456 during the day.

Bid proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to Village of Saunemin, P.O. Box 283, Saunemin, IL 61769 and marked clearly on outside of the envelope, lower left hand corner “Sealed Bid Garbage/Recycle”. Deadline is Monday, March 7, 2016. Bids will be opened Tuesday, March 8th at the regular Board Meeting. Please include a Certificate of Insurance.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the road purposes of the Odell Township, in the county of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment at the Odell Township supervisor’s office, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois from and after 8:00 o’clock a.m. Friday, March 11, 2016.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:15 o’clock p.m., Monday, April 11, 2016 at the Odell Township meeting room, 208 E. Elk Street in this Odell Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at 7:15 p.m. at the Odell Township meeting room, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois at 7:15 o’clock p.m. Monday, April 11, 2016.

Robert Legner, Supervisor  
Susan LaBorence, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Township of Odell, in the county of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment at the Odell Township supervisor’s office, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois from and after 8:00 o’clock a.m. Friday, March 11, 2016.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:15 o’clock p.m., Monday, April 11, 2016 in this Odell Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at a meeting to be held at the Odell Township meeting room, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois at 7:15 o’clock p.m. Monday, April 11, 2016.

Robert Legner, Supervisor  
Susan LaBorence, Clerk





# Native American Culture Event Set

A Native American Culture event, “Fugate Woods Day of Discovery,” will be held in Southeast Livingston County from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 19, at the Dominy Memorial Library, 201 S. Third St., Fairbury.

The event is open to the public, but seating is limited.

Registration closes March 5.

There will be an opportunity to learn about medicinal plants in the region, view Native American artifacts collected locally, and an opportunity to have locally-found artifacts identified and dated.

Speakers will be Dr.

Michael Wiant, director of Dickson Mounds, who is an explorer of Native American culture in the region, an adjunct assistant professor of anthropology, an expert on the local habitat and authority in dating and identifying local artifacts.

Also present will be Bill Handel, plant ecologist and biologist, a botanist from the Illinois Natural History Survey, researcher of wetland ecology, and studies ecology, fire ecology, medicinal plants of North American and endangered and threatened species.

To register, go online to: [www.fugatewood.org](http://www.fugatewood.org)



## Conservation Stewardship Program Sign-Ups Open

USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced this year’s deadline for producer applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is March 31.

March 31 is also the deadline by which initial applications are needed from farmers with expiring 2012-2016 contracts if they want to renew them for another five years. Some 12 million acres already in the program are eligible for renewal this year.

“CSP is a continuous sign-up program, and producers can apply to enroll at any time of the year,” said Traci Bruckner, Senior Policy Associate for Agriculture and Conservation at the Center for Rural Affairs.

The Conservation Stewardship Program is a voluntary stewardship incentives program administered by NRCS. It rewards farmers, ranchers, and foresters for maintaining existing conservation and for adopting additional measures that run beyond the farm or ranch.

CSP pays producers for clean water, better soil man-

agement, improved habitat, energy efficiency, and other natural resource benefits.

To sign up, farmers and ranchers should submit their basic application form by the March 31 deadline. To find a local service center, visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/location/app?agency=nrsc>.

### 2012 Contracts Up for Renewal

March 31 is also the deadline for CSP contract holders who enrolled in 2012 to renew. CSP contracts last for five years and can be renewed for an additional five years, extending and building upon their previous conservation efforts and current level of stewardship.

Existing CSP contracts enrolled in 2012 will expire later this year if they are not renewed by March 31.

Producers should be receiving a letter from their local NRCS office very soon about the opportunity to renew their contract for another five-year period.

To learn more about the program, visit <http://sustainableculture.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-CSP-I>

## OBITUARY

### Edy Maeder

DWIGHT – Edy Albert Maeder, 64, of Dwight passed away Sunday, February 28, 2016 at University of Illinois Hospital, Chicago.

Visitation will be from 4 until 7 p.m., Friday, March 4, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 5, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight. Rev. Daniel Ognoskie will officiate.

Burial will take place in McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight.

Edy was born June 1, 1951 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of Edward and Simone Duraund Maeder. He married Janet Schlagrait May 19, 1979 in Midland, Michigan.

Edy is survived by his wife, Janet; his son, Erik Maeder of Orlando, Florida; daughter, Pamela (Allen) Rotert of Chicago; brothers:



Alain (Roseann) Maeder of Michigan; Philip (Debra) Maeder of Hixon, Tennessee; and Daniel Maeder of Williston, Florida.

Also surviving are his stepfather, Gil Moreeuw of Ocala, Florida; and sisters: Michelle Moreeuw of Okeechobee, Florida and Jeannie (Kenny) Porter of Ocala, Florida; and grandchildren: William and Emma Rotert.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Frances Maeder.

He was a member of the Dwight Lions Club; belonged to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the Dwight Country Club.

Memorials in honor of Edy may be made to the Dwight Lions Club or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be made at: [Hagermemorialhome.com](http://Hagermemorialhome.com)

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Randy Yedinak for Livingston Co. State’s Attorney

I have lived and practiced law in Dwight since 1985. In that time, I believe I have only publicly endorsed one candidate, which was when Harold Frobish was running for judge. I now wish to endorse another candidate. Randy Yedinak is running for the Republican nomination for Livingston County State’s Attorney. He is currently Ford County’s State’s Attorney, and before then was First Assistant State’s Attorney in Livingston County, in which capacity he

dealt with mostly felony cases in the county. I have tried cases against Mr. Yedinak, and I have been impressed by his legal knowledge, courtroom ability, and his obvious concern for justice. I believe that he would be an outstanding State’s Attorney for Livingston County, and I wholeheartedly endorse him.

Sincerely,  
Donald R. McClarey  
Dwight

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

*The Paper* welcomes letters to the editor on topics of current local interest. All letters must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. No letters will be published with fictitious names or if unsigned. All letters should be typed or neatly printed and should not exceed 250 words. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household. Political letters will not run the week prior to an election.

*The Paper* reserves the right to edit or reject any or all submitted items. Address letters to: Editor, *The Paper*, P.O. Box 245, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420.

*We welcome your thoughts.*

### Dwight Ecumenical Service March 2

The Dwight New Life Assembly of God Church will host the ecumenical service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 2.

Featured speaker will be Pastor Kurt Hoover of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church of Dwight.

The event is sponsored by the Dwight Ministerial Association.

The New Life Assembly of God Church is located at 903 S. Old Route 66.

For further information, call the church at (815) 584-3430.

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Dear Editor,

As executive Director of the Livingston County Mental Health Board for 26 years, I have had the opportunity to see first-hand what kind of State's Attorney Seth Uphoff really is and I can tell you he is not what we need in Livingston County. He is difficult to work with and not interested in addressing the issues facing our county. He is the sole reason we do not have a mental health and veteran's court in Livingston County, despite the availability of federal funding.

He has done nothing for persons with mental health, developmental disabilities or substance abuse issues in three years. Now, with the primary approaching, he is setting up these so called "substance abuse panels." This is politics pure and simple.

It's too little too late. We can do better. Please join me in voting for Randy Yedinak for Livingston County State's Attorney.

Carol Flessner  
1604 W Meadowlark Dr.  
Pontiac  
815-844-4215

### Wellness Fair at OSF Saint James March 3

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, 2500 W. Reynolds St. in Pontiac, will host a free mini wellness fair from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3, in the medical center’s main lobby.

Information on the following topics will be available: heart health, stroke risks and symptoms, nutrition, physical activity, stress and coping skills, sleep hygiene, the OSF myHealth patient portal, and more.

No registration is required.

The fair is a joint effort of the OSF Saint James employee wellness committee and the Center for Healthy Lifestyles at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the testing of the “Accu Vote Optical Scan and TSX Touch Screen Tabulating Equipment”, required by section 24A-9 of the Illinois Election Code will be held on March 4, 2016 at 10 a.m. This will be held in the lower level of the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL, as prescribed by the Election Code. This test is open to representatives of the political parties, the press and the public.

Dated at Pontiac this 24th day of February, 2016

Kristy A. Masching  
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Support Dan Watson for Livingston County Coroner

I have known Mike Burke for over 24 years as a friend and as Livingston County Coroner. Mike has served the county with honor, discretion and complete loyalty. Dan Watson will serve the office of Livingston County Coroner with the same integrity. Dan has the experience necessary to serve in this important position having served as a deputy coroner for 20 years. Most people do not realize that if the acting Sheriff was incapacitated for any reason the County Coroner would serve in that position until permanent arrangements are made. We pray this would never happen but if it would become necessary I feel that Dan has the training and experience through the Sheriff's Department to serve at such a crucial time.

Please support Dan Watson and cast your vote for him on March 15, 2016 as I am going to be doing.

Judy Cremer  
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Plaintiff(s),  
vs.

RICHARD POPPLE-  
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Defendant(s).

Case No. 14 CH 41

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S  
SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE FORE-  
CLOSURE

NOTICE IS HERE-  
BY GIVEN that pursuant  
to a Judgment heretofore  
entered by the said Court  
in the above entitled  
cause, the Sheriff of  
Livingston County,  
Illinois, will on April 6,  
2016, at the hour of 10:00  
AM, at the LAW & JUS-  
TICE CENTER, 110 N.  
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hours as needed due to employee absences/vaca-  
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The prospective applicant will be expected to handle  
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**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Interested parties  
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- 6:30 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., Ignite;
- Ecumenical Service at New Life Assembly of God.

- MAR. 3: 7:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.
- MAR. 4: Office closes at noon; 1 p.m., World Day of Prayer at Congregational Church.
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- MAR. 6: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service

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• MAR. 7: 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.

• MAR. 8: 8:30 a.m., Hen’s Bible Study; 9 a.m., The Bible Seekers; 2 p.m., bunco at Evenglow..

• MAR. 9: 8:30 a.m., Willing Workers; 2 p.m., Kids Klub & Real; 6:30 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., Ignite.

• MAR. 7: No quilting; 12 noon - 2 p.m., set up for food distribution; 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., food pickup; 7 p.m., Men’s Club: DUMC at St. Peter’s.

• MAR. 8: No quilting. 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army, Food Pantry, & Clothing; 7 p.m., Church Council Meeting with Retreat.

• MAR. 9: 6 p.m., Lenten Supper; 6:30 p.m., Casual Worship in Fellowship Hall; 7 p.m., All ages prepare for Agape Worship, Holy Week, & Easter.

• MAR. 6: Worship/ Communion, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: “Lost & Found.”

• MAR. 9: 3 p.m., Bible Study; 6:45 p.m., Council meeting.

*March Food Pantry Collection: Canned fruit.*

March “Mission of the Month” – One Great Hour of Sharing/ OGHS

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church “Goodfarm” LCMS**  
515 E. Stonewall Rd.  
Pastor William Mitschke  
815-725-1341

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

• MAR. 2 - 5: Annual Missions Conference - Services each evening at 6:30 p.m.

• MAR. 6: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; 6 p.m., Sunday Evening Service.

• MAR. 9: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service & King’s Kids Children’s Program.

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

• MAR. 2: 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.

• MAR. 4: 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous.

• MAR. 6: 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service/Holy Communion.

• MAR. 8: 1:30 p.m., United Methodist Women.

• MAR. 9: 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.

• MAR. 12: 9 a.m., Church Spring Cleaning.

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

• MAR. 6: 10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion. Sermon title: “Lost & Found.”

• MAR. 8: 5:30 p.m., Bible Study.

• MAR. 9: Women’s Guild meeting, 7 p.m.

*Date to remember –*  
\* Apr. 10, 2016: 150th Anniversary Church Service, and Dinner at Country Mansion after church service.

*March “Mission of the Month” – C.U.E.* Seminars/Chicago, United and Eden.

**United Lutheran Church ELCA**  
309 E. Jefferson St.  
815-237-2227  
pastorule@att.net  
Pastor Jana Howson

• Sundays: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament.

**New Life Assembly of God**  
903 S. Old Route 66  
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor  
815-584-3430

**United Lutheran Church ELCA**  
309 E. Jefferson St.  
815-237-2227  
pastorule@att.net  
Pastor Jana Howson

• Sundays: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament.

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

• MAR. 4: 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross.

• MAR. 5: 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.

• MAR. 6: 8 a.m., Mass.

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**St. John’s Lutheran Church**  
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Church: 815-689-2120  
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• SUNDAYS: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship with Communion, 10:15 a.m.

**St. Peter’s Lutheran Church**  
326 W. Chippewa St.  
stpetersdwright@sbcglobe.net  
Office: Tu-Th-F, 9 - noon  
Tu., Wed., Th 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

• MAR. 2: 2 p.m., bingo at Heritage Health; 6 p.m., Lenten Supper; 6:30 p.m., Youth Group; 7 p.m., Community Lenten Service at New Life Assembly.

• MAR. 4: 1 p.m., World Day of Prayer at Congregational Church; 8 p.m., AA

• MAR. 6: 8:30 a.m., Handbell warm-up; 8:45 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10 a.m., HC Worship; 11:30 a.m., Handbell practice; 2 p.m., HC Worship at Heritage Health.

**St. John’s Catholic Church**  
113 W. VanAlstyne St.

• Saturdays: Mass, 4 p.m.; Confession, 3:30 - 3:50 p.m.

• Sundays: Mass, 10 a.m.

• Thurs.: Mass, 8 a.m.

**Cullom United Methodist Church**  
103 E. Van Alstyne St.  
Pastor Jonathon Brashear  
309-838-9519

• Sunday School, 9 a.m.

• Worship, 10:15 a.m.

**EMINGTON**

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

**ESSEX**

**Essex United Methodist Church**  
114 Waverly St.  
Pastor Carlson Cox  
815-216-3505

• SUNDAYS: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Worship Service. • Holy Communion served first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

**St. Lawrence O’Toole Catholic Church**

• Mass, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

• Weekday Masses in Adoration Chapel at Immaculate Conception, Braidwood, Tuesday - Friday at 8 a.m.

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Pastor Jana Howson

• Sundays: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament.

**HERSCHER**

**St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church**  
Main Street  
Pastor: Rev. Doug Hauber  
815-426-2153

• Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.

• Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.

• Monday and Friday, Masses, 8 a.m.

• Saturday confessions, 4:15 p.m.

**Herscher United Methodist Church**  
274 N. Elm Street  
Phone: 815-426-6169  
Pastor Kevin Boesen

• Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

**Herscher Christian Church**  
30 Tobey Drive  
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• Services: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Eric Brown  
255 E. Third Street  
Phone 815-426-2262  
Email: [trinityher1@comcast.net](mailto:trinityher1@comcast.net)  
[trinitylutheranherscher.org](http://trinitylutheranherscher.org)

• 9:30 a.m., Bible Study.

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**KEMPTON**

**Kempton United Methodist Church**  
305 W. Main Street  
Pastor Jonathon Brashear  
309-838-9519

• Sundays: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship

**Kempton Church of the Nazarene**  
105 E. Main St.  
815-253-6250  
Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor

• Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.

**KINSMAN**

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
301 Emmett Street  
Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor

• Sundays, 8 a.m., Mass

• Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m., Mass

**MAZON**

**Mazon United Methodist Church**  
Office phone: 448-5677  
E-mail: [mazonumc@att.net](mailto:mazonumc@att.net)

• Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.

• Sunday School Class, 10:15 a.m., each Sunday.

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**Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ**  
806 Park Street  
Pastor Tyler Carrell  
Phone 448-5514

• Sunday Worship Services, 9 a.m.

• Sunday School: Destination Unknown, 10:15 a.m.

• Coffee hour, 10:15 a.m.

**ODELL**

**St. Paul Catholic Church**

• Saturdays: 4:30 p.m., Mass.

• Sundays: 8 a.m., Mass.

**United Church of Odell**  
109 N. Morgan Street  
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**Ransom United Methodist Church**  
102 E. Plumb Street  
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Parsonage: 586-4657  
Pastor Danira Parra

• Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.

• Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

**REDDICK**

**Reddick United Methodist Church**  
35900 E 3200 N Road  
Pastor Kevin Boesen  
Phones: Office: 815-426-6169  
Church: 815-365-4223

• 8:30 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Sunday Service

**St. Mary’s Catholic Church**  
Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor

• Saturdays: 5:30 p.m., Mass.

• Thursdays: 8:30 a.m., Mass.

**Zoar Community Church**  
18172 W. Route 17  
P.O. Box 87  
Reddick, IL 60961  
Phone: 815-365-4291

• SUNDAY: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Morning Worship.

**SAUNEMIN**

**Saunemin United Methodist Church**  
90 North Street  
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Pastor Jane Bradford

Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group/Young Adults, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

**SOUTH WILMINGTON**

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church**  
Father Stanley Drewniak, Pastor

• Saturdays: 4 p.m. Mass.

• Sundays: 10 a.m. Mass

• Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Mass.

**South Wilmington United Methodist Church**  
225 Rice Street  
Pastor Kevin Boesen  
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• Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

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# DEA TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION



The Dwight Economic Alliance will host the Second Annual Dinner & Auction March 12 at the Country Mansion. Doors will open at 5PM when Silent Auction items will be on display and bidding will begin. The Silent Auction will close when dinner is served at 6:45. After the meal a Live Auction will take place.

The expanding list of Items available include several sports ticket packages, vacation stays, gift baskets, a custom Dwight Trojan fire pit, a replica Frank L. Smith business sign, Masters Golf items, golf bag, baked goods, personal care products, home décor pieces, bistro table and chairs, pizza and bowling party, birthday party at the Fire Station and rides to school in the Dwight Fire Truck. Several Dwight memorabil-

ia pieces have been donated as well and they include vintage post cards, a Dwight monopoly game, Centennial and Sesquicentennial plates, throw depicting several local landmarks and a 1954 Centennial

Book. Many items are posted at: [www.facebook.com/dwighteconomicalliance](http://www.facebook.com/dwighteconomicalliance). A limited number of tickets are available for the evening. Call the Dwight

Economic Alliance office at 584-1830 or stop at the office in the Depot to get tickets. The proceeds from the Auction will help finance the work of the Dwight Economic Alliance.



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Cabin Fever Fish/Smelt Fry March 14

Members of the Odell Sportsman's Club will host their annual Cabin Fever Fish/Smelt Fry Monday, March 14, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Pour Richard's Tap & Dining in Odell. The event is "all you can eat" and donations will be accepted at the door.

A gun raffle will be held, with tickets available at Odell Bank, Odell Food Mart, Pour Richard's, Rentz's, and from members. Tickets will also be available at the door. First name drawn will win a Mossberg Silver Reserve II, 12 gauge, Over & Under and the second name drawn will win a Smith & Wesson SD9 VE 9mm pistol.

Winners must present a valid FOID card at time of notification. Winners with a valid FOID must take the firearm. Winners without a valid FOID receive an alternate cash prize of \$350.00. Winners under 18 receive an alternate cash prize of \$350.00. There are no exceptions to these rules.

Winners do not need to be present at the time of the drawing.

The club members will also host a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds go toward the support of scholarship programs, the annual Kid's Fishing Derby, the NWT Wheelin' Sportsmen program, and monetary donations to local organizations.

For more information, contact secretary Bonnie Bolen at 815-998-2168 or via e-mail at [doubleb10@frontier.com](mailto:doubleb10@frontier.com).

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Ad Prices Effective 3-2-16 through 3-8-16

M. - Th. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; F & S 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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