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Dwight's 1 cent Sales Tax Hike Expected to Generate \$430,000 Yr.

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

When voters approved a 1 cent per \$1 sales tax increase March 15 of last year to pay for road improvements in Dwight, they were told that it would generate enough money.

Now, Dwight has concrete data that the sales tax will generate enough to pay off a \$5 million bond in 12

The sales tax, which is now 8.25 cents per \$1 in Livingston County and 7.25 cents per \$1 in Grundy County, went into effect July 1, 2016.

The third quarter sales tax figures were released recently for July, August and September, showing the sales tax increase is generating roughly \$36,000 a month in new tax revenue.

Based on this quarterly report, the sales tax hike should generate more than \$430,000 a year, more than enough to pay off the \$5 million bond over a 12 year period.

There will likely be more funds left after the bond is paid for more road improve-

"That's our hope," said Austin Haacke, finance director for the Village of Dwight.

That is, however, slightly less than the annual increase the village originally estimated the sales tax hik-

would generate.

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara said if gas prices go up, there could be more revenue generated.

The increased sales tax will not impact sales for groceries, medicine or motor vehicles, McNamara said.

But the good news is, the village promised if the sales tax increase was voted in, the village would give back roughly one month on village water bills (\$38 per household).

That rebate will take the form of a coupon on the January bills, due Jan. 31.

"So when you come in to pay your bill, and it is \$138, with the coupon you write (continued on Page 8)



AUSTIN HAACKE, Dwight finance director, points to one of the major streets to be rebuilt after bids are let out next summer, including North Street along Renfrew Park. The construction is being financed through a 1-cent sales tax increase passed by voters March 15, 2016. The Paper photo



MARTY KIRCHNER of the Essex Fire Department demonstrates how the water pump operations work on the fire truck. The Paper photo

BONNIE DVORAK (left) and Austin Vining hold plaques, recently presented to them, that will hang in the new Essex Fire and EMS building. Vining was honored for his 36 years of service. Bonnie, secretary for the department, holds a plaque for her late husband, George, who served many years as the department's emergency dispatcher.

Essex Fire and EMS Volunteers Sacrifice to Save Lives, Property

Note: This is the fourth in a series about volunteers, featuring the Essex volunteer fire and EMS department, representative of the volunteer departments in Paper's circulation area.

> by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

To be a volunteer firefighter or Emergency Medical Technician requires a lot of sacrifice. But the sacrifice of time is worth it, volunteers all agreed.

In Essex, the husband and wife team of Austin and Sue Vining are in charge of fire and EMS, respectively.

"I've always enjoyed doing it," said Sue, now in her 34th year, as EMS coordinator for Essex. "I just come to help peo-

ple," she added. But it can be frustrating,

Austin, Fire Chief now in his 36th year with Essex Fire, said that after working all day, volunteers are called to put out a fire.

"You could be out all night, then have to get up for work," he said.

Volunteers meet every Tuesday night, now in their new building which is undergoing the finishing touches. The weekly meetings involve training, and critique of actions at the last call. Sometimes the meetings last two to four hours, he said.

An open house is planned for March, Austin said, when the weather breaks.

There is a total of 18 in the fire and EMS departments, with eight EMS tech-

The department includes Denny Meyer as Assistant Fire Chief, and Secretary Bonnie Dvorak, wife of the late George Dvorak, who served as dispatcher for the department for many years.

The dispatch office in the ew fire building was designed the way George wanted it, and it is "too bad he isn't around to see it," Sue said.

Some of the volunteers are certified in both EMS (continued on page 8)

2016 -- A Glance Back Through The Pages of The Paper

January-June

some of the headline news Paper

Note: The following is that filled the pages of The from January



JIM WARREN (RIGHT) and Denise Stillwell feed bread to their "pet" chickens in a coop located next to their residential garage. But Stillwell and two other residents in town have been given notice by the Ransom Village Board that they cannot house live chickens at their homes, despite having housed the chickens in town for two decades. She was told by previous administrations they were "grandfathered in" when the ordinance was passed. *The Paper* photo

through June in 2016. The rest of the year will appear next week.

> by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

January

2016 started out with Ransom featured on the front page for cracking down on an ordinance that bans chickens from being raised in town.

Two affected families attended a board meeting of the village later, but the village stuck to its guns.

However, after a second court trial, Randy Stillwell, who also sits on the board as a trustee, was eventually allowed later in 2016 to keep his chickens in town under a "grandfather" clause.

Livingston County State's Attorney Seth Uphoff (continued on page 8)

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CONGRATULATIONS! DAILY CASH

The Paper photo

CALENDAR WINNERS! 12/24 Steve Boundy, Dwight 12/25 Rosalie Bennett, Dwight 12/26 Bill Oates, Dwight.... 12/27 Tom and Linda Brady, Dwight..... 12/28 Ron Wilder, Dwight.... 12/29 Don Kersch, Reddick 12/30 Rudy and Judy Piskule, Dwight..... 12/31 Diana Pokarney, Dwight..... Check our website www.dwightalliance.org Follow us on Facebook

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

December 22: Asura L. Osborne, Driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

December 24: Felixdey D. Griffin, Speeding 26-34 MPH over limit; Josh Newell, DUI and Possession of cannabis - less than 2.5 grams.

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

Accident Reports

December 22: 12 W. Northbrook at 9:45 p.m. Unit #2, A parked 2016 Freightliner owned by Martz Trucking of KS, was struck Unit #1, 2014 International, driven by Arnold Keeton of Indianola, MS; while turning into the parking lot.

December 25: Northbrook and Union, A vehicle (2011 Kia) driven by Bradley McDonald Eldon, Missouri stopped at stop light, was backed into by a semi, (unknown owner and driver), semi continued on Rt. 47 northbound.

> No Warnings Issued by Dwight Police



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 22: 6:24 p.m., Northbrook. Refusal.

December 23: 11:21 a.m., John, medical, Morris; 9:21 p.m., Seminole, medical, Morris.

December 25: 4:19 a.m., James, medical, Refusal; 3:55 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Refusal; 9:57 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

December 26: 3:03 p.m., Waupansie, trauma, St.

December 27: 3:58 a.m., Verona, medical, St. James; 7:36 a.m., Mazon, medical, St. James; 1:04 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 3:21 p.m., Main, medical, Riverside; 5:59 p.m., Bannon, medical, 6:20 Refusal; p.m., Washington, medical, 7:34 p.m., Refusal; Columbia, medical, Morris.

December 28: 1:56 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 8:10 a.m., Main, trauma, Refusal; 10:43 a.m., Main, trauma, St. James; 12:38 p.m., Union, fire, No pt; 2:38 p.m., I-55, trauma, Refusals (8); 3:54 p.m., Chippewa, standby, fire standby; 8:18 p.m., Clinton, medical, Refusal; 9:58 p.m., Main, trauma, Refusal.

December 29: 3:43 a.m., Linden, trauma, Refusal.

December 30: 8:20 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

Livco Pro-Active Unit Arrests 3 in Drug Bust

Three people were arrested in Pontiac by the Livingston County Proactive Unit and Dwight Narcotics Unit on Dec. 28.

At 9:17 p.m., those agencies, along with the Pontiac Police Department, conducted a search at 317½ Cleary Street, Pontiac, and seized 1.5 grams of heroin, a 2,000 Ford Crown Victoria, and

Arrested were Shirley Miller, Fairbury, Cedric, Decatur, Jonathan Chamber, Pontiac, all charged with delivery of a controlled substance.

Fuller and Miller were also arrested on warrants for delivery of a controlled substance.

Dwight Township Meeting to be held

The Dwight Township's January meeting will be held 7 p.m., Jan. 3, at the Township Hall/Gothic Church. Join Franklin!

Gas Prices Rise Again

The U.S. national average gasoline price per gallon jumped another 4.64 cents a gallon to \$2.324 Friday, marking the fourth weekly rise in prices.

"Motorists hoping for last winter's cheap gasoline are likely to be sorely disappointed this winter as sub-\$2 per gallon prices will be far less common," said Patrick DeHaan, analyst for GasBuddy.com.

"West Texas Intermedia crude oil held for much of the last week in the \$51-\$53 per barrel range, while rising close to \$54 per barrel" DeHaan said.

According to GasBuddy.com statistics, the highest National average price for regular unleaded gasoline on Dec. 30 was \$3.295 in 2013. The lowest price for this date \$1.598 in 2008.

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. 30	Dec. 23
Dwight	\$2.174	\$2.37
Seneca	\$2.386	\$2.32
S. Wilmington	\$2.29	\$2.25
Streator	\$2.384	\$2.39
Odell	\$2.37	\$2.29
Saunemin	\$2.39	\$2.19
Cullom	\$2.35	\$2.07
Pontiac	\$2.34	\$2.13
Gardner	\$2.29	\$2.34
Braceville	\$2.25	\$2.25
Mazon	\$2.29	\$2.29
Morris	\$2.29	\$2.29
Herscher	\$2.29	\$2.29
Kankakee	\$2.31	\$2.343
Chicago	\$2.62	\$2.56
Illinois	\$2.48	\$2.43
U.S.	\$2.324	\$2.28

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

Gasoline price data collected by The Paper and brought to you by Steve's Tire.





Temps - 2016

Dec. 22 - high 36°, low 27° Dec. 23 - high 34°, low 30° trace snow

Dec. 24 – high 36°, low 31° trace snow Dec. 25 - high 53°, low 32°

.30" rain Dec. 26 - high 52°, low 25° Dec. 27 - high 34°, low 24°

Dec. 28 – high 41°, low 26° One Year Ago - Jan. 4, 2016 high 38°, low 15°

trace snow

Livingston Co. Health Dept. Wellness **Clinic Dates** - Jan. 4

The Livingston County Health Department is now taking appointments for the Wellness Clinics that will be conducted at the health department Wednesdays, January 4, and 18. The Wellness Clinic is open to all adults in Livingston County.

and 18

Basic Wellness Clinic services include: blood pressure screening and a blood chemistry profile. This profile includes testing for: all cholesterol levels; glucose level; blood count; and liver kidney function enzymes. The cost for a basic wellness clinic visit includes all lab fees. Most health insurance plans can be billed for wellness clinic fees. Lab results are sent to

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

participants within

To make an appointment for the wellness clinic, call the Livingston Co. Health Dept. at 815-844-7174, ext. Illuminated For The Holidays



THIS HOME on the south side of Rice Road in South Wilmington is illuminated with decorations appropriate for the season. The open window in the front of the home also allows passersby to see the lit Christmas tree inside. The Paper photo

3rd Quarter Sales Tax Reflects Tax Spike for Dwight

by Tom Tock

Sales tax earned by Dwight in the third quarter of 2016 was down when comparing apples-to-apples with third quarter results a year

However, a separate column on the Department of Revenue sales tax report now adds the amount of the 1¢ increase in municipal sales tax that voters approved for Dwight effective July 1,

The July, August, and Septem-ber, 2016, regular municipal sales tax for the Village of Dwight totaled S. Wilm. 18,959 \$158,984. (Livingston and Grundy Counties.)

In 2015 the comparable third quarter total for Dwight was \$168,085.

However, Dwight added quarter sales tax due to the 1¢ that was applied to specific categories. That caused third quarter municipal sales

The 1¢ increase that went into effect July 1 is ear- ed categories, amounted to

improvement.

Third quarter municipal sales tax results for 2015 and 2016 for Dwight and other Livingston and Grundy County communities are:

Municipal Sales Tax

3rd Qtr. <u>2015</u> <u>2016</u> Dwight 168,085 266,405 Fairbury 155,580 141,935 Odell 12,249 10,994 Pontiac 602,828 622,242 Saunemin 5,549 4,334 Gardner 67,786 82,581 Mazon 36,371 30,207 Morris 1,444,088 1,199,064 18,776 Normally, the Grundy

County portion of Dwight provides about 26-28% of Dwight's total sales tax revenue. However, Grundy provided nearly 37% of \$107,421 this year to its third Dwight's new 1¢ sales tax that was applied July 1.

A new 1¢ countywide sales tax went into effect in tax results for the village to Livingston County January balloon to a total of 1, 2014 -- the County School Facility Sales Tax.

That tax, levied on select-

marked for infrastructure \$69,184 that was collected in Dwight during the 3rd quarter of 2016 — \$200,848 so far this year.

> That money is to be used "only for maintaining, renovating and upgrading existing school facilities, for new construction, and paying off building bonds that can help reduce property taxes."

> The money collected countywide with the school facility tax is redistributed to school districts throughout the county based on a school district's enrollment.

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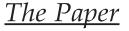


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We brought in enough funds for two cameras. Your donations are very much appreciated.

> The Essex Fire and EMS Department



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Chicago office of the Illinois

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Paper last week that he had

no explanation for the latest

\$157,000 a year as Auditor

General. He can retire after

one year and earn 85% of his

final salary, or \$133,000, a

\$60,000 increase in his pen-

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Dwight Community Chest Campaign

The 2016-17 Dwight able 24 hours a day. Community Chest campaign has begun and there are many ways residents can contribute to this worthy, local cause.

As the state of Illinois grapples with passing a budget many of these social service agencies have seen their funding eliminated, lessened or delayed. Dwight's version of the United Way, the Dwight Community Chest, was established over forty years ago to improve the lives of people in Dwight.

Fifteen not-for-profit agencies that provide programs and services locally in our community will benefit from the 2016-2017 Drive.

People throughout the area benefit from the programs supported by the Dwight Community Chest; it the Ministerial Association's Food Pantry, Peace Meal Program for seniors, Future's Unlimited, or our local Girl and Boy Scouts.

The agencies chosen to receive funding this year help to provide basic human needs, health services, crisis intervention, transportation, and youth programs.

It is the hope of the Dwight Community Chest that everyone during this season of giving can make a donation for these organizations that traditionally do not solicit funds individually.

While some solicitation letters will be sent out, everyone in The Paper reading area is invited to make a tax-deductible donation to the Community Chest at P.O. Box 132, Dwight, IL. 60420. No goal has been set this year by the Community Chest. People are asked to give from their

'We in Dwight have much to be thankful for and residents are asked to show their thanks by making a contribution to the Dwight Community Chest," said a news release last week.

Employees of RR Donnelley have conducted another successful campaign and are a big part in helping the Community Chest attain

Many local Donnelley employees donate one day's salary to the Dwight Community Chest and everyone is invited to do the same if they are able.

In 2016, donations to the Community Chest helped to support 15 locally important organizations including:

- AMERICAN RED CROSS: Helping people learn to avoid, prepare for and handle emergencies, along with numerous blood drives.
- ADV & SAS: A Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Help and support is avail-

- · CARING PREGNAN-CENTER: Provides pregnancy tests, maternity and baby clothing, baby food and furniture, along with referrals for medical care, adoption, foster care and legal assistance.
- CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: A Dwight program that provides Christmas gifts to low income families' chil-
- DWIGHT MINISTERI-AL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY: Located at the Pioneer Gothic Church in association with Dwight Township, the food pantry assists Dwight Township residents with groceries which are distributed the third Wednesday of every
- PEACE MEAL SEN-IOR NUTRITION PRO-GRAM: Promotes independent living and quality nutrition among the senior population of Dwight through the provision of a balanced noon
- FUTURES UNLIMIT-ED: Services, Developmental Training opportunities and housing opportunities are offered to persons in Dwight and throughout Livingston County with disabilities and functional limitations.
- LIVINGSTON COUN-TY FAMILY CARE CEN-TER: Provides basic medical and dental care to hundreds of low-income residents and children of Dwight and Livingston County.
- LIVINGSTON COUN-TY HUMANE SOCIETY: This local organization provides homeless animals a second chance while educating the public about spay and neuter programs.
- MID CENTRAL COM-MUNITY ACTION: Promotes safe and stable families by providing crisis assistance and information to seniors, veterans, and others regarding energy assistance, rate relief, and assis-
- PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES: Offers legal advice, representation, and information to low income persons and senior citizens who have legal problems which threaten their basic human needs.
- SALVATION ARMY: Food, clothing, financial assistance is provided on a short term basis to local persons who are in need.
- SCOUT TROOPS-GIRLS AND BOYS: Local Dwight Scout Troops help build character and foster good citizenship and patriotism in Dwight area girls and
- SHOW BUS: Public transportation is provided to anyone who wishes to ride, be it for a trip or to medical and other appointments. Rides are provided in both Dwight, Livingston County

Frank Mautino Gets Another Pass

request September 19.

Illinois States Attorney

Lisa Madigan joined the

fray and filed a brief in

which she asked the First

Appellate Court in Chicago

General's request to delay

further any State Board of

a status hearing that would

result in the setting of a pub-

lic hearing on the matter.

That has now been post-

Dale Coughlin

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

December 20 was set for

Elections hearings.

deny the Auditor

by Tom Tock

A status hearing was set for December 20, 2016, to finalize a date and conditions for a public hearing on Illinois Auditor General Frank Mautino's questionable campaign spending habits while he was a state representative -- but that hearing has now been cancelled and reset for February 3, 2017.

It was in February of 2016 that former Dwightite David Cooke of Streator filed a complaint with the Illinois Board of Elections after reading a story in the Ottawa Times by David Giuliani concerning Mautino's campaign spending while Mautino was a state representative.

Primarily, Cooke focused on more than \$200,000 in funds expended 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 a little more than a 10-year period.

Cooke's complaint was found by the Board of Elections to be "justifiable", resulting in the Board setting a hearing date for Mautino to explain his campaign spending.

Mautino, who has been Auditor General since January 1, 2016, has stated that his campaign expendi-

tures were legitimate, and hired a law firm in February to help him respond to the

questions being asked. Mautino's lawyer asked the Board of Elections to throw out Cooke's complaint, arguing that the Board had no jurisdiction over a campaign committee that had been dissolved.

The Board disagreed and set a July 1 date to see more information on the bank and auto service spending.

The dates in July were extended to July 11 and then to July 25.

In August the Board planned to set a public hearing date, but Mautino's lawyers asked that the Board of Elections' proceedings be stayed until after a federal investigation of Mautino's questionable campaign spending was concluded.

Cooke, meanwhile, discovered that the Illinois Board of Elections would not actually be doing any investigating of Mautino's campaign spending. would be up to Cooke.

In September Cooke contacted The Paper to tell them the Liberty Justice Center in Chicago had agreed to represent him in his complaint.

Mautino's lawyers had made a second request to stay any hearings until the federal investigation was complete, but the Board of Elections again rejected that

As an investor, your main goals will change at differ-

ent times in your life. During your working years, you need to grow as many resources as possible for retirement. Once you retire, however, you will likely need to focus more on getting income from your investments. But what are your options?

When You Retire, Where Can You Find

Investment Income?

Edward Jones Dwight, IL 60420

There's no shortage of income-producing investments, of course. You might immediately think of bonds, which can provide regular interest payments and probable preservation of principal, provided the bonds are considered "investment grade." Still, if interest rates are low when you retire – as they have been for several years now bonds might not provide you with as much income as you need. And just as importantly, the income you receive from most bonds won't rise over time, leaving you susceptible to inflation and the loss of purchasing power.

Consequently, you may also need to explore other types of income-generating vehicles, including dividendpaying stocks and real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Some stocks have not only paid but also increased their dividends for many consecutive years. These stocks have historically provided the potential for rising income to help combat inflation and are typically well-run companies that strive to reward their investors. Nonetheless, you need to recognize that even these stocks are not obligated to pay you dividends, and they are free to lower or discontinue them at any time without notice.

Now, let's turn to a second type of potential incomeproducing asset: Real estate investment trusts (REITs). Different types of REITs are available. For example,

equity REITs invest in and own commercial properties, such as hotels and shopping centers, while mortgage REITs, as the name suggests, own and invest in property mortgages. Is one form of REIT better than another? There's no simple answer. On the one hand, mortgage REITs are considered riskier than equity REITs. However, mortgage REITs often pay quite large dividends, although the payout can be inconsistent. (Like all REITs, mortgage REITs must pay 90% of their taxable income to investors in the form of dividends. Due to this requirement, REITs generally need to raise capital to finance their growth plans, and this necessity can affect their share prices.)

Other factors, such as changing interest rates, will fect the value of mortgage and equity REITs differently Specifically, rising interest rates will likely cause the market value of the property mortgages inside mortgage REITs to fall, whereas equity REITs, which own actual buildings, might actually benefit if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, as such a move would indicate a strong economy, more jobs and greater demand for office space. In the short term, though, even equity REITs can react negatively to an interest-rate increase. But over the long term, this movement can be offset by the benefits of earnings and dividend growth driven by a growing econ-

Clearly, there's much to think about when considering potential income-producing options such as bonds, dividend-paying stocks and REITs. Ultimately, you will need to weigh the merits and risks of these investments including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk and determine which of them, or which combination of them, are most appropriate for your needs.

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Harvest Days \$10,000 Raffle Winners



THE DWIGHT HARVEST DAYS BOARD met Dec. 24 at Franklin Corner to draw the \$10,000 Harvest Days raffle winners. The names were drawn by Caleb Boma. Winners were (from left) Sarah (and Jeremy) DeLong, \$1,000; Kristy (and Rod) and Kassy Kodat, \$1,000; Jenny Johnson, \$1,000; Cindy (and Randy) DeLong, \$1,000; Jamie (and Scott) Malloney, \$5,000; and (not pictured) Dick Bedecker, \$1,000.

GSW Board Requests P.E. Waiver for GAVC Students

The Gardner-South Wil- technology. mington High School Board approved a special physical education waiver for juniors and seniors enrolled in coursework at the Grundy Area Vocation Center.

At a special meeting Dec. 22, the board voted to submit the special waiver to the Illinois General Assembly for consideration.

Superintendent Michael Perrott explained that in a small school setting such as GSW High School, "there is reduced flexibility for creating schedules that allow students to pursue career and

technical training." The GAVC offers a variety of junior and senior level coursework including certified nursing assistant, building trades and computer

Perrott said these courses will lead to continuing education, apprenticeship programs and employment.

"Because the Grundy Area Vocation Center serves four high school districts, they do not create custom schedules for individual schools," Perrott said.

"Allowing Gardner-South Wilmington High School students the flexibility to waive physical education creates the opportunities that students might need to take advantage of career, technology and vocational education," he said.

If allowed by the state, GSW GAVC students can waive physical education on a semester by semester basis.

Morris Hospital Offers Next Session of 'Diet Free'

Morris Hospital Health-care Centers is offering a free, introductory session to DIET FREE, a lifechanging nutrition and fitness program, on Tuesday, January 10, from 6-7 p.m. in the Whitman 1 Assembly Room at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street, Morris. Those who attend the free, introductory session will learn more about the 10 week program that can be easily incorporated into daily life and followed for a lifetime.

After attending the free introductory session, those

who choose to enroll will attend classes on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. through March 14. The program can also be completed online without attending the weekly sessions.

There is an enrollment fee which is fully refundable at the conclusion of the program provided the participant attended 8 of the 10 classes or completed 8 of the 10 online lessons.

To register for the January 10 introductory class, go to www.morrishospital.org/events or call 815-705-7364. Space is limited.

OBITUARIES

William Walkup

William "Bill" Walkup left this life and became an Angel December 21, 2016 after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his family.

He was born a twin, in Streator, to William and Irene Smith September 16, 1944.

Bill married Carol Ann Hobbs December 6, 1963. She survives. Together they had three children: Brian (Tif) Walkup of Chillicothe; Dan (Dina) Walkup of Dwight; and Brenda (Kenneth) Hill of Herrin.

Also surviving are his sister, Sandy Cline of Iowa; and his beloved grandchildren: Keegan and Kayla Walkup, Daniel and Lilly Walkup, Branson Elizabeth Hill; Tanner and Tyler Frickey; and special to his heart, Ariana Carlson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; older sisters, Darlene and Alma; twin sister, Wilma; and brother, John.

Bill retired from Caterpillar in Joliet, and later became a limo driver. He loved NASCAR and dirt track racing, and being with his grandkids.

Marguerite Mary Corn

BRACEVILLE Marguerite Mary Corn, 84, Braceville passed away peacefully Thursday, December 29, 2016 at her home.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A Memorial Service will be in Immaculate Conception Church, Braidwood, Saturday, January 7, at 10 a.m. Rev. Steve Bondi will officiate.

Inurnment will follow in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

Family and friends are go to welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish Hall for a lunch after the burial.

Marguerite was born August 11, 1932 in Joliet, daughter of Carl and Mayme Sandretto Edmundson. She married Martin Corn April 21, 1951 in Braidwood. She worked at the Braidwood Post Office.

She volunteered at the Morris Hospital inpatient transportation for 12 years, and also volunteered with the Mennonites, the Red Cross to aid those in need,

and also traveled to Honduras orphanages there.

Marguerite displayed the love of Christ and passionately cared for people less fortunate.

Surviving are her children: Debby Lee of Knoxville,

Tennessee; Joey (Michael) Canady of Channahon: Marty Corn of Elgin; and Robert (Shannon) Corn of Shorewood.

She was blessed with 11 grandchildren: Talitha (Eddie) Beebe, Nathan (Melissa) LeBlanc, Cassia Ferguson, Brandon (Stephanie) Petersen, Sandi (Eddie) Lee, Colette (Jayson) Carter, Alex, Samantha and Rebecca Corn, and Nicole and Jacob Corn.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Marty Corn; and daughter, Sandy Corn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name may be directed to the Braidwood Food Pantry.

For more information and to visit her on-line guestbook, log on to www.rwpatt ersonfuneralhomes.com

Pre-diabetes Class to be Held Jan.10

The monthly "Living on the Border ... Keeping Keeping Diabetes at Bay Diabetes at Bay" class will be held on Tuesday, January 10 and welcomes all who want to make lifestyle changes to help prevent the development of type 2 dia-

There is a \$25 charge for this class. Each participant in the class receives a blood glucose meter and carbohydrate counting information.

WHAT:

Living on The Border ...

WHEN: Tuesday. January 10, 2017 4:45 - 6 p.m.

WHERE: **OSF Saint** James Education Center, Pontiac, 2nd floor

RSVP: \$25 charge. Registration is required. Call (815) 842-4970.

For more information Sherri contact 815.842.4970.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

An audit of the funds of the Village of Braceville for the year ending April 30, 2016 has been completed by the audit firm of Mack & Associates, P.C., certified public accountants. A copy of the audit report has been filed with the Grundy County Clerks and is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Braceville Village Office, located at 300 S. Mitchell Street, Braceville, Illinois 60407.

ST. JUDE NOVENA

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day, by the 8th day your prayers will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude.

Anonymous

THANK YOU!

The Livingston County Humane Society would like to thank Dwight Vet for hosting our Light a Bulb Tree and all of the Dwight area for the tremendous support of our Light A Bulb program. A special thank you to the Dwight Grade School and teachers for making our

shapes and Dwight Ace for having our Light A Bulb Tree in their store. Our animals thank you from the bottom of their hearts for providing a safe haven until they find forever homes.

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LIVINGSTON LODGE #371 OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED on December 20 by an installation team from the Mazon Masonic Lodge. Pictured, front row, I to r, are Daryl Holt, Secretary; Robert Garrington, Senior Warder; Jerry Curtis, Worshipful Master; David Taylor, Junior Warden; middle row, Del Hancock, Treasurer; William DeMarse, Chaplain; Herbert Voigts, Junior Deacon; back row, Mazon installation team members Richard Leach, Norman Madison, Kenneth Pfeifer, and Dwayne Waisath.

Upcoming Events at Limestone Library

Limestone Township and up. Library, 2701 W. Tower Rd. in Kankakee, is hosting the following upcoming events:

• Storytime at Night: Thursday, January 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Visit Storytime in your PJs and enjoy the mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. Parents and guardians can take their six-months to fiveyear old children.

• Lego Building: Saturday, January 7, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Lego building blocks and your creativity can only add up to fun at the Library. Join other Lego enthusiasts for an afternoon of building fun. For children in kindergarten

Monday, January 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kids in first through third grade have their own book club and will read the book of the month at their gathering time, in addition to a crafting ses-

Adult Book Club: Tuesday, January 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join for a lively discussion as various genres are explored every month. Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf is the January selection. Pick up your copy at the front desk – more can be ordered as needed. Call the Library for more informa-

• YA/Adult Craft Night: • Monarch Book Club: Tuesday, January 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Get out for a night of crafting as a candle holder is created. All supplies are included and there is no fee. This program is for young adults in seventh grade and up and adults.

> Registration is required for all programs. For more information or to register for any programs, stop in at the Library, call them at 815-939-1696, or visit www.lime stonelibrary.org to see a listing of all programming.

The Library will be closed Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King Day. They will re-open Tuesday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Editor's Corner

by Myke Feinman **Managing Editor**

She Still Wants Me After 40 Years (I hope)



Cathy Feinman

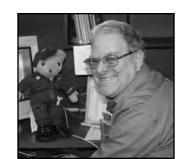
Hi. My wife, Cathy, married me 40 years ago (Dec. 30, 1976). The miracle is, she still wants me (I hope).

It has been a long journey for us, both literally and figuratively. We drove to Illinois from California when we were only married for eight years, to start a new life, like the pioneers of

So, she was willing to leave her family and friends, and allow me to uproot her and our son, Anthony. And she still wants me (I think).

Keep in mind, as the temperatures dip below freezing with blizzard conditions, we moved from sunny California, where the winter temperature did not get much below 29 degrees

Family Gathering



above zero, and never, ever snowed (in San Jose - sea level there).

I transferred out to Illinois as an insurance agent, but quickly began working in the field of journalism, where I have been ever since.

The job takes me away from home constantly. And there have been many times I missed events in our son's life because I had to work covering an event.

To this day, I have many long nights or weekends when I have to cover things for the newspaper.

But she still wants me (I believe).

I have tried to be a good husband and father, tried to take good care of my family, even though we are broke all the time. She stayed with me despite all this.

She is certainly to be nominated for sainthood. I think I will contact the Pope and get that process rolling.

To my wife, thank you for being my soulmate for four decades. I hope we have four more decades. Please stay happy and as beautiful inside and out as you are now. Happy Anniversary, honey. And thanks for staying with me

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
- · 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 www.ready.gov/winter-weather



JOEL, CLAIRE and Jessica Steichen of Dwight meet Santa Dec. 16 as the family awaits his visit on Christmas Eve.

for Christmas last year.

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

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

Save the date – the 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.

January 2017 Gallery Show 'Wood to Paper'

The January 2017 Show at the Pontiac Community Art Center opens on Thursday, January 5, in the Joe Bailey Gallery and runs through Sunday January 29. This exhibit is entitled 'Wood to Paper'

'Wood to Parer' is a collaboration between local artists Pam Beeson and Jim Woodburn. Woodburn is a wood craftsman, and began working with wood in the 5th grade. He found a antique saw and started making lawn ornaments, and has been skillfully working with wood ever since. Woodburn's pieces include furniture crafted from local and exotic woods.

Pam Beeson is a photographer. She got her love of photography in high school. She asked for a camera for Christmas, and her sister got one instead.

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Santa was a bit confused, so she borrowed her camera and has been chasing light ever since. For this show, Beeson concentrated on large prints and canvases. Both artists share a love for modern rustic, wide open spaces and Longhorn cattle.

The Pontiac Community Art Center Gallery is located at 103 West Madison St., Pontiac, Winter hours for the Art Center are Monday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday 12 noon to 4 p.m. There is no admission fee.



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Paul O'Brien's 90th Birthday Open House in Essex Jan. 15



Paul O'Brien

Paul O'Brien, of Reddick, is celebrating his 90th birthday with an open house being planned by his children from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Highpoint Golf Course clubhouse in Essex Sunday, January 15.

Paul was born January 20, 1927, in Reddick. He farmed all his life in Reddick and served on the Board of Farm Credit Service.

Bob Jones U. **Names Area Students** to President's List

The following area stu- major. dents are among approxi-University (Greenville, SC) students named to the President's List for high academic achievement during the Fall 2016 semester:

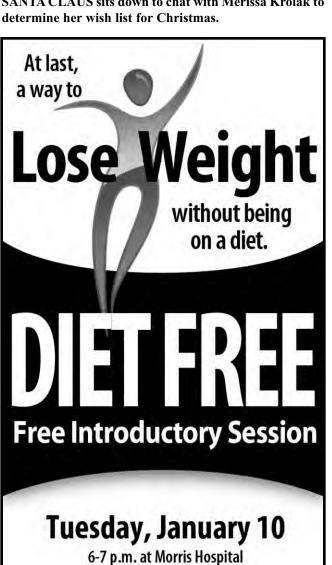
Luke Severson -**Dwight:** Severson is a junior Administration Business

• Jennifer Paputsa mately 490 Bob Jones Emington: Paputsa is a sen-Christian Ministries ior major.

> To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.



SANTA CLAUS sits down to chat with Merissa Krolak to



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To register for the introductory session, go to www.morrishospital.org/events or call 815.705.7364.



Open House for Taddy Usry's 90th Birthday January 7



Taddy Usry

Taddy (Dethada) Quayle Usry will be honored at an open house January 7 at the Dwight Country Club, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., in celebration of her 90th birthday. The event is being hosted by her

Originally from Cabery, Taddy now resides in Dwight, where she enjoys Senior Citizens Club, sporting events at the Dwight Grade and High Schools, being a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and traveling.

Refreshments will be served. No gifts, please.

MVK Seniors Meet

Dec. 20, 2016 at the American Legion Hall in Mazon for a delicious lunch, catered by Weitz's Cafe, through Community Nutrition Network. President Rita Mills called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. She thanked Pam for serving the meal, CNN, and the many volunteers. There was a short, silent prayer for everyone to have a wonderful holiday and a prayer for peace and joy throughout the

Through a special donation, members enjoyed their meal at half-price. They also sang "Happy Birthday" to Ann Bryan.

President Rita read a Christmas-themed poem. She also received a thank you card from Jeannie Madison of the MVK Christmas Baskets for our

The MVK Seniors met on donation. They were able to help over 50 families.

Next, the treasurer's and secretary's reports were read and approved. Door prizes went to Nancy Burchfield, Bob Matzen, and Shirley

Rita pointed out that the American Legion Hall was selling raffle tickets for a huge stocking full of gifts. She also reminded members to pick up a gift if they brought one.

Ruth Metille made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Frank Sereno seconded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17 with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and bingo following the business meeting. Anyone 60 or older is invited to join the group for a small donation. Please make a reservation by calling Community Nutrition Network at (815) 941-1590.

LC Farm Bureau Foundation **Scholarships Available**

The Livingston County Farm Bureau Foundation is currently taking applications for the scholarships for high school seniors and continucollege students. Students will only need to fill out one application to be considered for all scholarships.

Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarship: This is in memory of Ethel K. Hoerner. The LCFB Foundation was the recipient of a portion of the Ethel K. Hoerner estate. Ethel gave this wonderful

gift which will enable Farm Bureau to move towards the goals of providing scholarships to students in the county. These scholarships will be up to \$1,500.

Elite Scholarship: A person may only win the Elite Scholarship once. The Elite Scholarship is in recognition of Rosie Duffy's exemplary volunteerism. You do not need to fill out an additional application for this scholarship. The winner will be chosen from the pool of college applicants. This will be a \$2,000 scholarship.

Kankakee Quilt Makers to Meet

The January Kankakee Quilt Makers meeting will be held Thurs., Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church, 2587 E. Armour Rd., Bourbonnais. A program, 'A Trip Down Memory Lane', will be presented by Donna McGovern about the history of the Kankakee Quiltmakers.

following day Roberta Renville will be doing a workshop at the Bourbonnais Library. The workshop will be on 'How to make your name tag without paper piecing'! We welcome all those who love to quilt or want to start.

Contact Laurie Vandergriff for more details: 708-774-1009

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Lindsay Leskanich

SOS Thank You Letters

Merry Christmas! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the Christmas box! Every time I receive one it is both surprising and appreciated. As my time in the service comes to an end, I look back on all the mail I have received from Operation S.O.S. and cherish it. It's great to have my hometown supporting me while serving.

The \$100 check was an awesome surprise! I used some of it to get a few more stocking stuffers and presents for my kids and wife (and dogs). The rest went towards a very delicious Christmas dinner we have planned. I always enjoy the abundance of candy included. I think I'll be set with mints for quite a while, too! The charger is great and will see its fair share of use. And my kids have already claimed the sunglasses and cups, haha!

My sincerest gratitude, Nick Benzik US Navy

Thank you for the care package and for the \$100.00. I really appreciate your support. For the short period of time that I have served this country it has been an honor. AIC Spafford

Thank you so much for the gift box! That was so generous, I really appreciate it. I used the gift money for presents for my family. So it went to a little bit of everything.

SPC David Grimes **US Army**

Thank you all so so much! Everything is so wonderful and more handy timing than you know! Awesome video! Love the opener. It's wonderful to see all the new young guys and girls' faces! I feel the hometown pride and love. My comrades all remark on how close-knit my hometown family and friends are. It gives me perspective and real appreciation for all I have.

Lindsay Leskanich **US Army**

Farm CPR And 1st Aid

"Farming can be an incredibly dangerous occupation. In the case that an accident does happen, farmers need to know how to handle the situation until help can arrive," Jenna Kilgus, Promotions and Education Committee Chair for Farm Bureau, states. The P and E committee along with Southeast Livingston County Ambulance Service are hosting a training specifically for farmers, their staff and families.

SELCAS paramedics will be teaching this course to any interested Farm Bureau member at no charge. The morning will start with a course in CPR. They will

then go over 1st aid that farmers can use. Each member will also go home with a basic 1st Aid kit to have in their equipment.

This course will be on Thursday, January 26, 2017. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The course will start at 8:30 and run until 11:30. They will be at the SELCAS building at 310 W Locust St, Fairbury, IL 61739. Parking will be at Culkins corner on the south side of the build-

Seating for the training is limited. Call the Livingston County Farm Bureau to register at 815-842-1103 or email:

livcfb@gmail.com



OBITUARIES

Barbara Marie McArdle

MORRIS Barbara Marie McArdle, 95, of Morris passed away Saturday, December 24, Health, Dwight.

2016 at Heritage A Memorial Service celebrating Barbara's life

will be held Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the U.C. Davis - Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington Street in Morris, followed by

interment of her ashes in Sample Cemetery. Visitation was Friday, December 30, from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Funeral Home, Morris. A prayer was given at 7 p.m. by Dr. Reverend Roy Backus of First

Cremation rites were accorded.

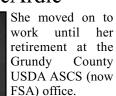
Presbyterian Church.

The daughter of John and Helen Stine Ullrich, Barbara was born November 6, 1921 in Morris. She grew up on the farm and was educated in the Morris Schools, graduating from Morris High School.

On July 1, 1939, she married William J. McArdle and they would farm most of their life in Wauponsee Township. Barbara was a stay-at-home mother and farmer's wife until her youngest child started grade school. She supplemented their farm income by selling eggs, baked goods and her

homemade candies. She began working outside the home at Sears

Roebuck Catalogue Agency.



The farm home she and William lived in on McArdle Road was a pre-cut package house they bought

from Sears Roebuck. Most of the construction was done by her husband and his brother, Frank, along with their neighbor, Rasty Hextell.

Surviving are one son, Philip (Karen) McArdle; and six grandchildren: Brian (Kelly) McArdle, Kim Robertson, Greg (Tiffany) Yutani, Jennifer (Kevin) Alquijay, Eric (Sarah) McArdle and Tom Good-

Six great-grandchildren: Kaitlin McArdle, Bailey McArdle, Ireland Robertson, Pevton Robertson, Mason Goodrum and Ava Goodrum; one sister, Lois Kindelspire; and numerous nieces and nephews also sur-

Preceding her in death were her husband in August, 1989; one daughter, Elinore Kay Yutani; one son, Richard William McArdle; and one

sister, Elinore Hanson. Preferred memorials may be made in Barbara's name to the First Presbyterian Church in Morris or the residence fund at Heritage

Woods, Dwight. On-line condolences may be directed to the family by visiting the website:

www.ucdaviscallahan.com

Reverend Robert D. Bradbury, M.Div.

Reverend Robert Dean Bradbury got his wings December 16, 2016, while a patient at Seattle's Swedish Hospital, after a few weeks of illness at home. He was surrounded by family, who

sang him into the light. Bob married his beloved wife Jane Ann in 1960 at Edgebrook Community Church, Chicago, where he was ordained into the United Church of Christ (UCC) ministry in 1958. They had two children, Todd and Lynann, who became the love of their

A graduate of Chicago's North Park College and Theological Seminary, Rev. Bradbury received a Master of Divinity in 1957, followed by Certification

Psychotherapy from Adler Institute, Chicago. He was a UCC minister for more than 40 years, serving in three Illinois churches, and upon moving to Seattle 50 years ago, four churches in the greater Seattle area. He was also an Army veteran, who served with ASA in the Philippines at the end of WWII.

Bob combined his love of children, education and ministry to facilitate courses in Positive Discipline and Sanity Circus throughout the Seattle Public School Dis-trict. From 1982 - 1994 his courses engaged more than 14,000 parents, educators and PTSA volunteers, helping teachers and families raise responsible cooperative children. An advocate for the dignity and respect of all people, especially those less fortunate, Bob participated in Seattle's Operation Nightwatch as one of many clergy who volunteered to walk through down-

town at night to be a calming resource for people living on the street.

Throughout his life, Bob nurtured a love of music, travel and model trains. For 33 years, he worked with Cartan Tours,

escorting group tours in the summertime and to the Rose Bowl during New Years. After retiring from full-time pastoring in 1992, he took up model railroading, and assembled a basement/backyard miniature railroad that rivals any train yard. He then launched a second career, working 15+ years as an usher for Seattle's 5th Avenue Theatre and the Symphony Seattle Benaroya Hall, being an inaugural usher upon its opening in 1998.

He touched the lives of thousands, and is known as a man who worked tirelessly to help people know their worth and dignity in the human family, and as God's children.

Born in Danville, Illinois to Ralph and Katherine Bradbury, Bob is preceded in death by his parents and beloved sister-in-law Anna Mae Scott. He is survived by his wife Jane Ann, son Todd and daughter-in-law Sharon, daughter Lynann, grandchildren Austin and Colton, all who live in the Seattle area; brother Ralph and sister-inlaw Grace, brother-in-law James C. Scott, and their families in the Midwest.

A memorial service is planned after the holidays at Magnolia UCC, where Bob was called to serve in 1966. He was an ongoing supporter of Plymouth Housing Group, Northwest Harvest and the Seattle Symphony. Thanks for the memories. We will miss

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A New Year

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just to make it the best year that I've

ever had. 2016 was definitely that for

me. I think if you take on every new

year with that mindset it really helps

I hope that everyone had great and safe

new year activities and that 2017 is your

More Obituaries appear

on page 4 in The Paper today!



Velda 'Rusty' Markle great-grandchil-

ST. MISSOURI Velda "Rusty" F. Markle, 78, of St. Paul, Missouri and formerly of Girard, Kansas, Dwight, and Illinois, passed Friday, away December 30 2016 in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Rusty was born November 8, 1938 in Cheney, Kansas. daughter of Henry and Mary Lentz.

She was the loving wife of the late Ray Markle; mother of Pamela (Bob) Tock and David (Stephanie) Schreiner; and grandmother of five: Nathan (Katelyn) Tock, Amanda (Robb) Reed, Kaile (Joe) Valdez, Andrew Schreiner and Jonathan Tock.

Also surviving are three



Lucas Tock and Cole Reed; brothers: (Judy) Martin Milton Lentz, (Barbara) Lentz, Wendell (Delores) Lentz and Marlin (Darla) Lentz; and one sister, Judy

Klara

(Bob) Hughes.

Preceding her in death were her parents; sister, Veletta (Montee) Battaglia, and brother, Norman Lentz.

Rusty was loved by her many nieces and nephews and by all who met her.

The family is being served by Baue Funeral Home, O'Fallon, Missouri where a private service is planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, Missouri.

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.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

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

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

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

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven,

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

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

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

Anonymous

James T. Adams

DWIGHT - James T. Adams, 70, of Dwight passed away at 11:10 a.m., Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at

Jim was born May 12, 1946 in Streator, son of Charles Sr. and Marion Sipe

Surviving are three brothers: Charles, Jr. (Edda) Adams of Georgia; David (Ida) Adams of Pontiac; and Terry (Lorene) Adams of Dwight; one sister, Marianne Decker of Dwight; five nephews, two nieces, and several great-

nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Tommy and Michael Adams.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Monday, January 2, at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight.

Visitation was held one hour preceding the service at the Memorial Home.

Memorials in Jim's name may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society.

The guestbook may be signed at www.hagermemor ial.com

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,) NO.16-CH-76 BRANDI L. SULLIVAN a/k/a BRANDI L. MILLER, JAKOB M. MILLER, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, JAKOB M. MILLER and 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 11 and the West 3 feet of Lot 12 in Block 5 in Driving Park Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-23-405-009

Commonly known as: 611 E. Payson St., Pontiac, IL

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are BRANDI L. SULLIVAN a/k/a BRANDI L. MILLER and JAKOB M. MILLER. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on February 11, 2011 and recorded on February 15, 2011 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 00607620. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 16-CH-76 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, JAKOB M. MILLER and 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 and Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before February 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 23 day of December, 2016.

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,) NO.16-CH-70 VENTURA J. RIOS, RAUL RIOS GARZA,) STATE OF ILLINOIS, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, VENTURA J. RIOS and 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 10 and the West half of Lot 11 in Block 29, North Addition to the City of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 25-03-407-002

Commonly known as: 105 E. Ash St., Fairbury, IL 61739

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is VENTURA J. RIOS. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on March 19, 2012 and recorded on March 27, 2012 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 615267, and a modification of mortgage executed on January 27, 2014 and recorded on February 21, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 627724. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 16-CH-70 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 and Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before January 31, 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 8th day of December, 2016.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

Dwight's 1 cent Sales Tax Hike Expected to Generate \$430,000 Yr.

(continued from page 1)

us a check for \$100," McNamara explained.

The rebate is expected to cost the village \$57,000, McNamara said.

The village bid out one half of the road construction last year, and that work, which was \$2.3 million out of the total \$5 million, went to D Construction.

They finished roughly 10 blocks of 29 to be done in the first part of the road construction.

The first phase entails work on such streets as Delaware, Prairie Avenue to

Next summer, the village will let bids for some streets that require more intense work such as North Street near Renfrew Park and Chippewa Street on the east end of town. Those roads will require "rebuilding" McNamara said, which includes many of the old brick roads remaining in

This year's work will begin as soon as the weather breaks in the spring, finishing off the original 29 blocks.

Next summer and fall, the

Park Street, and South remaining work is to be

There will also be new curbs and gutters and sidewalks installed downtown this summer, but this will not be part of the \$5 million bond. It will be paid for with a \$2 million Tax Increment Finance District bond to be paid back over 17 years.

There is also sewer and water line replacement work being done, paid for with a \$2 Million water bond paid back in seven years.

The village issued a total of \$9 million in bonds last year for the infrastructure upgrades.



ESSEX FIRE AND EMS volunteers clean the floor of the bays in the new Essex Fire department building. They are at a weekly meeting, Dec. 27. Volunteers are (from left) Ethan Kennedy, Ben Serena, and Marty Kirchner.

2016 -- A Glance Back Through The Pages of The Paper

January-June

(continued from page 1) said 90% of the drug abuse issues in the county are prescription drug abuse, with the rest from street drugs like heroin. He was speaking at a forum at Dwight Township High School Jan. 27, concerning drug abuse among teens.

"I'm a dad," said Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson to the audience. "None of us is immune to this problem."

February

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

The Dwight Village Board will make a bargain with voters: Approve a 1 percent or 1 cent sales tax increase on the dollar and the village will abate one two-month sewer bill (an average of \$38 per household), according to a story in mid-February.

On March 15, Dwight voted to increase the town's sales tax from 7.25 cents on the dollar to 8.25 cents in Livingston County. In the Grundy County portion the tax hike is from 6.25 cents to 7.25 cents.

March

William Herter, a homeless man formerly of Herscher who was wandering through Dwight during a blizzard in 2013, was assisted by Luke Arnold and Ryan Kodat of Dwight. Herter later came into an inheritance and decided to pay back Dwight's school by donating \$10,000 to be used as a scholarship for DTHS students. It will be called the "Pay-it-forward" scholar-

An overwhelming majority of voters said "yes" to a Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Rescue District, which will result in higher property tax rates next year. The referendum allows the district to charge 0.2% per \$100 in equalized assessed valuation, which equates to roughly \$6.66 more a year in property taxes based on a home valued at \$100,000, before the homestead exemption.

April

Over the past five years, the Herscher Unit 2 school district's state funding has been constantly eroded to the point where it is now receiving \$1 million a year less than five years ago.

And by no coincidence, the district has been about \$1 million in deficit spending each year, according to Superintendent Rich Decman, discussing the April 11 board meeting. At the December board meeting later last year, the board approved borrowing \$1 million in working cash to stave off red ink by the close of the school year in June,

Dwight celebrated Route 66's 90th birthday April 21 with a party at the Ambler-Becker Texaco station on Old Rt. 66 at Mazon Avenue.

The road, which begins in Chicago and terminates in Santa Monica, Calif., opened to motorists in 1926. The Dwight gas station was not far behind, opening in 1933 and operating for 66

Phil Becker, who during his career had worked at the station, said it is the "oldest running" gasoline station along Route 66.

May

The use of Dwight's Renfrew Park for the 2016 fall Harvest Days festival has been approved by the Dwight Village Board of Trustees. At its May 9 meeting, the Board's concerns were addressed as it reviewed the proposed layout and heard preliminary details from Harvest Days President Jerry Beier as to how the event would be han-

Due to planned construc-

tion this fall on Dwight's downtown railroad crossings and streets, Harvest Days activities normally held in the downtown area will have to move to an alternate location with Dwight's Renfrew Park area being the space now designated for this year's family entertainment including the flea market, craft vendors. food vendors, and daytime

June

stage entertainment.

The Essex Historical Society has been serving Essex area residents for 25 years, marking the anniversary with a special open house Sunday, June 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As part of the event, Nick Koba, of Diamond, will be on hand with pictures and his extensive expertise on the coal mining operations in the area.

"He will be able to answer all sorts of questions on strip mining when those big crawlers were there," said Dee Wepprecht, president of the association who has been involved with the museum since the inception of the association in 1991.

Petting a gentle dog is scientifically proven to provide lower blood pressure, release pleasure-enhancing chemicals and alleviate stress in people.

For that reason, three of the 14 dogs trained in Dwight, Illinois were sent with a group of other comfort dogs by the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry based in Northbrook to help the victims and their families after the worst massshooting in U.S. history occurred in the wee hours of the morning on Sunday, June 12 in Orlando, Florida.

> To send a news announcement, send information to

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Essex Fire and EMS Volunteers Sacrifice to Save Lives, Property

(continued from page 1) and fire emergency services.

When an EMT goes out on a call and cannot help the accident victim, for example, that can be difficult, Sue explained.

"The EMTs on really bad calls, after you've done everything you can, and still can't help the patient, especially children, can pull at the heart strings," Sue said.

But it is also rewarding when somebody comes up out of the blue and thanks them for doing their work.

"Or brings in pie or cake or sends a letter," Austin

He said 90% of the calls are rewarding, but 10% are "bad and make you think about things."

The department handled about 80 fires in 2016, and went on 170-plus ambulance

Sue said the ambulance calls are increasing as the district, which includes 46 square miles, continues to grow in population.

The boundaries of the district include Essex, rural Reddick north of Route 17, and Shannon Shores.

Route 17 is the southern boundary, while the north is one mile into Will County. On the east is rural Bonfield and on the west is the Grundy County Line.

Essex is the central part of the district, making response times as quick as possible. Response times are eight to 10 minutes.

'That's including getting out of bed and putting on your socks," joked Ed Kennedy Sr., Lt. in the fire department.

"We all work together as a team," Sue explained.

But they can always use more help.

The fire department began in 1954 with EMS added in the mid-1970s.

Originally the EMS was affiliated with St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee but has since switched to Riverside.

"Most calls are to Riverside or St. Mary's,' Austin explained.

Austin added that in bad weather with snow-covered roads, they have an all-terrain vehicle, but they typically call the township Road Commissioner to clear roads and have them plow ahead of the ambulance.

It is hard to find volunteers willing to commit to the time for training.

"People don't realize how much time it takes,' Sue said. And training is ongoing for fire and EMS.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Essex Fire or EMS departments should call Sue or Austin at the office number, (815) 365-4588 and leave a message if nobody is in to take the call.



Hayden (left) and Hudson Colclasure of Dwight read a story to Jeremiah, as Elaine Mortensen hugs the dog as part of the dog's socialization training as a comfort dog. Three dogs trained by Mortensen were flown, among other dogs, to Orlando, Florida to comfort victims and families of the mass-shooting there June 12.





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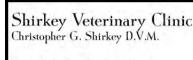
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TWO DWIGHT TOWNSHIP High School students, Luke Arnold (left) and Ryan Kodat, were seniors in 2013 when they helped a homeless man walking in a blizzard in Dwight on his way from Chicago to Springfield. The man recently sent a check for \$10,000 to the school to establish scholarships at the school after inheriting more than \$1 million from his father.



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SPORTS

Way to go, Trojans!





DWIGHT LADY TROJANS VICTORIOUS IN MOMENCE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT See related stories inside today. J7Images



DTHS Trojans Basketball

Monday, December 26 Dwight vs. Midland Varsity -Marseilles Holiday

Tournament
The Trojans were in opening round action of the Marseilles Holiday Tourney December 26, and laid a hurtin' down on Midland, 99-

Dwight dominated early, carrying a 37-10 lead into the second quarter. Their offense would continue to click, but Midland attempted to make it interesting, cutting the lead to 57-34 before halftime. The Trojans, however, would hold the T-Wolves to just nine second-half points, and would sail smoothly to the "W."

Blake Graham led all scorers with 31 points in the contest, draining four threes. Justin Fox added 25 points, including two three-pointers and 9-13 shooting from the line. Carter Wykes put in ten points, with two trifectas, while Logan Graham and Austin Nelson each added six points. Wes Pulver, Dakota Wahl,

and Dane Rodosky each had four points, with Cal Schultz connecting on a three. Cole Hahn, Morgan Fritz, and Collin Schroeder all added a bucket.

Tuesday, December 27 Dwight vs. Serena Varsity -Marseilles Holiday Tournament

In a quarter-final match-up with Serena in the Marseilles Holiday Tournament, the Trojans dropped a 65-58 decision, dropping to 7-4 and sending them to the consolation bracket.

Dwight would have a 32-29 lead at halftime, as both teams battled for the advantage. But the Huskers regained the lead in the third, and held off the Trojans long enough to get the victory.

Justin Fox had a game-high 24 points, surpassing the 1,000 point mark for his career. He was 8-12 from the free throw line. Blake Graham was a perfect 6-6 from the (continued on page 10)



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Bobcats



DTHS Trojans Basketball

(continued from page 9) charity stripe, tallying 13 points on the day. Wes Pulver put up nine points, with Logan Graham adding seven. Carter Wykes drilled a three-pointer, while Cal Schultz and Dakota Wahl each hit a free throw.

Wednesday, December 28 Dwight vs. Reed-Custer Varsity -

Marseilles Holiday Tournament

Justin Fox scored a gamehigh 27 points as the Dwight Trojans bested Reed-Custer 76-72 in a shootout during the Marseilles Holiday Tourney.

Leading 20-18 after one, Dwight would give up their slim lead, and then some, as the Comets came roaring back to take a 45-35 lead into halftime.

In the third quarter, the Trojans stormed back to tie it up at 55-55 heading into the fourth – where they would hold on for the 76-72 victory over R-C.

In addition to Fox's 27,

Wes Pulver had 14 points, with Cal Schultz (four three-pointers) and Blake Graham each scoring 12. Logan Graham added eight points in the game, while Dakota Wahl made two free throws. Austin Nelson added a free throw in the win.

Dwight shot 17-29 from the free throw line, with Fox going 9-11, while the Comets shot 12-21 from the charity stripe.

Marseilles Tournament

Dwight won 5th place at the Marseilles Holiday Tournament with a 69-67 win over Hartsburg Emden. Justin Fox scored 33 and Blake Graham scored 18 in the win.

Justin Fox set the all-time tournament scoring record with 109 points over the 4-game tournament. The previous record was 107 set by JJ Cravatta of Streator and later Northern Illinois.

Dwight is now 9-4 and played at Reed Custer on Tuesday.

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

In the Matter of the Estate)
of) No. 2016-P-129
MELVIN R. BURGER, Deceased)

CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS MELVIN R. BURGER, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of MELVIN R. BURGER, who died on November 26, 2016, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of his death was 23335 E. 3200 North Road, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Lawrence M. Smith and Rick J. Andersen as Independent Co-Executors of the Last Will and Testament of MELVIN R. BURGER dated November 23, 2016, by Order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois dated December 12,

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The first date of publication of this notice is December 21, 2016. Any claim not filed on or before the above determined dates is barred.

Claims may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois or with the Representatives, or both. Copies of the claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representatives and the Representatives' Attorney, within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk. The address of the Livingston County Circuit Clerk is as follows:

Livingston County Circuit Clerk Law & Justice Center 110 N. Main Street Pontiac, IL 61764

The estate will be administered without court supervision, under Independent Administration pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq. Any interested party may obtain a copy of the form to Petition to Terminate Independent Administration from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois at the above address. The address of the Independent Co-Executors is as follows:

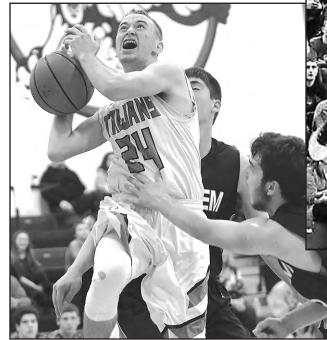
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Attorney for the Independent Executor:
Irvin L. Masching
Attorney at Law
105 East Chippewa Street
P.O. Box 247
Dwight, IL 60420-0247



DTHS Varsity Trojans Dakota Wahl, above, goes toward the hoop; at right #13, Logan Graham goes up for two and below, Blake Graham battles for a basket.





DTHS Trojans Basketball

Saturday, December 3 Dwight Vs. Manteno Freshmen

The Trojans fell to Manteno 66-34. Lane Thompson led in scoring with 17. Tyler Masching contributed 9, Cade Ohlendorf, 5. While Mason Tjelle dropped in 2 and Bryson Connor chipped in with 1.

"It was a very competitive first half, but Manteno's depth got us in the second half," explained Coach Jeremy Connor.

Wednesday, December 7 Dwight Vs. Streator Freshmen

Dwight faced off against Streator and was victorious 32-30. Tyler Masching was the high scorer with 13 points. Lane Thompson scored 9. Nathan Green added 4, Mason Tjelle 3, Garrett Severson 2, and Bryson Connor with 1.

"This was a great win for us, our defense and rebounding were a huge impact on this game. We had great contributions from everyone on the team."

Thursday, December 8 Dwight Vs. Gibson City Freshmen

The Trojans took a tough loss at the hands of Gibson City, 42-22. Leading the Trojans in scoring was Tyler Masching with 10, followed by Lane Thompson with 7. Bryson Connor added 3 and Garrett Severson put in a bucket.

"Gibson City was a very good team", said Coach Connor, "they had our number from the start. We played hard from beginning to end and are getting better every game."



DTHS TROJAN pictured above, Senior Wesley Pulver; at top right, Carter Wykes; and Austin Nelson, at right.





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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking)
Corporation, Plaintiff,)
vs.) NO.16-CH-69
JOELLYN A. NABORS, and unknown)
owners and non-record claimants,)

Defendants.) **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 13 and the West 16 2/3 feet of Lot 14 in Block 23 in Fell's Second Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-27-104-011

Commonly known as: 815 W. Lincoln St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is JOELLYN A. NABORS. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on Novembr 10, 2005 and recorded on November 14, 2005 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 567495, a modification of mortgage executed on November 20, 2014 and recorded on December 4, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 631910, and a modification of mortgage executed on July 31, 2015 and recorded on August 5, 2015 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 635626. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTI-AC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 16-CH-69 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 and Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before January 31, 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 8th day of December, 2016.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DWIGHT,
a National Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.

DAVID D. NORMAN, JILL A. NORMAN,
BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC., a Delaware)
Corporation, d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co.
of Illinois, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT&T
ILLINOIS, an Illinois Corporation, and
unknown owners and non-record claimants,
Defendants.

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, JILL A. NORMAN and 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:

Lots 1 and 2 in Block 3, Mary Rutzer's First Addition to the Village of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois, EXCEPT that portion thereof lying within the channel of Gooseberry Creek AND EXCEPT that part conveyed to the State of Illinois by Warranty Deed recorded December 2, 2003 as Document Number 551333.

PIN: 05-09-226-031

Commonly known as: 221 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL 60420.

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are DAVID D. NORMAN and JILL A. NORMAN. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on August 31, 2000 and recorded on September 6, 2000 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 519913. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DWIGHT, a National Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 16-CH-72 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 and Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before February 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 13 day of December, 2016.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

Lady Trojans Victorious in Momence Holiday Tournament

Tuesday, December 27 Dwight vs. GSW Varsity -**Momence Holiday Tournament**

The Lady Trojans took on Tri-Point in the first round of the Momence Holiday Tournament December 27, notching a 62-41 win over the Lady Chargers.

Rachel Dawson led Dwight with 13 points and 12 rebounds, followed by Daly Galloway Brooklyn Long with 12 points, including two threepointers, each. Lucy Rieke chipped in ten points, 12 boards, with Mel Stewart and Leah Flynn scoring seven and six points, respectively. Carlson added a bas-

Wednesday, December 28 Dwight vs. GSW Varsity -**Momence Holiday**

Tournament Dwight was able to pull off an upset against their long-time rivals from Gardner-South Wilmington,



as the Lady Trojans earned a 40-36 win December 28 in Momence – moving onto the championship game.

The contest was tight throughout, with Dwight prevailing in the end with some key free throws down the stretch by Rachel Dawson and Brooklyn

Lucy Rieke played the best game of her career, scoring 14 points – all in the second half – to go with nine rebounds. Long added ten points, with Dawson chipping in seven points and nine boards. Mel Stewart had five points in the game, while Daly Galloway and Leah Flynn each scored a bucket.

For the Lady Panthers, Celia Barna led with 15 points, with Sydney Perkins and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh scoring eight and seven points, respectively. Kaylee Steichen had six points.

Wednesday, December 28 Dwight vs. Donovan

Momence Holiday Tournament

After knocking off rivals GSW in semi-final action of the Momence Holiday Tournament, the Dwight Lady Trojans won the Tourney in convincing fashion, 59-11, over Donovan

December 28. Everyone on the Dwight roster scored in the contest, with Mel Stewart leading the way with 13 points and seven steals. Rachel Dawson chipped in 12 points and eight rebounds, while Brooklyn Long added ten points (two three-pointers), six boards. Daly Galloway had seven points, with Lucy Rieke scoring six. Leah Flynn had a game-high ten rebounds to go with her three points. Carlson and Hughes each scored three points. Zeedyk added a bucket.

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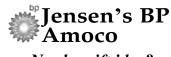


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A. Oakland at B. Houston 3. Who will win in FOOTBALL?

A. New York Giants at B. Green Bay Who will win in **FOOTBALL**? A. Detroit at

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B. Syracuse Who will win in **NBA BASKETBALL?** A. Raptors at

NBA BASKETBALL? A. Jazz at B. Timberwolves

8. Who will win in **NBA BASKETBALL?** A. Warriors at B. Kings

9. Who will win in HOCKEY? A. Tampa Bay at B. Philadephia

10. Who will win in **HOCKEY**? A. Nashville at B. Chicago

11. Which NFL conference will score

more points? A. AFC B. NFC

12. Which QB will have a better rating? A. Eli Manning (Giants) 13. Will Green Bay's final score be... A. Even B. Odd

14. Who will score more points? A. Dwyane Wade vs. Raptors **B. Pittsburgh Steelers**

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braving the chilly air. Here Mia Franklin tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.



THE VISIT to Herscher by Santa Claus (Dennis Mann) Dec. 17-18 included children's activities such as making Christmas treats to eat.



Grayson and Mackenzie Hatfield visited Santa in Dwight on his last visit before his global delivery day, Dec. 24.

At the Churches

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701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Lance Leeds • JAN. 4: 9 a.m., Prayer Shawl; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal. JAN. 5: 7:30 p.m., Praise Team rehearsal. • JAN. 6: Office closed.

• JAN. 7: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Route 66 and Pete's Restaurants. • JAN. 8: 8 a.m., Church with Communion; 9:15 a.m., Parish Council meet-Sunday School; 9:30

a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Church with Communion. • JAN. 9: 7 p.m., Bible Warriors. • JAN. 10: 8:30 a.m.,

Hens Bible Study. • JAN. 11: 8:30 a.m., Willing Workers; 2 p.m., Real & Kids Klub; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., Ignite.

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• JAN. 7: 8 a.m., Take down Christmas decorations.

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First Congregational **United Church of**

Christ 200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 church Pastor Connie Williams Moodie, Intentional · JAN. 8: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "Let the Sunshine

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• JAN. 7: 8 a.m., Men's • JAN. 8: 9 a.m., Kids Church, ages Rantoul Three Kings

Event; NO X-treme Youth Group.

John Bible Study. • JAN. 11: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Bible Study.

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• JAN. 11: Women's

Guild meeting, 7 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

· JAN. 22: Annual Church

New Life

• JAN. 4: 7 p.m.,

Disciples Bible Study. • JAN. 6: 10 a.m.,

Breakfast at New Life. Morning Bible Study; 10 a.m., Main Service; 3-11; 2 p.m., Leave for

• JAN. 10: NO Book of Methodist People

St. Patrick Catholic Mazon Ave. at Prairie

Father Chris Haake, • JAN. 7: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.

• JAN. 8: 8 a.m.,

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• JAN. 4: Bingo at Heritage Health. • JAN. 6: Church office closed; 8 p.m., AA meeting. • JAN. 8: - Baptism of *Our Lord* – 8:15 a.m.,

Handbell rehearsal; 8:45 a.m., Fellowship time; 9 a.m., Faith Development for All Ages; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion;

4 - 6 p.m.,

Confirmation Class. • JAN. 9: Food Distribution Day -Church office closed; 12 noon, set up for food distribution; 3 - 5:30 p.m., Food distribution.

• JAN. 10: NO quilting; 1 p.m., Staff meeting; 7 p.m., Church Council meeting.

• JAN. 11: Youth Night – 5:30 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 6:15 p.m., Youth meal and fellowship; 7 p.m., Youth

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oastorulc@att.net Pastor Jana Howson Sundays: 10 a.m.. Worship with Word and

HERSCHER Mass St. Margaret Mary • Wednesdays: 8:30

Catholic Church Main Street Rev. Doug Hauber 815-426-2153

Saturday Mass, 5

Sacrament.

Sunday Mass, 10:30

• Monday and Friday, Masses, 8 a.m. Saturday confession 4:15 p.m.

Herscher United Methodist Church Pastor Kevin Boesen

Phone: 815-426-6169 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

Herscher Christian Church

30 Tobey Drive Minister, Andrew King; Youth Minister, Ryan Children's Minister, Tiffani Graber; Worship Minister, Dustin Honn 815-426-2908 or 823-6072 Staff e-mail: life@herscherchristian.com herscherchristian.com On Facebook: Herscher Christian

Church • Services: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Brown 255 E. Third Street Phone 815-426-2262 Email: trinityher1@ comcast.net trinity luther anhers cher.org

• 9:30 a.m., Bible Study. Communion first, third and fifth Sunday.

KEMPTON Kempton United Methodist Church 305 W. Main Stree Pastor Jonathon Brashear 309-838-9519

· Sundays: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship **Kempton Church**

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

Pastor • Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship,

10:30 a.m.

KINSMAN Sacred Heart

Catholic Church 301 Emmett Street Rev. Stanley Drewniak,

· Sundays, 8 a.m.,

a.m., Mass **MAZON** Mazon United

Methodist Church Office phone: 448-5677

E-mail: mazonumc@att.net • Sunday Worship, 9

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

• Bible Study Group, 10:30 a.m., each Sunday.

Park Street Congregational **United Church of** Christ

806 Park Street Phone 448-5514 · Sunday Worship Services, 9 a.m. Sunday School:

Destination Unknown, 10:15 a.m. • Coffee hour, 10:15

ODELL St. Paul Catholic Church

· Saturdays: 4:30 p.m., · Sundays: 8 a.m.,

United Church of Odell

Mass.

109 N. Morgan Street Phone 815-998-2271 Rev. Janeen Tronc • Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.

• Wednesdays: 3:15 -4:15, children 3-11 years KIDS CLUB. We have a snack, games, singing, laughter and lots of fun! · First and third

We dnesdays-missionsewing, 6 - 8 p.m. Bring a machine, scissors, pins and ideas. Everyone is welcome!

RANSOM Ransom United Methodist Church 102 E. Plumb Street Church: 586-4504

Parsonage: 586-4657 Pastor Danira Parra • Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School, 10:30

St. Patrick Catholic

110 Wallace Street

Fr. Anthony Ego, Pastor Parish Office: 815-795-

REDDICK **Reddick United Methodist Church** 35900 E 3200 N Road Pastor Kevin Boesen

2240 (Marseilles) Email: stjoetorino @hotmail.com

and Wednesday,

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

appointment.

Office Hours: Tuesday

· SUNDAYS: 8 a.m.,

Mass. Reconciliation

following Mass, or by

Phones: Office: 815-426-6169 Church: 815-365-4223 • 8:30 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m.,

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor · Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.,

Mass. • Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.,

Zoar Community

Church 18172 W. Route 17 P.O. Box 87 Reddick, IL 60961 Phone: 815-365-4291 • SUNDAY: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Morning Worship.

SAUNEMIN Saunemin United **Methodist Church** 90 North Street 815-832-4935

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

SOUTH WILMINGTON St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Father Stanley Drewniak, Pastor • Saturdays: 4 p.m. Mass

· Sundays: 10 a.m. Mass • Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.,

South Wilmington United **Methodist Church** 225 Rice Street

Pastor Kevin Boesen

Mass.

Phones: Office and Church: 815-426-6169 • Sunday Service, 8 a.m.

• Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.







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DTHS LADY TROJANS receiving All-Tournament Team honors in the Momence Holiday Tourney were, left to right, Lucy Rieke, Brooklyn Long, Daly Galloway and Rachel Dawson. photos by J7Images

Dwight Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Jan. 13

The Dwight Township Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will take place in Kresl Memorial Gymnasium on January 13, between the JV and varsity basketball games versus Momence, at approximately 6:15 p.m.

The induction class of 2017 includes:

- Erin Daniels Softball standout, 2002 graduate.
- All-State, All-Area, All-Conference.
- Gary Swartz Head varsity boys' basketball coach (1976-1984).
- Overall record of 161-
- Five Regional championships.
- 1978-79 Boys' Varsity Basketball Team.
 - Co-Conference Champs. - Regional Champs.

Paper Bowl Week 16 has Repeat Winner

Week 16 had a single entrant with a high score of eleven correct selections. The winner this week is repeat winner Larry Davis of Dwight. Larry also won back in week 6. The award

There were 87 total entries. The business dropoff locations were Planning Associates, Dwight Bank, Old World Liquors, Victory Lanes and SOCU. There is for winning week 16 is again only one more regular sea-

son week to go.

Remember you can put in one entry at each of the drop-off locations.

Have fun, keep playing and have a ball.

Congratulations, Larry.

Paperbowl Sponsor Standings after Week 16

North		South	
Jensen's	8-6	Bank of Pontiac	13-1
Planning Associates	7-7	SOCU	12-2
DQ	6-8	FNB	10-4
Berkot's	4-10	LPL	9-5
OWL	4-10	Danko's State Farm	9-5
Big Boyz Toyz	3-11	Lu's Sports Bar	7-7
Victory Lanes	3-11	Delong Ford	3-11

Paper Bowl XVI - Sponsor Challenge Results Week 16

Planning Associates (8-6) over Berkot's (default) SOCU (8-6) over First National Bank (8-6) Tie-Breaker Danko's State Farm (9-5) over DeLong Ford (default) Bank of Pontiac (7-7) over Lu's Sports Bar (default) Old World Liquor (default) over Big Boyz Toyz (default) Victory Lanes (default) over Jensen's BP (default) DQ (11-3) over LPL (8-6)







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