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Want To Express Yourself on Rocks Around Dwight?

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A group of Dwight ladies have rocks in their heads. To be precise, they have designs to be painted and decorated on rocks in their heads.

Today (May 24) marks the launch of “Dwight Rocks,” a project and Facebook page to find and place decorated rocks around the village.

“The idea is to just give somebody a smile,” said Judy Cashmer, one of the ladies who started the Dwight Rocks facebook page.

“If you find a rock you can keep it, but you are supposed to replace it,” she explained.

The idea is not original. Carolyn Curtis found that other towns such as Pontiac, Chatsworth and Fairbury are already doing similar rock projects.

“It started when I saw how much fun Lexington people had doing it,” Curtis said. “The people were really into it.”

So she asked the ladies in her First National Bank of Dwight retired ladies informal group to start up Dwight Rocks.

Other members of the group include Carol Jones, Kathy Turner, and Barb

Picco.

“The idea is to get kids and people outside and to have fun,” Cashmer added.

The rocks must be painted in art that is weather-proof.

“You can use paint, chalk, crayons, sharpies or whatever as long as it has a coat or sealer over it to preserve the art,” the web site states.

On the back of a person’s rock masterpiece should be written “re-hide me”

They said rock artists need to be respectful of people’s property, only put art that is “g-rated” out, and try to avoid private yards and lawns that will be mowed.

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DWIGHT ROCKS is a new group forming to encourage people to create decorated rocks and others to find them around town. Judy Cashmer (left) and Carolyn Curtis show some of the designs they have already created.

The Paper photo

Peg Doran Selected As 2017 Kiwanis Educator of the Year

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Peg Doran, teacher at St. Paul School in Odell for nearly three decades, was named the 2017 Pontiac Kiwanis Educator of the Year.

In a special ceremony held at the school Friday, May 19, students and staff surprised her with a presentation, hosted by Superintendent Jon Kilgore.

Doran was overwhelmed with emotion as she was presented with the award. Among those attending were her husband, Tom, and three children, Maureen, Michael and Madelyn, all three who are St. Paul school alums. Peg herself is a graduate of St. Paul, and began her

teaching career at the same school, 28 years ago.

“I’m very humbled and overwhelmed,” she told *The Paper* after receiving the award Friday.

“I am very grateful for that honor — glad to come to work and love what (I’m) doing every day. I love the school, I love the kids.”

She said it was definitely a surprise, which is tough to do in a small town like Odell.

All schools within a 270 mile radius of Pontiac Township High School are eligible to nominate a finalist from their school each year, according to a news release issued by the Kiwanis.

“Mrs. Doran is an amaz-

ing teacher being able to teach two grade levels and differentiating her lessons to meet learning abilities all at one time,” said the release.

“Her classroom is always alive with activities whether it is around her moon-shaped table or at the chalkboard. She is able to work her magic and get them ready for the next level.”

The release went on to say that St. Paul School would not be the same without her.

“Peg Doran is St. Paul,” the release goes on. “Without her St. Paul may cease to exist. She drives a bus in the morning to pick up students in Campus. She is the music director of

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ST. PAUL SCHOOL in Odell surprised teacher Peg Doran with a presentation of Kiwanis Educator of the Year May 19. Her family was in attendance at the ceremony. The Doran family includes (from left) Michael, Maureen, Peg, Tom, and Madelyn. Peg is also a graduate of St. Paul and has taught there for 28 years.

Submitted photo



GSW HIGH SCHOOL MATH teacher Allan Wills receives the Dan Jerbi Teaching Award during the 2017 graduation ceremony. The honor is bestowed upon a teacher by the graduating class. Wills teaches pre-calculus, calculus, geometry, and pre-algebra at GSW High School.

GSW High School Class of 2017 Commencement Ceremony

GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON High School’s Class of 2017 boasted five valedictorians. At this year’s ceremony held Sunday, May 21, are the GSW top scholars (from left) Ben Bexson, Madison Williams, Marlana Ferrari, Alison Kirk, and Maxwell Kranz.

Photos by Shayla Loring
Photography

Tri-Point Schools Enter 21st Century With New Technology

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Tri-Point School district approved installation of Internet fiber optics at its Kempton location at its May 15 meeting, enabling the entire school district to capture high speed internet.

This will allow the district to provide computers for all high school students in an initial rollout, after a strategy has been developed, and possibly allow grades 5-8 to have computers as well, eventually.

This type of program was not possible until the entire rural district buildings in Kempton, Cullom and Piper City were outfitted with fiber optics cable.

The district will pay for the upgrade at Kempton with a special Federal Communications Commission E-Rate grant, paying up to 80% of the installation and ongoing costs.

Superintendent Jeff Bryan estimates the installation cost will be \$50,000 at Kempton with monthly costs of \$1,200, 80% of which

will be paid by the FCC.

Bryan said the program is to help rural schools, like Tri-Point, have such internet access.

Bryan said eventually, middle school students will have one type of machine that gets changed out when they enter high school.

The students use it for homework assignments and research, and take the machines home with them every day.

“The rollout will be at the high school first,” Bryan said, explaining such a thing was also not possible until the district’s funds were more stable.

He said the wind turbine revenue which will start next school year (2017-18) will allow such a program as providing the computers to pupils.

In another matter related to finances, the board approved an amendment to their budget for a \$950,000 working cash bond it sold to shore up district finances this school year (2016-2017).

The board also approved a doctoral research project be conducted by special education teacher Will Patterson on the subject of implementing positive behavior systems at the high school level.

Bryan explained that positive behavior systems use positive reinforcement to reward students for doing things right, as opposed to punishment for doing things wrong.

In other business, the board:

- approved a contract with the district auditor, Russell Leigh, to do the Fiscal year 2017 audit at a cost not to exceed \$5,300.
- adopted its 2017-18 school year fee structure which remains the same as this year.
- authorized the superintendent to seek bids for bread and milk and for transportation fuel.
- accepted the resignation of Chris Palmore.
- accepted the resignation of Kayla Highland as high school cheer sponsor.

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

May 13: Walter F. Falge, 48, Plainfield, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

May 15: Patrick B. Kennedy, 44, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

May 16: Vandana Ashtakala, 22, Downingtown, PA, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Dawn M. Autman, 48, Normal, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Emily McKenna, 23, Kankakee, speeding – 80/55.

May 17: Martin L. Vella, 63, Orland Park, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

No Warnings Issued by Dwight Police



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 11: 9:30 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside.

May 12: 1:42 a.m., Union, medical, Morris; 3:52 a.m., Main, fire; 8:48 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 2:19 p.m., John St., medical, Morris; 4:19 p.m.,

May 13: 10:30 a.m., Watters Dr., medical, Morris; 9:34 p.m., Main, medical, Morris; 12:33 p.m., Clinton, medical, St. James; 1:42 p.m., I-55, trauma, ALS, mutual aid from Lifeflight; 1:45 p.m., Mazon, medical, mutual aid from Gardner.

May 14: 6:46 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 3:59 p.m., Prairie, medical, refusal; 8:38 p.m., Flood St. – Campus, medical, Riverside; 8:48 p.m., Flood St. – Campus, trauma, Riverside.

May 15: 3:52 p.m., 2700 E., medical, Morris.

May 16: 8:17 a.m., Rt. 17, fire; 12:43 p.m., John, medical, Morris; 1:36 p.m., James, medical, refusal; 1:48 p.m., South, medical, refusal; 3:10 p.m., Karen, medical, Morris; 5:03 p.m., James, medical, refusal.

May 17: 1:36 a.m., 2500 E., fire; 2:03 a.m., Philmar, medical, Morris; 5:43 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 3:32 p.m., I-55, fire, cancelled; 8:39 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris.

May 18: 2:54 a.m., Odell Rd., medical, Morris; 4:03 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 7:22 a.m., Seminole, trauma, refusal.

Due to construction downtown, **Dwight Memorial Day Service** will be held at **Dwight VFW, 506 S. Old Route 66** **May 29 at 11:00 a.m.**

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On “529 Day,” Think About College Savings Plans

You probably won’t see it on your calendar, but May 29 (5/29) is 529 College Savings Day, or 529 Day for short. This day, named after the 529 plan, a popular college-savings vehicle, is designed to promote people’s awareness of the need to save and invest for the high costs of higher education. And that need has never been greater. Consider the following:

- *College prices keep moving up.* College costs just keep rising. For the 2016–2017 school year, the average cost (tuition, fees, room and board) was about \$20,000 for in-state students at public universities and more than \$45,000 for private schools, according to the College Board. These costs are likely to continue climbing.
- *Student debt is at record levels.* Of the Class of 2016 graduates who received loans – about 70% of the total student population – the average individual debt was \$37,172, a record high, according to a study cited by CBS News.

What can you do to help your children graduate from college without having to provide a big “IOU” in exchange for a diploma? In the spirit of 529 Day, you might want to consider investing in a 529 plan. It’s certainly not the only means of saving for college, but it does offer some attractive benefits.

For starters, contribution limits are quite high – you can accumulate more than \$200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans. And you can typically invest in the 529 plan offered by any state, even if you don’t reside there. If you do invest in your own state’s plan, you may be eligible for state income tax incentives.

Also, all withdrawals from 529 plans will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of the beneficiary you’ve named – typically, your child or grandchild. (Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal and state taxes and a 10% penalty on the earnings portion of the distribution.)

Furthermore, you have complete control of your 529 plan assets. You decide who will get the money and when he or she will get it. You can even change the beneficiary to another family member.

Keep in mind, though, that your 529 plan will be counted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), although schools typically only consider up to 5.6% of parental assets when calculating financial aid. And distributions from a parent-owned 529 account used for one year’s college expenses will not usually reduce next year’s financial aid eligibility. (For more information on how a 529 plan might affect your child’s financial assistance, you may want to consult with a college’s financial aid office.)

If you can find a 529 Day event in your area, you may want to attend so that you can learn more about the many aspects of saving for college. But even if you can’t personally take part in 529 Day, give some thought to a 529 plan – it might be part of the solution for helping your children earn a relatively debt-free degree.

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

Temps - 2017

May 11 – high 65°, low 45°
May 12 – high 71°, low 46°
May 13 – high 80°, low 49°
May 14 – high 83°, low 49°
May 15 – high 86°, low 54°
May 16 – high 85°, low 65°
May 17 – high 84°, low 62°
.36” precip.

One Year Ago – May 24, 2016
high 82°, low 48°

Livingston Co. Offices Closed May 29

In observance of Memorial Day, all Livingston County offices will be closed Monday, May 29.

Wind Damage Thought to be Burglary

The real culprit was gusty winds when damage was found at the Dwight Ace Hardware store on Watters Drive.

Police said they were called to investigate a burglary to the store last week, but after viewing video footage, it was determined that the damage was due to the winds.

“We solved that one,” Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson said.

Free Food to Be Distributed May 24

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, May 24, at 1 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin, Dwight.

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

DPD Assists Proactive Unit in Arrest

Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress advised that on May 17 at 7:58 a.m., a drug investigation led the Livingston Co. Proactive Unit to execute a search warrant at 1417 N. Aurora St. in Pontiac.

During the investigation, two vehicles worth approximately \$3,200, property worth \$4,485, over 200 grams of cannabis, and “misc. drug paraphernalia” were seized as evidence.

Ransom Fellers, Pontiac, was arrested on Possession of Cannabis and Manufacture and Delivery of Cannabis charges. Agencies involved with the arrest and search warrant were the Livingston Co. Proactive Unit, LCSP Patrol Units, Livingston Co. Detective Section, Pontiac Police Department, and the Dwight Police Department.

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Detective Gary Beier visited Toddler Time at Dwight Prairie Creek Library on June 17th. The children were able to see the squad car and sound the siren. Toddler Time is a free program open to all 1 to 4 year olds. For more information call the library.

Dwight Narcotics Unit Arrests 3 Individuals On Heroin Charges

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Rebecca M. Cortez, 28, of Chatsworth and Tyler Herndon, 30, of Pontiac were arrested May 15 by the Dwight Narcotics Unit.

Also arrested was Ivan Landery, 30, of Joliet, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance as part of the investigation.

“The Dwight Narcotics Unit ran the case,” said Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson.

The narcotics investigation started in March, police said.

Cortez was arrested and charged with six counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, and more than 15 grams of purported heroin was seized during the investigation.

The investigation led agents to a residence located at 217½ E. Prairie Street in Pontiac.

A search warrant was conducted at the residence with numerous uncapped hypodermic syringes found.

Police also found numerous baggies of suspected heroin residue throughout the residence.

Cortez was also found in possession of \$996 in drug currency that was seized.

In addition to the Dwight Narcotics Unit, agencies assisting in the investigation were the Livingston County Pro-Active Unit, Livingston County States Attorney Office, Pontiac Police Department, Livingston County Sheriff Department, and the Joliet Metropolitan Area Narcotics Squad.

Dwight Mobile Home Break-in Yields Thieves \$800 in Jewelry

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Dwight Police were called to a mobile home in the 500 block of E. Seminole on May 16 at 8 p.m. to investigate a break-in.

Police said there was roughly \$800 worth of jewelry stolen.

“We are asking for any information the public may have,” said Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson.

The public is encouraged to call the Dwight Police Tip Hotline at (815) 584-1975 and provide any information they have.

Information that leads to the arrest or conviction will result in a cash reward.

Grundy Co. Sheriff Cracking Down on Seat Belt Violations

As summer kicks off and travel increases, the Grundy County Sheriff’s Office is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation to remind motorists to remind motorists to *Click It or Ticket*. The state seat belt enforcement campaign will take place through May 30, concurrent with one of the busiest travel and holiday weekends of the year.

Click It or Ticket enforces seat belt and car seat use to keep all motorists safe.

The most recent crash data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that 43% of passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2015 were unrestrained. That percentage increases to 57% when just looking at crashes that occur between 6:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. That’s why one focus of the campaign is nighttime enforcement.

Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach, writing citations day and night. Motorists caught not buckled up will be ticketed, and those caught driving impaired will be arrested.

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Mautino Committee Fined -- But Who Gets The Bill?

by Tom Tock
As reported in *The Paper* last week, Illinois Auditor General Frank Mautino’s former campaign committee was fined \$5,000 by the Illinois State Board of Elections due to “willful violation” of the Board of Election’s requests for details concerning allegedly excessive campaign expenditures made by the Committee for Mautino to a Spring Valley gas station and also to a Spring Valley bank.

The expenditures in question were made while Mautino was a Democratic 76th District State Representative. Mautino was approved for a ten-year term as Illinois Auditor General effective January 1, 2016. The \$5,000 fine was recommended by an April 20 hearing examiner who decided the Committee for Mautino had “willfully vio-

lated” an order to produce detailed documentation to the State Board of Elections regarding the committee’s expenditures at the gas station and bank. Members of the State Board of Elections agreed with the recommendation and voted 6-2 to administer the \$5,000 fine. Mautino’s campaign committee, however, was disbanded at the end of 2015, and Mautino himself is not liable for the fine. There is literally no one to which the penalty can be applied. The State Board of Elections then voted 4-4 along party lines to not pursue any further charges against Mautino or his committee. (Democrats were *against* seeking further charges, Republicans *for*.) Attorney Jeff Schwab, Liberty Justice Center, Chicago, representing David Cooke who filed the original

complaint about the questionable spending, told *The Paper* that it was undecided whether they will pursue any further action in the matter, though they believe the substance of Cooke’s complaint has been ignored. A federal investigation of Mautino and his committee’s spending has allegedly been underway since May of 2016. No reports have been released. Cooke made the following remarks in a message from the Liberty Justice Center: “It’s outrageous that a public official in a high position of trust would flagrantly violate the board’s order and refuse to produce complete and accurate campaign records. It’s even more outrageous that the man charged as auditor general with making sure the state is spending its money properly didn’t spend his own campaign money properly.”

Jesse White’s Legislation to Expand Organ/Tissue Donor Registry Sent to Governor

Secretary of State Jesse White’s legislation that would allow 16- and 17-year olds to register for the state’s First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver’s license or identification card passed the Illinois Senate on May 15. House Bill 1805, sponsored by state Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) and state Sen. Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) now goes to the governor for consideration. The legislation amends the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act allowing 16- and 17-year olds to join the First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. Under current law, an individual must be at least 18-years old to join the registry. Those

who join the registry will receive a letter from the Secretary of State’s office thanking them for joining. White encourages 16- and 17-year olds to use this letter as a basis for discussing their decision with their parents. By joining the Registry, 16- and 17-year olds will be giving consent to donate their organs and tissue at the time of their death, with a single limitation. The procurement organizations, Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Network and Mid-America Transplant, must make a reasonable effort to contact a parent or guardian that they approve of the donation. The parent or guardian will have the opportunity to overturn the child’s decision. Once

the 16- or 17-year old turns 18, his/her decision would be considered legally binding without limitation. There are 47 states that have enacted this legislation including Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, and Wisconsin. In 2016, 121,553 16-years olds and 132,852 17-year olds were issued driver’s licenses as well as 41,250 16-year olds and 54,362 17-year olds were issued identification cards. Approximately 4,700 people are on the waiting list and about 300 people die each year waiting for an organ transplant. One person can improve the quality of life for up to 25 people. Currently, 6.1 million Illinoisans are registered with the state’s registry. Illinoisans can register with the Secretary of State’s Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at LifeGoesOn.com, by calling 1-800-210-2106, or visiting their local Driver Services facility.

Rt. 66 Smokeout, Springfest Draw Large Crowds

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor
The 2017 Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor events in Dwight May 5-6 drew throngs of people and resulted in some BBQ contestants taking home some trophy hardware. Jane Anderson, who coordinated the Springfest, said she had lots of volunteers who helped on the groups to entertain children in the Kid Zone. “We were happy the weather ended up cooperating and rain stayed away,” Anderson said. Anyone who is interested, would like to comment, or help with next year may leave a comment on the Dwight Springfest Facebook

page or send an email to: dwigthevents@email.com
For the Smokeout, teams travelled to Dwight from points all across Illinois and out of state to compete in the Kansas City Barbeque Society Rt. 66 Smokeout. First place winners included the following: Overall winner, All in Que with 691.9544 points total. All in Que also won best in brisket. Black Flag BBQ took first in Pork while one2bbq placed first in pork ribs. In the chicken category, Designated Smokin Area placed first. The smokeout and Springfest are sponsored by the Dwight Economic Alliance.

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Editor’s Corner by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Health Insurance Secrets You Will Never Hear On The News

I have something to tell our readers that you will never be told by politicians or insurance companies: Health insurance is not profitable for insurance companies. I tell you this as a former insider, an insurance agent licensed in the State of Illinois to sell all lines of coverage, and for a while, selling strictly health insurance and supplements. Because it is not profitable and the insurance companies know this, does it make sense to keep health insurance in the private sector? I don’t think so. Guess what? No other developed countries on our planet are selling insurance privately. They have universal health care handled by the government. Why do you suppose that is? Maybe because it makes sense? Yeah, I know. Socialism! Well, sorry, Joe McCarthy, but in this case, socialism works. The U.S. government should stop trying to make it profitable for insurance companies. With the Affordable Health Care Act, more popularly known as Obamacare, all Americans must obtain health insurance or pay a penalty, unless they are provided coverage by their employer. But the ACA coverage is offered by private companies that can increase



I did not have this subsidy, I would NOT be able to afford health insurance. If, as Congress is currently proposing, they upcharge older insureds, my health insurance costs will be MORE THAN I MAKE in gross pay for a living, according to non-political experts like the Kaiser Hospital Foundation. So if you think tax credits are the answer, sorry. No dice. I can’t eat, or pay my mortgage, or do anything else. All my income goes to health insurance. And that is BEFORE co-pays and deductibles! So, Congress, just scrap it. Go with universal health care and take the private sector out of the picture. Health insurance (unlike life insurance which is a license to steal for insurance companies) is not profitable. It never will be. We need to allow the government to handle it. The government has been doing it for years with Medicare (uh oh. Do I mean to say we have had a socialistic program in place for nearly a century?) I can hear all my libertarian friends out there reading this now having heart attacks. Well, if they had a government universal health insurance plan, at least their heart attack medical expenses would be covered by their insurance. Thanks for reading.

Peg Doran Selected As 2017 Kiwanis Educator of the Year — — —

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school Masses and at the weekend parish Masses. She is the Booster Club Chair and Recruitment/Marketing Chair for the school.” Doran is also the lead teacher who handles many of the discipline issues and parental concerns. She also leads the students in prayer each morning and at lunchtime.

“She does all this while teaching a full-load and attending her own children’s activities,” she said. “Mrs. Doran is truly an amazing woman.” Apparently the students and parents all agree with the assessment that she is “amazing.” “It was well deserved,” said Andy Kelleher of Dwight, who has a son attending St. Paul.

Emington 3rd of July Celebration Approaching Quickly

All are invited to celebrate the *3rd of July* in Emington this year, with a fun-filled day planned for kids of all ages. The annual 3rd of July celebration will start with registration of antique tractors at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. registration for the Car Show. The Tractor Drive will kick off planned events at 11:00 a.m., with a cruise of the countryside ending up at the Jim Bunting farm for lunch. Other events during the day and evening include the Car and Tractor Show opening at 1:00 p.m., the Kiddie Tractor Pull at 4:00 p.m., and the Adult Bean Bag tournament at 6:00 p.m. The 3rd of July parade theme is “Christmas in July.” Santa will be making an appearance in the parade, as well as at his house afterwards. Anyone interested in the parade may contact Marcia Drach at 815-252-3086 or email marciadrach@hotmail.com.

mail marciadrach@hotmail.com. Parade check-in is at 5:30 p.m. at the west end of South Street, and the parade will step off at 6:30 p.m. Parade participants should note that this is a new time for the parade this year. Parade entries will be judged and prizes awarded for overall design, creativity, and construction. The 3rd of July festivities will continue after the parade with an adult tractor pull, kids activities, the



Hannah Van Der Karr and Lucy Rieke competed in Focus on Children. Below, Jessa Frobish and Josie Snyder competed in Life Event Planning.



Jillian Frauli competed in Focus on Children.



Maddi Groves competed in Chapter Service Project Portfolio.



DTHS FCCLA MEMBERS attended the Annual State Leadership Conference in Springfield in early April. Dwight Senior, Hannah Van Der Karr, at right, served as the Illinois FCCLA State President for the 2016-17 school year and presided over the conference in Springfield. The DTHS FCCLA Advisor is Kathy Patten.

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Attend FCCLA State Leadership Conference

The Illinois Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) held their annual State Leadership Conference in Springfield. The conference was held on Thursday, April 6 through Saturday, April 8, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and the Wyndham Hotel Springfield.

There were over 1700 students, Advisers and guests in attendance. More than 900 of those students participated in the State Proficiency and STAR Competitive Events. Attendees also had the opportunity to listen to workshop presentations on current topics. The election of the 2017-2018 Illinois Association of FCCLA State Officers also took place during the conference.

Illinois FCCLA partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation Illinois Chapter for their community service project. FCCLA members from across the state made monetary contributions to the project. The money collected was donated to Make-A-Wish to assist in granting wishes to children.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Patrick Grady. Patrick challenged the students to set goals, dream big and never give up. Patrick also provided the Friday night entertainment with a fun hypnosis session.

Maddi Groves competed in Chapter Service Project Portfolio earning a Gold medal and moving on to the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN.

Hannah Van Der Karr and Lucy Rieke competed in Focus on Children earning a silver medal.

Jillian Frauli competed in Focus on Children earning a silver medal.

Josie Snyder and Jessa Frobish competed in Life Event Planning earning a bronze medal.

Hannah Van Der Karr served as the Illinois FCCLA State President for the 2016-2017 school year. She presided over the conference.

Strawberry Jazz Festival June 4 in Kankakee

Kick off summer by participating in this year’s annual Strawberry Jazz Festival, set for Sunday, June 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Gov. Small Memorial Park, 801 S. Eighth Ave. in Kankakee. The event is sponsored by the Community Arts Council of Kankakee.

The festival features more than 90 arts and crafts vendors ranging from paintings and porcelain art to needlework, stained glass, and jewelry.

Entertainment will include jazz bands, singers and dancers, plus novelty acts. Children’s activities offer games, face painting, and a visit to a 19th century, one-room school.

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Cullom Community Vacation Bible School June 12-16

Cullom Community Vacation Bible School will run from Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church.

This is for three-year olds through sixth graders in the area. This year’s theme is “Maker Fun Factory.” The schedule is as follows:

- Day 1: Decker – The Decorator Crab. The bible point: God Made You.
- Day 2: Tina – The

Cathedral Termite. The bible point: God is for You.

- Day 3: Bubba – The Humpback Whale. The bible point: God is always with You.

• Day 4: Skyler – The Bowerbird. The bible point: God will always love You.

• Day 5: Abbee – The Bee. The bible point: God made You for a reason.

There will be crafts, music, bible lessons, games, and food.



THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT recently celebrated Natural Resources Stewardship Week by hosting a poster contest for all students in Livingston County. The theme, “Healthy Soils Are Full of Life!,” encouraged students to learn more about reasons for helping the soil to be healthy and productive. Out of the hundreds of entries, St. Paul School in Odell swept the grades K-1st category. All three are kindergarten students at St. Paul. The posters were judged on conservation message, visual effectiveness, and universal appeal. Pictured are the winners, Haddie Fearman (third place), Lillian Wolf (first place), and Brooklin Trainor (second place), receiving their certificates from Debbie Ruff, Livingston County SWCD.

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WIU ROTC Cadet Hannah Wallace Commissioned as Second Lieutenant

Hannah Wallace of Cullom was one of ten Western Illinois University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets who were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army during Commencement weekend.

Wallace also received her bachelor's degree in exercise science on the same weekend as her commissioning. She will commission in the Army on active duty and will serve as a transportation officer.

Brigadier General Richard B. Dix, of the commanding general of the Joint

Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and Joint Munitions Command, spoke to the cadets before the commissioning.

Western's ROTC program was established in 1968.



TWO LADIES from St. Patrick's Church in Dwight were honored by Bishop Jenky last month for their many years of service as volunteers of the church. Honorees are Theresa McNamara (left) and Millie Doran (right) flanking Mary Carpenter, Altar and Rosary co-president, at the ceremony.

Submitted photo

St. Patrick's Parish Volunteers Honored by Bishop Jenky

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women honored 41 women at a Mass and luncheon April 27, including two from the Dwight St. Patrick parish.

This is the first year the Dwight parish submitted nominations for consideration for the honor.

The awards were presented by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC who assured the volunteers that their hard work had not gone unnoticed, according to an article in *The Catholic Post*.

Mildred "Millie" Doran
Millie Doran has been an active member of the Altar and Rosary Society since moving to Dwight and joining the parish when she married Charles Doran in 1955; served as a Circle leader the past seven years, assists with bingo at the nursing home, and helps with salad luncheons and funeral dinners at the parish hall.

She was a member of the church choir and a soloist for many years.

She is always working as a "faithful and faith-filled parishioner and caring member of the our community," the nomination stated.

She volunteers to clean the church and rectory regularly and uses her sewing talents to make altar cloths, washes church linens and does many of the little things that go unnoticed but are important.

Beyond her volunteer work for the church, she has been a blood donor to the American Red Cross since 1972, having donated two to three times a year each year and continues to do so.

Millie's son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Peg Doran, reside in Odell. Her grandchildren, Maureen, Michael and Madelyn Doran, are St. Paul School, Odell, alums and Millie continues to be a big supporter of that school.

She once said, "I just want to help people," and she lives by that notion daily.

The *Catholic Post* in its May 7 issue reported that Millie has been active in parish life for 62 years working "behind the scenes."

Theresa McNamara
The *Catholic Post* said Theresa has been active in the parish for 68 years, and has been chair of the funeral dinner committee for 28 years.

She told *The Paper* she

was a member of the parish since the late 1940s.

She has belonged to Catholic Daughters, taught Vacation Bible School, helped with CCD (Catholic Education) programs as a teacher and helped in the Watch program.

She works in the kitchen, has been president of the Parish Council, president of the Altar and Rosary Society, and on the cemetery board for 25 years.

Outside of her church activities, she volunteers at the Dwight Ambler/Becker Texaco station, is a member of the Dwight Woman's Club and the Dwight Historical Society.

"This honor just doesn't belong to me," she told *The Paper* humbly. "I have 20 ladies at the parish who never refuse me."

She said the funeral dinners are always well-staffed with kitchen volunteers.

"It's an amazing thing that a small town like Dwight can continue to do these things. In big towns, people have to go to restaurants."

The Mildred Doran family contributed to this article.

Abigail Crane Achieves Dean's List Status at Belmont U.

Abigail Crane of Herscher qualified for the spring 2017 Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville, TN.

Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Anna Paputsa Named to Dean's List at Bob Jones U.

Anna Paputsa, a sophomore Culinary Arts major from Emington, was among approximately 860 Bob Jones University students named to the spring 2017

Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

Jennie Rodgers Graduates from McKendree U.

Jennie Rodgers of Braceville graduated from McKendree University, Lebanon, with a BA degree in sociology.

The University held its 177th commencement exercises on May 13 at the Lebanon campus for students who completed their degree requirements in December 2016, May and July 2017.



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OBITUARIES

LeRoy A. Gilmoure

MAZON – LeRoy A. “Tuffy” Gilmoure gave God his hand to be with Him on Sunday, May 14, 2017 at the age of 93. He passed away peacefully in Regency Care of Morris.

He was born November 27, 1923 in Mazon, son of John and Alice Cole Gilmoure.

Raised and educated in Mazon, LeRoy attended the Gibson Country School and Mazon High School, Class of 1942. He married the love of his life, Velda Wolfe from Dwight, June 14, 1944.

Tuffy proudly served his country in the United States Army Infantry Division for two-and-a-half years in the European Theatre: Normandy, France; Germany; England; and Holland with the 8th Division. After hospitalization, he was sent to Holland to the 481st Airborne Division. He was honorably discharged March 11, 1944.

LeRoy built many homes in the area. He loved making furniture and creating things. He belonged to the Mazon Methodist Church, the Mazon American Legion Post 352, the Local Carpenters Union, and the Royal Order of Moose. He was Commander of the American Legion, and was a very active member for 52 years. He also served for 12

years on the MVK Grade School Board. Tuffy loved dancing and Big Band music. He will be remembered by his beautiful smile and his hats; his good nature and his love for people, always willing to help anyone.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Velda; his son, Norman; several nieces and nephews; and a special niece, Karen Gilmoure.

Preceding him in death were his daughter-in-law, Terri Gilmoure “his girl”; his parents; two brothers, Henry (Ruth) and Lenord (Ozene) Gilmoure; and two nephews, Ken and Loren Gilmoure.

A Celebration of LeRoy’s Life was Saturday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. in the Park Street Congregational Church of Christ in Mazon, officiated by Pastor Tyler Carrell.

Inurnment: Ward Cemetery, Verona. Military honors were presented by Mazon American Legion Post 352.

Visitation was May 19 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the U.C. Davis - Callahan Funeral Home, Morris, and for one hour preceding the service in the church.

Preferred memorials may be made in LeRoy’s name to the Park Street Congregational Church.

Online condolences may be directed to the family by visiting www.ucdaviscallahan.com

Dorothy Leskanich

DWIGHT – Dorothy Leskanich, 82, of Dwight passed away Thursday, May 18, 2017 in rural Dwight.

Dorothy was born May 29, 1934 in Grand Ridge, daughter of Andrew and Margaret Burash Hanusik. She married Richard Leskanich September 3, 1955 in St. Stephen’s Church, Streator. He passed away June 24, 2010.

She is survived by daughters: Jean (Ken) Gamble of Dwight; Joyce Weller of Vernon Hills; Kathleen (Larry Jr.) Ferguson of Dwight; Carol (Wendell, Jr.) Robson, of Coal City; sons: James (Nancy) Leskanich and David Leskanich, both of Dwight; sisters: Marcella (Edward) Leskanich of Ancona and Alice Schultz of Streator; 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was also preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Patricia Kovac.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight and a longtime member of the Altar & Rosary Society.

Dorothy loved farming the land with Richard and even continued to help farm

after he passed. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, cake decorating, sewing and fishing. She gardened and canned like nobody’s business. Richard and Dorothy traveled all over the United States and took several trips outside of the country. She avidly watched General Hospital and her children tried to remember to not call at 2 p.m.

She will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was officiated by Father Chris Haake in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, at 10 a.m., Monday, May 22.

Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight, with Dorothy’s grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Visitation was Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, with a prayer service at 1:45 p.m.

Memorials in honor of Dorothy may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be made at: www.hagermemorial.com

Carl L. Sipes, Sr.

DWIGHT – Carl L. Sipes, Sr., 102, of Dwight passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in Dwight.

Carl was born February 27, 1915 in Ripley, Tennessee, son of Billy and Rosie Lee Needham Sipes. He married Imogene Copeland July 7, 1951 in Piggott, Arkansas. She survives in Dwight.

He is also survived by daughters: Peggy Sipes of Dwight; Doris (Richard) Thompson of Wetumpka, Alabama; Betty Sassenger of Dwight; Joanie (David) Cleeton of Mazon; and a son, William Andrew “Andy” (Tammy) of Forrest.

Grandchildren: Jill Meyers, Joshua Thompson, Jody (Malcolm) Strickland, Jacob (Mallory) Thompson, Carl III (Kendra) Sipes, Ashley Bozue, Lauren (Jon) Pree, Leslie Sassenger, James Sassenger, Jennifer (Jerry) Miller, Tiffany (Chad) Larsen, Samantha Sipes, Thomas Sipes and Sydney Sipes; 22 great-grandchildren; and three

great-great-grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Patsy Zimmerman; son, Carl Sipes, Jr.; three brothers and three sisters.

Carl retired from RR Donnelley in Dwight. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He also loved reminiscing and telling stories from times past.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 20, in First Baptist Church, Dwight, with Pastor Daniel Woodward officiating.

Burial: McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight.

Visitation was from 5 until 7 p.m., Friday, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, and at the church Saturday for one hour preceding services.

Memorials in honor of Carl may be made to the family or the First Baptist Church, Dwight.

Online condolences may be made at www.hagermemorial.com

Edward A. Kelly

JOLIET – Edward A. Kelly, 94, of Joliet passed away Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Rosewood Care Center, Joliet.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Road in Wilmington.

Burial with military honors will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

He was born August 4, 1922 in Seattle, Washington, son of Thomas Arthur and Florence V. Waggoner Kelly. He went on to honorably serve in the US Navy, and retired from US Steel Corp. as a lathe operator.

Ed was a man of few words, and will be remembered as a true gentle man.

He is survived by one

step-sister, Florence Kennedy of Brailleville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Florence “Toots” (J.R.) Cushing and

Marguerite (James) Anderson; one brother, Donald Kelly; one half-sister, Dorothy Jean Kelly; two half-brothers: Robert Kelly and Leroy Kelly; and two step-sisters: Harriet Marcotte and Leila Vilt.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Ed’s Memory to a charity of the donor’s choosing.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs or share Ed’s memorial page online by logging on to:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health Insurance Issues Affect Our Area

Dear Editor,

I’m a medical student who grew up in Verona, IL. I frequently meet patients who are worried about their future. I see insured patients who are unable to afford treatment and others suffering from curable conditions because they are uninsured.

In my hometown district, Congressman Adam Kinzinger’s support of the GOP’s American Healthcare Act (AHCA) that repeals much of the Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obamacare) gravely threatens the health of his constituents. The AHCA would take \$880 billion out of Medicaid and \$312 billion out of subsidies that help working families buy coverage. Funds would be diverted to an \$800 billion tax-break for those making over \$200,000, as well as private insurance and drug companies.

In Rep. Kinzinger’s district, the ACA cut the uninsured rate from 10% to 5%.

Medicaid expanded by 33,600, and the ACA helped another 7,700 afford new coverage. Kinzinger’s vote threatens to strip healthcare from thousands of people in his district, would weaken protections/increase costs for people with pre-existing conditions (acne, allergies, pregnancy, etc.), boost premiums for people over 40, and take millions of dollars from hospitals and clinics.

The ACA does have its flaws, leaving 28 million Americans uninsured and others with unaffordable premiums, deductibles, and copayments. But the new plan would make things much worse. Instead, we should move forward from the ACA to an Improved Medicare for All plan, like the one proposed by Rep. John Conyers (H.R. 676).

Sincerely,
Rebecca Gieseker
University of Chicago
Pritzker School of Medicine

Gardner Fire Volunteers Deserve Our Praise

Dear Editor,

When the Gardner fire house and District changed hands, all monies are accounted for, all receipts and cancelled checks are available for review.

The fire district takes no pay, and they should. The firehouse is spotless, all the equipment is well-maintained. The firemen and women (EMTs) answer ALL

calls and assist to other departments.

The two-to-three month advancement (of funds) by the village was great.

The Gardner Fire Protection District is located at 206 Depot Street, Gardner.

Mike Pokernicki
AKA H.T.P.
Gardner

Another Obituaries Appears on page 17.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MAZON/VERONA/KINSMAN
RESCUE SQUAD DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance of the Mazon/Verona/Kinsman Rescue Squad District, Grundy County, Illinois for the fiscal period May 1, 2017, to April 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., July 12, 2017, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mazon/Verona/Kinsman Rescue Squad District at District Headquarters and Station, 604 Front Street, Mazon, IL 60444.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a tentative form of said Budget and Appropriations Ordinance will be on file and available for public inspection at the Mazon/Verona/Kinsman Rescue Squad District, c/o District Administrative Assistant, Mazon Village Hall, 520 Depot Street, Mazon, IL 60444 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday generally from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; please call in advance (815) 448-2206.

/s/ Nicholas J. Baudino
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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PLAYOFFS?

If you’ve watched the NBA playoffs at all this far you’re probably thinking to yourself the same thing.

The playoffs, thus far, have been very underwhelming. There have been countless blow outs, and there haven’t really been any intriguing story lines thus far.

As most people predicted at the beginning of the year, it’s looking as if the finals this year will be for the 3rd straight year, the Cavaliers and the Warriors, with each team having one title win under their belt.

I was just discussing this with some of my friends, there’s a very real possibility that these two teams will square off in the finals for the next 2-3 years, which would mean that they will have played 5-6 straight finals against each other.

As bad as the playoffs have been, and as uninteresting and borderline boring they have been, I think it’s awesome that there’s an actual rivalry in place because these two teams keep making it to the finals each year.

The last time there was really anything close to this was back in the 80s when the Lakers and Celtics squared off multiple times over a 10 year span.

Basically since I’ve started really watching NBA basketball, LeBron James has been a contender for the title, and it’s interesting now that he actually has a team to square off against each year in the finals that creates a good and engaging series.

It’s very interesting that everyone complains about there only being 1 or 2 good teams in the NBA for the past few years, but I think everyone would definitely agree that the Finals become a lot more interesting when the teams involved are the best of the best and both loaded with talent.

I couldn’t be more excited for the Finals, there is a fair amount of pressure on it because of how bad the playoffs have been, so in that way it needs to make up for it.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Graduate

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OLD SECOND NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
KEVIN MILLER ANDSUZIE GRUBER,
UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

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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Want To Express Yourself on Rocks Around Dwight?



DECORATED TO simulate a spotted leopard is one idea to get creative with a rock. The Paper photo

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Businesses should be asked if it is okay to put

rocks out, but the ladies want to encourage people to put rocks in downtown Dwight.

The web site also has a disclaimer on it:

“Rocks reflect the opinions and attitudes of the individual artists, and not those of the administration,” it says. “We cannot be held responsible for people being offended ... or anything else for that matter.”

But if you just want to hunt for rocks and not decorate them, that works too.

People that find rocks are encouraged to take a picture and post it on the Dwight Rocks facebook page.

“We invite our friends to do it, and post where you find a rock.”

Rocks should not be hidden but be in plain sight.

“A park is a good place, or a walking path,” said Curtis.

She agreed they had rocks in their heads.

“All I do now is think about how to decorate a rock.”



A GRINNING SKELETON sits atop a rock decorated for Dwight Rocks.



SPORTS FANS can have fun decorating rocks. The Paper photo

12th Annual Buzz the Gut Cruise Night

The Dwight Economic Alliance will sponsor the 12th Annual Let’s Buzz the Gut Cruise Night June 24 beginning at 4 p.m. in downtown Dwight. Classic cars and music will fill the downtown. Local Organizations will sell snacks and sandwiches. Restaurants will offer meals for indoor dining and some businesses will offer specials.

There will be door prizes awarded throughout the evening. Awards will be given in many car categories at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar and come downtown for an evening of food and fun!

For additional information, contact the Dwight Economic Alliance office in the Depot at 584-1830.



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SPORTS

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Wednesday, May 24, 2017

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Daly Galloway Completes Career at DTHS with Quality State Showing

Daly Galloway finished her high school running career on Saturday at the 2017 Class A State Meet at Eastern Illinois University – competing in her seventh and eighth state final races, earning her seventh and eighth All-State performances.

In the 3200m, Galloway led for the 400 and then tailed a Pana runner until the final lap. She launched a kick with 300 to go, passing the Pana girl with 200 left, and beating her for second place by 4.5 seconds – with a time of 10:58.11.

She has finished third, second, fourth, and second in her last four 3200m state races.

Doubling back in the 1600m about two and a half hours later, Daly started the race fast, leading the race for two laps, and was in second until the 1400m

mark when the chase pack – who had been hanging back – caught her. Galloway fought the last 200m with everything she had, but could not quite match the eventual second place finisher (who has won the 800 the past two seasons). However, she never gave up and passed the same Pana runner as before about five feet from the finish line to finish third.

“Watching her give up a sure second place finish and go for the victory, coupled with that courageous final battle over the last 200m, will be a memory for everyone who was cheering for her that day,” said Coach Larry Lane.

Galloway clocked a time of 5:10.62 in the 1600m and finished in sixth, fourth, fifth, and third in her 1600m career at state.



DTHS GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM WINS REGIONALS!!

DTHS girls softball team advanced to the ISHS sectional played Tuesday, May 23, at Leroy against Fisher. The Lady Trojans easily captured the regional victory Monday, May 22, against visiting-St. Anne, securing the championship trophy with a 13-1 victory in five innings. Coverage of the post-season action will be in the May 31 issue.



Safe!

DWIGHT'S MORGAN ZABEL slides into second base during the final moments of the Lady Trojans post-season victory over visiting-Grant Park on May 16. Zabel secured a hit during the action.

The Paper photo

Pensive Moment



DWIGHT PITCHER Abby Edwards takes a moment to reflect as she prepares to pitch another inning during the Grant Park-Dwight regional semi-final round May 16. During the game, Edwards had two hits including a home run and three RBI.

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GSW Shuts Out Dwight; Falls to Ottawa Marquette in Baseball Regionals

Monday, May 15
GSW vs. Dwight
Varsity - Regionals

In a rivalry match-up to kick off the first round of regionals, the Panthers ended the Dwight Trojans' season with a shutout victory, 10-0.

“This was a great pitchers duel until we scratched some runs in the fifth,” said Coach Wills. “Then our hitters did a great job getting runs in the fifth and sixth.”

Austin Kavanaugh was 1-3 with a walk, a double, and four RBI, followed by Matthew Wepprecht who doubled twice and knocked in three. Nathan Wozniak walked twice, doubled once, and batted in a run, while Kade Kociss had a single

and two RBI. Joey Morales doubled in the contest, with Connor Hays singling.

Braden Marks was fantastic on the mound, giving up just four walks and four singles, striking out five in six innings of work.

Logan Graham was tagged with the loss for Dwight, as he allowed no earned runs on three hits, walking two and striking out four in four-plus innings.

Wesley Pulver and DJ Branz each pitched in relief, with Pulver giving up five earned on two hits and three walks, tallying three strikeouts. Branz gave up one earned on a hit and a walk.

The Trojans finish their season with a record of 10-18 overall as the Panthers move on to play Ottawa

Marquette.

Wednesday, May 17
GSW vs. Ottawa
Marquette
Varsity - Regionals

In Putnam County regional action May 17, the Panthers lost a heart-breaker to Ottawa Marquette, 6-5, in seven innings, ending their 2017 campaign.

“We battled hard today, but fell a little short to a very good team,” said a very proud Coach Wills in the postgame. His team ends the year with a 15-17 record overall.

GSW put up runs in each of the first three innings, but so did O.M. The Panthers also had five more total hits than their opponents, but

Ottawa Marquette held GSW off to advance to the regional championship.

Connor Hays took the “L” for GSW, allowing five earned runs on six hits, two walks, and two HBP, striking out three in a little over two innings of work. Chris Ruiz threw three-plus, giving up one hit and walking three to add to his one strike-out.

On offense, Sean Hansen doubled twice and knocked in one, while Austin Kavanaugh was 2-4 with a single, a double, and an RBI. Joey Morales also added two singles and an RBI. Nathan Wozniak and Braden Marks each singled twice, with Matthew Wepprecht and Hays each singling once.

Gas Edges up 2.2 cents

The average regular unleaded gallon of gasoline in the United States edged up another 2.2 cents after jumping 3.9 cents the previous week, at \$2.375 per gallon as of Monday, May 22, according to GasBuddy.com.

Prices in *The Paper* readership area were mixed Monday, with Dwight's price sliding 4.4 cents (averaging \$2.182), Braceville down 10.0 cents (\$2.25), Herscher up 6.0 cent (\$2.25), and Odell down 1.0 cents (\$2.27).

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 22	May 15
Dwight	\$2.182	\$2.226
Seneca	\$2.1866	\$2.1866
S. Wilmington	\$2.286	\$2.286
Streator	\$2.248	\$2.12
Odell	\$2.27	\$2.28
Saunemin	\$2.29	\$2.29
Cullom	\$2.27	\$2.27
Pontiac	\$2.24	\$2.246
Gardner	\$2.29	\$2.29
Braceville	\$2.25	\$2.35
Mazon	\$2.225	\$2.25
Morris	\$2.19	\$2.234
Herscher	\$2.25	\$2.19
Kankakee	\$2.284	\$2.14
Chicago	\$2.64	\$2.62
Illinois	\$2.41	\$2.40
U.S.	\$2.375	\$2.353

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

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Hit By A Pitch!



A STRAY PITCH causes Macey Rodosky to cringe in pain as the ball hit her in the back during the regional semi-final action against visiting-Grant Park on May 16, allowing Rodosky to get on base with a walk. The Paper photo



DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

Tuesday, May 16
Dwight vs. Grant Park
Varsity -
Regional Semi-Final
The Lady Trojans opened up regional play with a 13-0 victory over Grant Park. Macey Rodosky had a monster day at the plate, going 3-3 with seven RBI, including two home runs – one of which was a grand slam – and a double. Abby Edwards added two hits, including a homer and three RBI, while LynnDee

Hale, Sydney Christensen, Becky Ruder, Kaitlyn Masching, Taylor Anderson, and Morgan Zabel all had hits. Edwards picked up the win in the circle, pitching five shutout innings and allowing just two hits while striking out seven batters. “The girls played very well today,” stated Coach Black. “They were focused, both at the plate and in the field.”



GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

Wednesday, May 17
GSW vs. St. Anne
Varsity -
Regionals
The GSW Lady Panthers had their season come to an end at the hands of St. Anne, falling in regional action by a score of 15-9 and ending the year with a 10-15 record. Tori King went 2-3 with a walk, a single, a home run,

and a run scored, while Jenni Price added a two-run single and scored a run. Delaney Miner added a homer, scoring twice, with Carson Halpin doubling and scoring once. Madelyn Storm singled and walked, while Kira Gleason walked and scored a run. Shelby Serena took two walks, followed by Sydney Perkins and Emily Beck who each drew one walk.



DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Monday, May 15
Tony Thorsen Invitational
On May 15, the Tony Thorsen Invitational was held in Dwight, with ten schools in attendance and the host Trojans finishing in fifth place with 53 points. “This was our best team performance in a large invitational,” stated Coach Lane. “The athletes competed with desire and determination, showing the coaches they are ready for the Paxton sectional – as numerous season and personal bests were achieved.” Individual results are as follows:
Ben Myzia: Shot put, 4th, 39’½” (PR); discus, 6th, 104’1”.
Andrew Brown: discus, 83’7”.
Garrett Severson: Shot put, 37’4”.
Blake Hill: 100m, 12.60; 200m, 25.53.
Randall Phillips: 100m, 12.91; 200m, 26.56.
Bryson Connor: 400, 57.81.
Kerrick Dyer: 400, 1:00.59.
Donovan Garcia: 800, 2nd, 2:09.72 (PR).
Dan Muller: 800, 3rd, 2:10.04 (PR).
Dylan Hill: 1600, 5:39.27.
Jaxson Tarnowski: 1600, 6:08.73.
Christian Williams: 1100h, 3rd, 18.05; 300ih, 1st, 44.01.
Calvin Croy: 1100h, 5th, 18.50 (PR); 300ih, 4th, 48.00.
Jack James, Joey Fedele, Dyer, Josh Pearson: 4x800, 3rd, 9:49.02.
J.C. Santos, Connor, Muller, Koby Smith: 4x400, 3rd, 3:45.63 (SB).

Wilkerson, Vikings Use Dr. Keeler Invitational as Tune-Up for Final Meets

On May 11 and 12 at North Central College in Naperville, the Dr. Keeler Invitational was held and the Augustana Vikings put in quality performances – gearing up for their final meets of the 2017 season. Sophomore Brandon Wilkerson (Tri-Point HS / Stelle) placed ninth in the 300 steeplechase with a time of 9:10.46 – the eighth best in Augustana History.

Wilkerson Takes 2nd at Augie Twilight Qualifier

The Augustana Vikings were at home in the Augie Twilight Qualifier May 18, a non-scoring meet held on a gorgeous day at Paul V. Olsen Track. Sophomore Brandon Wilkerson (Tri-Point HS / Stelle) ran a time of 4:07.48 in the 1500, good enough for second place. The NCAA Division III Championships are set for May 25-27 in Geneva, Ohio.



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Contest and Awards

For more information go to:
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Boys 9-12
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\$25 Add'l. members
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Coach Gibson at
cgibson@gswhs73.org

Muir Kids Fishing Derby Set for June 11

Members of the Odell Sportsman's Club have chosen Sunday, June 11, for their 9th annual Earl Muir Memorial Kids Fishing Derby, which will take place from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Muir's pond near Odell.

Lunch and an awards ceremony will be from 3:00-4:00 p.m. No rain date has been set.

Awards will be given for "Most Fish Caught" and "Biggest Fish Caught," in both a boys and girls division. Trophies will be awarded for first through third place in each category and division. All trophies are courtesy of Grieff's Monuments and Laser Engraving in Dwight.

The following rules will be strictly enforced: no boats allowed; no lures allowed; no minnows allowed; no adults or children allowed on the dock; one fishing pole per child; worms are the only bait allowed; and no alcohol on the premises.

Youths must be accompanied by an adult. Youths ages three to 14 years of age may participate, but must be able to fish with minimal assistance – children must be able to hold their own pole. Adults may assist the younger children in retrieving and removing fish from the hook. Take a container of worms, a fishing pole, and a bucket to put fish in.

For more information, contact Bonnie Bolen at 815-848-2217 or doubleb10@frontier.com.

GSW High School Athletic Boosters' Annual Golf Outing June 24

The Gardner-South Wilmington High School Athletic Boosters are extending an invitation to their Annual Golf Outing, which is slated for Saturday, June 24, at Dwight Country Club.

This event is a four-person scramble set to start at noon. Check-in and registration begin at 11:00 a.m., and dinner will be served around 5:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available on the GSW High School web page, gswhs73.org, or they can be picked up at the GSW High School office. Entry fees can be mailed or dropped off at GSW High School.

Entry fees include 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, a gift bag for each player, and dinner. If you do not wish to golf, you may also choose to register for the dinner only and still support the GSW High School athletes.

The GSW Athletic Boosters' goal is to raise funds in order to help purchase items and equipment needed by all of their athletic teams: volleyball, basketball, Spiritline, softball, fishing, cross country, baseball, the math team, and the scholastic team.

The day will also be filled with some old favorites, such as closest to the pin, 50/50, and raffles, along with some new games like longest putt, hole-in-one, and more.

If you have questions, contact the school office at 815-237-2176.

The Paper Pony Team Begins Season with 4-0-1 Record

The Paper pony team started the year off in Pontiac with a big 18-1 win over a young Pontiac team.

Andrew Harsh led the offense, going 3-3 with two RBI. Caden Schroeder and Camden Beier both finished with a hit each, batting in four and two runs, respectively.

Pontiac committed five errors and walked 15 The Paper batters.

On the mound, Trevor Sexton pitched two innings, allowing two walks and one run while striking out five. Hudson Beier finished the final three innings, walking two and striking out eight.

In a match-up with Seneca, The Paper was able to slide by the visitors by a score of 6-5.

Sexton, Harsh, and Landon Brown led in hitting, all going 2-4. C. Beier was 1-4 in the game. C. Beier, Harsh, and Sexton each batted in two runs. Jaxson Tarnowski reached base twice on walks, scoring both times.

Brown was on the mound, going five strong innings, giving up two earned runs, walking three and fanning seven. Harsh relieved Brown to pick up the win, walking three and striking out six.

The Paper met up with Braidwood, ending their battle in a 6-6 tie.

The Paper was led by Brown's two singles and an RBI, with Jarrett Jancek adding a big RBI single in the third inning. Rounding out the hits for The Paper was Harsh, who had an RBI of his own. H. Beier had two RBI on a fielder's choice and an infield ground out, while Chris Galbraith grounded out in the bottom of the sixth to plate the last run of the game – securing the tie. C. Beier, Schroeder, and Tarnowski reached base on walks, later coming around to score.

Jack Gallet pitched a gem, going four-plus innings, striking out eight while allowing just three earned runs on three hits. H. Beier came on in relief, giving up no earned runs or hits.

The Paper let this one slip away a little in the top half of the fifth on some costly fielding mistakes, but the coaching staff says the boys didn't hang their heads, going on to score in the sixth to regain the tie.

In beautiful Renfrew Park on May 8, Morris came to town to get whooped, 23-5, as they gave up 23 free bases – leading to the lop-sided scored.

The Paper only mustered five singles through four innings. Those came off the bats of Brown, Harsh, Schroeder, H. Beier, and Gallet. Every The Paper player scored in the contest.

C. Beier got the "W" on the mound, allowing one unearned run on one hit, striking out four. Sexton had a rough outing, but has since regained his rock arm status. Gallet pitched the last inning.

On May 15, The Paper traveled to Forrest to face a solid squad, keeping the home team off the board until the fifth inning with some dominant defense and pitching.

Leading the way at the plate was Harsh, going 2-3 with a big triple. Others reaching base on hits were: Sexton (triple), H. Beier (single, three RBI), Schroeder (single), Galbraith (single, RBI), and Gallet went deep for his first homer of the season.

H. Beier won it on the mound, slinging four strong innings. He allowed no runs on one hit, walking two and striking out three.

H. Beier got help from his "D," as Harsh dove to catch a fly ball as well as Brown, who made a diving grab in center field.

Sexton pitched the last three innings, giving up three earned runs on three walks, fanning five.

The Paper is currently 4-0-1 on the season, but has some stiff competition ahead. The coaches are hoping they can continue their hard work.

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Exelon Generation teams up with local anglers to reel in drug abuse

Exelon Generation’s 16th annual Braidwood “Fishing for a Cure” charity bass fishing tournament is just a few weeks away and there is still room for additional boats.

Entries to the event will be accepted until the 100-boat limit is reached. The charity bass fishing tournament will be held Saturday, June 3 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Braidwood Lake in rural Will County.

Teams of two anglers per boat will compete for a share of \$10,000 in cash prizes. The tournament is open to anglers of all skill levels, with live broadcasting by ESPN’s “Chauncey’s Great Outdoors.” The tournament will start from Braidwood Lake’s Kankakee Road (south) ramp. The entry fee is \$150 per team.

This year all proceeds will benefit the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition (BAHCC). The coalition is focused on addressing the alarming rise of drug addiction and drug-related overdoses in the area. The local community experienced a record number of heroin-related deaths in 2016, up more than 40 percent over the previous year. BAHCC, a grassroots, volunteer-driven organization, will use the resources raised through the tournament to provide education, intervention, prevention and support services.

Tournament rules and the entry form, can be found at

this website: <http://www.exeloncorp.com/newsroom/events/exelons-fishing-for-a-cure> or contact Peggy Warnick, Braidwood Generating Station Communications Manager at peggy.warnick@exelon-corp.com or (815) 417-3184.

A children's fishing derby will be held at the Godley Park District pond the same day, Saturday, June 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$5 per child.

Since its inaugural tournament in 2002, Fishing for a Cure has raised \$455,000 for charity. Braidwood Generating Station, generates nearly 2,400 megawatts of carbon-free electricity, enough to power more than two million homes.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1808 DONATED cases of cookies to Heritage Health so that residents could enjoy some treats. Pictured are troop members Piper Bovellev, Miranda Bovellev, and Isabel Hakey, along with Activity Director Brenda Burton, Emma Bovellev, and two ladies who were happy to join in the photo with them.



STUDENTS AT SOUTH WILMINGTON GRADE SCHOOL met with students from Gardner Grade School on May 17 for their annual Battle of the Books Competition. Delta Kappa Omicron members Sharon Sovey and Cindy Christensen have worked together for the past eight years to provide this fun activity for students in grades three through five at the two schools. Classroom teachers at both schools work diligently to get students interested in reading. This activity is but one way to inspire students to read and discuss books. The books are shared between the two schools in order to prepare for this event. Many of the books have been purchased through grants by the Omicron organization. Although this year’s SWGS students were the victors, the match was well fought with only one question throughout the contest which the students were unable to answer. Pictured, seated, are GGS students Bella Vyce, Cole Hampson, and Emma Minnick; standing are SWGS students Eva Henderson, Hayden Partilla, and Cheyenne Jett.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR THE DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois, previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection District general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, is hereby rescheduled to Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dwight Fire Protection general offices at 111 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

Gary L. Marx
Eric P. Stewart
Rodney J. Kodat

Trustees, Dwight Fire Protection District
111 South Prairie Avenue
Dwight, Illinois 60420

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at the Hour of 7:00 P.M. at the Dwight Fire Protection District General Offices, 111 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois with respect to the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Dwight Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018. At the time and place of the Public Hearing, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative. After the Public Hearing on the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District shall take final action on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018.

The proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was passed in tentative form by the Dwight Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018 at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District on May 16, 2017. Copies of the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as passed in tentative form are available for public inspection commencing May 18, 2017 at the Office of the attorney for the Dwight Fire Protection District, namely Irvin L. Masching, during regular business hours at 105 East Chippewa Street, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois, and at the Dwight Fire Protection District General Offices, 111 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois during Fire Protection District office hours.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
) NO. 2017-P-52
DIANA S. TAYLOR,)
DECEASED.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DIANA S. TAYLOR of 306 E. Hack Street, Cullom, Illinois.

Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued to J. Orin Taylor of 306 East Hack Street, Cullom, IL 60929, whose attorneys are CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP, 204 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois.

Claims may be filed on or before the 24th day of November, 2017. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at Livingston County Law and Justice Center, Pontiac, Illinois, 61764, or claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or both. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Personal Representative and to his attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated: May 24, 2017

J. Orin Taylor
Independent Executor
306 East Hack Street
Cullom, IL 60929

Edward J. Legner
CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL,
EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP
Attorneys for the Estate
204 North Main Street
Pontiac, IL 61764

Agricultural Scholarship Awarded by Odell Sportsman’s Club

On Wednesday, May 10, 2017, Odell Sportsman’s Club President, Joe Thomas Bolen, presented a \$250.00 Agricultural Scholarship and framed certificate to Jacob Larkin. The Awards Night event was held at Pontiac Township High School where he is a senior.

Jacob is the son of Dale and Jenny Larkin, Pontiac. He is a 10-year member of the Pontiac Power Rockets 4-H Club where he served as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter. Jacob is also a 4-year member of the Livingston County Ambassadors where he served as president, vice-president, treasurer, and activities director.

Jacob’s intended area of study is Precision Agriculture Technology and Ag Transfer. He plans on attending Parkland Community College for 2 years then transferring to Illinois State University to finish his degree. He plans to return to Livingston County to work in agriculture and work on his family’s farm.

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 12, 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 H2 Business Consulting Firm, 211 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL 60420. Dated this 12th day of May, 2017.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Vienna Road District, Grundy County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017, and ending March 31, 2018, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 501 N. Division St., Verona, Illinois from and after 8:00 P.M. on May 15, 2017.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P.M. on June 19, 2017, at 501 N. Division St., Verona, Illinois and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing.

Dated this 15 day of May, 2017.

Valerie Czech, Supervisor
William Walsh, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Vienna, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017, and ending March 31, 2018, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 501 N. Division St., Verona, Illinois from and after 8:00 P.M. on May 15, 2017.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:00 P.M., June 19, 2017, at 501 N. Division St., Verona, Illinois 60479 and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at 501 N. Division St., Verona, IL at 7:00 P.M., June 19, 2017.

Dated this 15 day of May, 2017.

Valerie Czech, Supervisor
William Walsh, Clerk

Six Confirmed at St. Patrick, Ransom

Six Students from the St. Patrick Church CCD Program, Ransom, were confirmed on May 14 by the Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., Bishop of Peoria, at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Streator. The Confirmands – Maci Byers, Natalie Williams, Alex Gomez, Cade Stevens, Blake Ewing, and Kyla Yedinak – were taught by Brad Coughlin, DRE and Catechist.



CAT CLAUSEN OF Dwight stands in front of the mural in Springfield based on her painting of Abraham Lincoln. It was unveiled May 17, 5 p.m. This shot was taken while a boom was used to do some last minute touches before the ceremony, and gives people an idea of the scale of the mural.

Submitted photo

Jacob Elling Receives \$500 ISA Scholarship

The Illinois Sheriff’s Association (ISA) provides an annual scholarship, for each county, for students interested in furthering their education and training through an Associate Membership Program. Scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books, and fees.

Livingston County students were given the opportunity to apply for one

\$500.00 scholarship in the 2017-18 academic year and a total of 32 applications were received.

The winner of the ISA Scholarship was Jacob Elling of Campus, who was awarded the scholarship by demonstrating outstanding scholastic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, and exemplary character traits.

This year’s alternate is Maggie McCoy of Dwight.

NOTICE – UNION TOWNSHIP

The Union Township Board of Trustees hold their regular meetings from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

The financial statements for the year April 1, 2016 ending March 31, 2017 will be posted in the windows of the township building from May 22 to June 10, 2017 for public viewing.

Richard Boundy, Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISSOLVE THE SOUTHEAST GRUNDY MEDICAL FACILITIES ASSOCIATION

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

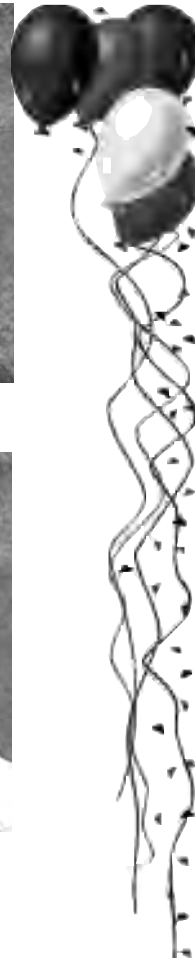
Any loan certificate holding person desiring to surrender their certificate for face value are to contact Secretary/ Treasurer Ken Bozue in writing, along with the certificate at P.O. Box 205, Gardner, IL 60424 by May 24, 2017. The directors will transfer any residual funds and take the necessary steps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

Ken Bozue
Secretary/Treasurer

Pontiac Township High School

~ Class of 2016 ~

Graduation Ceremony held Sunday, May 21, 2:30 p.m.



Matthew Birkett



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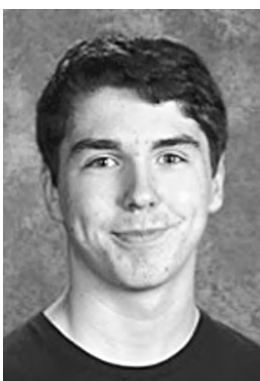
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Jordyn Langer



Keith Mills



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Courtney Riley



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Not pictured:
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2017 Saunemin Grade School Graduates

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Chase Broerman
Michael Brown
Nicolas Cooper
Carson Crouch
Pierce Crouch

Kyerra English
Lucas Engstrom
Dallas Hillier
Madelyn Lee
Amelia Logan

Ariel Nichols
Caleb Peet
Britney Pehlke
Mason Rork
Edward Sarama
Isaac Telford



2017 Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship Recipients Announced

Scholarships in the amount of \$125,500 were awarded this spring by the Chesebro/Cushman/Kyser Scholarship Fund, which was set up by the Chesebro sisters – originally from Saunemin.

Nina and Pat Chesebro devoted their lives to education, first teaching in the Saunemin Schools, then elsewhere in the state.

In this, the sixth year for the presentations, the trustees awarded 78 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. High school seniors,

as well as current or returning college students, were eligible to apply.

Graduating seniors from *The Paper* territory receiving scholarships were:

Dwight Township High School

• **Rachel Dawson, Ransom** – daughter of William Dawson and Laura Dawson who will attend North Central College.

• **Justin Fox, Emington** – son of Aaron and Susie Fox who will attend Elmhurst College.

• **Wesley Pulver,**

Dwight – son of Rob and Tammy Pulver who will attend Augustana College.

• **Hannah VanDerKarr, Dwight** – daughter of Ryan and Jennifer VanDerKarr who will attend Marquette University.

Recipients who are continuing their college education

• **Maureen Doran, Odell** – daughter of Tom and Peg Doran who attends Western Illinois University.

• **Ashley Fox, Emington** – daughter of Aaron and

Susie Fox who attends Illinois State University.

• **Ryan Gaston, Emington** – son of Jim and Shelah Gaston who attends University of St. Francis.

• **Jorden Grieff, Odell** – daughter of Rich and Deb Grieff who attends Illinois State University.

• **Ashley Harfst, Saunemin** – daughter of Tom and Diane Harfst who attends Eureka College.

• **Haley Hansen, Dwight** – daughter of Chris and Larry Hansen who attends University of

Pennsylvania.

• **Tyler Lowe, Saunemin** – son of David and Audrey Lowe who attends Illinois State University.

• **Nicole Murphy, Dwight** – daughter of Kevin and Marsha Murphy who attends Elmhurst College.

• **Bailee Osborn, Saunemin** – daughter of Will and Missy Osborn who attends Aurora University.

• **Owen Pulver, Dwight** – son of Rob and Tammy Pulver who attends Millikin University.

• **Micheil Shelby,**

Saunemin – son of Gary and Joann Shelby who attends Eureka College.

• **Robert Shelby, Saunemin** – son of Gary and Joann Shelby who attends Heartland Community College.

• **Kyle Walker, Saunemin** – son of Elaine Walker and the late Bill Walker who attends Morrison Institute of Technology.

• **Mary Wiemken, Dwight** – daughter of Norval and Kathy Wiemken who attends Illinois State University.

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Dwight High School Hires Three Teachers - May Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Dwight Township High School will welcome a least three new teachers when students return to school this fall. At the May 17 meeting of the DTHS Board of Education, the BOE approved new personnel as recommended by Principal Dan Kaiser.

Joining the staff at DTHS will be Luke Standiford, Physical Education Teacher working with the advanced physical training program and will be an Assistant Football Coach.

Mr. Standiford comes to Dwight recently earning his Masters in Kinesiology from SIU and was four-year wide receiver for their football team and currently serves as the SIU Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Cassandra Nugent will join DTHS teaching Social Studies including World History, Civics and Psychology and as an Assistant Volleyball Coach. Miss Nugent is an ISU graduate and comes to Dwight from MacArthur High School in Decatur where she has been teaching.

Also joining the DTHS staff will be Joe Micetich, Mathematics Teacher, Mathletes Advisor, and Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach. Mr. Micetich, a Coal City native, is a recent ISU graduate.

In other business, pending successful completion of all requirements, DTHS Senior Class promotion candidates were approved. DTHS will hold its Graduation Ceremony at 7p.m. on Friday, May 26 in the Dwight Township High School Gymnasium. There are currently 56 DTHS graduating seniors.

2017-18 Dwight High School Board of Education meeting dates and times were approved. The District #230 BOE will continue to meet at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in the District board room at the high school. One exception will be the December meeting currently slated for

7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13.

Support Staff wage increases for 2017 – 18 were amended with two support staff increases granted. The board approved a salary increase to \$18.00 per hour for Coreen Perschnick, Payroll. A salary increase to \$20.00 per hour was approved for Jack Connor, Maintenance.

In his report to the board, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek updated the board on the status of Technology related concerns including the hiring status of a Technology Specialist. Dr. Jancek also made a recommendation to not make any changes to registration fees with regard to the online registration process.

Principal Dan Kaiser acknowledged DTHS students that attend the Livingston Area Career Center in Pontiac and awards that these students received including: Austin Nelson, Computer Repair Student of the Year, and Alex Pampinella, Law

Enforce-ment Student of the Year. National Technical Honor Society Members include Ashley Burkhardt, Shayla Doyle, Mikayla Gamble, Dakota Irvine, Karli Kelson, Alex Pampinella, Kilie Tilley and Morgan Zabel. LACC Students of the Month were Alex Pampinella (September) and Morgan Zabel (March).

Mr. Kaiser also noted that the IHSA has recognized the DTHS music program as one of the top ten amongst Class C schools in the state of Illinois and expressed congratulations to Mr. Justin Gund, Music Instructor, and all DTHS musicians.

The board also discussed and approved:

- a retirement notice from Carol Pfeifer, Classroom Aide.
- Instructional coach for Erik Borne (overload stipend).
- Chuck Trainor, Varsity Softball Head Coach.
- Erin Gaston, Assistant Softball Coach.
- IHSA membership for 2017-18.
- Triple-I Conference attendees & expenditures (registration, hotel, mileage, parking and meal reimbursement).

ment).

- IASB Board Policy Update recommendations.
- the substitute teacher list for continuation of employment, 2017-18.
- the parent/community member volunteer list, 2017/18.
- the 2017 prevailing wage resolution.
- the re-employment of coaches and advisors for 2017/18 as presented.

The next meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be Wednesday, June 21 at 6 p.m. in the DTHS Board Room. All meetings are open to the public.

Anderson House



THE FORMER Schreffler Funeral Home building on Oak Street in Herscher is being converted into a site for the Herscher Historical Society. It was once owned by A. T. Anderson, a coal dealer and mayor of Herscher at the turn of the 20th century. The sign was recently changed. The home was donated to the society by Schreffler and is being renovated as the “Anderson House,” a 1900s residence.

The Paper photo by J. Ridings

GSW High School Earns Bronze Medal Recognition for Test Scores

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Gardner-South Wilmington High School was accorded a Bronze Medal from the *U.S. News and World Report*, according to Principal John Engelman.

He made the announcement at the May 17 school board meeting.

The selection for the award was based on standardized test scores, college preparation and other criteria, Engelman explained.

In other business, the board:

- accepted the resignation of Lara Fatka, science/algebra teacher and color guard sponsor.
- accepted the resignation of Michelle Read, English class of 2018 sponsor.
- accepted the resignation

of Rebecca DeHeer, prom sponsor.

- accepted the resignation of Angel Dallio, prom sponsor.
- hired Patricia Boaz as English teacher and color guard sponsor.
- hired Holly Robinson as science/math teacher and scholastic bowl sponsor.
- appointed Michelle Scaccia as senior class sponsor.
- appointed Kris Spiezio as prom sponsor.
- appointed Erin Ferrari as freshman class sponsor.
- hired Adam Leigh, Brendan Elens, and Marlana Ferrari as summer custodians.
- hired Krystal Wallace as summer front office clerk.
- approved the transportation contract for the 2017-18 school year with a 3%

increase in cost.

- cancelled the May 24 meeting, the second for the month of May.
- heard that the Gardner Area band will play the National Anthem before the Joliet Slammers baseball game on June 3. The game starts at 6:05 p.m.
- the GSW math team competed Saturday May 6 at the University of Illinois, taking 15th place and a handful of individual awards.
- heard a statement from audience member James K. Riley that the April 26 board meeting where new members were seated should have had a voice vote for vice-president. President Pamela Brooks replied that by statute they can do such an election by voice vote or ballot vote.

Gardner Band Memorial Day Parade Performance Will Be Televised May 29

The Gardner Area Band is proud to announce that the 2017 National Memorial Day Parade television broadcast will be available for viewing live via the Discovery Military Channel at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 29.

The parade will also be streamed live at YouTube.com, Military.com, and at NationalMemorialDayParade.com.

The Gardner Area Band is #94A in the parade, and consists of students from Braceville Elementary School, Gardner Grade School, South Wilmington Grade School, and Gardner-South Wilmington High School. Students’ ages range from fifth grade through 12th grade, and they rehearse in the high school band room at 7:00 a.m. every day and perform at numerous events throughout the school year.

The Gardner Area Band has performed the National Anthem at the Peoria Rivermen professional hockey game, Great America Music in the Parks band competition, University of Illinois Band Day, the National Anthem at the Joliet Slammers baseball game, shopping malls, graduations, basketball games, concerts, parades, and community ceremonies throughout the school year.

The Paper Deadline is Friday at noon.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DWIGHT PLAN COMMISSION PETITION FOR RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 10, WATTERS COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION, DWIGHT, IL

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Dwight Plan Commission on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Services Complex Bldg., 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois for the following purpose, to-wit:

To consider a **Petition for Re-Subdivision** filed by Illinois Investment Group, LLC/Anthony Faltin with respect to Lot #10 of Watters Commercial Subdivision, Dwight, Illinois, for the purpose of dividing Lot #10 into two smaller lots. Lot #10 is located in a B-2 Service Business District, and currently has an address of 109 Watters Drive, Dwight, IL.

Lot #10 of Watters Commercial Subdivision, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois, is more specifically described as follows:

Lot 10 in Watters Commercial Subdivision First Addition to the Village of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois.
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At the time and place of the Public Hearing, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative. Prior to the Public Hearing, a copy of the **Petition for Re-Subdivision**, and related documents, will be available at the Dwight Public Services Complex Bldg., 209 Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois for inspection and review during regular business hours by any interested party.

After the Public Hearing, which may from time to time be continued, the Dwight Plan Commission shall provide a written report/recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees with respect to the proposed Re-Subdivision, and a recommendation as to whether or not the Re-Subdivision should be granted. Based on the recommendation of the Dwight Plan Commission, the Village Board of Trustees shall, without further hearing, grant or deny the request for Re-Subdivision, or may refer the matter back to the Plan Commission for further consideration and/or Public Hearing.

Inquiries with respect to the requested re-subdivision should be directed to the following:

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Public Services Complex Building
209 S. Prairie Avenue
Dwight, IL 60420
PH#: 815/584-3077

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Odell Library Receives Grant from Illinois Prairie Community Foundation

The Odell Public Library District has received a grant for \$1,500 from Illinois Prairie Community Foundation.

The grant is funded through Illinois Prairie Community Foundation’s General, Arts & Culture grant category, and will help with funding the Library’s Summer Reading Program – Reading by Design, for six weeks this summer.

The program provides activities for the children ranging from building robots, to digging for fossils, to learning how to bake bread.

In addition, the funds allow them to take in interactive entertainment such as Brian “Fox” Ellis – a storyteller from Bishop Hill. They are also planning a day-long field trip to visit the museums and murals in Pontiac.

The children read throughout the program and keep a log of the books they

read. Parents can sign their children up for the program at the Library.

During the current grant cycle, Illinois Prairie Community Foundation awarded \$150,200 in three categories of grants to 54 programs in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston, and Logan Counties. Funding came from the Jerome Mirza Foundation, donors to the Foundation’s annual campaign and endowments.



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Celeste Danielle Brown

ODELL – Celeste Danielle Brown, 20, of Odell passed away Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.



Visitation will be Thursday, May 25, from 1 until 5 p.m. at Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac.

Her funeral service will be at 5 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

She was born October 30, 1996 in Joliet, daughter of Michael Brown, Jr. and Jamie Hundley Brown. They survive in Odell.

Also surviving are her fiancé, Lucas Lawrence Ellis of Joliet; brothers: Michael Brown, Kaleb Brown and Gabriel Brown, all of Odell; sisters: Emerald Brown of Washington, IL; and Autumn Brown of Odell; her future father-in-law, Alan and Arlene Chrossfield of Joliet; and future brother-in-law, Robert Ellis II of Joliet.

Her grandfather, Mike Papes of Diamond; great-grandparents: Delores Gierut of Boynton Beach, FL and Elizabeth Smutnak of California; nephew, Allen Craig; godchild, Cayden Hill; her beloved dog, Jax; and several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by four grandparents: Michael U. Brown, Sr., Donna Brown, Richard S. Hundley, and Rosemary Kolakowski; and one sister, Ashley Platt.

A graduate of Pontiac Township High School, Class of 2015, Celeste was attending Joliet Junior College for her nursing degree. She had been employed at the Dwight Country Club the past five years, and was a store manager at Justice in Joliet.

Celeste was a member of the Pontiac Township High School Dance Team, Ambassador of Route 66 for Special Olympics, received the Principal's Award in 8th grade, and the Outstanding Peer Partner Award in 2013-2015.

Anyone who knew Celeste loved her and she loved them in return. She was the most loving and caring person and it reflected in how she lived. She loved working with all the students in Peers In Action and aspired to be a surgical nurse. It would have been a fitting career being that she lived for taking care of other people and always put everyone else's needs before her own.

The limitations of language do not allow anyone to fully express what Celeste meant to them and how wonderful she was. She was and always will be an inspiration to how we can all make the world a better place in our own lives.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

Patricia Gustina Kiska

BRAIDWOOD – Patricia Gustina “Patti” Kiska, 67, of Braidwood and formerly of Springfield, passed away at 7:05 a.m., Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Morris Hospital in Morris.



Visitation and Funeral Ceremony: Family will receive friends from 10 until 11:15 a.m., Friday, May 26, with the Funeral Ceremony beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Kirlin-Egan and Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th St., Springfield.

Burial will follow in Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Patricia was born November 14, 1949 in Springfield, daughter of Gustave Obert and Dorothy Mae Weyrauch Mohn. She married Alois “Gene” Kiska November 27, 1987. He preceded her in death on January 5, 2009.

Patricia was employed as a CNA and Director of Housekeeping at Villa West

in Sherman and as a CNA in several private settings. She was an avid Jeff Gordon, NASCAR, Chicago Bears, Chicago Blackhawks, and Chicago Cubs fan; enjoyed fishing, playing cards and games. She especially loved watching her grandchildren play sports and being with her family.

She is survived by her sons, John (wife, Lin) Hopwood of Gardner and Rick (wife, Brandi) Hopwood of Wilmington; and six grandchildren: Jeremy, Shane, Emily, Kailey, Keaton and Kade; one aunt; two uncles; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and lifelong friends, Butch, Sarah and Nancy.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers: Gus, John and Terry Mohn.

You may visit: butlerfuneralhomes.com to offer your condolences.

If you don't depend on the state for health care, social services or for business, it can be easy to ignore the nearly budget impasse that has created the sorry state Illinois is in.

But it's reached the point where that cannot continue: The gridlock will endure unless residents become engaged in the political process. It is time to sound the alarm on how dire the situation is and how much worse the costs will become the longer Illinois does not have a permanent spending plan.

We want you to be informed. We want you to ask questions and demand better when a politician's answer is to blame the other party.

More importantly, we want you to take action.

Here's how to contact the governor, House and Senate leaders and your local senators and representatives. We encourage you to reach out to any and all of these politicians to express your frustration.

We have even included a “postcard” that you can clip, copy and send to the politicians who represent you.

Illinois' current fiscal state is unacceptable. It's time we demand our elected officials did something about it.

• Gov. Bruce Rauner
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706
217-782-0244
governor@state.il.us

• House Speaker Michael Madigan
300 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
217-782-5350
mmadigan@housedem.state.il.us

• Sen. Sue Rezin
Senator 38th District
309J Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
217-782-3840

• Sen. Jason Barickman
Senator 53rd District
3004 G.E. Road,
Suite 201
Bloomington, IL 61704
309-661-2788

• Rep. Lindsay Pankhurst
232-N Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
217-782-5981

• Rep. Tom Bennett
311 N. Mill Street Pontiac, IL 61764
815-844-9179

• Senate President John Cullerton
Senator 6th District
327 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
217-782-2728
john@senatorcullerton.com

Diabetes Support Group, Blood Drive Scheduled at OSF Saint James

The next meeting of the OSF Saint James, Pontiac, Diabetes Support Group will be held Tuesday, June 6, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room, and all who are facing the challenges of diabetes are welcome.

The featured program for June will be “S-T-R-E-T-C-H with Me!,” presented by Erin Kennedy, Exercise Physiologist at OSF HealthCare Center for Healthy Lifestyles in Bloomington.

No RSVP is required. For more information, contact Sherri Schlatter, Diabetes Educator, at 815-842-4970.

On Friday, June 9, OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the ground floor conference rooms, and welcomes all eligible donors.

All blood types are needed. Take a photo ID, a Red Cross Donor Card, or two other forms of identification to present when you check in. Donors can save time when they donate by using RapidPass! Visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

To schedule an appointment, e-mail Caitlyn.L.White@osfhealthcare.org or call Mary at 815-842-4978. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Dear _____:

The lack of a state budget for nearly two years has made it embarrassing to be from Illinois. The self-created crisis by politicians has caused a huge deficit that is accompanied by an even larger stack of unpaid bills. It has harmed the most vulnerable of the state's residents, crippled our higher education system and caused businesses to hesitate to plan for the future. I'm tired of our politicians putting their party first. Please work in a bipartisan manner to pass a permanent balanced state budget for Illinois. To not do so is unacceptable.

Sincerely

Dwight Grade School Jazz Band Tour



THE DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND performed music and a dance at Shopko on Thursday, May 18, as part of its tour that day.

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Upcoming Events at Limestone Township Library District

Summer Reading Program – Reading By Design
Sign Up Begins May 24th

We hope you are ready for a great summer reading program! This year's theme encompasses programs that allow you to be the creator. Ages of the participants are children from Pre-K through Adults.

Registration begins on May 24th and runs through June 17th. You must register for the reading program in person at the Library. The Kick-Off Event will be held on June 10th.

Monarch Book Club

Monday, June 5th
6:30 PM – 7:30 P.M.
1st-3rd Grade Kids in 1st-3rd Grade have their own book club. We

will read the book of the month at our gathering time and have a crafting session.

Adult Craft

Tuesday, June 6th
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Get out for a night of Crafting something fun for the season. All supplies are included and there is no fee.

Semi-Annual Book Sale

Starts Wednesday, June 7th
Stop in at the Library for our Semi-Annual Book Sale in the foyer. Hardbacks cost \$1.00 each and paperbacks are \$.25 each. Children's books are \$.25 each. There will be many different titles. The sale runs through Thursday, June 29th
Summer Reading

Kick-Off

Saturday, June 10th
1:00 P.M.
All Ages
Join us for an afternoon of Easel Drawing as we celebrate our Summer Reading Program of Reading By Design. Create your own designs on easels we will have set up in the meeting room.
For more information or to register for any of our programs, stop in at the Library at 2701 W. Tower Road or call us at 815-939-1696. Visit the website to see a listing of all programming at www.limestoneli-brary.org. Registration for programs is required prior to the day of the event.

CRAFT FAIR

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR
Fund-Raiser for Lupus

Sunday, May 28 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Morris VFW
- FREE ADMISSION -
Raffles • 50-50 Drawing
Treat bags for kids while supplies last
Swag bags for adults to first 50 attendees

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Dwight Peace Meals

Peace Meals are served on Thursdays at Dwight Senior Center. – ALL 60 AND UP are welcome. Served at 12 noon.

Home delivery Monday - Friday 60 and up homebound – Must make reservations –

Wed., May 24: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, tomatoes and zucchini, whole grain dinner roll, Sunshine salad.

Thurs., May 25: Taco salad w/taco meat, beans, lettuce, cheese and tomatoes; sour cream and taco sauce, pears, taco chips, layered lemon dessert.

Fri., May 26: Turkey tetrazzini, California mixed

vegetables, green beans, whole grain wheat, fresh fruit.

Mon., May 29: Closed for Memorial Day.

Tues., May 30: Pepper beef over brown rice, lima beans, Harvard beets, whole grain dinner roll, Mandarin oranges.

Wed., May 31: Pulled pork, baked beans, spinach, bun, peaches.

Thurs., June 1: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole grain wheat, fruit cream parfait.

Milk is served each day.
For a reservation, call 815-374-0411 or 1-800-543-1770; or for more information call the 800 number.

DWIGHT Dwight United Methodist Church

701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Lance Leeds
• MAY 24: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Real & Ignite party; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
• MAY 25: 7:30 p.m., Praise Team rehearsal.
• MAY 26: Office closed.
• MAY 27: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Route 66 and Cafe 110 in Odell.
• MAY 28: 8 a.m., Traditional Service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Contemporary Service; 2 p.m., Service at Heritage Health.
• MAY 29 – Memorial Day – office closed.
• MAY 30: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
584-1023 parsonage
Rev. Harvey Nicholson
Vacancy Pastor
• MAY 28: 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
• JUNE 3: 11 a.m., Tea Ladies Luncheon with Bridal and Baptismal Gown displays.

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Home of Dwight's New Christian Radio Station WGYD 97.3 FM
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward
• MAY 24: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.
• MAY 28: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• MAY 31: 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 28: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: “Love Your Enemies. Seriously!”
“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
815-584-3430
• MAY 24: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.
• MAY 25: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• MAY 28: 9 a.m., “Bible Study,” 10 a.m., Main Service - Communion; Kids Church, ages 3 - 11; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.

• MAY 31: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• MAY 27: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass
• MAY 28: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

326 W. Chippewa St.
stpetersdwight@sbcglobal.net
• MAY 24: 4 p.m., All ages Handbell rehearsal; 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 6:15 p.m., Youth Group.
• MAY 25: “Epistle” deadline.
• MAY 26: 8 p.m., AA meeting.
• MAY 28: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship time; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all

ages; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion and Graduates Recognition.
• MAY 29: Memorial Day – Church office closed.
• MAY 30: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Compassionate Care, Clothing, Food Pantry, Salvation Army Assistance.
• MAY 31: 4 p.m., All ages handbell rehearsal; 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 6:15 p.m., Youth Group.
• JUNE 1, 2, 3: CSIS Annual Assembly.
• JUNE 2: 8 p.m., AA meeting.

BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church

106 W. Good St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor Bennett A Woods
• MAY 26: 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.
• MAY 28: Sunday Worship Service, 9:30

a.m.
• TUESDAYS: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.
• JUNE 19-23: Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• MAY 28: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church of Christ

103 Division Street
Brian Clary, Pulpit Supply Minister
• MAY 28: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: “Love Your Enemies. Seriously!”
“May Food Pantry Collection” – Pasta sauces (Tomato, Alfredo, etc.)
“May Mission of the Month” – Strengthen the Church.

Our View: Unacceptable

Unacceptable.

That one word perfectly sums up the pain, dysfunction and instability Capitol politicians have inflicted on Illinois by their failure to provide a permanent balanced state budget for two years.

As the state’s credit ratings have been repeatedly downgraded, as residents sought greener pastures elsewhere, as community colleges and universities have been gutted, as businesses closed up shop and as social service agencies turned away the most vulnerable residents ... elected officials have failed to do their job and show political courage to make the necessary painful decisions.

Who they blame is determined by whether a D or R follows their name. Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner is to blame. No, it’s Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan. Don’t forget the decades of politicians who made terrible financial decisions based on what would get them re-elected, not what was fiscally prudent.

The finger-pointing has gone on for far too long.

The state’s fiscal problems have created a crisis throughout Illinois — except in the state Capitol.

Maybe the dome deflects the misery that permeates the rest of Illinois. But it can no longer shield elected officials from accepting the blame each member of the House and Senate, and the governor, bears for the atrocious state of the state.

The stack of unpaid bills climbed above \$14 billion last week. The 2016 fis-

cal year, which ended last June, had a budgetary deficit of \$9.6 billion; we shudder to think of what it’s going to be at the end of next month. The five state-funded pension systems are short about \$130 billion. Each new financial report paints an even bleaker picture.

Still, every time progress seemed to have been made this year, it faded as quickly as it emerged because the need for a political win was more important. Because most Illinoisans have not been directly inconvenienced by the lack of a budget, it’s been easy to ignore.

But the impasse affects all of us. In order for the state to pay off its unpaid bills, shore up the pension systems and eliminate its deficit, it would cost every man, woman and child who lives in Illinois roughly \$12,000 each.

Here's how you calculate your share of the bill:

- * If every one of the state’s 12.8 million residents kicked in \$1,094, we could pay off the \$14 billion in unpaid bills.
- * The unfunded pension liability is an estimated \$130 billion, due over the next 30 years. If we wanted to ensure today that it will be solvent, each resident would need to contribute \$10,156 so state retirees will get their retirement benefits.
- * Don’t forget the \$9.6 billion structural budget deficit at the end of fiscal year 2016; add in \$750 more per person.

The ugly truth is, we are all going to pay for it somehow. And because politicians have abdicated their most basic duty for two years, the necessary cuts

will be deeper and tax hikes will be higher than they should be.

Are you seething yet?

Good. Now get informed on issues, and encourage others to do the same. There’s a reason that millions get spent on relentlessly nasty political ads — they work. They sway the casual voter who doesn’t care enough to dig for facts, or they leave others too disgusted by the spectacle and negativity to participate. Elections shouldn’t be decided by who can throw the most cash at attack ads. It’s up to all of us to keep that from being the determinant.

Next, get involved. Pick up your phone and call your state representative, senator and the governor’s office. Tell them how they have made it an embarrassment to be from Illinois. Share your anger that the significant issues that need attention — school funding reform, creating a thriving economy and building public universities into centers of innovation, to name a few — have been ignored.

A year ago we declared “Enough.” The day after, the governor and lawmakers passed a six-month stopgap spending plan that did not provide lasting stability. That’s not good enough.

It’s time to demand that Governor Rauner and our lawmakers do what is right. It’s time for the budget to come first. To not do so will cement their legacy with one word that encapsulates the sorry condition of our state.

Unacceptable.

We need to put an end to the nearly two-year state budget impasse. Let Your Voice Be Heard - Contact an Elected Official Today!

A List of Paper Territory State Legislators Contact Information appears on page 17 today.

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