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DTHS Teacher Jensen Named One of Top 10 Finalists For Teacher of Year

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Perhaps the greatest measure of a successful teacher is how much they inspire enthusiasm for the subject in their pupils.

Out of a field of 234 Illinois teachers for Illinois Teacher of the Year, 10 have now been selected as finalists, including one from Dwight, Dwight Township High School English teacher Lindsey Jensen.

The next step is Sept. 6 when she travels to Springfield for an interview with the judging committee. She will also be meeting with the 2015 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

A special banquet will be held Oct. 28 to honor all 10 finalists, when the Teacher of the Year for 2018 will be announced.

When nominating her for the award, Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson described how Jensen has inspired his own children to love reading, writing and the theater.

"Both of my children have a new appreciation for reading, composition and theatrical performances," Henson wrote. "When I asked my children about their new appreciations, each said; 'Mrs. Jensen is always upbeat,

tured learning environment.' She allows them to think outside the box. Mrs. Jensen is admired and adored by her students and (the students') par-

Superintendent Richard Jancek echoed Henson's comments.

"Mrs. Lindsey Jensen is a professional educator who inspires young adults to succeed in and out of the classroom," Jancek told The Paper in an email message last week.

But not only does she inspire, she encourages her students to stretch, Jancek explained.

"She pushes her students past their comfort levels to show them their real talent and potential," Jancek continued. "As a Dwight parent, I hope my son will have the opportunity to be in her class someday."

"No one is more shocked than I am to be in the top 10," Jensen told The Paper. "I cried happy tears for two days straight."

Jensen has been teaching at DTHS since 2008, her first full-time teaching gig since graduating from Oakland City University in Indiana with a master of arts in teaching, 2007.

She is currently studying for her

positive and provides a fun but struc- doctorate degree in education from Illinois State University. Her dissertation is on young adult literature.

> She is the only Dwight teacher to receive a \$1,000 grant from WHOI television.

> The 2002 graduate of Mt. Vernon Township High School is the daughter of Allen and Debbie Karch of Dwight and Alan Presswood of Centralia.

She and her husband Morgan have three dogs and a cat. No human children ... yet.

To be nominated, she had to have a letter of nomination, which was written by Henson, plus letters from a parent (Kathleen Gettinger), a student (Rebecca Ruder), a colleague (Erik Borne), and an administrator (Dan Kaiser). She also had to write a 12-page essay describing her teaching philoso-

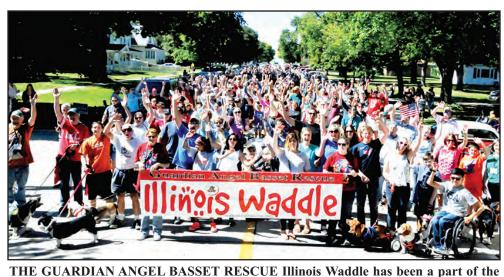
She said her philosophy was shaped in part when she was a teacher's aide for behavioral disordered students in Carmi, Illinois.

"I believe education is empowerment," she said. "I believe all students are capable of learning.'

She said the experience in Carmi was scary, and sometimes became vio-(continued on page 3)



LINDSEY JENSEN, starting her 10th year as a teacher of junior and senior English at Dwight Township High School, has been selected from a field of 234 Illinois teachers to be one of the top 10 finalists for Teacher of the Photo courtesy of Shayla Loring Photography



Harvest Days parade for two decades illustrated by the parade shot from 2015.

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Dwight Basset Waddle Notches 20th Anniversary For Harvest Days Parade

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Dwight's annual Guardian Angel Basset Rescue Waddle, a mainstay at the Dwight Harvest Days Parade, marks its 20th year as part of the parade in 2017.

The 20th annual basset waddle will lead the parade starting from Dairy Queen on Mazon Avenue at 12:45 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17.

"We've placed well over 4,000 bassets in new homes," said Larry Little, who along with his wife Emmy have been helping rescued dogs for more than 20 years in Dwight.

Little said the breed of dog tugs at people's heartstrings, even older dogs who had health issues.

"It's hard for people not to like these dogs," Little said. "The breed is so cute, short legs, sad eyes."

The Littles started the dog rescue two years prior to the first waddle in 1998.

He visited a similar event

held in another state.

"It was a way to tie people together," he said of the waddle.

For that first event, he started calling people all over the country.

"We had one dog with a broken back from Canada," Little said.

That dog led the pack of dogs and their owners the first year, dragging a cart on its back legs behind it.

Little's forte is investments, and he saw this as an opportunity to help pay the veterinarian bills, which are roughly \$1,000 a dog.

"As you can imagine, the vet bills each month are pretty substantial," Little said. He said in 22 years, the GABR has never been in debt for veterinarian bills.

He currently has 325 regular donors to help with the bills for the rescue dogs.

That first year, about 150 dogs came to "waddle" on Dwight streets.

Generally between 700 to 800 dogs participate each year now, Little estimated.

"The dogs come from a long way off," Little said. "This is the big one."

He said it is an opportunity to showcase the village of Dwight to visitors surrounding Dwight and from around the nation.

"Dwight is such a good place for the dogs to come," Little said. "I'm happy to talk to anybody in this community. I'm proud of improvements added in town. I like what I see in Dwight. The streets look really good."

Since the waddle began, the GABR has established a park north of the historic Ambler/Becker Texaco Station on Old Route 66 in Dwight.

showcasing its new infrastructure with newly resurfaced streets at Harvest Days, Sept. 15-17.

For further information about the GABR and its work to rescue basset hounds, call (815) 584-1044.

Terry Joyner Steps Down For Family Priorities

eyesore has been torn down.

After Fours Years as Odell Mayor,

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Between a four-monthold baby girl and a job at the Pontiac Correctional Center, Odell Mayor Terry Joyner stepped down Aug. 13 after a four-year stint as the head of the town board.

"I didn't want to step down," Joyner told The Paper last week. "It was an emotional decision. But family is first."

His family consists of Zoey, now four months, and Lilly, age 9. His wife Angelica, who also works at the prison, leaves the family under their father's care when she is at work.

"With a four-month-old, I can't just set a four-monthold baby aside to handle village business," Joyner explained. In addition, "the job at the prison is stressful," he added.

Joyner, 40, who hails from Cave-In-Rock, Illinois, said one of the changes he instituted as mayor was to send the meeting minutes to The Paper for publication.

"Now people have access to what's going on," he said. The village also created a

website, allowing people to obtain permits and pay village bills online.

"I've been blessed as Mayor," he said. "A Mayor is only as good as his board members. And we've had the best workers.'

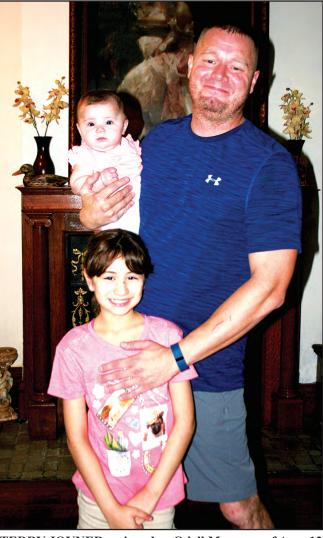
He also complimented He said the village will be the work of Village Clerk Iris Thorne.

One of the accomplishments of the village board under his reign is bringing back Odell Days, which was gone for 10 years.

2017 marked the second Odell Days in its new incarStandard station along Route

The construction of the Rt. 66 walking/bike path is Joyner said he hopes the in its first phase of construcnext person in charge will continue the work he and the The old grain elevator board had started.

"I just want the next Also new to Odell since Mayor to do a ten-times better job than I have done,' became Mayor, a car show for Memorial Day has Joyner said. "It's about the been instituted at the Old town and moving forward."



TERRY JOYNER resigned as Odell Mayor as of Aug. 13 due to family obligations and other pressures from work. He is with his four-month-old daughter, Zoey (in his arms), and nine-year-old daughter, Lilly, at his home during the day while wife Angelica works at the Pontiac Correctional Center. Terry works there when Angelica is home with the children. The Paper photo

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Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

August 11: 9:25 a.m., Renfrew, medical, refusal; 6:03 p.m., Mazon Ave., trauma, refusal.

August 12: 3:24 p.m., Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris. August 13: 4:06 a.m.. Aldi Dr., trauma, St. James;

10:25 a.m., I-55, MM117, medical, no pt. found; 1:18 p.m., Centre Ave. – Campus, medical, Riverside; 8:53 p.m., Prairie, medical,

August 14: 12:02 a.m., Mazon, medical, refusal.

August 15: 7:15 p.m., Chippewa, medical, Morris.

August 16: 8:19 a.m., Jefferson, medical, returned, mutual aid to Gardner; 12:35 p.m., Mazon, trauma/medical, Morris; 1:35 p.m., North St., trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner; 8:55 p.m., 2700 N., medical, Riverside.

Accident Report

Friday, August 11, 10:30 a.m., an accident was reported at 416 W. James St. in Dwight involving a 2001 Ford Focus, driven by Jennifer D. Lowrey, 48, of westbound on James St.

Dwight, who backed into a 2005 Jeep Wrangler, driven by Rebecca Fagan, 41, of Dwight, who was traveling

ISP Reminds Motorists that School is Starting

Illinois State Police (ISP) District 21 Commander, Captain Darryl Bogard, is reminding motorists that area schools are open or will soon open their doors and begin the new school year. The start of the school year means an increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic around schools.

Motorists need to be watchful for children walking and riding their bikes to school and children darting out from between parked cars. Motorists also need to be on the lookout for slowing and stopped school buses. As parents drop off their children before school and pick them up after school, there will also be an increase in vehicle traffic during the morning and evening commute. Extra travel time should be

planned to allow for the increase in traffic.

Motorists are reminded to watch their speed in school zones and limit their distractions. The speed limit in school zones is 20 mph and is in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. when children are present. Motorists should refrain from talking on cell phones in a school zone and are reminded that it is illegal to text while driving.

Motorists approaching a stopped school bus with lights activated and sign extended must stop their vehicle before reaching the school bus. Failure to do so can result in a \$150 fine and the suspension of your driver's license for three months. Also, remember that pedestrians have the rightof-way in a crosswalk.

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One Year Ago-Aug. 23, 2016 high 74°, low 53°

Free Food to **Be Distributed** August 23

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, August 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin, Dwight.

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

Dwight Police Arrest Two On Drug Dealer Charges

Dwight Police arrested Sheli L. Stear, 25, of Rushville, and Joshua A. Benson, 30, of Dwight, on charges of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

The Dwight Narcotics Unit conducted an ongoing investigation that led to the alleged purchase of four bags of purported heroin from Stear and Benson.

Both were taken into custody after a controlled purchase was made with an undercover agent in Dwight.

Benson and Stear were housed in the Livingston County Jail.

Stear was given a \$10,000 bond, and Benson a \$20,000

A 2001 gold Saturn vehicle that was used during the drug purchase was seized by the Dwight Narcotics Unit.

arcotics Unit was the Department, Dwight K-9 Unit, and the Livingston County States Attorney's

as of Monday, Aug. 21.

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VISSERING CONSTRUCTION workers continue to replace rotten wooden sections of the Pioneer Gothic Church steeple. Work is expected to be completed in early October.

Dwight's Pioneer Gothic Church Being Repaired Thanks To Donations

Managing Editor

Pioneer Gothic The Church, on the National Registry of Historic places, has a new lease on life thanks to the generosity of donors.

The building is now in the hands of Dwight Township, but the governing body did not have enough funds to repair the aging steeple, which rises 62 feet above the surrounding area.

The original Presbyterian church, dedicated in March, 1859, cost \$2,650 to build on land donated by Richard P. Morgan, the founder of Dwight.

To repair the aging steeple and repaint the church, Vissering Construction of Streator won the bid for \$136,883.

The donations are coming from a combination of an anonymous donor and the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Dwight. More donations will be accepted for future upkeep of the building.

Dwight Township Supervisor Patty Rosenbaum said the construction will take one-and-a-half months to complete.

The steeple will not need to be removed, as previously thought. It will be repaired in place.

"The contractor said the building is remarkably sound," Rosenbaum said.

The work, which began Aug. 8, will include:

- All 1x4 boards on the upper tapered steeple will be removed and replaced, along with new ice and water shield.
- Rotten corners of the main timbers will be replaced. Undamaged portions of the main timbers will remain in place. Steel gussets to reinforce the corner timbers will be installed. Temporary shoring will be installed during timber replacement.
- · Rotten braces will be removed and replaced.
 - New sheathing and

exterior 1x4 boards will be installed on middle section of the steeple.

- · Sloped corners will be removed to replace damaged sheathing, and reinstalled with sheet metal.
- Remove loose paint on remaining steeple and church and repaint as specified. Finished texture will only be as smooth as existing wood/paint substrate.

Rosenbaum said the Township tried to bid out the work two years ago, but received zero responses to request for bids.

However, since that time, several refurbishing projects have been undertaken, including replacing gutters and downspouts and reglazing and repairing windows.

After the steeple work is completed, the next construction project will be to replace the roof.

Anyone wishing donate for construction projects should contact the township office at (815) 584-

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Grundy County candidates, wishing to appear on the March 20, 2018 General picking up Petition Packets Sept. 5.

'Election Information', and may also request a petition packet by email, by contacting the Clerk's office at: elections@grundyco.org

petitions for signatures is Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017. Grundy County offices to be nominated at the Primary include County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, County Board Members for Districts 1, 2, and 3, and Precinct Committeemen. Precinct Committeemen will be elected at the General Primary Election.

Petitions may be filed in person by the candidate, or a candidate representative, beginning Monday, Nov. 27 thru Monday, Dec. 4. The Clerk's office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and will be open until 5 p.m. on the last day of filing. Petitions may also be filed by mail, by mailing to:

Grundy County Clerk, 111 E. Washington St., Room 12, Morris IL 60450.

Note that the County Clerk and staff cannot provide legal opinions regardpetition papers. Prospective candidates are encouraged to consult their The first day to circulate own legal advisors on quespackets.

Once petition papers are filed, they cannot be changed nor amended. Note that a candidate's nominating papers are subject to legal challenge by qualified The 2018 Candidates

Guide and 2018 Election and Disclosure Campaign Calendar are available online, at the Illinois State Board of Elections website

http://elections.il.gov

Petition packets for independent and new party candidates will be available after the March Primary.

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DTHS Teacher Jensen Named One of Top 10 Finalists For Teacher of Year - -

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lent.

"I started out in a classroom that would send most adults running for the hills,"

"I went into it with certain preconceived notions about what it would be like. That environment (with behaviorial disorder pupils) molded my beliefs."

Her teaching philosophy was also molded by a teacher she described as "the great" Trudy Jacobs.

She said when she came to Dwight, she was moving into a strange town where she knew no one (her mother moved to town later).

"I was surprised immediately by the most awesome veteran teachers."

She said she works with some of the best teachers in Illinois and "in truth any one of them could be nominated for Teacher of the Year."

"That first year can be overwhelming. At the time, I had no family that lived and applicable to her stuhere.'

"In my 30 years as an educator, I have never met a teacher who has matched the levels of enthusiasm and professionalism that Lindsey brings with her each day," said DTHS principal Dan Kaiser. "She is not afraid to share her ideas as an educator and has worked cooperatively with her colleagues to develop several intriguing and valuable learning experiences for students."

"Lindsey is very genuine and very well-respected by the administration," said school board president Brian Perschnick. "Her commitment to DTHS and the Dwight community with her many talents makes her very worthy of this award."

Superintendent Richard Jancek echoed those words of praise.

'She uses her dynamic and infectious energy to make learning fun, relevant

Guardian Angel Basset Rescue - 20th Waddle -

dents' lives," Jancek said.

She fell in love with the people and community of Dwight, and also fell in love with one of its natives, Morgan Jensen.

At DTHS, she is able to work with a lot of the leaders at the school as faculty advisor for the student coun-

She is also active in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge fund-raiser and encourages students to participate in the charity event.

Are there any challenges in the job?

"Most teachers always feel like they are not doing enough," she said.

She said she is grateful for the support at home with husband Morgan, who tolerates her staying up late at night grading papers.

She said another challenge is "sometimes I get a bit obsessive" about her student's use of grammar.

School is

back in session.

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the school zone.

The school zone

is also a

No-Phone Zone.



ELIZABETH BERG, author of 30 novels, was at the Prairie Creek Public Library, Tuesday, Aug. 15, to discuss her latest book, which is a departure from the novels. "Make Someone Happy" is a compilation of essays from her Facebook posts.

Elizabeth Berg, Renowned Author, Speaks to Dwight Library Audience

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Illinois Author, Elizabeth Berg, who lives in Oak Park, told an audience at the Prairie Creek Public Library in Dwight that she likes small towns.

"I love small towns," Berg said. "My next book is to take place in a small town that I made up.'

She also likes dogs.

Whenever she does a talk to local venues, she asks that some sort of dog rescue organization be present to pitch to the audience about their rescue programs. Dwight had Larry Little on hand with a basset hound to discuss the Guardian Angel Basset Rescue and mention that this year will be the 20th anniversary of the Waddle.

Berg's own dog was on hand, and ran up to the podium every time the author mentioned the dog's name.

The audience in the front row was treated to a friendly Golden Retriever quietly panting and hoping for a few strokes as Berg spoke.

She said she and her partner Bill lost a Golden Retriever previously, and so she decided to make sure she added a "dog component" to all of her talks as an author, to "cure ourselves and do something good," she said. Berg, who was born Dec.

2, 1948 in St. Paul, Minnesota, lived in Boston prior to her residence in the Chicago suburbs.

She did not start out being an author.

"It didn't occur to me to

be a writer," she said. attended She

University of Minnesota to become a nurse, which she

Her officially published next novel to come out this fall is "The Story of Arthur Truluv," about an old man every day.

Grundy County Document Shredding Event August 25

Main Street - Cabery Illinois

EMMY AND LARRY LITTLE ride in a previous

Harvest Days Parade with a stuffed representation of

their beloved breed of dog, the basset, riding along in

THE 20TH ANNUAL BASSET WADDLE

will lead the parade starting from

Dairy Queen on Mazon Ave.

at 12:45 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17.

The Land Use Department's Environmental Resource and Conservation Office (ERCO) will be hosting a shredding event for Grundy County residents on Friday, August 25, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The event will take place in the front parking lot of the Grundy County Administration Building, located at 1320 Union St. in Morris.

It is asked that you limit your shredding materials to two standard paper ream boxes in order for more people to be able to participate.

The process that takes place at the Shredding Event the day of the event is the following:

- 1) Paper is dumped into a shredding device that is part of a box truck.
- 2) Documents are shredded on site. 3) Shredded paper is
- weighed and then recycled. 4) Grundy County residents resources



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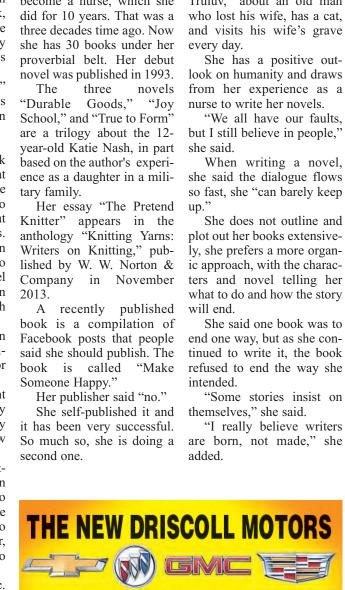


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Tri-Point Hires Coaching Staff for 2017-18 School Year

The Tri-Point school board hired coaching staff for the 2017-18 school year at its Aug. 14 board meeting.

The board hired:

· Mike Gernantz, golf; Matt Santillo, cross country; Kara Stork, high school volleyball; Emily Campbell, assistant HS volleyball and assistant HS softball; Justin Cox, HS boys basketball; Josh Nichols, assistant HS boys basketball and HS track; Will Patterson, HS girls basketball and softball; Nick Paquette, HS assistant basketball; Santillo, HS track; and Kyle Cahill, junior high boys baseball and assistant JH boys basketball; Steve Fink, JH boys basketball and JH boys track; Becky Henrichs, JH girls basketball and JH girls track; Aaron Robbins, assistant JH girls basketball; and Brittany Watson, JH cheerleading; Amber Crouch, HS cheerleading.

In other decisions, the board:

- accepted the resignation of Gerald Houlihan as high school custodian.
- · hired Josh Nichols as part-time/substitute custodi-

- · hired Caitlin Rich as
- pre-kindergarten aide. • hired Justin Cox as HS
- athletic director. • put the 2017-18 tentative budget on display.
- · accepted a gasoline bid of \$1.768 gallon for 8,000 gallons for the 2017-18 school year from Heritage
- approved a motion to authorize the board of education's counsel to represent the district in opposition and challenge to the complaint for Administrative Review filed by Luke Henrichs, et al, against the Regional Board of School Trustees.



THE MUSICAL TALENT ON THE Herscher Park stage wrapping up the entertainment on Labor Day, Sept. 4, will be the group "Therapy," a vocally-focused, acoustic group that will transport the audience through time from the 1960s to the 1980s. Some of the songs they feature are by such talents as The Eagles, Carly Simon, Orleans, Jim Croce and Linda Ronstadt.

Herscher Unit 2 to Spend Less Than It Earns in 2017-18 School Year

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

For the first time in more than a decade, the Herscher Unit 2 School District will be spending less money than it earns.

The school board adopted the tentative 2017-18 budget showing total expenses of roughly \$22 million with revenue coming in at slightly more than \$22 million, according to Superintendent Rich Decman.

Decman explained that the balanced budget is due to several factors.

"It's primarily due to increased EAV (equalized assessed valuation) as a direct result of the Kinder Morgan plant (condensate tank farm) and the wind turbines," Decman said.

He said another factor is increased residential housing built throughout the district, especially in Limestone and

The state legislature is due to vote to override the Governor's veto of Senate

Bill 1 today (Aug. 23), which is for school financ-

If the bill is overridden by the legislature, Unit 2 will receive roughly the same amount of state revenue as in the previous school year, which is in the projected budget, Decman said.

Decman explained the breakdown of revenue is 19% from the state, 3% from the federal government, and the remaining 78% from local property taxes.

The new SB1 does not help Herscher Unit 2 because the new formula is designed to assist districts that have students for whom English is a second language and those that qualify for free and reduced lunches.

Unit 2 has between 25 and 26% of its students who qualify for free and reduced lunches, and Decman said the school will not receive any less, but will receive the same funding from 2016-17

if SB1's veto is overridden. However, down the road,

Unit 2 may get less funding because that criteria, English and a second language and

tricts, like Kankakee. He said the formula, however, does not include other risk factors, which may help

qualifying for free and

reduced lunches at Unit 2 is

less than surrounding dis-

districts like Unit 2. "What about single-parent families?" Decman

In other business, the board acted on the following personnel matters:

asked.

- accepted the resignation of Kevin Mikuce, Herscher High School special education teacher and athletic director; Meagan Ceci, Bonfield Grade School parapro; Kendra Marquis and Highland, Julie Limestone Middle School parapros.
- hired Kayle Mathy, LMS seventh grade social studies teacher; Michelle King, HHS special education; and Amy Hove, BGS kindergarten.
- · hired Ethan Brown, LMS part-time custodian; Jacquelyn Benoit, LMS lunch supervisor; Robin Kibbons, food service server at Herscher Intermediate School; Ashley Petry, FS cashier, HHS; Jessica Gerber, HIS parapro; Alyson Stirling, HIS parapro; Karen Bush, LMS parapro; Robin Jackson, LMS parapro; and Beth Webb, BGS parapro.
- Kayle Mathy appointed LMS Students Empowered for Sponsor; Christine Beckman, LMS speech sponsor; Sarah Sneyd, LMS speech sponsor; Schwarzkopf, HHS athletic director; and Eric Regez, LMS baseball coach, second

97th Annual Herscher Labor Day Celebration Starts Sept. 2

Herscher's 97th Labor Day Celebration opens with the carnival downtown at noon on Saturday, Sept. 2, as well as tours of the Herscher Area Historical Society Museum.

continues The fun Sunday with a petting zoo behind the Village Hall, and the 36th annual running of the Herscher Hare and

Dwight

Town-wide

Cleanup

To Be Aug. 26

cleanup day has been

rescheduled for Aug. 26, 8

a.m. to noon, with a lunch-

eon served for volunteers

after the work at the Country

because of rainouts.

This is the third attempt

The Dwight town-wide

Tortoise Race.

Monday, Sept. 4, features the arts and craft show, art in the park, kiddie tractor pull, the grand parade starting downtown at 10:30 a.m., and entertainment on Herscher Park Stage including Herscher High School

The evening caps off with a performance by the musi-

cal group "Therapy," playing tunes from the 1960s through the 1980s.

three days will include a beer stand, softball tournament, and concessions stands.

A full schedule of the activities will be published in next week's edition of The Paper.

Morris JITT September 17 On Sunday, September commercial vendors, home

17, "Junk In The Trunk" (JITT) Flea Market will resume in Morris, located at 100 Commercial Drive between Walgreens and BP Amoco. The sale is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with vendor set-up time at 8:30

Crafts, collectibles, antiques, tools, and household goods are some of the things you will find. No

based businesses, mass produced imported items, or clothing are allowed at the sale.

A donation is asked for each spot, with money raised being given to Grundy Hospice County September.

For more information, contact Ken at 815-942-2032 or willis824@com-



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be collecting for charity again in Gardner, Sept. 15-17, as approved by the Gardner Village Board, Monday, Aug. 14. Accepting a donation is (right) William Pohl, rural Gardner, from Gardner Mayor Mike Serena.

Dale Coughlin



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Can You Save for **College and Retirement?**

Few of us have unlimited financial resources — which means that almost all of us need to prioritize our financial goals. Consequently, you'll have some decisions to make if you'd like to help pay for your children's college educations someday while, at the same time, saving for your own retirement.

Your first step in addressing these objectives is to maintain realistic expectations. Consider the issue of paying for college. Right now, the average four-year cost (tuition, fees, room and board) is about \$80,000 for in-state students at public universities and approximately \$180,000 for private schools, according to the College Board. And these costs are likely to keep rising in the years ahead. Can you save this much for your kids' educa-

Instead of committing yourself to putting away this type of money, take a holistic approach to saving for your children's higher education. After all, you probably won't be the only one to help pay for college. Depending on your income and assets, your family might be eligible for some needs-based financial aid awarded by the college. Also, you should encourage your children to apply for as many scholarships as possible — but keep in mind that most scholarships don't provide a "full ride." Here's the bottom line: Don't assume you will receive so much aid that you don't need to save for college at all, but don't burden yourself with the expectation that you need to pick up the full tab for your children's schooling.

On a practical level, you may want to commit to putting a certain amount per month into a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. You can generally invest in the 529 plan offered by most states, but in some cases, you may be eligible for a state income tax incentive. 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. (Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal and state taxes and a 10% penalty on the earnings.)

By starting your 529 plan early, when your children are young, you'll give the investments within the plan more time to Plus, you can make smaller contributions on a regular basis, rather than come up with big lump sums later on. And by following this approach, you may be in a better financial position for investing in your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Obviously, it's to your benefit to contribute as much as you can to these plans, which offer tax advantages and a wide range of investment options. If you're investing in a 401(k) or similar employer-backed plan, try to boost your contributions every time your salary increases. At the very least, always put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

And once your children are through with college, you can discontinue saving in your 529 plan (although you may want to open another one in the future for your grandchildren) and devote more money to your retirement accounts.

It can certainly be challenging to save for education and retirement – but with discipline and perseverance, it can be done So, give it the "old college try."

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IDA SCHOPP accepts a copy of her own book, a biographical work which includes a Gardner history, from Don Phillips, who donated the book to the Gardner Archives on Aug. 14 at the Village Board meeting.

Gardner Resident Objects to 'No Train Horn Zone' In Town For Safety

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Gardner resident Don Phillips addressed the Village Board with his concerns about eliminating trains blowing their horns through town.

The seat was exactly the same as Don's bicycle seat.

At the meeting, Monday, Aug. 14, Phillips told the story about his father coming home when Don was a young child, carrying nothing but a child's seat for a bicycle.

A young boy died when a train struck him, and all that was left was the seat, DON Phillips said.

"I will happily give my dying breath to keep train horns staying active in Gardner," Phillips said.

He mentioned he lives just 500 feet from the train tracks, but does not want the horns to stop, no matter what time of day or night it is.

The issue came up because at the previous meeting, another resident requested that the trains not blow their horns between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. in town.

Mayor Mike Serena said he has had a few people ask that the trains not blow their horns while people are asleep in town.

"I know engineers personally who have hit people (with their train)," Phillips said. "They will never, never Church of Hope. forget it."

Dick Hileman said it is "almost impossible" to get a "no horn zone" due to the high speed trains.

Gardner resident Mike Pokernicki asked that the village present him with all checks written on accounts that are "coded."

Pokernicki said he was concerned that the village was dealing with funds and assets totalling \$7 million and wanted to keep the village council honest.

Hileman, who is finance chairman, said he would be happy to allow Pokernicki to look at all cancelled checks.

Pokernicki may also have copies made at no cost up to a certain number of copies.

Hileman told The Paper after the meeting that the \$7 million figure includes all assets of the village including buildings, water treatment plant equipment, vehicles, etc.

The village has \$2.8 million invested in certificates of deposit under various funds to keep village funds secure.

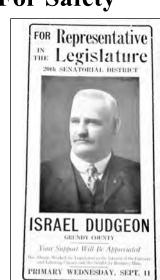
The previous meeting when the village financial audit was discussed, the \$7 figure million announced, Hileman said.

He said the auditor told the village that no other town the firm audits is out of debt like Gardner. Hileman explained that 18 years ago when he came onto the board, the village was not only in debt, but could not get work done until they paid with certified funds.

In other business, the board:

• learned that Phillips

purchased Ida Schopp's biography, "Lady B 31" a history of Gardner, and presented it to the Gardner archives. Phillips also presented the archives with a campaign poster from his great-great-grandfather, Israel Dudgeon, who served



PHILLIPS GARDNER donated this campaign poster of his great-great-grandfather, Israel Dudgeon, who was a member of the State Illinois Senate for several terms. The Paper photo

in the Illinois State Senate from 1902 to 1904 and from 1906 to 1922.

- Schopp thanked the Village Board for allowing her to use the archives Aug. 9 for a book-signing. \$1 out of each book sale is donated to the Gardner Food Pantry.
- appointed Tim Hill as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a
- village park for services, at the request of the Gardner grass in their yard "unac-
- drive Sept. 15-17 in Gardner.
- heard from Hileman that the state politicians are still wrangling over school funding, and that as it stands now, Tax Increment Finance district money will be less than normal from Gardner due to the state's school funding

madelynfogarty@yahoo.com Downtown restaurant owners who wish to provide outdoor seating were present with questions regarding the seating requirements and standards that were agreed upon by the Board of Trustees in 2015. At that time, the board outlined standards which included operation of the outdoor area only when the main business is open and not before 8 a.m. or after 10 p.m.; fencing requirements; alcoholic beverage guidelines; public sidewalk rights-of-way of a minimum of six feet; and May 1 -October 31 months of opera-The owners of Station

by Madelyn Fogarty

343 requested that the six foot public-right-of-way sidewalk requirement be reduced to allow for a better seating area. Board members expressed concerns around ADA requirements and also having enough room for pedestrians to safely and comfortably walk. The request regarding the six foot walkway requirement was sent to the Ordinance Committee for review. The Committee will meet and review at 5:45 p.m. on August 28 prior to the next board meeting. In a second request, the owner of Aly Anne's asked to be able to attach fencing to the concrete sidewalk. The board indicated that attaching a permanent fence to the concrete was not an option and that fencing around outdoor seating must be free stand-

In another matter, some residents from the 200 Block of E. Mazon Avenue were present to express concerns and a strong dissatisfaction with regard to the yard repair work that took place following street reconstruction in that area. Michelle and Chris Mortensen addressed the board expressing displeasure around the lack of communication with how to take care of the new seeding, which included netting and • approved the use of the metal stakes, and calling the work done to reestablish ceptable". They • approved the annual expressed concern for nights of Columbus fund debris, such as concrete, left in their yard and damage that could be caused by the debris if hit by a lawn

According to Village Engineer Ryan Hansen, the standard contract states that 70 percent of areas that are replanted following con-

struction should take seed and currently there are areas around town that are "out of spec." Hansen indicated that there are punch list items to be addressed by the contractor and that certain grass areas will need to be reevaluated and addressed as necessary when seeding season comes around again. But, village officials also indicated that property owners are expected to take some responsibility for their own yards such as watering the new seed and removing the metal stakes used to hold down the netting used during seeding. Hansen indicated that, in the future, information will be passed out instructing property owners on how to properly care for the newly-seeded areas following street reconstruction.

Dwight Board Reviews Requests and Concerns

August 14 Dwight Village Board Actions

In other business, action was taken by the board to hire two part-time police officers. Steve Mead will be joining the Dwight Police in a part-time capacity. Mead is currently employed at the Pontiac Correctional Center. Blake A. Krewer was also hired as a part-time officer. Krewer is a Livingston County Sheriff's Deputy. Board member Marla Kinkade was opposed to the

With Harvest Days just around the corner, Chief of Police Tim Henson reminded everyone that a townwide cleanup will take place on Saturday, August 26, from 8 a.m. to noon and strongly encouraged everyone to take part in the effort saying there is "no such thing as too young or too old" for this effort. Henson said there is already an ambitious list of things to do, but suggestions are welcome. The DEA is gathering future projects that will beautify and enhance the community. Those helping this Saturday should meet at the clock tower in the downtown park area on East Main Street. Lunch will be served for all participants at the Country Mansion following

the cleanup. In more reports, Dwight EMS Director Al Metzke told the board that Joe Beagle has returned to duty as a Paramedic after serving for the past ten months in Iraq. Beagle is a Sergeant in the Army.

Mayor Jared Anderson reminded residents that school has started and asked drivers be proactive in their awareness that kids are out and about.

Dwight **Economic** Alliance Coordinator Jane Anderson gave an update to



as a D.A.R.E Officer at the August 14 Dwight Village Board meeting, presented with the award from Shorewood Officer Kim Giugler. Drug Abuse Resistance Education is school-based substance use prevention program delivered by police officers. Officer Beier is also involved in other programs such as G.R.E.A.T., Gang Resistance Education Training, which seeks to prevent membership in gangs and violent behavior. Two teachers from Dwight Grade School were present to express their appreciation for the programs and the positive influence Officer Beier has at the school. Dwight Chief of Police Tim Henson thanked the village for its support of these programs.

the board on efforts that have occurred with regard to tourism, promotion, and membership since she joined the team on July 13.

"In a short amount of time, we have seen some good things happen," said Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson also announced that the date of February 24, 2018 has been secured for the next DEA auction fundraiser. The event will be held at the Country Mansion and, going forward, the DEA Auction will be on the last Saturday in February each year.

In Public Forum, a resident of the E. North Street area brought up a hazardous concern in the area since the street reconstruction began that Engineer Hansen indicated is being addressed. Another concern was brought to the board by a resident of the 300 block of E. South Street. This concern referenced an abandoned house in that area that the resident referred to as the "blight of the neighborhood" and asked that the village be more proactive in addressing these situations to ensure properties are cleaned up.

The board also approved: payment of 8/14/17 bills totaling \$225,092.41.

• the Treasurer's report for June and July.

· A fund transfer of \$150,000.00 from the Sewer

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Fund 52 to the Sewer Replacement Reserve Fund 33 for the purposes of paying an IEPA loan and storm sewer work.

• a Plan Commission recommendation to allow a Special Use Permit at 411 E. Mazon Avenue for the purpose of a landscaping/lawncare operation. • A Resolution for the

redemption of a current \$200,000 Certificate of Deposit to be reinvested into two \$100,000 CDs. • the annual Harvest

Parade Resolution as required by IDOT for the temporary closure of Rt. 17. • D Construction pay

request #4 for \$509,357.81.

• Fundways of Illinois (JBR Inc) as the amusement ride/carnival operator for this year's Harvest Days event pending background checks. Dwight Fire

Department "Fill the Boot" bucket brigade fundraiser for Saturday, September 2, from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Routes 17 & 47 intersection.

• A VFW Post 2608 liquor license change request from Class E-Nonprofit license to a Class C liquor license.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 28 in the Public Services Complex.





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GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1957 held their 60th class reunion at Turtle's in Morris. Class members, from left, are Evelyn Johnson, Sandra Corneglio, Jacque Lardi, Don Tyler,

Mary Lou Edmundson, Bill Huston, Delores Sandeno, Larry Residori, Norm Lardi, Dick Lenzie, Nancy Cerutti, Deanna Ferrari, Joyce Gardner, Don Lardi, David Lardi, and John Mudd.



THE 65TH REUNION OF DTHS CLASS OF 1952, with the Class of 1953, was held at the Country Mansion, Dwight, on July 30 and had 28 in attendance. Pictured, front row, are Bill Holm, Everett Fight, Dave Bossert, Reta Jensen Morrison, Esther Kleineberg Krug, Evelyn Davis Roseland, Jerry Rose, Betty Hagi Donovan, Phyllis Pedersen Geschwind; back row, Ralph Burger, Don Sennott, Wendell Lighty, Willard Lighty, Leon Hinkleman, Rick Riel, Jack McNamara, Lee Christopher, Delores Bruback Herman, Jim Donovan, John Geschwind. Not pictured: Marion Halterman Lewis.







Community Players of Streator Accepting **Scholarship Applications**

Community Players of Streator has awarded over Streator, Inc. will begin accepting applications on August 24 for the 2017-18 academic year.

Scholarships are available for any student enrolled in a two-year or four-year college or university that has been involved in any capacity at Engle Lane Theatre in the past five years. Community Players of Streator has been awarding student scholarships since the organization began in 1958. In just the past five years, Community Players of

\$22,000 in scholarships to 92 eligible recipients.

The scholarship application can be found on the Engle Lane website at www. englelane.org. Click the link to the scholarship application, complete the applications, and click submit.

All scholarship applications must be submitted on or before September 17.

For additional information, contact Greg Tullis at 815-257-0121 or greg.tullis@ mchsi.com.



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Area Students Earn Dean's List Honors, Graduate from U of I

The University of Illinois has announced 6,208 Dean's List and 236 Bronze Tablet honorees and graduates for the 2017 spring semester.

Dean's List eligibility is limited to the top 20 percent of a student's college class or curriculum. To be eligible, students must complete at least 14 academic semester hours taken for a letter grade. The following area students were named to the Dean's List:

- Cabery: Dayna Moritz, senior, Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental
- Sciences, Animal Sciences. • Campus: Lindsay Elling, junior, Applied Health Sciences, Kinesiology.
- Gardner: Chelsea Schultz, senior, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Molecular and Cellular Biology.
- Mazon: Mathew Houchin, junior, Applied Health Sciences, Recreation, Sport and Tourism; Margaret Thomas, junior, School of Social Work, Social Work.
- Reddick: Logan Orr, senior, Engineering, Bio-engineering.
- Those U of I students graduating in May included: Buckingham: John F. Hogan, Business, Bachelor of Finance – Finance.
- Dwight: Joseph C. Banks, Business, Bachelor

Science in Marketing -Marketing. Honors.

- Gardner: Ashley Nicole Saunders, Applied Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology - Kinesiology. Honors.
- Kempton: Amy Lynn Loschen, Agricultural, Consumer and Environ-mental Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education. Highest Honors - Bronze Tablet. University Honors and inclusion on the Bronze Tablet are the university's highest honors for graduating students. Honorees, who are the top three percent from each college's 2017 graduating class, must have a total GPA of at least 3.5 (out of a possible 4.0), although in recent years, an average as high as 3.9 was needed to make the list in some colleges at Illinois.
- Mazon: Jamie Alleen Miller, Graduate College, Master of Social Work.
- Reddick: Logan L. Orr, Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering. High honors.
- Saunemin: Jack B. Rich, Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics.

Open House to Honor Sandy Sowers Sept. 3

Sandy Sowers, longtime of service to the community. Gardner-South Wilmington resident, is moving to Texas, and the public is invited to join family and friends to

An open house to bid Sandy a fond farewell will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 3, at the thank her for her many years Gardner American Legion.

Cullom Receives State Recognition



TOM BENNETT, State Representative, was in town for Cullom's 125th annual homecoming celebration and 70 years of the Cullom Junior Fair. The State House of Representatives gave Mayor Barbara Hahn a certificate of recognition for the achievement, presented before the livestock auction, Saturday, Aug. 12. The certificate may be viewed at the Cullom Historical Museum, according The Paper photo by Judy Ehlers



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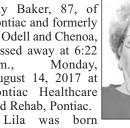
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OBITUARIES

Lila Fay Baker

PONTIAC - Lila Fay Baker, 87, of Pontiac and formerly of Odell and Chenoa, passed away at 6:22 Monday, August 14, 2017 at Pontiac Healthcare and Rehab, Pontiac.



November 13, 1929 in the family's home at Weston, daughter of Herman and Pearl White Fearman. She married Bobby Lee Baker November 5, 1971 in the United Methodist Church, Odell. Her husband preceded her in death on August 9,

Surviving are one daughter, Marcia Hicks of Pontiac; two step-sons, Ronny Baker of Canal Fulton, OH; and Lonny (Debbie) Baker of Wapella; one grandson, Casey Hicks of Pontiac; two step-granddaughters, Teresa (James) Stokes of Canal Fulton, OH; and Jessica Baker of Chatsworth: one great-granddaughter, Syndel Hicks of Pontiac; and one step-great-granddaughter, Arley Roth of Canal Fulton,

Also surviving are three brothers: Roy (Mary) Fearman of Hennepin; Russell (Sandra) Fearman of Pontiac; and Gene "Hermie" (Joyce) Fearman of Odell; and one sister, Ruth McGinnis of Reddick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Aaron Hicks; a brother, "Eddy" John Fearman; a sister, Viola (Howard) Stufoso; and brother-in-law. James

Lila was a graduate of Odell Community High School. She was employed at Crystal Inc., Odell; Owens Illinois Glass Co., Streator; Motorola Inc., Pontiac; Green Thumb Inc. in Chenoa schools, Washington School in Pontiac, and Meadows Home in Chenoa.

She enjoyed baking, bingo, word search puzzles,

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Thursday, August 17, at Duffy - Pils Memorial Home, Chenoa, with Pastor Tom Goodell officiating.

Burial followed in Chenoa Twp. Cemetery, Chenoa.

Visitation was at the funeral home Thursday for one hour preceding the serv-

The family suggests that memorial contributions be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www. duffypilsmemorialhome.com and a guest registry is avail-

Bonnie S. Witte

PONTIAC Bonnie S. Witte, 65, of Pontiac, passed away Friday, August 18, 2017 at 7:50 p.m. at her residence.

Visitation will be from 3 until 6 p.m., today, Wednesday,

August 23, at the Duffy-Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in

Her service will be at 6 p.m., today, officiated by Pastor Gretchen Stinebaugh, at the Funeral Home in Pontiac with cremation rites to follow.

Burial will be Friday at 9 a.m. in Rowe Cemetery, rural Pontiac.

Bonnie was born February 15, 1952 in Cheyenne, daughter of Wyoming, Edward and Geneva Juanita Tolbert Lane. She married Jerry Witte June 16, 2001 in Pontiac.

Surviving are her husband, in Pontiac; children: Cheri (Stan) Morris of Summersville, West Virginia and Arthur "Marty" (Jacqui) Gardner of Fairbury: a stepdaughter, Amy L. (Joe) Drobny of Chandler,

Arizona; brothers: Marty (Julie) Lane of Chenoa and Mike (Trenna) Lane of Pontiac; and sisters: Sharon (Bill) Mortensen of Dwight and Peggy (John) Gentes of Normal.

Also surviving are her grandchildren: Katherine, Victoria, Kelsey, Christian and Stephen; step-grandchildren: Daniel, Josh and Joey; and her little puppy, Bree, who was always near to help comfort Bonnie through difficult times.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and four sisters: Ann Christensen, Patty Hilsabeck, Debbie Leigh and Becky Telford.

Bonnie graduated from Pontiac High School. She had worked at Livingston Manor as an activity aide for many years, then later managed the McDonald's Restaurant

Memorials may be made to the family of Bonnie.

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) NO. 17-P-65

CLAIM DATE NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Dorothy A. Leskanich. Letters of Office were issued on June 26, 2017, to James R. Leskanich, 29009 East 3200 North Road, Dwight, IL 60420 and Kathleen Ferguson, 317 West James Street, Dwight, IL 60420 as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is JOANN. HARROP, 220 West Main Street, Suite 300, Morris, Illinois 60450.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois, 61764, or with the representative, or both, by February 16, 2018. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and the attorney for the Estate within ten days.

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Annie Irene Jaicomo

ESSEX - Annie Irene Jaicomo, 85, of Essex passed away Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

She was born December 4, 1931 in Herscher, daughter William and Mary Elizabeth Sommer Mullett.

Annie owned and operated Jaicomo's Restaurant and Grocery in Essex for several years. She retired from the South Wilmington Sportsman's Club after working there more than 20 years. She was very crafty and especially loved to sew.

Surviving are two sons: Dennis (Cheryl) Jaicomo of Essex and Carey (Remona) Jaicomo of Pontiac; one daughter, Sandra (the late John) Parrish of Coal City; three grandchildren: Michael (Megan) Jaicomo, Matthew (Connie) Jaicomo, Melissa (Mike) Good.

Also surviving are five step-grandchildren: Todd (Heather) Parrish, Jeff



Parrish, Steve Fuss, (Randy) Bounds, and Daniel (Brenda) Fuss; 21 great-grandchildren; a brother-inlaw, Don Murray of Boise, ID; two sisters-in-law, Connie

Mullett of GA and Carol Mullett of Bourbonnais: and numerous nieces nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Carl J. Jaicomo, who she married October 21, 1950, in April of 2017; two brothers, Wesley and Marvin Mullett; and one sister, Muriel Murray.

Funeral services were at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood, Friday, August 18, at 10 a.m. Interment: Kankakee

Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Thursday

from 4 until 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the family.

Teen Advisory Board Members Sought for Prairie Creek Library

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Another Obituary appears on page 15.

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord, pick a bunch for us. Place them in Sandy's arms and tell her they're from us. Tell her that we love and miss her

and when she turns to smile,

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and hold her for awhile. Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day. But there's an ache within our hearts that never goes away.

Happy Foth Birthday in Heaven, Sandy Jensen, Love always -Don, Barb,



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

In the Matter of the Estate

No. 2017-P-EARL W. HOEGGER, Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS EARL W. HOEGGER, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of EARL W. HOEG-GER, who died on June 28, 2017, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of his death was 29995 N. 2000 East Road, Odell, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to William E. Hoegger, Gerald L. Hoegger and Elaine M. Rentz as Independent Co-Executors of the Last Will and Testament of EARL W. HOEGGER dated January 30, 1978, by Order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois dated August 8, 2017.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The first date of publication of this notice is August 23, 2017. Any claim not filed on or before the above determined

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

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

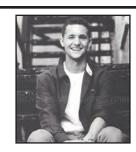
The estate will be administered without court supervision, under Independent Administration pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq. Any interested party may obtain a copy of the form to Petition to Terminate Independent Administration from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois at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

William E. Hoegger 29995 N. 2000 East Road Odell, IL 60460 Gerald L. Hoegger 17815 Windflower Way, No. 106 Dallas, TX 75252 Elaine M. Rentz

412 N. Spencer St. Odell, IL 60460

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





The Dark Side of the Moon

This past weekend I decided to get away, and get out of the city for a change. I was down visiting some family just outside of St. Louis. The first thing I noticed is that the hot down there is different from the hot up here. There's humidity, and then it's also this dry heat on top of the humidity. The other thing that I very quickly noticed, people were losing their minds over the eclipse that was about to take place, and ended up taking place today. There were signs everywhere, t-shirts, pretty much everything under the sun, and it was there.

area, the pace of life down there is still a fair amount slower than it is in Chicago and the surrounding areas. It's really refreshing when everyone you're around is going one million miles an hour and then you get back down to normal speed for a few days.

Even though St. Louis, and its surroundings is a pretty big

The other thing that I found interesting about the eclipse is that people were, for lack of a better phrase, losing their minds over it, and there's going to be two more that take place within the next 10 years. I'm as big a fan of natural phenomena as the next person, but I just thought it was interesting that given that there's going to be another one in the coming years, people were as interested in this one as they were.

I attempted to see it today (Monday) but in Oakbrook it's very overcast, so there really wasn't much to see other than it did get much darker for the 25 minutes or so that the moon was covering much of the sun. Very cool, nonetheless, as it hasn't happened since the late '70s.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** LIVINGSTON COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) No. 17-P-77 LORRAINE ELY, Deceased.

NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of LORRAINE ELY. Letters of office were issued on July 26, 2017 to BRUCE M. KONZELMAN whose address is 60 N. Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432 as Independent Executor.

Notice is given pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/6-10 to the heirs at law and descendants of Charles "Chuckie" Ely, who predeceased the decedent, namely WILLIAM "BILLY" ELY and TOBY ELY, and to the heirs at law, legatees and descendants of JAMES BOLTE, a stepnephew of the decedent and LUANN TARR, a stepniece of the decedent, both of whom survived the decedent but subsequently died prior to this Petition and any unknown heirs at law, if any, who are heirs of the decedent and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the Will that was entered in Probate pursuant to an order entered by the Court on July 26, 2017, said Will being dated November 14, 1995.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will dated November 14, 1995, in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will dated November 14, 1995, by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will, to probate.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois, Probate Division, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, Illinois 61764, or with the representative, or both on or before March 1, 2018 or, if mailing or delivery of notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

BRUCE M. KONZELMAN, Independent Executor

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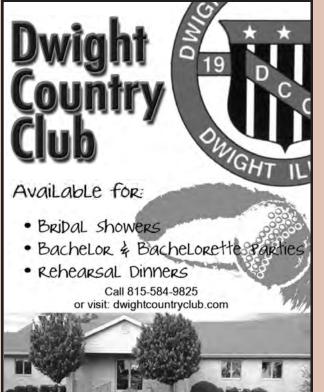




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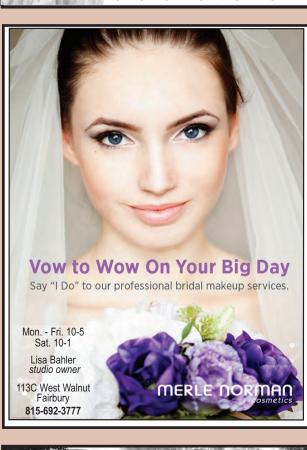








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CHEERING FOR THE HOME TEAM The stands were full during the Dwight Township High School Green and White game Friday night. Season officially opens this Friday, August 25 at Seneca. Below, Quarterback Junior Colton Holm passes the ball to Sophomore Daniel Gutierrez. At right, Junior Cameron Klingler carries the ball for the 'home team'. The Paper photos











JACE GALL, above, pitches for the young Dwight Redbirds. Below, Redbirds Terry Wilkey and Will Trainor connect.









DTHS Trojans Golf

Monday, August 14 Dwight vs. Pontiac JV -

The JV Trojans took on Pontiac August 14 at Dwight Country Club, falling 201-246 on the par 36 course. Individual scores are as follows:

Mason Tjelle – 59 Anthony Dinelli – 59 Chase Travers – 64 Nolan Perkins - 64 Connor Steichen – 70 Dylan Hall – 80

Varsity -The Indians edged out Dwight 185-189, playing in excellent conditions at DCC. Individual results are as fol-

lows: Andrew Curl - 44 Bubba Schultz - 44 Nathan Wozniak - 48 Hayden Tjelle – 53 Mason Imhoff – 56 Sevin Vargas – 62

Thursday, August 17 Dwight vs. Morris JV -

Dwight's JV boys lost to Morris 211-238 when they met at the par 36 Dwight Country Club August 17. Individual scores are as fol-

Anthony Dinelli – 55 Mason Tjelle – 60 Chase Travers – 61 Nolan Perkins – 62 Connor Steichen - 64 Dylan Hall – 70

Varsity -

In the varsity match-up, Morris snuck by the Trojans Dwight scores included Kat 171-182. Individual results Harms - 60, and Gabby are as follows:

Andrew Curl - 39 Bubba Schultz - 44 Hayden Tjelle – 49 Nathan Wozniak – 50 Mason Imhoff – 51 Sevin Vargas - 60



Thursday, August 17 Dwight vs. Seneca

The Dwight Lady Trojans traveled to Nettle Creek in Morris August 17 to take on the Seneca Irish, winning the match 205-225.

Dwight's Morgan Zabel was the winning medalist with a score of 44. Rounding out the Lady Trojans' qualifying scores were Jillian Frauli 51, Chloe Butterbrodt - 52, and Isabelle Schultz - 58. Other Mascolo - 61.

The Lady Trojans move to 2-0 on the season.



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DGS Lady Redbirds Softball



Thursday, August 10 Dwight vs. Saratoga 8th Grade -

Saratoga came into their meeting with Dwight with a perfect 4-0 record, but the Lady Redbirds handed them their first "L" of the year with a 9-6 victory in seven innings.

Dwight scored two in the first, however Saratoga scored four in the second to take the lead.

"We lost focus and needed to get our confidence back," stated Coach Trainor in regards to the four-run inning.

The Lady Redbirds put up a six spot in the third inning to regain the lead, 8-4, and that's when starting pitcher Jordan Schultz started hitting the zone - shutting Saratoga's game down and leading to the win.

Trainor also expressed the importance of bunts that were laid down by Addy Megan Harms and Livingston, as they proved to be some of the biggest hits in the game.

Schultz struck out ten and walked four during her performance in the circle.

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At the plate, Rachel Heath had two singles, two runs scored, and three RBI. followed by Harms with a double, two RBI, and a run scored. Toni Treglio, Erin Anderson, and Hailey Heath each singled and knocked in a run, while Alexis Thetard doubled and scored once. Schultz and Livingston both tallied singles. Kassy Kodat scored a run.

Friday, August 11 Dwight vs. Wilmington 8th Grade -

A rough first inning for Dwight had Wilmington sitting comfortably with a 4-0 lead early. But starting pitcher Toni Treglio settled down, holding them at four runs until her squad started getting the bats going.

Dwight scored a run in both the fourth and fifth innings, cutting the lead in half. Then in the sixth inning, the Lady Redbirds plated four to take a 6-4

Wilmington would answer with a run in the sixth, however a huge fiverun seventh for Dwight put the contest out of reach and

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put another "W" in the win column.

Treglio had five walks and three K's in the game for the Lady Redbirds, who are now 4-1 on the season.

Alexis Thetard led the offense with a single, a double, a triple, and four RBI. Treglio and Megan Livingston each singled twice and batted in a run, with Kassy Kodat, Rachel Heath, and Erin Anderson each singling and knocking in a run. Jordan Schultz and Addy Harms both had an RBI, while Hailey Heath singled once and scored once.

Saturday, August 12 Dwight vs. Flanagan 8th Grade -**Livingston County**

Tournament

In their first game of the Livingston County Tournament in Flanagan, the Lady Redbirds defeated Odell in a big way, 17-0.

Jordan Schultz threw a lot of strikes on the mound for Dwight, striking out five and walking one, while the offense aided her efforts.

Rachel Heath had a home run and four RBI, scoring thrice, with Erin Anderson tripling and batting in three.

Kassy Kodat added a single and two RBI, followed by Toni Treglio with a single, a triple, and a run batted in. Iris Beier contributed a single and an RBI, while Kira Bean and Schultz both had an RBI. Megan Livingston singled, with Alexis Thetard scoring twice.

Dwight vs. St. Mary's 8th Grade -**Livingston County**

Tournament

In time-restricted action against St. Mary's, Dwight was edged 9-8, falling short in four innings after an impressive comeback.

"We knew St. Mary's would be good and we would have to play our best," said Coach Trainor. "The girls played hard 'til the end – we left the bases loaded at the end and came up short."

The Lady Redbirds struck first, scoring two in the first. But St. Mary's would score a run in that inning also. Then in the second, Dwight added a run to increase the lead to 3-1, but once again St. Mary's answered and tied it up at 3-

It was the third inning when St. Mary's hit it big,

taking a 7-3 lead – adding to it in the fourth inning to make it 9-3. The Lady Redbirds would put up five in the fourth, but left the bases juiced to end the game.

Toni Treglio had a walk and four strikeouts in the contest, also batting in a run with a single at the plate.

Dwight's offense was led by Alexis Thetard with a single, a run scored, and two RBI. Erin Anderson singled, doubled, scored twice, and knocked in a run, with Megan Livingston scoring twice and adding an RBI. Jordan Schultz and Kassy Kodat scored twice and once, respectively.

Dwight vs. Flanagan 8th Grade -**Livingston County Tournament**

In their third game of the day, Dwight pounced on hosts, Flanagan, by a score of 17-2 – taking third place overall in the LCT.

The Lady Redbirds were up 9-1 after two innings, and would increase that lead with eight runs in the third to put the game away.

Jordan Schultz had a great game in the circle, striking out three and walking one.

Erin Anderson (one triple), Toni Treglio, and Hailey Heath (two singles) each had two RBI in the meeting to lead the team. Megan Livingston, Alexis Thetard, and Rachel Heath each singled and knocked in a run, while Schultz added an RBI and a run scored.

Monday, August 14 Dwight vs. Seneca 8th Grade -

Seneca was defeated by Dwight 10-1 on August 14, with Toni Treglio recording another win after a nine-K day with just one walk.

The Lady Redbirds got on the board early with three in the first. Seneca got their one run in the fourth, but Dwight continued to up their lead late, en route to the vic-

Alexis Thetard batted in four runs with a single and a triple, while Toni Treglio and Erin Anderson each sin-

gled four times, with Treglio tallying two RBI. Hailey Heath added two RBI on a single, followed by Rachel Heath with a single, a triple, and an RBI. Kassy Kodat added a single, with Megan Livingston scoring twice.

Thursday, August 17 Dwight vs. Ottawa Shepard 8th Grade -

Dwight is now 8-2 after a 10-3 win over Ottawa Shepard August 17.

The Lady Redbirds got hot early, taking a 6-2 lead. And they would add a few more and hang on for the win.

Erin Anderson led with a single and three RBI, scoring once, while Megan Livingston and Toni Treglio each singled twice and knocked in two runs. Alexis Thetard, Rachel Heath, and Hailey Heath each singled and batted in a run. Kassy Kodat scored twice, with Jordan Schultz and Addy Harms each scoring a run.

Schultz got the win for the Lady Redbirds, fanning six and walking three bat-

"Our defense was really strong," Coach Trainor added. "Kassy Kodat caught a high line drive and threw to first to get the double play. We also had Alexis, our catcher, who had great throws to the bases to shut down their running game. Great win against a big school."

Dwight is now 8-2 over-

Saturday, August 19 Dwight vs. Woodland

Dwight's "B" team beat Woodland 12-11 Saturday.

Murphy Connolly led the way offensively, going 3-3 with a single and two doubles. Mia Buck, Melana Bradley, Averi Jury, Maci Johnson, Avery Scheuer, and Kiah Handzus each had a

Samantha Harsh and Njomza Asllani combined to get the victory for the Lady Redbirds in the circle.

The team is now 5-2 on the season.

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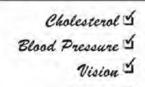


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IDNR Hunter Safety Course October 14-15 in Morris

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Area residents will have an opportunity to learn the basic principles of hunter safety during the two-day course. The education material is based on a sixth grade reading level. This course covers the basics of hunter responsibility, wildlife conservation and identification, firearms and ammunition, field safety, wildlife management, first aid, archery, muzzleloading, and state regulations. Persons completing the minimum ten hours of instruction and successfully completing the final examination will receive a State of Illinois Certificate of Competency and a graduate patch.

Who must take the course? On January 1, 1996, a State law was passed that anyone born on or after January 1, 1980, may not be issued a hunting license unless:

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prior year. Many states are now requir-

ing adult hunters to furnish evidence of having completed a Hunter Education Course prior to issuance of a non-resident license

The hunter safety course is open to the public and anyone, regardless of age, may take the course to brush up on safe hunting habits. Participants must attend both days of the course to receive a certificate that will allow them to obtain a hunting license in the State of Illinois. Lunch sponsored by Sheriff Callahan will be provided on Saturday, October 14, for all participants.

To register for the class, or for additional information, contact the Sheriff's Office at 815-941-3122, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At this time, registration is limited to Grundy County residents only. Open registration for all others will begin September 15.



Dwight's Central Illinois Youth Football teams were in action Saturday at home. At right, a Dwight team tackles a Central player. Below, Dwight's Tyler Cox hands off to a





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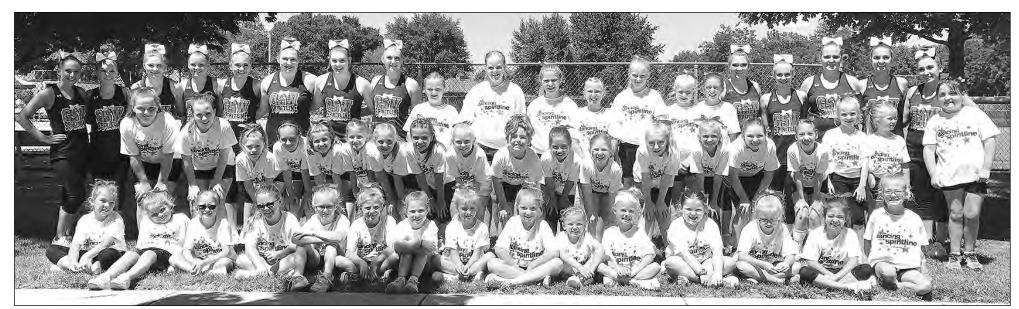


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camp they did for a fund-raiser, performed during the South Wilmington Party in the most of the home games, as well as performing dance routines at halftime.

THE GSW PANTHERETTE SPIRITLINE, along with the young girls from the kiddie Park. With basketball season approaching, the Pantherettes will be leading cheers at



Saunemin Eagles Baseball

Monday, August 14 Saunemin vs. Iroquois West

"B" The Eagles found themselves down early against Iroquois West "B" on August 14, trailing by 11 runs before scoring some of their own in the fourth inning. IW would hold on for a 15-5 win.

Timmy Logan struck out three in one inning of work for Saunemin. Zechariah Landstrom threw for two innings, while Tyler Frauli pitched an inning.

Reed Frazier knocked in three runs on offense, walking twice, with Frauli adding an RBI. Jack Duffy had two hits in the contest.

Tuesday, August 15 Saunemin vs. Ottawa Marquette

The Eagles got dealt a goose egg on August 15, as they fell victim to a no-hitter and dropped a 16-0 decision to Ottawa Marquette.

Camdyn Friedman struck out three in two-plus innings of work on the mound. Chayse Knobbe and Reed Frazier each tallied a strikeout in their pitching efforts.

Thursday, August 17 Saunemin vs. Tonica

Tonica took out Saunemin 11-1 in five innings of play August 17.

Zechariah Landstrom went four-plus innings on the rubber for the Eagles, who got roughed up early - trailing 8-0 after two.

On offense, Myles Gilliam drew two walks, while the team mustered one run on four hits.

Friday, August 18

Saunemin vs. Greenville Greenville dealt the Eagles a

12-4 loss on August 18. Jack Duffy led Saunemin with three hits, with Chayse Knobbe batting in two runs on two hits and Myles Gilliam drawing two walks.

On the mound, Reed Frazier threw three innings, with Duffy tossing two-plus innings.

Saturday, August 19 Saunemin vs. Mulberry

Saunemin let Mulberry Grove slide by twice on August 19, losing 9-1 in game one and 18-17 in game two.

The Eagles put up a run in the first inning of the first game, their lone run of the contest.

Chayse Knobbe and Tyler Frauli both saw action on the rubber, with Knobbe fanning

In game two, Saunemin lost a heartbreaker - looking good early with 11 first inning runs. Mulberry Grove would score 11 unanswered runs to tie it in the third, but the Eagles' sixth-run fifth inning had them poised for victory. However, their opponents had other plans – tallying a total of seven runs in the bottom half of the fifth to get the walk-off win.

James Durham batted in four runs for Saunemin, with Hayden Miller knocking in two. Knobbe led the Eagles with three hits in the game.

Myles Gilliam and Trent Barcikowski each tossed two innings for the Eagles, tallying three strikeouts each.



FIFTY MEMBERS OF THE FIRST COMMUNITY BANK'S Merry Beary Travelers toured Niagara Falls and Toronto on a six-night tour, enjoying a guided tour of both areas. They journeyed to the falls on a Hornblower Niagara Cruise, visited the quaint village of Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queen Victoria Park, and also visited Casa Loma, Canada's most magnificent castle. Pictured are Shirley Lardi, Joan Utley, Carol Williams, Anne Manietta, Nerina Walker, Ginny Thompson, Josetta Nelson, Carolyn Henke, Delores Thames, Lucille Wolfe, Deb Gall, Carol Peterson, Judy Larson, Judy Winkel, Sherri McIntosh, Kim Walker, Gerri Mack,

Peggy Ragain, Bev Grant, Joann Skubic, Char Hicks, Betty Manietta, Betty Watson, Virginia Malone, Marilyn Campbell, Cheryl DeLay, Mary Ann Finch, Diane Bricker, Sheila Fanning, Paul McIntosh, Maggie Hanson, Deb Coleman, Jim Coleman, Jackie Unger, Ed Unger, Larry DeLay, Wayne Welsh, Gerri Salzburg, Bob Walker, Mary Lou Bauer, Bev Schmitt, Marvin Schmitt, Shirley Holzhauer, Steve Fanning, Darryl Hanson, Sue Morse, Bev Michalski, Agnes Killelea, Don Henke, and Ken Michalski. The Merry Beary Travelers will cruise in October for a 12-day Carribean cruise.



St. Michael's/Ransom Defenders Baseball

Thursday, August 17 St. Michael's/Ransom vs. Flanagan

In baseball action August 17, the Defenders fell to Flanagan, 21-19, at home.

Landon Sterling pitched well, slinging seven strikeouts in three innings of relief work on the mound.

Landon Muntz had three singles, a double, and five also contributed a hit each.

runs scored, with Cooper Spears singling three times to go with four runs scored. Wyatt Thompson doubled, singled twice, and scored four times. Blake Ewing added three doubles, while Zach Schultz and Sterling each had two hits. Cade Stevens, Denver Trainer, David Burgeson, Jaydon Nambo, and Drew Donahue

Dwight Senior Citizens Duplicate Bridge Duplicate Bridge was

Senior Citizens Center.

Darlene Drechsel

2. Janet Kresl/Judy Cashmer 3. Janyce Gross/Nancy

1. Evelyn Neuhalfen/Peg

East/West:

2. Evelyn Lydigsen/Barbara Christensen

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,)) No.17-CH-42 JAMES W. MORSE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CITY OF PONTIAC, a Delaware Corporation, Successor in Interest To BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC., a Delaware Corporation, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as to-wit:

TRACT 1:

Lot 2, EXCEPT South 28 feet, and Lots 3, 4 and 5 in block 3 in Fell's Second Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, together with the East Half of the vacated alley lying adjacent to the West line thereof.

PIN: 15-22-341-006

TRACT 2:

Lot 1 and the South 28 feet of Lot 2 in Block 3 in Fell's Second Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, together with the East half of the vacated alley lying adjacent to the West line thereof.

PIN: 15-22-341-007

Commonly known as: 105 S. Vermillion St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is JAMES W. MORSE. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on March 6, 2009 and recorded on March 11, 2009 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 592735, and a modification of mortgage executed on November 4, 2014 and recorded on November 13, 2014 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 631653. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendant in Case No. 17-CH-42 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before September 15, 2017, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2017.

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

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DWIGHT, an Illinois Banking Corporation. Plaintiff,)) No. 16-CH-72 DAVID D. NORMAN, JILL A. NORMAN, BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS, INC., a Delaware Corporation, d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Illinois, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT & T ILLINOIS, an Illinois Corporation, and unknown) owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter describe, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 221 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL 60420.

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

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

PIN: 05-09-226-031

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

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family two-story residence, including four bedrooms and two bathrooms, plus full unimproved basement and one-car garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: September 19, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

I. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWN-ER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-SURE LAW.

> DONALD R. McCLAREY, Attorney for First National Bank of Dwight

1. Mary Anne McNamara/

played August 17 at the Dwight North/South:

Watters

3. Delores Slattery/Joan

GARDNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 72C Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget for the 2017-18 School Year

There will be a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on September 27th, 2017 for the proposed budget. This will take place in the Board Room, located at Gardner Grade School. The school address is 598 N. Elm Street in Gardner, Illinois.

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 7, 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 Lock-It-Up, located at 111 E. Chippewa St., Dwight, IL 60420.

> Dated this 7th day of August, 2017. Kristy A. Masching

Livingston County Clerk

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 7, 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and postoffice addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Unpossible Mead Inc., located at 111 E. Chippewa St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2017.

Kristy A. Masching Livingston County Clerk

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 4, 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and postoffice addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Next Era Ag Solutions, located at 107 N. Franklin St., Dwight, IL 60420. Dated this 4th day of August, 2017.

Kristy A. Masching

Livingston County Clerk

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Mazon-Verona-Kinsman School District 2C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, will be on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent, 1013 North Street, Mazon, Illinois in this School District from and after 9:00 o'clock am, on the 25th day of August, 2017.

Notice is further given that at 6:45 pm a public hearing on said budget will be held prior to final action hereon at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman School District 2C at 7:00 o'clock pm., on Monday, September 25, 2017, at the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Middle School Library, 1013 North Street, Mazon, Illinois.

Board of Education of Mazon-Verona-Kinsman ESD 2C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois.

Keith Pfeifer **Board Secretary**

Dwight High School District Financially Stable Despite State Shortfalls **August BOE Actions**

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Township High School Board of Education resumed regular monthly meetings on August 16 following a summer

With the State of Illinois financial difficulties impacting and causing concern in many school districts across the State, Superintendent Richard Jancek assured the BOE that Dwight High School is financially healthy and stable.

'We will be fine with no interruptions in our school year," Jancek told the BOE indicating the DTHS District could probably go two to three years without any State funding and still function. Currently, the State of Illinois owes the DTHS District \$103.321.07.

The BOE reviewed a first draft of the 2017 - 18 proposed budget for DTHS District #230. The FY18 proposed budget has a beginning Education Fund balance of \$3,617,359 with \$3,690,192 of proposed revenues and \$3,622,676 in anticipated expenditures for a proposed end balance of \$3,684,875 or a difference of \$67,516 to the positive.

The Education Fund pays for the bulk of the school's annual expenditures covering areas such as salaries and benefits. Over all funds,

the Dwight High School District will have a beginning balance of \$5,564,169 with proposed revenues of \$5,609,402 and anticipated expenditures of \$5,334,880 for proposed end balance of \$5,838,691 or a difference of \$274,522. The 2016-17 year (FY17) ended with a \$66,105 proposed to actual

budget shortfall. In his report, Principal Dan Kaiser reported current enrollment numbers of 60 Freshman, 55 Sophomores, 65 Juniors, and 73 Seniors for a current student body total of 253. Mr. Kaiser also reported that 20 students will be attending the Livingston Area Career Center at various times and blocks this year.

Mr. Kaiser also informed the board that the first **DTHS** Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame induction will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 8, in the school's auditorium. Four DTHS alumni members will be inducted that afternoon and will also be recognized at the football game that evening.

board discussed students driving to and from after school activities - specifically a situation with swim team members that participate with PTHS. It was determined that the DTHS District is responsible for having available transporta-

In another matter, the

tion both to and from the coop district.

The Board of Education

• approved bills for June and July.

• accepted the resignation Kathy Wiemken, Technology Specialist.

· affirmed employment of Logan Murray, Technology Specialist, \$65,000 contract, split with Dwight Grade School.

• employed Mitchell Thompson, PE & Health Teacher, MA+0, Step 7 on Salary Scale.

• affirmed employment of Mitchell Thompson, Assistant Football Coach, Step 2.

• rescinded a June 17 approval of The Results Physical Therapy Services for 2017-18.

• affirmed Hillman Pediatric Physical Therapy Services for 2017-18.

• approved Senior student enrollment with out of district residency.

• approved Teamsters one year Collective Bargaining Contract (2017-18).

The next meeting of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, in the DGS Library. Meetings are open to the public.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held at Saunemin United Methodist Church July 23 through July 27.

placed on file for audit.

Birthday was sung.

hospitalized.

Southeastern Grundy Co. Senior Citizens Meet report. It was approved and

There was no correspon-

Birthdays for the month

Shut-ins were men-

A shroud hung over the

were Gail Decker and Pres.

Sharon Pickles – Happy

tioned - Shirley Clapp is

On August 4, the first Friday of the month, the Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens met for their regular meeting at the Gardner Restaurant.

The table had items on it to remind them that school will soon be starting.

The members ordered from the menu and were served by Kim.

Emma Schulz was a guest and later became a new member. A guest of Pres. Pickles who was welcomed.

table prayer. An ice cream treat was

offered for dessert by the Pres., in celebration of her birthday. The business meeting fol-

lowed lunch, with all standing who were able to recite the pledge of allegiance. The secretary's report

was called for. Ida read the minutes of the last meeting and the report was approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, Donna Lewis, the president gave the submitted

Pres. Pickles offered the

meeting with the passing of Evelyn Howland. Jackie reported sending

Community Events: Aug. 9 – "Lady B" book signing; Aug. 13 – Lions pancake breakfast and Catholics' ice cream social.

There was no old busi-

Pres. Pickles introduced Devereaux Jensen to give a talk on Education. A retired teacher, she told how she

enjoyed teaching. After the meeting, there was viewing of some report

With a rap of the gavel, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be September 1. Everybody over 55 is welcome to join.

Morris Hospital

Rhythm of Our Youth Screening at DTHS Sept. 22

Last school year, Morris Hospital screened over 3,000 area youth for cardiac abnormalities through their free Rhythm of Our Youth screening. The purpose of the free screening is to identify area high school students who may be at risk for sudden cardiac death.

This year, they are scheduled to visit schools they didn't visit last year, and Dwight Township High School will be the location on Friday, September 22. On that day, a team of specially trained volunteers from Morris Hospital will provide electrocardiogram (ECG) screenings at the school free of charge to students who have received parental permission to participate. An ECG is a non-invasive, painless test that measures the

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electrical activity of the heart and detects certain heart abnormalities that can lead to sudden cardiac death. The test takes three minutes to complete. Based on results of the

screenings, students could be referred to their physician for additional follow-up. Results are sent home to the student's parents and are not shared with the school by Morris Hospital. Volunteers are needed on

each screening date and must be at least 18 years old, pass a background check, and attend a mandatory training session. To volunteer, call 815-705-7022.

For more information or to complete an electronic student consent form, visit www.morrishospital.org/rhy thmofouryouth.

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Rock Star. Those are the two words Morris Hospital Patient Access Manager Lisa Day used to describe Registration/Scheduling Representative Olivia Venecia, who was selected as Morris Hospital's July Fire Starter of the Month. In the 12 short months that she has worked at Morris Hospital. Venecia has established a reputation for being a role model employee who goes above and beyond to assure patients have an excellent experience.

"Olivia is a bright spot," says Day. "She has a wonderful rapport with patients and really puts them at ease. She gets the big picture and understands that what she is doing is important."

A graduate of Seneca High School and a resident of Verona, Venecia previously worked as a CNA while she was living in Normal and going to school part time. Last July, she accepted a job in Emergency

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Morris Hospital.

"I like helping people," said Venecia. "We see a lot of familiar faces, and patients remember us too. It makes them feel good when we know them and their situation. If patients needed help last time they were here, I'm able to offer them help again."

In nominating Venecia for Fire Starter of the Month, fellow Registration/ Scheduling Representative Kristin Bauer said Venecia works very hard to make sure each patient is taken care of.

"Olivia is always very friendly and does whatever is necessary to get the patients' orders," said Bauer. "She isn't afraid to take on the tougher situations and do whatever she needs to in order to make sure the patient is getting the correct tests done and all their paperwork is in order. Seeing Olivia always happy and ready to help patients, no matter how difficult the situation, definitely helps to inspire others," Bauer added. "She is always ready to learn something new and share what she has learned with others so that we can make the department and hospital better for our patients."

In early civilizations, fire starters were the individuals who had the important job of Fire Starter of the Month, Venecia received a Grundy County Chamber of Commerce gift certificate, a

clothing item of her choice, a special "Fire Starter" lapel pin, and a parking spot.

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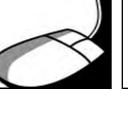
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OBITUARY

LeRoy James Haag

CULLOM - LeRoy James Haag, 91, of Cullom passed away at 8:58 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2017 at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 26, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Cullom, with Reverends Mauricio Vieira and Gabriel Baumgardner officiating.

Following the service, family will meet and greet everyone.

According to his wishes, his body has been donated to science with cremation rites to follow.

LeRoy was born June 28, 1926 in Cullom on the family farm, a son of Walter and Minnie Farber Haag. He married Constance Mae Saathoff December 14, 1944 in Cullom.

He is survived by his loving wife of 72 years; their children: Patricia (John) Platz and Richard (Kristine) Haag, both of Cullom; Lauri (Dexter) Smith of Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin; Marla (Gregory) Holloway of Trivoli, Illinois; and Audrey (David) Lowe of Saunemin.

His grandchildren: Leann Shaw, Todd (Dana) Platz, Angela (Jason) Eggenberger, Adam Haag, Sara Haag (Patrick Wood), Stacey (Corey) Sharp, Ryan Willis, Chad (Kelly) Holloway, Rebecca Holloway, Megan Lowe, Kyle Lowe, and Tyler Lowe survive.

Also surviving are his great-grandchildren: Chelsey, Stazee, Jaclyn, Dylan, Garret, Braden, Addison, Emma, Gabrielle and Cassius, Colt and Nathan; two step-grandchildren: Justin (Missy Smith), Ashly Smith; and

King is a 6-year-old Terrier

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warms up quickly. He likes other dogs but a meet and

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three step-great-grandchildren: Cameron, Landon and Aspen.

One sister, Mary Walsh of Onarga, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter (Arleen) Haag; mother, Minnie (Charles) Kingdon; his brothers: Herbert (Margery) Haag and Vernon (Bernice) Haag; his sisters: Delores (Bruno) Jasin, Helen Bartell, and Fern Haag in infancy; and one brother - in - law, Arthur

LeRoy attended grade school and high school in Cullom, graduating in 1944. He loved farming with Connie and son, Rick, for many years. He enjoyed traveling with Connie and family in the RV, especially during the winter. The family has so many special memories of the camping trips taken, as well as the skiing trips that included the grandchildren.

He was very involved with the community as a volunteer firefighter, and serving on the Cullom Grade School Board. He was a member of the Farm Bureau having served previously on the board. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Cullom. where he had served on the Church Council.

LeRoy was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, greatgrandpa, brother, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed. They will always remember the smile on his

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The guest speaker is Dale Lattz (Vice President, Piatt County Farm Bureau and currently a FarmDoc Research Associate at the U of I Agricultural and Consumer Economics Department). He works closely with Professor Gary Schnitkey on various farm management topics and issues.

Presentations will cover the

current status of the farm economy, farmland value and cash rent trends, and the variables that landowners should consider when determining fair rents for operators. Additionally, your questions and concerns will be addressed.

A fee applies per person for the event. Register online at: https://web.extension.illin ois.edu/registration/?Registra tionID=17125/ to reserve your spot by October 5. A minimum number of participants are needed to hold the event. If you need more information, call 815-933-8337 or e-mail James Theuri at jtheu50@illinois.edu.

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Fish pick-up will take place Fri., Sept. 15, from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Livingston Co. SWCD office, located in the USDA Service Center, 1510 W. Reynolds St. in Pontiac.

Order forms and more

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Registering For School



Laura Halstad registers her son Breckin for pre-kindergarten on the first day of school, at Dwight Grade School Monday, Aug. 21.

Campus Days Fun



SCOTT KAMBIC (left) and Ellen Ackerman (center) serve up suds for Patrick Cotter during Campus Days.

Ag Development **Symposium** in Streator August 26

The Streator City Farmers Symposium returns Saturday, August 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 806 Oakley Ave. in Streator.

The night will feature Robert A. Easter, PhD, President and Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois.

The evening agenda is as

- follows: • 5:00-6:00 p.m. - Social -Meet and Greet
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner • 7:00 p.m. – Speaker,
- Robert A. Easter • 8:00 p.m. – Meet and Greet

Shelby (left) and Chris (center) Mitsdarffer, of Bonfield, clown around with the first lady of Campus, Julie Galeaz (the former Julie Bolatto of Bonfield), during Campus Days, Aug. 19. The Mitsdarffers were at the event because of a fund-raiser dime toss for Zayla Mitsdarffer, who died of brain cancer in 2016. The fund-raiser is for a \$2,500 culinary arts scholarship at Herscher High School. The Paper photo

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• AUG. 24: 7:30 p.m., Praise Team rehearsal. • AUG. 25: 7:30 a.m., MWDC.

• AUG. 26: 7 a.m.,

Men's Bible Study at Route 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110 in Odell; 6 p.m., YAGOS. • AUG. 27: 8 a.m., Early Worship Service; 9:15 a.m.,

Sunday School (adult); 9:30 a.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship Service.

• AUG. 29: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study; 6:00 p.m., Scouts #1505.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church 584-1291 fax 584-1023 parsonage • AUG. 23: Pastor

Nicholson here. • AUG. 27: 9 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion. AUG. 30: Pastor

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• AUG. 23:

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At the Churches

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Evening Service, 7

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• AUG. 27: Worship,

10:30 a.m. Paula Comper - Pulpit Supply Minister. 'August Mission of the Month"* "Feed the Kids" program - see August newsletter for more information. "School Kits" for Church World Service. See Charles Johnson

New Life **Assembly of God** 903 S. Old Route 66 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor 815-584-3430 • AUG. 23: 7 p.m.,

for more information.

Disciples Making Disciples Study Group. • AUG. 24: 7 p.m., Worship practice. • AUG. 27: 9 a.m.,

"Bible Study;" 10 a.m., Main Service -Communion; Kids Church, ages 3 - 11; 3 p.m., Celebration of Life for Vicki Ogg; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.

• AUG. 30: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group. • AUG. 31: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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• AUG. 26: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass • AUG. 27: 8 a.m., Mass.

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meeting at Odell Restaurant. • AUG. 25: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office

hours; 8 p.m., AA meeting. • AUG. 27: 8:30 a.m., All ages handbell practice; 9:15 a.m., Fellowship time; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all

ages; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion. • AUG. 28: Church

office closed; 9 a.m. noon, quilting. • AUG. 29: Church office closed; 9 a.m. noon, quilting; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Compassionate Care, Clothing, Food Pantry, Salvation Army. • AUG. 30: 9 a.m. noon and 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 2:30 p.m., Worship Team meeting; 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 6:15 p.m., Youth Group. • SEPT. 1: "Epistle" deadline; 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 8 p.m., AA meeting.

CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church Father Chris Haake, • AUG. 27: 10 a.m., Mass.

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103 Division Street Pastor Grant Speece Settled Pastor · AUG. 27: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Paula Comper - Pulpit

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CAMPUS DAYS 2017

(more pics page 15)





DIME TOSS to raise funds for Team Zayla Herscher High School scholarship at Campus Days.









MUGGING FOR THE CAMERA at the Campus Days softball tournament are (from left) Cameron Clark, Herscher; Chris "Sci-fi" Sifrit, Clifton; Jeremy Fagen, Cullom; and Joe "Dude" Foley, formerly of Campus.



KYLE CAHILL of the Duh-Wight Village Idiots softball team hits a pop fly into left field during action against Pilot Construction of Herscher at the Campus Days softball tourney, Aug.





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