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Brad Elliot Steps In As New Herscher High School Principal



BRAD ELLIOT TAKES the helm as Herscher High School principal, replacing George McKenna who resigned in March effective the end of the 2015-16 school year. Elliot comes to the head HHS spot as current assistant principal, and former math teacher at Limestone. He is a 2002 graduate of Herscher High School.

The Paper photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor
A 2002 graduate of Herscher High School will now be the administrative head of the school.
The Herscher Unit 2 school board hired him for the 2016-17 school year as

principal, replacing George McKenna who resigned March 14.
McKenna turned in his notice after the December controversy involving high school wrestling coach David Murphy who was accused of alleged drinking

with students and other alleged abuse.

Elliot has been serving as assistant principal at the school for three years, having taught junior high math at Limestone before taking the assistant principalship.

"I'm excited for the opportunity," Elliot told *The Paper* last week.

"I understand there are new challenges coming my way but I am up for the challenges. This is truly a dream job for me. I hope to serve the district in this capacity for a long, long time."

He said he has some general goals in mind including: "Building trust in the staff and community, being service-minded and supporting teachers with instructional needs."

He said another goal is building the relationship between the different schools in the district.

"We want to make it a welcoming place," Elliot continued. "We're really all on the same team and want to do what's best for the students."

Elliot and his wife Timoney have one three-month-old daughter, Charleston Jean.



BOB FRAHER of Odell, left, pictured here with Edgar Sims of Pekin, traveled to Washington, DC on May 3 as part of the Honor Flight, in which Dightites Carol Dippon and Annette Riegel took part in accompanying the veterans.

Dwight Women Escort Veterans on Honor Flight to DC

On May 3, two Dwight women had the privilege of escorting two veterans on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

Carol Dippon was the guardian of a WWII veteran, Edgar Sims of Pekin. Mr. Sims served as a hospital corpsman during WWII. Annette Riegel was the guardian of a Korean War veteran, John Boe of Ottawa. Mr. Boe served with the 3rd Infantry Division in

Korea. Bob Fraher of Odell was also on the Honor Flight.

The flight took off from the Peoria airport at 6:30 a.m. Arriving at the Reagan National Airport in DC, the group was welcomed by a cheering crowd. Buses were boarded and the first stop was the WWII Memorial. A photo of the entire group was taken there.

Next stop was the Korean War Memorial (photo of

Korean veterans taken) and the Vietnam Wall (photo of Vietnam veterans taken). Veterans could visit the Lincoln Memorial also.

The Marine Corps War Memorial was next up. Then off to Arlington Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard. Veterans were given a choice seating spot to view this ceremony. The WWII veterans had their picture taken there.

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DTHS May Board Actions

Lunch Prices to Increase

by Madelyn Fogarty
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

Dwight Township High School Board of Education has approved a one-year contract renewal with food services provider Arbor Management for the 2016-17 school year.

At its May 18 session, the DTHS BOE approved the contract which includes a 2.6% increase in Arbor Management fees. Breakfast / Lunch price list increases were approved with student breakfast remaining at \$1.75 and plate lunch increasing to \$2.90. Ala carte items will see an increase of ten cents each on most items as recommended.

In another matter, the board discussed this summer's softball dugout project. The board approved the concept of block wall structures for the proposed new softball dugouts with an estimated cost of \$51,344. The district will be formally going out to bid on the project at the end of this month. The DTHS BOE will have a

special meeting in early June to discuss approvals of the bids on concrete footing / flatwork and block construction of the home and visitor dugouts. The board also discussed fencing options to help protect private property adjacent to the field.

The DTHS Board approved 2016-17 meeting dates as the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the DTHS Board Room with the exception of the July 20, 2016 session which is cancelled. Please note that 6 p.m. is a new and earlier meeting time for the DTHS BOE meetings. BOE President Brian Perschnick opposed the move.

The board also:

- approved student attendance to the June 2016 FFA Convention.

- accepted the resignation of Color Guard advisor, Justin Gund.
- employed Lindsey Gund, Color Guard Advisor.
- approved the Terwilliger Scholarship CD renewal.

- re-employed Spring Head Coaches Larry Lane, Track; Joel Steichen and Mike Cherveney, Bass Fishing; Erik Black, Softball; Justin Stevenson, Baseball.

- re-employed all assistant coaches (all seasons) and activity advisors.

- discussed Transportation Department restructuring and employed Mia Kreush as full-time Transportation Coordinator at a salary of \$31,000.

- set Board retreat date as June 22.

Reminder: As the 2015-16 school year draws to a close, the DTHS Graduation will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 27, in the school's gymnasium.

The next regular meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. in the DTHS Board Room (note that new meeting times begin with the August 17 session). BOE meetings are open to the public.

Former Dwightite files complaint and . . .

Auditor General of Illinois Is Being Audited

by Tom Tock

Former State Representative Frank Mautino, who was appointed Illinois Auditor General last fall upon the retirement of William Holland, is facing an audit of his past campaign spending habits.

His appointment as State Auditor General attracted the attention of a downstate government accountability group, the *Edgar County Watchdogs*, as well as that of *OpenTheBooks.com*, a government watchdog group established by one-time candidate for Governor, Adam Andrejewski, a 1987 graduate of Herscher High School.

Both of the above watchdog groups went public early this year with questions about Mautino's campaign spending while he served as Illinois 76th District State Representative. Mautino is from Spring Valley.

Enter David Cooke of Streator -- former Dwightite and DTHS graduate -- who filed an official complaint in February with the Illinois State Board of Elections concerning Mautino's campaign spending.

Cooke told *The Paper* last week that he had read stories by reporter David Giuliani in the Ottawa Times concerning Mautino's use of campaign funds, and contacted Tom

A spokesman for Auditor General Frank Mautino confirmed Thursday, May 19, that a Federal investigation is also underway on Mautino's campaign spending while Mautino was an Illinois state representative. That statement followed a report in the Springfield, Illinois Times that a federal grand jury had issued subpoenas to former Mautino campaign workers.

Newman, Illinois Director of the Division of Campaign Disclosure/State Board of Elections.

Newman explained that his committee oversees the campaign disclosure documents that must be filed with the Board of Elections to insure they reflect the source of funding and purpose for the expenditures made by political committees like Mautino's. The disclosure documents are made public.

Cooke said that Newman told him someone would have to file an official complaint for the Mautino matter to go any further.

Cooke filed an official complaint.

A hearing officer for the Board of Elections decided in a closed hearing that Cooke's complaint was filed on justifiable grounds.

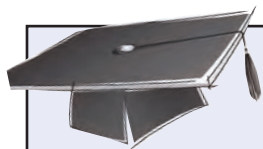
Another closed hearing was set by the Board for May 16, at which time the complaint was reaffirmed as being filed on justifiable grounds, and Mautino was given until July 1 to provide more information on his questioned campaign spending and disclosure reports.

The Board of Elections will then determine if Mautino has sufficiently answered questions, or if the matter must go to a public hearing.

The primary focus of Cooke's complaint involved more than \$200,000 in funds being expended by Mautino's campaigns at a Spring Valley auto repair shop, and more than \$200,000 in expenditures being made to the Spring Valley City Bank in slightly over a 10-year period.

Cooke wrote in his complaint: "Of particular interest is the documentation of expenditures made directly to a Spring Valley Bank. It is apparent that the bank could not be providing the services for which the expenses were paid."

The complaint continued: (continued on page 2)



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5/19 Brad Grieff, Dwight.....	\$30
5/20 Patrice & Rick Parker, Dwight.....	\$50

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Winners posted daily at www.facebook.com/dwighteconomicalliance

Gardner All Town Garage Sales June 3-4

To be featured on the map for Gardner's All Town Garage Sales June 3 and 4, it is asked that you send your name, address, and fee to Sharon Sovey,

P.O. Box 215, Gardner, IL 60424 by May 31.

The Garage Sales are sponsored by GGS Tiger Talk Book Club.

FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by
Dwight Police

May 12, 2016 – Elizabeth N. Marsack-Morris, 35, Colorado Springs, Colorado, speeding 72/55.

May 14 – Guy R. Sassenger, 44, Dwight, driving under influence of alcohol.

May 18 – Kenneth M. Taylor, 28, Dwight, passing school bus loading/unloading.

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

1 Written Warning Issued

Accident Investigated by
Dwight Police

Saturday, May 14, 2016 – 11:49 p.m., 12 W. Northbrook, Dwight: A 2016 Freightliner, driven by Kenneth E. Howell of Seymour, Indiana, backed into Otis Jones’ parked 2007 Kenworth. Jones is from Ocala, Florida.



Weekly Ambulance Runs
by Dwight EMS

May 13, 2016: 10:40 a.m., E. Spencer, medical, St. Joe’s, Joliet.

May 14: 3:06 a.m., E. Mazon, medical, Morris;

11:44 p.m., E. Main, medical, Morris.

May 15: 00:32 a.m., Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 1:10 a.m., S. Union, medical, Morris; 11:50 a.m., Franklin, medical, Morris; 10:08 p.m., Rt. 17, trauma, Riverside, mutual aid to Reddick.

May 16: 6:13 a.m., Merrill, fire, mutual aid to Braceville; 11:58 a.m., Susan Dr., medical, Morris; 1:48 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 3:33 p.m., Susan Drive, medical, Morris; 6:24 p.m., Chippewa, trauma, Riverside.

May 17: 4:57 p.m., Rt. 17/Rt. 170, trauma, cancelled, mutual aid to Ransom; 5:04 p.m., Rt. 17/Rt. 170, trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Ransom; 6:03 p.m., St. James, Pontiac, to St. Joe’s, Bloomington, mutual aid to Pontiac.

May 18: 4:30 a.m., Clinton, trauma, refusal; 5:26 a.m., Seminole, medical, St. James; 5:43 a.m., Mazon Ave., fire, no patient; 6:32 a.m., Susan, medical, St. James; 8:49 a.m., Mazon, medical, Riverside; 7:28 p.m., Prairie, medical/walk-in; 7:09 p.m., Clinton, trauma/medical, St. James.

May 20: 9:37 a.m., John St., medical, Morris; 12:48 p.m., Stonewall, fire assist, no patient.



Temps - 2016

May 12 – high 68°, low 45°
May 13 – high 69°, low 39° .35” precip.
May 14 – high 57°, low 34°
May 15 – high 56°, low 38°
May 16 – high 67°, low 50° trace precip.
May 17 – high 60°, low 39° trace precip.
May 18 – high 68°, low 41°
One Year Ago - May 18, 2015
high 80°, low 65° .05” precip.

Thievery in
Dwight
Continues

Two additional thefts in the Village of Dwight have been confirmed by Chief Tim Henson.

The first was reported at 1:12 p.m. May 4 in the 200 block of East Chippewa St., where an I-Pad tablet was taken.

The second theft was reported at 11:40 a.m. May 5 in the 100 block of West James St., where a pressure washer valued at \$600 was stolen.

Free Food to
Be Distributed
May 25

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township today, Wednesday, May 25, at 1 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin, Dwight.

The pantry is provided by the Dwight Ministerial Association and Dwight Township.

June 14
Dinner to
Benefit
Dwight’s
4th of July
Fireworks

Mark your calendars for June 14 and plan to enjoy dinner at The Country Mansion, as the Dwight Economic Alliance, Streator Onized Credit Union, and The Country Mansion sponsor a 1/4 chicken dinner to benefit the July 4 fireworks display.

Tickets are available now at Streator Onized Credit Union and The Country Mansion.

Dinner will be served on the patio, weather permitting, as well as indoors from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Curb-side pick-up will also be available for those wanting to eat their dinner at home.

A portion of each ticket will directly benefit the fireworks fund and all diners registering will be listed as a supporter of the event.

The Keeley Readies for Prohibition

by the Dwight
Historical Society

Note: The Paper continues its articles about the Keeley Institute culminating with the Dwight July 14-17 Alcohol and Drug History Society conference.

The year is 1916. The Keeley Co. treasurer, Curtis Judd, has retired leaving chemist, John R. Oughton as sole owner. His oldest son, Dr. James H. Oughton, Sr. is the medical director. There are now only 35 franchised institutions in 27 states and two countries. Mexico City will close later this year, and London will close the next year. The number of patients being treated in Dwight is less than 50 a day.

The United States, under the tutelage of newly elected President Wilson, is slowly recovering from the economic panics of 1907 and 1914, and he resists joining in Europe’s war. Support for Dr. Leslie E. Keeley’s theory that addiction is a curable disease his greatly eroded. The Temperance movement that alcoholism is a moral sin is regaining national prominence. The demand for total abstinence is a distraction from the war’s carnage, as it unites the nation in a common cause. Thirty-four states have enacted some form of prohibition.

The U.S. entered the war in June 1917. In August 1917, the U.S. Senate authorized the submission to the states for a prohibition constitutional amendment. The 18th Amendment was ratified by 46 states on June 16, 1920.

The annual gross revenue for The Keeley Co. in 1892 was \$727,000 but steadily declined each year, earning only \$180,000 in 1900. The average annual gross remained constant at approximately \$175,000 for the next 15 years, declining to \$120,000 in 1918. The



This is a rare circa 1915 Keeley Institute penny post card depicting patients lounging on the front porch of the Livingston Hotel, now the Fox Center.

Keeley now had only 30 franchises and less than 50 patients a day at Dwight. Undoubtedly, the Oughtons foresaw that nationwide prohibition would reduce the company’s income below the maintenance costs of its large Dwight institution.

Amnesty was declared on Nov. 11, 1918. The U.S. suffered 274,300 wounded, many requiring immediate medical care. The Oughtons’ good friend, banker and real estate agent, Col. Frank L. Smith, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1918. He initiated negotiations with the Veterans Administration, and in Jan. 1919, it entered into a five year lease of the Keeley administration building, The Livingston Hotel and The Grand Hotel to be occupied as a hospital and medical staff living quarters.

After four years the V.A.’s urgent need for beds

had diminished. The Keeley buildings were not designed as a typical hospital, so, it was closed on Feb. 1, 1923. The Village lost a major economic engine, and The Keeley Co. regained possession of unwanted buildings. Again, Col. Smith’s political influence was employed, and in May 1923, General Frank T. Hines, Director of the War Veterans Bureau, inspected the closed facilities. He concluded that it was one of the best constructed V.A. hospitals and ideally located. In June, he announced that the Dwight hospital would reopen, but this time Col. Smith negotiated a purchase. Later that summer, \$243,200 was paid to The Keeley Co. for its buildings, and \$20,000 was paid for The Grand Hotel. Local contractor, Carl Clausen, was hired to remodel all into a modern medical campus.

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Auditor General of Illinois
Is Being Audited

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“Additionally, extremely high amounts of expenses were allocated to Happy’s Super Service Center in Spring Valley. The amounts totaled over \$200,000 in just over a ten-year period. No reasonable person would spend this type of money on fuel and expenses in this time period, especially when normal legislative travel expenses are reimbursed from the state.”

A Mautino spokesman stated after the Monday, May 16 hearing: “Frank will be working with his team to

amend his campaign reports by July 1 in an attempt to resolve these questions.”

Mautino said in January that his campaign expenses were legitimate. He hired a law firm in February to help him respond to the questions being asked.

No response was received by *The Paper* from Happy’s Super Service Center or the Spring Valley City Bank concerning the matter.

OpenTheBooks founder Andrezejewski, in a January editorial published in the Daily Herald, asked for Mautino’s resignation as

Illinois Auditor General, citing numerous discrepancies in Mautino’s past spending and disclosure practices.

“Mautino must be held responsible for his own record,” said Andrezejewski.

Rep. Sheri Jesiel, (R) Winthrop Harbor, speaking for a group of Republican lawmakers, recently stated: “. . . it’s been more than three months since our first official request for information was sent to Auditor General Mautino concerning the irregularities in his campaign records. I think it’s reasonable he provide some answers.”

Gardner Fire Protection District to upgrade parking lot

At the monthly meeting of the Gardner Fire Protection District the board approved the purchase of black top sealant for the Spencer Street parking lot and to remove the trees and plant ground cover. The trees are getting to the stage that they keep interfering with the power lines and the whole area could use some

needed TLC. They wanted to make the area look nice for people traveling through town on Rt. 66.

Chief Farris presented the calls for April, informing the board that of the 49 calls responded to, 31 were mutual aid calls. The board asked for and was presented with the following breakdown of mutual aid calls. Braceville,

5, Braidwood, 3, Coal City, 2, Dwight EMS 3, Dwight Fire, 3, Elwood, 1, Mazon, 1, South Wilmington, 8, Wilmington 2.

A big thank you was given to Kay Jensen and Ella Dalskey for volunteering and selling t-shirts May 7 during the Red Carpet Corridor.

Great Lakes Basin Railroad was discussed with a special meeting being held on May 18 to compose a letter opposing GLB railroad.

The efforts and good job being done by fire district personnel was recognized by the board.

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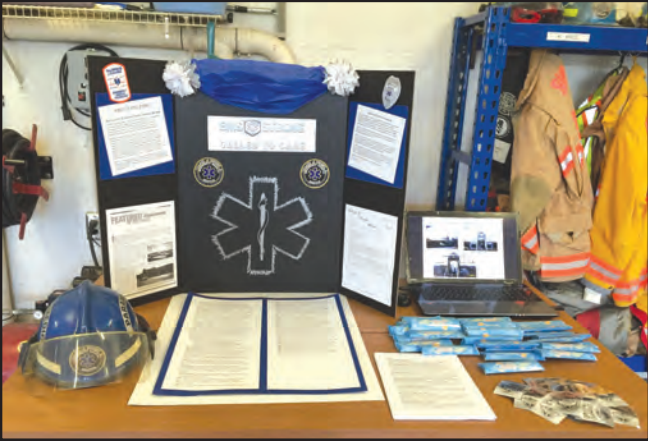
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DWIGHT EMS had many visitors to their open house on May 15. Residents took advantage of a tour of the Village Department and ambulances, while taking in information regarding their history since 1973. Refreshments were available for all visitors and Elloa McCullough, right, pictured with EMS Director Alan Metzke, was the happy winner of the door prize drawing held at the closing of the open house.



Public Meeting on Proposed Crop Land Assessments June 2

There will be a public meeting on the proposed certified crop land assessed values for the 2017 assessment year at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 2, in the Livingston County Historic Courthouse Assessment Office meeting room, located on the first floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the changes that will be occurring in 2017 based on the recent change in the law on farm land assessments.

The Farmland Assessment Law changed for the 2015 assessment year, as amended by Public Act 98-0109. 35 ILCS 200-10-115 now limits the annual change in farmland assessments to 10% from the preceding year's median soil productivity index certified assessed value with an addi-

tional \$5.00 per acre reduction for the 2015 assessment year only.

The median productivity index for the State of Illinois is 111. As a result, farmland assessed values, on a per parcel basis, can change by more than 10%, with soils that have lower productivity indexes than the median increasing more than 10% and those with higher productivity indexes than the median increasing by less than 10%.

The goal for the change in law is to close the gap between the poorer soils and the better soils. For 2015, there was a 22:1 ratio between the highest and lowest PI. The ultimate goal is to get that ratio to 2:1 by the year 2029.

For the 2017 assessment year, the Farmland Technical

Advisory Committee has adjusted the certified values to limit the change to 10% from the preceding year's median soil productivity index certified assessed value. The median soil productivity index is 111, which results in an increase in the assessed value for each productivity index of \$24.05/acre from the 2016 assessment.

The effect of this law is to increase those productivity indexes below 111 at a faster rate than those above 111 to create a more narrow range of certified crop land assessed values. The 10% limit in the past has distorted the ratio in assessed values over the range of productivity indexes.

The meeting is open to the public.

America's Favorite Old-Fashioned Big Top Circus is Coming to Town

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Dwight Rotary Club, Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus, is coming to Dwight, IL on Friday, June 3rd, 2016 at the Dwight Grade School located at 801 S. Columbia Street with scheduled performances at 5:00 & 7:30 p.m.

This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, Arizona Highways Magazine. It has also been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top and most recently, On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program.

Bring your friends and family out circus morning to watch as a familiar place in your town is transformed into a bustling Circus city. Activity swirls around the grounds as

animals are unloaded, the Big Top is erected, and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day. .

Between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. come watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the FREE Tour. This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for families, schools, and interested community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus family and includes a walking tour of the circus grounds. Learn interesting facts about the performers, the history of the show and the different species of animals in the Circus Family. In this presentation they will also address topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of the animals receive.

On circus day, the performers bring the magic of the circus to life in each 90 minute performance.

For more information visit

their Facebook page with videos, photos and comments from past sponsors and patrons. For a direct link you can go to www.cmcircus.com and click the Facebook link.

Save money by purchasing your tickets in advance at the following locations: First National Bank of Dwight, Streator Onized Credit Union (SOCU) and the Dwight Grade School. Prices for advance tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors (65 and over) and children ages 2 to 12, children under 2 are always free. On show day tickets will be \$13.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors and children. Reserve your tickets early and save. For more information or to reserve discount tickets call 866 BIG TOP 6. Reservations will be available even on show day, but only at this number until 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, Central Time.

Office of Rep. Kinzinger to Hold Traveling Office Hours

The Office of Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-Channahon) will hold traveling office hours this month throughout the Sixteenth District.

Those who cannot attend the traveling office hours but have questions can contact the Ottawa District Office at (815) 431-9271.

For Grundy County the Mazon Traveling Office Hours on May 26, are 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. at the Mazon Village Hall, 520 Depot Street, Mazon, IL 60444.

For Livingston County the Odell Traveling Office Hours on May 26, are 1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. at Odell Village Hall, 213 S. Front Street, Odell, IL 60460.

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

May 12, 2016 – Kristie Drapeau, 35, Dwight, arrested at 4:17 a.m. for possession of a controlled substance in a penal institution, a class 2 felony; possession of a controlled substance, a class 4 felony; and possession of a hypodermic needle, class A misdemeanor.

May 16, Drapeau was arrested at 3:45 p.m., for possession of a controlled substance, class 4 felony;

unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, class 2 felony; possession of a hypodermic needle.

May 17 – Joseph Faris, 30, Dwight, was arrested at 3:42 p.m., for unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, a class 2 felony; unlawful possession of a controlled substance, class 4 felony; and unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle, class A misdemeanor.

County Offices to be Closed Monday

All Livingston County Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

sion of a hypodermic needle, a class A misdemeanor.

May 17 – Carolyn English, 30, Dwight, was arrested for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a class 4 felony.

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

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ST. PATRICK CHURCH IN RANSOM celebrated the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and First Communion at their May 1 Mass. The two First Communicants and children in attendance took up flowers, provided by the Altar and Rosary Society, to the Blessed Lady's Altar as the choir sang traditional hymns and Clara Ross (college student) crowned the Blessed Lady. Pictured, front row, l to r, Riley Stevens, First Communicant; Cade Stevens, altar server; Cody Taylor, First Communicant; Nolan Coughlin, altar server; back row, Clara Ross, May Queen; Melinda Stevens, CCD teacher; Father Anthony Ego, pastor; and Brad Coughlin, DRE and teacher.

Strawberry Jazz Festival Slated June 5 at Kankakee

The Kankakee County Strawberry Jazz Festival will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 5, at the Gov. Small Memorial Park, 801 S. Eighth Ave., Kankakee.

The event will include art, food, entertainment, music, baby contests, Strawberry Prince and Princess competition, with more than 80 fine art and craft vendors.

A variety of entertainment and activities will be featured for all ages including the Jesse White Tumblers.

There will be lots of strawberry-themed food.

This event is presented by the Community Arts Council of Kankakee County. It is sponsored by King Music and the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For further information contact 815-933 ARTS or go online to: www.communityartscouncil.org

Tri-Point School District #6J Accepts Resignations at May 16 Meeting

The Tri-Point CUSD #6J Board of Education held its regular meeting May 16 in Kempton with board members, Ted Conkling, Amy Fecht, Lloyd Vaughn, Trish Haag, Cherie Smolkovich, Sharon Mogged and Kris Haag, present.

Visitors included Shirley Knilands, Kayla Highland, David Longmire and Sara Riebe.

Action by the Board included approving: the consent agenda as presented; a three-year Sport Medicine Contract with Gibson Area Hospital at an annual rate of \$2,000; and the letter of engagement with Russell Leigh and Associates for the fiscal year 2015 audit at a cost not to exceed \$5,200.

It was moved to adopt: the Prevailing Wage Resolution as presented; and the fee structure for the 2016-17 school year as presented.

It was also moved to

renew the membership in Illinois Association of School Boards for the 2016-17 school year; to let bids for bread and milk for the school food service program for the next school year; to authorize the Superintendent to seek prices for transportation fuel; to accept the recommendations of the Athletic Committee regarding transportation costs, coaches retirement costs, and concession worker assessment.

The Metz Stoller Inc. insurance renewal proposal was accepted.

Following a closed session from 8:13 until 9 p.m., it was moved to accept:

- the retirement of Marge Lucht as art teacher.
- the intent to retire of Nadine Stites and approve her acceptance into the Retirement Incentive Program.

• the resignations of Jenn Corrigan as pre-K teacher; and Anne Fritsch as Spanish/English teacher.

The Board approved the 2016-17 Child Care Leave for Val Wahls; and the FLMA Leave for Danielle Donley.

Summer Pearson will be employed as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to teach second grade; Diane Perkins as District Music Teacher; Brittany Watson as Junior High Cheer Coach; Amy Steidinger and Brittany Watson as High School Student Council Sponsors.

Summer workers who will be employed are: Lisa Smith, John Mohler, Sharon Vito, Nadine Stites, Ian Conkling, Shelly Turner and Ben Mogged.

The meeting ended at 9:07 p.m. The regular June Board meeting will be on the 20th at 7 p.m. at Kempton.



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Dwight Women Escort Veterans on Honor Flight to DC



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On the return flight, there was a Mail Call. Bags of letters were passed out to each veteran. The Honor Flight arrived in Peoria at 9:45 p.m. and was greeted by a crowd of people, including an Honor Guard and bagpipers.

Annette's son, Major Jeremy Riegel, is currently

serving at Ft. Meade, MD. He was able to join the veterans on this special day.

Mr. Sims and Mr. Boe were amazed at the number of letters they received from caring Americans.

Carol and Annette extend their thanks to *The Paper*, Dwight Grade School, Dwight Township High School, St. Paul School in Odell, Washington Elementary School in Pontiac (Principal Josh DeLong), Saunemin School, and the residents of Dwight for contributing letters.



A full day of activities welcomed a number of military veterans who visited memorials in Washington, DC May 3 on an Honor Flight. Bags of letters greeted them on their return.



Memorial Day SERVICES

Dwight – Memorial Day will be observed at the Dwight Depot on Monday, May 30, at 11 a.m. Remember to fly your American Flags.

Cullom – The Cullom Memorial Service will be held in the Cullom Community Building starting at 10 a.m. The American Legion Junior Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom will lead the pledge to the flag. Members of the post and SAL will take part in the service along with a member of the Auxiliary. Following the service at the hall additional services will take part at West Lawn Cemetery, St. John's Catholic Cemetery and the Sullivan Center to pay tribute to the fallen heroes.

Odell – Odell American Legion will begin the Memorial Day Service at Camp Cemetery at 10 a.m., 10:15 at St. Paul Cemetery, 10:30 at Odell Township Cemetery, and Union Cemetery at 10:45. Shots will be fired at all the locations. A service will be held at Union Cemetery where Civil War Veterans are buried.



DGS Special Session Board Actions

In a Special Session on May 20, the Dwight Grade School Board of Education took action approving four agenda items. The BOE:

- accepted the resignation of teacher Leslie Grieff, Pre-K, who is relocating and has accepted another position.
- approved posting for a Pre-K Teacher.
- accepted the resignation of teacher Stacey Stefanski, Special Education.
- approved a reduction in force recall of teacher Jessica Moyemont, Special Education.

The Paper office will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

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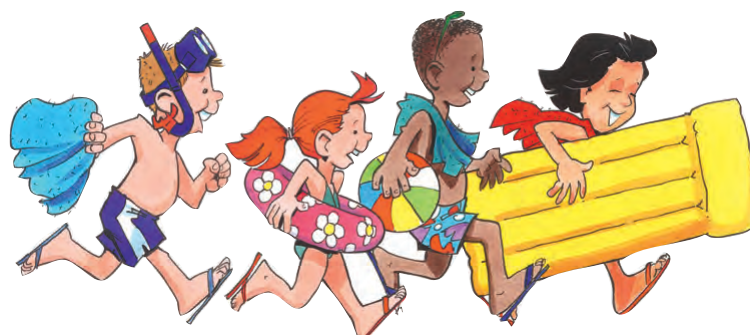
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New Grundy County Farm Bureau Manager



Victoria Wax

Grundy County Farm Bureau welcomes Victoria Wax as manager, effective July 1, 2016. Wax will be responsible for all office management, as well as programs and activities conducted by the Grundy County Farm Bureau (GCFB). In this role, she will also be coordinating events for the GCFB Foundation, Ag in the Classroom, and Young Leader Committees.

Originally from Newman, in Douglas County, IL, Wax

is a 2013 graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a degree from the Crop Sciences department. Her previous experiences include working at Ball Horticultural Company, West Chicago, and Country Arbors Nursery, Urbana.

“I’m excited to be in an area that has such a connection to agriculture,” said Wax. “I’m thrilled to be working with members and leaders in this county and I look forward to raising awareness and connecting consumers to agriculture.”

Wax has been hired to replace Tasha Bunting, who will be leaving in June to join Illinois Farm Bureau as the Assistant Director of Commodities and Livestock Programs. Wax can be contacted by email at vwax@ilfb.org or by calling 815.942.6400 at the Grundy County Farm Bureau office.

Prairie Creek Library receives grant for summer programs

Prairie Creek Public Library district recently received a grant from the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. The grant, in the amount of \$1500, will be used for the library’s summer reading program. This year, the program will have an olympics theme and is open to all children entering first grade through high school. Funds also will be allocated toward this summer’s “Library Bingo” program for adults.

Registration for the summer reading program will be held on “Opening Day” from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 4 at the library. In addition to summer reading challenges, children may participate in various crafts and activities throughout the summer months.

The Illinois Prairie Community Foundation serves Livingston and several surrounding counties. The foundation connects people who care with causes by offering philanthropic leadership, organization and grant-making for the long-term enrichment of area communities. Grant opportunities available to area non-profit organizations provide services in areas including arts and culture, environment, health and wellness, and education.

Rudy and Judy Piskule to Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Judy and Rudy Piskule



Rudy and Judy Piskule will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House Saturday, June 4, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in The Country Mansion Garden Room, with a family dinner immediately following.

They were married in Chicago on May 28, 1966. They are the parents of

Rudolph (Katie) Piskule of Hanover Park; Rebecca (Kenyon) Koepfer of Madison, WI; and Jennifer (Scott) Lindsey of Wilmington.

Invitations have been sent for the dinner, but all are invited to the Open House.

The couple requests no gifts.



Megan Kohrt and Jacob Moote

Kohrt, Moote to Be Married

Karl and Pam Kohrt of Dwight have announced the engagement of their daughter, Megan Kohrt, to Jacob Moote, son of Stephen and Allene Moote of McHenry.

Megan is a graduate of Dwight Township High School and Aurora College. She is a Correctional Officer at McLean County Jail in Bloomington.

Jake is a graduate of McHenry West Community High School and Aurora College. He is a Senior Store Manager for GNC.

An August 27 wedding is planned.

Jennifer Paputsa Named to President’s List at Bob Jones U.

Jennifer Paputsa, a Senior Christian Ministries major of Emington, was among approximately 470 Bob Jones University students named to the Spring 2016 President’s List.

The President’s List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

Brandon Wills Featured as Exceptional Senior at Augustana

Brandon Wills, an Augustana senior from Mazon majoring in biology, has been featured in the 2016 “More Than I Imagined” web series, where exceptional seniors from a wide variety of majors reflect on what they’ve accomplished at Augustana and discuss plans for their futures.

Wills’ “More Than I Imagined” profile may be viewed at www.augustana.edu/x64774.xml.

To be included in “More Than I Imagined,” seniors must be nominated by an Augustana faculty member or coach as an outstanding student.

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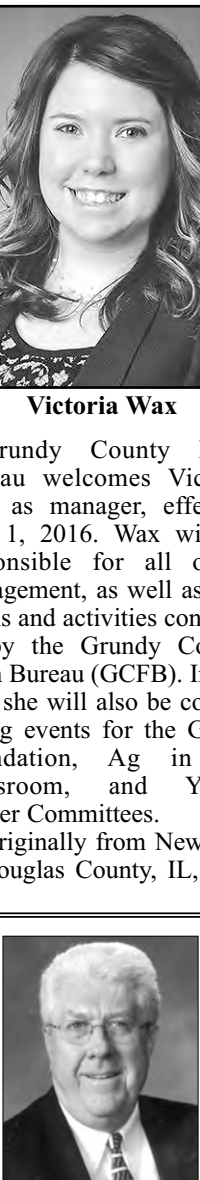
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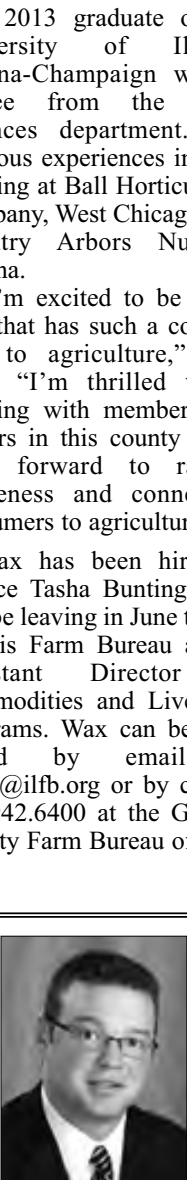
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Talk to Your Adult Children About Smart Financial Moves

If you have children who are finishing college or embarking on their first full-time job, you obviously want them to get off to a good start in their adult and working lives. And by virtue of your years of experience, you probably have some good advice to offer – especially when it comes to making smart financial moves.

Of course, you can find a broad array of financial topics to discuss. But if you want to concentrate on just a few, you might consider these for starters:

Investing for the future – When young people are paying off student loans, they may not think they can also afford to invest for the future. Indeed, this can be challenging – but it’s not impossible. So, if your children go to work for an employer that offers a retirement plan, such as a 401(k), you may want to point out that they can have money automatically invested – and since they never really “had” this money in the first place, they are less likely to miss it. They can start by deferring small amounts; when their earnings rise, they can increase their contributions.

Buying a home and paying off a mortgage – With interest rates still low, now is not a bad time for prospective first-time homebuyers. Of course, if your children truly are starting out in the working world, it will likely take them a few years to save up enough for a down payment. But even after they reach that goal, you may want to warn them not to become “house poor” by spending a large portion of their total income on home ownership. If they do buy a house, though, and their incomes go up as their careers progress, they may wonder if they should pay down their mortgage quicker. While they might feel good about lowering that debt, you may want to point out that an argument could be made for putting money in assets that will likely be more liquid, such as stocks and bonds. For one thing, if your children were to lose their jobs, and they needed cash to tide them over until they were once again employed, they’d likely find it much harder to get money out of their homes than their investment accounts. Also, in terms of accumulating resources for retirement, they might bed better off building up their investment portfolios, rather than sinking every extra dollar into their homes.

Using credit wisely – Urge your children to avoid taking on excessive credit card debt and taking out non-essential loans. As you know, having a good credit score can pay off in several ways, including getting better rates on mortgages. You may want to risk sounding “old fashioned” by encouraging your children to live within their means. And consider pointing out that it’s often the people who are the most frugal today who may end up with the most money tomorrow.

It’s not always easy for young people to get off on the right foot, financially speaking. But as someone who knows a thing or two about controlling debt, saving and investing, you can help your children out by imparting a few words of wisdom.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Bible School

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight will be hosting a Vacation Bible School, “Barnyard Roundup--Jesus Gathers Us Together” beginning Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All children of the community ages 3 through fifth grade are invited to attend. For registration and more information, please call the church office (815) 584-3433.

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Southeastern Grundy Seniors Enjoy Lunch, Birthday Cake May 6

On Friday, May 6, the Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens met at the Gardner Restaurant for their regular meeting and lunch.

Nine were in attendance, with a special guest of Shirley Clapp, Sandra Sowers of South Wilmington.

Ordering from the menu and being served by Kim, a nice lunch was enjoyed. The table prayer was given and all said The Lord's Prayer..

There was a combination of treats to each member: a lemon cake, and a birthday cake for Ida Schopp's 89th birthday on May 12. The club sang "Happy Birthday" to Ida.

President Hansen called the meeting to order by all standing and saying the Pledge to the Flag. They spied two flags on a member's top and used them as their emblem.

The secretary's report was given and corrected. The new members' count was incorrectly stated. The correction was made and the report was approved.

The agenda called for the treasurer's report. Wavel said the Not-for-profit papers had been received and will be sent ASAP. The report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file for audit.

Shut-ins and honorary members were mentioned, and their well being talked about.

Jackie reported sending cards to Rosemary and LaVerne, and a card for Bill

Hollmeyer was signed by all. Cards haven't been played for several months.

Community events:

- Red Carpet Corridor – Church of Hope Women's Association sponsored the "Rock-a-thon." Pink petunias were sold in flats as a moneymaker. The theme was "To Make Gardner Pink and Pretty," with Vilt's supplying the 45 flats sold.
- May 14, the new Medical Center's Open House from 9 until 11.
- Decoration Day is coming soon – the time to decorate the resting places of our loved ones.

During Share Time, Shirley showed a hanky that her mother got at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933.

A comment was made: they wished the Old Diner by the jail had been painted mustard green, the original color when Mr. Kline had it as a diner.

Gayle Smith stopped in. The secretary reminded Sharon Pickles she would have her turn to bring a guest to the next meeting.

A reminder to all new members: the regular monthly meetings are on the first Friday of the month. A warm welcome to all.

Sandra Sowers joined the club and was warmly welcomed. The more the merrier! Anyone over age of 55 may join, be with friends, and get into the flow of things happening in the village.

The next meeting is Friday, June 3, in the club room of Gardner Restaurant.



RICHARD JOYCE, Grundy County Democratic Chairman, left; Pat Neff, member of the SUAAction, Joliet Junior College Chapter, an affiliate of the State Universities Annuitants Association; with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin.

Submitted photo

Sen. Durbin Speaks at Fundraiser

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin attended a fundraiser for the Grundy County Democrats May 6 at the Eagles Hall in Morris.

Durbin addressed the large crowd regarding several topics, including the presidential candidates, state-wide races for U.S. Senator and Comptroller, and he expressed his displeasure with the Senate's historic refusal to hold hearings on President Obama's Supreme Court nominee.

Durbin is the second-ranking Democrat in the U.S. Senate, where he serves as Assistant Minority Leader.

Local elected officials and candidates spoke including State Representative Kate Cloonen, State Senate candidate Chris Benson, State Representative candidate Martha Shugart, and State's attorney candidate Brooke Shupe.

National Trails Day Celebration: Take a Hike at Funks Grove

The University of Illinois Grand Prairie Master Naturalists will hold their fourth annual Trails Day Celebration on June 4th at the Sugar Grove Nature Center in Funks Grove. Activities and tours will take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The event is part of the National Trails Day Celebration.

Funks Grove has over seven miles of hiking trails where participants can enjoy the diversity of plants and animals that live in prairie, woodland, and savanna habitats. Hiking guides will take visitors along creeks and streams where birds and butterflies fly, toads hop, fish swim, herons hunt, and beavers are busy building dams. Maps are also available for self-guided hikes.

A number of activities are planned for children. In addition to hiking, children will be able to participate in geo-

caching, nature journaling, first aid, trail safety, and other outdoor learning activities for adults and children. Sugar Grove Nature Center also gives children an opportunity to see and learn about live amphibians and reptiles and to watch songbirds at feeders through special one-way observation windows.

Participants are encouraged to pack a picnic lunch and stay all day to take advantage of as many activities as possible. For more information about this event or its location, visit go.illinois.edu/NTD or call (309) 663-8306. Illinois Grand Prairie Master Naturalists is a program of University of Illinois Extension. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please call the McLean County Extension Office at the number above.

Superintendent Whiston Leaving GGS July 1

Gardner Grade School District 72-C will be under new leadership beginning July 1.

Tony Whiston, who has led the K-8 district as superintendent and principal the last five years, has announced he's leaving Gardner to take a superintendent position in Creve Couer.

"It's with mixed emotions I am leaving the wonderful staff and students of Gardner," said Whiston. "I will deeply miss my daily interactions with these tremendous kids and teachers, but I look forward to passing the baton to the next person knowing he or she will step into such a flourishing environment."

Whiston said the GGS school board is in the process of interviewing candidates for the superintendent/principal job and board members hope to have the decision finalized soon.

"Every child deserves a champion," added Whiston. "And that's exactly what we have here, teachers who never give up on kids. I am confident the district will continue to do great things."

Whiston also commended the staff and students for embracing "Rachel's Challenge," a school initia-

tive to start a chain reaction of kindness.

"We're so grateful to the Community Foundation of Grundy County for a grant to fund this project," Whiston said. "Martin Luther King Jr. said the goal of true education is intelligence plus character and Rachel's Challenge helps us provide that character education to children."

Cub Scout Pack 802 Meeting

Cub Scout Pack 802 of Campus held its May pack meeting at the hall in Campus on Sunday, May 15.

After discussion of the summertime activities, Lance Hummel and Garrett Smolkovich received their achievement belt loops for the Tiger badge and then graduated into the Wolf den.

Reese Raymond received his achievement belt loops for Wolf and his Wolf badge and then graduated into the Bear den. Zeke Houberg received his achievement belt loops for Bear and his Bear badge and then graduated into the Webelos den. All the scouts received a bronze level "Journey to Excellence" patch.



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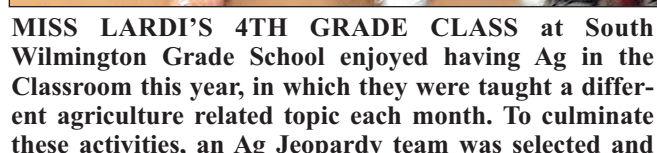
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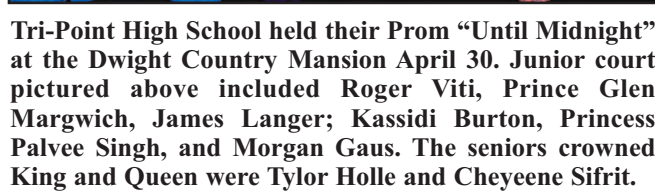
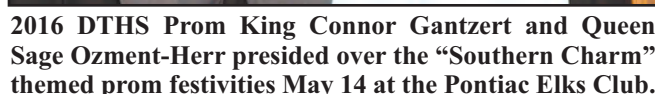
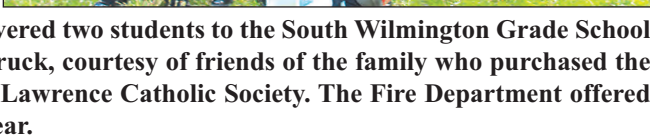
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competed against area schools April 29 at Saratoga Grade School. The 2016 Ag Jeopardy team consisted of Addison Fair, Cale Halpin, Eva Henderson, Hayden Partilla, Ava Schultz, and Emma Simms. Alternate for the event was Addison Serena. *Submitted Photo*



SOUTH WILMINGTON GRADE SCHOOL sent six aspiring authors to the Young Author Celebration May 5, sponsored by Starved Rock Reading Council. This event was held at Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Resort in Utica. SWGS students awarded this honor were third through fifth grade students who attended the session by author Alice B. McGinty. Ms. McGinty is the author of over 40 books, including *Gandhi*, *Thank You World*, and the Illinois Read Program selection for 2016, *Darwin*. Young Authors attending the event from SWGS were Logan Conger, Cheyenne Jett, Addison Fair, Kevin Frideres, Hannah Frescura, and Colby Grief.

The Livingston County Health Department is now taking appointments for Wellness Clinics on Wednesdays, June 1st and 15th. The Wellness Clinic is open to all adults in Livingston County.

Basic Wellness Clinic services include: blood pressure screening and a blood chemistry profile. The \$40 cost for a basic wellness clinic visit includes all lab fees. Lab results are reviewed by health department staff, and sent to participants within two weeks.

Additional services are available through the wellness clinic at additional fees: PSA (prostate specific antigen) prostate cancer testing for men - \$25; Thyroid (TSH) screening - \$25; A1C screening for clients with diabetes - \$30; and Osteoporosis screening for women \$20.

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OBITUARIES

Ann Jaicomo

SOUTH WILMINGTON – Ann Jaicomo, 95, of South Wilmington passed away Monday, May 16, 2016 at Regency Care in Morris.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., today, May 25, at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., South Wilmington Chapel, with Rev. Stanley Drewniak officiating. Visitation for one hour will precede services.

Interment will follow in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

Ann was born May 30, 1920 in South Wilmington, daughter of Antonio and Maria Vecellio Loda.

She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington. Ann loved reminiscing about her trips to Italy, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are one son,



Barry Jaicomo of Coal City; three grandchildren: Rebecca (Thomas) Egan of Naperville; Amy (Paul) Nelson of Oswego; and Laura Jaicomo of Chicago.

Also surviving are 10 great-grandchildren: Marisa, Isabella and Alexa Egan; and Nicholas, Breanne, Brandon, Olivia, Brady, Bowen and Genevieve Nelson; one brother, Elio Loda of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, William John Jaicomo; and five sisters: Genevieve Residori, Josephine Fuderich, Helen Jaicomo, Louise Pelligrini, and Dorothy Berta.

To visit her on-line guestbook, log on to: www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com

Joseph Malone

PONTIAC – Joseph Malone, 98, of Pontiac and formerly of Kempton and Cullom died Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Evenglow Lodge, where he had resided since November 2011.

Joe was born on the family farm at Kempton June 17, 1917, son of Joseph Malone, Sr. and Anna Lamb. He was united in marriage with Mary Rose “Marie” Fritz in St. Rose Catholic Church, Kankakee, November 29, 1952. She predeceased him May 1, 2001.

He is survived by two sons: Martin (Karen) Malone and Vernon (Julie) Malone, both of Kempton; and a daughter, Rosanne (Monte) DeCounter of Fort Myers, Florida.

Also surviving are his grandsons: Sam (Taylor) Malone of Braidwood, Zach Malone of Cabery, Matt Malone of Rockford, and Alex Malone of Bourbonnais; and four granddaughters: Amy (Marshall) Flynn of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Jill (Travis) Ruggles of Gilbert, Arizona; Dana Malone of Bourbonnais; and Katie Malone of Kempton.

Joe was a lifelong farmer in Broughton Township. He farmed with his father after returning from World War II. In 1957 he founded Malone Chemical. After retiring from farming he spent his



summers as a hail adjuster for The Hartford Insurance Company.

Joe and Marie enjoyed wintering in Brownsville, Texas for a number of years.

They were members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Campus until moving to Cullom upon retirement, when they joined St. John’s Catholic Church.

Joe was a member of Skinner-Trost American Legion Post 122 in Cullom, and a former member of Olson-Bute and Malone American Legion Post 737 in Kempton. He was the oldest living veteran in Livingston County. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, a member of the 881st Ordinance, serving in North Africa and Italy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. William Keebler at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 21, in St. John’s Catholic Church, Cullom.

Joe was laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Campus, where full military rites were accorded.

Visitation was one hour preceding the Mass.

Memorials in his name may be made to Evenglow Lodge.

Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Cullom, was in charge of arrangements.

Kameron Allison

REDDICK – Kameron Allison, 15, of Reddick passed away Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Kameron was born September 14, 2000.

He is survived by his mother, Kratina Wesemann of Reddick; his father, Jacob Allison, and step-mother, Lindsey, of Bourbonnais; a sister, Kloe Allison; and two brothers, Kyuss and Keaton Allison.

Also surviving are grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Kameron was a freshman at Herscher High School.

He enjoyed many things including playing whiffle ball with his friends, rain or shine; playing fantasy baseball; playing PS4 with family and friends; drawing; sports; and the Chicago Cubs.

Kameron’s love for history and art had him wanting to be a teacher and an architect. He had an overall love for life and was a member of



Calvary Bible Church, accepting Christ into his heart January 2015.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandpa Pop John Walker; Grandma Diana Wesemann; aunt, Teresa Sorensen; uncle, Dwayne Allison; great-grandpa, Floyd Wesemann Sr.; great-grandma, Mary Wesemann; and great-aunt, Katie Wesemann.

Rev. Jeff Horch officiated at a 10:30 a.m. service Saturday, at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel.

Burial followed in Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation was Friday from 4 until 8 p.m., and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family’s wishes.

You may sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhome.com

Lucille Lydigsen

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL – Lucille Lydigsen was granted her angel wings Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at her home in St. Augustine, Florida.

She was born August 24, 1919, daughter of Adam and Martha Bossert, in Reddick, Illinois.

Lucille is survived by daughters: Sandra Cece and Teri Lydigsen; son, Mark and Debra Lydigsen; six grandchildren: Amy and Steve Pothel, Ryan and Lauren Sargeant, Molly Lydigsen, Kristy Lydigsen, Rikki Sargeant, Kevin and Kathleen Sargeant; and five great-grandchildren: Tyler, Riley, Noah, Abigail and Liam.

Lucille was the last survivor of three brothers and



two sisters.

She is reunited with her husband and favorite dance partner of 74 years, Marion “Bill” Lydigsen. She was an active member of Memorial Lutheran Church. Lucille and Bill moved to St. Augustine from Illinois in 1975. Her hobbies included shopping for treasures at thrift stores and garage sales, and spending time with her family.

Lucille will join her husband and be buried at the National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, in a private ceremony.

Those wishing to make a donation in her name may do so to Hospice of Northeast Florida.

Craig Funeral Home Crematory Memorial Park is in charge of the arrangements.

Frederick C. Beneke

DWIGHT – Frederick C. “Fred” Beneke, 69, of Dwight passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Morris Hospital in Morris.

Cremation rites were accorded. At Fred’s request, there will be no funeral services.

He was born October 21, 1946 in Denver, Colorado, son of Clayton and Angelin Bork Beneke.

He is survived by a half-sister, Joyce (Lee) Lewis of Colorado; and longtime friend, Virginia Street of Dwight.

Fred was an avid animal lover, and leaves behind four cats at home.



He was preceded in death by his parents; and a half-sister, Phyllis.

He graduated from Cullom High School in 1965, and served in the U.S. Air Force as a medic during the Vietnam War.

Fred was a member of Heat and Frost Insulators Local Union 17 and will be sadly missed by dear friends and co-workers.

Memorials may be directed to the Livingston County Humane Society.

On-line condolences may be left at www.hagermemorial.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank You for a Successful Food Drive

We did it again! Letter carriers at the Dwight Post Office along with postal employees and local volunteers teamed up to stamp out hunger in the community.

I want to thank everyone who helped make this year’s Food Drive a success. It could not have been done without you.

Across the country, the Food Drive - held in cooperation with the Postal Service - resulted in millions of pounds of non-perishable food collected and distributed to deserving charities nationwide.

Closer to home, the Dwight carriers collected 870 pounds of food from generous donations left at mailboxes, which were then delivered to local community food pantries.

For more than twenty years our local community has come together for this important event to help make it successful. This clearly shows the generosity of everyone involved with the project - people who make a difference in other people’s lives.

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Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: **The Paper**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL J. KENNEDY, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.))))) No. 16-CH-26

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lot 6 in Block 22 in Fell’s Second Addition to Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-27-129-013

Commonly known as: 701 S. Vermillion St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is MICHAEL J. KENNEDY. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on June 18, 2003, a modification of said mortgage, executed on July 26, 2013, and a second modification of said mortgage, executed on August 25, 2015. The original mortgage was recorded on June 23, 2003, at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 00546443. The first Modification of Mortgage was recorded on July 31, 2013, at the office of the Count Clerk and Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 00624514. The second Modification of Mortgage was recorded on September 1, 2015, at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2015R-636014. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 16-Ch-26 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before June 30, 2016, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2016.

Judith Cremer, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

Minutes with Boma



The Comfort Zone

As aforementioned in previous columns, I recently made the move to Chicago Illinois. There are a lot of things that come along with the move to a new area, or a new city, and one of them for me was finding a new gym. The first thing I noticed was that their prices up there are pretty steep compared to that of Dwight, or even Bloomington-Normal, but I guess that’s somewhat to be expected seeing as it’s Chicago. I made the decision to join LA Fitness, it’s a pretty big chain place to workout, and I thought for what I was getting price wise it was the best decision. I had worked out there two days, and then received an email saying that I could have a free personal training session with one of the trainers there if I wanted it. I reluctantly agreed because I don’t really like people or changing my routine, but I decided to go ahead and do it anyway. I get there, do some warm up activities, and then start with the trainer. It was probably only 15 or 20 minutes in and I had to take a break from the workout because I felt like I was about to throw up. It was a reality check for how good of shape I thought I was in, I’m not in good shape, not even close. I’m also glad that I decided to take a chance and do something outside of my comfort zone, and in doing so I learned a lot about myself, even if, in this case, it was only fitness related. This is just a quick little example, of taking a small baby step outside of your comfort zone. It’s also a good reminder that if you’re going to have someone push you to the point of pure exhaustion, make sure it’s for free.

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. WAYNE D. MUZZARELLI, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.))))) No. 16-CH-25

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lot 2 of Fraher’s Subdivision to the Village of Odell, Livingston County, Illinois, as shown by Plat recorded in Book 10 Page 6 of the records of the Recorder of Deeds, Livingston County, Illinois, together with the following easements that run with the land: An easement in common with the other lots in said Subdivision, and the property adjoining it over the following described property: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Lot 3, thence East 68.60 feet, thence South 15 degrees 48 minutes 53 seconds east 15.00 feet, thence Southwesterly to a point on the East line of Lot 3 that is 106.54 feet South of the Place of Beginning, thence North to the Place of Beginning, except for that part described as Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot 3, thence East 28 feet, thence South 13.88 feet, thence Southwesterly 31.26 feet to a point which is 28 feet South of the Place of Beginning, thence North to the Place of Beginning.

PIN: 10-10-401-005

Commonly known as: 5 Fraher Drive, Odell, IL 60460

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is WAYNE D. MUZZARELLI. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on December 31, 2011 and a second mortgage, also executed on December 31, 2011. These mortgages were recorded on January 9, 2012, at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 613800 and document No. 613801. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 16-Ch-25 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before June 30, 2016, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2016.

Judith Cremer, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

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SPORTS

Richard Sparrow hits Hole In One

Richard Sparrow of Dwight recorded a hole in one on Wednesday night, May 18, on the par 3, 93 yard 11th hole at the Dwight Country Club. Richard used a pitching wedge for his first hole in one and it was witnessed by Jeff Carlson.

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Galloway Competes at State Meet at EIU

Thursday, May 19
Dwight at Class A
State Prelims - Girls -

The Lady Trojans were at Eastern Illinois University May 19, competing in the Class A state prelims in an attempt to get to Saturday's finals.

Julie Ramsey ran 16.98 in the 100hh to finish 18th, while finishing 29th in the 300lh with a time of 55.93. Her hurdle time may be deceiving, as she fell on the fifth hurdle.

"The squad competed with great heart and determination, in spite of some bad luck," said Coach Larry Lane of his ladies. "They turned in performances that were near or better than their season or personal bests."

Ramsey overcame the fall and returned to help her 4x400 teammates (Alison Kirk, Isavel Lopez, and Taylor Richie) run a season best 4:18.67 to end in 19th place.

However, in the second exchange of the 4x400, more misfortune befell Dwight during Ramsey and Lopez's handoff, as they collided with another runner, causing the baton to fall out of their hands.

Lopez and Richie made a courageous effort to regain their momentum, though, and turned in the season best time.

The 4x100 team of Shanna Carman, Kirk, Lopez, and Richie ran a 52.97 race to finish in 31st place.

The same four runners returned in the 4x200 relay to take 29th place with a

time of 1:51.85.

Daly Galloway started her state competition with a smart final's qualifying race in the 1600m run. Her prelim time of 5:14.76 was the seventh best on the day.



Saturday, May 21
Daly Galloway at State Meet

Daly Galloway was the lone Lady Trojan representing Dwight for the state meet, running two great races.

In the 3200m run, she ran an 11:12.98, close to a season best, which won her a fourth place medal.

Galloway followed up that race three hours later with a fifth place performance of 5:14.50 in the 1600m run.

Just now becoming a senior, Galloway is an eight-time state medalist, having placed sixth or better between her track and cross country runs.

"The girls had an awesome weekend on the blue oval at EIU in Charleston," said Coach Lane. "They made many lasting memories and the coaches are proud of them for their performances at state and all season as well."

Area Ballers Letter Winners for Millikin Baseball

The Millikin University baseball team recently announced its letter winners for the 2016 season, and it included three players from the area, including:

• Owen Pulver – freshman

pitcher from Dwight.

• Brandon Viken – freshman pitcher from Mazon.

• Luke Azzarelli – sophomore catcher from Herscher High School.

Langer Finishes First Season Strong

This past Friday, Tri-Point Charger James Langer competed at the IHSA boys sectional held at PBL, ending an impressive first season of track.

He finished 13th in both the 800 and 1600 races, with times of 2:20 and 5:28, respectively.

Dwight Public Schools Athletic Physicals Offered

Dr. Travis Swink and his staff will be offering sports physicals for grade school students at Dwight Township High School on Thursday, June 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost of the sports physical is a \$20 donation; cash or checks made payable to DTHS. Students and

parents will be able to designate which sports program their \$20 donation will go toward. This opportunity is for one day only. Athletes not able to attend this date and time will have to schedule an appointment on their own and pay applicable office rates and charges.

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Bennett, 4x800 and 4x400 Teams Head to State

Friday, May 20
Dwight at Sectionals

The Dwight Trojans were at PBL High School Friday night for their state qualifying meet against some strong competition in some rainy conditions.

The boys, however, did not let the conditions deter them from turning in numerous season or personal bests.

"The goal, as always, is to advance as many to state as possible," stated Coach Lane.

And this year, the Trojans sent their 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams to the Class A State Meet for the fourth consecutive season.

"That is a tremendous accomplishment for our athletes and coaches," Lane added.

When the sectional results

were fully compiled, the 4x800 ranked third, the 4x400 seeded eighth, and Michael Bennett sat in seventh place.

Scoring for Dwight was: Jeffrey Huffaker: 100m, 4th, 11.40; 200m, 4th, 23.30.

Dan Muller: 3200m, 6th, 10:54.09.

Michael Mankowski: 1600m, 4th, 4:55.32.

State Qualifiers:
Michael Bennett: 800m, 1st 1:59.79 (meet record).

4x800 (Bennett, Conor Livingston, Mankowski, Blaine Livingston – Koby Smith and J.C. Santos - alternates): 1st, 8:19.87 (meet record)

4x400 (Bennett, C. Livingston, Mankowski, B. Livingston, – Smith and Santos - alternates): 1st, 3:29.58 (meet record).

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CHECKING ACCOUNTS:		
GENERAL		
Balance May 1, 2015		32,101.64
INCOME:		157,235.32
Community Building Donations	\$2,150.00	
Community Building Rental	\$2,200.00	
County Taxes	\$16,409.35	
Utility Taxes	\$17,116.94	
Misc. Income	\$238.36	
Income Taxes	\$44,846.73	
Interest	\$27.11	
Local Use Taxes	\$9,665.64	
Fines-Fees-License	\$11,821.70	
Municipal Taxes	\$26,175.74	
Park Income	\$580.00	
Transfer In	\$20,000.00	
Replacement Taxes	\$917.49	
Video Gaming Taxes	\$5,086.26	
EXPENSE:		177,663.20
Advertising	\$396.99	
Audit	\$3,800.00	
Budget Transfer		
Celebration - General	\$2,105.08	
Community Building	\$7,232.48	
Contract Service - Mileage/Labor	\$3,152.50	
Fitness Center	\$15,000.00	
Garbage Contract	\$21,220.00	
Utilities	\$8,361.56	
Donations	\$1,992.50	
Engineering Fees	\$572.34	
Insurance	\$7,997.22	
Legal	\$19,197.19	
Maintenance	\$7,976.37	
Membership	\$1,252.00	
Misc.	\$1,631.05	
Mowing Contract	\$4,910.00	
Office Supplies	\$2,030.40	
Park	\$1,285.26	
Police Contract	\$4,334.00	
Salaries	\$12,734.99	
Snow Removal	\$3,077.50	
Transfer Outs - 75% of Muni Tax	\$15,119.13	
Transfer Outs - Video Game Tax	\$5,086.26	
Balance April 30, 2016		11,673.76
SEWERAGE		
Balance May 1, 2015		0.00
INCOME:		50,805.60
Interest	\$28.10	
Sewerage payments	\$50,777.50	
EXPENSE:		\$20,100.00
Sewerage Expense	\$100.00	
To Gen Checking to Tile Rep/Repl	\$20,000.00	
Balance April 30, 2016		30,705.60
MOTOR FUEL		
Balance May 1, 2015		34,985.56
INCOME:		10,782.90
Interest	\$18.80	
State Allocation	\$10,764.10	
Misc Income	\$0.00	
EXPENSE:		34,636.69
Engineering Fees	\$3,500.52	
Repairs	\$28,788.17	
Sidewalks	\$2,348.00	
Balance April 30, 2016		11,131.77
CELEBRATION		
Balance May 1, 2015		2,809.37
INCOME:		45.00
Donations/Sales Budget	\$45.00	
EXPENSE:		0.00
Summer Celebration	\$0.00	
Balance April 30, 2016		2,854.37
TIF		
Balance May 1, 2015		41,937.39
INCOME:		53,885.77
County Taxes	\$53,847.13	
Interest	\$38.64	
EXPENSE:		38,550.00
Legal Expense	\$550.00	
Reimburse to General	\$0.00	
Incentive Distributors	\$0.00	
Transfer Out - to Jr. Debt Service	\$38,000.00	
Balance April 30, 2016		57,273.16
JR DEBT		
Balance May 1, 2015		40,369.51
INCOME:		48,426.62
Transfer In - From TIF	\$38,000.00	
Transfer In - General Savings	\$10,362.50	
Interest	\$64.12	
EXPENSE:		48,362.50
Bond Payments	\$48,362.50	
Balance April 30, 2016		40,433.63
LOW INTEREST LOAN ACCT		
Balance May 1, 2015		11,864.03
INCOME:		11.87
Interest	\$11.87	
EXPENSE:		0.00
Balance April 30, 2016		11,875.90

GENERAL SAVINGS ACCT		
Balance May 1, 2015		67,932.30
INCOME:		21,516.91
Gaming Tax from General	\$4,249.82	
Old debt recovered	\$2,115.00	
75% Muni Sales Tax from General	\$15,119.13	
Interest	\$32.96	
EXPENSE:		22,054.57
Transfer VG bal to new acct.	\$11,692.07	
Transfer Out to Jr. Debt	\$10,362.50	
Balance April 30, 2016		67,394.64
CASHIER SAVINGS ACCTS		
Balance May 1, 2015		3,905.50
INCOME:		51.98
Donation for Speech	\$50.00	
Interest	\$1.98	
EXPENSE:		174.25
Gift Cert. & Film Crew Meals	174.25	
Balance April 30, 2016		3,783.23
VIDEO GAMING SAVINGS ACCT		
Balance May 1, 2015		0.00
INCOME:		12,528.51
Transfer from General Checking	\$836.44	
Transfer from General Savings	\$11,692.07	
Interest	\$0.00	
Balance April 30, 2016		12,528.51
TOTAL SAVINGS		83,706.38

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT		
General Balance April 30, 2016	\$5,784.87	
Motor Fuel Balance April 30, 2016	\$17,270.13	
TOTAL CD'S		23,055.00

I, Mary Billington, being duly appointed as Saunemin Village Treasurer, swear that the above report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Mary Billington
Date: 5-12-16



DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Monday, May 16
Dwight at Tony Thorsen Invitational

The Trojan track team hosted the Tony Thorsen Invitational May 16, with ten teams competing and the Trojans taking fourth place with 58 points.

“While many of our athletes were not competing in their regular events, they had some fine performances and are ready for the Paxton Sectional,” stated Coach Lane.

Dwight athletes scoring were:

Cole Mack: shot put, 5th, 38’11½”;

discus, 3rd, 115’2”.

Michael Mankowski: high jump, 2nd - tie, 5’10”;

1600m, 1st, 4:53.35; 4x400, 1st.

Dan Muller: 1600m, 2nd, 4:53.36.

Jeffrey Huffaker: 200m, 4th, 24.04; 4x200, 2nd.

Michael Bennett: 4x200, 2nd; 4x400, 1st.

Conor Livingston, Blaine Livingston, Blake Hill: 4x200, 5th.

Christian Williams: 4x100, 5th.

J.C. Santos: 4x100, 5th.


Ben Myzia: 4x100, 5th.

Hasani Branch: 4x800, 6th.

Marc Rosales: 4x800, 6th.

Calvin Croy: 4x800, 6th.

Koby Smith: 4x800, 6th.




GSWB TRACK AT STATE

The Tigers’ track team had five athletes taking part in the state track meet, held May 13 and 14, with Koli Croy setting a new school record in the 800m with a time of 2:38 – good enough for tenth overall.

Croy would also take 14th in the high jump event, jumping a 4’4”.

Dusty Manietta ran a time of 19.49 in the hurdles, while the 4x200 relay team, consisting of Manietta, Tanner Fisher, Parker Miner, and Kevin Ferrari, posted a 2:07.




GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Tuesday, May 17
GSW vs. Melrose Park Varsity - Regionals

The Lady Panthers got a big regional win over Melrose Park, 12-2, on May 17.

Maranda Residori got the victory, going five innings and allowing just one earned run on two hits, while striking out seven.

Residori also doubled and knocked in two runs on offense, while Celia Barna went 2-4 with a double and three stolen bases. Jenni Price was 2-3 with a double and three RBI. Emily Hopwood batted in four going a perfect 3-3 with two doubles.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

Thursday, May 19

Gardner saw its season come to an end as they fell to Galva 13-1 in Regional play.

Horrie led Gardner with a walk, a hit and an RBI.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT
OF DWIGHT TOWNSHIP

Dwight Township hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 has been made, and that a report of such audit dated September 2, 2015, performed by Groskreutz, Schmidt, Abraham, Eshleman & Gerretse had been filed with the County Clerk of Livingston County, in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/0.01 *et seq.* The full report of the audit is available for public inspection at the Dwight Township Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois during regular business hours: Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., or by appointment.

Patricia S. Rosenbaum
Dwight Township Supervisor

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR THE
DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection District general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, is hereby rescheduled to Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

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Trustees, Dwight Fire Protection District
111 South Prairie Avenue
Dwight, Illinois 60420

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
FOR THE DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, June 28th, 2016 at the Hour of 7:00 P.M. at the Dwight Fire Protection District General Offices, 111 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois with respect to the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Dwight Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1st, 2016 and ending April 30th, 2017. At the time and place of the Public Hearing, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative. After the Public Hearing on the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District shall take final action on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1st, 2016 and ending April 30th, 2017.

The proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was passed in tentative form by the Dwight Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1st, 2016 and ending April 30th, 2017 at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District on May 17th, 2016. Copies of the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as passed in tentative form are available for public inspection commencing May 19, 2016 at the Office of the attorney for the Dwight Fire Protection District, namely Irvin L. Masching, during regular business hours at 105 East Chippewa Street, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois; and at the Dwight Fire Protection District General Offices, 111 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois during Fire Protection District office hours.

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DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL

Monday, May 16
Dwight vs. Clifton Central Varsity - Regionals

The #8 seeded Dwight Trojans got a big 11-1 win over Clifton Central in regional play May 16, connecting on 15 hits in the game to Central’s three.

Wesley Pulver (5-6) got the “W,” giving up just one earned run on three hits and a walk, striking out seven in six innings.

Logan Graham scored once and batted in three runs on a single and a double, while Connor Gantzert hit two singles, two doubles, knocked in two and scored twice. Peter Hansen doubled, batted in two, and scored once, with Drew Hansen adding a single and a solo home run. Blake Graham and Nick Pampinella each had two singles, two runs scored, and an RBI.

five innings of shutout ball. He struck out eight, walked none and surrendered two hits.

Wesley Pulver took the loss for the Trojans. He went two innings, walked none, struck out none, and allowed one run.

Reed-Custer closer Brent Headrick put away the final five outs to record the save.

The Trojans jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the top of the first. Nick Pampinella singled to ignite the Trojans' offense, before Peter Hansen singled, scoring Nick Pampinella. The Trojans added more runs when Logan Graham scored when Colton Holm drew a bases loaded walk, Connor Gantzert scored on a bases loaded walk by Jordan Walden, and Peter Hansen scored on a squeeze bunt by Alex Pampinella.

Reed-Custer scored one run in each of the first, fourth and fifth. In the first, Reed-Custer scored on an error, bringing home their starting pitcher, Jordan Walden.

Reed-Custer tied the game in the fourth on an RBI single by Neil O'Donnell that scored Travis Schoonover.


Reed-Custer stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the fifth.

Wednesday, May 18 -

The Trojans jumped out to an early lead, but were unable to hold on and lost 5-4 to Reed-Custer on Wednesday.

While the Trojans led until the fifth inning, Reed-Custer worked its way back and took the lead on a wild pitch.

Eddie Wilkins got the win for Reed-Custer. He tossed



TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASEBALL

Monday, May 16
Tri-Point vs. LaMoille Varsity - Regionals

The Chargers upped their record to 4-20 with a come-from-behind extra innings regional win over LaMoille, 5-4, on May 16.

With the bases juiced in the bottom of the eighth inning, Glen Margewich had a walk-off hit that helped advance his squad in regional action.

Margewich (3-5) also picked up the win on the mound, giving up just two walks and hitting a batter, while striking out six in two innings of relief work.

Nick Mahoney started the game for Tri-Point. He allowed no earned runs on four hits and four walks, fanning ten in six innings.

The Chargers defense coughed up nine errors in the contest.

Mark Miller was 1-3 for T-P at the plate, with an RBI and a sacrifice. Chase McNeill went 1-4 with two runs scored, while Roger Viti doubled in a run. Margewich ended up 2-4 with a walk, a triple, and three RBI.

Wednesday, May 18

Tri-Point saw its season come to an end in the IHSA regional semi-final. Nick Mahoney scored a run and had a double. Mark Miller had a single and an RBI. The Chargers finished 4-21 on the season.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

You are hereby invited to submit a proposal for concrete parking lot improvements, as well as softball field dugouts footings and flat-work for Dwight Township High School District 230. The project will be known as “DTHS Concrete Projects 2016”.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 9:00 am at DTHS School District 230 Main Office, 801 S. Franklin St., Dwight, IL.

Proposals will be accepted by DTHS School District 230, 801 S. Franklin St., Dwight, Illinois at 9:00 am on Friday, June 3, 2016 and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications and proposal forms are available from the Consulting Engineer, Chamlin & Associates, Inc., 221 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois, at a cost of \$30.00 (non-refundable). Contractors that request specifications and proposal forms mailed to them will be charged the shipping costs.

A bid deposit in the form of a bid bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the bid will be required. The successful contractor will be required to provide a 100% performance and payment bond in the full amount of the awarded contract.

The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities.

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St. Paul School to Host Annual Golf Outing June 12

St. Paul Catholic School in Odell will host its annual event, *Golf “Fore” St. Paul School – Mike Moyemont-Juli Sullivan Memorial Outing*, Sunday, June 12, at Wolf Creek Golf Course in Cayuga.

For this year’s event, they will memorialize and honor the memory of Juli Sullivan, a former teacher and friend of St. Paul School. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Juli Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund.

They also continue to memorialize Mike Moyemont, father of Morgyn, honoring his memory and showing appreciation for his many years of service to St. Paul School. A

portion of the proceeds from this fund-raiser will be donated to benefit Morgyn’s education fund.

Tee time reservations are available beginning at 8:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

A fee applies per golfer, which includes green fees, golf cart, and a meal. In addition to a day of friendly competition, there will be chances to win prizes as well.

Sponsorships for area businesses and memorials are available also. If you don’t golf, you may also join for the meal.

For more information or to reserve a tee time, call Kathleen Stadel, outing chairperson, at 815-674-4088.

Recipients of the 2016 Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships Announced \$45,250 Awarded to 27 Students

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees announced the recipients of the 2016 Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships on May 1, awarding \$42,250 to 27 students.

Scholarships were awarded in recognition of academic and extracurricular excellence. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must live in the area currently served by the Odell Fire Protection District, Odell Public Library District, or the Odell Grade School District.

The recipients for the scholarships are:

- **Meagan Brockman**, daughter of Tom and Teresa Brockman. Ms. Brockman attends Loyola University.
- **Eric Campbell**, son of Doug and Chris Campbell. Mr. Campbell will attend Purdue University.
- **Lauren Cassady**, daughter of Mike and Sherry Cassady. Ms. Cassady attends the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign.
- **Maureen Doran**, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Doran. Ms. Doran attends Western Illinois University.
- **Michael Doran**, son of Thomas and Margaret Doran. Mr. Doran will attend Western Illinois University.
- **Ashton Farris**, daughter of Christina Farris. Ms. Farris attends Heartland Community College.
- **Andrea Flynn**, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn. Ms. Flynn attends Illinois Wesleyan University.
- **Erica Flynn**, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn. Ms. Flynn attends Bradley University.
- **Ashley Fox**, daughter of Aaron and Susan Fox. Ms. Fox attends Illinois State University.
- **Erin Gaston**, daughter of James and Shelah Gaston. Ms. Gaston attends University of St. Francis, Joliet.
- **Haley Gaston**, daughter of James and Shelah Gaston. Ms. Gaston will attend Kankakee Community College.
- **Ryan Gaston**, son of Jim and Shelah Gaston. Mr. Gaston attends University of St. Francis, Joliet.
- **Carli Grieff**, daughter of Rich and Deb Grieff. Ms. Grieff attends Illinois State University.
- **Jorden Grieff**, daughter of Rich and Deb Grieff. Ms. Grieff attends Kankakee Community Collegee.
- **Madison Grundler**, daughter of Mary Grundler.

Ms. Grundler attends St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA.

- **Brandon Hodge**, son of Randall and Lynn Hodge. Mr. Hodge attends Illinois State University.
- **Hailey Hoegger**, daughter of James and Shari Hoegger. Ms. Hoegger attends Illinois State University.
- **Ashley Johnson**, daughter of Jamie Johnson and Mark Johnson. Ms. Johnson attends Aurora University.
- **Kristin Johnson**, daughter of Jamie Johnson and Mark Johnson. Ms. Johnson attends University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- **Matthew Johnson**, son of Jamie Johnson and Mark Johnson. Mr. Johnson attends Illinois State University.
- **Park Leacock**, son of Jeremy and Bobbi Leacock. Mr. Leacock attends Heartland Community College.
- **Kaitlynn McKee**, daughter of Aaron and Kara McKee. Ms. McKee will attend University of Illinois, Chicago.
- **Emily Mills**, daughter of Brian and Susan Mills. Ms. Mills attends Heartland Community College.
- **Rachel O’Lone**, daughter of Daniel and Shelly O’Lone. Ms. O’Lone will attend Heartland Community College.
- **Alexander Olson**, son of Martha Olson and Kevin Olson. Mr. Olson will attend Milwaukee School of Engineering.
- **Kelly Pagel**, daughter of Randy and Pam Pagel. Ms. Pagel attends the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- **Molly Verdun**, daughter of Stephen and Kimberly Verdun. Ms. Verdun attends St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA.

Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and a teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years, died March 31, 2004.

She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking to continue their educations at accredited colleges or universities in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business or engineering.

Martin was responsible for both the choral and instrumental music programs at both Odell Grade School and Odell Community High School for 32 years. In addition to her responsibilities for the music program, she also served as the faculty adviser for the yearbook for many years.



THE 8TH ANNUAL WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES, hosted by Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault (KC-CASA) and Iroquois Sexual Assault Services (ISAS), was held April 24 at the K.V.P.D. Rec Center. Participants wore women’s shoes as a symbol of their commitment to ending violence against women. Walkers numbered about 120 this year, including State Representative Kate Cloonen and State Senator Toi Hutchinson. The purpose of this annual affair is to empower men and raise awareness of men’s violence against women. Men were able to demonstrate their support through their participation in this event by wearing a variety of red, pink, and purple shoes (high heels and all). Pictured, l to r, are Jacob Kyrouac of Reddick, and Zachary Scott and Jacob Painter, both of Campus.

Limestone Township Library District Events

Join the Limestone Township Library District for a summer of fun with their reading program - Read For The Win! There will be a week-long Lego Robotics Camp, presentations by Tom Kearney, Read to the Dogs, and much more. Participants can fill out raffle tickets for minutes spent reading.

Sign up at the Library and receive a folder with all the information you need to

Read for The Win! Registration starts May 25th and runs through June 18th. For more information call the Library at 815-939-1696.

For more information or to register for any of the programs, stop in at the Library at 2701 W. Tower Road or call 815-939-1696.

Visit the website to see a listing of all programming at www.limestonelibrary.org.



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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 successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ2; Plaintiff,
VS.
David Q. Rogers; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of David Q. Rogers, if any; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants; Defendants.
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:

-David Q. Rogers

that Plaintiff has commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Livingston County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain Mortgage lien recorded against the premises described as follows:

LOT 19 IN BLOCK 3, RENFREW ADDITION TO DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
C/K/A: 212 West Pollard Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420
PIN: 05-05-04-428-015

said Mortgage was given by David Q. Rogers, Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for New State Mortgage Co. LLC., Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois, as Document No. 00569801.

UNLESS YOU file your appearance or otherwise file your answer in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Livingston County, Livingston County Courthouse, 112 West Madison Street, Pontiac IL 61764 on or before June 10, 2016, A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

Russell C. Wirbicki (6186310)
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Saunemin Fire Protection District Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016	
Balance on hand May 1, 2015	117,052.98
REVENUES	
Livingston County Tax Collector	120,242.65
Replacement Tax, State of Illinois .	3,437.14
IL American Water Grant	800.00
IL Municipal League	481.40
John R. Marsh Estate	128.06
Motorola Radio Rebate	125.00
TOTAL REVENUES	125,214.25
TOTAL AVAILABLE	242,267.23
DISBURSEMENTS	
State Bank of Saunemin	103,203.62
Chase Card Services	6,900.03
Fuel.....	1,197.42
Supplies.....	1,406.03
Alert System.....	695.00
Computer Exp.	1,452.08
Radios	2,149.50
Liv. Co. ETS Board	4,251.53
Quad Co. Fire Equipment	1,976.59
Frontier	1,542.58
ComEd	1,525.25
Alexis Fire Equipment Co.	1,304.53
Nicor	817.31
Praxair	601.25
Meister Wood & Finish	527.60
Charles Ehrhardt, trustee pay	500.00
William J. Rich, trustee pay	350.00
Denny Rich, trustee pay	250.00
IL Assoc. of Fire Protection Dist. .	300.00
TSC Truck Inc.	289.57
Liv. Co. Mutual Aid	275.00
Gutwein Quality Doors	275.00
IL Am Water	273.88
Getz Fire Equipment	200.61
Municipal Emergency Services Dept.	198.82
The Paper	147.00
IL Fire Chiefs Assoc.	125.00
Big R Stores	111.80
Elaine Walker, supplies	69.48
Postmaster	98.00
Giovanini Repair	62.76
Pontiac Auto Parts.....	12.59
Robert Fox, fireman	1,060.00
John A. Eggenberger, fireman	30.00
Gary Swartz, Fire Chief	2,395.00
Vance Miller, fireman	210.00
Rick Reints, fireman	175.00
Craig Cramer, fireman	325.00
Craig Swartz, fireman	672.50
Randy Mauser, fireman	400.00
Elaine Walker, firewoman.....	1,367.50
Mark Eggenberger, fireman	350.00
Jeff Kohlmeier, fireman	275.00
Austin Moore, fireman	580.00
Greg Harms, fireman	490.00
Dustin Rambo, fireman	195.00
Bill Schulz, fireman	50.00
Shawna Gilliam, fireman	60.00
Tyler Roth, fireman	95.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 134,919.80

Balance on hand April 30, 2016 107,347.43

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Charles Ehrhardt

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Nancy J. Haag
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Saunemin Fire Protection District Tort Liability Fund Receipts and Disbursements May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016	
Balance on hand May 1, 2015	12,786.41
Livingston County Tax Collector	14,306.05
Travelers Property Casualty	415.00
TOTAL REVENUES	14,721.05
TOTAL AVAILABLE	27,507.46
DISBURSEMENTS	
Compass Insurance Partners	8,788.00
Travelers Property Casualty	1,905.00
Volunteer Firemen Insurance	920.16
Harland Checks	19.25
Denny Rich, Trustee	250.00
William J. Rich, Trustee	350.00
Charles Ehrhardt, Trustee	500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	12,732.41

Balance on hand April 30, 2016 14,775.05

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Saunemin Fire Protection District Ambulance Fund May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016	
Balance on hand May 1, 2015	52,403.05
REVENUES	
Certificate of Deposit #54954	71,196.14
Account #800-023 Loan	20,000.00
Livingston County Tax Collector	16,488.08
Freedom Ambulance	8,500.00
John R. Marsh Estate	2,167.13
Grain Co. FS	1,016.50
TOTAL REVENUES	119,367.85
TOTAL AVAILABLE	171,770.90
DISBURSEMENTS	
Alexis Fire Equipment	136,432.00
Account #800-023 Repay Loan	20,000.00
Quad Co. Fire Equipment	4,603.25
Physio Control	1,445.52
Duffy, Baier & Snedecor Ambulance	944.70
Chase Card Service	772.16
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SELCAS training	450.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 165,696.77

Balance on hand April 30, 2016 6,074.13

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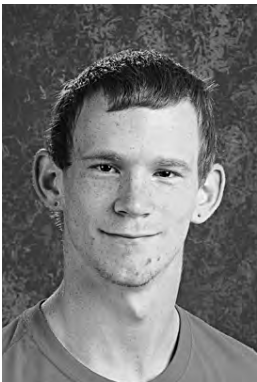


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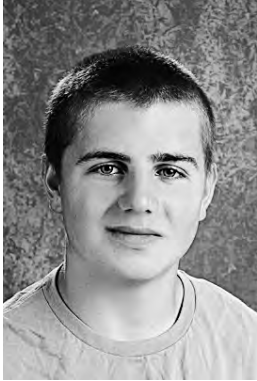
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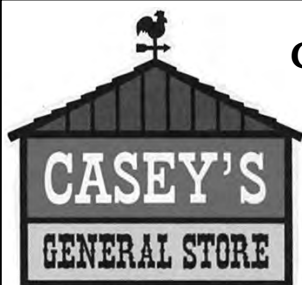
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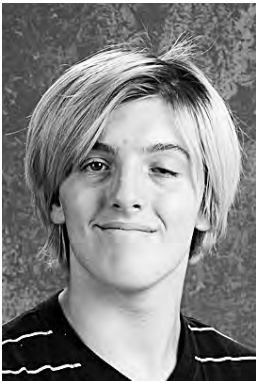
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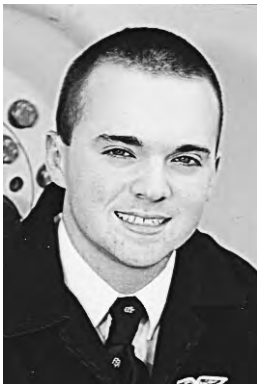
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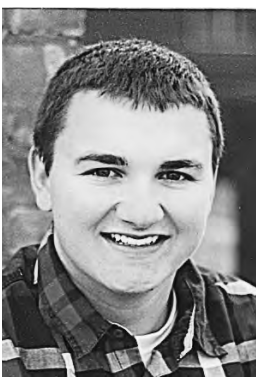
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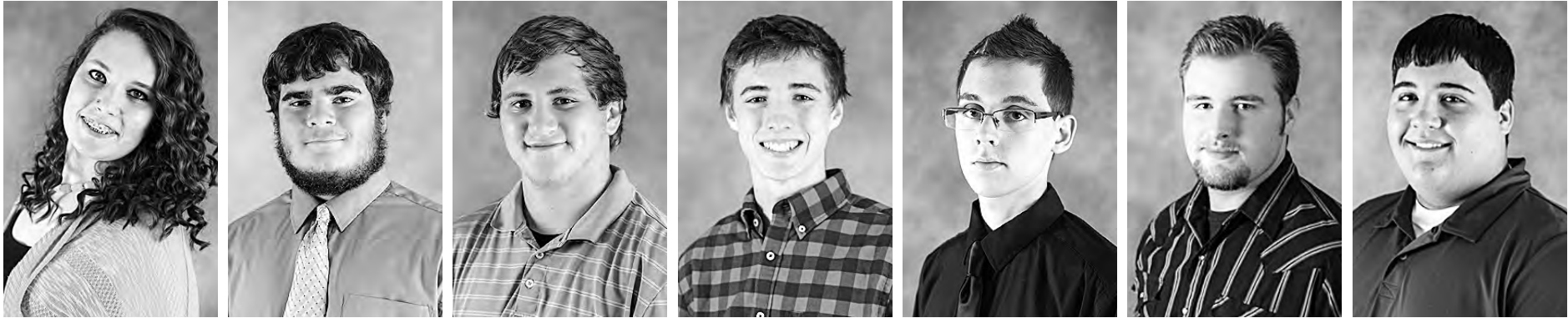
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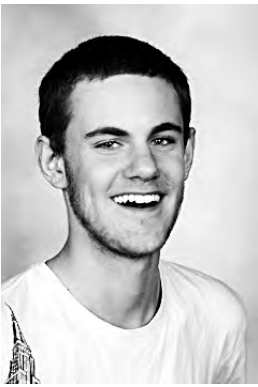
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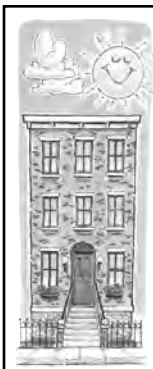


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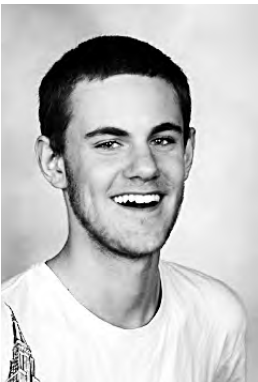
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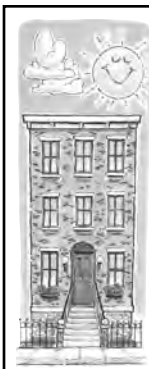


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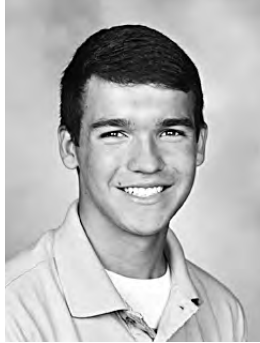







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 Tyler Fisher	 Jacob Fox	 Nathaniel Garcia	 Brandi Geister	 John Gondek	 Macy Goselin	 Madilynn Graefen
 Jared Guimond	 Brigham Haase	 Kelsey Hamlin	 Savanna Harper	 Donald Harris	 Kaytlyn Harsha	 Caleb Hatting
 Nicholas Henderson	 Dominic Hendrix	 Jessica Humberg	 Noah Hurst	 Austin Jarnagin	 Kendall Johnson	 Aliesha Kadlec
 Bailey Kemp	 Emilie Klamann	 Dana Klonowski	 Ryan Koronkowski	 Jacob Kyrouac	 Alexander Leiser	 Logan Leranger
 Miranda Limbach	 Jesse Longtin	 Julia Luhman	 Bradley Lunsford	 Miku Maguire	 Giamarie Marrero	 Catherine Mascolo

Herscher High School Valedictorians

Morgan Fiets of Kankakee, the daughter of Ron and Shari Fiets, has a grade point average of 5.09 and will be majoring in Health Sciences at the University of Illinois in the spring, with plans of being a doctor.

Morgan also earned honor roll/straight A student recognition, IHSA All-State Academic team nominee, Illinois State Scholar, Daily Journal Scholar Athlete team member, Herscher January Senior of the Month, and Herscher Math Student of the Year, in addition to the Medical Field and Herscher Sports Fan Scholarships.

Fiets was involved in volleyball, softball, and S.A.D.D. all four years at HHS, and on the Math team and in the National Honor Society the past two years. She was also a peer tutor as a senior.

Katie Sobodas of Herscher is the daughter of Bud and Jody Sobodas. Her grade point average is 5.089 and she will be taking her talents to Texas A&M, majoring in Biology with her sights set on the dentistry profession.

Katie was an Illinois State Scholar, November Student of the Month, U.S. Marine Corp Distinguished/Athlete Award winner, as well as earning the Wisner, American Red Cross, and Opportunity Award Scholarships.

Sobodas was the vice president of Student Council all

four years at HHS, while acting as secretary on the I8 board. From a sophomore through her senior year, she was president of Interact, as well as a member of the NHS the past two years. As a senior, she became advertisement director for Publications, and has been a member of her youth group since eighth grade.

Ryan Koronkowski of Kankakee, the son of Tom and Terri Koronkowski, will use his 5.089 GPA at Johns Hopkins University in the spring, majoring in physics with a focus on astrophysics.

Ryan was a member of the NHS and an Illinois State Scholar, and earned himself the Math Student, Science Student, and Wisner Scholarships. He also earned the Hopkins Grant – \$36,000/year.

Koronkowski was a Tiger football player all four years, as well as a member of the Math Team and Captain of the Scholastic Bowl team. From a sophomore on, he was a S.A.D.D. member, and for the past two years has taken part in peer tutoring and joined the Interact club.

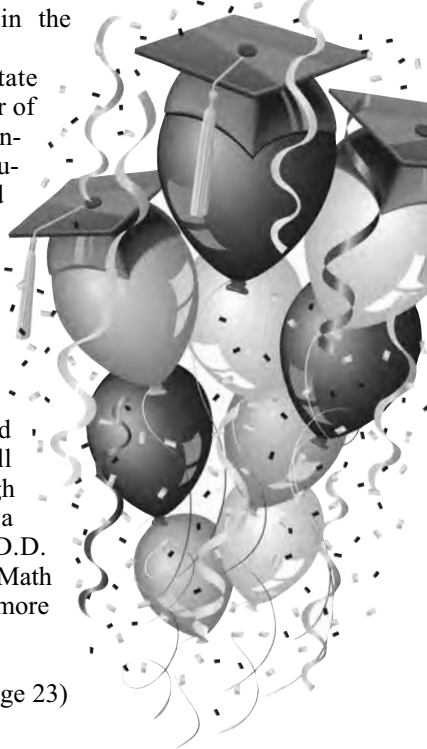
Jesse Longtin of Kankakee, son of Ricky Longtin and Jenny Longtin, earned a 5.089 GPA, and will head to Butler University to double major in Accounting and Business Management. He plans to be an accountant and handle busi-

ness management in the sports realm.

An Illinois State Scholar and member of the NHS (junior-senior), honor roll student Longtin earned the Merit Scholarship (\$15,000/year) and the Johnson Controls Foundation Scholarship.

Jesse played hockey and baseball all four years of high school, and was a member of S.A.D.D. (treasurer) and the Math Team from a sophomore on.

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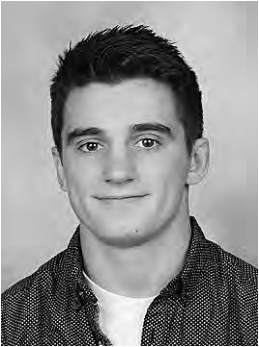

























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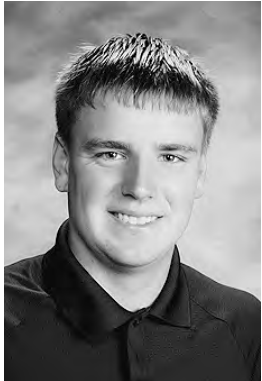

































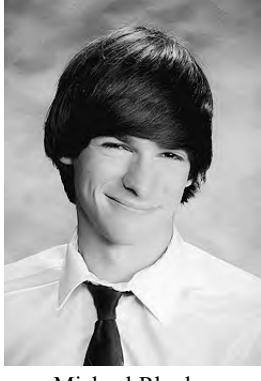










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Crystal Carlos	Emily Cerny	Daniel Colclasure	John Coonan	Michaela Coughlin	Cassie Cruise	Jacob Daggett
						
Joseph Dally	Alexandra Dunning	Ashley Farcus	Kailah Fomby	Shelby Germain	Jacob Gonzalez	Greg Granby
						
Matthew Grushkin	Brodin Harty	Anthony Hasse	Emily Hauch	Michael Isham	Sarah Johnson	Indiana Kryzak
						
Spencer Leake	Kaitlyn Ludvigsen	Hannah McCormack	Jordan Moore	Lysett Mora	Amber Morgan	Samantha Painter
						
Madilyn Payne	Karlie Punke	Jorge Ramirez	Michael Rhodes	Stephen Roesel	Matthew Roszak	Anthony Sams
					<div><div>Mazon State Bank</div><div><i>Class of</i> 2016</div><div>606 Depot St., Mazon, IL 815-448-2102 www.mazonstatebank.com</div></div>	
John Simpson	Hanna Starwalt	John Tezak	Rosa Valenciano	Anthony Willoughby		

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Congratulations to the class of 2016 Saint Paul Catholic Grade School. Left to right are Mason Tjelle, Garret Severson, Miles Imhoff, Allan Erickson, Bryson Connor and Jimmy Abry.

Jamie Johnson Appointed Acting Mayor

Odell Plans May 28 Car Show

Odell Village Trustees, Brian Verdun, Lisa Lambert, Jamie Johnson, Mark Tissiere and Brian Mills were present at the May 9 regular Odell Village Board meeting, along with Mayor Terry Joyner.

Staff members, Iris Thorne and Rich Ribordy, the Village Attorney, Ed Legner; Sgt. John Mitchell, Officer Brian Hoffmeyer, and Pete Petropoul were also in attendance.

Mayor Joyner called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Verdun moved to approve the April 11 meeting minutes, with Trustee Mills seconding. The five Trustees voted “yea.”

Jim Rebholz, village treasurer, supplied copies of the YTD Fund Summary and an MTD Treasurer’s Report, with the following bank balances for the month ending April 30:

Odell Checking	\$39,785.64
Illinois Funds	
Gen Fund MM	\$214,143.33
Illinois Funds	
MFT Fund MM	\$99,241.26
Odell MFT	
Checking	\$ 500.07
Odell Tourism	
Checking	\$ 31,035.58
Odell Water	
Savings	\$ 92,814.68
Odell General	
CD’s	\$227,021.19
Trustee Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Trustee Verdun	

seconded. All approved.

Board Listing Report #887, representing all due bills for the Village for May 2016, and Report #888, all due bills for Tourism for May, were presented for payment approval; Trustee Johnson moved to approve and pay all due bills, and Trustee Verdun seconded; all approved by roll call vote.

Sgt. Mitchell reported that according to the May Police Activity Report there were 32 calls; three warnings; with no citations issued. He also reported that the Sheriff’s Office has had no recent reports of underage golf cart drivers on the streets.

Under old business, Attorney Legner reported that IDOT and DNR are considering entering into an intergovernmental agreement which would create a way by which funds can be passed on to the entities that have grants on hold; however no action was taken on the Route 66 Project due to the hold put on Trails Grant by the state; and no action was taken on the proposed interest rates received from two banks.

Mayor Joyner noted that the cleanup of 109-111 N. Front St. is not moving forward as it should and he will follow up on this issue.

Attorney Legner noted that the deed to 104 N. Wolf St. property is in the owner’s name; therefore the Village

can only deal directly with the property owner or legal Power of Attorney. The issue was tabled.

Mayor Joyner stated that all committees will remain the same except for the Police and Streets and Alleys. Mark Tissiere and Lisa Lambert were appointed to the committee, with Tissiere as chairperson.

The Finance Committee has prepared a job packet for the open Superintendent’s job; Johnson suggested a Special Meeting for May 16 to develop questions for the interview.

Brian Hoffmeyer told the Board that the Annual Cop-Run 5K to take place in Odell Saturday, May 21, will use the same route as last year, and he will inform Rich what is needed from the Village for that day.

Mayor Joyner announced that the car show will be held Saturday, May 28.

The Mayor appointed Jamie Johnson to act as Mayor when he is unavailable/out of town.

The Clearwell Update was moved to Executive Session; as well as one for Personnel Benefits, following which a motion was made by Trustee Verdun for Employee salaries to remain the same. Mark Tissiere seconded the motion. Verdun. Lambert, Tissiere and Mills voted “yea,” with Jamie Johnson the lone “nay.”

Consolidation To Be Explained

Tonight, May 25, at 7 p.m., the Illinois State Board of Education will present information about consolidation, at the Gardner American Legion Hall.

All three grade schools, Gardner, Braceville, and South Wilmington, which are considering consolidating, will be represented. The public is welcome to attend for informational purposes.

This is an informational meeing only. A PowerPoint presentation will be given by the State Board to explain the consolidation process.

Michael Perrott, Superintendent of Gardner South Wilmington High School, presented the 2015-16 Amended Operating Budget at the Budget Amendment Hearing Wednesday, May 18.

He reviewed the amended spreadsheet with board members, and stated that the increase in the Education Fund was due to the receipt of more Title I money this year. The funds from the working cash bond are reflected in the new budget.

There was no public comment regarding the amended budget.

During public comment of the regular meeting of the board, Mrs. Terry Schultz, South Wilmington Village Clerk, asked the board for support from GSW High School, with student volunteers to help run Party in the Park, annual Easter Egg Hunt, park cleanup day, etc.

Mrs. Schultz asked if the sports teams and clubs could volunteer at the park during the various events. She stated that the VFW Park has always supported GSW High School and allows field use for the girls softball games.

Mr. Perrott asked for a list of times and events that help is needed, and he will work with coaches and students to find volunteers for the activities. He expressed the fact that GSW is very appreciative of the use of the ball diamond, and the support the Village of South Wilmington gives the school.

Brian McElroy asked Mr. Perrott if he had checked into a gas detector or an automatic device to shut off burners in the chemistry room, second floor lab. McElroy had asked about the switch at the April meeting, and was assured by Mr. Perrott there is a gas shut-off switch, which meets code and is inspected yearly by the

Fire Marshall and the Regional Office of Education.

GSW received a letter from Anne Mankowski, parent of a graduating senior, applauding Mr. Leone, band instructor, for the great work he has done for the GSW band.

Board members were informed of a June 10 bus trip given by Grundy County Farm Bureau, an opportunity for a board member interested in touring area farms and greenhouses, supporting farming and agricultural education.

Principal John Engelman reported the following:

- MAP, PARCC, ISA testing is complete
- One boy and one girl attended the RVC Scholar Athlete banquet May 3
- One boy and one girl attended the Illinois Principal’s Breakfast/Banquet May 6
- Handbook update made changes and added wording to reflect Senate Bill 100
- Mr. Engelman is vice president of the River Valley Athletic Conference
- Nine incidents of discipline; 96.1% attendance in April.
- Adademic Awards night was May 3; Athletic Awards, May 10
- Finals were May 20 and 23, with a Teacher Institute Day May 24.

Board member Cindy Gerber suggested a senior survey for exiting students to fill out through Google Forms or Survey Monkey. Mr. Engelman said it could be created for next year’s graduating class.

Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed for first review.

It was suggested that GSW could fund-raise by putting birthdays and other public information on the Marquee, and board members will think about the idea, getting back at a future meeting.

Coal City intends to withdraw from the Special Ed Co-op, which would not happen until fall 2017. Mr. Perrott stated that GSW benefits from services provided by the co-op.

Board member Katy Wepprecht said she has a concern with too many saluatorians and valedictorians. She has received lots of complaints about too many speeches during the graduation ceremony, which lost the audience.

Gerber said two years ago a diverse committee was formed to change the percentage over to a 4.0 scale, a change made because colleges want the 4.0 GPA. She said the committee talked about giving the system a few years, then looking at how it is working at GSW.

Wepprecht said it should be looked at again and narrowed down to the top students. Mr. Perrott suggested creating another committee to re-visit the GPA at the start of the 2016-17 year.

Wepprecht questioned the alphabetical order of the graduating class instead of the height order. Several complained about not being able to see the shorter, smaller students. She suggested moving back to height order – and also asked why the risers were not used. Mr. Perrott said he did not want them used due to: no room to store them every year; too much stair-climbing and someone could fall; too much weight on them which could collapse on the stage; and too much work putting them on and off the stage. It is planned to dismantle the risers and use the wood for other projects for the play. GSW appreciates the time Al Jackman donated to build the risers for the school play.

Mr. Perrott reported on the following: Bleachers in gym will be installed at the end of July by Larson Company; Garaventa Lifts will install the wheel chair lift in the east stairwell, going to the third floor; New lighting will be put in the locker rooms, and ceilings in cafe, library.

The Library stage will be converted to an office/meeting/storage space this summer;

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Dwight Schools Approve Four-Year Contract May 18 Joint BOE Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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The Boards of Education for Dwight Grade School District #232 and Dwight Township High School District #230 have approved a four-year contract agreement with the Dwight Education Association effective beginning with the 2016 – 17 school year.

"We are happy to have a long term contract in place with our teachers," Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent of Dwight Public Schools, told *The Paper* following a special joint session of the BOEs on May 18.

Highlights of the contract, which is effective through the 2019-2020 school year, include the following:

- The current salary matrix with base of \$36,068 and all lanes and steps remain the same for all four years of the contract.
- **DGS:** For Year One, full time teachers will receive a one-time payment of \$2,000 in September 2016 (prorated for fulfilling one full year of service) with this \$2,000 not added/compounded to their base salary. Part-time teachers will receive a one-time payment prorated to their percentage of FTE.
- **DGS:** For years two, three and four, teachers who are eligible to move a Step will receive a \$1,443 salary increase each year for the remainder of the contract. Part-time teachers will receive a prorated salary increase. Teachers currently on Step 19 (highest) will receive a one percent salary increase each year for the remainder of the contract.
- **DTHS:** For years one, two, three and four, teachers who are eligible to move a Step will receive \$1,443 salary increase each year for

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• Insurance allowance: All teachers will receive a \$605 monthly insurance allowance. This amount will remain \$605 all four years of the contract.

• Changes were also made to the extra-curricular salary schedules for both Dwight Grade School and Dwight High School; DTHS will see changes to the Cheerleading stipends, Drama director stipends and the addition of ACT/SAT Coaches at \$400 each. Both districts will see changes to the evaluation

process for tenured and non-tenured employees.

In other business at the special May 18 joint DGS and DTHS Board of Education session, both boards:

- approved a three percent salary increase for support staff for the 2016-17 year.
- approved the Prevailing Wage Resolution.
- discussed summer projects and impacts on shared staff and facilities.
- employed summer workers as presented.
- re-employed all tenured teachers as presented.
- re-employed all support staff as presented.
- discussed a proposal to move all shared staff to DTHS with no motion made; no action taken.

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VENDORS – Reclaimed Treasures, 111 E. Chippewa, Dwight is looking for vendors June 4 for Junk in the Trunk. For a space call 815-343-3974 or stop in. 21-2wp

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Informational Meeting on Consolidation

ISBE in Gardner Tonight

(continued from page 25)

the generator is working, and during the recent brown-out it kicked in; a plot of consolidation was submitted to Grundy County Assessor’s Office, but have had no response; abatement will be begun when school is out, then rerouting of pipes late summer/early fall; a note from the regional office stated that the building appears in compliance with items/areas inspected on the annual inspection.

Action items included: Approval of – Amended 2016 District Budget; Board Policy Revisions/Additions (second reading); and a boys overnight basketball trip to summer tournament in Jacksonville.

The Board accepted the resignations of Cassandra Bashayreh, Spanish teacher,

and Christine Sukley, Special Education Teacher; and retirement of Becky Morgan, Librarian; the hire of Anne Fritsch, Spanish teacher, but no action was taken on the hire of a Special Education teacher. They will retain Amber Eisha as varsity volleyball coach, and Larry Lane, cross country coach, but no action was taken on a softball coach.

The May 25 meeting was canceled.

Superintendent’s Information Items: An FOIA spreadsheet was distributed to board members; Information has gone out with fall registration regarding residency verification; The GSW Area Band is playing National Anthem before the Joliet Slammers Baseball Game Friday, June 3. Game time: 7:05 p.m.

Putting together informa-

tion for the Gardner Area Band trip to Washington DC 2017 Memorial Day Parade; basketball will host boys/girls camps and a varsity boys camp June 6-8; volleyball camp June 16-18; softball camp later.

Madelyn Patten, a second time winner, took the Director’s Award for April at GAVC. She is in cosmetology.

The Dwight and GSW Athletic Directors are putting together a wrestling match at GSW next winter. Dwight is handling the logistics.

Gerber asked about Senate Bill 231 follow-up. GLB Railroad hopes to come through the school district, and she wondered if the Board should voice its concern for student safety, bus routes, etc, as area school districts are. A letter will be prepared and forwarded.

Morris Hospital Offering Free Stroke Risk Assessment

In recognition of National Stroke Awareness Month during May, Morris Hospital is encouraging community members to take its free, online stroke risk assessment. The assessment takes less than ten minutes to complete and provides instant results along with a detailed report on reducing stroke risk factors.

Stroke is the #5 cause of death in the United States and is also a leading cause of serious long-term adult disability. Stroke occurs when a blood vessel in part of the brain is blocked or bursts open, resulting in lack of blood circulation to the brain. This can cause permanent loss of movement, speech, vision, or even death.

When taking the online assessment, participants are asked to enter their height and weight, ethnicity, smoking history, weekly exercise, and answer medical history questions related to stroke. There is also a section of the assessment where participants are asked to enter their systolic and diastolic blood pressure (top and bottom numbers) and their total cholesterol. Those who don’t know their exact numbers can estimate an appropriate value using a “drop-down” selection on the assessment.

All of this information is used to calculate whether a person is at high, moderate, or low risk of stroke. The detailed results report that is produced instantly provides education on reducing stroke

risk factors.

In addition to taking the free online assessment, Morris Hospital encourages everyone to learn the stroke warning signs and know the F.A.S.T. acronym:

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- Arm – weakness or numbness?
- Speech – trouble speaking?
- Time – Call 9-1-1 immediately

To take the free online assessment, visit www.morrishospital.org/getcheckednow and click on Take the Stroke Risk Assessment. Free online assessments are also available for heart health and peripheral artery disease.

Jesse White Announces Security Upgrades to Driver’s License/ID Card and Changes to the Issuance Process

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that his office is upgrading security features to the Driver’s License/ID card design and expanding the central issuance process for driver’s licenses and ID cards to all applicants. With implementation of these changes, Illinois has moved closer to achieving full REAL ID compliance, which is a federal mandate of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

By the end of July, applicants visiting Driver Services facilities will no longer be issued a new permanent DL/ID card at the end of the application process. Instead, they will leave the facility with a temporary secure paper driver’s license, which is valid for 45 days and will serve as their DL/ID for driving purposes and proof of identification. The temporary, secure paper driver’s license or ID card will contain a photo and the basic information that appears on the permanent driver’s license or ID card. In addition, the facility employee will return the old DL/ID card back to the

applicant after punching a hole in it.


Meanwhile, the applicant’s information will be sent to a centralized, secure facility in Illinois. After fraud checks have been conducted to ensure the applicant’s identity, a higher quality, more secure DL/ID will be printed and sent via U.S. mail within 15 business days to the applicant’s address.

Central issuance provides better fraud and identity theft prevention by allowing the office to investigate possible fraud before applicants receive their DL/ID - and preventing its issuance and mailing. In addition, the design of the DL/ID card has been upgraded with important features that over-the-counter technology simply cannot produce. These types of anti-counterfeiting security features help prevent and deter fraud.

The transition to central issuance will take place in phases. First, beginning this week, Safe Driver Renewal applicants will receive by mail their new driver’s license with the upgraded security features. These

motorists opted for and expect to receive their driver’s license via mail. Second, through a gradual rollout, Driver Services facilities throughout the state will implement central issuance using the newly designed card. By the end of July, all Driver Services facilities will have transitioned to central issuance.

It is imperative that applicants ensure their address is updated with the Secretary of State’s office in order to receive the permanent driver’s license or ID card. By law, address changes must be reported within 10 days. Illinoisans can update their address online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. If an applicant does not receive their new permanent driver’s license or ID card after 15 business days of visiting a facility, they can check the status at www.cyberdriveillinois.com or call 217-782-7044. While the driver’s license and ID card upgrades are being implemented, there will be more than one valid driver’s license/ID card until the old design format is phased out. Fees remained unchanged.



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Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Lance Leeds
• MAY 25: 2 p.m., Real & Ignite Party; 6:30 p.m., Choir.
• MAY 26: 7:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.
• MAY 27: Office closes at noon.
• MAY 28: 7 a.m., Men’s Bible Study at Route 66 and Pete’s Restaurants.
• MAY 29: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship Service.
• MAY 30: Office closed for Memorial Day.
• MAY 31: 8:30 a.m., Hen’s Bible Study.
• JUNE 1: 9 a.m., Prayer Shawl; 6:30 p.m., Choir practice.

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Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, Pastor
• MAY 28: 5 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
• MAY 29: 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward
• MAY 25: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service & King’s Kids Children’s Program.
• MAY 29: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service; 6 p.m., Sunday Evening

St. Patrick Catholic Church
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815-584-3522 Office
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• MAY 28: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.

Service.
• JUNE 1: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service & King’s Kids Children’s Program.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
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• MAY 29: 10:30 a.m., Worship. Speaker: Dorothy Dawson. Sermon title: “Memories”
• MAY 30: Memorial Day.
• MAY 31: 6:30 p.m., Deacons meeting.
May “Mission of the Month” – Blanket Sunday/Church World Service.

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• MAY 26: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• MAY 28: 7 a.m., Courageous Men’s Group.
• MAY 29: 9 a.m., “Basic Training” 1st & 2nd Timothy; 10 a.m., Main Service – Guest speaker: Larry Booze; NO Kids Church, ages 3-11; NO X-treme Youth Group.
• MAY 30: NO First Place – Memorial Day.
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• MAY 27: AA meeting.
• MAY 29: *Youth Sunday* – 8:30 a.m., Handbell warm-up; Fellowship time; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 11:15 a.m., Picnic and potluck at St. Peter’s.
• MAY 30: Church office closed.
• MAY 31: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army, Food Pantry, & Clothing.
• JUNE 1: 6 p.m., Youth and all ages Fellowship Meal; 6:30 p.m., Youth and all ages Casual Worship; 7 p.m., Youth Group and Small Groups for all ages.

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Braceville United Methodist Church
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815-237-8512 Church
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods
• MAY 25: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Nurture, Outreach, Witness Committee Salad Luncheon and Silent Auction. Free. Love offerings accepted.
• MAY 27: Friday, 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.
• MAY 29: Sunday

Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
• MAY 31: 10 a.m., Women’s Bible Study.

CAMPUS
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• MAY 29: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON
Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Rev. Lyie Avant - Settled Pastor
• MAY 29: 8:45 a.m., Worship. Speaker: Dorothy Dawson. Sermon title: “Memories.”
• MAY 30: Memorial Day.
May Food Pantry Collection: Peanut butter and jelly.
May “Mission of the Month” – Strengthen the Church.

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Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (USA)
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Janet Chandler, Pastor
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M-Th, 8:30 a.m. - noon
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• MAY 25: 10 a.m., Kerygma Bible Study.
• MAY 26: 8:30 a.m., Pastor’s Prayer & Lectionary Study Group.
• MAY 29: 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.
• MAY 30: Church office closed for Memorial Day.
• JUNE 1: 10 a.m., Kerygma Bible Study.
• JUNE 2: 8:30 a.m., Pastor’s Prayer & Lectionary Study Group.



GSW Co-Valedictorians Maranda Residori, Michael Mankowski and Sydney Bartels.



GSW Co-Salutatorians Jenna Johnston, Collin Cash and Olivia Asbridge.



Gardner Grade School graduates are pictured, left to right: Emma Hennessy, Salutatorian; Tony Whiston, superintendent; and Nolan Perkins, Valedictorian.

2016 GSW Co-valedictorians and Co-Salutatorians

Co-Valedictorian Sydney Bartels will begin her post secondary education at Loyola University where she is enrolled in the prestigious Political Science and Pre-Law program and will minor in psychology.

Her achievements include being an Illinois State Scholar, a state qualifier on the math team, and a member of the National Honors Society. She is a recognized athlete in the Pantherette Spiritline and cheerleading squad as well as the softball team while also contributing to the community with her involvement in the Students Against Destructive Decisions, play crew, and Orange Crush.

Co-Valedictorian Michael Mankowski is a really remarkable person that exhibits a true passion for life and learning. He has excelled in all academics and has been honored as an Illinois State Scholar, an Illinois Principal's Choice Award recipient and has been nominated to the IHSA All State Academic Team. He is a member of the math team, the scholastic bowl team, and Students Against Destructive Decisions as well as the National Honor Society. In the fall he will begin his professional pursuit at Augustana College majoring in engineering and physics.

Co-Valedictorian Maranda Residori is recognized as an Illinois State Scholar, is an IHSA All State Academic Team nominee and was a recipient of the Rising Star Award. She served GSW as a

member of the National Honors Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Orange Crush and is the Vice President of her senior class. She is one of GSW's more decorated student-athletes in volleyball, basketball, and softball being named to Joliet, Morris, and Kankakee all area teams and recently awarded the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. She will continue her education in the fall at Kankakee Community College in the Physical Therapy program.

Co-Salutatorian Olivia Asbridge is an Illinois Principal's Association Representative and will be continuing her education at Illinois State University where she will begin her studies as a double major in

Fashion Merchandising and Marketing. She was President of Student Council, and a member of Orange Crush. In her time at GSW she played volleyball and basketball.

Co-Salutatorian Collin Cash will be continuing his education at Joliet Junior College. During his time at GSW he was a member of the co-op soccer and basketball teams. He was also named an Illinois State Scholar and is a recipient of the Joliet Junior College Foundation Scholarship.

Jennaveve Johnston will be continuing her education at Eureka College where she will continue her studies in Elementary Education. This student is an extraordinary young lady who has exceeded herself both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to her academic work she is also the Business Club President, a member of the National Honor Society, is an Illinois State Scholar, was a Ronald Reagan Leadership Award nominee and served on Senator Sue Rezin's Youth Advisory Council.

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