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Dwight Correctional Center Has DHS Records Pulled; State Spends \$2.4 Million on New Space

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The State of Illinois is allowing the former Dwight Correctional Center to go to seed, so the Department of Human Services pulled its paper records that were warehoused there.

Meanwhile, the state is paying \$2.4 million to warehouse those records over five years in Springfield at a former furniture store building.

The reason: the correctional center building is falling apart.

The state agency in charge of the former prison, Central Management Services, has not responded to inquiries from this reporter.

During testimony last week at the Senate budget committee, acting director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, John Baldwin, said he did not know why

the former state women's prison in Dwight had become unfit to serve as a warehouse for the state's paperwork.

State Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill) said in a news release May 4 that the state is wasting taxpayer money and allowing the former prison to go to seed.

"Those records were kept at the now-vacant state women's prison in Dwight," Manar said. "If there were maintenance concerns at that site, we would like to know the cost of remedying them because it's hard to believe it would cost more than \$2.4 million over five years that taxpayers will pay to lease the former furniture store."

Manar was highly critical of the Gov. Bruce Rauner administration.

"It appears to me that that's the Rauner Administration plan . . . to stick Dwight with an eye-

sore," Manar told *The Paper* last week.

The Paper obtained a DHS state memo dated August 18, 2015 outlining the reasons why DHS wanted to pull its records from Dwight.

"The conditions at Dwight are not ideal and this was known going forward with using this space," the memo states. "There has been much improvement since opening this facility."

The prison was closed in 2013 with the female prisoners relocated to other state prison facilities such as Logan.

"Working around spiders, dead birds, mice, weeds, and other annoyances are to be somewhat expected and have been controlled. Mold and other environmental hazards are not acceptable under any circumstances and need to be addressed fully so

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GOING TO SEED. The former Dwight Correctional Center is falling apart, and instead of fixing it, the Department of Human Services pulled its records from the building earlier this year. The DHS is spending \$2.4 million over five years to house the records in a former Springfield furniture store. Meanwhile, Central Management Services, which is financially responsible for the facility, was not available for comment as the building on Route 17 west of Dwight continues to deteriorate, as shown in this photo taken May 5.

The Paper photo

Weekend Photos from the Corridor appear on pages 14 and 15 today!

Dwight School Boards Reorganize/ New Board Members Seated

May 3 Joint School Board Session

by Madelyn Fogarty
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At a special combined session of the Boards of Education for Dwight Public Schools on May 3, a reorganization of both boards took place along with the seating of new and re-elected board members.

For the Dwight Grade School District, new BOE members Gene Mortensen and Mike Cornale were seated along with re-elected BOE members Nick Stipanovich and Bo Partney. Mortensen and Cornale were appointed to each serve two-year terms while Stipanovich and Partney were elected to four-year terms. Marc Ellis was re-elected DGS Board President with Bo Partney to serve as Vice President.

Dwight High School District seated new board member Betty Gantzert along with re-elected BOE members Tim Henson, Jenn Myzia, Brian Perschnick and Paul Warner. Gantzert was appointed to fill a two-year term. Henson, Myzia and Perschnick were elected to fill four-year terms while Warner will fill a two-year seat. Brian Perschnick was re-elected Board President with Jenn Myzia elected Vice President.

For both school districts, Deb Conroy will serve as Board Secretary and Angela

Hilt will act as Treasurer.

2017-2018 board meeting dates, times and locations were also approved by both boards. The Dwight Grade School Board will continue to meet at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the school's library.

The Dwight High School Board will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the High School in the District Office board room. Meeting times will remain at 6 p.m.

The designation of depositories for financial funds was approved by both boards and will remain unchanged with the Bank of Pontiac, Dwight branch, being the depository for Dwight Grade School funds and the First National Bank of Dwight being the depository for Dwight High School funds.

Both boards agreed to adopt the Board of Education Policies of the former board.

Matters of joint concern were addressed during the special session. The boards discussed Technology Specialty positions and Technology Department contracted services and upgrades. The boards also discussed possible options for handling facility use requests. Finally, summer workers were discussed with the boards agreeing to the

hiring of 16 and 17 year old high school students, if necessary, provided these student workers are under supervision with mechanical equipment use prohibited.

In actions specific to Dwight High School, the BOE approved:

- new leases for the three activity buses at \$8056 per year/per bus with the DTHS District taking over the full contract then charging back to the DGS district its portion.
- the purchase of two new wrestling mats from AK Athletic Equipment at a cost of \$9,339.
- auditorium electrical improvements through Pro Comm at a cost of \$17,812.
- the purchase of band /choir risers from King Music at a cost of \$8,117.
- the dismissal of employment of Kim McGrath, Bus Driver.
- a three percent salary increase for all support staff.

In actions specific to Dwight Grade School, the BOE:

- accepted the resignation of Joel Steichen, 8th Grade Baseball Coach.
- approved a 2.5 percent salary increase for support staff.
- approved a salary increase to \$18.00 per hour for Coreen Perschnick, Payroll Clerk.



OUTGOING DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION member Kathy Perry and Dwight Grade School Board of Education members Steve Tock and Cathy Ferguson were recognized for their collective 33 years of service to the Boards of Education for Dwight Public Schools. Perry served a total of 16 years including four years on the DGS BOE and 12 years on the DTHS BOE. Pictured, DGS Board President Brian Perschnick presents a plaque to Kathy Perry. Steve Tock gave 10 years of service to the Dwight Grade School Board of Education while Cathy Ferguson served seven years on the DGS Board of Education.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS were seated on May 3 when the Board of Education for Dwight Public Schools met in a Special Session. Seated on the Dwight Grade School District #232 BOE were (L-R) Gene Mortensen and Michael Cornale. For the DTHS District #230, new board member Betty Gantzert was seated.

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the safety of the staff is maintained at all times.”

The memo writer said he conducted a visit to the Dwight facility on Aug. 17, 2015.

The memo said areas of the cafeteria where the files are located have been “sprayed with a bleach solution this week. The building is uninhabitable as long as the bleach solution is strong enough to prevent the employees from working in that building.”

In addition, the JAH building air conditioning unit is not working and there are water issues in the basement.

“We have discussed wasp stings that have occurred,” the memo continues.

“You supplied the funds for the purchase of wasp spray to use while walking to another area, while this helps control pests flying nearby, any spraying of actual nests will be addressed by work order.”

Wasps were reported in the work area several times, the memo states.

“The roof of the warehouse is leaking water onto filing cabinets and pooling on the floor and a work order was placed for this

repair,” the memo continues. “To date, this has not been repaired even though a work order shows completed as of 7/14/15.”

As of early 2017, DHS moved its records to the former furniture store in Springfield.

According to an email from Meredith Krantz of the DHS, files are being consolidated in the Springfield warehouse from offices across the state, including the Dwight facility.

“Through this consolidation, the Department of Human Services has decreased leased space, created additional space and streamlined required record retention efforts,” Krantz stated.

The Department of Corrections told *The Paper* last week CMS manages the former prison building.

“CMS assumed full financial obligation for the facility in Dwight in 2014 and later entered into an agreement with DHS on the DOC’s behalf,” Nicole Wilson, DOC spokesperson wrote.

There was no response from *The Paper’s* attempt to contact CMS last week, so the fate of the deteriorating prison in Dwight remains unknown at this time.

Meantime, the move in 2013 to close the prison resulted in the female inmates being transferred to the Logan Correction Center, a move that was to save the state millions.

But a recent report called the “Gender Informed Practice Assessment” was highly critical of the way the move was made from Dwight and Lincoln to Logan, citing cultural and leadership changes needed at Logan.

The prison was switched from a male to female facility, leaving the prison without properly trained staff and inconsistent policies, said the report.

“Numerous reports from both staff and women suggest that a poorly planned, rushed and chaotic transition of the women from Dwight/Lincoln to Logan set the tone for culture that exists at Logan today,” the report said.

A bill is currently in the state legislature to oversee the unique needs of women, most of whom were abused before they arrived at the prison door. The bill would require senior level oversight of programs at Logan and Decatur correctional centers.



HELLO, LAMP POST! This lamp post outside of the Dwight Country Mansion is similar to the way new lamp posts will look when installed in downtown Dwight next year.
The Paper photo

Illinois State Police District 21 Issues Safety Awareness Ahead of Upcoming Prom and Graduation Season

Illinois State Police (ISP) District 21 officials are reminding young drivers to think responsibly as they celebrate during the upcoming prom and graduation season. Their primary message, they say, is in the word PROM, which asks teens to “Please Return On Monday.”

Now that prom and graduation are approaching, area high school students will soon be participating in celebrations that occur not only

at school but at private locations. During the next few weeks, ISP District 21 Troopers will be conducting high visibility patrols with aggressive enforcement of the Fatal Four violations: DUI, Speeding, Seat Belt, and Distracted Driving, with a focus on DUI violations.

They hope to modify teen driving behaviors, which include distractions, carelessness, fatigue, and inexperience. These behaviors, when combined with drugs

or alcohol, can be lethal. Car crashes kill more teens during the weekends of prom and graduation season than any other time of year.

Seat Belt Enforcement Zones will also be conducted in addition to directed patrols. The goal of these concentrated efforts is voluntary compliance. With the motoring public’s assistance, they hope to ensure this year’s prom and graduation memories are positive ones.

Landscape Waste Pickup to Continue in Dwight

The Village of Dwight has decided to continue with regular yard waste pickup throughout the village. The former pickup service was

discontinued May 1, but public works employees will continue the service **each Monday beginning at 6 a.m.**

No stickers are required, but the yard waste must be in large landscape waste bags. No plastic sacks are allowed.

New Lamp Posts To Be Installed In Downtown Dwight Next Year

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor
Lamp posts will be replaced in the Dwight downtown area with old-fashioned posts.
According to Village Administrator Kevin

McNamara, the plan is to replace 50 existing posts with 40 new “antique” ones, 90 feet apart.
The project will be done in the summer of 2018, he said.
“They will be decorative,

quaint,” he said, adding they “will be the same as those at the Country Mansion and the Gothic Church.”
The Village Board has not made any final decision on the style or cost, McNamara said last week.

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“Bring hope to someone in need” in the 25th National Association of Letter Carriers’ food collection.

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2. Leave it by your mailbox before your usual mail delivery time on Saturday, May 13.

Every day over 10 million adults 50 years and older struggle with hunger because they don't have money or can't get to the grocery store. The AARP Foundation is helping people eat better in communities all over the country.



THE HERSCHER Post Office celebrated Small Business Appreciation Day on May 5 with treats for its customers. Lyn Norton, postal clerk, displays a packet with information for local businesses to send promotional materials to residents. The new feature allows businesses to target customers on a specific route, zip codes or towns without having to individually address the mailings or get a special permit.

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Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no charge for the luncheon, but donations are accepted. Carry-outs will be available.

There will also be items for a silent auction available.

If you have any questions, contact the church office at 815-237-8512.



Morgan Zabel

LCCC March Student of the Month

Dwight Township High School is proud to announce that junior, Morgan Zabel, has been selected as Student of the Month at the Livingston County Career Center in Pontiac.

All instructors from the Career Center nominate students each month that they feel are outstanding students within their programs.

Two students are chosen each month from the nominees. Morgan was chosen as student of the month in March for outstanding achievement in the CNA program.

Morgan is the daughter of Steve and Karen Zabel.

Kankakee Quilt Makers' Spring Banquet

The Board of Directors of the Kankakee Quilt Makers Guild is inviting members to their Annual Spring Banquet Thursday, May 11, at Calvary Bible Church, 2587 E. Armour Rd. in Bourbonnais, at 6:00 p.m.

There will be no board meeting. Members are urged to take a dish to share, and are reminded that dues are to be paid.

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BEV FORNERIS was honored May 3 at a recent volunteer gathering for Riverside Healthcare. She was nominated by Riverside to be volunteer of the year in Kankakee County. She is shown with hospital officials (from left) Mark Shell, director of volunteer services; Nancy Moore, patient liaison; Cindy Siawrys, volunteer services department secretary; Bev Forneris, her husband Rich Forneris; and Matt McBurnie, vice president of institutional advancement.

Submitted photo

Reddick’s Bev Forneris Nominated For Volunteer of Year

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor
Reddick resident Bev Forneris was recently treated to a whirlwind of accolades. First, as a volunteer at Riverside Healthcare, she was nominated for Volunteer of the Year in Healthcare at the 29th Annual Volunteer Recognition on Friday, April 28 at the Kankakee Country Club. Then she received special recognition at Riverside Healthcare’s Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held May 3 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kankakee. “Bev has served in outpatient surgery as a central waiting volunteer for eight years, accumulating 1,800 hours of service,” according to the Riverside media

department. Forneris also serves as one of Riverside’s trainers for new volunteers in that position. “Six months ago, Bev recruited her husband Rich to volunteer, too,” Riverside said. “Rich volunteers at Miller Rehabilitation Center. “Many more people deserve this honor,” Bev told *The Paper* in an interview last week. “I receive back so much more than I give,” she added. Working in a surgical waiting room can be a trying experience at times, she said. “It can be emotional,” she said. “It is usually very busy.” When she was nominated, she was given high marks from her co-workers and staff at Riverside. “Bev deeply cares for our families by extending her kindest touch when acting as the liaison between patients, doctors and their families,” the comments stated. “This directly aligns with Riverside’s mission and core values.” Her peer said Forneris goes above and beyond, sometimes staying later than her shift requires to ensure people are taken care of. “Bev sets the standard for how this position operates,” one comment said. “We are very thankful to have such a wonderful person willing to serve this organization.” Bev and Rich are residents of Reddick, and have two grown children living away from home.



TRI-POINT Board Members were sworn into office May 1 at a special board meeting. Front row, l to r: Cheri Smolkovich, Trish Haag, Sharon Mogged. Back row, l to r: Jeff Read, Ted Conkling, Kris Haag and Jason Angus.

New Tri-Point Board Members Sworn In

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor
The newly-elected Tri-Point school board members were sworn into office at a special board meeting Monday, May 1. All officers of the board were unanimously elected to two-year positions. Ted Conkling was elected as president. Sharon Mogged was voted vice-president. Trisha Haag is secretary and Kris Haag is treasurer. Jeff Read and Jason Angus took the oath of office as new members of the board of education.



OSF Saint James Auxiliary Bake Sale May 22

The OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center Auxiliary bake sale will be Monday, May 22, in the medical center’s lobby. The sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until all items are sold. Proceeds from the bake sale will benefit OSF Saint James’ nurse educational assistance fund, which provides financial support for nurses pursuing continued education in their field. For more information, contact Paulette Krippel at 815-842-4535.

Heritage Health, Dwight Volunteer of the Year



HERITAGE HEALTH held its annual volunteer brunch April 27 to honor its many volunteers. Heritage Health Volunteer of the year is Rev. Ed Shaw, of Dwight, shown with Activity Director Brenda Burton.

Submitted photo



Hannah Van Der Karr Earns Award from First National Bank

Dwight Township High School senior Hannah Van Der Karr won a \$100 check from the First National Bank of Dwight on May 4. She earned the award after submitting an essay to the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking annual scholarship program for high school seniors. They must submit an essay on the importance of community banking. “Hannah authored an excellent essay, which makes us proud of our community and the youth within our town,” said Iris Cregar, who acts as the contact person for the contest at the bank. DTHS guidance counselor Jackie Froelich works with Iris on the essay submissions each year. “Although Hannah did not receive first place, she received an honorable mention certificate, indicating she performed at a very high level, compared with the 240 participants in this contest,” Cregar said. There were just two honorable mention essays in the state. First National Bank President Rob Maierhofer presented her with the \$100 scholarship for her achievement.

HANNAH VAN DER KARR is presented with a check for \$100 May 4 after winning honorable mention in the CBAI Foundation banking essay contest. The Dwight Township High School senior won honorable mention out of 240 essays submitted. She was presented the check by Rob Maierhofer (right), president of the First National Bank of Dwight. Assisting in the ceremony was Iris Cregar, bank secretary who coordinates the essay contest with the high school.

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FOUR GENERATIONS OF HANSEN MEN. Pictured are Dean Edgar Hansen (left), Ryan Edgar Hansen (seated) holding newborn Henry Edgar Hansen, and Darrel Edgar Hansen (right).

Father Chris G. Haake To Observe 20th Anniversary

On the occasion of his 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, Father Chris G. Haake invites his family, parishioners and friends to a Mass of Thanksgiving.

The Mass will be celebrated in Saint Patrick Roman Catholic Church, 100 West Mazon Avenue, Dwight, Wednesday, May 24, at 6 p.m.


Following the Mass, there will be a reception and dinner at The Country Mansion, 101 W. South St., Dwight.

If you will attend, kindly RSVP to 815-584-3522 or email: stpatstdwight@att.net on or before May 17.

Father Haake has been the Pastor of Saint Patrick's for almost four years.

Nobody knows of the work it makes
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Thanks to our family and friends for the many cards, phone calls, flowers and gifts for our 60th Anniversary. You made our day very special.

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Henry Edgar Hansen

A boy!

Ryan and Tara Hansen of Dwight are happy to announce the birth of their first son, Henry Edgar Hansen.

Henry was born Saturday, April 15, 2017, at 5:10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington. He weighed seven pounds, one ounce, and was 20½ inches long.

His big sisters, Elizabeth (five) and Evelyn (three), welcomed him home.

Maternal grandmother is Betty Murphy of Pontiac. Paternal grandparents are Dean and Amy Hansen of Dwight. Paternal great-grandparents are Darrel and Maggie Hansen, and Phyllis Steichen, all of Dwight.

Vermillion Valley Show Chorus Takes Home Awards

The Vermillion Valley Show Chorus was honored at a recent Regional competition held in Springfield.

Under the direction of Kathy Filipiak of Flanagan, the chorus was named Most Improved Chorus and took first place in the Small Chorus category, while receiving fourth place overall.

Competing choruses were from the Chicago area as well as Wisconsin and Indiana.

The chorus is based in Pontiac, but members of all ages travel to rehearsals from all over central Illinois and beyond for Thursday night rehearsals held at Futures Unlimited, 210 E. Torrance.

Members include Janet Brady of Dwight, Sandy Knight of Cornell, as well as several members from Fairbury, Chatsworth, and Chenoa.

Women who enjoy singing are always welcome to attend for an evening of music and education. Now is a good time to visit, as the members prepare for a show in the fall to be held at the Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center in Pontiac. Rehearsal time is from 7:00-9:30 p.m. every Thursday.

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Maddox Reed Immormino

A boy!

Travis and Nicole Immormino are proud to announce the birth of their son, Maddox Reed Immormino.

Maddox was born at 8:02 a.m. on Monday, April 24, at Morris Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Big brothers Braden, Bentley, and Mason welcomed him home.

Maternal grandparents are John and Deb Sereno of Mazon. Paternal grandparents are Earl Immormino of Saunemin and Cathy Webster of Wisconsin.



Ginny and Kent McFarlane

Mr. and Mrs. Kent McFarlane Celebrating 60th Anniversary

Former Dwight residents, Kent and Ginny McFarlane of Tempe, Arizona, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary May 21, with an open house at their home, hosted by their children.

The couple was married in the Fairmont Methodist Church, Lockport, May 25, 1957. At that time, Kent owned and operated the Sinclair Station at Route 17 and Old Route 66 in Dwight. Ginny worked at the Joliet Ammo Depot, and they met through a mutual friend.

When they moved to Arizona in 1972, Kent worked as an electrician, having learned the trade from John Clausen in Dwight. Kent started his own contracting business in 1975, retiring in 2009.

The McFarlanes have four children. Bob, their eldest son, and his family live in New Jersey, where Bob has a computer programming business. Their other children live in the Phoenix area: Daughter, Deb, is a phlebotomist, while daughter, Sheri, works as a quality analyst for patient finance; youngest son, Dan, has been a thoroughbred race horse trainer for more than 25 years.

The McFarlanes, who have seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, were the co-founders of Christ's Family Fellowship and for 21 years held Christian services Sunday evenings at the Westchester Retirement Center in Tempe, a very rewarding ministry.

Kent and Ginny would like to wish Darrel and Maggie Hansen and Merv and Jan Madsen "Happy 60th," as the three couples were married near to the same date, and then the men left for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The McFarlanes say, "God is good; Arizona truly meets all we could ask for." They reside at 1871 E. Aspen Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282.




ROBERT AND IRENE ALLEN marked their 70th wedding anniversary Thursday, May 4, at Heritage Health in Dwight.

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OBITUARIES

D. Louise Carey

DWIGHT – D. Louise Carey, 83, of Dwight passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at her home.

She was born April 14, 1934 in West Inn, Illinois, daughter of Alfred and Edith Timmie Williams Groves.

Louise was a jack of all trades in crafting; enjoyed reading, sewing and crocheting. She was a former member of Southern Baptist Church in Parrish.

She is survived by her children: Roberta (Dale) McMillin of Gardner; Stanley (Elvina) Wiley of Moulton, AL; Mary Tennon of Dwight; Tina Gail Wiley of Mendota; and Tim (Kim) Wiley of



Sikeston, MO; two brothers: Lloyd Groves of Goose Lake and Kenny Groves of Lake Station, IN; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, William Alfred Wiley; and four brothers: Bill, Carl, Bob and Eddie.

Visitation was held Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at RW Patterson Funeral Home in Braidwood.

Cremation rites were accorded following the services, per her wishes.

Memorials may be made to the family.

John W. Manegold, Jr.

DIAMOND – John W. Manegold, Jr., 59, of Diamond and formerly of Carbon Hill, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Morris Hospital.

John William was born July 7, 1957 in Joliet, son of John William, Sr. and Edna Wren Manegold. He was raised and educated in Braidwood, and will be remembered as a ‘Jack of all trades.’

John was a member of the South Wilmington Fireman’s Club, loved fishing and wrestling, and took great pleasure in spending time with friends.

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Koenig Manegold, whom he married May 20, 1978 in the Coal City United Methodist Church; one son, Dave (Dayna) Manegold of Braidwood; one brother, Marvin (Marcia) Manegold of Gardner; one sister,



Barbara (the late Gill) Billings of Jacksonville, Florida; and several nieces and cousins, as well as his best friend, Lenny Morin of Diamond.

John was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Elizabeth Ann and Debbie; and two nephews, Joseph and Walter.

Green flameless cremation rites have been accorded, and a memorial celebration of John’s life is being planned for a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in John’s memory to his family for their distribution.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share John’s memorial page by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com

Arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Coal City.

Margie A. Jensen

PONTIAC – Margie A. Jensen, 66, of Pontiac passed away Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 1:20 a.m. at her home in Pontiac.

Margie was born October 10, 1950 in Pontiac, daughter of Robert and Marjorie Frantz Zogg. She married Robert L. Jensen May 1, 1971. He survives in Pontiac.

Also surviving are her children: Tammy J. Jensen and Robby A. Jensen, both of Pontiac; one brother, Mark Zogg of Odell; one sister, Mary (John) Damron of Royse City, Texas; and five grandchildren: Braytin Friedman, Tristan Jensen, Aly Jensen, Ty Jensen and April Thompson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph Zogg.

Margie was a graduate of Odell High School, Class of 1968. She worked at RR Donnelley for 38 years, retiring in 2012. She also



worked part-time at the Bank of Pontiac. She was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Pontiac.

Margie enjoyed spending time with her grandkids, family, friends, and her beloved dog, Sadie.

Her Funeral Mass was Thursday, May 4, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Pontiac, with Father David Sabel officiating.

Burial: McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight, at a later date.

Visitation was May 3 from 4 until 7 p.m. at Duffy-Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary’s Catholic Grade School, 414 N. Main, Pontiac, IL 61764; or the Chicago Shriner’s Hospital, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: duffyfuneralhome.com

John Bradford Wepprecht

REDDICK – John Bradford “Brad” Wepprecht, 58, of Reddick passed away suddenly Friday, May 5, 2017 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, May 10, from 4 until 8 p.m. at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, Ltd. & Crematory.

His funeral service will be Thursday, May 11, at 10 a.m. at the Funeral Home. Pastor Kevin Boesen will officiate.

Interment: Broughton Township Cemetery, Cabery.

Born September 26, 1958 in Joliet, he was the son of Delores Persak and John Francis Wepprecht.

Brad graduated from Reddick High School, Class of 1976. He then furthered his education, graduating from Kankakee Community College in 1978 with an Associate in Agriculture, and Illinois State University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business.

Brad married Daphne Lowe June 26, 1982 in Cabery. He was most recently employed at Heritage FS in Herscher as a Certified Crop Specialist.

He was a member of the Reddick United Methodist Church; former president of



Tri - County Baseball League; and enjoyed playing fast pitch softball. He played for Tobey Truckers and the Herscher Merchants.

Brad loved spending time with his family and coaching his sons’ baseball teams.

Surviving are his wife, Daphne; sons, Braden (Colleen) Wepprecht of East Brooklyn; Jared (Elizabeth) Wepprecht of Crystal Lake; and Caleb Wepprecht of Reddick.

Also surviving are his mother, Dee Wepprecht of Essex; seven grandchildren: Claire, Amelia and John Hoss Wepprecht; Courtney, Katie, and Connor Wosik; and Kennedy Wepprecht; brother, Jeff (Katy) Wepprecht of South Wilmington; and sister, Michelle (Larry) Dumke of Grand Ridge.

Preceding him in death were two daughters, Hillary and Amber; father, John Francis Wepprecht; and brother, John Gregory Wepprecht.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the Reddick Fire Department; Reddick United Methodist Church; or Yes I Am a Katelyn Friend Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

For more information or to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of)
JULIE L. SMITH, Deceased) No. 17-P-45

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of JULIE L. SMITH, whose place of residence at the time of her death was 300 E. Spencer Lot 103, Dwight, Illinois 60420, and who died on February 15, 2017.

Letters of Office as Independent Executor of the estate of JULIE L. SMITH were issued on April 21, 2017 to MARGARET MARY KRISCHEL, 3090 Woodside Drive, Joliet, IL 60431 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

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 date of the first publication of this notice is May 3, 2017. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in cause No. 17-P-45 or with the Independent Administrator or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent administrator and the administrator’s attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

DONALD R. McCLAREY
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of the Estate of, JULIE L. SMITH Deceased
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5 Minutes with Boma



A Year

It’s closing in on the middle of May, 2017, which means it’s been exactly one year since I graduated from Illinois State University.

While that doesn’t seem even remotely possible, that I could’ve possibly been working for what seems like a year, it’s definitely the case.

There are a few things that I’ve learned since being away from school, and my home town of Dwight.

I now know what a New York left turn is, and often execute said turn. If you’re like me, and had no clue what a New York left turn is, I will explain.

It’s when you’re first at the light, and when it turns green you take a left turn in front of the traffic on the other side before they take off. I’m not sure of the legality of this, but if you don’t do it you get honked at by the people behind you, so pick your poison.

Going off this idea, everything is fast. Days are fast, weeks are fast, months are fast, moments are fast, people move fast. It’s a real love/hate with everyone moving so fast. I would like to think that the reason everyone does it is because they value their time so much, they have to make the most of it. The flip-side to that is you don’t really get much time to sit back and enjoy anything.

The biggest, and arguably most important thing I’ve discovered, people love food. They love it. There are more restaurants than I could ever dream of going to. I thought Bloomington-Normal had a lot of places to eat and then I experienced Chicago.

The biggest thing I’ve found out, people are nice? Yes, people are nice, I think city people often get this stigma of being mean, and I’ve had many pleasant experiences with people. It restored my faith in humanity, a little bit at least.

These are just a few things that I’ve taken away from my first year living and working up here. Only time will tell what the next year will hold.

Aaron J. Boma
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OLD SECOND NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
KEVIN MILLER ANDSUZIE GRUBER,
UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN
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Defendant(s).
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: SUZIE GRUBER, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

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Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, located at 112 WEST MADISON ST, PONTIAC, IL 61764, on or before the June 9, 2017, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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The family of Tom Poole would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbors for the food, donations and the many cards of sympathy received following our recent sad loss of our wonderful husband, dad, grandpa and brother. Grateful thanks to everyone who attended his visitation and funeral service. Special thanks to Father Stanley and Craig Male for a beautiful service and fitting tribute to Tom. Thanks to Cindy Christensen for the beautiful music during the funeral service. A special thanks to all our wonderful friends who served as Tom’s pallbearers and all the ladies that prepared and served the delicious funeral dinner. Thanks to the doctors, nurses, and Rev. Edward Howe at Morris Hospital for their care and kindness. A sincere thank you to RW Patterson Funeral Home for the respect and dignity shown to our family during this difficult time.

The Family of Robert (Tom) Poole, Sr.

South Wilmington - Little School with the Big Heart Relay for Riley Held April 19

by Cindy Christensen
superintendent/principal
South Wilmington
Grade School

South Wilmington Grade School is known as the Little School with the Big Heart!

Our students and families demonstrated that once again on April 19, when they came together with our staff to host a Relay for Riley event.

Riley is the youngest child of the Shanahan family of South Wilmington. He was diagnosed with Lissencephaly and Epilepsy in December of 2016. This is a rare condition that has greatly impacted this young family's lives and many around them in multiple ways. The Shanahans currently have two students attending South Wilmington Grade School and two future Lions at home.

Each year our school takes on the task of raising funds for charities such as

the Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart or St. Jude's Mathathon. This year we decided to stay closer to home and put our efforts into raising funds to help members of our school community.

In March a Rally for Riley Week was held at the Grade School. Students had various dress up days; Pajama Day, Hat Day, Crazy Hair Day, and Super Hero Day.

Amy's Market in South Wilmington sponsored Donut Day and all students were able to purchase a donut for \$1. Donations to participate were collected throughout the week. Proceeds for the week's events were also donated to the Shanahan family.

The highlight of the week was a picture baby contest. Students voted with pennies on the favorite staff baby

picture. The best part was finding out after the vote which staff member corresponded with the pictures in the contest.

Special appreciation to the South Wilmington Fire Department for picking up the Shanahans in the Fire Truck to start the event on April 19th and to the Grundy County Sheriff's Department for traffic control.

Students, staff, and friends walked in teams either around the block by the grade school or at the VFW Park during our picnic lunch to show support for the family.

All totaled over \$4,000 was donated to the Shanahan family. We could not have done it without all the support throughout the community shown to our school and the Shanahan family.

If you would like to make a donation towards this cause, please contact SWGS at 815 237 2281.



THE SHANAHAN FAMILY. Shannon and Terry holding baby Riley, MaKenna, T.J. and Jackson in front of the South Wilmington Ambulance and below with the South Wilmington firemen.



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DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL

Tuesday, May 2
Dwight vs. Momence Varsity -

Dwight was in action against Momence May 2, falling to 7-15 overall after a 6-2 loss.

Wesley Pulver was on the mound for the Trojans, allowing two earned runs on six hits and three walks, striking out seven in the loss. He is now 3-4 on the season.

DJ Branz pitched a little over an inning, allowing one earned run on two hits, striking out one.

Blake Graham knocked in two runs on a double for the Trojans, who had just four hits in total.

Dwight's defense also committed five errors in the contest.

Friday, May 5
Dwight vs. Momence

The Trojans earned a big win over Momence, 10-4,

when they met May 5.

Logan Graham started for Dwight, pitching five-plus innings and allowing one earned run on seven hits and three walks, striking out seven. He moves to 4-3 on the season with the win.

DJ Branz pitched in relief, walking one and striking out one, while giving up three hits.

At the plate, Colton Holm doubled and knocked in four runs. Graham added to his great pitching performance by singling, doubling, scoring twice, and batting in a run. Gerritt Frazier had a double, an RBI, and a run scored.

The Trojans are now 9-15 overall with a 5-5 conference record.



Dwight JV Lady Trojan Kaitlyn Harms hit a grand-slam during the game against Gibson City, May 2. Harms went 4-4 on the day. Dwight defeated Gibson City 8-7.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

Saturday, May 6
GSW vs. Reed-Custer Varsity -

The varsity Panthers played two against Reed-Custer on Saturday, falling 6-1 in game one, and winning 7-6 in game two.

GSW is now 12-14 on the season.



DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

Monday, May 1
Dwight vs. Bishop Mac Varsity -

The Lady Trojans traveled to Kankakee May 1 to take on Bishop Mac, taking a tough 1-0 loss.

Abby Edwards was outstanding on the mound, giving up five hits while striking out eight Lady Irish batters, despite taking the loss.

LynnDee Hale had the lone hit for Dwight at the plate.

"We hit some balls hard," stated Coach Black, "and they made the plays on defense to get the outs. I thought we got better as a team today. We went into Bishop Mac and played a highly-ranked team (3A) down to the last out. The girls played with great effort and I was proud of how we performed."

Friday, May 5
Dwight vs. Momence Varsity -

The Dwight Lady Trojans will, at the very least, share the top spot of the Sangamon Valley Conference, as they defeated Momence 8-1 on May 5.

Macey Rodosky batted in six runs, including two home runs and two doubles in the Sangamon Valley Conference game against Momence May 5. Dwight won 8-1 in the contest.



Notice of Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Allen-Otter Creek CCSD #65 passed an ordinance on April 19, 2017 establishing prevailing wage rates for public works to be the same as those in LaSalle County as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor. Anyone wishing to inspect the Ordinance may do so at the office of Allen-Otter Creek CCSD #65, 400 S. Lane St., Ransom, Illinois by calling 815-586-4611 for an appointment. Thomas J. Emm, School Board President, Allen-Otter Creek CCSD #65.

Notice of Public Hearing

On Friday, May 16, 2017 at 3:15 pm, a meeting conducted by Allen-Otter Creek C. C. S. D. #65 will take place at 400 S. Lane in Ransom, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2017-18 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Allen-Otter Creek C. C. S. D. #65, please let the school know if you plan to attend the meeting. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Mary Pat Baima at 815-586-4611.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. a meeting conducted by the Livingston County Special Services Unit will take place at 920 Custer Avenue, Suite A, Pontiac, IL. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss districts' and cooperative's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are the parent of a home schooled student who has been identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Woodland District 5, Tri-Point District 6J, Prairie Central District 8, Flanagan-Cornell District 74, Pontiac District 90, Dwight High School District 230, Dwight Grade School District 232, Rooks Creek District 425, Cornell District 426, Odell District 435, Saunemin District 438 you are urged to attend.

If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dawn E. Conway, LCSSU Executive Director, at 815/844/7115.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2017.

Executive Board of Livingston County Special Services Unit, State of Illinois
By: Jon Kilgore, Board President
Mark Hettmansberger, Secretary

Notice of Public Hearing
Budget Amendment Hearing

South Wilmington CSD#74

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois, that a tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 375 5th Avenue, South Wilmington, Illinois in this School District from and after 8:00 o'clock AM, on the 15th day of May, 2017. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing, on said budget will be held at 7:55 o'clock PM, on the 15th day of June, 2017, in this School District #74. Dated this 20th day of April, 2017. School Board of South Wilmington CSD #74, in the Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, State of Illinois.

Terry Schultz, Secretary
South Wilmington CSD #74


Notice of Public Hearing
Budget Amendment Hearing

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District 435 in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois, that a budget amendment for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Odell Grade School, 203 N. East Street in this school district from and after 8:00 o'clock a.m. on the 11th day of May, 2017.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 14th day of June, 2017 at Odell Grade School Library.

Dated this 1st day of May 2017, Board of Education of School District Number 435, in the County of Livingston, State of Illinois.

Kevin Roe
Secretary
Board of Education



DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Monday, May 1
Twin Valley Conference Meet

The small but mighty Lady Trojans competed in the Twin Valley Conference meet May 1, coming home with a fourth place finish with 62 points.

Nine athletes were entered in 14 events, with girls bringing home points for their team in 11 of those competitions.

"That was a tremendous performance," said Coach Lane after the meet. "The team showed great desire and determination under the

extremely windy and often rainy conditions. The coaches are quite proud of them."

Individual results are as follows:

Marlana Ferrari: High jump, 3rd, 4'6".

Lucy Rieke: Shot put, 3rd, 30'2"; discus, 5th, 90'9½".

Chloe Butterbrodt: 100m, 15.29; 200m, 6th, 31.42.

Kathlene Huffaker: 400m, 5th, 1:11.13.


Alison Kirk: 100m, 4th, 14.51; 400m, 2nd, 1:05.98.

Hannah Van Der Karr: 800m, 3:26.32.

Jillian Frauli: 1600m, 8:01.15.

Daly Galloway: 3200m, 1st, 11:15.71; 1600m, 1st, 5:25.86; 800m, 1st, 2:28.26.


Tori Hayner: 3200m, 5th, 14:54.59.




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The average regular unleaded gallon of gasoline in the United States dropped 4.6 cents, down to \$2.314 per gallon as of Monday, May 8, according to GasBuddy.com.

Prices in *The Paper* readership area were mostly lower for the week, with Dwight's price down 6.4 cents (averaging \$2.334), Gardner down 5.0 cents (\$2.35), Herscher down 9.0 cents (\$2.20), Cullom down 8.0 cents (\$2.27), Odell down 4.0 cents (\$2.34), and Mazon down 9.0 cents (\$2.26).

Average U.S. gallon regular price is made up of 20% state & local taxes; 14% distribution and marketing; 17% refining and 50% crude as of March 2017.




City/Village	May 8	May 1
Dwight	\$2.334	\$2.398
Seneca	\$2.356	\$2.356
S. Wilmington	\$2.286	\$2.39
Streator	\$2.166	\$2.25
Odell	\$2.34	\$2.39
Saunemin	\$2.29	\$2.39
Cullom	\$2.27	\$2.35
Pontiac	\$2.288	\$2.35
Gardner	\$2.35	\$2.39
Braceville	\$2.35	\$2.35
Mazon	\$2.26	\$2.35
Morris	\$2.25	\$2.29
Herscher	\$2.20	\$2.29
Kankakee	\$2.154	\$2.16
Chicago	\$2.60	\$2.65
Illinois	\$2.39	\$2.45
U.S.	\$2.314	\$2.360

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

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GSWB TRACK AND FIELD

The Tigers' track squad was in action against Saunemin and Tri-Point, posting the following individual results:

7th Grade Girls -

Kylee Ledlow: Hurdles, 4th, 22.88; 100m, 4th, 16.65; 400m, 4th, 1:28.

Mary Clare Phillips: 1600m, 3rd, 7:45.

8th Grade Girls -

Koli Croy: 100m, 1st, 15.5; 800m, 1st, 3:02; High jump, 1st, 4'.

7th Grade Boys -

Cree Croy: Shot, 4th, 17'1".

Tanner Fisher: 100m, 1st, 14.40; Long jump, 1st, 13'6".

Cade Croy: 100m, 2nd, 15.53; 200m, 4th, 31.41; Shot, 3rd, 21'11".

Ethan Mack: 1600m, 4th, 6:57; Discus, 1st, 65'1".

Jacob Oze: 400m, 1st, 1:27.

Jayden Talbot: 800m, 4th, 3:59; Long jump, 4th, 9'9".

8th Grade Boys -

Dusty Manietta: Hurdles, 2nd, 18.41; 200m, 2nd, 25.79; Long jump, 2nd, 15'1".

Riley McGee: Hurdles, 3rd, 19.52; 100m, 1st, 13.56; 200m, 3rd, 27.47; Shot, 1st, 26'1".

Kevin Ferrari: 400m, 1st, 1:17; Long jump, 3rd, 12'8½".



SEVERAL ST. PAUL SCHOOL STUDENTS recently celebrated their First Communion at Mass at St. Paul Church, Odell, on April 29. Pictured, front row, are Addison Eggenberger, Joey Groves, Emerson Peters, Brooke Armour, Kit Connor; back, Bradley Thompson, Hunter Paulsen, Coe Peters, Joe Duffy, Evan Wolf, Luke Josefik, and Noah Davis.



ST. PAUL SCHOOL recently had several students compete in the IESA solo and ensemble music contest held in Dwight, with eight participating students earning seven first ratings and one second rating. Pictured, front row, are Jack Groves, Hana Bartnik, Natalie Davis; back, Daniela Frauli, Chase Becker, Tyler Frauli, Natalie Weis, and Nathaniel Weis.

Governor Thomas Ford Chapter Meets

Governor Thomas Ford Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Villas of Holly Brook for their April meeting. After their luncheon, Kate Stout, a healthcare provider from Carle, gave a program on Bone Health – since May is National Osteoporosis month.

Members were told that one in two women and up to one in four men will break a bone in their lifetime due to osteoporosis. Ten million Americans have osteoporosis and another 44 million have low bone density. Diet, exercise, and a healthy lifestyle are keys to preventing and managing the disease. Weight-bearing and muscle-strengthening exercises are important as well as getting the calcium and vitamin D that we need every day.

Regent Pam Bork gave the National Defense Report, noting the 100th Anniversary of the American’s Creed will be next year. It was written by William Tyler Page in May, 1917, and accepted by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918. She also reported that on April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to send U.S. troops into battle against Germany in World War I. April 6 was the 100th anniversary of Woodrow Wilson signing the Declaration of War with Germany.

Conservation chairman Martha McGraw introduced the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge to the members. It is a campaign to register a million public and private gardens and landscapes to support pollinators. Each member was gifted a started kit to start their own small pollinator garden. Pollinators are responsible for one out of three bites of food we take each day, and yet are at a critical point in



PAMELA BORK, JUDY GLASCOCK, AND CAROL CAMP will be installed as 2017-19 Governor Thomas Ford Chapter officers at their meeting June 5.

their own survival. Many reasons contribute to their recent decline. The more nectar and pollen sources provided by more flowering plants and trees will help improve their health and numbers. Increasing the number of pollinator-friendly gardens and landscapes will help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators across the country.

Nominating committee member Sherri Kenner introduced the nominees for Regent (Pam Bork) and Vice Regent (Carol Camp) for 2017-19. They will be installed at the meeting in June. Also in June, Judy Glascock will be installed as Recording Secretary for Helen Greer, who is unable to finish her term of office.

The following eight members attended the State Conference in Bloomington April 28-30: Pam Bork, Sherri Kenner, Joyce Schmale, Marilyn Ames, Carol George, Carol Camp, Jean Fox, and Judy Jepsen-Popel.

The student awards program was held April 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Gibson City. Sherri Kenner, Jean Fox, Lisa Krall, and Pat Baker were hostesses. Fox designed and printed the programs for the event, while Vonna Heustis and Martha McGraw were greeters.

There is no May meeting.

St. Paul School to Host Annual Golf Outing

St. Paul Catholic School in Odell will host its annual event, 2017 Golf “Fore” St. Paul School – Mike Moyemont - Juli Sullivan Memorial Outing, on Sunday, June 11, at Wolf Creek Golf Course in Cayuga.

For this year’s event they memorialize and honor the memory of Juli Sullivan, a former teacher and dear friend of St. Paul School. She loved St. Paul School with all her heart and soul and they are forever grateful for her years of dedication and service to the students and school family. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Juli Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund. They also continue to memorialize their friend, Mike Moyemont, father of Morgyn. They honor his memory and show appreciation for his many years of service to St. Paul School as well. A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to benefit Morgyn’s education fund. Tee time reservations are available beginning at 8:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

The cost is \$60.00 per golfer and includes greens fees, golf cart and a meal. In addition to a fun day of friendly competition, there will be chances to win many great prizes. Sponsorships for area businesses and memorials are available beginning at \$100.00. If you don’t golf, come join us for a great meal!

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



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Tri-Point Students Take Part in 2017 Department of Illinois Americanism Essay Contest

TRI-POINT STUDENTS from eighth grade through high school took part in the 2017 Department of Illinois Americanism Essay Contest.

The topic was “What The American Flag Means to Me.”

There are three American Legion Auxiliary Units in the Tri-Point School area:

ALA Skinner Trost Unit 122 of Cullom; ALA Olson Bute Malone Unit 737 of Kempton; and Gibb Unit 588 of Piper City.

Judges for the Essay Contest were Marge Kross for Unit 122, Pat Johnson for Unit 737, and Anita Platz for Unit 588.



CLASS II (ninth and tenth grades), pictured, front row, Unit 122, Cady Denning-Kras, 1st (1st place in District 17 and 2nd in 4th Division); Rodney Billerbeck II, 2nd; Gabby Spangler, 3rd; Class III (11th and 12th grades), Mark Miller, 1st (2nd in District 17); Jimmy Haag (absent), 2nd; Ali Flessner, 3rd; Class II, middle row, Unit 737, Maeve Jahnz, 1st (2nd in District 17); Celeste Jahnz, 2nd; Wyatt Dohe, 3rd; Class III, Jacob Bruner, 1st (1st in District 17, 1st in Division 4, and Essay went to Department); Dylan Hummel, 2nd; Gabby McDermott, 3rd; Class II, Unit 588, Jacob Ritchie, 1st (3rd in District 17); Jacqueline Houck, 2nd; Kiara McDonald, 3rd; Class III, Raele Lane, 1st (3rd in District 17); Elizabeth Houck, 2nd; James Langer, 3rd.



CLASS I (eighth grade), pictured, front row, are Unit 122 members Logan Vieira, 1st (3rd place in District 17); Chace Cathcart, 2nd; Carson Dailey, 3rd; middle, Unit 737, Kendra Weber, 1st; Emily Craig (moved), 2nd; Aaron Hughes, 3rd; top row, Unit 588, Hannah Reinagle, 1st; Kala Graves, 2nd; William Coffey, 3rd.

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DTHS Prom Royalty



THE DWIGHT TOWNSHIP High School 2017 prom will be held Saturday, May 13, at the Country Mansion. The grand march at the high school will start at 4:45 p.m. and the king and queen will be announced at that time. Junior attendants are (front row from left) Ryan Hogan, Logan Widman, Brooklyn Long, and Lily Holderfield. Senior attendant queen candidates are (middle row from left) Samantha Carlson, Brooke Bossert, and Isavel Lopez. Senior attendant king candidates are (back row from left) Justin Fox, Jack Hilt, and Kyle Henson.

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Jennifer Paputsa Accepted Into Master's Degree Program at Bob Jones University

Jennifer Paputsa, a senior at Bob Jones University pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Christian ministries, was accepted into the master's degree program in biblical counseling at the Seminary at BJU. Paputsa is a resident of Emington.

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GSW Duo Awarded GAVC Director's Award



Elizabeth Rodgers



Dakota Watson

GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL students Elizabeth Rodgers and Dakota Watson have been awarded the Grundy Area Vocational Center Director's Award. Elizabeth received this award for Culinary Arts and Dakota for Building Trades for the month of April. GAVC teachers choose one exceptional student from each program to be honored with this award each month. Criteria for this selection include attendance, citizenship, leadership skills, professional attitude, ability in practicum activities and classroom assignments, safety, and teamwork. Elizabeth and Dakota will be presented with a certificate and prize package along with having their photograph displayed at GAVC for the remainder of the year.

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LACC Department Students of the Year from DTHS



THE ANNUAL LACC awards ceremony was held in Pontiac, Thursday, May 4. Dwight Township High School students receiving Student of the year Awards were Austin Nelson (left) - Computer Maintenance; and Alex Pampinella (right) - Law Enforcement II.



DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL April students of the month pictured above in no specific order are: Pre-K: Grayson Hatfield, Ayden Bromley, Greta Flott; Kindergarten - Mackenzie Hatfield, Kenzie Livingston, 1st Grade - Sophia Salinas-Tennant, Braelyn Schou, Ty Turner, 2nd Grade; Evan Lehman, Graham Meister; 3rd Grade - Taylor Frobish, Kamryn Folkers; 4th Grade; Ella Legner, Tanner Stych, 5th Grade; Murphy Connolly, Jerry Jiang, 6th Grade; Mikalah Bregin, Reid Legner, 7th Grade; William Hall, Emily Scott, 8th Grade; Nellie Rieke, Brandon Ceylor

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Winners of Prairie Creek Library's poster contest pictured from left to right: Miranda Bovel, 3rd place; Whit Windham, 2nd place; and Willow Tucker and Christina Jiang teamed up to create the 1st place poster for the grade school division. Mary Hilt on the far right took 1st place in the teen division.



Memories in the Making. Please don't use drugs or alcohol.

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Prom and graduation season is upon us. Area high school students are participating in prom and graduation celebrations that occur not only at the school, but also at private locations. Many students will feel pressure to use alcohol or drugs.

Car crashes kill more teens during weekends of prom and graduation season than any other time of the year.

We ask all of you to please ensure that memories of this year's prom and graduation are positive ones.

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EILEEN BRANZ (LEFT) AND Edith Grieff of Odell greet visitors to the Standard Gas Station during the Rt. 66 Red Carpet Corridor tour May 6.

Red Carpet Corridor

The Paper photos



OLIVIA VALDEZ, DWIGHT, SHOWS off her lovely face paint during the Dwight Springfest on Route 66, May 6.



MOTORCYCLISTS FROM Czechoslovakia enjoyed touring Route 66 as they rode into Odell, May 6.



TOM PERKINS of *The Shop* in Gardner shows his stained glass art on display at his store along Route 66 in Gardner.



THE CREW AT THE Gardner Archives was on hand to greet tourists as they traveled through Gardner on the Rt. 66 Red Carpet Corridor tour. Standing by the latest donation to the museum, a hat rack from the Dean Savage barber shop, are (from left) Ida Schopp, curator; Pat Malinowski, recorder; and Linda Tyler, historian.



ROXANNE FOOTE, GODLEY Treasurer, assists her grandson Isaiah Vanovermeiren as they serve free popcorn to visitors during the Red Carpet Corridor tour May 6.



“PRISONER” SAM AND “Officer” Judy Houston of Clifton stopped by to greet the Texaco Man, Paul Roeder of Kankakee, at the Ambler/Becker station May 6.



ZACK McWILLIAMS (left) of Schneider, Indiana tries out the fire engine horn as Barb Jansen of Dwight instructs him in its operation.



LYNN JENCON of Braceville sells some baked goods May 6 for the Braceville United Methodist Church to Felicia and Justen Goodrich of Kankakee. The money is given to “Einstein,” the monkey.



JEFF MEISTER of Orland Park stopped by the Gardner historic jail cell on his Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor tour, May 6.

Dwight Youth Football FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING SIGN-UPS

In-house Sign-Ups have Passed But You Can Still Register by Sending a Private Message to the Dwight Youth Football Facebook Page containing the following information:

- Participant Name
- Parent Name
- Parent Cell Number
- Parent Email
- Participant Date of Birth
- Participant Grade Level (Next School Year)



JOE STOUFFER of Ottawa prepares to use his BBQ equipment May 5 during the Rt. 66 Smokeout contest in Dwight.

Public Notice

Annual Treasurer's Report for Rogers Township for fiscal year ending March 31, 2017

Town Fund		Road and Bridge Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 56,867.13	Beginning Balance	\$ 166,011.22
Total Revenues	\$ 33,086.26	Total Revenues	\$ 288,235.47
Expenditures	\$ 27,499.96	Expenditures	\$ -
Roger Birch	\$ 4,500.00	under \$2,500	\$ -
Leo Weber	\$ 19,599.96	Total Expenditures	\$ 91,391.08
All other expenditures under \$2,500	\$ 7,772.12	Ending Balance	\$ 362,855.61
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,872.08	Joint Bridge Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 58,081.31	Beginning Balance	\$ 35,981.28
Revenue Sharing Fund		Total Revenues	\$ 3,709.22
Beginning Balance	\$ 8,103.84	Total Expenditures	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 7,908.88	Ending Balance	\$ 39,690.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,328.00	Building & Maintenance Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 10,684.72	Beginning Balance	\$ 3,391.89
Public Assistance Fund		Total Revenues	\$ 2,546.58
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,159.45	Total Expenditures	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 379.60	Ending Balance	\$ 5,938.47
Total Expenditures	\$ 650.00	Permanent Road Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 6,889.05	Beginning Balance	\$ 77,967.31
Audit Fund		Total Revenues	\$ 12,195.64
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,024.57	Expenditures	\$ 60,062.70
Total Revenues	\$ 369.29	All Other under \$2,500	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	Total Expenditures	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 4,393.86	Ending Balance	\$ 30,100.25
Social Security Fund		Subscribed and sworn to this 15th day of April 2017 Cindy Clapp, Treasurer Mark McDermott, Clerk	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12,561.97		
Total Revenues	\$ 6,826.22		
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,286.45		
Ending Balance	\$ 16,101.74		

Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees announced the recipients of the 2017 Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships on May 1. The trustees awarded \$45,000 to twenty-one students.

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

The recipients for the 2017 Scholarships are:

Meagan Brockman, daughter of Tom and Teresa Brockman. Ms. Brockman will attend University of Minnesota, School of Medicine;

Eric Campbell, son of Doug and Chris Campbell. Mr. Campbell attends Purdue University;

Lauren Cassady, daughter of Mike and Sherry Cassady. Ms. Cassady attends the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign;

Maureen Doran, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Doran. Ms. Doran attends Western Illinois University;

Michael Doran, son of Thomas and Margaret Doran. Mr. Doran will attend Western Illinois University;

Ashley Fox, daughter of Aaron and Susan Fox. Ms. Fox attends Illinois State University;

Justin Fox, son of Aaron and Susan Fox. Mr. Fox will attend Illinois State University;

Ryan Gaston, son of Jim and Shelah Gaston. Mr. Gaston attends University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL;

Jorden Grieff, daughter of Rich and Deb Grieff. Ms. Grieff will attend Northern Illinois University;

Madison Grundler, daughter of Mary Grundler; Ms. Grundler attends St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA;

Brandon Hodge, son of Randall and Lynn Hodge. Mr. Hodge attends Illinois State University;

Anna Landstrom, daughter

of Daniel and Janet Landstrom. Ms. Landstrom will attend Illinois State University;

Bobbi Leacock. Ms. Leacock will attend Heartland Community College;

Keith Mills, son of Brian and Sue Mills. Mr. Mills will attend Heartland Community College;

Bryce Moore, son of Josh Moore and Jen and Todd Masching. Mr. Moore will attend Illinois State University;

Rachel O'Lone, daughter of Daniel and Shelly O'Lone. Ms. O'Lone will attend Heartland Community College;

Alexander Olson, son of Martha and Kevin Olson. Mr. Olson will attend Milwaukee School of Engineering;

Kelly Pagel, daughter of Randy and Pam Pagel. Ms. Pagel attends the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign;

Charlotte Somodi, daughter of Michael and Shirley Somodi. Ms. Somodi will attend Heartland Community College;

Marissa Somodi, daughter of Michael and Shirley Somodi. Ms. Somodi attends Western Illinois University;

Molly Verdun, daughter of Stephen and Kimberly Verdun. Ms. Verdun attends St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA;

Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and a teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years, died March 31, 2004. She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking to continue their educations at accredited colleges or universities in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business or engineering.

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



SPRINGTIME IN HERSCHER means crews are out cutting down dead trees as exemplified by this crew recently working on Oak Street in Herscher.

The Paper photo by J. Ridings



The Paper photos



A HALF DOZEN antique autos parked across the street from the Standard Gas Station in Odell during Red Carpet Corridor festivities May 6.



DUSTY HARMONY and Cathy Feinman check out an antique police car driven in memory of Kankakee Police Lt. Robert Houston and his brother John Houston. The car was in Dwight on May 6 as part of the Rt. 66 Red Carpet Corridor celebration.

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MAZON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT Road District and Special Bridge Fund Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2017				
Revenue Summary:				
Property Tax	\$108,092			
Replacement Tax	24,324			
Interest Income	35			
Miscellaneous Income	1,686			
Total Revenues			\$134,137	
Compensation Summary:				
Compensation under \$30,000				
Jim Wren, Scott Biros				
Total Compensation:			\$ 20,588	
Expenditure Summary:				
Mazon State Bank/First Community	\$ 7,424			
Grainco FS	9,966			
Central Limestone	16,858			
Scott Biros Trucking and Excavation	19,049			
Willoughby Auto	3,366			
J A Miller Trucking	3,707			
Kurt Peifer Trucking	3,594			
Miller Trucking	3,652			
Kankakee Truck Eg	20,950			
Special Bridge Expenses	14,743			
Disbursements Less than \$2500	13,111			
Total Expenditures:			\$116,420	
Summary Statement of Conditions:				
	Road and Bridge Fund	Special Bridge Fund		
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 71,545	\$19,598		
Revenues	115,726	18,411		
Disbursements	122,265	14,743		
Ending Balance	65,005	23,267		
Subscribed and sworn to this 31st day of March, 2017				
Roger L. Schlickman, Treasurer				

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VILLAGE OF SAUNEMIN May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017			
CHECKING ACCOUNTS:			
General – Balance May 1, 2016			11,875.26
INCOME:			172,392.45
Community Building Donations	\$ 1,697.00		
Community Building Rental	1,650.00		
County Taxes	16,371.59		
Utility Taxes	18,224.28		
Misc. Income	262.13		
Income Taxes	39,989.18		
Interest	23.36		
Local Use Taxes	10,261.63		
Fines - Fees - License	9,576.05		
Municipal Taxes	22,448.15		
Park Income	40.00		
Property Sale	10,000.00		
Transfer In	35,000.00		
Replacement Taxes	963.75		
Video Gaming Taxes	5,885.33		
EXPENSE:			167,337.98
Advertising	493.22		
Audit	3,800.00		
Budget Transfer			
Celebration - General	1,904.68		
Community Building	26,388.48		
Contract Service - Mileage/Labor	4,759.75		
Fitness Center	15,000.00		
Garbage Contract	20,617.00		
Utilities	8,050.04		
Donations	1,805.00		
Engineering Fees			
Insurance	8,395.20		
Legal	20,240.58		
Maintenance	3,082.57		
Membership	1,252.00		
Misc.	1,639.93		
Mowing Contract	5,300.00		
Office Supplies	1,994.00		
Park	4,842.68		
Police Contract			
Property Acquisition	5,310.00		
Salaries	12,827.34		
Snow Removal	1,337.50		
Transfer Outs - 75% of Muni Tax	12,412.68		
Transfer Outs - Video Game Tax	5,885.33		
Balance April 30, 2017			16,929.73
Sewerage – Balance May 1, 2016			
INCOME:			30,705.60
Interest	90.30		
Sewerage payments	49,847.88		
EXPENSE:			19,260.75
Sewerage expense	95.22		
To Gen Checking for Tile Rep/Repl	\$19,165.53		
Balance April 30, 2017			61,383.03
Motor Fuel – Balance May 1, 2016			
INCOME:			11,131.77
Interest	14.30		
State Allocation	10,681.77		
Misc Income			
EXPENSE:			5,051.43
Engineering Fees	2,732.18		
Repairs	2,300.00		
Checks for acct	19.25		
Sidewalks			
Balance April 30, 2017			16,776.41
Celebration – Balance May 1, 2016			
INCOME:			2,854.37
Donations/Sales/Budget			
EXPENSE:			0.00
Summer Celebration			
Balance April 30, 2017			2,854.37
TIF – Balance May 1, 2016			
INCOME:			57,273.16
County Taxes	56,446.28		
Interest	51.75		
EXPENSE:			45,000.00
Legal Expense			
Reimburse to General	15,000.00		
Incentive Distributions			
Transfer Out - to Jr. Debt Service	30,000.00		
Balance April 30, 2017			68,771.19
JR Debt – Balance May 1, 2016			
INCOME:			40,433.63
Transfer in - From TIF	30,000.00		
Transfer in - General Savings	16,872.50		
Interest	64.09		
EXPENSE:			46,872.50
Bond Payments	46,872.50		
Balance April 30, 2017			40,497.72
Low Interest Loan Acct			
– Balance May 1, 2016			11,875.90
INCOME:			11.82
Interest	11.82		
EXPENSE:			0.00
Balance April 30, 2017			11,887.72
General Savings Acct – Balance May 1, 2016			
INCOME:			67,429.93
75% Muni Sales Tax from General	12,412.68		
Interest	52.83		
EXPENSE:			36,872.50
To General Checking	20,000.00		
Transfer Out to Jr. Debt	16,872.50		
Balance April 30, 2017			43,022.94
CASHIER SAVINGS ACCT			
– Balance May 1, 2016			3,785.09
INCOME:			3.46
Interest	3.46		
EXPENSE:			37.50
Historical Improvement	37.50		
Balance April 30, 2017			3,751.05
VIDEO GAMING SAVINGS ACCT			
– Balance May 1, 2016			12,528.51
INCOME			5,901.04
Transfer from General Checking	5,885.33		
Interest	15.71		
Balance April 30, 2017			18,429.55
TOTAL SAVINGS			
			65,203.54
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS			
General Balance April 30, 2017	\$ 5,790.64		
Motor Fuel Balance April 30, 2017	\$ 17,287.38		
TOTAL CD'S			23,078.02
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Mary Billington			

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Revenue Summary:			
Property Tax	\$63,820		
Replacement Tax	4,720		
Interest Income	70		
Rental Income	150		
Miscellaneous Income	4,713		
Total Revenues			\$73,473
Compensation Summary:			
Compensation under \$16,000			
Ed Walker, Eric Misener, Gordon Gantzer, Charles Adkins, Bryan Baker, Paul Jeschke, Roger Schlickman			
Total Compensation:			\$ 24,705
Expenditure Summary:			
Insurance Toirma	\$ 6,192		
Mazon State Bank Fed. State Taxes	9,022		
General Assistance Expenditures	7,328		
Disbursements Less than \$2500	14,498		
Total Expenditures:			\$61,745
Summary Statement of Conditions:			
	Town Fund	General Assistance Fund	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 89,043	\$47,536	
Revenues	72,539	11,009	
Disbursements	54,417	7,328	
Ending Balance	\$107,165	51,217	



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Thurs., May 11:
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Fri., May 12:
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, Midori blend veggies, whole grain wheat (1), whole grain graham cracker (1), fresh fruit.

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State Track Qualifiers



NINE MEMBERS OF THE Dwight Grade School Redbird track team qualified for state competition to be held Saturday, May 13 in East Peoria. Qualifying are (front row from left) Carter Butterbrodt, 4 by 200; Meghan Scott, hurdles; Alayna Airgood, high jump; (back row) Clayton Peck, 4 by 200; Emmett Emmons, 4 by 200; Nellie Rieke, shot put; William Bergstrom, 200, 400 and high jump; Sam Edwards, 4 by 200; and (not pictured) Bryce Handzus, 4 by 200.

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OSF Saint James Names Rehabilitation Services Manager

Andrew Offermann, of Gridley, has been named OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center’s Rehabilitation Services Manager. Offermann will manage the overall functions of the department, including physical, occupational, speech, and developmental therapy services, and audiology services.

He has practiced therapy at OSF Saint James for 17

years, and started in his new position on April 24.

Offermann graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 1995. He earned a Master of Occupational Therapy degree from Midwestern University in Downers Grove in 2000, and became a certified therapist (CHT) in 2015. He is married to Erin and they have four children.

FDA Approves First New ALS Drug in over 20 Years

Recently we learned the FDA approved the first new drug for ALS in 22 years!

The new drug is called Radicada and has been demonstrated to slow decline of physical function by 33 percent.

The timing of this announcement is especially relevant because May is ALS Awareness month. The work you are doing

to raise awareness and funds for ALS is making a difference. And today we are seeing that difference in a huge way.

The approval of this drug is just the beginning of what we hope to be many steps forward for the ALS community.

Let this news inspire you - visit lesturnerals.org

Ag Breakfast in Morris

Grundy County SWCD is hosting an Agriculture Breakfast Wednesday, May 31, from 7:00-8:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room at R-Place in Morris.

Everyone who is involved in agriculture personally or professionally is invited to a casual breakfast where individuals from different organizations, businesses, and companies can mingle together and discuss their current events and issues.

Also, there will be a morning presentation that is to be determined.

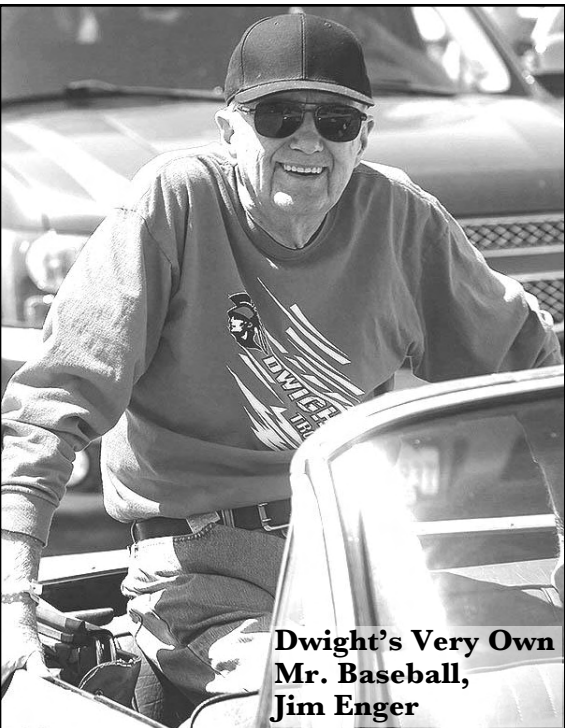
A buffet breakfast will kick off at 7:00 a.m., with participants giving updates on organizations and the speaker presentation. They will conclude the morning by 8:30 a.m.

There will be a table available for flyers, brochures, business cards, and more, so feel free to take items that you would like to share with everyone.

The next breakfast will be August 30.

Dwight Youth Baseball/Softball Opening Day Festivities

On April 23 Opening Day, a parade was followed by a ceremony and an afternoon of ball games in Dwight’s Garret Park.



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At the Churches

DWIGHT Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia
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Pastor: Lance Leeds

• MAY 10: 8:30 a.m., Willing Workers;
2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., Ignite.
• MAY 11: 7:30 p.m.,

Praise Team rehearsal.
• MAY 12: Office closed.
• MAY 13: 7 a.m., Men’s Bible Study at Route 66 and Cafe 110 in Odell.
• MAY 14: 8 a.m., Traditional Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Contemporary Service.
• MAY 15: 8:30 a.m., UMW Executive Team; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors.
• MAY 16: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study; 9 a.m., Bible Seekers.
• MAY 17: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., Ignite.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
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584-3433 church
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Rev. Harvey Nicholson
Vacancy Pastor
• MAY 11: 6:30 p.m., Parish Council meeting.
• MAY 14: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
• MAY 17: 1 p.m., Mary/Martha.

First Baptist Church
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• MAY 10: Wednesday Evening Service and King’s Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.
• MAY 14: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• MAY 17: Wednesday Evening Service and King’s Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Brian Clary, Pulpit Supply Minister

• MAY 10: Women’s Guild/Mother-Daughter Banquet, 6 p.m.
• MAY 14: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
• MAY 17: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
“May Mission of the Month” – Blanket Sunday/Church World Service.

New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
515-584-3430
• MAY 10: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.
• MAY 11: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• MAY 14: 9 a.m., “Bible Study;” 10 a.m., Main Service - Mothers Honored; Kids Church, ages 3 - 11; NO X-treme Youth Group.

• MAY 17: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.
• MAY 18: 10 a.m., Second Wind 50+ Ministry meet to go to Starved Rock; 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• MAY 13: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass
• MAY 14: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St.
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• MAY 10: 4 p.m., All ages Handbell rehearsal; 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 6:15 p.m., Youth Group.
• MAY 12: 8 p.m., AA meeting.
• MAY 14, MOTHERS DAY: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship time; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m., Council Minutes meeting.
• MAY 15: Church office closed.
• MAY 16: 4:30 - 6 p.m., Compassionate Care, Clothing, Food Pantry assistance.
• MAY 17: 2:45 p.m., Worship Team meeting; 4 p.m., All ages Handbell rehearsal; 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 6:15 p.m., Youth Group.

• MAY 18: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at The Country Mansion.
• MAY 19: 8 p.m., AA meeting.

BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Gould St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor Bennett A Woods

MAY 12: 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.
• MAY 14: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
• TUESDAYS: Women’s Bible Study, 10 a.m.
• MAY 17: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Salad Luncheon and Silent Auction. FREE. Love Offering accepted.
JUNE 19-23: Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• MAY 14: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Brian Clary, Pulpit Supply Minister
• MAY 14: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Department meetings after church service.
• MAY 21: Council meeting, 8:00 a.m. “May Food Pantry Collection” – Pasta sauces (Tomato, Alfredo, etc.)
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WESLEY PULVER, Dwight Township High School academic and baseball standout, has signed a letter of intent to continue his educational and baseball career at Augustana College next fall. Pictured are his father Rob Pulver, Wesley, and his mother Tammy Pulver.



THE DWIGHT TROJAN CHEER TEAM hosted 37 kindergarten through fourth grade girls for a Princess-themed cheerleading camp on May 5. The campers then performed what they learned on the stage at Dwight’s Springfest celebration the next morning.



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