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REV. DANIEL OGNOSKIE will soon be moving to Wilton, Iowa, where he accepted a call, after serving as pastor of the Dwight Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the past 18 years. *The Paper* photo

Rev. Ognoskie Accepts Call To Iowa Church After 18 Years

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

After an 18-year stint, Rev. Daniel Ognoskie's last day serving the Dwight Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be Feb. 3.

He has taken a call to serve Zion Lutheran in Wilton, Iowa.

"I came here from Iowa," Ognoskie explained to *The Paper*.

He was in the same area in Iowa from 1975 to the end of 1998. He has been in Dwight ever since.

Unlike some churches that assign their pastors, in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, pastors

receive calls from churches.

"A congregation can call anyone on the pastor roster," Ognoskie said. "A person has the ability to accept or decline the call."

So why did Ognoskie, at the age of 68 after spending 18 years in Dwight, decide to accept this call?

"I was thinking of staying in the ministry at least until age 70," he said. "I thought I would stay here. But Iowa wanted someone they were somewhat familiar with."

He went to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bennet, Iowa, as his first assignment.

He said he had pastored as a fill-in pastor at the

Wilton Church years ago when serving in Iowa. His old parish was 11 miles from the new one.

He also said the church needs him to "help make the congregation into a stable situation."

During his tenure in Dwight, the church has added new classrooms.

The construction was done at virtually no cost because the church was "blessed" with a donation from an estate, Ognoskie said.

During 2008, plans were to have a Bible preschool but those plans fell through (continued on page 3)

Kim Frauli, Dwight, Writes First Novel in Trilogy Sci-Fi Series



KIM FRAULI, DWIGHT, is the author of her first novel, "Project Mnemosyne," the first in a new sci-fi adventure series entitled "When No One Was Looking." The book was published this month by Telling Ministries, the company's first venture into fiction books. *The Paper* photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor
Kim Frauli, of Dwight, is now a published novelist with her first novel out this month, a sci-fi yarn in a trilogy entitled "When No One Was Looking."

The first novel, "Project Mnemosyne" is about a 20-year-old woman, Julianna Brenner, and her best friend Declan, who had been raised in a mandatory pound, where the pair specializes in medical

science.

"When Guardian Costma, the leader of the New Regime, summons them to assign a new project, Julianna has serious objections to the nature of the project," the back of the book explains.

Frauli said the project is to create a chemical weapons.

"Neither of them [Julianna nor Declan] think it is okay, but they don't have a choice," Frauli explained.

"So they decide to escape" from the compound, which is essentially a prison for gifted children who are used by the corrupt government, the "New Regime" to do various scientific projects. Frauli said the book is set about three decades in the future in the United States, after terrorist attacks "reshaped the world," according to the book description on the back cover.

"It's all about people with (continued on page 3)

Dwight Native Volunteers as Texaco Man at Rt. 66 Station

Note: This is the seventh in a series of stories featuring volunteers in *The Paper's* readership area.

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The man who wears the star is still serving "customers" at the Dwight Texaco Ambler gas station on the corner of Old Route 66 and Route 17 (Mazon Avenue) in Dwight.

And this is long after Texaco has since become Chevron. The station doesn't even pump gas any more, but lots of people still visit it from around the world and are greeted by the Texaco Man in uniform in the central Illinois town of Dwight.

The man who wears the star even has a patch that says "Trust your car to the man who wears the star" on his custom Texaco outfit.

He is Dwight area native and Gardner-South Wilmington High School graduate Paul Roeder, who has been the Texaco man since the station opened as a historic site in Dwight in May of 2007, making this May

the 10th anniversary for the station. And Roeder has been a part of it since it opened as an attraction.

Roeder is the son of the late Herman and Gertrude (Bush) Roeder. For 2.5 years of his young life, he was a

resident of Dwight.

He then moved to an area farm and attended grade school at nearby Goodfarm in Grundy County north of Dwight before graduating from GSW in 1960.

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Gardner Area Band Reaches Halfway Mark in D.C. Trip Fundraising

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Gardner Area Band has reached the halfway point in its fundraiser to finance a trip for band members to march in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C.

"The band has raised more than half of the \$22,480 needed to perform in the event," said band director Michael Leone.

"The band boosters have worked very hard to raise enough money to cover the students' cost for the trip," he added.



Each student will have his travel, food and lodging paid for, with the trip utilizing charter buses for transportation.

The event will put Gardner on the map. It will be televised on the Discovery Channel and

internationally to the troops overseas on the Pentagon Channel, Leone said.

There are two fundraisers planned in February as follows:

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the Peoria Rivermen hockey game will feature the Gardner Area Band performing the National Anthem on the ice at the Peoria Civic Center.

The band performs at 7 p.m. before the game.

"This is the second year in a row that the band has performed at a Peoria Rivermen hockey game," (continued on page 3)



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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Jan. 12, 2017: Brenda Hunter, 47, Kankakee, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Jan. 13: Raymond Norris, 29, Dwight, fail obey stop sign; Kimberly S. Lewis, 52, LeRoy, 15-20 mph above limit.

Jan. 17: Logan J. Widman, 16, Ransom, squealing/screeching tires.

Dwight Police Blotter

Jan. 13, 2017: Erik Wolfe, 51, Dwight, was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to Livingston County Jail.

Jan. 17, 2017: Daniel C. Morris, 33, Kankakee, was stopped and issued citations for speeding and no valid driver's license. He was given a court date to appear.

19 Written Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

DWIGHT EMS

Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Jan. 12, 2017: 2:14 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris.

Jan. 13: 8:44 a.m., Watters, medical, Morris; 1:20 p.m., E. Main, trauma, refusal; 4:41 p.m., Watters, medical, St. Mary's, Kan-

akee; 10:43 p.m., South, trauma, Morris.

Jan. 14: 7:12 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 12:04 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris; 12:50 p.m., E. Main, medical, Pontiac, mutual aid from Dwight/Gardner Fire; 9:27 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris.

Jan. 15: 8:57 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 12:24 p.m., Burbeck, fire standby, no patient; 12:37 p.m., Front St., medical, Morris, mutual aid to Verona/MVK; 2:30 p.m., Bannon, trauma, medical, Morris.

Jan. 16: 3:47 a.m., Bannon, medical, refusal; 7:31 a.m., Ward, trauma, disregarded, mutual aid to MVK; 9:11 a.m., James, medical, Morris; 12:24 p.m., Mitchell, fire, disregarded, mutual aid to Braceville; 5:02 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

Jan. 17: 1:23 a.m., Franklin, medical, Morris; 11:15 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 1:59 p.m., Gorman, no patient, disregard, mutual aid to Gardner.

Jan. 18: 9:08 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 9:15 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 5:55 p.m., Spencer, medical, St. James.

Jan. 19: 1:20 a.m., Franklin, medical, Morris.

Illinois State Police Warn of Phone Scams

The Illinois State Police (ISP) is warning the public of a phone scam that is currently circulating throughout the state. Several individuals have reported to the ISP that they have received automated messages advising them they are under criminal investigation and requesting they send \$600. The voice in the automated message appears to be a male with a foreign accent.

The phone number associated with the calls has been faked to appear as a legitimate ISP telephone number of (847) 608-3200, in a practice known as "caller ID spoofing."

The ISP will never call to solicit money on behalf of the Department or ask you to send money for any reason. The ISP encourages those that believe they have been the victim of this phone scam to call the ISP at (847) 294-4400 to file a report.

For information on different types of phone scams please visit the Illinois Attorney General website or the Federal Trade Commission at: <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/phonescams.html> <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>



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Try to Overcome "Roadblocks" to a Comfortable Retirement


In your life, you will want to take many journeys. Some are physical – perhaps you'll finally visit the French Riviera or the Caribbean. Others involve personal growth – one day, you'll finally become fluent in that foreign language you've been studying. But of all the destinations you can identify, few will be as important as retirement – specifically, a comfortable retirement. And that's why it's so important to consider the "roadblocks" you might encounter on your road to the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Here are five of the most common obstacles:

- **Insufficient investments** – Very few of us have ever reported investing "too much" for their retirement. But a great many people regret that they saved and invested too little. Don't make that mistake. Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. Even if you do participate in your retirement plan at work, you may also still be eligible to fund an IRA, so take advantage of that opportunity, too. And always look for other ways to cut expenses and direct this "found" money toward your retirement.
- **Underestimating your longevity** – You can't predict how long you'll live, but you can make some reasonable guesses – and you might be surprised at your prospects. According to the Social Security Administration, men reaching age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 84.3, while women turning age 65 today can anticipate living, on average, until age 86.6. That's a lot of years – and you'll need to plan for them when you create long-term saving, investing and spending strategies.
- **Not establishing a suitable withdrawal rate** – Once you are retired, you will likely need to start withdrawing money from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. It's essential that you don't withdraw too much each year – obviously, you don't want to run the risk of outliving your resources. That's why you may want to establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation, incorporating variables such as your age, the value of your retirement accounts, your estimated lifestyle expenses, and so on. Calculating such a withdrawal rate can be challenging, so you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor.
- **Taking Social Security at the wrong time** – You can start taking Social Security as early as **age 62**, but your checks will be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will probably be 66 or 67, or when your payments "max out" at 70. You might not be able to afford to wait until then, but by postponing the date you begin taking withdrawals, you could help yourself considerably.
- **Ignoring inflation** – It's been low in recent years, but inflation hasn't disappeared, and it could rise at exactly the wrong time – when you're retired. That's why you'll want your portfolio to include some investments with the potential to outpace inflation, even during your retirement years.

By being aware of these roadblocks, and taking steps to overcome them, you can help smooth your journey toward retirement – and once you get there, you may enjoy it more.

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



Temps - 2017

Jan. 12: High 28°; low 17°; trace of precipitation.

Jan. 13: High 27°, low 17°; trace of precip.

Jan. 14: High 30°; low 23°.

Jan. 15: High 32°; low 25°; trace of precip.

Jan. 16: High 49°; low 31°; .55" rain.

Jan. 17: High 39°; low 32°.

Jan. 18: High 38°; low 30°.

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Free Food to Be Distributed Jan. 25

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, January 25, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin.

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

Dwight Economic Alliance Seeking Board Members

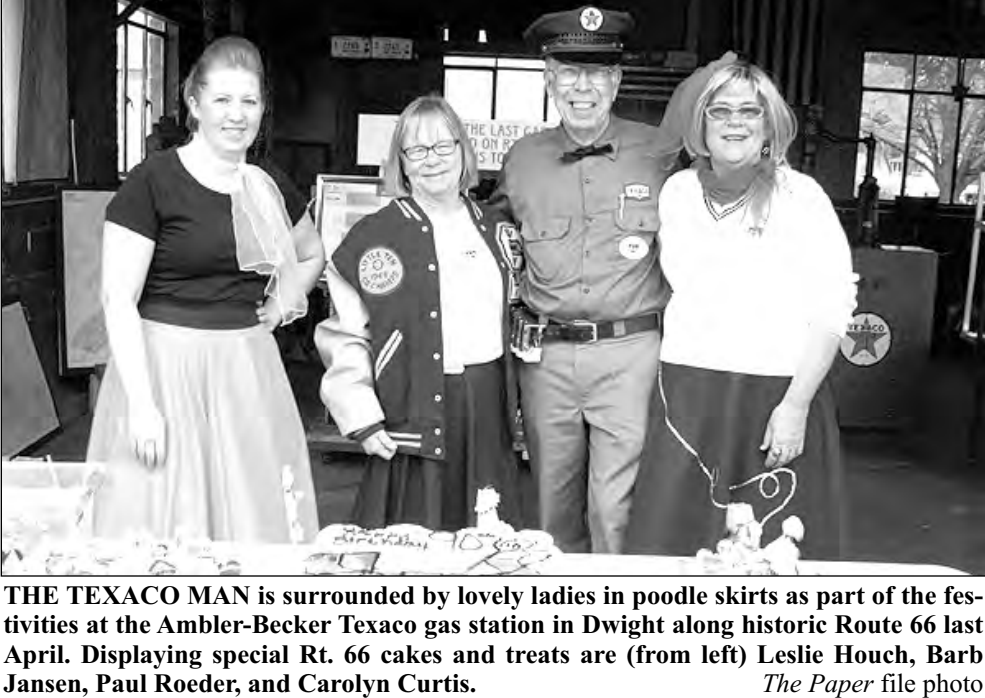
The Dwight Economic Alliance is seeking local residents who would like to fill vacant seats on the Board of Directors.

Three positions are available. Those interested must be willing to attend a monthly Board meeting and help with some projects and/or events.

If you would like to be involved with the Alliance in a leadership role, complete the short questionnaire and return it to the office in the Depot, 119 W. Main Street. The deadline to submit applications is February 16 at noon.

DEA office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please submit your name, address and phone number; tell what your vision for Dwight includes; why you would like to serve on the DEA Board of Directors; and give any additional thoughts or comments.



THE TEXACO MAN is surrounded by lovely ladies in poodle skirts as part of the festivities at the Ambler-Becker Texaco gas station in Dwight along historic Route 66 last April. Displaying special Rt. 66 cakes and treats are (from left) Leslie Houch, Barb Jansen, Paul Roeder, and Carolyn Curtis.

Dwight Native Volunteers as Texaco Man - - -

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His role as the Texaco Man at the tourist attraction on Route 66 came about because Roeder saw a sign with a photo of the "Texaco Man." He thought to himself "Why can't I try to dress up like a Texaco Man in uniform?"

He purchased the shirt and pants at Farm and Fleet, and went to Amazon for the patches and old-fashioned change machine.

The hat was a different matter. He contacted a man in Princeton to purchase a hat, but found they were sold out. So he ordered one, and bought three because they are so hard to find. This was all done at Roeder's own expense and he does not have a contract with the village of Dwight or any other officials in town. He does, however, work with the group that manages the volunteers.

"I'm just a plain Texaco Man as volunteer and no money is given," Roeder explained.

He greets tour buses and car clubs that stop at the Dwight station, but sometimes, the photo requests can get a little frightening.

"On one bus tour group, one woman asked if I was married and looked on my ring finger for a ring," Roeder explained. "I said 'no' and she said 'Will you propose to me at the Texaco Pumps?' I was a little terrified on what is happening now. Cameras were snapping and people laughing."

Good thing it was all in jest, Roeder thought.

He said he spoke with the officials to make sure he would not interfere with the volunteers, and be an "extra" volunteer when the station is open to tourists.

"I did get a request from a visitor if I would sign her book as Texaco Man on a page where the Dwight Texaco Station was," he said. "I did not hesitate. Glad to do it for her. When in uniform I get joy talking to people from the United States and other countries."

He lets people take his photo all the time.

One man raised the hood of his antique car and Roeder pretended he was checking the oil. Sometimes he washes the windows in the photographs.

"Maybe I do more than they ask me," Roeder said.

"It's a joy to do so and so I will continue as long as I'm able."

He said when he retires as the Texaco Man, he will get a manikin and place the uniform on it for display.

Tourists roll along Old Route 66 to see the station and the Texaco Man from such far away places as France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, China, Japan and other nations, he said. And of course, people from all over the United States stop by.

The Red Carpet Corridor Route 66 tour each spring brings Roeder in uniform to Dwight for two days.

Last year he was also in Dwight for the 90th birthday of the Mother Road, Route 66 which drew large crowds to Dwight, including international motorcycle riders.

Roeder served in the United States Army Reserves from 1964 to 1970 and later graduated from Joliet Junior College in 1973. He is retired from Argonne National Laboratory in the Lemont area since 2007, the same year he became Dwight's Texaco Man. He now resides in the Limestone area, western Kankakee County.

Throughout his life he has travelled to other nations, so when he meets a foreign visitor, he chats with them if he has been to their nation.

"If you've been over to their country, they talk more," he added, making a mimicking sign with his hand of a person talking as he smiled broadly.

Ambler Texaco/Becker Marathon History

As of 2001, the station has been registered on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

Ambler's Texaco Station was built in 1933 by Jack Schore on property originally owned by Otto Strufe. When the station closed, it held the record as the longest operating gas station along the historic Route 66.

The station last dispensed gasoline in 1999, under the ownership of Phil Becker as a Marathon station.

In 1936, the station was leased to Vernon Von Qualen and became known as Vernon's Texaco Station. Over the next two years, Von Qualen purchased the station from Schore, and sold it in 1938 to Basil "Tubby" Ambler. Ambler owned the station from 1938 to 1966.

Roeder said he often went to the station to hang out with Ambler, a story repeated by Phil Becker who became an employee and later owned the station.

Roeder said whenever Becker sees Roeder at the station as the Texaco man, he smiles broadly.

Other owners of the station included Ambler who sold the station to Earl Koehler. Koehler sold the station to Royce McBeath, who ran it between 1965 to 1970. The station changed hands once again when Becker bought the station from McBeath on March 4, 1970. Soon after Becker took over operation of the station, Texaco stopped supplying the location with gasoline so Becker contracted with Marathon Oil.

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Gas Drops 3.8 Cents

The U.S. national average gasoline price per gallon dropped 3.8 cents a gallon to \$2.301 Monday.

This is the second consecutive week of price declines in gasoline across the United States.

In *The Paper's* circulation area, the largest decline was in Gardner with a 21 cents plunge to \$2.19. Mazon lost 14 cents to \$2.15. Braceville was down 12 cents to \$2.17 while Dwight fell 10.4 cent decline to \$2.154 and Herscher fell 10 cents to \$2.19.



City/Village	Jan. 23	Jan. 16
Dwight	\$2.154	\$2.258
Seneca	\$2.186	\$2.286
S. Wilmington	\$2.35	\$2.35
Streator	\$2.076	\$2.312
Odell	\$2.29	\$2.32
Saunemin	\$2.29	\$2.35
Cullom	\$2.35	\$2.35
Pontiac	\$2.1375	\$2.24
Gardner	\$2.19	\$2.35
Braceville	\$2.17	\$2.29
Mazon	\$2.15	\$2.29
Morris	\$2.09	\$2.15
Herscher	\$2.19	\$2.29
Kankakee	\$2.08	\$2.16
Chicago	\$2.47	\$2.55
Illinois	\$2.35	\$2.43
U.S.	\$2.301	\$2.339

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

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THE GARDNER AREA BAND boosters have raised half of their needed finances to march in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington DC.

Submitted photo

Gardner Area Band Reaches Halfway Mark in D.C. Trip Fundraising

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Leone said.
The second event is Saturday, Feb. 25, a Sinatra Night at Rury’s Tap in South Wilmington featuring a special performance by Burt “Sinatra” Neitzer at 8 p.m. and a DJ Party with the Pickle.

There will be raffles

starting at noon and winners need not be present.
Prizes will include Chicago White Sox tickets, a custom Chicago Cubs fire pit, a 40-inch Samsung smart television, a custom concrete patio furniture set, baskets and more.
Tickets for Sinatra Night are available at Rury’s Tap,

Gardner-South Wilmington High School, Braceville Elementary School, Gardner Grade School, and South Wilmington Grade School.
For further information or to obtain tickets to these events, call Leone at GSW High School, (815) 237-2176 or email him at: mleone@gswhs73.org

Red Cross critically needs donors after winter weather adds to severe blood shortage

Since Dec. 1, about 300 blood drives across 27 states have been forced to cancel due to inclement winter weather, resulting in more than 10,500 blood and platelet donations going uncollected. Since the beginning of the year, snow and icy roads forced blood drives to cancel, causing donations to go uncollected. Despite the weather, hospital patients still rely on transfusions.
Blood donor Jim Taylor knows how it feels to have a loved one waiting for a transfusion. His son Aaron was born with a rare liver condition. In the short two months of his life, he

received 115 blood products. Taylor said each transfusion gave his family more time with Aaron, so he encourages others to give.
“When the Red Cross says there is a shortage, they are not exaggerating,” said Taylor. “I now know from experience that what they are saying is somewhere there is a father waiting on the donation that will save his son’s life. When the Red Cross asks for help, what that means is a new dad is praying for a miracle.”
To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS



(1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.
Upcoming blood donation opportunities:
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2/17/2017: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 225 E. Third
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2/6/2017: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church.

50 Paid Internship Opportunities for Local Juniors and Seniors

The Grundy Economic Development Council (GEDC) and the Grundy Area Vocational Center (GAVC) are pleased to announce 50 paid internship opportunities for the 2017 Grundy County Summer Internship program. The program, now in its fifth year, has grown exponentially thanks to the successful partnership between the education and business communities.
Summer internships are available to all juniors and seniors from the four area high schools: Coal City, Gardner/South Wilmington, Minooka, and Morris. A wide variety of paid internships are available, includ-

ing but not limited to, accounting, engineering, IT, health care, machinists, and much more. Most positions are full-time; however, part-time opportunities are available to accommodate interns with other summer commitments.
Students may view the positions and apply online at the GAVC website, gavc-il.org. All applications must be submitted by February 22, 2017. If students have additional questions, they can speak with the guidance counselors at their respective schools.
This year’s participating businesses: Aux Sable Liquid Products, City of Morris, “D” Construction,

GEDC, Grainger, Grundy County Health Department, Illinois Truck, Joliet Junior College, LyondellBasell, Mack & Associates, Metalstamp, Midwest Industrial Sales, Morris Hospital, Regency Care, Rezin Orthopedics, SpaceCo Engineering, Standard Bank, US Cold Storage, Utility Concrete, and Village of Minooka.
Nancy Norton, GEDC president, commented: “This is a great opportunity for our young people to have real world experience that will help them as they make future education and career choices. It also opens up their eyes to the great opportunities right here in Grundy County.”

Gardner Lions Breakfast Feb. 12

The Gardner Lions Club will serve breakfast at the Gardner American Legion Hall Sunday, February 12, from 7 a.m. until noon.
On the menu: pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice and milk.

The costs are: Adult; children ages 5-10; under age five eat free.
Funds raised will benefit the South Wilmington Grade School Eighth Grade Class and Student Council; visually and hearing impaired; and any other community proj-

ects funded by the Gardner Lions.
A donation of canned goods for the local food pantry would be appreciated. The club also accepts donations of eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones.

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Kim Frauli, Dwight, Writes First Novel in Trilogy Sci-Fi Series

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a conscience,” Frauli said. “I don’t think she [Juliana] knows what she is about to get into.”
Frauli is a 1993 graduate of Dwight Township High School, graduated from Joliet Junior College in 1995 and has a degree in journalism from Illinois State University, obtained in 1997.
She currently works as a clerk at the Prairie Creek Public Library and free lances, writing non-fiction news articles for Telling Ministries, a Christian non-profit.
She has done several articles such as a story on the set of the movie Dolphin Tail 2” filmed in Florida.
She also writes stories based on phone interviews for the ministry. She recently did an interview with country singer Reba McIntyre.

She has been writing for the company for three years.
This is the first of three fiction books she is contracted to write for Telling Ministries, their first venture into fiction publishing.
The ministry asked Frauli to write a trilogy that would be “kid friendly” and still appeal to adults.
She said she was contacted in April for the book contract and wrote the story from April to October.
This was written while juggling duties at the library, and raising her three children with husband Chris. Her children are Jillian, 16; Daniela, 13; and Tyler, 12.
The 355-page book, published by Telling Ministries, is available as an ebook for free on the web site: www.authorreach.com
To purchase a paperback version, people can go to

Amazon.com, Frauli.
She said the first book is free, but ends with a “cliff-hanger,” spanning about two months in the lives of Julianna and Declan. The next books will be sold both ebooks and in paperback form. The second book in the series, “Project Blue” is due out in October of this year, she said.
Writing a novel is different from writing journalism articles, she said.
For example, in the midst of writing the second book in the series, she said to herself, “someone has to be killed.”
She laughed, relishing the “power” she has over her creations.
“It is a weird thing to be in control of everything,” she mused. “It is nothing like real life.”

Rev. Ognoskie Accepts Call To Iowa Church After 18 Years

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when the public school added a preschool program to the curriculum.
Dwight’s Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, with a celebration July 9. He said he may be able to attend.
He said the rural area in Iowa is similar to Dwight, although Iowans are more connected to agriculture than in this area.
And the challenges are similar for all churches, he said.
“We’re suffering the same as most all churches with attendance,” he said.
Dwight’s church has 249 Baptized members, 165 of whom are Communicants (age 14 or older). That is much lower than when he came nearly 20 years ago.
“There doesn’t seem to

be as much of attendance as in previous generations,” he continued. “In the past, you went to church on Sunday. Now you don’t go every Sunday. Kids are more active and involved in sports.”
He said instead of going to religious classes, children attend sports practice or games.
“In the past, the community would set aside Wednesday night for church activities. That’s no longer the case.”
He said community sports activities are now offered to younger children, which also detracts from church attendance and church class attendance.
“People focus on something else [other than church],” he said. “The parents kind of set the tone. I can remember missing [athletic] practice on Saturday if

I had church activities. My parents would say ‘go to church,’ not this.”
So, why did Ognoskie decide to enter the ministry?
“I wanted to be a pastor all my life,” he said. “My parents told me I was two or three years old, standing at the dinner table and preaching.”
He even “played” church with his younger sister, she would play the piano and they would sing hymns.
He was married in 1973 and graduated from seminary in 1975. He and his wife Judith have two grown daughters, Michelle and Katie.
While Emmanuel Lutheran begins its search for a replacement pastor, the Rev. Harvey Nicholson of St. Anne, will fill in for Ognoskie.

Scholarship to Be Awarded by Livingston County Sheriff

The Illinois Sheriffs’ Association will be awarding more than 100 scholarships through Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education in the 2017-18 academic year.
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Play To Be Written About Saunemin’s Albert Cashier

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A second-year theater student at Emporia State University, Kansas, was in Saunemin Jan. 13 doing research on the town’s Civil War hero Albert J. Cashier.

What makes Albert different, and attracted the theater student to his story, is Albert’s living as a man all “his” life despite being assigned female gender at birth.

Isabella Tate, 20, said she had already written the play, but will now be changing it with all the new research she has been doing.

Tate came to Saunemin to see first-hand his home, which has been restored in Saunemin, where Cashier resided after his Civil War years.



Albert J. Cashier

“I wanted to see it with my own eyes,” she said, enthusiastically, adding she had just come to the home after visiting Cashier’s grave in Saunemin.

“The play’s going to change a lot now that I’ve been here,” she added. “It feels kind of like a pilgrimage.”

What attracted Tate to the story was that woman Jennie Irene Rodgers, an Irish-born immigrant who served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

“It is because he was assigned female identity at birth and had the strength to live as himself after the war,” Tate said.

According to Wikipedia, “Cashier adopted the identity of a man before enlisting, and maintained it for most of the remainder of her life. This consistent and long-term commitment to the male identity has prompted some scholars to suggest that Cashier was a trans man.”

She was born a woman in 1843 and died a man in 1915 after living several years in Saunemin.

“What was going through his mind,” Tate mused as she took in his historic home surroundings.

This is not the first time Albert Cashier has been the subject of a written story. “The Jennie Rodgers Story”

is a biography written by veteran Lon P. Dawson, who lived at the Illinois Veterans Home where Cashier once lived.

The novel “My Last Skirt,” by Lynda Durrant, is also based on her life.

Tate promised that when the play is finished, she will come to Saunemin to do a live reading for area residents.

The play is in three acts, with the second act the most lacking in historical facts, she said.

The first part is her life in Ireland, the second the Civil War, and third act is her life in Saunemin.

“Typically, she was said to have been dressed in boy’s clothing by her stepfather in order to find work,” according to Wikipedia. “Her mother died sometime in her youth, and by 1862, Rodgers had traveled as a stowaway to Illinois and was living in Belvidere.”

Albert Cashier enlisted in the 95th Illinois Infantry, Sept. 4, 1862, part of the Army of the Tennessee under Ulysses S. Grant and fought in approximately 40 battles, including the siege at Vicksburg, the Red River Campaign and the combat at Guntown, Mississippi, where they suffered heavy casualties.

“Other soldiers thought that Cashier was small and preferred to be alone, which was not uncommon,” Wikipedia said.



ISABELLA TATE (RIGHT) is given literature by Saunemin Trustee Al Arnolds about Saunemin’s famous citizen, Albert Cashier, a woman who fought in the Civil War as a man and settled in Saunemin after, living his life out as a man. Tate, a student at Emporia State University in Kansas, is in the process of writing a play about Cashier’s life, visiting Saunemin’s site of his historic home Jan. 13 as part of her research.

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ing her a bath, at which point she was made to wear a dress,” Wikipedia said.

Tate was thrilled when Saunemin Trustee Albert Arnolds invited her to sit in Albert Cashier’s chair in the home.

“I wish I could talk to him,” Tate mused as she soaked the historic home into her entire being.

“She was once captured in battle, but escaped back to Union lines after overpowering a prison guard.”

Cashier settled in Saunemin, Illinois, in 1869, where he worked as a farmhand. Her employer there, Joshua Chesebro, built a one-room house for her, which is the home Tate visited Jan. 13.

“Because she lived as a man, she was able to vote in elections

and later claimed a veteran’s pension under the name Albert Cashier,” Wikipedia said.

In November 1910, Cashier was hit by a car that broke her leg.

“A physician discovered her secret in the hospital, but did not disclose the information,” Wikipedia stated.

“Attendants at the Watertown State Hospital discovered that she was female when giv-

1,000 Books Reading Challenge Coming to Dwight

Families are invited to join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight.

The 1,000 Books Program is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children.

By reading just one book a night, families can reach the 1,000-book goal in three years and provide their children essential early literacy skills.

Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help close the vocabulary gap and prepare children to enter kinder-

garten with the skills they need to succeed. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years.

Registration is open, and for more information, you may call the library at 815-584-3061, or visit the website: www.prairiecreeklibrary.org

The program is free of charge.

You may also visit the website: www.1000booksbeforekindergarten.org for more information regarding the program.

Applications for Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships Now Being Accepted

The Marjorie J. Martin trustees announced today that applications for the 13th annual Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships are now being accepted.

Applications are available at Odell Public Library, Odell Bank, Dwight High School, and Pontiac Township High School. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must live in the area currently served by the Odell Fire Protection District, Odell Public Library District, or the Odell Grade School District. Completed applications are due March 1, 2017.

The scholarship was established by Marjorie J. Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and a teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years, who died March 31, 2004. She stipulated that scholarships be grant-

ed to high school graduates seeking continued education at an accredited college or university in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business or engineering.

In 2016, the trustees awarded \$45,250 to twenty-seven students from Odell. Scholarships were awarded in recognition of academic and extracurricular excellence.

The recipients for the 2016 scholarships were:

Meagan Brockman, daughter of Tom and Teresa Brockman; Eric Campbell, son of Doug and Chris Campbell; Lauren Cassady, daughter of Mike and Sherry Cassady;

Maureen Doran, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Doran; Michael Doran, son of Thomas and Margaret Doran; Ashton Farris, daughter of Christina Farris; Andrea Flynn, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn; Erica Flynn, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn; Ashley Fox, daughter of Aaron and Susan Fox; Erin Gaston, daughter of James and Shelah Gaston; Haley Gaston,

daughter of James and Shelah Gaston; Ryan Gaston, son of Jim and Shelah Gaston; Carli Grieff, daughter of Rich and Deb Grieff; Jorden Grieff, daughter of Rich and Deb Grieff;

Madison Grundler, daughter of Mary Grundler; Brandon Hodge, son of Randall and Lynn Hodge; Hailey Hoegger, daughter of James Hoegger and Shari Hoegger; Ashley Johnson, daughter of Jamie Johnson and Mark Johnson; Kristin Johnson, daughter of Jamie Johnson and Mark Johnson; Matthew Johnson, son of Jamie Johnson and Mark Johnson;

Park Leacock, son of Jeremy and Bobbi Leacock; Kaitlynn McKee, daughter of Aaron and Kara McKee; Emily Mills, daughter of Brian and Susan Mills; Rachel O’Lone, daughter of Daniel and Shelly O’Lone;

Alexander Olson, son of Martha Olson and Kevin Olson; Kelly Pagel, daughter of Randy and Pam Pagel;

Molly Verdun, daughter of Stephen and Kimberly Verdun.


Artists encouraged to participate in Arts Festival

The third annual Liberty Arts Festival is coming to downtown Morris on July 13-15. One of the highlights of the festival is the Art Walk, taking place on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

This year the festival will feature both a Fine Art Walk and a separate Hand Made Market. The event will be juried and ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place participants in the Fine Art Walk.

The Art Walk will be located near the Grundy County Courthouse where attendees can enjoy plenty of activities for children and adults alike. There is a fee for a 10’x10’ space. The space is free for high school and college students.

Contact the Morris Downtown Development Partnership, Inc. at (815) 941-0245 for an application or additional information. Applications and information may also be found at www.downtownmorris.com.



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Women & Heart Disease

\$10 includes lunch
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\$40 Carotid Artery Screening - ultrasound test to check for blockages in the carotid arteries in the neck which can lead to stroke.

\$40 Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening - ultrasound test to check for enlargement of the abdominal aorta at the center of the chest and abdomen.

\$100 Artery Screening Bundle - have all three artery screenings listed above at a discounted price.

Screenings are also available weekdays by appointment at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus, 630-553-8200.



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Town and Country 4-H Club Members Take Part in Honoring Vets; Kick Off New Year

Town and Country 4-H celebrated the holiday season by taking part in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery December 17.

Town and Country members took part as volunteers, laying wreaths on the graves of the military men and women and their family members who are buried in the Cemetery. Wreaths Across America wants to place a wreath at every grave at every National Cemetery in the United States. Town and Country purchased 20 wreaths and placed hundreds as part of the ceremony.

“4-H is centered around the motto ‘Learning by Doing’ and our members learned a lot about how to honor our military veterans through volunteerism,” said Club Leader Melinda Hogan. Many Town and Country members have relatives buried in the cemetery and have visited before. “No matter where you look, every row is perfectly straight showing there was a lot of planning that went into this cemetery,” commented Club President Miles Hoffman. Wreaths Across America hosts this ceremony every year just before



TOWN & COUNTRY 4-H members celebrated the holiday season by taking part in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on December 17, 2016. Pictured left to right: Brock Enerson, Ava Schultz, Miles Hoffman, Peyton Bradley, Matt Gereaux, Sam Lepper, Max Lepper, Ben Lepper, Mason Gereaux, Colten Monroe, Collin Monroe and Mike Gereaux.

Christmas.

Town and Country 4-H Club began the New Year with its regular monthly membership meeting on a new day and in a new location. Meetings will now be held on the second Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Essex Lions Hall located at 100 Parls Street, Essex. “We have increased our membership and just simply outgrew our previous location at the Methodist Church,” said Club Leader Mary K. O’Brien, adding

“We are very fortunate to have the support of all of the community organizations that help us out with meeting space and resources.”

A new slate of officers took over at this meeting, including President Miles Hoffman; Vice-President Colten Monroe; Secretary Ava Schultz; Treasurer Matt Gereaux; Recorder Mike Gereaux; Scrapbook Committee Chair Elsie Hoffman; and Meeting Chair Audrey Hoffman.

The new officers voted to

have a Club Activity Day at the newly-opened Sky Zone in Joliet on February 12, as well as voted to sponsor club members’ attendance at State 4-H activities.

4-H membership is open to anyone ages 8-18 and the Cloverbud program offers opportunities for children 5-7 to learn about 4-H. Enrollment for this year is still open. Please contact Mary K. O’Brien at (815) 365-2368 for details or go to 4-H.illinois.edu for more details.

South Wilmington Kindergarten Pre-Registration February 7

Kindergarten pre-registration for South Wilmington Grade School’s Class of 2017-18 will take place Tuesday, February 7, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and 1 until 3:30 p.m. in the school office.

No fees will be taken at that time.

Take two proofs of resi-

dency and your child’s birth certificate.

Children must be five years of age by September 1, 2017.

If you have questions or are unable to attend the registration, you may call the school office at 815-237-2281.

Dwight Preschool Screening

The Dwight Early Learning Program is hosting a birth to 6 year old developmental screening February 16 and 17. This is a play based screening in the areas of learning, motor, speech, and social development.

Children over the age of three will have a screening of their vision and hearing. It is recommended to have your child screened at least once prior to the start of school. **Children 2½ and older must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program at**

Dwight Grade School.

The screening will be located at the Dwight Methodist Church Thursday, Feb. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Friday, Feb. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If your child has been screened once before, and you have no developmental concerns, it is not necessary to have your child rescreened. To schedule an appointment call the Dwight Early Learning Team at 584-6249 or 584-6254 starting Monday, Feb. 6.

Need Concession Stand Manager Dwight Youth Baseball and Softball -- Sign Up Now

It’s that time of year again – Dwight Youth Baseball and Softball will hold sign-ups for the 2017 season in the Dwight Grade School Cafeteria.

You can register during CLASS basketball starting today, January 25, from 6 until 8 p.m., and February 1 and 8; and every Saturday from 9 until 12 noon.

February 11 is the last day for registration. It is important to register by that

date so that uniforms can be ready and the teams registered with the league.

Fees are: T-Ball, \$25; 8U (Pinto), \$40; 10U (Mustang), \$45; 12U, (Bronco), \$45; and 14U (Pony), \$70.

A search is on for someone to run/manage the concession stand for the 2017 season. This is a paid position.

For more information, contact Terry Wilkey at 815-378-6425.

Governor Thomas Ford Chapter Meets Dec. 5

Governor Thomas Ford Chapter NSDAR met at the Moyer District Library in Gibson City, Dec. 5, for a noon luncheon organized by hostesses Lena Nickrent, Joyce Schmale, and Sherri Kenner. After enjoying Subway box lunches, DAR Museum corresponding docents, Carol Castellon, Julie Woller, and Sandra Santas presented their program, "Toys in the Attic."

The program was based on the toy collection at the DAR museum in Washington, DC and their own toy collections that were displayed on several tables. In 1890, the founders of the DAR envisioned “a place for the collection of historical relics...portraits, pictures, etc. ...in a fireproof building.” Today, the DAR Museum supports the NSDAR’s goals of historic preservation, education and patriotism by collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting the material culture and social history of pre-industrial America.

History essay contest. The winning essay at the chapter level was sent on to the District III chairman. Good Citizens Chairman Joyce Schmale reported that Rose Williams’ essay was selected at the chapter level to be sent on to District III Chairman. Rose is the daughter of Scott and Carol Williams of Melvin.

Project Patriot Chairman Sherri Kenner asked members to continue clipping coupons for military families and also to bring gently used or new paperback books for Operation Paperback, a national, non-profit organization, whose volunteers collect gently-used books and send them to American troops overseas, as well as veterans and military families here at home. It is yet another way that we can let our military community know that their service and their sacrifices are appreciated.

Service for Veterans Chairman Lena Nickrent reported that she took Christmas gifts with a value of \$802.73 to the Veterans at LaSalle Veteran’s home. She also read a thank you from the staff and veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System for our donation. JAC Chairman Pam Bork reported that she would be picking up entries for the Junior American Citizens contests from Tri Point, GCMS, and PBL schools to be judged in the next couple of weeks.

Liz Wharton read a thank you from the Dominy Library in Fairbury, for our recent donation of the book, “America’s White Table.”

On February 6, members will meet at the Moyer District Library in Gibson

City for a noon luncheon. Pat Baker will present her program, "Find a Grave." Hostesses are Carol Camp and Lis Krall.

MVK Seniors Meet

The MVK Seniors met on Tues. Jan. 17, 2017 for a delicious lunch at the Mazon American Legion Hall, catered by Weitz's Café, thru the 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 all of our volunteers. There was a silent prayer for our ill and deceased members.

Get-well cards were signed for Dorothy Rolando, Pat Arthur and Pat Starks.

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Gwen Johnson, and Marlene Claypool. Linda Poppleton had a nice reading about the "7 Days of Inspiration".

Next, the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Door prizes went to Jan Alsbury, Bob Hollenbeck, and Paul McIntosh.

Bob Hollenbeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gwen Johnson seconded.

The next meeting will be on Tues. Feb. 21, 2017 with Euchre starting at 10:30 am and Bingo following the business meeting.

Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us for a small donation. Please make a reservation by calling Community Nutrition Network at (815) 941-1590.

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Illinois Wesleyan Announces Fall 2016 Dean's List

The following students in *The Paper* territory were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Dwight - Bryan Worby
Gardner - Brandon Chopp
Herscher - Mackenzie Marquis
Odell - Andrea Flynn

The Dean's List, which was announced by Provost and Dean of Faculty Jonathan Green, includes 772 students from 25 states and 15 countries. To be on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight A's.

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan is a nationally recognized, highly selective liberal arts university. Illinois Wesleyan's liberal arts curriculum and nationally regarded professional programs are designed to encourage its students to think and study broadly.

The University is exclusively undergraduate and enrolls approximately 1,770 students from across the nation and around the globe.

Art Bunting Wins ICGA Top Award

Art Bunting of Dwight is the recipient of the Illinois Corn Growers Association's top award presented at the organization's annual meeting Nov. 22 at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal.

The World of Corn Award goes to individuals, organizations or businesses for making significant contributions to the corn industry.

The special award, now in its 26th year, was created to recognize the global importance of corn, and specifically honor individual pacesetters that have made Illinois a leader in the corn industry.

"Art Bunting has been an amazing leader in our association with a commitment that has never faltered," said Jeff Jarboe, family farmer and ICGA President.

"He is still one of the farmers we can call anytime with a need or a request and he's happy to help the association in any way he can," Jarboe added.

Bunting joined the ICGA Board of Directors in 1999 and served as ICGA President in 2007-2008.

He has also served the

Alyssa Gernenz named to Dean's List at UW-Whitewater

Alyssa Gernenz from Mazon has made the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2016 fall semester.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade-point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"Making the Dean's List is a tremendous honor for our students. It is a recognition for their hard work and commitment to success," said Susan Elrod, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. "We are proud of all of the students on the list and hope to see their names there again!"

The Registrar's Office reports 3,578 students were selected for the Dean's List for the fall semester. About 12,000 students are currently enrolled at UW-Whitewater.

Jennie Rodgers Makes the Dean's List at McKendree U

Jennie Rodgers, a senior sociology-social work emphasis major from Braceville, has been named to the McKendree University Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester for earning a grade point average of 3.60 or higher.

McKendree University is a College of Distinction, among "America's 100 Best College Buys," and recognized as a "Military Friendly School" by Victory Media.

Founded in 1828, the historic Lebanon campus is 25 miles from downtown St. Louis, with campuses in Kentucky and programs at Scott Air Force Base.

Eating Healthy on a Budget – Money Mondays: Lunch N Learn

Join us for a Money Monday Program over the lunch hour to learn about eating healthy on a budget!

This program will be held at University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County, located at 1650 Commerce Drive, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017.

We will discuss creating a food budget and the real cost of going out to eat! We will also talk about comparison shopping, unit pricing and discuss tips on how to keep costs down!

This program is for ages 18 years and older. There is no fee to attend. Please pre-register by calling 815/933-8337 before February 9, 2017 for program materials to be prepared.

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For tips on saving and investing, follow the University of Illinois Extension "Plan Well, Retire Well" blog at www.retirewell.illinois.edu.

For more information about this particular program, please call Sasha Grabenstetter at the Kankakee County Extension Office at 815-933-8337.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Love and Understanding

Dear Editor,

I just came from New Life Assembly of God Church where we were inspired and challenged by Rev. Tom Stamman of I.M.I. to fulfill the Great Commission set forth by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to "go into all the world, loving Him, others and ministering to their needs."

After the service, I had to pick up a few items from the local market, Berkot's Super Foods.

At the checkout line, I was warmly greeted and helped by a friendly and dedicated cashier.

I felt somewhat flustered by the fact that I was not fully prepared due to the fact that I had failed to check the amount on the link card.

I turned around to apologize to the kind and patient woman waiting behind me who graciously said, "don't worry...I have some time."

I turned back around to let the cashier know that I would return for the items.

Upon arriving home, my brother informed me that the assistant cashier manager contacted him and said the items were "paid in full."

After eating lunch, I went back to the store to gather the items.

Upon leaving, I immediately reflected on the valuable lessons that I am beginning to learn: Listen to His leading and formulate an action plan; be grateful to all people — like the kind lady who demonstrated her love, patience and mercy; and proclaim the mighty and continually good works that God (through his Son and Spirit) continues...(despite our flaw, frailties, and failings).

Praise the Lord.

Karl Kemper
Dwight

A Huge Thank You to the Community of Dwight

St. Peter's hosted its 2016 Christmas Day dinner event for those in the Dwight Community.

A full turkey dinner was served to approximately 40, including volunteers. Fifty-three dinners were delivered.

We had plenty of food and fellowship. A very special thank you to those who helped to make this dinner a success:

LSC Communications, Dwight Branch (Bank of Pontiac), Centruie Bank, First National Bank, Old Rt. 66, Berkot's, and the many volunteers who worked hard to make this possible.

This is a great ministry that fills a need at Christmas, and we are looking forward to next year.

St. Peter's
Lutheran Church
Dwight

Church of Hope Plans Soup/Sandwich Supper

Saturday, February 18, is the date chosen for Gardner's Church of Hope Soup and Sandwich Supper.

Serving will be from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m., and the menu includes broccoli cheese soup, chili, beef vegetable soup, croissant sandwiches, hot dogs, lettuce salad, desserts and drinks.

Prices are: Adults; children 5 - 12 years; and those under five eat free.

Carryout will be available at this annual supper.

Fun Facts:

January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one.



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISSOLVE THE SOUTHEAST GRUNDY MEDICAL FACILITIES ASSOCIATION

On June 7th, 2017, a Special Meeting of the Southeastern Grundy Medical Facilities Association will be held to dissolve the Association and donate any residual funds to the Morris Hospital for equipment to be used in the new facility located at 409 North Route 53 in Gardner.

Any loan certificate holding person desiring to surrender their certificate for face value are to contact Secretary/Treasurer Ken Bozue in writing, along with the certificate at P.O. Box 205, Gardner, IL 60424 by May 24th, 2017. The directors will transfer any residual funds and take the necessary steps to dissolve the Association at the Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 at the Garfield Township Office at 301 Liberty St. in Gardner, IL

Ken Bozue
Secretary/Treasurer

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B+ CELEBRATION TOUR

Celebrating the Life of Jerry Beier

Friends and family of the late Jerry Beier will host the B+ CELEBRATION TOUR on what would have been his 44th birthday: Saturday, January 28th, 2017.

At the Country Mansion, this open-house style event will begin at **1:20pm** with a presentation of the colors and the National Anthem.

Live Music

A diverse musical lineup will perform as outlined here. Emcee'd by Mike McConnell, this very special live music experience shouldn't be missed.

The Mansion will offer a select menu of baseball-inspired fare, including Italian Beef, Italian Sausage, Chicago Combos, Hot Dogs, Cheese Nachos and Chips, for sale between at 4–9:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the newly created **B+ Scholarship Fund** which will annually benefit a graduating DTHS Senior who best represents Jerry and his contributions to our community and the lives of others. More information at the event, at which time scholarship donations will be collected.

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- 5pm** The Clients
- 6pm** Luke & Sarah Windham
- 7pm** 4 Cryin' Out Loud
- 8pm** Mitch Edwards with Matt Jury, Doug Patten, Neal Picco, Mike Jezek & Danny Tock
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OBITUARIES

Alta Irene Yasenchak

DWIGHT – Alta Irene Yasenchak, 98, of Morris and formerly of Dwight, passed away at 4:55 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Park Pointe Healthcare and Rehab in Morris.



Dwight. In 1996, George and Alta moved to Morris. They had been married 61 years when George passed away in 2002.

Alta leaves behind her children: Ronald (Becky) Yasenchak of Lincoln City, Oregon, and Judith (Wayne) McComb of Morris; her grandchildren: Ronda Wiles, Jeffrey McComb, David (Gabrielle) Yasenchak and Douglas McComb; and her great-grandchildren: Joshua, Megan and Alex McComb; Connor Wiles and Zoe Yasenchak.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Ervin, Donald, and Merrald Clover; and her sister, Lotus Grob.

Alta is remembered by her friends and family for her gentle nature, and her unconditional love, loyalty and generosity. She will be missed and held in the hearts of those who knew her forever.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: hagermemorial.com

Burial will follow in Round Grove Cemetery, Reddick.

Alta was born on the family farm in Reddick December 6, 1918, the youngest of five children of Frank and Hattie (Brownsey) Clover. She grew up on the family farm in Reddick and graduated from Reddick High School in 1937. She met and married George Yasenchak in 1940. They settled in Dwight, where they lived for more than 50 years.

She took great joy in her role as a homemaker and mother of their two children, Ronald and Judith. Later, she worked with George at his State Farm Agency in

Elizabeth Wiltshire

DWIGHT – Elizabeth Wiltshire, 88, of Dwight passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in Morris.

Elizabeth was born January 10, 1929 in Pontiac, daughter of Christian and Edith Hansen Petersen. She married Ralph Wiltshire September 5, 1953 in Coal City. He survives in Dwight.

Also surviving are a sister, Gladys (Petersen) and Lee Smith Christopher of Dwight; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Gerald Petersen.

Elizabeth was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church for many years, and worked for the

Joliet Arsenal for more than 18 years. She loved animals and cared for them often.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Monday, January 23, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

Burial: Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Visitation was held from 2 until 5 p.m., Sunday, January 22, at the Funeral Home.

Memorials in her name may be left to the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Her guestbook may be signed at: www.hagermemorial.com

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

Angela Richie

REDDICK – Angela Dee Richie, 55, of Reddick passed away surrounded by her family Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in Reddick.



She was born December 18, 1961 in Fairbury, daughter of Sam and Joan Hamilton Terrell. Her parents survive in Hoopeston. She married Michael Richie March 30, 1980. He survives in Reddick.

Angie and Mike have two sons: Jared Richie and Sean Richie, both of Reddick.

The family members are avid Packer fans, and have taken a family vacation to Lambeau Field. They also enjoyed a wonderful family trip to Hawaii last spring.

Angie was an active member of the Reddick United Methodist Church. She was ordained as a lay minister in 2008. She was very active in her church, teaching both children and adult Sunday School classes. She was instrumental with Vacation Bible School and the Christmas program.

She was an avid reader, a sometimes golfer, a good friend, a great sister, and a wonderful wife and mother. She worked at Bunge Foods in Kankakee for more than 20 years. She graduated from Tri-Point High School in 1980 and attended KCC.

She also leaves two sis-

ters: Leslie (Carey Wiesner), and Mindi Terrell, both of Pontiac; a brother, Matthew (Kristie) Terrell of Hoopeston; mother-in-law, Sharon Richie of Dwight; sisters-in-law: Colleen Mittelbown of Niles; Cathleen (Wayne) Wilson of Odell; and Coreen (Jeff) Perschnick of Dwight; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Kyle Dale Richie; father-in-law, Dale Richie; maternal grandparents, Neal and Kathleen Hamilton; her paternal grandparents; and two nephews.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 21, in the Reddick United Methodist Church.

Burial: West Lawn Cemetery, Cullom.

Visitation was from 4 until 8 p.m., Friday, at the Reddick church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be left to Reddick United Methodist Church or Kankakee Valley Hospice, 482 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais – www.hkvcare.org

Her guestbook may be signed at: www.hagermemorial.com

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

Richard L. Cable

MAZON – Richard L. Cable, 81, of Mazon passed away at 9:14 a.m., Saturday, January 21, 2017 at his home.

As per his request, cremation rites were accorded and a Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later

date. Memorial contributions may be made to Grundy County Hospice, 518 W. Illinois Ave., Morris, IL 60450.

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth Ann Houck

DWIGHT – Elizabeth Ann Houck, 87, of Dwight passed away Friday, January 20, 2017 in Dwight.

Elizabeth was born August 26, 1929 in Dwight, daughter of Walter and Esther Mickelson Houck.

She is survived by a son, Mark (Linda) Olsen of Dwight; brother, James (Margaret) Houck of Texas; grandchildren: Colin Olsen of Westland, Michigan; Marissa Olsen of Redding, California; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Walter Houck; a brother in infancy; and nephew, Jim Houck, Jr.

A lifelong resident of Dwight, she attended Dwight schools and was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church, the Willing Workers group, and United Methodist



Women, where she earned woman of the year. She was also a member of Duplicate, and other bridge groups, and was a member of the Dwight Senior Citizens.

Over the years she worked for Boyer Buick and spent more than 20 years at the Dwight Correctional Facility as an accountant.

Visitation was from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service Tuesday, January 24, in the Dwight United Methodist Church. Pastor Lance Leeds officiated at the service.

Burial: Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Memorials in her name may be left to a charity of the donor's choice.

The guestbook may be signed at www.hagermemorial.com

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

Francine M. Scovel

BRACEVILLE – Francine M. Scovel, 77, of Braceville passed away Monday, January 16, 2017 at her home.

She was born August 12, 1939 in Freeport, daughter of Melvin and Grace Mennaga Kitzmiller.

Francine was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Women of the Moose Lodge #1551 in Mt. Morris.

Surviving are three daughters: Malinda Gentry of Dwight; Lisa (Craig) Adams of Braidwood; and Sheila (Dale) Halstead of Mazon.

Thirteen grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; special friend, James Baker; and one brother, Gregory Kitzmiller also survive.



Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Arthur Walker Scovel; daughter, Kelly Ann Scovel; grandson, Nick Peddicord; and sister, Shirley Otten.

Funeral services were at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Friday, January 20, at 10 a.m.

Interment: Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Dixon.

The visitation was Thursday from 4 until 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name may be directed to Braceville Fire Department or Braceville United Methodist Church.

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

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Public Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Medical Necessity Consultants, located at 415 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2017.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

ODELL CCSD #435

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
February 1, 2017**

The Board of Education of the Odell CCSD #435 will hold a Public Hearing Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the grade school library, 203 N. East St., Odell. The purpose of said hearing will be to receive public comment on a proposed waiver application for the district to waive out of district tuition fees for the children of full time employees.

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Now it's basically to the point where I want to watch Tom get his fifth championship. One for the thumb. Then ride off into the sunset as probably the greatest football player of all time.

If he wins this one, there really isn't much left for him to accomplish that he hasn't accomplished already.

I know that it doesn't make sense that I'm a fan, they aren't even close to the area, and it's obviously easy to say now that I didn't know how good a team they would turn into over the years.

It's been great to watch them over the last 15 years as they go deep into the playoffs. It's really been a staple of my youth.

If there's one thing that I still need to do at this point, in my fandom, is actually watch him play in person.

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Defendant

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2016, the Sheriff of Livingston County will at 10:00 AM on February 21, 2017, at the Livingston County Courthouse, West door of the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, PONTIAC, IL, 61764, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 3 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK "I" IN THE VILLAGE OF ODELL, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THE EASTERLY 8 FEET OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK "I" OF THE VILLAGE OF ODELL, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Commonly known as 206 E. PRAIRIE STREET, Odell, IL 60460 Property Index No. 10-10-10-128-002 & 10-10-10-128-010 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$88,374.85. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in \"AS IS\" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. , 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number C15-32483. E-Mail: ilpleadings@potesivolaaw.com

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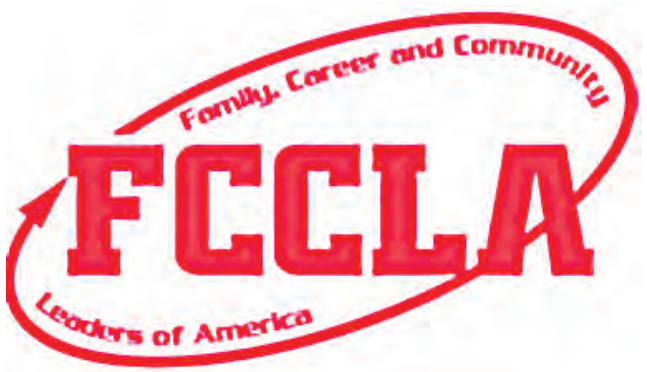
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Section 11 Meeting
@ Pontiac Bible Church



STAR EVENT COMPETITORS shared their projects with a judge in hopes of advancing to the FCCLA State Conference in April. All categories advanced to State competition. Six DTHS students participated in STAR events. Pictured left to right: Jessalyn Frobish, Josie Snyder, Rebecca Ruder, Jillian Frauli, Hannah Van Der Karr and Lucy Rieke.



DTHS FCCLA ATTENDED the Section 11 Meeting at Pontiac Bible Church on Friday, January 13th. The keynote speaker was the Livingston Humane Society. Workshop presenters included Dwight's Kim Frauli - PR careers; Dwight's State Farm Jerry Danko - insurance; Dwight's Marc Rosales - leadership development. Students were also encouraged to network with other FCCLA students in Section 11, which includes schools in Livingston and McLean Counties. There were 70 students in attendance from Section 11, 32 from Dwight.



FIVE STUDENTS FROM DTHS ran for Section office and were elected. Pictured left to right: Leah Flynn, Lucy Rieke, Lilli Groves, Owen Van Der Karr, and Jillian Frauli. They will serve the Section in the 2017-2018 school year.

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DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Wednesday, January 18
Dwight vs. Peotone Freshmen -

Dwight was dealt a 48-43 road loss to Peotone January 18.

“A tough game on the road,” Coach Connor stated. “Not many things fell our way, but the boys played hard the entire game.”

Bryson Connor had 13 to lead the Trojans, while Tyler Masching and Lane Thompson each added ten points. Mason Tjelle scored five points, followed by Garrett Severson and Nathan

Green with three and two points, respectively.

Friday, January 20
Dwight vs. Cissna Park JV - The Trojans were on the road January 20, taking a 38-23 loss to Cissna Park.


Dane Rodosky’s nine points, including one three, led Dwight. Andrew Curl connected on two three-pointers, while Tyler Masching put in two buckets. Cole Hahn and Dakota Wahl added two points each for the Trojans, who are now 8-6 overall and 2-3 in the conference.

Varsity -

Dwight was defeated in the varsity meeting, taking a 74-66 loss to the Timberwolves.

Blake Graham’s 22 points led the Trojans, as he drilled three trifectas and went 3-5 from the line. Justin Fox added 21, including three treys and 4-7 free throw shooting. Logan Graham hit two threes and was 2-2 from the charity stripe, totalling eight, while Wes Pulver contributed seven points. Colton Holm and Carter Wykes both buried a three, with Dakota Wahl adding a bucket.

Dwight is now 13-5 overall and 3-2 in conference play.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, January 16
Dwight vs. Clifton Central Varsity -

The Lady Trojans were defeated by Clifton Central 55-30 in the first round of the SVC Tournament in Watseka January 16.

Dwight was down just five at halftime, only to be outscored 35-15 in the second half.

Rachel Dawson and Daly Galloway each had nine points to lead the Lady Trojans, with Galloway’s all coming from behind the arc. Mel Stewart chipped in eight points, including a three, while Brooklyn Long and Lucy Rieke each added two points.

Dwight is now even on the season at 8-8 overall.

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Dwight vs. Clifton Central

The JV Lady Trojans defeated Clifton Central in a hard-fought game, 26-23 January 18.

Tough free throw shooting in the fourth quarter allowed the Lady Trojans to pull out the victory.


Scoring for the Trojans were: Danielle Carlson, 12 points; Chloe Butterbrodt, six; Kaitlyn Harms, four; Gretchen Hilt and Cassie Holmes added two points each.

The win moved the Trojans record to 6-8 on the season.

Thursday, January 19
Dwight vs. Momence Varsity - SVC Tourney

In consolation round action of the SVC Tournament in Watseka January 19, Dwight defeated Momence, 59-36.

Everyone on the Lady Trojans’ roster scored, with Rachel Dawson leading the pack with 16 points to go with ten rebounds. Brooklyn Long (three three-pointers) and Leah Flynn each added 11 points, while Rieke and Mel Stewart each had five points. Bossert put in four points, followed by a three from Daly Galloway. Zeedyk and Hughes each had two points to round out the scoring.



SAUNEMIN EAGLES BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017
GSWB at Saunemin

Saunemin concluded its regular Jr. High Boys Basketball season, hosting Gardner for 7th and 8th grade games January 17. The visiting Tigers pulled out two wins on the evening.

7th Grade
GSWB 31, Saunemin 23

In the first game, Saunemin’s 7th grade (7-13) couldn’t hold on to a 12-11 halftime lead as the Tigers raced ahead in the second half for a 31-23 win.

Colten Ketcherside scored a game-high 17 points to lead the Eagles. Walker Gerdes scored five, and Trey Duck added a FT for the hosts.

8th Grade
GSWB 34, Saunemin 24

The Eagles 8th grade concluded its regular season with a 34-24 loss to the Tigers, ending the regular season campaign with a 12-9 record.

Carson Crouch led the Eagles with eight points. Dallas Hillier and Isaac Telford each scored six, while Caleb Peet added four.

The Eagles begin IESA Regional play this week in the 7A Regional as the #2 seed. The Regional, hosted by Saunemin, began Monday.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of)
of) No. 2017-P-7
PHILLIP J. TESTA, Deceased)

CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PHILLIP J. TESTA, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of PHILLIP J. TESTA, who died on October 23, 2016, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of his death was 11213 Pantheon Street, Norwalk, California 90650. Letters of Office were issued to Charles P. Dunbar and Alice L. Testa as Independent Co-Executors of the Last Will of Phillip J. Testa dated October 11, 2016, by Order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois dated January 11, 2017.

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 January 25, 2017. 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. Claims filed with the Representatives may instead be filed with the Resident Agent for the Representatives as noted below. Copies of the claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representatives and the Representatives’ Attorney/Resident Agent, 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 addresses of the Independent Co-Executors are as follows:

Charles P. Dunbar
57 Geronimo Lane
P.O. Box 809
Arroyo Seco, NM 87514


Alice L. Testa
1345 Singingwood Ct., #4
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

The Resident Agent for Charles P. Dunbar and Alice L. Testa pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/1-11 for purposes of accepting service of process, notice or demand required or permitted by law with respect to the within estate is:

Irvin L. Masching
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of)
of) No. 2017-P-6
JANET C. FORNERIS, Deceased)

CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
JANET C. FORNERIS, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of JANET C. FORNERIS, who died on November 19, 2016, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of her death was 32591 E. 3100 North Road, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued to Joseph D. Forneris as Independent Administrator of the Estate of JANET C. FORNERIS by Order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois dated January 11, 2017.

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 January 25, 2017. 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 Representative, or both. Copies of the claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and the Representative’s 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:

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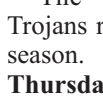
The estate will be administered without court supervision, under Independent Administration pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq. Any interested party may obtain a copy of the form to Petition to Terminate Independent Administration from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois at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

Joseph D. Forneris
Mailing Address
107 S. Shelly Avenue, P.O. Box 76
Reddick, IL 60961

Physical Address for Service
32591 E. 3100 North Road
Dwight, IL 60420

Attorney for the Independent Administrator:

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



DGS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, January 17
Dwight vs. Woodland 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Redbirds scored a season high 43 points in a win over Woodland, 43-26.

“Shots were dropping, the defense played well, and we added 12 assists,” Coach Conroy said in the post game. “A great team effort.”


Leading Dwight was Landon Brown with 20 points, four boards, a steal, and an assist. Bryce Handzus added 17 points, seven rebounds, five steals, and three assists, with Ford (five steals, four assists, one rebound), Denker, and Duden (three steals, one assist) scoring two points each. Kapper contributed seven rebounds, five swipes, and an assist, while Petree grabbed five rebounds.

8th Grade -

Great ball movement and defense is what Coach Stevenson of the Dwight Redbirds contributed to their 39-25 victory over Woodland, stating this was “one of the better all around games of the year.”

Dwight had the lead after one, 10-4, but Woodland crept back to keep it interesting at 19-14 at the half. But the ’Birds began to run away with it in the second half, on their way to another “W.”

Brandon Ceylor had 14 points to lead Dwight, with Caden Schroeder and Andrew Harsh adding seven and six points, respectively. Brody Hoegger and Abe Rieke both had four points, followed by two each from Jarrett Jancek and Trent Tilley.



TROJAN SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Takes 2nd at SVC Kickoff Tournament

The Trojan Scholastic Bowl team was in action January 19 at the Sangamon Valley Conference Kickoff Tournament at PBL High School, going 4-1 on the day.


Dwight picked up wins over Iroquois West (240-80) and Armstrong-Potomac (210-160), before falling to tournament champion PBL (240-150).


The Trojans bounced back with wins over Cissna Park (210-16) and Watseka (290-60).

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GSW Takes Two from Tri-Point in Homecoming Match-Ups

Friday, January 20
GSW vs. Tri-Point
Girls Varsity -

It was the Homecoming game at GSW, and the Lady Panthers came out ready to play – defeating Tri-Point in a big way, 61-36.

“We shot the ball pretty well tonight,” stated GSW head coach Adam Leigh. “We were able to get quite a few steals against them in the first half to pull ahead at halftime (40-17).”

Jenni Price had another huge game, scoring 21 points, including three three-pointers and a perfect 2-2 from the line. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh added 18 points (2-3 FT), while Sydney Perkins and Celia Barna each put in six points. Kaylee Steichen and Mady Asbridge both buried two baskets, with Halpin adding one of her own. Murphy led the Lady Chargers with 10 points (4-9 FT), followed by seven from Kerrig, including one trifecta. Houck and Hummel both

scored six points, with Weller adding four free throws. Reynolds and Jubin scored two and one, respectively.

Boys Varsity -

In the boys’ match-up, the Panthers posted a 65-39 victory over the Chargers, moving to 7-9 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

“We got off to a quick start due to our transition game,” stated Chris Gibson, GSW head coach. “But then in the second quarter we didn’t have as many opportunities for that. Our guards didn’t shoot well in the second, but Braden Marks finally started connecting in the third quarter – followed by a fantastic fourth quarter from Nathan Wozniak.”

Wozniak led all scorers with 18 points, with Marks scoring 15 points, including four threes. Chris Bement put in 11 points, followed by Austin Kavanaugh’s seven points. Michael Ashley, Jr. and Dalton Smith both scored four points, with Ben Bexson

burying a three-pointer. Walker Eutsey added two free throws; Ethan Haywood – one free throw.

“Anytime you can hold a team to under 40, you feel pretty good about your defense,” Gibson added. “I thought we were adequate in that area – but still room for improvement.”

For Tri-Point, Mark Miller (one three-pointer, 2-4 FT) and Nick Mahoney (two three-pointers, 1-1 FT) both had nine points, followed with seven by Roger Viti (two three-pointers). Five came from Jacob Bruner, including one three. Randal Ifft and Piers Cardenas had four points each. Jay Hendershot made a free throw.

“We have a tough week ahead of us as we travel to Beecher (Jan. 24) and then home for another chance at state-ranked St. Anne (Jan. 27),” Gibson stated. “If we can complete a sweep, we will be in great position for repeating as conference champion.”



GSW Walker Eutsey



GSW Nathan Wozniak

Coca-Cola Classic Free Throw Winners

Champion Fitness Free Throw Contest Winners

- Tucker Hill, Woodland 5th: 20-25
- Riley Weber, Pontiac Comanches: 19-25
- Brayden Long, Dwight: 18-25
- Jake Luckey, Ransom: 18-25
- Thomas Hammond, PC 6th: 17-25



GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Monday, January 16
GSW vs. Grant Park
Varsity -

The Lady Panthers were able to get their press going right away on Grant Park January 16, leading to easy buckets in transition on the other end and eventually a 60-28 “W.”

Jenni Price led the way with 15 points and six steals, including a three-pointer. Celia Barna had 12 points (one three-pointer), while Kaylee Steichen contributed 11 points and four steals. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh put in eight points, with Halpin, McDaniel and Sydney Perkins each adding four points. Mady Asbridge also had a basket.

GSW’s defense was able to hold the Lady Dragons’ best player to just nine points in the contest and the team is now 15-6 overall with a 5-2 record in the RVC.

Thursday, January 19
GSW vs. St. Anne
Varsity -

Gardner - South Wilmington defeated St. Anne 61-39 in b-ball action January 19.

“The first half of the game was a little slower speed than we really like,” admitted head coach Adam Leigh. “We weren’t playing very good help side defensive. In the second half, we moved into a denial press and sped up our transition game and were able to pull away in the third quarter.”

Jenni Price had a huge game, scoring 23 points in the victory.

“She was all over the floor,” Leigh said of Price, “and really could score at will.”

Kaylee Steichen and Sydney Perkins each had ten points, with Kaitlynn Kavanaugh and Celia Barna adding seven points each. McDaniel and Mady Asbridge both had two points.

The Lady Panthers improve to 16-6 overall and 6-2 in the conference.



GSW Kaitlynn Kavanaugh



GSW Kaylee Steichen

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DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, January 17
Dwight vs. Mazon
7th Grade

The Dwight seventh grade volleyball team traveled to Mazon January 17, when they fell short against the MVK Mavericks, 20-25, 25-23, 16-25.

Alexis Thetard led the team with nine kills and eight points. Hailey Heath had five aces and four digs.

Alayna Airgood added seven points and two assists. Erin Anderson played aggressively at the net and landed five kills.

8th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds picked up a 25-16, 25-15 win over Mazon January 17.

Nora Anderson led with 12 points, including ten aces, a kill, a dig, and an assist. Alexis Thetard had six points, with four aces and three kills, with Nellie Rieke (two aces) and Kayla Kodat (two aces, eight kills,

two assists, one dig) adding five points each. Emily Weissmann contributed four points, including two aces and four digs. Faith McInerney had a point and a dig. Jordan Schultz saved four digs for Dwight.

Thursday, January 19
Dwight vs. Saratoga
7th Grade -

Dwight’s seventh grade Lady Redbirds traveled to Morris to face off against Saratoga, taking a 9-25 loss in both sets and falling to 0-3 overall.

Jordan Schultz led the team with three points (two aces), and played her best defensive game of the season with six digs. Alexis Thetard led in the kills department with three – also adding two digs, while Alayna Airgood scored two points. Addy Harms had a point and a kill, with Hailey Heath saving a dig.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds fell 15-25, 20-25 to Saratoga.

In the second set, Dwight was down 5-0 but fought back to cut the deficit to three – forcing the Lady Hawks to take a timeout at 17-20. But Saratoga would hold on to win it.

Kayla Kodat led with six points, three assists, and two kills. Jordan Schultz had a big defensive effort in back-to-back games, leading with four digs to go with one point, while Alexis Thetard added four points, including two aces and a kill. Emily Weissmann contributed three points, with an ace and a dig. Nellie Rieke had two points, including an ace and a dig, while Nora Anderson added two points and a kill. Izzy Burkhardt saved a dig, with Faith McInerney adding a kill.

Paperbowl XVI Has Another Repeat Winner

Week 19 saw the NFL Division Champions crowned while Paperbowl XVI recognized another repeat winner.

Vickie Dagen of Braceville took the prize, having 12 correct picks out of 14, for which she was awarded a \$100 Sponsor Gift Certificate. Vickie also won back in week 13. Congratulations, Vickie!

There were 72 total entries this week. Drop off locations were Old World Liquors, SOCU, Victory Lanes Bowling, Planning Associates, and Dwight Bank.

Only one more winner is left to be named in Paper Bowl XVI.

Next week Big Paper Bowl XVI begins and will have multiple first place winners along with one \$200 Grand Champion winner. A winner will be selected from each of the sponsor locations. Get ready to play.

See next week’s paper for entry questions and details.

Victory Lanes Bowling League Results

Sportsman League at Victory Lanes

January 18, 2017

HSG,	279,	Blaine Wilkey;
HSS,	673,	Blaine Wilkey;
HTSG,	1034,	Jensen’s I;
HTSS,	2925,	Willy’s Pub.
Willy’s Pub	15	5
Victory Lanes	13	7
Jensen’s BP II	12	8
Jensen’s I	11	9
KWM Guttermn	11	9
Krug Lawn Care	10	10
Jeremy’s Barber	10	10
DeLong Ford	8	12
JF Recycling	5	15
Star Trucking	5	15

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: 279, Eric Knobbe; 184, Carrie Smith. HSS:

702, Steve Kinzler; 474, Stephanie Coleman. HHG: 279, Eric Knobbe; 248, Carrie Smith. HHS: 737, Calvin Coleman; 646, Carrie Smith. HSG: 939, C3 Racing. HSS: 2751, C3 Racing. HHG: 989, C3 Racing. HHS: 2901, C3 Racing.

League Standings	W	L
Pro Track	24	12
DQueens	24	12
Willy’s Pub	23	13
Dairy Queen	19½	16½
A & S Exteriors	19½	16½
Victory Lanes	19	17
C3 Racing	18½	17½
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-v-
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OBITUARIES

Karolyn M. Rinn

ODELL – Karolyn M. “Dodie” Rinn, 73, of Odell died at 5:44 a.m., Thursday, January 19, 2017 at her home.

Dodie was born June 1, 1943 in Pontiac, daughter of Ivan and Bernadine Gschwendtner Bruce. She married John Martin November 24, 1962 in Pontiac. She later married Charles Rinn on December 30, 1984 in Pontiac at their home and their marriage was convalidated later at St. Mary’s Church.

He survives in Odell. Also surviving are three daughters: Kristene Ryan, Anchorage, Alaska; Lyn (Tom) Tucker of Odell; and Megan (Steve) Bennett of Pontiac.

Six grandchildren: Liana Wesselhoff, Makani Zaima, Parker Bennett, Alaska Bennett, Lucas Tucker and Claire Tucker; three brothers: Dick Compton of Seattle, Washington; Gary Bruce of Pontiac; and Arthur Bruce of Streator; one sister, Shari LeVack of Seattle, Washington; an aunt, Alzina “Cug” Porter, and an uncle, John “Buck” Gschwendtner, both of Pontiac, also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and two sisters.

Dodie was raised by her grandparents, Bernard (who she affectionately called Daddy) and Gertrude Gschwendtner, on the family farm south of Pontiac. She was a member of St. Mary’s Church, Pontiac.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Her funeral was at 11 a.m., Tuesday, in St. Mary’s Church, Pontiac, officiated by Father David Sabel.

Cremation rites were accorded after the funeral, and private inurnment will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Pontiac.

Visitation was Monday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Pontiac. The rosary was recited at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary’s School, St. Paul School, or Livingston County Humane Society.

The guestbook may be signed at www.calvertmemorial.com

Dennis H. Huston

GARDNER – Dennis H. Huston, 71, longtime resident of Gardner, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 22, 2017 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Visitation will be Friday, January 27, from 4 until 8 p.m., and also Saturday from 9 until 10 a.m. at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel.

Funeral services will be at the Funeral Home Satur-day, January 28, at 10 a.m. Rev. Jan Chandler will officiate.

Interment with military honors will follow in Braceville-Gardner Ceme-tery, Braceville.

He was born March 30, 1945 in Joliet, son of Chester and Betty Sowers Huston. He was a graduate of Gardner South Wilmington High School, Class of 1963; a veteran of the United States Navy, serving during Vietnam; and a 33-year member of the Teamsters Unions, #26, #179, and #710, retiring from Cassen’s Auto Transport.

Dennis was a member of The Church of Hope in Gardner, American Legion Danner Madsen Post #663 in Gardner, the Tin Can

Sailors, past Gardner Lions Club, and Garfield Twp. Trustee.

Hobbies included gardening and going to his grandkids sporting events. His grandkids were his pride and joy.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Sorensen Huston, who he married December 3, 1966 in Gardner; son, Eric Wayne Huston; daughter, Colleen (Tim) Perkins of Gardner; grandchildren: Allison, Sydney and Nolan Perkins; granddog, Jasper; brother, David (Cathie) Huston of Gardner; sister-in-law, Linda Tyler of Gardner; brother-in-law, Richard (Susan) Dinelli of OK; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Merlin and Lillian Sorensen; and sister, Lynn Dinelli.

Memorial donations in his name may be directed to the Church of Hope in Gardner or Joliet Area Community Hospice.

To visit his on-line guestbook, log on to: www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

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- JAN. 25: 2 p.m., Real & Kids Klub; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., Ignite.
- JAN. 26: 7:30 p.m., Praise Team rehearsal.
- JAN. 27: Office closed.
- JAN. 28: 7 a.m., Men’s Bible Study at Rte. 66 and Pete’s Restaurants; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Boy Scout Pinewood Derby weigh-in.
- JAN. 29: 8 a.m., Church; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Church with Praise Band; 12 noon, Confirmation Class; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Pinewood Derby.
- JAN. 30: 7 p.m., Bible Warriors.
- JAN. 31: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.
- FEB. 1: 9 a.m., Prayer Shawl; 2 p.m., Real & Kids Klub; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., Ignite.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
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Pastor Daniel L. Woodward

- JAN. 25: Wednesday Evening Service & King’s Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.
- JAN. 29: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
- FEB. 1: Wednesday Evening Service & Kings Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.

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

- JAN. 29: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: “How to Live and How to Die.”
- JAN. 31: Deacons meeting, 6:30 p.m.

DATE TO REMEMBER:
• FEB. 28 -- Fat Tuesday – Soup and Sandwich Supper.

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New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
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- JAN. 25: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Bible Study.
- JAN. 26: 9:30 a.m., Second Wind 50+ Ministry; 7 p.m., Worship practice.
- JAN. 29: 9 a.m., Morning Bible Study; 10 a.m., Main Service - Communion; Kids Church; 12 noon, Celebration Sunday & Carry-In Lunch; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
- JAN. 31: NO Book of John Bible Study.
- FEB. 1: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Bible Study.

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

- JAN. 28: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
- JAN. 29: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
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- JAN. 27: AA meeting.
- JAN. 29: 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; 11:15 a.m., Annual Congregational meeting; 2 p.m., Holy Communion Worship at Heritage Health.
- JAN. 30: Church office closed.
- FEB. 1: 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage Health; 5:30 p.m., Intergenerational music rehearsal; 6:15 p.m., Youth meal and fellowship; 7 p.m., Youth Group.

– After school until 4:30 p.m. – J.A.M. Junction (Kindergarten - 4th grade) and E.D.G.E. (Preteen). Snacks are provided; S.T.A.T.I.C., 6 until 8 p.m. 7th - 12th grades. Snacks are provided.

- JAN. 27: 8 p.m., AA meeting.
- JAN. 29: Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.
- TUES. Women’s Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- TUES./THURS.: Exercise with Patty, 9 a.m.
- FEB. 1: Children’s After School Programs – After school until 4:30 p.m. – J.A.M. Junction (Kindergarten - 4th grade) and E.D.G.E. (Preteen). Snacks are provided; S.T.A.T.I.C., 6 until 8 p.m. 7th - 12th grades. Snacks are provided.

CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

- JAN. 29: 10 a.m., Mass.

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

- JAN. 29: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: “How to Live and How to Die.”
- FEB. 1: Bible Study, 3 p.m.

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- JAN. 25: 10 a.m., Kerygma
- JAN. 26: 9 a.m., Pastor’s Lectionary Group.
- JAN. 29: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship.
- FEB. 1: 10 a.m., Kerygma.
- FEB. 18: Soup & Sandwich Supper.

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Mon., Jan. 30: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole grain wheat, apricots.

Tues., Jan. 31: Swissed beef pattie with green peppers, onions and tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, macaroni and cheese, whole grain wheat, applesauce.

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DTHS Board of Education January Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty

The Dwight Township High School Board of Education called its first meeting of 2017 to order on January 18.

In his report, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek informed the board that the school calendar has been amended to reflect May 30 as the current final day of school. Dr. Jancek also told the BOE that there is one open board seat with no identified candidate on the ballot for the upcoming April 4 Consolidated Election. December 19 was the last date to file to be included on the ballot. However, anyone interested in running as a write-in candidate can do so by filing a petition by February 3. The seat will be for a two-year term.

In the Principal's report, it was noted that fourteen 2017-18 DTHS seniors have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Principal Dan Kaiser called the honor "incredible" for a school the size of Dwight High School. With a DTHS Senior Class of just 56 students, fourteen students represent 25 percent of the senior class receiving the recognition.

"To have fourteen students recognized from our school is a phenomenal

accomplishment," Mr. Kaiser told the BOE.

In other business, the board discussed the need to demolish and rebuild the Ag shed. According to Dr. Jancek, the shed, which was built by an independent contractor through a grant program, was not vented properly and the Ag shed has been subject to developing black mold. A quote of \$22,387.50 for demolition and removal has been received with an additional \$8,000 - 10,000 estimated to rebuild the shed. The board approved moving forward with the project at an estimated total cost of \$30,000 - \$35,000.

Restructuring of the current DTHS Track coaching staff was discussed and received board support. The DTHS Track coaching structure will move from one head coach and two assistants to two head coaches (one boys track coach and one girls track coach) and one paid assistant coach. There will also be a volunteer assistant coach.

The BOE also:

- discussed and approved English Department Programming changes as presented by English teachers Erik Borne and Lindsey Jensen.
- heard highlights of the Illinois Reading Council Conference from Erik Borne

and Lindsey Jensen who attended the conference.

- approved an FMLA request for Davi Pappas.
- approved Brandi Peters as a long term substitute for Kathy Patten (FMLA).
- approved an overnight trip, IMEA Seminar, January 27 – 29, in Peoria IL for Justin Gund and student with parent chaperone.
- approved overnight trip, FCCLA State Conference, April 5 – 7, in Springfield IL for adviser Kathy Patten and students.
- approved employment reduction from full-time to half-time for Deb Erschen, Second Shift Custodian.
- approved employment increase from half-time to full-time for Terry Sarff, Second Shift Custodian.
- approved stipend increase .5 to 1.0 for Matt Norton, Assistant Wrestling Coach.
- approved employment for Erin Gaston, Assistant Softball Coach (Step 1).
- approved resignation of Elizabeth Danielson, Substitute Bus Driver.
- approved dismissal of employment of Donna Muzzarelli, Substitute Bus Driver.
- approved IASB Press Plus Board Policy updates (Collective Bargaining) as proposed.
- approved IASB Press Plus Board Policy updates (Sections 2 – 8) as proposed.
- approved the 2016-17 Seniority List as presented.
- approved the purchase of a new John Deere 72" zero turn mower from AHW at a final cost of \$16,950 using O&M monies.

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Mirassou Wines 750 ml.	\$4 ⁹⁹
Menage A Trois Wines 750 ml.....	\$7 ⁹⁹
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Fireball WHISKEY
\$13⁹⁹
750 ml.

Baileys IRISH CREAM
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