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# Dwight Mayor Anderson: Goal Is To Attract New Homes, Business

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Dwight Mayor Jared Anderson has two goals for 2017: Attract businesses that provide numerous goodpaying jobs and provide incentives to encourage home building in town.

He said one of the goals the village, now entering its 163rd year in existence, is investigating is asking a railroad to add a rail spur.

Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern main rail lines.

"The potential is for an industry looking for rail," Anderson explained.

Anderson said the village has met with Nancy Norton of the Grundy County Economic Development Council and Adam Dontz, counterpart Livingston County.

He said the village has been reviewing the village economic recovery strategies, and looked at some projects that could enhance Dwight's marketability to potential home buyers and businesses, such as the rail spur.

One of the things discussed was additional signage to help point visitors to the downtown district.

In addition, this year's

project will give the business district a "facelift" with new curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Bids will go out for the project in late February, for a project improving on what had already been done in 2016 by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the upgrade of the rail crossings for high speed rail at Mazon Avenue and Chippewa Street.

'We will be resurfacing Dwight has access to both East Main and West Main, Anderson explained. "And there will be new street lighting."

The downtown district improvements could be a boon to existing downtown businesses, and attract new shops and new residents.

Housing starts are down all across the nation, and Dwight is, of course, no exception. So the village is considering economic incentives to entice people to build new homes in town.

Right now, there is a flat \$1,000 rate for all hookup and inspection fees for a new home. That fee was formerly much more expensive, up to \$10,000, for example, for a \$250,000 home.

But this recent improvement in the fees is not

Anderson said the village downtown revitalization is looking at a tax abatement,

cooperation Dwight's school districts, which would also be an incentive for future new home buyers/builders.

The school district portion (combined grade school and high school) of property taxes generally makes up between 60 and 70 percent of an average homeowner's property tax bill.

Village taxes would be on top of the school taxes.

Already, the 2016 road resurfacing projects, some of which will be finished in 2017 and a second phase to start in 2017 will also provide impetus for people and businesses to locate in Dwight.

Last year, 21 blocks were resurfaced with replacement curb and gutters.

Bids will go out for the second phase this year to include resurfacing some of the major problem streets in town, including Chippewa Street from Chicago St. to Route 47, Wilmac Street from Sunset to Route 47, and North Street from Morris Road to Chicago.

"We are looking to try to do Clinton Street from Chippewa Street to Odell Road, storm sewer and perhaps curb and gutter and storm sewer restoration on St. Louis Street from Route



DWIGHT MAYOR JARED ANDERSON stands by a rendering of the downtown business district project, to be under construction later this year. The improvements, which build upon those made by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the rail crossings at Mazon Avenue and Chippewa Street, will help entice customers to downtown shops, the village believes. In addition, plans are underway to provide financial incentives for future home buyers/buildings to locate in Dwight, and to make other improvements to make the village marketable for commercial or industrial companies wishing to locate.

William Street.

Last year's improvements cost \$3 million which includes sewer work, and this year, the estimated costs will be \$3.5 million, which includes \$2 million for the second phase of road improvements.

project will be paid for with Tax Increment Finance

17 (Mazon Avenue) to District funds, Anderson

The other road work is being paid for by the 1 cent per \$1 increase in sales tax for the village, passed last

Road work is not the only part of Dwight's improvement plan. Aging water The downtown district mains are being replaced throughout town, with work currently

Taylor Street, west of Morris

"We need more people," Anderson said. "If we can't get a commercial or industrial business to relocate which has 200 well-paying jobs, we need to do what we can to initiate home building.

"We're doing what we can to make Dwight mar-

# Gardner Buys Nielsen Grain Property for \$60,000

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

As part of the first step in the process of eliminating an abandoned building in Gardner, the village purchased the former Nielsen Grain Elevator land and building for \$60,000.

The sale of the property closed Jan. 27. The board voted to buy the land and property at its Jan. 23 meeting.

"The village will be responsible for removing gate storm draining issues the abandoned building on the site," Mayor Mike Serena told The Paper last week. The property, located downtown off Depot Street, is prime commercial reimbursement policy for property and could be an enticement for economic development, explained.

by Myke Feinman

Managing Editor

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by Tri-Point to shore up red

ink by the end of this school

Board began the process for

the bond at its Jan. 23 meet-

The Tri-Point School

A nearly \$1 million work-

"We have been in talks on this issue [abandoned building] for a number of years," Serena added.

The site is an eyesore and safety hazard and has attracted wild animals, Serena said.

"This could be used to attract business," he said.

No plans have been made yet concerning the building's demolition.

In other business, the board:

· continues to investiin town, working with Chamlin and Associates Engineer Guy Christen-

tabled its review of employees who attend classes to learn new skills Serena related to their village duties.

ing by acquiring a \$237,500

surety bond, required in the

Bryan explained to The

Paper last week that the

surety treasury bond is

required as a kind of "insur-

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Superintendent

cash bonding

Jeff

# DGS Teacher Finds Herself Using Services of Family House Just As School Starts Fund-raiser For The House

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

The same day Carol Fink, teacher at Dwight Elementary School, sent home a note with students about an upcoming fundraiser at the school to support Family House of Peoria, she found she would soon need servic-

es of the charity. The fundraiser began Dec. 9

"I had just sent out notes with the kids," Fink told *The* Paper last week.

"That night I came home and he [husband Brad] was on the floor."

Brad had an aortic aneurysm and Carol spent the next 31 days straight as a resident of Family House.

Family House is a 20room health care hospitality house that provides affordable accommodations in a home-like environment to families of individuals and patients receiving health care services in the Peoria

Since the 31-day stint at Family House, Fink has returned to teaching at Dwight Grade School, and goes to the home to spend the weekends with Brad.

"They've been just a Godsend," Fink said.

Meantime, the fundraiser at the school, involving the first, second and third grade students at DGS last



DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL teachers for students in grades first, second and third raised \$520 for Family House in Peoria, a charity that allows families to stay overnight when loved ones are hospitalized in the area. Teachers involved are (from left) Kimberly Long, Ali Severson, Sarah Jones, Stinnett Gettinger, Jamie Oelschlager, and Jessica Legner. Carol Fink was also going to be involved with the fund-raiser this past December, but wound up using services for Family House instead when her husband was found on the floor of their Dwight home.

under the direction of Fink's fellow teacher Jamie Oelschlager.

third grade teams chose to skip their usual student grab bags and ask the students to donate coins to Family House.

"The teachers explained where [Family House is] located, the services provided, and the importance of family being together, especially when someone is ill,"

December, raised \$520, said Laura Blackaby, executive director of Family House.

One of the teachers on the The first, second and DGS staff stayed at Family House a few years ago when her father was ill.

Those donations help keep the cost down for families who stay when loved ones are in the hospital.

Last year, the house served more than 6,400 guests, including Fink, with the homes sprinkled all across 29 states in the U.S. and in other countries such as Canada, Mexico, Haiti, Malawi, a nation in southeast Africa.

"Care and compassion is at the forefront of all we do," Blackaby added.

Family House has been serving the Peoria area for 32 years.

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# FOR THE RECORD

### **Tickets Issued** by Dwight Police

January 20: Nicholas R. Jennings, 16, Marseilles, GDL <18/>1 passenger under 20.

January 21: Devin P. Connolly, 19, Dwight, possess cannabis < 2.5 grams; Jordan M. Sieling, 19, Bourbonnais, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Tori L. Hopper, 21, Dwight, fail. DMG/unattended notify veh.

January 22: Olivia L. Griffin, 32, Danforth, fail. obey stop sign; Jesse R. Downen, 38, Cullom, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Kevin M. Flanagan, 49, Lombard, DUI lic. susp. or revoke, operate uninsured motor vehicle, driving during suspension, improp. overt. rt./drove off rdwy., fail. to obey stop sign.

January 23: Kelsey L. Galan, 21, Braceville, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

January 25: Jennifer D. Grossen, 45, Springfield, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Jackson N. Hilt, 18, Dwight, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

January 26: Terik D. Hair, 21, Chicago, driving 15-20 MPH above limit;

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

### 37 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

### **Accident Reports**

Friday, January 20, 5:40 p.m., an accident was reported at 317 W. Waupansie involving Marjeana Fialko, 2005 Chevrolet

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Trailblazer was backing from a parking space and struck pedestrian Judith Milewski of Plainfield.

Saturday, January 21, 7:18 p.m., an accident was reported at 406 E. William St. involving Tori Hopper, the driver of a 2000 Chevrolet, who backed into a parked 2011 Mazda owned by Andrea Longtin.

Monday, January 23, 11:11 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at Rt. 47/R.R. Donnelley when an unknown vehicle struck a 2004 Honda CR-V, owned by Cassandra Pokarney, in the rear, then fled the scene.



### Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 20: 5:27 p.m., Waupansie, trauma, refusal. January 21: 6:16 a.m., Union St., medical, St. James; 7:57 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

January 22: 1:54 a.m., Scott, trauma, refusal.

January 23: 9:28 a.m., John St., medical, St. James; 4:17 p.m., I-55 SB, fire, unfounded; 11:15 p.m., Northbrook, medical, Morris.

January 24: 6:39 p.m., Prairie, standby, no pt.; 9:58 p.m., Northbrook, medical, Morris.

January 25: 2:30 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Dwight Fire; 7:06 p.m., Spencer, medical, St. James.

January 27: 6:43 a.m., Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris.

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Jan. 19 - high 40°, low 32° .71" rain

Jan. 20 - high 46°, low 35° trace precip.

Jan. 21 – high 59°, low 36° Jan. 22 - high 42°, low 36°

Jan. 23 - high 39°, low 35° Jan. 24 – high 39°, low 34° trace precip.

Jan. 25 – high 42°, low 30° .03" rain, snow

One Year Ago - Feb. 1, 2016 high 46°, low 27°

# Grundy Co. Recorder Warns of **Deed Scam**

Grundy County Clerk and Recorder Kay Olson is warning property owners of a recent, direct mail scam, involving deeds and local property records.

A Grundy Co. resident recently received several Records notices from Services Recovery of Naperville, a company that provides copies of deeds and charges homeowners a hefty service fee of \$87.00. It is suspected that notices have most likely been sent to other homeowners as well.

Olson is reminding residents that when a piece of property is legally transferred, the new transaction is recorded in the County Recorder's Office.

Those with questions may call the Grundy Co. Recorder's Office at 815-941-3224 or visit the Office the Grundy Co. Courthouse, 111 Washington St., Room 11, in Morris.

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AS PART OF THE IMPROVEMENT in Dwight to help make the town marketable, aging water lines are being replaced throughout the village. Mayor Jared Anderson said there was one line that had multiple leaks this year alone. Work is currently being performed by Conley Excavating of Morris along Taylor Street, west of Morris Road, to replace water mains.

# **Dwight Cops Seize** 37 Bags of Heroin, Car, Cash

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Dwight Police executed a search warrant at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 24, at a rural Dwight residence, seizing 37 bags of heroin, hypodermic syringes, drug paraphernalia, controlled substances and cannabis.

The police also seized \$2,748 in U.S. currency, and a 2004 Chevrolet Monte

Arrested at the scene was Brian K. Kobiela, 32, of Dwight, on four counts of delivery of a controlled substance, possession of hypo-

on a revoked license.

Samantha M. Vigna, 27, of Normal, was also arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of a hypodermic syringe.

The search was performed by the Dwight Police Department after a three month investigation, according to Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson.

Also assisting in the investigation and execution of the warrant were the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Livingston County K-9 Unit, Fairbury Police Department and the dermic syringes, and driving Pontiac Police Department.

# Office of Rep. Kinzinger **Holding Office Hours** in Dwight February 1

Congressman Kinzinger (R-Channahon) is holding traveling office throughout the Sixteenth District, and will be at Dwight Village Hall, 209 S. Prairie Ave., February 1, from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

to assist and provide guid-

Adam ance for constituents on issues such as veterans and social security benefits, Medicare, immigration and

Constituents are welcome to share their questions and Staffers will be available concerns. No appointments are necessary.

# Will-Grundy Medical Clinic Board Recruitment, Open House Feb. 9

Will - Grundy Medical Clinic is seeking new talent for its Board of Directors.

Hoping to bolster the board, the Board of Directors is hosting a recruitment event at the Clinic, located at 213 E. Cass St. in Joliet, Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The event will feature a gourmet meal prepared by award winning Chef Peggy Gerdes, courtesy of the Autobahn Country Club.

The Clinic is 100% donor supported and receives no state nor federal funding. Providing service for 29 years, the Clinic is the only safety-net clinic serving the two-county area of Will and Grundy County.

For more information, or to RSVP for the board recruitment event, contact Natalie McDaniel at 815-726-3377 or visit the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic's website, www.willgrundyme dical.org.

# **Do Something Good for Your Heart** this February! Join us during

American Heart Month for lifesaving

educational programs and screenings.

### **Help for Heart Failure - FREE!** Thursday, February 2, 10-11 a.m. Morris Hospital Whitman Assembly Room 2

Presented by Cardiologist G. Steinar Gudmundsson, M.D. Register at morrishospital.org/events or call 815-705-7832

### **Heart Attack Prevention - FREE!** Thursday, February 16, 6-7 p.m.

Morris Hospital Whitman Assembly Room 1 Presented by Cardiologist Syed Ahmed, M.D. Register at morrishospital.org/events or call 815-705-7832

### **Women & Heart Disease** \$10 includes lunch Tuesday, February 28, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Morris Hospital Whitman Assembly Room 1 Presented by Cardiologist G. Steinar Gudmundsson, M.D. Hosted in cooperation with the Grundy County Chamber's Women in Business. Register at grundychamber.com or call 942-0113

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# Cardiovascular Screenings

By appointment at Morris Hospital, February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Call 815-416-6089.

# \$35 Heart Healthy Screening -

blood test to check total cholesterol, LDL and HDL cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose for type 2 diabetes.

# \$20 Heart Smart Screening -

blood test to check cholesterol and glucose only.

### \$40 Peripheral Artery Disease Screening - ultrasound test to check for

blockages in the arm and leg arteries. \$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.



# Hello, February!



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# **HSR Rolls On -- Chicago Gridlock Remains**

by Tom Tock

In June of 2014, Illinois Department of Transportation spokesperson Paris Ervin publicly forecast that "Amtrak passenger trains should be running at speeds up to 110-mph between Carlinville and Joliet in 2015

And actually, they were, although the only stretch of high speed rail tracks that allowed 110-mph travel were between Dwight and Pontiac, a showcase stretch of the proposed system between Chicago and St. Louis that would, according to proponents, cut an hourand-one-half off the travel time between Chicago/St. Louis when the high speed project is completed.

The initial forecast for 110-mph travel between Chicago and St. Louis has since been shortened to "between Carlinville and Joliet" and updated to be in place "by the end of 2017."

The next section of track that will be opened to 110mph travel is unknown, at least The Paper received no response to that question when it was submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The most chronic problems facing the high speed rail project are getting into and out of Chicago and St. Louis, problems long recognized by those involved with Midwest rail transportation.

Rail lines entering and leaving the Chicago area have become intersecting nightmares that require crawling speeds rather than 110-mph. They require computer-controlled entrance and exit systems that are akin to air traffic control.

Amtrak into Chicago is caught up in the midst of this spaghetti-like system of congested freight and passenger rail crossings.

### **Enter Chicago Gateway Initiative**

A blue ribbon panel of experts was formed in October of 2014 to analyze and resolve the railway congestion problems Chicago. That group has completed its study and results are available, narrated and pictured in detail, on the internet: (Chicago Gateway Initiative Blue Ribbon Panel Suggests Solutions).

The suggested corrections involve flyovers and miles and miles of more tracks to

alleviate the clogged areas. It is estimated that the congested railway system in Chicago presents "an economic vulnerability of nearly \$800-billion each year." A cost estimate and funding sources for solving the problems, however, have not

been determined. Illinois' HSR project began with its acceptance in January, 2010, of \$1.2 billion in federal funds to upgrade the St. Louis to Chicago route to 110-mph travel. Illinois initially added \$258million of taxpayer funds to the effort.

Governor Bruce Rauner announced in 2014 that he would like to cut Amtrak's state operating subsidy by 40%. He cut Amtrak's funding in fiscal year 2016 (10/1/15 to 9/31/16) by \$16-

Still, the Governor stated recently that he is committed to the high speed rail project in Illinois.

A spokesperson in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Office of Communication told *The* Paper last week that "the high speed rail project continues to be funded and will

be completed as budgeted at year 2016 slid by 3.5%. \$1.95 billion total, including \$300-million in State of Illinois funds."

### Ridership Slips

Total ridership on Amtrak trains in Illinois during fiscal

On the Chicago/St. Louis route it slipped 4.8%. In Dwight, fiscal year

2015 ridership of 10,191 slipped to 9,361 in fiscal year 2016, an 8% decrease.

Ridership figures reflect

the number of people who arrive as well as depart.

Officials have blamed the ridership decline in Illinois on low gasoline prices and the ongoing construction on the Union Pacific tracks due to the higher speed project.



PASSENGERS ALIGHT from the 10:32 a.m. northbound Amtrak passenger train at the new train station in Dwight last Saturday. The new station opened October 27.

# Love Christian Book Store Reaches 40th Year

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

When Pat Wagner of Buckingham began working as a clerk at the Love Christian Center, Kankakee, a dozen years ago, she had no idea the experience would pay her in more than money.

"It's very rewarding," Wagner explained to The Paper last week. "A lot of people come in and just need a hug."

Bob Cross, co-owner of the gift/book store, said his employees all don't get paid...what they are worth."

He said it with the pause on purpose, joking as he does with customers and employees alike, Wagner said.

The store will mark its 40th anniversary in business Feb. 10, staying on the same block in downtown Kankakee, although moving to different store fronts.

The store was purchased from a small Catholic Book store, called Africano's gift

shop. The Catholic Church was closely associated with the store and remained so. When Bob was looking to purchase the store, he was told by the priest that his wife, Zandra, would have to be a partner



ZANDRA AND BOB CROSS (left and center) have been the owners of the Love Christian Center book and gift shop in downtown Kankakee for 40 years as of Feb. 10. They have several longtime employees from The Paper area including Pat Wagner (right) from Buckingham, and (not pictured) Barb Daniell of the Dwight area and Mary Kirtstein of Herscher.

and be "all-in" with Bob.

Although she was reluctant at first, she changed her mind. And the couple left the business in God's hands.

Bob said that the store has been "on the edge" barely making a profit since day one. He said in his second year, there was a 22% unemployment rate in Kankakee and banks were charging 22% interest on loans, making it difficult for anyone to

church plates and chalices.

Wagner is not the only long time employee from The Paper's circulation area. Mary Kirtstein of Herscher

survive economically. But has been there for eight the store continues to thrive, years, and Barb Daniell, providing gifts and services from the Dwight area has that are not available any- been a bookkeeper at the where else, like polishing business for more than 20 years. For further information, call the store at (815) 933-2822 or stop in at 249 S. Schuyler, Avenue, Kanka-







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# **Time to Gather Your Investment Tax Forms**

The holidays are now a month behind us, which means it's about time for another season: Tax Season. While you may not find it particularly festive, you can get through this season with a minimum of stress - if you're organized. That means, among other things, you'll need to gather the correct forms in one place. And right about now, you should be receiving many of the forms you'll need – specifically, those tax forms related to your investments.

Here are some of the key forms to watch for:

• 1099-B – This form reports capital gains. A capital gain is an increase in the value of an investment over the initial purchase price. Short-term capital gains, on investments you've held for one year or less, are taxed at your ordinary income tax rate, while long-term capital gains, on investments you've held for more than one year, are taxed at 0%, 15% or 20%, depending on income. (Keep in mind that these figures are for the 2016

• 1099-DIV – This form reports the dividends you received from companies in which you invested. For most dividends, the tax rate is the same

as it is for capital gains -0%, 15% and 20%. • 1099-INT – A 1099-INT reports the interest you received from bonds or cash instruments. Typically, most types of interest are taxed at your

ordinary tax rate. • 1099-R-A 1099-R form reports withdrawals from retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k), along with payments you received from

• 1099-MISC – This form reports, among other items, payments you might have received in lieu of dividends. 1099-MISC also reports earn-

ings you might have received as an independent contractor. • 1099-Q – If you contributed to a 529 plan or a Coverdell Education

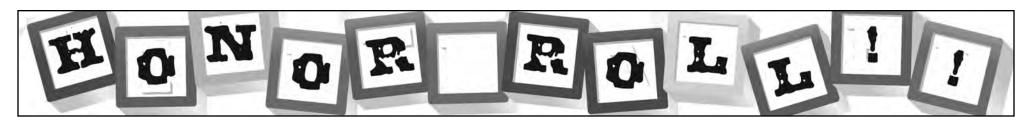
Savings Account (ESA), you may receive Form 1099-Q in each year you make withdrawals to pay school expenses of the beneficiary. However, the earnings in a 529 plan or Coverdell ESA grow tax free, and withdrawals are not taxable, as long as the money is used to pay for qualified higher education expenses.

Whether you do your taxes yourself or use a tax professional, you'll want to become familiar with these forms. Not only are they necessary for filing your taxes, but they can also tell you something about how you invest. To cite one example, if you're seeing a lot of taxes related to short-term capital gains – which are taxed at your personal tax rate, rather than the more favorable long-term rate – you may be doing too much trading. You might want to consider moving toward a strategy in which you buy quality investments and hold them for the long term.

Here's something else to look at: the taxes resulting from your traditional IRA and 401(k) withdrawals. Could you possibly withdraw less from these accounts so that your taxes will be lower? Once you're 70½, you have to take at least a minimum amount, but other than that, you control the withdrawals - and you might benefit, taxwise, by taking out only

So, gather up those 1099 forms for your tax returns – and for your own education as an investor.

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# **Braceville Elementary 2nd Quarter** Honor Roll; Perfect Attendance

**High Honors** 

Fifth Grade: Robert Denewellis-Shutes, Mia Ledlow, Ryland Megyeri. Sixth Grade: Amelia Brock, Delaney Platt, Avery Williams.

Seventh Grade: Zekeal Hess, Jacob Mammosser. Eighth Grade: Nate Offman, Jonathan Hooks, Abigail Ozee.

1st Honors

Fifth Grade: Ava Brassard, Jessica Dominguez, Allston Latimer, Rianna Platt, Hunter Purdy.

Sixth Grade: Brody Fatlan. Staiton Latimer, Kaleb Neu. Seventh Grade: Braxton Brassard, Braeden Hirsch, Ambiance Krahl, Trey Schweitzer, Nick Seplak. Eighth Grade: Aiddan

Marissa Zelhart. Daugherty, Dragovan, Austin Niccum, Nathan Weese.

Cross Category: Scott Jacobs.

**2nd Honors** 

Fifth Grade: Makaila McDaniel, Brianna Nelson, Nathan States.

Seventh Grade: Channa Cross, Cristina Dominguez, Cora Pierard.

Cross Category: Jasmine Wampler.

**Perfect Attendance** 

Robert Kindergarten: Pardon, Dominic Smith, Colton Unland. Blake First **Grade:** 

Second Grade: Kaden Cavness, Holden Grimes, Christopher Ozee, Kaden

Brassard.

Grade: Owen **Fourth** Dooley.

Fifth Grade: Ava Brassard. Jessica Dominguez, Alston Latimer, Rianna Platt, Nathan States.

Sixth Grade: Violet Casas, Brody Fatlan, Staiton Latimer, Jacob Ozee, Avery Williams.

Seventh Grade: Braxton

Brassard, Cristina Dominguez, Crystal Gill, Braeden Hirsch, Lexi Latimer, Jacob Mammosser. Eighth Grade: Aiddan Marissa Daugherty, Dragovan, Nathan Hoffman, Jonathan Hooks, James Morrison, Abigail Ozee, Brandon States, Jeffery Unland.

Cross Category: Abigail Dennett.

# **DTHS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll**

**Honor Roll 1** Freshmen: Lindita Ahmedi, Addison Bean\*, Tory Betsworth\*, Bryson

Connor\*, Katelyn Dewey, Anthony Dinelli, Kathryn Edwards\*, Jessalyn Frobish, Madison Gamble, Nathan Green, Benjamin Gukeisen, Tyler Masching, Felicia Nelson, Kyrsten Nichols, Ohlendorf\*, Avery Christopher Ohlendorf\*, Christina Pugh\*, Garett

Severson\*, Josephine Snyder, Matthew Tutterow, Owen Van Der Karr.

Sophomores: Gabrielle Barlow, Kathryn Berta\*, Rylie Bond, Zoie Burkhardt, Payton Christoff\*, Riley Connolly\*, Andrew Curl, Rishell Galbraith, Cole Hahn\*, James Harkenrider, Kaitlyn Harms, Blake Hill, Gretchen Hilt\*, Cassandra Holmes, Mackenzie Mantia. Gabriella Mascolo\*, Steven Moreno, Reece Mortensen, Andrew Myzia\*, Kirkland Pfeifer, Dane Rodosky, Robert Ruder, Juan C. Santos, Carli Schlabowske, Joseph Scott, Xaivier Slaughter, Hunter Sulaica, Sofia Swink\*, Dakota

Wahl\*, Timothy Western\*. Juniors: Taylor Anderson, Dayton Bunting, Karah Colebank, Shayla Doyle, Konnor Dyer\*, Abigail Edwards\*, Leah Flynn\*,

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\* denotes Board Scholar, 4.0 or greater GPA.

**Honor Roll** 

Freshmen: Elijah Aiden Dewasme, Enerson, Haley Jennings, Brianna Perry, Alexis Roff, Payton Sulaica, Jaxson Tarnowski, Lane Thompson, Mason Tjelle.

Sophomores: Max Bean, Chloe Butterbrodt, Danielle Carlson, Jordan Emmons, Christina Gonzalez, Logan Graham, Colton Holm, Adin Krischel, Natalie McCloskey, Paul Norton, Cal Schultz, Melissa

Stewart, Dakota Voigts.

Juniors: Seth Adams, Justine Bregin, Kira Budd, Sarah Bulian, Avery Crouch, Hayley Cummings, Kaylynn Farris, LynnDee Hale, Lily Holderfield, Kathlene Huffaker, Sarah Koss, Briana Miles, Morgyn Moyemont, Brandon Myles, Angel Norton, Perschnick, Julie Ramsey, Faith Rowland, Sean Tomac, Haley Weir.

Seniors: Jared Donald W. Branz, Jr., Andrew Brown, Sydney Christensen, Paige Fieldman, Jenna Foose, Kailey Hahn, Michael Harkenrider, Tori Hayner, Joshua Lunde, Abigail Scholwin. Megan VanAmburgh, Carter Wykes.

# MVK Middle School Honor Roll

**High Honor** 

Grade: Fifth Kenny Daggett, Peyton Enerson, Erinn Kenney, Faith Baker, Dominique Benegas, Brody Benson, Kate Biros, Tommy Clark, Casey Clennon, William Milton, Carter Thomas, and Sami VandeVelde.

Sixth Grade: Stephanie Bernhard, Kaela Francisco, Bryce Roe, Colin Collet, Leslie Klicker, Harmony Neal, and Christopher Poyner.

Seventh Grade: Case Biros, Jessica Daggett, Elizabeth Davis, Taylor Draves, Jacob Johnson, Emma Smith.

Eighth Grade: Ethan Brockman, Arista Brozovich, Nathan Johnson, Delany Welsh, Paige Baker, Alyssa Neal, Lina Noonan, Brayden Roe, Claire Woods. **Honor Roll** 

Fifth Grade: Katie Arnold, Chase Buis, Seth Johnson, Nathan Neal, Nicholas O'Neill, Gracie Steffes, Lauren Cronkrite, Ricky Gutierrez-McRaven, Kollin Holding, Chase Litwiller, and Nate Othon.

Sixth Grade: Jada Baudino, Elexis Cameron, Kayla Chambers, Jaelyn Coop, Braxton Johnson, Chase Maretta, Keeli Pumphrey, Eduardo Ramirez, Kaitlyn Christopher Rangel, Roebuck, Sy Salinas, Lyla Grobe-Colon,

Hamilton, David Hatz, Isabel Humphrey, Adrian Ouintero, and Jace Summerland. Seventh **Grade:** Jessica

Benson, Emma Davis, Savannah Granger, Patrick Griffin, Eli Hill, Brian Hooker, Patience Linder, Andrew Litwiller, Robert Metroz, Taya Roe, Wade Tondini, and Josh Wills. Eighth Grade: Viviana

Favela, Ella Gilbertson, Billy Glasscock, Sami Poyner, Logan Tondini, Fidel Valenciano, Garrett Winsor, Richard Young, Alanna Chapman, Carson Collet, Alainna Coop, Anthony Corrado, and Trey Fallon Hauch.

# Saunemin Jr. High 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

**High Honors** 

Sixth Grade: Paige Sixth Heffelfinger, Tyson Cramer. Seventh Grade: Paige Callahan, Alexis Durham, Olson, Paige Stevenson.

**Honors** 

Grade: Bailey Dransfeldt, Alyson Kincade, Doralyn Lee, Trent Rork. Seventh Grade: Trey Duck, Logan, Ariel Nichols, Mason Walker Gerdes, Colten Ketcherside.

Eighth **Grade:** Chase Broerman, Kyerra English, Madelyn Lee, Amelia Rork, Ed Sarama, Isaac Telford.



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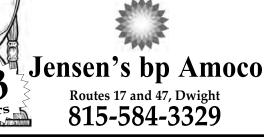
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# Tri-Point Jr. High 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

A Club Seventh Grade: Dominic Logan Carrera, Ayden McNeill, Mikaayla English, Robert

Mogged. Grade: Eighth Elise Bruner.

### **High Honors**

Sixth Grade: Ava Carter, Kyra Cathcart, Kiralee Graves, Kaitlyn Hamilton, Harrell, Eric Chase Hummel, Kaylee Morrow, Katelyn Poe, Kamryn Shifflet, Jashdeep Singh.

Grade: Seventh Jose Amador, Kaylen Creek, Kailey Dedic, Nina Gudino, Tabitha JaBaay, Alexis Poe, Melina Schuette, Helena Woods.

Eighth Grade: William Coffey, Emily Craig, Ellenie

Aaron Hughes, Dyrby, Vieria. Kendra Weber.

### **Honors**

Sixth Grade: Logan Adams, Emma Creek, Mihretab Gilleland, Caroline Hall, Tessa Heinkel, Haylee Small, Dominick Vieira, Kaden Weber.

Seventh Grade: Avery Carter, Alexis Heinkel, Abigail Lamb, Hope McDermott, Raven Ogle, Isabell Olson, Raven Smith. Eighth **Grade:** Caitlyn Burns, Chace Cathcart, David Coleman, Logan Cooper, Carson Dailey, Ashley Eisenach, Taylor Evely, Tiara Floyd, Kala Ritchie, Hallie Sippel. Graves, Tyler Platz, Hannah Reinagle.

# Tri-Point High School

4.00 Club and Above Freshmen: Cadence Denning-Kras, Gilleland.

**Sophomores:** Tara Hummel, Abigail Kerrins.

Seniors: Jacob Bruner, Alison Flessner, Dylan Hummel, Jackilyn Weller.

### **High Honors**

Freshmen: Anthony Bruner, Wyatt Dohe, Jacqueline Houck, Sierra Hummel, Maeve Jahnz, Jade King, Xochitl Rasales, Gabrielle Spangler.

**Sophomores:** Anicah Bruner, Brittani Dalton, Kayla Dunlavey, Haley Oswood Jubin, Jacob

Juniors: Crystal Coffey, Elizabeth Houck, Randal

Ifft, Elijah McDonald, Amyjo Steichen.

Seniors: Cade Morgan Gaus, Langer, Sierra Williams.

### **Honor Roll**

Freshmen: Brittney Billerbeck, Margie Billerbeck, Freshmen: Anthony Bruner, McDermott.

Sophomores: Kailey Rasales. Ericksen, Steven Lamb, Rigsby.

Teresa Langer, Gabrielle Hallie Sippel. McDermott-Dailey, Steidinger.

Seniors: Kassidi Burton, Trevor Kerrins.

# **Tri-Point High School** 2nd Quarter Honor Roll 1st Semester Honor Roll

4.00 Club and Above

Freshmen: Cadence Fecke, Denning-Kras, Wyatt Dohe, James Rachel Gilleland. Seniors: Jacob Bruner. Jackilyn Weller.

### **High Honors**

Rodney Billerbeck, Faith Jacqueline Houck, Sierra Hummel, Jade King, Xochitl

**Sophomores:** Brittani Anna Murphy, Grace Dalton, Kayla Dunlavey, Tara Hummel, Haley Juniors: Piers Cardenas, Oswood Jubin, Abigail Nina Crowley, Raele Lane, Kerrins, Jacob Ritchie,

Juniors: Crystal Coffey, Anastasia Reynolds, Grace Randal Ifft, Raele Lane, David Longmire, Elijah McDonald, Amyjo Steichen, Grace Steidinger.

Seniors: Cade Fecke, Alison Flessner, Morgan Gaus, Dylan Hummel, James Langer.

### **Honor Roll**

Freshmen: Brittney Billerbeck, Rodney Billerbeck, Maeve Jahnz, Faith McDermott, Gabrielle Spangler.

Sophomores: Anicah Bruner, Kailey Ericksen, Hayden Lane.

Juniors: Jacob Carrera. Nina Crowley, Elizabeth Houck, Teresa Langer, Gabrielle McDermott-Dailey, Jacob Steidinger.

Seniors: Kassidi Burton, Trevor Kerrins, Sierra Williams.

# **Odell Grade School** 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

**Perfect Honors** (Straight A's) Sixth Grade: Sydney

Gragert, Abigail Matern. Seventh Grade: Grace Mund, Zoe Noles, Emma

O'Lone. Eighth Grade: Logan Deacetis, Logan Roe.

# **High Honors**

(3.5-4.0 GPA) Fifth Grade: Robert Bolen, Brianna Hilleary.

Sixth Grade: Dalton Baker, Ashlyn Heddins, Grace Mathus.

Seventh Grade: Sophie Bachman, Haylee Howard, Karson McKee, Rebecca

Russell. Eighth Grade: Alyssa Knobbe, Alan Kendall Taylor.

### **Honors** (3.0-3.5 GPA)

Schott,

Fifth Grade: Alaina Franklin, Chayse Knobbe, Kelsey Taylor, Julianne Tiller.

Sixth Grade: Cory Foster, Gavin Jarman, Alec Jewell, Lucas Tucker.

Seventh Grade: Zeta Folkestad, Elizabeth Foster, Alexia Leonard, Christina Pozdol, Gavin Wykes.

Eighth Grade: Justarius Scott.

# St. Paul School 2nd Quarter **Honor Roll**

Straight A's Sixth Grade: Jack Duffy **Eighth Grade:** Randy Groves, Trevor Sexton

**High Honors** 

Jack Groves Sixth Grade: Natalie Davis **Eith Grade:** Rylee Farris

**Honors** Fifth Grade: Hana Bartnik, Sixth Grade: Tyler Frauli



# **SWGS** 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

**High Honor Roll** Fourth Grade: Cheyenne Jett.

Fifth Grade: Addi Fair, Cale Halpin, Henderson.

Sixth **Grade:** Calista Conley.

Seventh **Grade:** Easton Ashley, Ashley Frideres,

Riley Klingler. Eighth Grade: Kylie Hawks.

**Honor Roll** Fourth Grade: Tess

Brooks, Madison Buck-Nowman, Maya Cacello, Spencer Conger.

Fifth Grade: Hayden Partilla, Ava Schultz, Serena, Emma Addison Simms.

Sixth Grade: Ryan Cacello, Hannah Frescura, Kevin Frideres, Colby Grieff, Dane Halpin, Jacob Shaughnessy. Seventh Grade: Taylor Conger.

Grade: Grace Eighth Halpin, Aaron Tramutolo.

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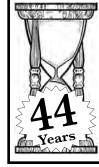
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# **Area Students** Make EIU Dean's List

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

More than 865 undergraduate students have been named to Eastern Illinois University's fall 2016 Dean's List, including the following area students:

Kempton: Samual J. Sievert – Lumpkin Bus. and Applied Science, School of Business.

• Cullom: Claire J. Fink -Sciences, Biological Science.

The Dean's List at EIU recognizes undergraduates with a declared major whose academic performance has been excellent. Students who achieve a GPA of 3.80 to 4.00 (on a 4.00 scale) while completing a minimum of 12 graded semester hours, excluding credit/no credit grades, in a fall or spring semester, will be named to the Dean's List.



Ken Pfeifer

# Ken Pfeifer's 90th Birthday **Open House** February 4

On Saturday, February 4, there will be an open house to celebrate Ken Pfeifer's 90th birthday at the Mazon American Legion, Depot Street, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

No gifts, as your presence is gift enough.



Lani Renee Marques

# A girl!

Ethan and Brady Marques are proud to announce the birth of their baby sister, Lani Renee.

Lani was born to Jason and Lori Marques of Dwight at 7:27 p.m. on January 11, 2017, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandmother is Sheila Sorensen of Dwight. Great-grandparents Elaine Richie of Dwight, Vernon and Judy Meyer of Chebanse, and Sherman Marques of Mazon.

Lani is named in honor of her late grandfather, Lonnie Sorensen.

# Morris Hospital Auxiliary Gala Feb. 11 to Support Patient Transportation far into the future.

Hospital Auxiliary is hosting its 49th annual Charity Gala Sat., Feb. 11, at Jennifer's Garden, 555 Gore Road in Morris, with proceeds supporting the creation of an endowment fund for the Morris Hospital Patient Transportation service.

The Morris Hospital Patient Transportation service provides over 17,000 free rides annually

for individuals throughout Morris Hospital's 19 community service area who need assistance getting to medical appointments. The program has been in existence since 1998. The creation of an endowed fund will produce enough income each year to pay for all program expenses and will help ensure financial support for the Patient Transportation service

The "Loving Hearts, Helpful Hands" themed Gala will begin with cocktails and a silent auction at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a live auction beginning at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by popular dueling piano ensemble, Chicago's Howl at the Moon.

The Morris Hospital Auxiliary Gala is organized by a committee of community volunteers, including Linda Beaty, Debbie Bols, Barb Boma, DiVincenzo, Funk, Judie Roth, Cheryl Tesdal, and Tracy Zabel.

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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.

**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE** Public Notice is hereby given that on January 26, 2017, a certifi-

cate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston

County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of

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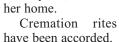
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### Beatrice I. Bookwalter

BRACEVILLE -Beatrice Bookwalter, 89, of Braceville passed Thursday, away January 26, 2017 at her home.



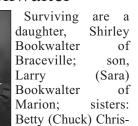
Memorial visitation will be at the Braceville United Methodist Church Saturday, February 4, from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. services. Pastor Bennett Woods will officiate at the service.

Inurnment will follow in Braceville - Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

Beatrice was born April 30, 1927, daughter of John and Cora Krug Alderson.

Beatrice, along with her husband, Sam, owned and operated S. J. Bookwalter Grain in Essex for 25 years. She also worked at Wescom in Gardner for six years.

Beatrice was a member of Braceville United Methodist Church and Women's Auxiliary, and the Essex Firebelles.



tensen and Carol

(Pete) Faletti, both of South Wilmington; daughters-inlaw, Linda Bookwalter of Rensselaer, Indiana and Shirley Bookwalter of Essex; numerous grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren. including Dakota

Jones, who she raised.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Samuel J. Bookwalter; two sons, Donald Bookwalter and Dale Bookwalter; one daughter, Jean Bookwalter; three grandchildren: Travis Bookwalter, Troy Bookwalter. and Christine Jones; and two brothers, Jack Alderson and LaVerne (Rabbit) Alderson.

To visit her on-line guestbook, log on to www.rwpatt Kempton; ersonfuneralhomes.com

**DWIGHT** Dorothy McCullough, 90, of Dwight passed away Monday, January 30, 2017 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 4, at Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Dwight.

Visitation will be held from 12 noon until the time of services at the church.

Burial will be in Goodfarm Cemetery immediately following the services. Pastor William Mitschke will officiate.

Dorothy was born September 6, 1926 in Dwight, daughter of August and Pauline Krug Simantel. She married Donald McCullough February 25, 1950 in Dwight. He passed away in May, 1993.

Dorothy is survived by daughters: Paula Burwell of Mahomet and Linda Dean of Harker Heights, Texas; her brother, Clarence (Bertie)

Dorothy M. McCullough Simantel of Dwight; grandchildren: Brad (Amanda) Burwell of Mahomet; Heather (Tom) Noble of Tennessee; Adam (Anna) Dean and Donald (Robin)

Dean, both of Texas; and five great-grandchil-

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Louise Seabert and Eileen Neilson; and a son-in-law, Gordon Dean.

Dorothy was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, worked as a cook for the Fox Center for many years, and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Memorials in Dorothy's honor may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Dwight.

Condolences may be left for the family at: www.hagermemorial.com

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### Mary Alice Haag

CULLOM – Mary Alice Haag, 97, of Cullom passed away Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Evenglow Inn in Pontiac.

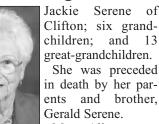
Visitation will be Friday, held February 3, from 4 until 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cullom.

Her funeral will be held Saturday, February 4, at 11 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, Cullom.

Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Cullom.

Mary Alice was born June 20, 1919 in Chatsworth, daughter of Clinton and Minnie Lighty Serene. She married Marlin Edward Haag February 19, 1937 in Cullom. He passed away September 21, 1989.

Surviving are sons: Dewaine "Dewey" (Marie) Haag of Emington and David (Marsha) Haag of sister-in-law,



Mary Alice was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Cullom; WELCA and served as its president for a time; served as a leader of the Happy Helper 4-H Club; was a member of the Home Bureau and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She enjoyed singing in the church choir, was an avid Cubs and Bulls fan. She always made time to follow all of her grandchildren in their activities. She enjoyed dancing with her friends and her trips to Naples, Florida.

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

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

# Fr. Matthew Mazzuchelli, OSB

PERU – A Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, January 28, in St. Bede Abbey Church, Peru, for Father Matthew Mazzuchelli, OSB. Interment was in the abbey cemetery. He died Tuesday, January

24, 2017. He was born December 3,

1931, and entered the

Benedictine community from St. Patrick Parish in La Salle. He was ordained June 1, 1958.

Father Matthew, in his 64th year of Benedictine profession, assisted on weekends at St. Lawrence Parish in South Wilmington for more than four decades.

Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to: The Paper fax: 815-584-2196 email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

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

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

### Chatsworth and the surrounding areas. **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:

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

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





# SUPER BOWL

The worst week of the year for spots just happened. It was such a bad week that places like Buffalo Wild Wings had to offer incredibly ridiculous deals just to get people in the door this past Sunday. They had a deal going where you buy 12 wings and then you get 12 for free, that's what having no football on Sunday does for places like that. I definitely took full advantage of that and got those free wings.

The only professional event happening on Sunday was the Pro Bowl, easily the worst allstar game in sports. It's so bad. Watching a sport that has to be played at 100% and can't be done otherwise is worse than watching paint dry. The skills competition in my opinion was way more exciting, but that's besides the

This Sunday we get the best sports weekend of the year, the Super Bowl. There could be two teams playing that have never played football before and it would still be awesome. Everyone watches, even people who have never watched football before. You watch for the commercials, you watch for the halftime show, you watch for everything but the game in most cases.

This year is just like any other year. The Patriots are in it again, and will be looking to bring home the Lombardi trophy.

If this week is really slow at work, just know that this Sunday will lead to an even worse work week following.

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Graduate

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

In the Matter of the Estate 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 Attorney at Law 105 East Chippewa Street P.O. Box 247 Dwight, IL 60420-0247 PH#: 815/584-1700 Fax#: 815/584-2900 E-Mail: imasching@maschinglaw.com

Attorney for the Independent Co-Executors: Irvin L. Masching Attorney at Law 105 East Chippewa Street P.O. Box 247 Dwight, IL 60420-0247 PH#: 815/584-1700 Fax#: 815/584-2900 E-Mail: imasching@maschinglaw.com

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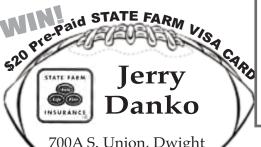




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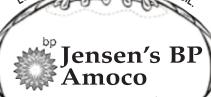
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### PRO. FOOTBALL

- 1. Who will win the BIG game?
- a. New England b. Atlanta
- 2. Who will win the coin toss?
- a. New England b. Atlanta
- 3. Who will score the game's first points?
- a. New England b. Atlanta
- 4. Will either team score in the final 2 minutes of the first half?
- a. Yes b. No
- 5. Who will be the first team to have a penalty?

(declined penalties do not count)

- a. New England b. Atlanta
- 6. Will either team score within the first  $6^{1/2}$  minutes of the game?

b. No

- a. Yes
- 7. Will New England's final score be...
- a. Even b. Odd
- 8. Will both teams make 33 yard or longer field goals?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- 9. Who will have a better QB rating?
- a. Brady b. Ryan
- 10. Will the combined final score be...
- a. More than 45 points
- b. Less than 45 points

# Tie Breaker 1

Total combined points scored in the New England vs. Atlanta

# PRO. BASKETBALL

- 11. Who will win?
- a. Orlando @ b. Atlanta
- 12. Who will win?
- a. Chicago @ b. Houston
- 13. Who will win?
- a. Denver @
- b. Milwaukee
- 14. Who will win?
- a. Phoenix @ b. Sacramento
- 15. Who will win?
- a. Detroit @ b. Indiana
- 16. Who will win?
- a. Philadelphia @
- b. Miami

# PRO. HOCKEY

- 17. Who will win?
- a. Chicago @ b. Dallas
- 18. Who will win?
- a. Pittsburgh (a)
- b. St. Louis

# **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

- 19. Who will win?
- a. Purdue @
- b. Maryland
- 20. Who will win?
- a. Notre Dame Fighting Irish @
- b. North Carolina

Tie Breaker 2

Total combined points scored in all six NBA games.

# **UNOFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

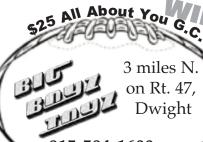
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ON JANUARY 23 TEACHER APPRECIATION was celebrated during the DTHS Girls Basketball Game vs. St. Anne. The DTHS Athletic Department invited all the teachers and teachers aides to the Girls Basketball game to publicly say "thank you" for all the time and effort that they give the students. photo by J7 Images



# **DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL**

Monday, January 23 Dwight vs. St. Anne

The JV Lady Trojans used a 14-point third quarter to seal their victory over St. Anne, 27-11, on January 23 in Dwight.

Danielle Carlson led all scorers with 15 points, followed by Chloe Butterbrodt and Rishell Galbraith scoring six and four points, respectively. Cassie Holmes had two points.

Dwight dropped the hammer on St. Anne in the varsity meeting, earning a 56-17 nonconference win.

Mel Stewart (one threepointer) led the way for the Lady Trojans with 11 points, while Rachel Dawson (one DTHS Trojan Mel Stewart three-pointer) and Lucy Rieke

each added ten points. Daly Galloway chipped in with eight, including two trifectas, with Bossert scoring seven points (one three-pointer). Leah Flynn put in five points, while Brooklyn Long nailed a trey. Hughes had two points.

Thursday, January 26 Dwight vs. Iroquois West

Dwight's JV girls defeated Iroquois West 38-37 in overtime January 26.

The Lady Trojans overcame a ten-point fourth quarter deficit to push the game to an extra frame, as Kaitlyn Harms threw a laser pass to Chloe Butterbrodt, who banked a three-pointer at the buzzer to tie

Danielle Carlson led with 12 points, while Chloe Butterbrodt added 11. Rishell Galbraith and Cassie Holmes had six and five points, respectively. Felicia Nelson scored two points, with Gretchen Hilt and Harms adding a free throw each.

The victory moves Dwight to 8-8 on the season. Varsity -

The varsity Lady Trojans got a big 50-42 win over stateranked Iroquois West in SVC action at home January 26.

Defense was the key, as Dwight held IW to just 13 first half points, then fended them off in the second half to get the hard fought victory.

Mel Stewart led the way for the Lady Trojans with 15

points, including a three, to go with seven rebounds. Rachel Dawson added 12 points, with pointer). Daly Galloway scoring ten, with two treys, and grabbing eight rebounds. Leah Flynn put

in eight points, while Bossert scored five points (one three-

The "W" puts Dwight at 11-9 overall and 3-2 in the confer-



Monday, January 23 GSW vs. Donovan Varsity -

The GSW Lady Panthers picked up another win January 23, taking out Donovan 39-17.

"Another pretty dominant victory for us," stated Coach Leigh. "I didn't really push this game too much. Bench got a lot of minutes. A good road win for

Jenni Price continued her stellar play, leading the way with 13 points.

"Obviously, Jenni Price is playing at an extremely high level right now," Leigh added, "getting the double-double tonight.

Kaylee Steichen and Celia Barna had eight and seven points, respectively, in the win. (continued on page 10)



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# Coaches vs. Cancer **Event in Dwight February 8**

The Wednesday, February 8, match-up between the Dwight Trojans and Tri-Point Chargers at Kresl Gymnasium in Dwight will be a Coaches vs. Cancer fund-raiser, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Livingston County.

Highlights of the event include:

Survivors

- Get in free the night of the event.

- Receive an honorary purple ribbon distinguising them as a survivor.

Survivor - Special Ceremony to honor all survivors in attendance and all those loved ones that have lost their battle.

(continued from page 9)

Sydney Perkins and McDaniel

each scored four points, while

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh added

and are 8-2 in the conference.

Thursday, January 26

**GSW** vs. Grant Park

from Jenni Price.

GSW moves to 18-6 overall

GSW improved to 19-6

"Jenni had another big

overall with a 48-28 win over

Grant Park January 26, fueled

by 21 points and seven steals

night," commented Coach

• Awareness and Education

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**GSW Lady Panthers Basketball** 

• Will also be sold prior to the event during school.

- Luminaria Bags (to honor loved ones lost or those still fighting) will also be available for a donation.

 All luminaries purchased will be displayed at the Coaches vs. Cancer event, as

Leigh. "I don't think she has

gotten enough recognition from

the papers. She is an elite play-

er and has been very consistent

this season. Her PPG continues

to go up as the season progress-

Celia Barna was next up

with 11 points, seven boards,

while Kaitlynn Kavanaugh put

in eight points. Kaylee Steichen

scored six in the first quarter,

followed by Sydney Perkins

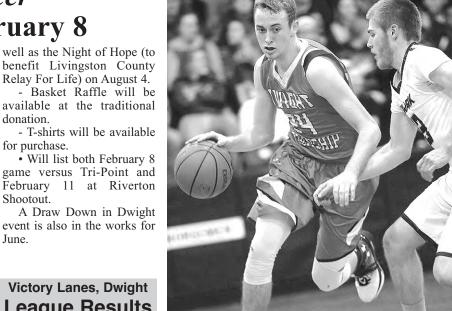
in conference play and took on

Illinois Lutheran at home

The Lady Panthers are 9-2

with two points.

Monday night.



DTHS Trojan Blake Graham





**DTHS Trojan Wesley Pulver** 

# BASKETBALL

Monday, January 23 **Dwight vs. Streator** Freshmen -

The young Trojans held a six point lead over Streator at the half of their meeting January 23, but some second half foul trouble turned into free throws from the opposition, and Dwight fell 38-24.

Lane Thompson was high scorer for Dwight with 12, while Tyler Masching scored six. Mason Tjelle and Bryson Connor added four and two points, respectively.

Tuesday, January 24 Dwight vs. Newark Varsity -

Dwight had the lead entering the fourth quarter of their road game against the fifthranked Newark Norsemen, only to see it disappear in a 71-61 loss January 24.

Newark had a 21-15 lead after one quarter, but the Trojans returned hot in the second, taking a 40-34 advantage into halftime. The Norsemen would creep back in the third, cutting the lead to 55-54 – but would come alive in the fourth quarter, causing too much trouble for Dwight, who is now 13-6 overall.

Justin Fox led all scorers with 27 points, including four threes and 5-6 free throw shooting. Blake Graham also nailed four three-pointers, in addition to 3-5 shooting from the line, on his way to 23 points. Logan Graham provided three treys of his own, while Wes Pulver added a bucket.

Newark also had only five players score, however, they all scored in double digits.

The JV Trojans lost 62-32.

# 6th Grade Redbirds Take 4th at 27th Annual Coca-Cola Classic

In quarterfinal action on January 18 in Saunemin, Prairie Central's fifth graders knocked off the Pontiac Comanches, 35-21, moving onto the Final Four of the Coca-Cola Classic.

Joining the Hawks in the Final Four's first game was the Pontiac Apaches, who snuck by Ransom, 31-29.

Pontiac built a 21-2 lead early in the second, only to see the Pirates narrow that lead to 21-16 at the half.

The Apaches would again stretch their lead to 29-18 after three, but once more, Ransom would rally back to cut the lead to two late in the game - but that's as close as it got.

Nick Yanek led the Pirates with nine points, followed by eight from Wyatt Thompson. Jake Lackey and David Bergeson scored six and four points, respectively, while Austin Taylor rounded out the scoring with two points.

Prairie Central's sixth team punched their Final Four ticket with a 50-11 beating of Crescent City.

In the final game of the evening, the Dwight Redbirds faced off against a tough St.

Gas Slides 3.6 cents

cents a gallon to \$2.265 Monday.

The U.S. national average gasoline

This is the third consecutive week

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price per gallon dropped another 3.6

of price declines in the average price

Dwight lost a whopping 10.8 cents a

gallon, averaging \$2.046 a gallon Monday. Odell fell from \$2.29 to

\$2.13 while Gardner lost 10 cents to

is made up of 21% state & local

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ing; 12% refining and 49% crude.

Average U.S. gallon regular price

Jan. 30

\$2.046

\$2,186

\$2.35

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Jan. 23

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\$2.15

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City/Village

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of gasoline across the United States.

Mary's team, coming out on top, 34-25.

Brayden Long scored a game-high 21 points to go with seven boards, while Jace Gall and Clayton Peck added four points each. Dylan Ramsey and Dawson Sulaica each added a free throw.

The Redbirds moved on to the second semifinal versus the sixth grade Prairie Central

On January 20, the consolation bracket semifinals were set in the 27th Annual Coca-Cola Classic.

In game one, the fifth grade Dwight Redbirds defeated Woodland's fifth grade squad, 40-14, advancing to the consolation semis to take on Iroquois

Cole Halpin led Dwight with 12 points, while Owen Dunlap and Reid Gall scored nine and seven points, respectively. Luke Gallet, Tracer Owvnn Gliwa Terry Wilkey, Ryan Hill, and Andrew Gartke each scored two points.

Iroquois West took game two, 42-19, over the Ridgeview Mustangs

The tightest game of the

night came in game three, as the Odell Rams outlasted Mazon, 20-15, moving on to face Corpus Christi's fifth grade team in consolation bracket action.

well as the Night of Hope (to

benefit Livingston County

Relay For Life) on August 4.

Victory Lanes, Dwight

League Results

**Commercial League Bowlers** 

Oelschlager, Jr.; 155, Amber

Ray. HSS: 710, Eric Knobbe;

419, Katie Kinzler. HHG: 266,

Kevin Oelschlager, Jr.; 236,

Amber Ray. HHS: 710 Eric

Knobbe; 641, Amber Ray. HSG,

933, Cherry Red Roast. HSS:

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258,

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Shootout.

HSG:

2772, Pro Track

League Standings

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Pro Track

Willy's Pub

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Victory Lanes

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Lucas Tucker scored 14 points to lead the Rams, with Jack Duffy adding four points. Kohlvin Thweatt had two points.

Pacing the Mavericks with eight was Bryce Roe, followed by Sebastian Cuevas with four and Dalton DeGrush adding

In the final game on Friday, Corpus Christi's fifth graders won over Flanagan, 48-30.

On Saturday afternoon, Dwight and Prairie Central squared off in a game to remember, which took double overtime to decide a winner but it was the Hawks who got the "W," 40-35.

Redbirds, while Reid Legner added six points and six steals. Jace Gall put in four points, including a three to tie the game at the end of regulation. Clayton Peck scored four points to go with ten rebounds, with Dawson Sulaica also scoring

Dwight took fourth place overall in the tournament, out of a field of 20 teams. They end

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**CHARGERS** Basketball

In varsity action in Cullom January 24, the Chargers took a 73-53 loss to St. Anne, despite knocking down eight three-pointers in

Brayden Long had 17 Point with 17 points on the points, 15 boards to lead the night, including three treys line. Mark Miller followed points, with Jasper Mauricio Margewich, Piers Cardenas,

# Tuesday, January 24 **Tri-Point vs. St. Anne** Varsity -

the contest.

Nick Mahoney led Triand 2-3 shooting from the with 14, drilling four shots from downtown. Randal Ifft (one three-pointer) and Nick Thorson each scored six putting in four. Glen and Roger Viti added two points each.

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# **DTHS Trojan Justin Fox** TRI-POINT

Monday, January 23 Dwight vs. Grant Park 7th Grade -Regionals

Despite foul trouble and a total of 20 missed free throws on the night, the Redbirds managed to sneak a regional win past a pesky Grant Park team, 38-37.

After a back-and-forth battle in the first half, Dwight began to pull away in the third, taking a 34-24 lead into the final frame.

But Grant Park would hold the Redbirds to just four fourth quarter points as they tried to rally back for the win. But Dwight hung on

to advance. Landon Brown had 24 points, 11 boards, and a steal to lead the way, while Bryce Handzus had eight points, four rebounds, and two steals. Sam Edwards added five points, four rebounds, and two steals, with Kapper coming up with a free throw to go with three boards and four steals. Denker contributed two steals and a rebound: Seabert, three

rebounds; and Ford, four steals.

Tuesday, January 24 Dwight vs. Bishop Mac 7th Grade -Regionals

**DGS Redbirds Basketball** 

The Dwight Redbirds had their season come to a close, as they suffered a 38-22 loss at the hands of host, Bishop Mac, in regional play January 24.

"Our leading scorer was whistled for three fouls in less than two minutes into the game," stated Coach Conroy. "We battled from behind, but Bishop Mac's defense was very tough."

Bryce Handzus led with 13 points, four boards, and a steal. Landon Brown had five points, six rebounds, and a steal, with Gabe Seabert adding two points and one rebound. Dan Ford and Dan Petry each made a free throw, with Ford adding a steal and Petry adding a rebound. Jeremy Kapper pulled down three rebounds to go with one swipe.

The young Redbirds end their season at 9-11 overall.

**DTHS Wrestling Results** February 8 in The Paper.



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# **DGS Lady Redbirds Volleyball**

### Tuesday, January 24 Dwight vs. Seneca 6th Grade -

The sixth grade Lady Redbirds took a 30-28, 18-25, 15-17 loss to Seneca on January 24.

Leading scorer for Dwight was Megan Livingston with seven. Others scoring were Sophie Anderson and Emelia Eitenmiller with five, Kira Bean with four, Skylar Horrie with two, and Maya Green with

The Lady Redbirds won the "B" game 25-14, 25-18, with Eitenmiller leading with 15 points.

Anderson and Horrie each added six, Bean had four, Milana Bradley scored two, and Livingston had one point. 7th Grade -

Dwight's seventh grade girls faced off against Seneca in their home opener, falling in two sets, 18-25, 10-25.

Erin Anderson led the team with five points, including an ace, while Alexis Thetard added four points, with three aces and a kill. Jordan Schultz had a point and seven digs. Addy Harms saved two digs to go with one assist. Lora Weir had a kill, while Alayna Airgood added an assist. 8th Grade -

In the eighth grade matchup, the Lady Redbirds lost 1625, 12-25,

Jordan Schultz led with five points, including four aces, two digs, and an assist. Kayla Kodat added four points, three kills, and two assists, with Nellie Rieke contributing two aces and a kill. Emily Weissmann had an ace and a dig, while Alexis Thetard had two kills to go with one point. Nora Anderson added a kill.

### Thursday, January 26 **Dwight vs. Pontiac** 7th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds took on a very competitive Pontiac team January 26, falling in two sets, 10-25, 16-25,

Hailey Heath led the team with three points, including two aces and a kill. Alexis Thetard led in kills with three, while Erin Anderson added two kills of her own to go with two points. Addy Harms had an ace and two assists, with Alayna Airgood contributing a point, a dig, and an assist. Jordan Schultz added a point, a dig, and a kill, while Lora Weir had one kill.

### 8th Grade -

Dwight's eighth graders won in three sets over the Lady Warriors, 18-25, 25-18, 25-23.

Kayla Kodat led with 11 points, including two aces, eight kills, two assists, and a dig. Emily Weissmann added ten points, with six aces, two

digs, and an assist. Nellie Rieke had six points, including two aces, while Alexis Thetard contributed five points, with three aces, three kills, an assist, and a dig. Jordan Schultz also had five points, including three aces, six digs, and an assist. Nora Anderson came up with four points, with an ace and an assist. Alexis Cuaya scored a point, while Faith McInerney had a kill.

### Friday, January 27 Dwight vs. Reed-Custer 6th Grade -

Dwight's sixth grade Lady Redbirds' volleyball team hosted Reed-Custer January 27, losing 22-25, 21-25.

Leading scorers were Kira Bean and Emelia Eitenmiller with seven points each, followed by Sophie Anderson with four and Megan Livingston with three.

## 8th Grade -

**GSWB TIGERS BASKETBALL** 

In the eighth grade meeting, Dwight would take a 7-25, 10-25 loss to R-C.

Jordan Schultz led with three points, including an ace and three digs. Faith McInerney added a point and a kill, with Nora Anderson coming up with an ace. Kayla Kodat contributed two kills, two assists, and a dig. Izzy Burkhardt had two kills, while Alexis Thetard and Emily Weissmann each saved a dig.



# **GSWB Lady Tigers Volleyball**

The GSWB Lady Tigers kicked off their season at Wilmington on January 4, with nerves and rotation struggles playing a part in their 9-25, 22-25 loss.

In the eighth grade meeting, they walked away with their first victory of the season, 25-

"Usually our first outing is rough," said Faletti, "however the girls had it together and played very well."

In the first home game of the season January 9, both teams took on Odell.

The seventh graders worked out their previous issues, coming out on top 25-17, 25-21.

"I was very proud of all of them," Faletti said. "Their serving, knowledge of the rotation. and teamwork was much bet-

The eighth grade squad, on the other hand, struggled with serving, passing, and communication - falling short in three sets, 24-26, 25-13, 22-25.

Ransom defeated the seventh grade Lady Tigers 15-25, 25-13, 17-25, with GSWB fighting hard in the third set, but falling a bit short.

In eighth grade action, the Lady Tigers fought a tough three game match, surviving for an 18-25, 27-25, 24-26 win with Grace Halpin coming through with some stellar serving to end the last set.

"This was a great matchup," Faletti stated afterwards. "They never gave up and came back from a large deficit in the third set to win. I am proud of them for not giving up.

Dwight visited GGS on January 12, with GSWB claiming victories in both the seventh and eighth grade meetings.

The seventh grade Lady Tigers came back and won the second and third sets to take the match, 16-25, 25-16, 25-14.

"Good serving was a key to their success," Coach Faletti

stated. GSWB's eighth grade team also came away with a win, after falling to the Lady

Redbirds in the first set. On January 17, GSWB traveled to Seneca, with both teams suffering a loss.

The seventh grade Lady Tigers lost 13-25, 14-25, with the eighth grade girls losing 23-25, 16-25. GSWB met up with MVK at

GGS January 19, with the seventh graders falling 23-25, 25-20, 15-25. "A few mental mistakes and missed serves found us at the

losing end of a great match," admitted Coach Faletti. In the eighth grade contest, the Lady Tigers topped MVK

25-16, 25-7.

"Our serving presented a challenge for the tough MVK

team," Faletti stated. "This was a good win for the girls, as they worked together as a team to

come out on top. GSWB faced Pontiac St. Mary's January 23 at home, with the seventh grade Lady Tigers taking a 20-25, 25-23,

13-25 loss.

"The seventh grade team has been working hard to improve their passing," Faletti said, "which sets the tone for the night. They had a much better passing percentage and that is what keeps them in these competitive matches. I was very proud of their effort."

GSWB's eighth grade squad lost in two sets to St. Mary's, 18-25, 15-25.

"I know - and they do too that it was not our best outing by a long shot," commented Coach Faletti.

"Volleyball is more than basic fundamentals, it is a mental game as well, and once this team figures that out - they will be unstoppable."

In action January 24 at Elwood, both GSWB teams lost to the Lady Tigers.

The seventh graders lost in three sets, 20-25, 25-23, 13-15, falling to 2-6 on the season, but not without a fight.

"This was the best match the seventh grade team has played all year," added Faletti. "They are right where they need to be at this point in the season."

GSW Pantherettes and Cheerleaders State Results - Next Week!

### Thursday, January 19 **GSWB** vs. Reed-Custer 7th Grade -

GSWB topped Reed-Custer, 34-26, when they met January

Building off their last win, the Tigers would continue to play well, leading 15-9 at halftime then cruising to a 34-26

"The scoring was very balanced," said Coach McDowell, "and everyone contributed to the team victory.

8th Grade -In the eighth grade matchup, the Tigers contnued playing their best basketball of the season, leading 17-10 at the mid-

Nate Wise had ten points, with Chris Bexson adding eight, including two three-

way point – en route to a 28-18

pointers. "It is nice having this group play their best ball of the year heading into regionals," Coach McDowell said after the game.

### Friday, January 20 GSWB vs. St. Marv's 7th Grade -

The Tigers' seventh graders were trailing by just six against a solid Pontiac St. Mary's team on January 20, however things would begin to fall apart in the second, and GSWB would fall 43-22 - ending their regular season at 11-11 overall.

They took on MVK at Bishop Mac Monday night to square off in regional action. 8th Grade -

GSWB found out the hard way just how good the defending 1A state champions really are, taking a 34-17 loss, wrapping up their regular season campaign with a 14-8 record.

The Tigers were down by just eight at halftime, but could muster just four second half points.

Chris Bexson led all scorers with 12 points, burying two threes.

play **GSWB** will Bourbonnais St. George in the regionals at Bishop Mac on Saturday.

### Monday, January 23 GSWB vs. MVK 7th Grade - Regionals

In regional play Kankakee Bishop Mac January 23, the Tigers held a 6-2 lead after one over the Mavericks, and a one point lead at the end of the second and third quarters.

But once the fourth quarter got underway, GSWB showed up and outscored MVK to end the game with a 36-20 victory – surviving and advancing to the semifinals.

Anthony Fedele was a huge

spark plug in the second half, playing some big minutes. Nick Seplak scored ten points, followed by Blake Huston with

The Tigers buried five threepointers in the second half.

### Tuesday, January 24 GSWB vs. Bour. St. George 7th Grade - Regionals

GSWB would keep things interesting versus Bourbonnais St. George at Bishop Mac January 24, trailing just four points at halftime, 20-16.

But by the end of the third quarter, they found themselves down 34-24, and though they never gave up the good fight, their season came to an end with a 42-37 loss.

The Tigers shot 2-10 from the free throw line, which hurt down the stretch.

Blake Huston had a good night on both ends of the floor, leading the offense with 13

GSWB ends their season with a record of 12-12 overall.

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# **Dwight Village Board January 23 Actions**

Residents Urged to Opt-in for Code Red System

by Madelyn Fogarty

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met on January 23.

The board reviewed and discussed a Plan Commission recommendation to allow a Special Use permit for Aly Anne's LLC located at 122 East Main Street for the purpose of operating a restaurant which sells alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises. Paul Ferrari was on hand to outline his proposed business which includes a small bar serving grill food. Ferrari, who has been preparing the building since last fall, wanted board support before he continued to invest in the property. Trustee Jim Mixen expressed several concerns including the intended use of gaming machines and whether the proposed busi-

ness was prepared to meet all regulations and codes. By a four to two vote, the board approved the Special Use permit for Aly Anne's LLC, 122 East Main Street. In a second action, the board also approved a Liquor License request for Aly Anne's. For both actions, Trustees Jerry Curtis, Randy Irvin, Justin Eggenberger and Jenny Johnson voted in favor while Trustees Jim Mixen and Marla Kinkade opposed.

Chief of Police Tim **Henson** reported that parttime police officer testing has taken place with four interested applicants. He also reported that a part-time intern from Governor State, Tyler Halloran, was working with the department.

In his comments to the

board, EMS Director Al **Metzke reported** that 1,151 emergency services calls were received in 2016 and are "going up every year."

Metzke also put out a plea urging residents to sign up for the Village's Reverse 911/Emergency Alert system, Code Red, and opt in using their cell phone numbers. By opting into the Code Red system, emergency notifications and public concerns, such as boil orders, can be sent to resident's phones. While participation is not mandatory, Metzke urged everyone to sign up by going to the Village of Dwight website, dwightillinois.org, clicking on the CODE RED link at the bottom of the page, and entering individual caller information.

Hansen reviewed the 2016 street maintenance project and discussed street work which will resume in the spring. Hansen provided a breakdown of future street reconstruction with discussion on curbs, storm sewers, drainage and street width. Streets on the list are tar and chip streets with no curb and gutter and with limited storm sewer. The Committee requested that Wilmac Street from Rt. 47 to Sunset Drive be added to the project list.

Hansen reviewed suggestions of the proposed downtown streetscape. The suggested plans show landscaped crosswalks at the corners and in the middle of both East and West Main. West Main Street is slated to be redone this spring with funding coming from the Federal High Speed Rail Village engineer Ryan project. All project money

associated with the High Speed Rail is to be used by the next Federal fiscal year which starts July 1, 2017. East Main, also slated for a makeover, will be paid for from a \$2 million bond which was taken out by the Village of Dwight in September 2016. Prior to the January 23

village board meeting, the Dwight Properties Committee met. Destiny Connor, chair of the Alliance Auction, was present asking for Village input on the Auction's Fund-a-Need project. The Property Committee gave suggestions and there were also suggestions made by others in attendance. The Committee prefers that the Fund-a-Need project focus on the Downtown area, where it can be enjoyed by more people with suggestions such as seasonal banners, Christmas decorations and decor for the new street lights.

Dwight's Board of Trustees also:

- approved payment of
- bills totaling \$78,064.75. • approved the December 2016 Treasurer's Report.
- amended Chapter 10 Article V of the Municipal Code prohibiting parking on the North side of the 100 block of West James Street.
- re-appointed Steve Zabel and Steve Lovell to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- re-appointed Al Metzke and Paul Johnson to the 911 Board with Tim Henson as an alternate.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Services Complex.

# At the Churches

### **DWIGHT** Dwight United **Methodist Church**

701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Lance Leeds • FEB. 1: 2 p.m., Kids Klub and Real; 6:30 p.m., Choir; 7 p.m., Ignite.

• FEB. 2: 7:30 p.m., Praise Team rehearsal. • FEB. 3: Office closed: Family Movie Night, Trolls, 6 - 8 p.m. • FEB. 4: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Route 66 and Pete's.

• FEB. 5: 8 a.m., Church with Communion; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Church with Praise Band and Communion. • FEB. 6: 7 p.m., Bible

Warriors • FEB. 7: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.

• FEB. 8: 8:30 a.m., United Methodist Women; 2 p.m., Real and Kids Klub; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., Ignite.

### **Emmanuel Lutheran** Church

325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church 584-1291 fax 584-1023 parsonage Rev. Harvey Nicholson Vacancy Pastor

• FEB. 1: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Weekday School. • FEB. 3: 1 p.m., 150th Anniversary meeting.

• FEB. 5: 9 a.m.,

Sunday School/Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.

• FEB. 8: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Weekday School.

First Baptist Church 815-584-3182 Pastor Daniel L.

• FEB. 1: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m. FEB. 5: Sunday School for all ages,

a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. FEB. 8: Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

9:45 a.m.; Sunday

Morning Service, 10:45

### First Congregational **United Church of**

Christ 200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 church Pastor Connie Williams Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister • FEB. 5: Worship/

a.m. Sermon title: "Ministers of Light." • FEB. 7: Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. • FEB. 8: Women's Guild Meeting, 7 p.m. DATE TO REMEMBER:

Communion, 10:30

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· FEB. 28 -- Soup and

Sandwich Supper.

New Life Assembly of God Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor

• 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, • FEB. 4: 4:00 - 4:45

p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass. • FEB. 5: 8 a.m., Mass.

### St. Peter's **Lutheran Church**

326 W. Chippewa St. stpetersdwight@sbcgloba • 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.

• FEB. 3: AA meeting,

• FEB. 5: 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; 2 p.m.,

Holy Communion Worship at Heritage Health. • FEB. 6: Church office

closed: 9 a.m. - noon. quilting. • FEB. 7: 9 a.m. -

noon, quilting. • FEB. 8: 9 a.m., Pack Love Boxes for college

students; 3:15 p.m., Youth Group; 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal. **Trinity Lutheran** Church "Goodfarm"

LCMS 515 E. Stonewall Rd. Pastor William Mitschke 815-725-1341

### **BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church** 106 W. Gould St.

815-237-8512 Church Pastor: Bennett A. Woods • 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

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### **CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

Father Chris Haake, • FEB. 5: 10 a.m.,

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

Sunday School at 9:30 • Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

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Herscher Christian

Youth Minister, Ryan Baker;

Children's Minister, Tiffani Graber; Worship Minister, Dustin Honn 6072 Staff e-mail: life@herscherchristian.co

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### **Trinity Lutheran** Church Pastor Eric Brown

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Pastor • Sunday Services: Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**KINSMAN Sacred Heart** Catholic Church 301 Emmett Street

Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor · Sundays, 8 a.m.,

Mass • Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m., Mass

### **MAZON Mazon United Methodist Church**

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

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Sunday.

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• Coffee hour, 10:15

**ODELL** St. Paul Catholic Church · Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.,

Mass · Sundays: 8 a.m., Mass.

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### **REDDICK Reddick United** Methodist Church

35900 E 3200 N Road Pastor Kevin Boesen Phones: Office: 815-426-6169 Church: 815-365-4223 • 8:30 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Sunday Service

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Rev. Stanley Drewniak, • Saturdays: 5:30 p.m., Mass.

• Thursdays: 8:30 a.m., Mass.

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

### **SAUNEMIN** Saunemin United **Methodist Church** 90 North Street 815-832-4935 Pastor Jane Bradford Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.;

Sunday Worship

### Service, 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group/Young Adults, 4:30 to 6 p.m. **SOUTH** WILMINGTON

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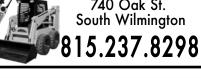
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# Tri-Point Starts Procedure to Secure \$950,000 Working Cash Bond

(continued from page 1) ance" when issuing a working cash bond. The surety bond is for 25% of the actual working cash bond.

"We have been running with a \$300,000 to \$400,000 deficit for the last few years," Bryan said. He said the reason is in part because of Ford County property tax revenue that does not arrive until June, the last month of the fiscal year.

Bryan said the working cash bond will be paid with funds expected to be in Tri-Point coffers in 2018 from the wind farms.

Bryan estimates the first year there will be \$1.3 million coming in, which will be used in part to pay back the bond.

The working cash bond will be issued at the Feb. 13 meeting.

In other business, the board:

- approved the Country Mansion in Dwight as the venue for the 2017 prom, to be held Saturday, April 30.
- approved maternity leave for junior high and high school math teacher Brittany Watson, for the

spring semester.

- accepted the resignation of Rhonda Wilkerson, K-8 computer instructor.
- computer instructor.
   reassigned Val Wahls to third grade.
- reassigned Lisa Smith as Piper City Head Cook on
- a 90-day probationary basis.hired Lenore Smith as assistant cook at Piper City on a 90-day probationary
- reassigned Alison Naese as first grade teacher.
- employed Ana Vierra as teacher aide.
- accepted the resignation of Regina Keever, cook.

# Purple for McKenna



STUDENTS OF ST. PAUL SCHOOL, ODELL, WORE PURPLE on Jan. 26 to show support for their fellow student, McKenna Lovell, and to bring awareness to the fight against cystic fibrosis. The students also took up a collection where they took in at least \$1.00 for their comfy day – raising \$130 in total, which will be donated to the cause in honor of McKenna. Posing for a group shot on Purple Day, front row, are Emma Eggenberger, Lilly Wolf, Caleb Peters, McKenna Lovell, Haddie Fearman, Brooklin Trainor, Isla Davis, Noah Davis; second row, Mrs. Tammy Josefik, Addison Eggenberger, Sienna Burke, Joey Groves, Evan Wolf, Coe Peters, Hunter Paulsen, Luke Josefik, Stella Turner, Joe Duffy, Kit Connor, Miss Jessica Bennett; third row, Hayden Miller, Nolan Weis, Noah Bennett, Sam Pugh, Libby Imhoff, Tru Connor, Brooke Armour, Lilly Duffy, Hannah Miller, Gianna Giacometti, Emerson Peters, Mrs. Linda Hart; fourth row, Mrs. Peg Doran, Nathaniel Weis, Jack Groves, Tyler Frauli, Jack Duffy, Hana Bartnik, Natalie Davis, Noah Kelleher, Tyler Pugh; back row, Mr. Matt Modrusic, Holden Miller, Lydia Jones, Daniela Frauli, Rylee Farris, Randy Groves, Chase Becker, and Natalie Weis.



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# Dwight Mayor Anderson: Goal Is To Attract New Homes, Business

by Myke Feinman

Managing Editor Dwight Mayor Jared Anderson has two goals for 2017: Attract businesses that provide numerous goodpaying jobs and provide incentives to encourage home building in town.

He said one of the goals the village, now entering its 163rd year in existence, is investigating is asking a railroad to add a rail spur.

Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern main rail lines.

"The potential is for an industry looking for rail," Anderson explained.

Anderson said the village has met with Nancy Norton of the Grundy County Economic Development Council and Adam Dontz, counterpart Livingston County.

He said the village has been reviewing the village economic recovery strategies, and looked at some projects that could enhance Dwight's marketability to potential home buyers and businesses, such as the rail spur.

One of the things discussed was additional signage to help point visitors to the downtown district.

In addition, this year's

project will give the business district a "facelift" with new curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Bids will go out for the project in late February, for a project improving on what had already been done in 2016 by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the upgrade of the rail crossings for high speed rail at Mazon Avenue and Chippewa Street.

'We will be resurfacing Dwight has access to both East Main and West Main, Anderson explained. "And there will be new street lighting."

The downtown district improvements could be a boon to existing downtown businesses, and attract new shops and new residents.

Housing starts are down all across the nation, and Dwight is, of course, no exception. So the village is considering economic incentives to entice people to build new homes in town.

Right now, there is a flat \$1,000 rate for all hookup and inspection fees for a new home. That fee was formerly much more expensive, up to \$10,000, for example, for a \$250,000 home.

But this recent improvement in the fees is not

Anderson said the village downtown revitalization is looking at a tax abatement,

cooperation Dwight's school districts, which would also be an incentive for future new home buyers/builders.

The school district portion (combined grade school and high school) of property taxes generally makes up between 60 and 70 percent of an average homeowner's property tax bill.

Village taxes would be on top of the school taxes.

Already, the 2016 road resurfacing projects, some of which will be finished in 2017 and a second phase to start in 2017 will also provide impetus for people and businesses to locate in Dwight.

Last year, 21 blocks were resurfaced with replacement curb and gutters.

Bids will go out for the second phase this year to include resurfacing some of the major problem streets in town, including Chippewa Street from Chicago St. to Route 47, Wilmac Street from Sunset to Route 47, and North Street from Morris Road to Chicago.

"We are looking to try to do Clinton Street from Chippewa Street to Odell Road, storm sewer and perhaps curb and gutter and storm sewer restoration on St. Louis Street from Route



DWIGHT MAYOR JARED ANDERSON stands by a rendering of the downtown business district project, to be under construction later this year. The improvements, which build upon those made by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the rail crossings at Mazon Avenue and Chippewa Street, will help entice customers to downtown shops, the village believes. In addition, plans are underway to provide financial incentives for future home buyers/buildings to locate in Dwight, and to make other improvements to make the village marketable for commercial or industrial companies wishing to locate.

William Street.

Last year's improvements cost \$3 million which includes sewer work, and this year, the estimated costs will be \$3.5 million, which includes \$2 million for the second phase of road improvements.

project will be paid for with Tax Increment Finance

17 (Mazon Avenue) to District funds, Anderson

The other road work is being paid for by the 1 cent per \$1 increase in sales tax for the village, passed last

Road work is not the only part of Dwight's improvement plan. Aging water The downtown district mains are being replaced throughout town, with work currently

Taylor Street, west of Morris

"We need more people," Anderson said. "If we can't get a commercial or industrial business to relocate which has 200 well-paying jobs, we need to do what we can to initiate home building.

"We're doing what we can to make Dwight mar-

# Gardner Buys Nielsen Grain Property for \$60,000

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

As part of the first step in the process of eliminating an abandoned building in Gardner, the village purchased the former Nielsen Grain Elevator land and building for \$60,000.

The sale of the property closed Jan. 27. The board voted to buy the land and property at its Jan. 23 meeting.

"The village will be responsible for removing gate storm draining issues the abandoned building on the site," Mayor Mike Serena told The Paper last week. The property, located downtown off Depot Street, is prime commercial reimbursement policy for property and could be an enticement for economic development, explained.

by Myke Feinman

Managing Editor

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"We have been in talks on this issue [abandoned building] for a number of years," Serena added.

The site is an eyesore and safety hazard and has attracted wild animals, Serena said.

"This could be used to attract business," he said.

No plans have been made yet concerning the building's demolition.

In other business, the board:

· continues to investiin town, working with Chamlin and Associates Engineer Guy Christen-

tabled its review of employees who attend classes to learn new skills Serena related to their village duties.

ing by acquiring a \$237,500

surety bond, required in the

Bryan explained to The

Paper last week that the

surety treasury bond is

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Superintendent

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# DGS Teacher Finds Herself Using Services of Family House Just As School Starts Fund-raiser For The House

by Myke Feinman

Managing Editor The same day Carol Fink,

teacher at Dwight Elementary School, sent home a note with students about an upcoming fundraiser at the school to support Family House of Peoria, she found she would soon need services of the charity.

The fundraiser began Dec. 9

"I had just sent out notes with the kids," Fink told *The* Paper last week. "That night I came home

and he [husband Brad] was on the floor." Brad had an aortic

aneurysm and Carol spent the next 31 days straight as a resident of Family House. Family House is a 20-

room health care hospitality house that provides affordable accommodations in a home-like environment to families of individuals and patients receiving health care services in the Peoria

Since the 31-day stint at Family House, Fink has returned to teaching at Dwight Grade School, and goes to the home to spend the weekends with Brad.

"They've been just a Godsend," Fink said.

Meantime, the fundraiser at the school, involving the first, second and third grade students at DGS last



DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL teachers for students in grades first, second and third raised \$520 for Family House in Peoria, a charity that allows families to stay overnight when loved ones are hospitalized in the area. Teachers involved are (from left) Kimberly Long, Ali Severson, Sarah Jones, Stinnett Gettinger, Jamie Oelschlager, and Jessica Legner. Carol Fink was also going to be involved with the fund-raiser this past December, but wound up using services for Family House instead when her husband was found on the floor of their Dwight home.

under the direction of Fink's fellow teacher Jamie Oelschlager.

third grade teams chose to skip their usual student grab bags and ask the students to donate coins to Family House.

"The teachers explained where [Family House is] located, the services provided, and the importance of family being together, especially when someone is ill,"

December, raised \$520, said Laura Blackaby, executive director of Family House.

One of the teachers on the The first, second and DGS staff stayed at Family House a few years ago when her father was ill.

Those donations help keep the cost down for families who stay when loved ones are in the hospital.

Last year, the house served more than 6,400 guests, including Fink, with the homes sprinkled all across 29 states in the U.S. and in other countries such as Canada, Mexico, Haiti, Malawi, a nation in southeast Africa.

"Care and compassion is at the forefront of all we do," Blackaby added.

Family House has been serving the Peoria area for 32 years.

For further information about Family House, call (309) 685-5300 or go online

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