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DGS Prepares Love Boxes



DWIGHT COMMUNITY Love Boxes are administered by Max Sulzberger, Destiny Wahl and Rosemary Miller. Max gets Dwight Grade School 10 shopping carts from Berkot's. Each grade level has their own basket. Each is to try to fill the cart with non-perishable/canned goods. DGS Laura Vigna said the project is the school's effort to connect the kids to giving and support the Community Love Boxes. Previously it was



more of a first-grade-effort, but the last two years, DGS has opened it up to the entire school. Fourth graders (above) are in charge of delivering the food. When they get to the United Methodist Church, they help unload and sort all that is in the carts into the Love Boxes. The boxes are distributed to people in Dwight who could use a little assistance during the holiday season.

Submitted photo

Emington's Bob Young Takes Helm As Livingston County Board Chair



BOB YOUNG, Emington, stopped by the offices of *The Paper* last week after he was elected chairman of the Livingston County Board. He said two major issues facing the board in the near future include siting of wind farm developments and county finances.

The Paper photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Being in a leadership position is nothing new for Bob Young, 69, of Emington.

For years Young was superintendent of schools in Saunemin.

The Livingston County Board elected him Board Chairman in a narrow victory Monday, Dec. 5, winning the position by a 13 to 11 majority.

In addition, traditionally the vice-chair of the board is an individual nominated by the newly-elected chair. Young's nominee lost, however, and elected was his chairmanship opponent, Tim Shafer of the Fairbury area.

When asked if he believed going forward this could cause conflicts in the leadership of the board, Young told *The Paper*, "Hopefully, the conflicts are

behind us."

The Fairbury choice for County Board may have stemmed from the upcoming controversial Zoning Board of Appeals decision regarding siting commercial wind farm developments in Livingston County.

During the Nov. 8 election, Livingston County had a non-binding ballot question that sought to gauge each township's desires regarding wind farm developments.

Most of the voters in Young's district, District 2, which includes Dwight, Odell, Campus, Emington and Saunemin, all contiguous, said they had no problem with the suggestion to raise the current setback for wind turbine towers from 1,200 feet to 1,600. A "no" vote meant that this increase to 1,600 feet was not enough. The Fairbury area

and the rest of the county townships voted against the 1,600 setback. There is a vocal group from Indian Grove Township, where Fairbury is situated, that is fighting against development of wind turbines.

Currently, a wind farm is in the Odell area, and one is being completed in the Tri-Point School District area (Kempton and Cullom in Livingston County).

Indian Grove was strongly against it, voting 1,353 against, compared to 518 in favor of the 1,600-foot setback.

Young, on the other hand, who lives nearby the Odell area wind farm and can see a wind turbine from his farmland, has been vocally in favor of new wind farm development.

"Wind turbines are still

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FINISHING THE CHRISTMAS mailing this year for Operation SOS are (front row from left) Brynn Mackowiak, Robbie Dippon, Beckett and Bennett Webber, Carol Dippon; (back row) Marcia Drach, Kim Law, Earline Landers, Kathy Steurer, Kathy Feltenz, Lori Fraher, Stinnett and Kathleen Gettinger, and Annette Riegel.

Submitted photo

Operation S.O.S. — 13 Years and Going Strong Supporting Area Soldiers

Note: Volunteers are the backbone of charity work throughout the United States of America. The Paper's circulation area is no exception. To bring this home to our readers, we are starting a series this week featuring volunteer organizations and what they do for their communities.

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

When a Dwight area soldier receives a package from Operation S.O.S., he or she is the envy of his fellow servicemen and women. Repeatedly, the local soldiers tell the Dwight community that no other town supports its soldiers like Dwight does. And of course, the Dwight soldiers share the loot, or at least they say they do.

So how did this mighty institution get started 13 years ago, and what army of volunteers handles the duties, packaging up gifts and tokens from home? Well, actually the majority of the work is performed by

three mothers of soldiers, who receive lots of help and funding from the Dwight community.

Back in April, 2003, when America began its second Gulf War in Iraq, the Dwight moms each had a son serving in the military. But each son has since mustered out. However, the mothers continue their volunteer work behind the scenes all year-round.

Annette Riegel had a son, Jeremy, in the U.S. Army. Carol Dippon's son, Tim, and Marcia Drach's son, Brian Trainor, were each U.S. Marines.

At one point in the 13-year history, there were 80 soldiers served by Operation S.O.S. and many years there was a steady batch of roughly 65 soldiers.

As military people finish their enlistments, new ones come in to replace them.

For the last three years, the numbers began to slide from the 65 average.

At one point, in 2007, when one Dwight soldier died, Raymond Holzhauser, Dippon told *The Paper* that a

lot of people came out to make quilts to send to soldiers.

"We would ask people to come and help," Dippon said. "We made 90 quilts. We had an army of volunteers."

Riegel, Dippon and Drach all agreed that the community needed to come together to grieve and heal after the loss of Holzhauser.

"We would meet up above J.T.'s Saloon," said Drach. "We brought in sewing machines. We had a lot of volunteers."

One year, the operation made fleece tied quilts. They have made bags and stockings, as well.

Currently, there are 30 Dwight area soldiers on the mailing list, and each received a Christmas package mailed out Dec. 3.

So why do these gals continue their work, long after their sons have returned home?

"We get paid in hugs," said Dippon.

"We get to see each soldier when they return," (continued on page 4)

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

December 1: Joshua J. Powell, 16, Dwight, no valid regis./1st and 2nd, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

December 3: Lynn M. Church, 56, El Paso, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

7 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 1: 9:03 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 4:43 p.m., Franklin, trauma, Morris; 4:57 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

December 2: 5:01 p.m., I-55, fire, no pt.

December 3: 1:20 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 7:18 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 8:24 a.m., I-55, MVC, cancelled; 10:55 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Riverside; 1:15 p.m., I-55, fire, cancelled, mutual aid to Gardner; 3:05 p.m., Rt. 17, medical, Riverside; 11:16 p.m., Bannon, trauma, refusal.

December 4: 9:01 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 1:30 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 11:30 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

December 5: 8:07 a.m., I-55, trauma, no patient; 2:34 p.m., Bannon, trauma, refusal.

December 6: 1:23 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, refusal.

December 7: 12:12 a.m., E. James St., medical, Morris; 12:54 a.m., Karen, medical, refusal; 2:38 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 10:01 a.m., Spencer, medical, St. James.

December 8: 7:22 a.m., Brewster, fire.

Dec. 19 Is Deadline To File Nominating Petitions

The deadline to file nominating petitions for village boards, school boards, the Prairie Creek Library Board and the Gardner Fire Protection District board is Monday, Dec. 19.

The consolidated election for those positions will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Village board petitions, Prairie Creek Library and Gardner Fire Board petitions are to be filed at their respective offices.

The school board petitions should be filed with the appropriate County Clerk.



Dec. 16 Is Santa’s Last Visit to Dwight

Santa’s last Dwight visit will be Friday, December 16, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Children are welcome to stop by his house at 117 W. Main Street, next to the historic train depot, as Santa will be happy to greet children and listen to their Christmas wish list.

Santa’s visits are sponsored by his friends at the Dwight Economic Alliance.



Temps - 2016

Dec. 1 – high 40°, low 35°
Dec. 2 – high 39°, low 30°
Dec. 3 – high 33°, low 29°
Dec. 4 – high 32°, low 28°
5" snow
Dec. 5 – high 32°, low 24°
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MEMBERS OF THE ST. PAUL SCHOOL CIVICS CLUB recently held a food drive to benefit the Odell Food Pantry. Students who took in items for the pantry were rewarded with a day of “comfy clothes.” The Civics Club used one of St. Paul’s buses to deliver the supplies to the pantry. Pictured are Civics Club members Natalie Weis, Daniela Frauli, Rylee Farris, Lydia Jones, Randy Groves, and Trevor Sexton.

Take Extra Precautions as Temperatures Drop and Snow Moves In

- Dangerously low temperatures and snow are in the forecast and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) wants individuals and families to be safe when faced with the hazards of winter weather.

During snowstorms and extreme cold weather, you should take the following precautions:

 - Stay indoors as much as possible and limit your exposure to the cold.
 - Dress in layers and keep dry.
 - Check on family, friends, and neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance.
 - Know the symptoms of cold-related health issues such as frostbite and hypothermia and seek medical attention if health conditions are severe.
- Bring your pets indoors or ensure they have a warm shelter area with unfrozen water.
 - Make sure your vehicle has an emergency kit that includes an ice scraper, shovel, blanket and flashlight – and keep the fuel tank above half full.

You can find more information and tips on being ready for winter weather and extreme cold temperatures at www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

Salvation Army in Dwight Changing Hours in 2017

The Salvation Army office, located at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Dwight, and the St. Peter’s Clothers Closet will be changing their hours effective January 2017.

Hours will be on the third and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Neither will be open during the first two weeks of the month.

If you have any questions, contact St. Peter’s Lutheran Church at 815-584-1199.

Reddick Fire Calls in November

The Reddick Community Fire Protection District logged 215.75 volunteer hours in November while answering the following calls:

November 1: ambulance call, Shelly Ave.; car v. pedestrian, State Hwy. 17/18000 W. Rd.

November 17: ambulance, Hwy. 17.

November 21: structure fire, South Park Rd., auto aid engine to Herscher.

November 22: lift assist, Shelly Ave.

November 27: fire investigation, mutual aid to Pembroke.

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Here’s Your Retirement “To Do” List

At this time of year, your life is probably more hectic than usual – so you may have assembled an impressive “to do” list. This can be a helpful tool for organizing your activities in the near future – but have you ever thought of developing a “to do” list for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement? If not, you may want to think about it – and here are a few list-worthy items to consider:

- Examine – and re-examine – your planned retirement age. You may have long counted on retiring at a certain age, but are you sure that this goal is the best one for your overall financial situation? Think about it: If you like your job, and you stayed at it for just a few more years, you could significantly boost the funds in your 401(k) or other retirement plan, and you might even be able to delay taking Social Security, which, in turn, would result in larger monthly payments.
- Put a “price tag” on your retirement lifestyle. When you retire, do you want to travel the world or stay at home pursuing your hobbies? Will you truly retire from all types of work, or will you do some consulting or take up part-time employment? Once you know what your retirement lifestyle might look like, you can better estimate your costs and expenses – and this knowledge will help you determine how much you need to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-based plan.
- Be aware of retirement plan withdrawal rules. It isn’t enough just to recognize how much you need to withdraw from your retirement plans – you also must know how much you must withdraw. Once you turn 70 ½, you generally have to start taking money out of your traditional IRA and 401(k). These required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are based on your account balance, age and other factors, but the key word to remember is “required” – if you don’t withdraw the full amount of the RMD by the applicable deadline, the amount not withdrawn can be taxed at a 50% rate.
- Review your health care situation. When you turn 65, you will likely be eligible for Medicare, but you’ll want to become familiar with what it does – and doesn’t – cover, so you can establish an annual health care budget. And if you are planning to retire early, which might mean losing your employer-sponsored health insurance, you will need to be prepared for potentially large out-of-pocket costs.
- Think about long-term care. One service that Medicare doesn’t cover – or, at best, covers only minimally – is long-term care. If you faced an extended stay in a nursing home, the costs could be catastrophic. A financial professional may be able to help you find a way to reduce this risk.
- Develop your estate plans. Estate planning can be complex, involving many different documents – such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. – so you’ll want to work with a legal professional to ensure you’re making the right choices for yourself and your family.

By checking off these items, one by one, your retirement “to do” list will eventually get “done.” And when that happens, you may find yourself pretty well prepared to enjoy life as a retiree.

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

Gifts For Yanks



THE DWIGHT AMERICAN LEGION Post 486 accepted a \$750 donation from Shopko to use for veterans residing at the Heritage Health Nursing Home in Dwight, under an American Legion Program, “Gifts for Yanks.” At the ceremony Dec. 9, presenting and accepting the check are (front row), representing the resident veterans: Ray Brayton, U.S. Navy; and Leland Roe, U.S. Army Air Force; (back row) Heritage Activity Director Brenda Burton, Shopko Store Manager Connie Buberle, Post Services Officer Ivan Hartsey, Post Sgt. at Arms Larry Sauer, and Nursing Home Director Rita Quigley. This project funds Christmas presents for retired servicemen and their wives as a “thank you” for their service. The gifts will be distributed next week.

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Emington’s Bob Young Takes Helm As Livingston County Board Chair

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an issue,” Young said. “The Zoning Board of Appeals has it in their hands.”

His short-term goals include resolving a final setback ordinance for wind farm development and “maintaining a healthy financial picture for the county.”

He estimates no action will be taken on the matter before January of next year.

He added that whatever the ZBA recommends, it will go to the Ag committee, and then be changed, dropped, or sent intact to the full County Board for debate and a vote.

A large chunk of change is being secured for county coffers through tipping fees charged to people dumping refuse in the Pontiac landfill. The fees generate roughly \$3 million net income per year, compared to a total budget of \$31 million, a major source of income and a means to keep property tax rates low. If one looks just at the operating budget of \$11 million, \$3 million is nearly a third of the total operating budget, according to John Clemmer, financial director for the county.

Young said the landfill has a life expectancy of 20 more years.

“The landfill is still going well,” Young reported. “They just opened up a new cell. Without it, the county {finances} would be in a world of hurt.”

He said over the years the financial committee has done a “tremendous job trying to keep costs down. We would be in the red without the landfill.”

He said as a rural resident in the county, he would like

to be a voice on the board for rural issues.

The county, with a population of roughly 38,000 people, includes most people living in the larger towns of Pontiac, Dwight, and Fairbury, with smaller towns such as Odell and Forrest also acting as population centers.

Surrounding counties such as La Salle, Kankakee and Grundy have a much larger population base by comparison.

Currently there are 24 Livingston County Board members, equally representing constituents by population.

He said he will soon be appointing an ad hoc committee to study redistricting which will need to be completed by the 2020 census, four years away.

He said there has been some talk of reducing the

number of county board members, which will be studied by the ad hoc committee.

So why did Young decide to make a run for County Board Chair?

He said after retiring, and working for years in schools, he wanted to “experience something different.”

He said any of the board members he has worked with for the past 10 years have been very dedicated.

“Any board member I’ve ever worked with is hard working and looking out for the best interest of the county. People grumble, but we are trying to do what we think the majority of the public want.”

He added that people should contact him if they wish to discuss any issues.

The County Board office phone number is (815) 844-6378.

DEA’s Annual Dinner and Auction
March 25 at Country Mansion

Save the date – the Dwight Economic Alliance is planning their Annual Dinner and Auction to be held Saturday, March 25, at The Country Mansion.

The event will feature a silent auction before dinner is served and a live auction after dinner. DEA members and all area residents are welcome to attend. Ticket information will be available soon.

The proceeds from the auction will help the DEA continue their efforts in business and community development, as well as fund events and tourism in Dwight.

Anyone wishing to donate an item for the auction is encouraged to call Destiny Connor at 815-343-1147 or the DEA office at 815-584-1830.

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CULLOM HCE HAD 13 MEMBERS AND ONE GUEST MEET at Kross Roads December 6 for its annual Christmas meeting. Hostess Marge Kross welcomed all to the dinner and party, and she read an essay entitled, “Sole to Soul,” followed by another short reading. Table Grace was led by Judy Ehlers. A meal was enjoyed by all present, with homemade cookies and candies served by the hostesses. Cards were signed for Helen Trost and Diana Taylor. Following the meal, gifts were exchanged, using Nancy Flessner’s story – Mr. & Mrs. Wright. Christmas Bingo followed. County President Linda Vercler reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer hours. Volunteer reporting sheets were distributed by Birgit McCulley. Hostesses were Marge Kross and Pat Johnson. Pictured, front row, l to r, are Nancy Flessner, Kristin Bartus, Birgit McCulley, Robin Holtzhauer, Pat Fagan, Judy Ehlers; back row, Meri Knapp, Suellen Fink, Pat Johnson, Nicole Floyds’ mom from Germany, Nicole Floyd, Linda Vercler, Erran Melton, and Marge Kross. The next meeting is January 3 at the Cullom Community Building. Hostesses will be Nicole Floyd and Suellen Fink, with hostess gift to be provided by Jessica Hahn, and the packet lesson, “New Ways to Cut Your Electricity Bill,” will be presented by Pat Johnson.

ALA Unit 122 of Cullom Meets

The American Legion Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit 122 of Cullom meeting was called to order November 14 by President Suellen Fink. With the flags in place, a hand salute was given.

Chaplain Joan Haren offered the opening prayer. In memory of the deceased, they stood in silence. A moment of silence for the MIA/POW was observed. “The Pledge of Allegiance” was led by Americanism Co-Chairman Pat Fagan. One stanza of “The Star Spangled Banner” was sung by all. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary was repeated. President Fink then declared the Skinner Trost Post #122 Department of Illinois regularly convened. Permission was granted to deviate from the printed agenda if necessary.

Roll call of officers showed seven officers and six members present.

The e-mailed minutes were approved, moved, seconded, and carried.

Treasurer’s report by

Linda Vercler was given. Noted the District obligations have been paid. It was moved, seconded, and carried. Bills were presented by Marge Kross and Suellen Fink. It was moved, seconded, and carried to pay bills.

President Fink suggested that when they see Rick Allen, Kevin Ehlers, and Steve Billerbeck, thank them for putting up the Service Branch flags at the cemetery.

Membership as of November 10 is 52.82%. Vicki has 19 more members to send in to department.

Marge Kross gave a report on Halloween party. There were 52 kids in attendance.

On Veterans Day, Kempton School activities were done by Fink and Marsha Haag. They made crafts of pumpkins and stars. At Piper City School, Junior Aux. girls, Elsie Bruner and Tiara Floyd, joined the American Legion in presenting the flags.

Meri Knapp and Haag delivered Veterans Day tray favors for Manteno and

picked up items at Cullom High School that also went to Manteno.

Veterans Day supper had 35-40 attending. The SAL cooked the meat and baked beans. Ana Vieira sang some Patriotic songs and told what it means to her to become an American Citizen.

Knapp has donations from United Fund Drive for Boy Scouts and Haag will check in Piper City to see if they have an active Boy Scout organization.

The December Christmas party and meal was December 12, in which gifts for the Veterans were taken.

No motion was needed for the 17th District Bakeless Bake Sale of \$25.00 as it is in the budget. Past President Parley 50/50 drawing will be April 22, 2017.

Judy Wojciechowski will deliver the cheese and cracker trays on Wednesday to the schools for Education Week. Fink will take care of the “Give 10 for Education” supplies to High School and Jr. High.

Livingston County HCE is selling RADA knives. It was moved, seconded, and carried to get \$60.00 worth for their kitchen.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to reimburse Knapp for her postage for

United Fund drive.

Pictures on the Veterans Wall were discussed, involving putting a chain link fence around them. It was moved, seconded, and carried to talk to Legion.

Old fashioned bingo was played November 16 at Kross Roads for a fund-raiser for Team Doctors.

Breakfast with Santa was held December 3, followed by caroling at the Methodist Church December 5. Christmas On Main Street took place December 10, while the Christmas Cantata at St. John’s Lutheran went down December 11.

Sick call was taken. Five members or family members were prayed for.

The next meeting, the Christmas meeting, is December 12 at 5:30 p.m. Members are asked to take an unwrapped “white elephant” gift for bingo and a gift for the Veterans at Manteno (unwrapped).

With no further business to go before the meeting, Chaplain Joan Haren led them in prayer.

President Fink declared the meeting adjourned. A hand salute was given to their colors. And the meeting ended with the singing of “God Bless America.”

Refreshments were served by Marge Kross and Diane Shapland.

Operation S.O.S. — 13 Years and Going Strong Supporting Area Soldiers



(continued from page 1) Riegel added. “When you get to see somebody come home, that is gratifying.”

Jeanette McCloskey, a civics teacher at Dwight Grade School, supports the program, too.

“She involves kids at DGS and encourages their support for SOS,” Dippon explained.

McCloskey created what is now an institution, “A Postcard from Dwight,” which is a DVD sent each Christmas to soldiers. The DVD features photos and memories and information about the town changes, such as the new train station completed this year.

One year the Dwight Township High School woodworking class made items for the soldiers.

Over the years, the three ladies have worked well together as a team, they said. As an employee at the First National Bank of Dwight, Dippon sees many members of the community. Riegel is the computer whiz, and maintains the mailing list. Drach is the creative talent, providing ideas and artistic touches to the care packages.

All spell each other during emergencies, they said.

As long as funding and support continues for the program, the gals will continue to send care packages.

“People are still enlisting,” Dippon said. “We just need names.”

They had no idea this would last as long as it has.

Dippon added that each time the Operation S.O.S. banner appears in *The Paper*, they receive donations.

The banner was designed for *The Paper* by Mary Boma, publisher. *The Paper* has always supported the program, which the ladies said they appreciate. And each package always includes a copy of the current edition of *The Paper*.

Over the years, the women learned that as soldiers are deployed or move around the world or in the U.S., they lose track of where to send the packages.

So now they ask for a contact person to be sure they can keep current mailing addresses.

Anyone in the Dwight Township High School area who wishes to have their loved one receive a package should contact Operation S.O.S. via email at: operationsoldiers@hotmail.com

Kankakee County Filing Period for 2017 Elections

Bruce Clark, Kankakee County Clerk, announced on December 6 that the filing period for the April 4, 2017, Consolidated Election would begin Monday, December 12.

Kankakee Co. will hold elections for offices including City and Village Officeholders, Township Officeholders, School Board Members, Park District Trustees and Library Trustees. Referenda may also be held.

Only candidates for school board members or for Multi-Township Assessors

will file with the County Clerk. All other candidates running for an office will submit their paperwork with the appropriate local election clerk (village clerk, township clerk, park, library, community college secretaries or their designee). Prospective candidates are required to file their petitions by December 19 at 5:00 p.m. for the Consolidated Election.

A Consolidated Primary Election will be held February 28 for Democratic Voters in the City of Kankakee.

Thank You!!

To ~ Chief Henson (organizer), TJ Henson, Kyle Henson, Dillon Mann, Carson Banks, Hunter Esposito, Logan Widman and Gary Helsing.

These exceptional young men from Dwight worked all day and did not take a break as they moved us into our new home. The Chief called and asked if we could be ready to move the next day by 10 a.m. (the day before Thanksgiving) and all of the above wonderful people volunteered their time.

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The U.S. national average gasoline price per gallon edged up another 3 cents a gallon to \$2.212 Monday.

According to GasBuddy.com statistics, the highest National average price for regular unleaded gasoline on Dec. 12 was \$3.311 in 2012. The lowest price for this date \$1.633 in 2008.

In *The Paper's* circulation area, prices are mixed across the area including the steep spike in Dwight from \$1.962 to \$2.17. Many prices remained flat. *The Paper* publishes last week's and this week's lowest averages each week for the towns listed below.

Average U.S. gallon regular price is made up of 20% state & local taxes; 14% distribution and marketing; 18% refining and 49% crude.

City/Village	Dec. 12	Dec. 5
Dwight	\$2.17	\$1.962
Seneca	\$2.0866	\$2.0866
S. Wilmington	\$2.09	\$2.09
Streator	\$1.892	\$2.092
Odell	\$2.09	\$2.09
Saunemin	\$1.99	\$1.99
Cullom	\$1.97	\$1.97
Pontiac	\$2.03	\$1.98
Gardner	\$2.09	\$2.09
Braceville	\$2.05	\$2.05
Mazon	\$2.09	\$2.09
Morris	\$2.03	\$2.03
Herscher	\$2.04	\$2.04
Kankakee	\$2.13	\$1.92
Chicago	\$2.44	\$2.38
Illinois	\$2.28	\$2.24
U.S.	\$2.212	\$2.181

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

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Saunemin Legion Auxiliary Meets

The Saunemin Legion Auxiliary met November 11 at the Saunemin Community Building.

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie McKinney. Roll call was taken and four members were present.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were given by those officers. It was told by Helen Brown, unit treasurer, that deposits were made in the amount of \$208 and expenses were paid in the amount of \$366.06. These amounts, along with the beginning balance, have given them an ending balance of \$2,081.85. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

A discussion was held as to what to do with the money received in honor of Edna Huber, a loyal member, after her passing. The family requested a plaque for the community building and it was decided to do that, along with special donations to the Veterans Programs in her name. Canteen Books will be purchased for the Danville VA Hospital in honor of Edna and Helen McDowell.

The unit paid the Past

Presidents Parlay dues to the Department and voted on donations to be sent as their yearly expenses: 6-Point Program with a total amount of \$220 given to the program – Nurses Scholarship and Veterans Affairs — Memorial donations to the Canteen Books for their two deceased members. The American Legion programs on Child Welfare and Gifts to Yanks Who Gave were donated to, along with The National Auxiliary Foundation and the National Presidents special project. Phone cards were purchased for the troops who will not be able to be with their families at Christmas. A donation from the Saunemin Woman's Club was also given to this project. Unit donations were given to the Department Presidents special projects and to the Americanism and Spirit of Youth Fund, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Chapel of Four Chaplains, and the Children and Youth special programs, such as Education Scholarships, Illini Girls State, and the USO centers at Midway and O'Hare airports. The Special Olympics

donation was given at this time for their General fund and for their tents at the Olympics.

The secretary, Carol Cantrall, will be getting in touch with the Saunemin Grade School teachers and ask if they would be willing to participate in the Americanism Essay contest and the Poppy Poster Program.

Due to the small group of members attending the meetings, the unit will not be meeting during the months of December and January. The February meeting will be held as long as the weather permits at that time.

Members dues are continuing to be sent to Department by Robin Holzhauer, the membership Chairman.

The Auxiliary and the Saunemin Woman's Club participated in the community "Christmas in Saunemin" December 4, by serving a soup supper.

Ending ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned.

Voice of Democracy Winner



THE DWIGHT VETERANS of Foreign Wars 2608 and Auxiliary presented checks Dec. 8 to the winner of this year's "Voice of Democracy" contest winner. The winner was chosen from area high schools, and the entrants had to submit an essay in writing and orally on the theme "My Responsibility To America." Coal City High School Senior Julie Mahlfeldt won this year's contest. Presenting \$25 checks to Mahlfeldt are John Frauli, Commander of the Dwight VFW Post, and Barbara Daniels, president of the Auxiliary. Mahlfeldt will now advance to the District 7 competition, one of 17 districts in Illinois. If she wins, she advances to the state level. The final level is a competition in Washington D.C., and a chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship.

The Paper photo



THE AMERICAN LEGION JR. AUXILIARY UNIT 122 OF CULLOM met December 4 during the snowstorm for their Christmas Party meeting at the Post. There were eight juniors, four leaders, one senior reporter and one senior guest, and one guest present. All took their favorite snacks to share. Christmas Bingo was played. A grab bag gift exchange was enjoyed by all. Items were taken for the Veterans at Manteno. Pictured, l to r, are Margie Billerbeck, Gabby Spangler, Brittney Billerbeck, Ella Read, guest Rodney Billerbeck, Ana Reynolds, Sophie Billerbeck, Anicah Bruner, and Elsie Bruner. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 8, at 1:00 p.m. at the Post.



South Wilmington Holds Annual Tree Lighting

South Wilmington held its fourth annual tree lighting December 4 at the VFW Park.

The park was snow covered and the night was calm – the perfect night to light the tree.

Town children filled the nativity this year, and they even had the North Star on

top.

The tree was lit by the Alderson family, in honor of their mother – the late Dolly Yenerich. They chose James Muzzarelli, great-grandson of Dolly, to do the honor, along with hanging a special ornament for her on the tree.

Music filled the air, as the children were able to deco-

rate the growing tree, along with many adults who joined in to help.

Hot cocoa and baked goods were sold by the SWGS eighth grade class to help with expenses for graduation, and Santa and a few of his elves even stopped in for a visit.

MVK Seniors Meet

The Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Seniors met November 15 at the Mazon American Legion Hall. President Rita Mills called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She thanked Weitz's Café, Community Nutrition Network, and their many volunteers. There was a silent prayer for their ill members, military, and newly elected officials.

Members signed a sympathy card for the Burdette Carter family and get-well

cards for Dorothy Rolando and Bob Matzen. President Mills also welcomed new guests Bob and Shirley Wittkofski.

Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Shirley Peterson and Pat Arthur and "Happy 66th Anniversary" to Bob and June Elam.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Door prizes went to Paul McIntosh, Jack and Doris Nicol.

President Rita reminded members to bring a "White

Elephant" gift next month. She also asked members to take non-perishable items or canned goods for the MVK Pantry.

Dorothy Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marlene Claypool seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 20, with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting. Anyone 60 and older is invited to join for lunch for a small donation. Call CNN at 815-941-1590 for a reservation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Christmas Under The Windmill

Last Sunday, I attended Christmas Under The Windmill at The Country Mansion.

For any of you who haven't had the pleasure of going, you may want to consider it next year. Dwight has an amazing number of talented individuals gracious enough to give their time for us to enjoy an evening I look forward to every year. While this year each and every one involved came with heavy

hearts because their beloved leader, friend, and emcee, Jerry Beier, was not there, they all put on a brave front and pulled together an absolutely fabulous show.

Thank you to all involved, both on stage and behind the scenes. I'm sure Jerry was looking down smiling and feeling extremely proud of each one of you.

Barb Patten
Dwight, IL

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words.

Letters must be signed when submitted and received by Friday noon prior to Wednesday publication.

Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household.

Political letters will not run the week prior to an election.

We welcome your thoughts.

Merry Christmas, to our Family and Friends!

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DTHS
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The Dwight Township High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame was recently established with eight DTHS alumni selected to serve on the Executive Committee, along with DTHS Principal, Dan Kaiser.

The DTHS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame was founded to promote pride in DTHS and celebrate alumni who have made significant contributions in their communities and in their profession.

These awards will recognize the individuals whose endeavors have brought honor to DTHS and can inspire future graduates to perform and serve in the same spirit.

Nominations can be made by filling out a form and turning it into the main office at the high school or by going online and following the link provided on the Dwight Public Schools website.



JONATHON KOHRT, a 2004 graduate of Dwight Township High School, recently graduated from Michigan State University with a Doctoral Degree in Crop and Soil Sciences. He is employed with Valent U.S.A. Corporation as a Field Market Development Specialist for Iowa and Missouri. Jonathon is the son of Karl and Pam Kohrt.

Morris
Hospital to
Hold Blood
Drive

Morris Hospital is hosting a blood drive in cooperation with Heartland Blood Centers on Thursday, December 22, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in Whitman Assembly Room 1 at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street in Morris.

In order to donate blood, potential donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and feeling well on the day of donation, and be at least 17 years old.

The entire process for donating blood takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour. Donors should bring a photo ID with proof of age. Those planning to donate should eat within four hours preceding the donation.

Appointments are recommended by calling Morris Hospital at 815-705-7370 or going online to www.heartlandbc.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Thomas to
Celebrate 90th



RUBY THOMAS of Normal, formerly of Dwight, will celebrate her 90th birthday Sunday, December 18, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Dwight Country Club. Ruby was born December 22, 1926, in Varna to Grant and Alice Crone. She married Jim Thomas of Streator on November 21, 1951. He died December 1979. Ruby has four children: Deb of Normal, Randy (Vicki) of Dwight, David (deceased) and Janet (deceased). She has four grandchildren: Hope and Cathy of Texas, and Jill and Jake of Chicago. She has six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Stop by the DCC to say "Happy Birthday" and share stories and have cupcakes and cookies. No gifts – just cards.



Gabriel Edward and Elaina Noelle Malstaff

Twins!

Alex and Stephanie Malstaff of LaPorte, IN are happy to announce the birth of their twins, Gabriel Edward and Elaina Noelle, on October 21, 2016.

Gabriel was born at 11:54 a.m. He weighed seven pounds and was 20¼ inches long. Elaina was born at 11:55 a.m. She weighed five pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

They are welcomed home by their big brother Elijah, who is 2½. They share their birthday with their great-grandmother Viola.

Maternal grandparents are Carl Jr. and Sherri Snyder of Odell. Maternal great-grandparents are Carl Sr. and Viola Snyder of Odell.

Paternal grandparents are Beth Malstaff of LaPorte and Jay Malstaff of Union Mills, IN. Paternal great-grandmother is Doris Malstaff of LaPorte.

GSW Senior Allison Kirk
Named DAR Good Citizen



Allison Kirk

GSW High School Senior, Allison Kirk, daughter of Brian and Melissa Kirk of Braceville, was recently named a winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Program and Scholarship contest through the Alida C. Bliss Chapter in Morris. The contest is intended to encourage and reward the attributes of good citizenship. The students selected have shown the qualities of dependability, which include truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality; service, which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others; leadership, which includes personality, self-control, and the ability to assume responsibility; and patriotism, which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community, and nation. Allison was selected by the Gardner-South Wilmington High School faculty for this honor. She will attend the

meeting in Morris this February along with the DAR Good Citizen winners from Morris, Minooka, and Coal City to read her essay and receive her certificate, wallet card, pin, and cash reward. Of these DAR Good Citizen winners, one will be chosen as the Alida C. Bliss Chapter winner. This recipient will be entered into the district level of the program where they will have an opportunity to win another scholarship.

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OBITUARIES

Jerry Beier

DWIGHT – Jerry Beier, 43, of Dwight passed away Friday, December 2, 2016 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, surrounded by his family.



Cremation rites have been accorded and a private memorial service was held Friday, December 9, at First Baptist Church, Dwight.

A public Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Jerry was born January 28, 1973 to Carolyn Miller and Donald Beier in Streator. He married Catherine Mahan June 2, 2001 in Morris. Together they had three children: Eden, 14; Iris, 11; and Oren, 6.

Jerry was a 1991 graduate of Dwight Township High School and a 1997 graduate of Joliet Junior College.

A lifelong performer best known as the Big Kahuna, DTHS is where it all began with his hilarious rap performances at the DTHS Jazz Shows. Whenever he had an audience, he dedicated himself to maintaining a flawless performance.

He spent years DJing for weddings, parties, fund-raisers, festivals and trivia nights. In his youth, he

worked at Turtle’s in Dwight, and created lifelong memories with his co-worker family there.

Jerry enjoyed music, performing, hanging out with friends, and was an avid baseball fan. He was inspired by Harry Caray and loved his boys in blue, The Chicago Cubs. He was in tears when his Cubbies won the World Series.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Catherine; and three children; two brothers, Ray (Amber) Beier and Gary Beier, both of Dwight; and nieces and nephews: Sara, Ryan, Camden, Hudson, Alyssa, Joshua, and Zachary Beier; Blakely Moulton and Kyle Moulton; as well as several cousins.

In 2013, Jerry received a second chance at life from the bravery and selflessness of his niece, Blakely Moulton, in the form of a kidney transplant. His family urges everyone to become a donor and carry on giving the gift of life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jerry’s honor may be contributed at : <https://www.youcaring.com/jerrybeier> to further the education of his children.

K. Roberta Corneglio

SOUTH WILMINGTON – K. Roberta Corneglio, a much - loved longtime schoolteacher in South Wilmington Grade School, died Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Roberta was born July 15, 1939 in Middletown, Illinois, the eldest of three daughters of John H. Keest Jr. and Mildred Newnam Keest. She grew up in Middletown, graduated from Illinois State University in 1961, and married Richard C. Corneglio in 1963. They settled in Richard’s hometown of South Wilmington, where they raised their son, Richard C. Corneglio, Jr., who was born in 1963.

Roberta taught for 44 years, including 40 years teaching English and Social Studies to grades 6 - 8 in South Wilmington Grade School. She taught nearly three generations in that time, and was forever known around town as “Mrs. Corneglio,” even after she retired in 2006 – and no matter how old her former students might be.

She loved children’s liter-

ature and enjoyed sharing her favorite books with her students and with other children in her life. She also enjoyed biographies and mystery novels, as well as needlework. Many of her friends and family have treasured pieces of her handiwork.

In addition to her son, who lives in Farmer City, she is survived by a sister, Kathleen Keest of Des Moines, Iowa. She will also be remembered as a beloved aunt.

Roberta was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and sister, Marilyn Keest Sedrel.

As it was Roberta’s wish, cremation rites have been accorded and a memorial service is being planned after the first of the year.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name can be made to the South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department or the United Methodist Church of South Wilmington.

To visit her memorial tribute: www.fredcdames.com

Thomas Ray Edwards

NEW CAMBRIA, MO – Thomas Ray Edwards, 69, of New Cambria, Missouri and formerly of Campus, passed away Friday, December 2, 2016 at the Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Thomas was born May 24, 1947 in Tuscola, the son of Golden Q. and Gertrude Mae Madewell Edwards. He was united in marriage to Margaret “Peggy” Beatty on February 24, 1968 in Reddick.

Thomas was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, loved dogs, and spending time with his family and friends. He was the best husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of the home; one son, Thomas Ray Edwards, Jr., and his wife, Glenda, of Seneca; one granddaughter, Matilda



Edwards; two step-grandchildren, Adam and Felecia Holman; two step-grandchildren, Peyton Holman and Mason Brown; one sister, Ruth Farrell, and her husband, Bob, of Dwight; and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; eight brothers; and two sisters.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, December 10, at 11 a.m. in the United Church of New Cambria, with Rev. Mary Ellen Waychoff officiating.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the service at the church Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude’s Children Hospital or the United Church of New Cambria.

Arrangements were in charge of Hutton & McElwain Funeral Home.

Robert W. French

COLUMBIA, TN – Robert W. French, 91, a resident of Columbia, Tennessee and formerly of Dwight, went to be with his lord and savior Saturday, December 10, 2016.

A Veteran Memorial Service will be held in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL in the spring of 2017.

Robert was born July 30, 1925 in Joliet, son of Raymond and Margaret Simon French. He was the husband of Wanda French, who preceded him in death December 21, 2015.

Robert served his country in the US Navy during World War II aboard the USS Charles J. Badger (DD-657). After returning from service, he joined the trucking firm Sheik Motor Express and worked there 43 years before retiring.

He was a history buff who liked reading, trains and traveling. He especially enjoyed antique farm



machinery and mules.

Along with his wife, they were members of the Dwight United Methodist Church.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories, his daughters: Pauletta (Victor) Bor-chardt of Clifton, TN; Patricia (Dean) Shipley of Murfreesboro, TN; and Claudia (Gary) Wilson of Adairsville, GA; sisters: Margaret Marie Keith, Betty June French and Janet Evans; grandchildren: Eliza-beth Muller, Christine Thomas, Victoria Dahlberg, Frank Paul Lasser, John Phelan, Paul Phelan, Matthew Wysock, Rebecca Garrett, Jessica Carlton and Anna Wilson; and 24 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Lasser; brother, Raymond French; and sister, Lois Parker.

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

Michael Frickey

FAIRBURY – Michael Patrick Frickey, 58, of Fairbury died at 5:20 a.m., Saturday, December 10, 2016 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.



brother, Bill (Jean Ann Thais) Frickey of Indianapolis, Indiana; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 3 until 7 p.m., today, Wednesday, December 14, at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, with the rosary to be recited at 2:30 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, December 15, in St. Andrew Catholic Church, Fairbury, with Father Scott Archer officiating.

Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Fairbury.

Mike was born April 8, 1958 in Evergreen Park, son of Willard and Mary Mullman Frickey. He married Cynthia A. Clausen September 29, 1979 in Dwight. She survives in Fairbury.

Also surviving are their children: Megan (Bryan) Fehr of Fairbury; Jon (Crystal Athey) Frickey of Buffalo, MN; and Dane Frickey of Fairbury; his five grandchildren who were his pride and joy: Maggie, Koltyn, Konnor, Nora Fehr and Aria Frickey; three sisters: Kathy and Linda Frickey of Pontiac; and Gilda (Richard) Johnson of Kansas City, MO; and one

Mike attended Eureka College and was a career police officer who served the Livingston County area. He was a Livingston County Sheriff deputy (1979-1992); and an officer for the Fairbury Police Department (1992-2016), serving as Chief of the department (2013-2016).

Mike was the past president of the FOP Lodge #186, DARE officer, Prairie Central High School resource officer, a member of the Livingston County ERU team and Livingston County Proactive units. He was one of the founders of the CIFL program and a volunteer football coach for many years. He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church, Fairbury.

One of Mike’s greatest desires was to live long enough to see the Chicago Cubs win the World Series. And, he did.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to St. Andrew Catholic Church, Fairbury, or Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #186 “Cops for Kids” fund.

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I’m currently at the point where I have to consider what my next living option will be when my current lease is up April 30th.

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The other option, although my commute would be long, would be possible, is to move back home for a short stint and save money that would’ve been going to rent.

The amount I would save in even six months would be pretty considerable, and make it worth moving back.

To help decide, I turned to the online world to see what they had to say. The overwhelming majority of the articles I read were against the idea of moving back home after you’ve started working after college.

I think most of them assumed the move took place right after school, whereas mine would be after living somewhere for a year.

I’ve gone back and forth with the idea, but it was kind of surprising to see that much negative connotation to the idea of potentially moving back in with your parents.

It seems like a very logical way to save money in a time when you’re probably the most cash poor (hopefully) that you’ll be for the rest of your working career.

I’m not saying there’s a wrong or a right way to approach it, but the saving money aspect of it is definitely real and something to be considered.

I don’t think it makes someone less successful, you certainly lose a part of your independence when you move back in, but I think the move is to set up for the long term even if the short term isn’t as desirable.

I still haven’t made my decision, and probably won’t fully make one for another month or so.

I’ve decided where I was going to school, what I was going to major in, what kind of car I was going to buy, but none of those decisions were as complex as deciding where I’m going to go to sleep at night.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Graduate

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The following Treasurer’s Report for the Allen Township (Town and General Assistance Funds) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, is published in compliance with Chapter 102, Section 5, et seq., Illinois Revised Statutes.		
Robert Kelly Township Supervisor		
ALLEN TOWNSHIP TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements Fiscal Year April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016		
Cash Balance, April 1, 2015		\$ 152,387
Cash Receipts:		
Property taxes	\$99, 193	
Personal Property Tax	10, 747	
Interest received on deposits	37	
Transfer to Town Fund from GA Fund	100	
Miscellaneous Income	1,323	
Total cash receipts		111,400
Cash disbursements (see listing attached)		160,100
Cash balance March 31, 2016		103,687
Listing of cash disbursements by payee:		
Compensation Summary:		
Under (\$18,000) Andrew Wright, Diane Rzasa, James Cahill, James Talty, Jayne Corsini, Robert Kelly, and William Bergeson: \$33,980		
Vendor Summary:		Aggregate Amount Paid
Allen Township Cemetery		\$ 5,500
Internal Revenue Service		2,629
TOIRMA		6,321
Transfer to Town Fund from GA Fund		100
Transfer to Equip. Bldg Fund from Town Fund		100,000
Amounts Less than \$2,500		11,570
		\$ 126,120
Fund Summary:		
	Town	General Assistance
Beginning Balance	\$142,966	9,421
Revenue	111,400	-
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Ending Balance	\$ 94,366	9,321

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DALY GALLOWAY SIGNS ON TO RUN AT NIU! On November 15, Daly Galloway of Dwight Township High School signed her letter of intent to pursue an education of Kinesiology and continue her running career at Northern Illinois University. Pictured, front row, l to r, are her dad, Lane Galloway, Daly, and her mother Timi Galloway; back, her high school coach Larry Lane, her junior high coach Tammy Stolzenbach, and her assistant high school coach, Trevor Howard. In kinesiology, Galloway wants to go into the Cardiac Rehabilitation field. She also has the desire to coach at the collegiate level. Galloway was four-time top three state medalist in cross country. In track, she is a three-time state medalist in both the 1600 and the 3200 – never placing lower than sixth. Adrian Meyers, the cross country coach at NIU, has changed the culture of the program over the last two years, taking them from finishing last to finishing second in the MAC championships and having a runner qualify for the NCAA National Championships. Daly, along with four other Illinois recruits, hopes to take them to the NCAA National Championships as a team.



DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Friday, December 9
Dwight vs. South Newton
Varsity -

Justin Fox scored right on his season average of 32 points, as the Dwight Trojans moved to 4-2 overall (1-1 in SVC) with a 64-

57 win over South Newton on Friday.

Though the Rebels hung around through much of the contest – getting it to 43-40 after three quarters – the Trojans were able to hold them off long enough to

secure the win.

Fox connected on four three-pointers in the game, while shooting a perfect 8-8 from the line. Blake Graham had a big night, hitting five threes, on his way to a 22- (continued on page 10)



DENISE SANDERS (left) takes a defensive stance while senior martial arts instructor **Robert Brain** coaches her. Student **Lucas Kisner** stands still as he awaits his turn, with discipline a major part of the teaching at Dwight's new martial arts studio, River Valley Defensive Arts, 108 S. Franklin Street. Classes are open to children and adults.

The Paper photo

Martial Arts Studio Opens In Dwight

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The River Valley Defensive Arts, LLC, opened its doors in Dwight Nov. 17, featuring one class so far, held two days a week.

"I was a retail manager in my previous life," says senior instructor Robert Brain.

"I wanted to do something I enjoy rather than just tolerate."

This location is an expansion of his existing studio in Wilmington, which shares space with Finale Dance Studio.

After Finale opened a dance studio at 108 S. Franklin in Dwight, the owner invited Brain to also open a branch in Dwight.

He said his customer base will be similar to the circulation area of *The Paper*, indicating parents would not likely drive their children more than about 20 miles to attend classes.

Brain, who was born and raised in the Bolingbrook area, began his studies in

martial arts 15 years ago, has been an instructor for five years, opening the Wilmington studio 2½ years ago.

Teaching is very different from being a student, he said.

"I love the teaching aspect," he continued. "You get a real sense of satisfaction when seeing students start to progress, when you see them move from novice to a skilled martial artist."

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NO. 16-CH-60

DIANE M. WALLS, WALTER L. WALLS and unknown owners and non-record claimants,

Defendants.

NOTICE

Notice is given you, DIANE M. WALLS, Defendant, 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 7 and the East half of Block 8 in Fell’s Second Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-22-378-006

Commonly known as: 716 W. Grove St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are DIANE M. WALLS and WALTER L. WALLS. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on May 27, 2011 and recorded on June 13, 2011, at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 00609883. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 16-CH-60 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, DIANE M. WALLS, Defendant, 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 January 15, 2017, 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 21 day of November, 2016.

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



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point night. Wes Pulver added five points, with Cal Schultz hitting a triple. Logan Graham contributed a bucket.

Saturday, December 10
Dwight vs. Herscher
Varsity -

The Trojans lost an over-time heartbreaker to Herscher on Saturday in Dwight, with their rivals scoring on a put-back with four seconds left in OT to grab a 55-54 win.

The Tigers held a 9-5 lead going into the second

quarter, but Dwight would trail by just one, 18-17, heading into halftime.

Herscher would build on their lead in the third quarter, taking a 33-25 lead into the fourth. But the Trojans would come roaring back to tie it up at 48-48 – forcing the extra frame.

In overtime, Dwight would find themselves down yet again, but Logan Graham drilled a three with just 16 seconds left, giving the Trojans a one-point lead.

It was that offensive rebound put back by Herscher, however, that

would be the last basket in the game – and the loss dropped them to 4-3 on the season.

Justin Fox, once again, led Dwight with 34 points (two threes, 14-18 FT), with L. Graham following with ten points, including three three-pointers. Cal Schultz made two threes, while Blake Graham and Wes Pulver each added a bucket.

Friday, December 9
Dwight vs. South Newton
JV -

The JV Trojans topped South Newton 47-29 in their meeting, with Colton Holm leading Dwight with 14 points, including four threes.

The Trojans got out to an early 9-0 lead after one, and took a 16-point lead into halftime.

The great Dwight defense continued in the second half, and the Trojans would be victorious.

Dane Rodosky added three three-pointers in the contest, ending up with 11 total. Andrew Curl and Dakota Wahl each scored six

points, followed by Cal Schultz with five (one three-pointer). JC Santos put in four points, with Bobby Ruder hitting a free throw.

Saturday, December 10
Dwight vs. Herscher
JV -

Dwight defeated the Herscher Tigers 50-32 in the JV match-up, improving to 6-2 overall.

Once again, the Trojans got hot early on, leading 15-5 after one, and 26-16 at the half. For the second consecutive day, it was the Dwight “D” that held it down, and they didn’t let down in the second half, as they cruise to the “W.”

Dakota Wahl and Colton Holm (one three-pointer) each scored nine points to lead the Trojans. Dane Rodosky and Andrew Curl (two three-pointers) both scored eight, with Cole Hahn scoring five points. Tyler Masching added four points, while Cal Schultz and Lane Thompson each made a bucket. Bryson Connor made a free throw.



DTHS Trojan Blake Graham up against Herscher Tigers.



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Saunemin Christmas



ANNA AND MICHELLE STEVENSON (photo directly above) of Saunemin work the Emington Hot Shots 4-H table selling Christmas treats at the Saunemin Christmas celebration, Dec. 4. At left Sophia Hull sits on Santa’s lap. In the photo top left, Alana Horton (center) whispers her Christmas wishes to Santa while brother Danny looks on. In top right photo, enjoying hot soup and good company are Marcie Rich (left) and Lily Stevenson. At bottom, Michael Josefik of Dwight (left) seems to be accusing his brother Luke of being bad for Christmas as they discuss issues with Santa Claus.

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Martial Arts Studio Opens In Dwight

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The other instructors at his studio include Sherri Rathje, and his wife, Patricia.

Rathje is a Hall of Fame Senior Instructor. River Valley Defensive Arts is a charter school of the Independent Taekwondo Association and the Internation Combat Hapkido Federation.

Classes are held in Dwight on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Being a charter school allows students, if they leave Dwight, to go to another school at another location and continue their training.

“The federation has certificates, ranks, and the curriculum is accredited,” Brain explained.

“If they leave Dwight, and say go to New York, they can flash their certificate and start right where they left off.”

Martial arts is also an olympic sports, and people may train at the studio for tournaments and competitions.

Classes can have up to 20 students, and will require additional classes if there is more interest. Students can be beginners though black belts, male or female, children ages four through adult.

For the children, Taekwondo teaches disci-

pline and self-esteem as well as self-defense.

The younger students gain far more than self-defense skills, and parents start to see improvement in their school work, attitudes, and work ethic at home and school.

“It helps kids focus in school,” Brain said. “They are more respectful, concentrate better and their grades go up.”

He said most kids are there because they want to be, and therefore are motivated to learn and follow the class rules.

Rathje is the chairman of the testing, which is checking not only for self-defense skills, but uses a survey filled out by the student’s parents and teachers to make sure they are doing their chores, homework, have good attitudes, are respectful, etc.

Brain said the testing is before all of the other students, and could be before 200 others. If the student is not behaving respectfully and properly outside of class, Rathje will ask why during the test.

So the student learns, through peer pressure, to follow the rules and instill discipline at an early age.

Brain stressed that the classes are in a secure environment, and students are always supervised and not

allowed to roam unattended.

Also, if a student has to wait for a ride, instructors stay inside with the student until the ride arrives, he added.

Some issues the self-defense studio deals with is bullying, not only students who are bullied, but avoid teaching potential bullies the arts.

“We want to make sure we communicate with parents,” Brain said. “We want to teach students how to react in the real world. They are learning to defend themselves. We don’t want to teach a bully.”

The physical training involved is basic, without the use of weights or machines, doing simple exercises like jumping jacks or push-ups.

He said they encourage parents to come and watch if they wish.

Adults largely take classes for self-defense, and study Hapkido.

“Adults see some Steven Segal movie and they say, ‘I want to be able to do that,’” Brain joked.

“We are very excited about bringing an internationally chartered martial arts program to the Dwight area,” said Rathje in a news release issued by the studio.

“Witnessing the development of an awkward beginner into a skilled martial artist is an instructor’s greatest reward, and we’re looking forward to making a positive impact on our students and the Dwight community.”

For further information, contact Brain at (815) 325-8114.



DGS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, December 6
Dwight vs. Saratoga
6th Grade -**

Dwight hosted Saratoga, coming out on top, 21-18, with Brayden Long leading the way with 14 points.

Dawson Sulaica scored three, with Reid Legner and Jace Gall each scoring two.

Gall had the highlight of the night with a behind-the-back dribble as he cut to the hoop.

On the glass, Long and Legner led with six each, followed by Dylan Ramsey and Sulaica each grabbing three. Legner and Gall took six steals each for the Redbirds, who are now 5-1 overall.

In “B” game action, Dwight fell 13-7.

Leading the Redbirds was Ramsey, Gall, and Clayton Peck with two points each. Chris Galbraith made a free throw and pulled down seven rebounds. Luke Stevenson had three boards.

7th Grade -

In the seventh grade match-up, Saratoga slipped by the Redbirds, 38-33, despite a 23-11 Redbird lead at halftime.

It appeared to be all Dwight in the first half, but a goose egg in the third quarter allowed Saratoga to creep back in and steal the win.

Handzus led with 17 points, two assists, a rebound, and a steal, while Brown added 12 points, six steals, three boards, and an assist. Duden put up four points and three rebounds, with Edwards contributing

five rebounds and a steal. Butterbrodt had three boards, a steal, and an assist, while Denker had five assists.

8th Grade -

It was a battle in the eighth grade contest, with two good teams going head-to-head.

Morris Saratoga had an 8-5 lead after one, but the Redbirds fought back to regain the lead at halftime, 15-12.

Saratoga would answer back, taking the lead 24-21 after three, and would hang on for a 33-31 victory.

Brandon Ceylor had nine points, three steals, and two rebounds to lead his team. Andrew Harsh had seven points, eight boards, and a steal. Trent Tilley (one rebound) and Caden Schroeder (two rebounds, one steal) each scored six points, while Jarrett Jancek contributed two points and a rebound. Will Bergstrom made a free throw, pulled down six rebounds, and swiped two steals.

The Redbirds are now 4-7 overall with a 1-2 conference record.

Reid Legner and Clayton Peck each added a bucket, while pulling down four and three boards, respectively.

In the “B” game, Dwight came out on top, 14-7.

Chris Galbraith, Peck, and Michael Gamble had four points each. Dylan Ramsey scored two.

On the glass, Gamble led with seven, while Galbraith and Noah Scott had six and four, respectively.

7th Grade -

A dismal first half put the Redbirds in a tough position against Seneca in the seventh grade game, but they were able to outscore them 13-4 in the second half to make it a game.

In the final frame, Dwight bested Seneca 7-2, but that two points was all the difference, as the Redbirds fell 23-21.

Landon Brown led with 12 points, nine rebounds, and four steals, followed by Duden with four points. Handzus and Kapper added two points each, with Edwards adding a free throw and three rebounds.

A 4-16 showing from the charity stripe did not help Dwight, who now sits at 6-6 overall.

8th Grade -

Brandon Ceylor’s seven points helped get the Redbirds past Seneca, 21-12.

Andrew Harsh would add five points in the victory, with Jarrett Jancek scoring three. Trent Tilley, Will Bergstrom, and Abe Rieke would all score two each.

Grant Miller Assists Wheaton Thunder with Successful 2016 Season

Wheaton College student Grant Miller, of Herscher, was a member of the 2016 Wheaton Thunder football team.

The Thunder football program reached the quarterfinal round of the 2016 NCAA Division III Football Play-offs and finished the season with an 11-2 overall record.

Wheaton College spon-

sors 21 varsity sports, and Thunder teams compete at the NCAA Division III level. The Thunder Athletics program has won five NCAA Division III Championships since 1984, and Wheaton student-athletes have won 31 Division III individual Championships all-time. For more information, visit athletics.wheaton.edu.



SAUNEMIN EAGLES BASKETBALL

**Monday, December 5
Saunemin vs. Mazon
7th Grade -**

The Eagles upped their record to 4-8 with a 28-25 win over Mazon December 5.

Colten Ketcherside and Connor Telford each reached double-figures with 14 and ten points, respectively. Jimmie Riley and Walker Gerdes each added two points.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade meeting, Saunemin dropped a 35-13 decision to the Mavericks.

Isaac Telford tallied all 13 points for his Eagles, as they drop to 7-4 on the season.

scorers. Connor Telford added ten points, while Walker Gerdes scored four. Jimmie Riley and Tyson Cramer each scored three points.

8th Grade -

The Eagles fell to the Warriors 47-34 in the eighth grade match-up, as their record goes to 7-5 overall.

Carson Crouch led all scorers with 20 points, followed by Connor Telford with five and Dallas Hillier with four. Chase Broerman added two points, with Gerdes, Ketcherside, and Isaac Telford adding a free throw each.



GSWB TIGERS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, December 6
GSWB vs. MVK
7th Grade -**

The seventh grade Tigers came out on top of a match-up with MVK December 6, edging the Mavericks, 19-14.

The Tigers took a 13-7 lead into the half, but held a slim margin heading into the fourth quarter after being held scoreless in the third. GSWB was able to hang on, however, improving to 6-6 overall and earning their first IVC win.

Blake Huston led with seven points, followed by Anthony Fedele with four. Garrett Grant and Blake Patterson each added a bucket.

8th Grade -

GSWB got their ninth win of the season (9-3), and third in the conference (3-0) as they beat the Mavs 29-25.

Though they got off to a rough start, the Tigers were able to regain their composure and edge out MVK for the win.

Nate Wise led all scorers with 14, while Chris Bexson added eight, including two

threes.

**Thursday, December 8
GSWB vs. Elwood
7th Grade -**

GSWB got out of the gates slow December 8 against Elwood, as they found tehmselves down 11-4 after the first quarter.

They would narrow the margin to 11-7 at the half, but would put up just four points in total in the second half, and Elwood would win, 28-11.

Nick Seplak led the Tigers (6-7) with four points.

8th Grade -

It was knotted at nine in the first quarter in a battle with a tough, undefeated Elwood team. And at the half, the Tigers were down just three points.

However, only scoring five second half points made it difficult to overcome their opponents, and GSWB would take a 26-16 loss.

Connor Steichen was the leading scorer with ten.

The Tigers are now 9-4 overall.

**Thursday, December 8
Saunemin vs. Woodland
7th Grade -**

Saunemin’s seventh graders earned a 35-28 win over the Woodland Warriors December 8, moving to 5-8 overall.

Colten Ketcherside scored 15 points to lead all

Church Dart Ball League

The Church Dart Ball League results from the December 5 match-ups are as follows:

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

Current League Standings

New Life	9	3
Assembly/God	8	4
Mazon Cong.	8	4
Dwight Meth.	8	4
Trinity Lutheran	6	6
Church of Hope	6	6
Essex-Bonfield	6	6
Emmanuel Luth.	5	7
St. Peter’s Luth.	4	8
Dwight Cong.		
Schedule for January 2 at 7:00 p.m.:		
Church of Hope at New Life Assembly of God.		
Mazon Congregational at Emmanuel Lutheran.		
Trinity Lutheran at Dwight Congregational.		
Dwight Methodist at Essex-Bonfield.		
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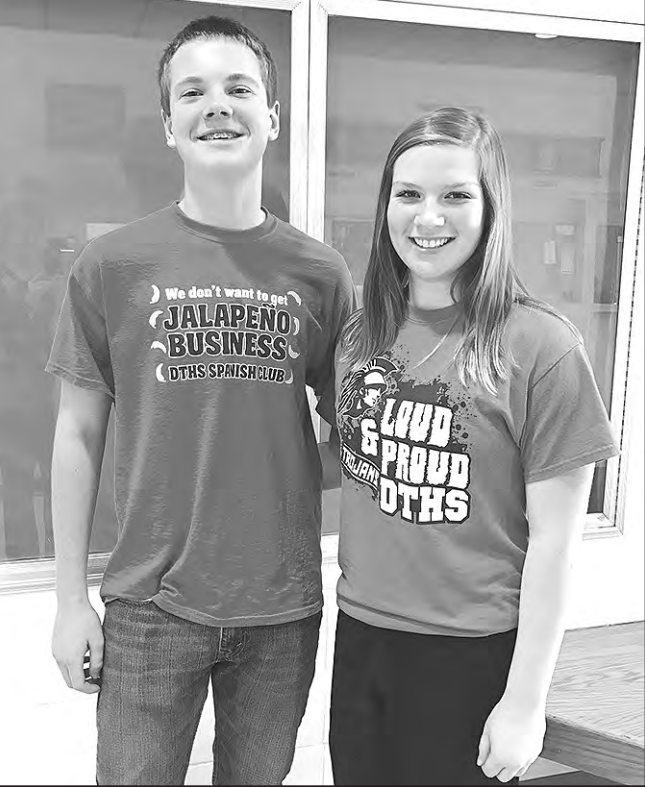
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Gretchen Hilt, Bobby Ruder Selected to Attend HOBY Conference



DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL students Bobby Ruder and Gretchen Hilt have been selected to attend the HOBY Leadership Seminar in Bloomington

Dwight Township High School students Gretchen Hilt and Bobby Ruder have been selected to attend the HOBY Leadership Seminar in Bloomington during the summer of 2017.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership provides lifelong leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential.

Known as HOBY's flagship program, the Leadership Seminar is designed for high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their home, schools, workplace, and community. The high level of energy, encouragement, and motivation, as well as the interaction with peers, panelists, and volunteers are important elements in nurturing the students' future leadership roles.

In addition, students participate in hands-on leadership activities and meet state leaders in such areas as business, government, education, media, and the non-profit sector. There are approximately 70 Leadership Seminars held each spring throughout the United States. Local volunteer committees plan, organize, and run these three- or four-day seminars, and also raise the funds to pay for program expenses.

Each September, every accredited public, private, and charter school in the country is invited to select and register an outstanding sophomore as their representative to their local state seminar. Currently, nearly

9,000 sophomores, representing as many high schools nationwide, attend HOBY Leadership Seminars annually. For the fourth year in a row, DTHS is partnering with the Dwight Woman's Club to cover the cost of the weekend long seminar for the two Dwight students.

Hilt and Ruder, DTHS sophomores, will represent DTHS at the 2017 Leadership Seminar held at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington early next summer.

Gretchen is the daughter of Nathan and Angela Hilt, and Bobby is the son of Mike Ruder and Cyndy Ruder.

All sophomore students were invited to pick up applications and submit essays for the opportunity to attend this seminar. DTHS sophomores Hunter Sulaica and Kaitlyn Harms were selected as alternates for this event.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Friday, December 9
Dwight vs. South Newton
Varsity -

The Lady Trojans picked up a big win over South Newton, 68-30, when they squared off December 9 in SVC play.

Rachel Dawson led Dwight with 21 points, followed by Mel Stewart who had 15 points and seven rebounds. Lucy Rieke

chipped in eight points, with D. Carlson coming up with six. Daly Galloway and Brooke Bossert each put in five points, while Leah Flynn scored four. Butterbrodt and S. Carlson had two points each. Zeedyk added a free throw.

The Lady Trojans move to 2-3 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

Dwight Senior Citizens Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate Bridge was played December 8 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center.

North/South:

1. Janet Kresl/Judy Cashmer
2. Janyce Gross/Nancy Evers

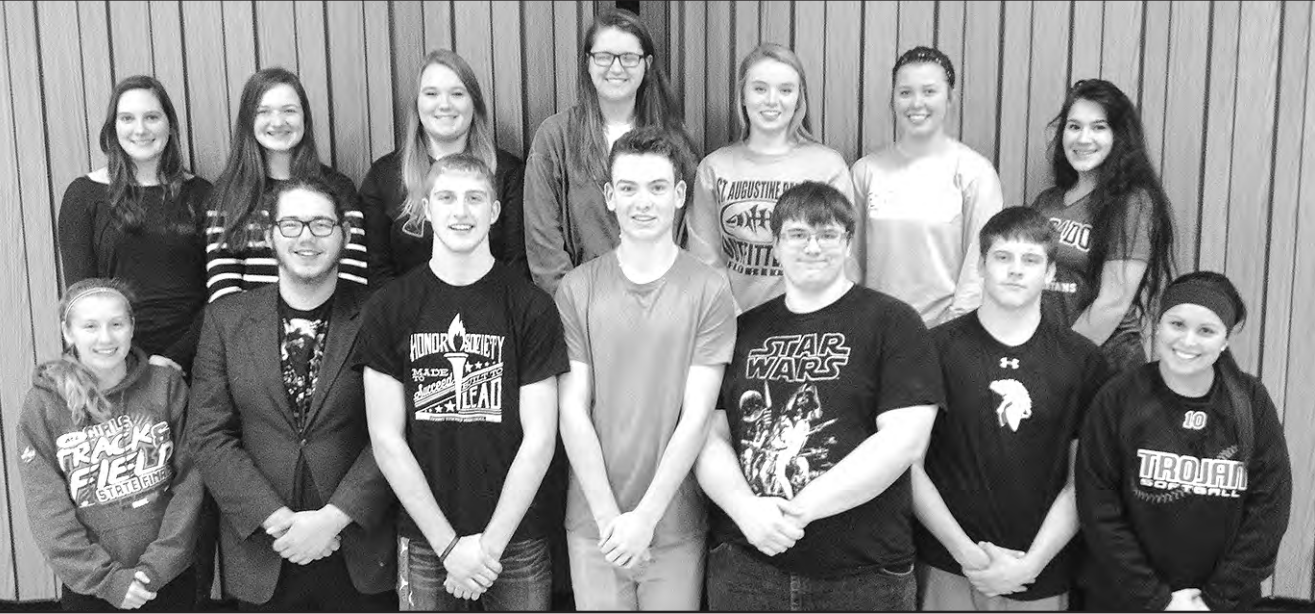
3. Mary Anne McNamara/Darlene Drechsel

East/West:

1. Peg Watters/Barb Christensen
2. Norma Rodosky/Mary Goley

3. Joan Francis/Pat Townsend

The next duplicate bridge play will be December 22.



Dwight Township High School has announced that 14 DTHS students from the graduating class of 2017 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars. The students from DTHS, are pictured above. Front row, left to right, Daly Galloway, Dylan Prouty, Justin Fox, Wesley Pulver,

Brendan Reamer, Hunter Esposito and Brooke Bossert. Back row, left to right, Ashley Burkhardt, Hannah Van Der Karr, Rebecca Ruder, Mykala Cockerham, Rachel Dawson, Samantha Carlson and Skylar Hakey.

DTHS Announces Illinois State Scholars

ACT or SAT scores, and sixth semester class rank. State Scholars rank in approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors, representing 652 high schools across the state.

DTHS State Scholars for 2017 are: Brooke Bossert, Ashley Burkhardt, Samantha Carlson, Mykala Cocker-

ham, Rachel Dawson, Hunter Esposito, Justin Fox, Daly Galloway, Skylar Hakey, Dylan Prouty, Wesley Pulver, Brendan Reamer, Rebecca Ruder, and Hannah Van Der Karr.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state agency committed to helping to

make college accessible and affordable for Illinois families, bestows this prestigious recognition to top Illinois high school students annually. This year, nearly 19,000 elite honorees join the other top state students honored for their academic achievements since the designation was first introduced in 1958.



GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL has announced that five students from the graduating class of 2017 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars. They are Marlana Ferrari, Alison Kirk, Madison Williams, Maxwell Kranz, and Benjamin Bexson. State Scholars represent approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors from 765 high schools across the state. They possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank.



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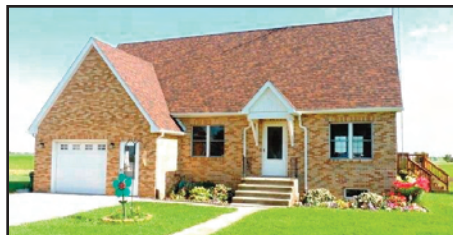


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404 S. Wolf St., Odell
\$68,500

Nice 2 bedroom condo with 1 full bathroom. Large eat in kitchen with nice cabinetry. Living room. Full unfinished basement. 1 car attached garage. Brick front and vinyl siding. Sliding doors in bedroom lead to a nice deck. Condo fees \$800/yr include insurance on building. This condo is priced to sell!



513 E. Prairie St., Odell
\$84,500

Extremely nice 3 bedroom, 1 full bath, 2 story home. 2 large bedrooms upstairs, 1 down. Living room, eat-in kitchen. Great front porch that could be heated. Newer windows throughout. This home has been completely remodeled with every room painted, all new carpet, countertops, some kitchen cabinets, sink, and bathroom all in 2016. This home offers a 2 1/2 car detached garage all wired with a wood burning stove that stays. Fenced in back yard on extra large lot. Full unfinished basement. East wall has a complete new foundation. This would make a great family home with plenty of room for the kids to play in the back yard.

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OBITUARY

Charles W. Havel Jr.

DWIGHT – Charles W. Havel Jr., 88, of Dwight and formerly of Villa Park, passed away Monday, December 5, 2016 at Heritage Woods in Dwight.



Charles was born February 15, 1928 in Chicago, son of Charles Sr. and Rose Holek Havel. He married Patricia Marie Richarson October 10, 1964 in Wheaton. She survives in Dwight.

Also surviving are daughters: Ann-Marie Hundley of Verona; Lisa Marie Havel of Commercial Point, Ohio; a son, Peter (Audi) Havel of Minooka; brother, Jerome (Arlene) Havel of Oregon; sister, Genevieve Venchus of West Chicago; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Rosalie Grgula; brothers-in-law: Steven Grgula and Joseph Venchus; nephews: Stephen Grgula, Mark and Joey Venchus.

Charles owned and operated a service station in Villa Park for

many years. He was a member of the United States Power Squadron and the American Legion. He was an avid fisherman, boater and gardener.

He will be dearly missed by all those he leaves behind.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at 1 p.m., Saturday, December 10, in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, with Father Chris Haake officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded and burial will take place at a later date in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight. At the time of burial, full military rites will be accorded.

Visitation was Friday, December 9, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, with a prayer service at 4:45 p.m.

Memorials in his name may be left to the American Cancer Society.

The guestbook may be signed at www.hagermemorial.com

Chief Pontiac NSDAR Holds Nov. Meeting

The November meeting of Chief Pontiac NSDAR was held at Evenglow Lodge, with Regent Michelle Clark calling the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Chaplain Marcia Weber opened with a prayer. Vice Regent Eleanor Winters led the geoup in the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed, and the Preamble to the Constitution. Michelle read the President General's Report and the National Defense Minute.

October's minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given.

Volunteer hours numbering 364 for Chief Pontiac have been submitted to national headquarters. Members signed thinking-of-you cards for members who were ill. Michelle reported that she, Cheryl Spaid, and

Carol Herdien attended the District III meeting in Savoy November 4. The chapter donated \$150.00 to the Veterans Fund.

The chapter voted to purchase for the Pontiac Library a subscription to the *American Spirit* in memory of Jean Godden and Margaret Brunskill. Members also voted to donate \$25.00 to the Memorial Electronic Wall in Washington, D.C.

The December 5 meeting was held at Café Fontana and State Regent Sharon Frizzell gave the program, "The Buss About DAR."

The program was given by Merle Ferguson on his experience with the Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. He said he joined the Navy in 1948 and took the Honor Flight in 2012.



Santa Coming to Herscher Dec. 17-18
SANTA CLAUS will be making a pre-Christmas stop in Herscher at Dennis Mann's Herscher Datatech shop, 33 S. Oak Street, Herscher. This will be the sixth consecutive year Mann will be portraying Santa Claus for area children. There will be free cookies, hot chocolate, tables for coloring, making Christmas lists, ornament making and cookie decoration. There will also be free pictures with Santa in his chair inside or on his sleigh outside. Last year 247 children were in attendance to see the big guy in the red suit. Members of the Herscher High School orchestra will play on Saturday. Hours are Saturday, Dec. 17, 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, 1 to 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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At the Churches

DWIGHT Dwight United Methodist Church

701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Lance Leeds
• DEC. 14: 2 p.m., Christmas Party for Kids Klub and Real;
6:30 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., Ignite.
• DEC. 15: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Live Nativity; 7:30 p.m., Praise Band.
• DEC. 16: Office closed.
• DEC. 17: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Route 66 and Pete's Restaurants; 6 p.m., YAGOs Dinner at Station 343.
• DEC. 18: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Worship Service.
• DEC. 19: 8:30 a.m., UMW Executive Team.

• DEC. 20: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.
• DEC. 21: 6:30 p.m., Choir.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
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Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, Pastor
• DEC. 14: 3:30 - 5:15 p.m., Weekday School; 5:30 p.m., Advent Service.
• DEC. 17: 5 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
• DEC. 18: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Children's Christmas Service.
• DEC. 21: NO Weekday School.

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward
• DEC. 14: Wednesday Evening Service &

King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.
• DEC. 18: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• DEC. 21: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Pastor Connie Williams
Moodie, Interim Minister
• DEC. 14: Women's Guild Christmas Party, 6 p.m.
• DEC. 18: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "Hand In Hand."
• DEC. 20: Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.
• DEC. 21: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
• DEC. 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

with Communion, 4 p.m.
• DEC. 25: Christmas Day – no service. "December Mission of the Month" – The Christmas Fund/V.O.C.

New Life Assembly of God

903 S. Old Route 66
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• DEC. 14: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Bible Study.
• DEC. 15: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• DEC. 18: 9 a.m., "Basic Training" 1st and 2nd Timothy; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Church, ages 3-11; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group-Salvation Army Bell Ringing/Christmas Party.
• DEC. 20: 6:30 p.m., Book of John Bible Study.

• DEC. 21: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Bible Study/Christmas Party.
• DEC. 22: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• DEC. 17: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Reconciliation; 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., Reconciliation; 4:40 p.m., Christmas Pageant; 5:00 p.m., Mass.
• DEC. 18: 8 a.m., Mass.

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• DEC. 14: 5:30 p.m., Christmas Cantata

rehearsal; 6:30 p.m., Advent meal; 7 p.m., Advent Worship; 7:30 p.m., Youth meet.
• DEC. 15: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at The Country Mansion.
• DEC. 16: Church office closed; 8 p.m., AA meeting.
• DEC. 18: 8:15 a.m., Handbell rehearsal; 8:45 a.m., Fellowship time; 9 a.m., Faith Development for all ages/Cantata rehearsal; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 11:15 a.m., Council Minutes meeting.
• DEC. 19: Church office closed.
• DEC. 20: 1 p.m., Worship Team/Staff meeting; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army, Food Pantry & Clothing; 7 p.m., Church Council meeting.
• DEC. 21: 5:30 p.m., Christmas Cantata rehearsal; 6:30 p.m.,

Advent Meal; 7 p.m., Advent Worship; 7:30 p.m., Youth meet.

BRACEVILLE

Braceville United Methodist Church

106 W. Gould St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor: Bennett A. Woods
• DEC. 14: NO Children's After School Programs or Static Youth Group.
• DEC. 16: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m.
• DEC. 18: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
• TUESDAYS: 10 a.m., Women's Bible Study.
• NO After School/Static Programs
Dec. 21, 28.
• DEC. 24: 6 p.m., Christmas Eve Worship Service.
• DEC. 31: 8 - 10 p.m., New Year's Eve Family Game Night. Take your favorite game and a snack to share.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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• DEC. 18: 10 a.m., Mass. Reconciliation following Mass.

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• DEC. 14: Bible Study, 3 p.m.
• DEC. 18: Worship, 8:45 a.m.; Sermon title: "Hand In Hand."
• DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.
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Christmas Under the Windmill - Sunday, December 4



A plethora of local talent took the stage December 4 for the annual Christmas Under the Windmill musical held in the Garden Room of the Country Mansion. Many honored Jerry Beier, a local talent and emcee of the event, who passed away Friday, December 2. More photos will appear in *The Paper* next week.

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A duet by Barb and Sean Anderson will be accompanied by Janis Tischer, guitarist. Barb Morphe, organist, will accompany the singing of the carols.

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