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DEA Considering Five-Year Economic Development Strategy

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Dwight Economic Alliance wants to plant the seedlings for future growth in town. And the DEA hopes to do it with a five-year project called Dwight C.A.R.E.S.

As an initial step, Deb Karch, economic development director for the DEA, will be meeting Thursday, Jan. 11, with 353 Court LLC of Pekin, a downtown revitalization company that acts as “entrepreneurial coaches” to help take downtown locations from “vacant to vibrant.”

She said this company came to Dwight last year

and contacted her about doing a project in town.

She said they look at different communities and take on projects to revitalize the downtown area if the communities are willing. They have expertise in entrepreneurship and architecture to preserve historic structures.

For example, one small item that may be happening already is Dan Ribordy upgrading the Dwight Airport so that pilots can fuel up with credit card swipe options, helping to encourage more pilots to stop in Dwight.

She said that would be part of what she terms “hash tag destination Dwight.”

She mentioned that the



THE DWIGHT Economic Alliance is looking at a five-year strategic plan to revitalize the community called Dwight C.A.R.E.S., which stands for Creativity, Attraction, Retention, Expansion and Substantiality.

Submitted graphic

Ambler/Becker Texaco Station sees 20,000 visitors a year, but there are no programs in place to keep those visitors in town to see the sites and shop the stores.

These projects as part of the DEA's five-year plan, Dwight C.A.R.E.S., will be discussed at a strategy meeting of the DEA Board Jan. 22.

Dwight C.A.R.E.S. stands for Creativity, Attraction, Retention, Expansion and Substantiality.

But besides the literal meaning of the acronym, the name also relates to the “magic” of Dwight, she said.

She said as part of the

Dwight community, Karch has learned that it is very caring and comes to the aid of those who need it when necessary.

“We have a community that's 4,300 people and they raise more than \$100,000 when someone needs a kidney, or a farmer needs help in harvesting his crops,” Karch said. “The outpouring of support that I've seen at a time when people need our community members, that is the community encircling someone who needs help. They just go and get it solved.”

One new challenge to be solved is the recent closure of the Country Mansion

restaurant after 40 years in Dwight.

She said after news of the restaurant closure, people put online their memories at the restaurant where they were married, attended proms or other events.

She said Jack Oughton described Country Mansion operator Bob Ohlendorf as a “community father,” which in her mind described in two words how important Bob and his business have been to Dwight.

“You could feel the heartfelt appreciation,” Karch said of the comments about the restaurant.

She said the three main takeaways from seeing all those messages about the Country Mansion are:

1) Honor and respect the past and Dwight's rich history.

2) Manage opportunities and face challenges.

3) Map out a strategy for the future.

“When I say ‘Dwight Cares’, that's part of the magic of Dwight,” she added.

The C for creation of jobs means attracting, expanding and maintaining businesses in Dwight.

Attraction is not just tourism, but a way to bring new people to Dwight as permanent residents who

will be looking at the community's churches, parks, schools and organizations before choosing Dwight as their home.

The R and E for retention and expansion go together and make sure the community does not lose sight of economic development.

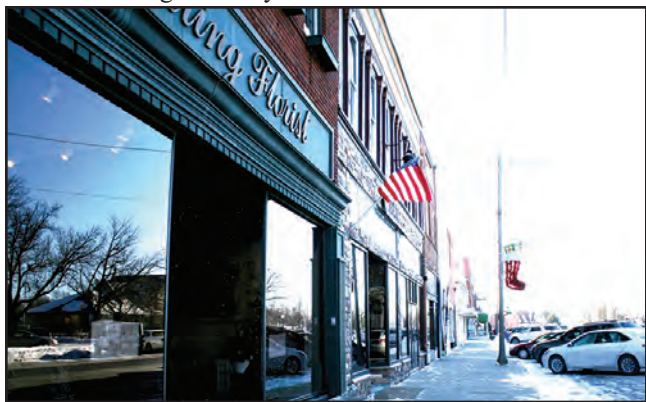
“We already have had amazing businesses that have made these rich investments in our community,” she said. “We've got to listen to them. You can't use a cookie-cutter approach. What works for one may not work for another.”

The S for substantiality is also related to retention and expansion, as the changes have to be sustainable and the current businesses must also be able to thrive.

Karch said the introduction of the campaign will be Phase I of Dwight's five-year strategic plan.

“The value-added I bring is to talk to the individual businesses, groups and organizations who need to tell me the good, the bad and the ugly,” Karch said. “I need to know what keeps them up at night.”

Once that information is gathered, the next step is to strategize solutions so everyone can rest easy, she said.



THE DOWNTOWN area of Dwight does not have a lot of vacant spots, but some of the buildings MAY need help to be structurally preserved for posterity. The Dwight Economic Alliance is contacting a company with some expertise in turning “vacancy to vibrancy” in a downtown area.

The Paper photo

Reddick Family's Child Is First 2018 Baby Born At Morris

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Corinne Rose Casey did her mom a favor by being born the first baby of the new year — she allowed her mom to stay home and not have to commute this winter to work.

The first baby of the new year arrived at Morris Hospital at 12:37 p.m. on Jan. 1.

Corinne is the daughter of Rebecca and Kevin Casey of Shannon Shores, rural Reddick.

Delivered by Obstetrician/Gynecologist Erik Muraskas, M.D., Corinne weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 21 inches at birth. She is Rebecca and Kevin's second child.

Rebecca's due date was Jan. 15, but she had to be induced on Jan. 1, which also turned out to be the area's coldest New Year's Day in history, according to the National Weather Service.

Corinne has stayed warm in the hospital's Family Birthing Suites, and Rebecca says her daughter has been peaceful and calm

since her arrival.

“If she does cry, she has the softest and cutest cry,” says Kevin, who works as a plumber for Service First Mechanical in Morris. “That probably won't last long.”

“The doctor scheduled me for New Year's because I had high blood pressure,” Rebecca explained.

Rebecca, who teaches sixth grade science in Carol Stream, picked the name because she and her husband liked the alliteration.

When the couple took the newborn home, Kevin warmed up the car for “a half hour,” Rebecca said.

She said she bundled up the little girl as best as she could in the baby's car seat with extra blankets.

But now, due to the extreme cold, Rebecca does not take the newborn outside.

“Now I'm housebound,” she said. “I'm glad we have snow,” she added.

She said by having the baby now, she won't be going back to work until the spring, well after the winter thaw with safer driving conditions, so the baby helped avoid having to drive to

work in the snow.

Corinne was greeted at home by her big brother, Neil, age two.

“He's been very sweet to her,” said Rebecca. “He held her hand and wants to pet her head.”

Unlike Corinne, Neil was delivered two weeks late, she added.

Even though Corinne's arrival ended up as a scheduled delivery, her parents were certainly not expecting her to be Grundy County's first baby born in 2018.

“I'm just happy she's here,” Rebecca says. “I just wanted her healthy.”

Baby Corinne is the granddaughter of Edward and Regina Casey of Land O' Lakes, Wis., Dianne Gumm of Elgin, and James Gumm and Mary Wilcop, both of Wheaton.

As Grundy County's first baby of 2018, Corinne was showered with gifts from Grundy County Chamber of Commerce members, including an on-the-go baby dome from Step by Step Child Care Center; books and a basket from the Coal City Public Library;

A gift basket from the



THE FIRST BABY of 2018 at Morris Hospital Corinne Casey, was born to Rebecca and Kevin Casey of Shannon Shores, rural Reddick.

Submitted photo

United Way of Grundy County; a picture frame from the Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice; a gift certificate and baby skin cream from Three Wells Acupuncture Clinic;

A bear and bib from Just

Kidding Around; a photo session and story book from Dutch Girl Photography; Mickey Mouse Clubhouse books from Three Rivers Public Library District; a one-night stay from Holiday Inn Express; a onesie from Midland State Bank;

A gift certificate from the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce; a gift certificate from Arloa's RockInRoe Boutique; a 30-day membership from Peak Fitness; and baby toys from Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers.

Record-Setting Cold Kicks Off 2018 With -21 Actual Temperature

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Jan. 1, 2018 will go down in area history as the coldest on record with temperatures of negative 21 degrees. That is actual temperature, not windchill factors.

The following day, Jan. 2, as many people returned to work after the New Year's

weekend, temperatures were at minus 20 in the area.

Chicago was at a high of 1 degree Jan. 1, the coldest on record for that date.

Mike Bardon, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Romeoville, told *The Paper* that the temperatures reached a record-low of minus 22 at O'Hare on Jan.

2, 1927. 1 degree was the lowest high on record for Jan. 1.

The temperature moderated to a low of just minus 9 Jan. 2 this year in Chicago.

Bardon said the long term outlook is for the temperatures to “warm” up to normal, which is averaging (please turn to page 8)



THIS EMPLOYEE OF Ruff Brothers Grain in Blackstone clears snow from the business on Jan. 3, after below zero cold struck the area New Year's Day.

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Ticket Issued by Dwight Police

Jan. 2, 2018: Kraig S. Meyer, 49, Dwight, improper use regis/title.
Persons in the police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

11 Parking Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Accidents Investigated by Dwight Police
Dec. 31, 2017, 5:10 a.m., Hung Q. Nguyen of Lake in the Hills was southbound Route 47 in a 2014 Toyota sedan, attempted to turn southbound I-55, and slid into snow/ice pile ditch.
Jan. 2, 2018, 7:30 a.m., a 2015 Kenworth, driven by Singh Jaswinder of Bakersfield, California, struck Juan Munoz’ parked 2018 Freightliner at 12 W. Northbrook Dr., Dwight. Munoz is from Cicero.
Jan. 2, 2018, 12:15 p.m., Route 17 at Prairie Ave., Dwight – Rod Kodat of Dwight, driving a 2009 GMC pickup, struck the westbound Mazon Avenue 2007 Pontiac driven by Kraig Meyer of Dwight.

Police Blotter

The following are reports from the Dwight police incident book this week:
Dec. 21: **Well Being Check.** Dwight police received a phone call at 1:39 p.m. in reference to a previously-reported reckless driver complaint. Upon arrival, Dwight Police observed a 2002 Mercury with a pedestrian standing outside the car eating a sandwich. Dwight Police spoke to the registered owner, a 59-year-old Fairbury man. Dwight Police were able to learn that the person was waiting for a female to arrive who was coming from Saunemin. He denied having anything to drink but did state he might be having some blood sugar issues. He denied any

questions for Dwight EMS and assured the officer he had a large piece of candy bar if he needed something. Dwight Police observed the vehicle still parked at 2:20 p.m. in the McDonald’s parking lot. Much later in the day, this vehicle was involved in an accident.
Dec. 23: **Custody Issue** - Dwight Police were notified at 11:48 a.m. of a potential custody dispute issue. Dwight Police received a call from a 37-year-old female from Dwight who stated she took her child to the emergency room in Morris and her child was tested for the flu virus. Since her child was very ill, she stated it would not be a good idea for the child to go for visitation rights due to people smoking in the other house. The female was informed a report would be generated and sent to the Livingston County State’s Attorney’s Office for their review.
Dec. 23: **Custody Issue** - Dwight police were notified at 4:42 p.m. of a potential custody dispute issue. They received a phone call from a 31-year-old male from Champaign who was concerned that when he drove to Dwight, that the mother of the child would not be there. The complainant was instructed to drive to Dwight as the order states, and then if there was an issue, a report would be generated and forwarded to the Livingston County State’s Attorney’s Office. Dwight Police did contact the mother of the child, who stated she would be contacting her attorney for legal advice.
Dec. 28: **Family Matter** - At 4:15 p.m., Dwight Police were called to the 500 block of Judd Street in reference to a family matter. The issue was resolved with no further action needed.
Dec. 29: **Burglary** - Dwight Police were called to the 200 block of W.

Delaware street at 7:06 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival, Dwight Police spoke with an 89-year-old male complainant from Dwight. The complainant stated that a male Hispanic had walked in the door wearing a red hat and claiming he was with the Village of Dwight Water Department. The male Hispanic went right to the kitchen area to pretend he was testing the water. The male Hispanic then got on the phone and was talking to someone in Spanish. The complainant knew something was not adding up and told the male Hispanic to get out of his house because he was calling the police. The complainant later determined someone had gone through some personal items in the house and that he was missing an undetermined amount of cash. This case remains under investigation.
Dec. 29: **Suspicious Subject** - at 4:42 p.m., Dwight Police were called to the 400 block of West Chippewa Street in reference to a suspicious subject. Upon arrival, Dwight Police met with a 69-year-old male complainant of Dwight who stated that he answered his door and a young short male Hispanic wearing dark clothing and a reddish hat walked right in without being invited. The male Hispanic stated he was with the Village of Dwight Water Department and he needed to know where the water supply was located. The male Hispanic was acting in an aggressive manner and kept trying to get past the homeowner. The complainant told the male Hispanic to get out of his house and he was calling the police. This case remains under investigation.
Dec. 29: **Solicitor Complaint** - At 5:26 p.m., Dwight Police were called to the 200 block of Taylor Street in reference to a solicitor complaint. Upon arrival, Dwight Police met with an 87-year-old female complainant of Dwight who said she was met at her door by a young Hispanic gentleman who stated he was with the Village of Dwight Water Department. The male Hispanic stated they were working on a fire hydrant across the street and needed to check her water. The complainant walked him to



SHOVELED OR NOT, the original Pinecone Path through Rotary Park in Dwight still attracts those who want to take a walk in the woods in the wintertime.

the kitchen faucet and he pulled out his cell phone and began to speak Spanish. The male Hispanic tried to keep the complainant engaged in conversation while he continued to run the hot water. The complainant asked the gentleman to leave the residence. Upon a further check of the residence, it was determined that several areas of the house had been gone through. The complainant is missing an undetermined amount of cash. The case remains under investigation.
Dec. 29: **Suspicious Subject** - at 6:22 p.m., Dwight Police were called to the 500 block of Judd Street in reference to a suspicious subject. Upon arrival Dwight Police met with an 81-year-old female complainant from Dwight. The complainant stated at 4:30 p.m. a short, dark-haired male Hispanic knocked on her front door. The complainant stated the male Hispanic said he was with the Village of Dwight Street Department and they were doing some plowing and needed a bucket of hot water. She told him to stay at the door while she looked for a bucket. The complainant noted the male Hispanic also had some sort of communication device in

his hand. The complainant then invited the male Hispanic into the kitchen. Once in the kitchen, the male Hispanic started speaking Spanish into the device. The complainant then noticed a large black male approach and enter her residence. The male Hispanic who was in the kitchen began to slow the water and dump some of the water out. The complainant then told both subjects to leave. The complainant noticed the large black male appeared from the back-bedroom area. Both subjects then left. Upon checking the residence, nothing appeared to be missing.



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Dec. 29, 2017: 3:03 a.m., Union St., fire alarm; 5:24 p.m., John St., medical, refusal.
Dec. 30, 2017: 6:24 a.m., I-55, medical, canceled, mutual aid to Gardner; 7:47 a.m., Scott, medical, refusal; 8:45 a.m., Wilmac, medical, Morris; 10:29 a.m., Mazon, medical, St. James; 1:53 p.m., Locust, medical, Riverside; 8:08 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 10:30 p.m., Seminole, medical, Coroner.
Dec. 31, 2017: 10:20 a.m., Mazon, assist, refusal; 12:45 p.m., Bannon, medical, St. James; 2:36 p.m., Prairie Ave., medical, Morris; 8:13 p.m., 2300 E. Rd., trauma, refusal; 11:14 p.m., John St., medical, refusal.
Jan. 1, 2018: 3:51 p.m., John St., car fire.
Jan. 2, 2018: 2:12 p.m., Ward, medical, Morris, mutual aid to MVK; 8:35 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.
Jan. 3, 2018: 2:07 a.m., Aldi, fire; 10:57 a.m., I-55nb, MVA, no patient; 11:58 a.m., Franklin, medical, Riverside.




Temps-2017-18


Dec. 28 – high 12°, low 2°
.01” melted snow, .5” snow
Dec. 29 – high 14°, low 6°
.15” melted snow, 5” snow
Dec. 30 – high 6°, low -9°
Dec. 31 – high 4°, low -15°
Jan. 1 – high -6°, low -18°
Jan. 2 – high 14°, low -17°
Jan. 3 – high 15°, low -9°
trace snow
One Year Ago – Jan. 10, 2017
high 22°, low 0°



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How Can You Improve Your Financial Fitness This Year?

If one of your New Year’s resolutions is to get healthier, you may already be taking the necessary steps, such as improving your diet and increasing your exercise. Of course, physical fitness is important to your well-being – but, at the same time, don’t forget about your financial fitness. Specifically, what can you do to ensure your investment situation is in good shape?

Here are a few “healthy living” suggestions that may also apply to your investment portfolio:

- *Build endurance* – Just as exercise can help build your endurance for the demands of a long life, a vigorous investment strategy can help you work toward your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. In practical terms, this means you will need to own some investments with the potential to provide long-term growth. These are the investments that, ideally, you can hold on to for decades and eventually reap the benefits of capital appreciation. Of course, growth-oriented investments, such as most types of stocks, will rise and fall in value over the short term, and there’s no guarantee of profits, or even preserving principal. But if you choose wisely, and you’ve got the patience and discipline to hold on to your investments through the market’s ups and downs, you may well be rewarded.
- *Maintain an ideal “weight”* – You can help yourself stay healthy by maintaining your ideal weight. This can be challenging – as you know from the recently finished holiday season, it’s easy to put on a few extra pounds. And, just as inadvertently, your portfolio can tack on some unwanted weight, too, in the form of redundant investments. Over time, you may have picked up too many similar investment vehicles, resulting in an overconcentration, or “flabbiness,” that can work against you, especially when a market downturn affects the asset class in which you’re overloaded. So, you might be better off liquidating some of your duplicate, or near-duplicate, investments, and using the proceeds to help broaden your investment mix.
- *Get proper rest* – Many studies have shown that we need adequate rest to stay alert and healthy. In your life, you’ve probably already found that if you over-tax your body, you pay a price in your overall well-being. If you look at your investment portfolio as a living entity – which, in a way, it is, as it certainly provides life to your goals and aspirations – then you can see that it, too, can be weakened by stress. And one of the main stress factors is excessive trading. If you’re constantly buying and selling investments in an attempt to boost your returns, you may rack up hefty fees, commissions and taxes – and still not really get the results you wanted. Plus, if you’re frequently moving in and out of different investments, you’ll find it hard to follow a unified, long-term strategy. So, confine your trading to those moves that are really essential – and give your portfolio a rest.

To enjoy your life fully, you’ll want to take care of your physical and financial health – and, as it turns out, you can make similar types of moves to help yourself in both areas.

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2017: A Glance Back Through The Paper

Editor’s Note: *The Paper* continues its glance through its pages in 2017, including several stories about alternative energy such as set-backs for commercial wind turbines for the northeastern portion of Livingston County or a proposed solar farm in Mazon. Both of those issues will continue to make headlines in 2018 with proposed solar farms popping up in Herscher Unit 2 as well. Other stories include the condition of the former Dwight Correctional Center which is now an eyesore, a new priest in Herscher and a new historical society building for South Wilmington.

June, 2017

A hearing to go with a lesser setback for wind turbines for seven northeastern Livingston County Townships got off to a false start June 8, ending almost immediately after it started. In a meeting that was purported to be a hearing on an amendment to change the setback requirement from 3,350 feet to 1,600 feet for the townships of Nevada, Dwight, Odell, Sullivan, Union, Broughton, and Round Grove, it turned out to be at the start a standard Zoning Board of Appeals



THE LIVINGSTON County Zoning Board of Appeals met June 8 to discuss an amendment for certain parts of the county to reduce the wind farm setback from 3,250 feet to 1,600 feet. Members of the ZBA are (from left) Bill Flott, Gerald Earing, Regional Planning Committee Administrator Chuck Schopp, Chairman Joan Huisman, (out of frame) Rich Keifer, and Mike Cornale. Not pictured are Richard Runyon and Connie Casey.

meeting with the board taking care of routine business. When Livingston County Agriculture Committee Chairman Daryl Holt (R-Dwight) was asked to present his “case” for the amendment, he was sworn in and the ZBA began peppering him with specific questions regarding the proposed amendment. Since Holt was not prepared to answer the questions, the ZBA instead opted to recess the meeting to July 6, 7 p.m. in the historic County Courthouse in downtown Pontiac. — — — Visitors to the Dwight 2017 Independence Day celebration at Dwight Grade

School will witness a high flying treat up in the sky — other than fireworks. The Grundy Area Aero Modelers will be flying radio-controlled planes at Dwight Grade School starting at 7:30 p.m., July 2. The club consists of people from all over Grundy County, flying models that are sometimes 1/3 scale of the real thing, or larger. “These are not toys,” said Ray Shroba IV, who will be one of those flying planes at the event. His father owns a replica of a World War I era Curtiss Jenny that is one-third scale and will be part of the festivities. — — — Dwight Township High School Varsity Football Coach Andrew “Pitt” Pittenger will take the helm as athletic director and assistant vice principal as of July 1. He will remain varsity football coach for the 2017-18 school year. The school board acted on his promotion to the administration at its June 21 meeting. Pittenger has been coach at DTHS for nine years, and also coached JV baseball in his first three years at the school.

July, 2017

Dollar General’s newest store is at 301 East State Route 115 in Herscher, the corporate headquarters announced July 5.

In its new location, Dollar General will offer area residents a convenient new place to shop for everyday essentials at low prices. Dollar General celebrated the store’s official grand opening July 8. — — — Tom Perkins, owner of The Shop in Gardner, turns sunlight into colors with his hobby: making stained glass windows. He has taught stained glass in the past, too. “I’ve never had anybody that couldn’t do it,” Perkins told *The Paper* last week of his students. “It’s fun to do — a hobby that anybody can do.” His hobby began in 1977 when he and his wife Karen bought a house that was burned. It had a stained glass window in the home. — — — Helping his flock to know Jesus Christ personally is what Pastor Mike Ebersohl is all about. He took over as Pastor at the Dwight United Methodist Church on July 1. He said he has a three-pronged approach to being a church pastor: 1) To help people to know personally the transformative power of a relationship with Jesus Christ. 2) Not just to know about Christ, but to know him. 3) Growing in that relationship. He said his style of church leadership echoes that of the DUMC motto,

“Connecting People With Christ.” — — — Jack Smolik no longer has to store historical treasures from South Wilmington in his basement. Now there is a home for the artifacts — the South Wilmington Historical Museum, located in the former Patterson Funeral Home, two blocks east of the South Wilmington VFW Park on Lemmon Street. The museum hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

August, 2017

Father Show Reddy Allam officially moved into the Herscher rectory July 31. He will be the parish priest for St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Herscher, Sacred Heart in Goodrich, and St. James the Apostle in Irwin. He will also oversee the new sanctuary church in Cabery, St. Joseph. Allam has been a priest since 1994, spending his first 10 years in the Diocese of Gunter, India

where he was ordained. He grew up in Peatibanda, India, a town with a population of 7,000 which, Allam explained, is a “very Catholic town.” — — — The state is currently obtaining appraisals for the property and buildings making up the former Dwight Women’s Correctional Center complex. The site, no longer being utilized to store Department of Human Services records, is empty with an irregular schedule for mowing the property, leaving the site an eyesore at times before mowing is completed. Sen. Jason Barrickman, a Republican who hails from the Woodland area south of Streator and who represents the majority of Livingston County including the prison site, told *The Paper* last week he has often called Central Management Services to make sure the property is mowed. He met with state officials and toured the site on Aug. 10. (To be continued next week)



FATHER SHOW REDDY ALLAM moved into the Rectory of St. Margaret Mary parish in Herscher July 31. He took over as priest at Herscher, Goodrich, and Irwin and hails from India.



TOM PERKINS of Gardner does repair of a glass window using a “cartoon” scale drawing after cutting pieces to fit.



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Safely Avoid Potential Winter Hazards



Winter can be a beautiful time of year, particularly when freshly fallen snow blankets the landscape. However, winter is also a time fraught with potential peril. The same winter weather that makes landscapes so pristine can make roads and walkways — and even being outside — dangerous.

The U.S. Department of Transportation says weather-related vehicle crashes killed 6,253 people last year and injure more than 480,000 per year. These accidents most often occur when roadways are wet, snowy or icy. Yet, winter driving is not the only seasonal hazard. Here are some common winter activities and how to avoid getting hurt when engaging in them.

Driving

Exercise extra caution when driving on roadways during the winter, as they may contain ice or snow. All it takes is a small coating of precipitation on roadways to make driving treacherous. Wet-looking roadways may be wet, or they may be covered by ice, and it's difficult to tell the difference with the naked eye. Always slow down and assume you are driving on ice. Make every effort to improve visibility. This includes checking windshield washer fluid levels and ensuring windshield blades are in good working order.

Snow removal

Shoveling or removing snow by various methods can be strenuous work, taking even

those who feel they are in good shape by surprise. A 2011 study conducted by researchers at the Center for Injury Research and Policy of The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital found that an average of 11,500 snow-shoveling-related injuries and medical emergencies were treated in U.S. emergency departments each year from 1990 to 2006.

Lower back injuries, falls, injuries to the arms and hands and cardiac-related injuries account for many of the incidents sustained while removing snow. There's also the risk of injury from collisions with pedestrians and snow plows. Plows and bobcat-type devices can cause serious injury. Exercise caution when operating such machines.

Roof snow removal

Removing snow from a roof can be a dangerous prospect. Always use the appropriate equipment, which includes telescoping poles, rather than climbing on slippery roofs. This may be a job best left for a professional, who will have fall-arrest systems and nonslip safety boots.

Dressing for conditions

Venturing outdoors for winter fun may be enticing, but never put your health at risk for the sake of fun. The Mayo Clinic says hypothermia is a medical emergency that occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, causing a dangerously low body temperature. Wear appropriate clothing to prevent hypothermia, which may not produce any initial symptoms. If shivering stops or confusion and slurred speech set in, severe hypothermia is in effect and a person should be moved indoors and gently warmed. Mild hypothermia is also possible indoors, typically when the elderly spend several hours in poorly heated homes.

Winter may be beautiful, but it also can be hazardous. Taking precautions and using common sense help avoid dangerous situations.

Create a Vehicle Preparedness Kit



Breaking down while driving can be unnerving, potentially delaying trips and stranding motorists and their passengers for lengthy periods of time. However, for those with well-equipped emergency preparedness kits in their vehicles' trunks, breakdowns can be much easier to manage.

Even though new vehicles are loaded with advanced technology, drivers are no less likely to avoid breakdowns. In fact, roadside calls for stranded vehicles are on the rise. A study by the American Automobile Association found that, in 2015, 32 million drivers required the organization's services, with issues regarding vehicle batteries, flat tires and vehicle keys reaching all-time highs. Despite early warning systems, more than half a million drivers in the United States ran out of gas last

year, necessitating service calls.

An emergency vehicle kit is something that no driver should leave home without. Just because a car appears to be in good shape or is well-maintained doesn't mean something can't happen. Here's what to stock in an emergency preparedness kit for a vehicle.

- **Sustenance:** It's impossible to determine how long you may be stranded if your vehicle breaks down. Therefore, keep some high-calorie energy or protein bars, or other portable foods with long shelf lives, in your vehicle at all times.

- **Water:** Popular Mechanics says a person needs roughly a gallon per day to stay hydrated. If that's too much to pack, bring empty water bottles and purification tablets. Otherwise, stock up on bottled water.

- **Weather supplies:** You never know which way the weather will turn. A blanket, poncho, tarp, trash bags, and much more can be used to keep covered, warm and dry.

- **Mobile phone:** Mobile phones can be used to call for roadside assistance or other help. But keep in mind that cell signals may be especially weak in remote areas.

- **Reflective triangles:** These items will warn oncoming traffic that your vehicle is on the side of the road.

- **Waterproof flashlight:** A flashlight is handy for making repairs at night or signalling traffic in the dark.

- **Foam tire sealant:** Tire sealant can be used to quickly repair flat tires until they can be assessed or changed at a mechanic's shop or dealership.

- **Tire jack:** You may need to change a tire on the spot.

- **Jumper cables:** If a vehicle battery dies, a quick jump can get you moving along. Some people prefer a portable battery charging pack instead.

In addition to these supplies, a multitool, batteries, first-aid kit, rags, ropes, and duct tape are handy to have around.

Preparedness kits can keep drivers safe and get them back on the road faster.

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Build a Winter Emergency Weather Kit

Start with the following household items you already have:

- First Aid Kit
- Cell phone with car charger
- Flashlight with new batteries
- Candle with matches or lighter
- Ice scraper and snow brush

- Shovel
- Hazard sign or brightly colored flag
- Cat litter or sand
- Bottled water and non-perishable food items
- Blanket
- Battery jump pack or jumper cables

Taking a longer trip? Consider adding the following:

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Will High Speed Rail Settle for Just Being On Time?

by Tom Tock

Return with us for a minute to 1938, 80 years past, and the Illinois Central's *Green Diamond* express service passenger train from Chicago to St. Louis is making daily trips in 4 hours and 55 minutes.

That's 35 minutes faster than the currently advertised time of 5 hours and 30 minutes for the Chicago/St. Louis trip via Amtrak.

Granted, the *Green Diamond* made its way to St. Louis by way of Kankakee, Gibson City, Clinton, Mt. Pulaski and Springfield on Illinois Central tracks, 294 miles, and it did not have today's Chicago and St. Louis area rail congestion to deal with.

Today, well, today we have the Illinois Secretary of Transportation, Randy Blankenhorn, stating that the conversion of the Union Pacific tracks to 110-mph Amtrak passenger service with a goal of 4 hours and 30 minutes service on the Chicago/St. Louis corridor, may take a while longer.

Blankenhorn was quoted as saying that completion of the high speed passenger rail plan in Illinois is near, but the emphasis is "not so much about speed as it is about reliability."

He went on: "Passengers would use our trains a lot more if they knew we were going to be there when they need them and were not going to be an hour and a half late."

In other words, higher-speeds would allow passenger trains to better maintain on-time performance, and that is more important than knocking 55 minutes off the present travel time on the Chicago/St. Louis corridor.

Blankenhorn was quoted as saying the speeds on



Dwight Train Station

the Chicago/St. Louis corridor may increase to 90-mph (now 79) this coming summer, and speeds of up to 110-mph should be in place by 2019.

For the record, another high-speed rail spokesperson told *The Paper* in September of 2014 that "a 30-minute reduction in travel time off the current 5-1/2 hour timetable is anticipated by the end of 2015" and "another 30-minute reduction in the schedule is anticipated by the end of 2017, bringing the travel time from Chicago to St. Louis down to 4-1/2 hours."

Presently, speeds are being curtailed on the entire corridor while the Positive Train Control system is being tested. The system is designed to keep trains from running into one another. There has been a number of problems with implementing the system.

Amtrak has new engines ready to go, though construction of new passenger coaches had to be curtailed at Rockford, Illinois and has been transferred to a California plant.

Higher-speed rail travel on the Chicago/St. Louis corridor has been talked about since the 1970-80s, though it took \$1.2 billion in

federal funds to begin the project in 2012.

Funds from the Obama administration had been refused by Florida, and also by Wisconsin and Ohio. The money was then accepted by Illinois and California.

Estimates for ending the rail congestion in the Chicago - St. Louis areas, under study for years, run into billions of dollars. Will action be taken anytime soon? Isn't it just a question of money?

Perhaps a more important question is: Will passengers settle for trains always being on time even though 110-mph speeds remain difficult to achieve?

An e-mail exchange was sought last week with Blankenhorn, but was provided by Kelsea Gurski, Bureau Chief for the IDOT Office of Communications, who answered several questions from *The Paper*:

Q: The time for completing the 110-mph plan for high speed rail in Illinois has been extended to 2019. What has been the biggest cause for a four-year delay in implementation?

A: The Chicago-to-St.-

Louis HSR project is truly a cutting-edge project and as such faced unique challenges. Primary among these are those related to Positive Train Control implementation (evolving technology and software architecture; resolving issues of interoperability; the interplay between the needs of this project and the national implementation of PTC.)

Q: Isn't it true that until the congestion problems in both the Chicago and St. Louis areas are resolved, there can be no full realization of the plan to save 55 minutes on the corridor?

A: No. The project involved making improvements along the Chicago/St. Louis corridor between Joliet and just north of East St. Louis. Once those improvements are completed, we anticipate schedule adjustments that will save 53 minutes on the travel time from Chicago to St. Louis.

Q: Ridership growth on the corridor hasn't been what was anticipated. Any comments?

A: Since higher speeds have not been implemented, we have yet to see the anticipated growth in ridership.

Did You Know?

by Tom Tock

Dwight's new \$3.26 million train station at 401 S. Columbia St., dedicated in October of 2016, was the first new station opened as part of the Illinois High Speed Rail Program.

Construction costs for the new station were funded by a federal grant to the Illinois Department of Transportation's high speed rail program.

The station is owned by the Village of Dwight.

Amtrak paid the village a fee of \$1 to lease the use of the station for 20 years.

The village also entered into a lease agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for the use of the Union Pacific part of the property on which the station platform is located. The village made a one-time payment of \$15,000 to Union Pacific in order to use that part of the property for the next 20 years.

Weller Hooker Agency, Dwight, Helps Support Honor Flight Network

Weller Hooker Agency, Pekin Insurance agency in Dwight, is honoring those who served in the military by supporting the Honor Flight Network, which honors American veterans for all their sacrifices.

Weller Hooker Agency participated in the annual Tour of Honor Contest – sponsored by Pekin Insurance.

For every life insurance application submitted, money was donated to the Honor Flight Network which transports veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit

and reflect at their memorials. This is a small tribute to those who gave so much. Thanks to the combined efforts of the Pekin Insurance independent agency force, the company donated \$20,000 to this cause.

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Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship Applicaitons Being Accepted

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees have announced that applications for the 14th annual Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships are now being accepted.

Applications are available at Odell Public Library, Odell Bank, Dwight High School, and Pontiac Township High School. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must live in the area currently served by the Odell Fire Protection District, Odell Public Library District, or the Odell Grade School District. Completed applications are due March 1, 2018.

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

She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking continued education at an accredited college or university in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business or engineering.

In 2017, the trustees

awarded \$45,000 to twenty-one students from Odell. Scholarships were awarded in recognition of academic and extracurricular excellence.

The recipients for the 2017 scholarships were:

Meagan Brockman, daughter of Tom and Teresa Brockman;

Eric Campbell, son of Doug and Chris Campbell; Lauren Cassady, daughter of Mike and Sherry Cassady;

Maureen Doran, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Doran;

Michael Doran, son of Thomas and Margaret Doran; Ashton Farris, daughter of Christina Farris;

Andrea Flynn, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn;

Erica Flynn, daughter of Michael and Julie Flynn;

Ashley Fox, daughter of Aaron and Susan Fox;

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Alexander Olson, son of Martha Olson and Kevin Olson;

Kelly Pagel, daughter of Randy and Pam Pagel;

Molly Verdun, daughter of Stephen and Kimberly Verdun.

DUI Accident

La Salle County Deputies arrested Monday, Jan. 8, Lavelle Howard, 27, of Joliet, for driving under the influence.

He was westbound on North Route 17th Road in Allen Township before 4:03 a.m., when he lost control of his vehicle, and went into a ditch.

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Wesley P. Havekost Retires from LSC Communications

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Wesley ‘Wes’ began his career with the company at the Dwight Plant on June 2, 1969 as an Apprentice Roll Tender in the Pressroom. He was promoted to Apprentice

Platemaker in July of 1970, graduating as a Journeyman Platemaker in February of 1973, and currently holds the title of Prelim/Prepress Operator 2.

Wes and his wife Patricia reside in Dwight. They have two children, Julie and Adam, and six grandchildren. Wes plans to travel, play golf and work in his railroad garden.

Kevin Brands Named to Bismarck College Honor Roll

Kevin Brands, of Dwight, was named to the Fall Bismarck State College President’s Honor roll with a 4.0 GPA for the Fall 2017 Semester.

Students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale while enrolled in at least 12

semester hours of classes to qualify for the BSC President’s Honor Roll.

Bismarck College is in Bismarck, North Dakota, providing education, work-force training and enrichment programs.

Area Students Earn Dean’s List Honors at University of St. Francis

The University of St. Francis named its dean’s honor list for the fall 2017 semester. The following area students were named:

- **Braceville:** Mishel Dalletski, Kathryn Gutzman.
- **Gardner:** Maxwell Kranz, Madelyn Patten.

- **Essex:** Jenna Waldvogel.
- **Verona:** Ashley Hatz.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average or higher at the end of the semester in which he or she has taken at least 12 credit hours.



Marjorie and Richard Von Qualen

Richard, Marjorie Von Qualen Mark Golden Wedding Anniversary

Richard and Marjorie (Piercy) Von Qualen were married Jan. 13, 1968, and will mark their golden 50th anniversary.

They were married in St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Dwight.

Their attendees were Diana Eggenberger and Paul Roeder.

They have two children, Brett and Carrie; and two

grandchildren, Gretchen and Gerald.

Their parents were the late Earlen and Margaret Von Qualen and G.A. and Mary Ellen Piercy.

Richard retired from Loders Croklaan after 41 years of service and Marjorie retired from the nursing profession.

They reside in Kempton.

Livingston County SWCD Schedules Jan. 18 Meeting

The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding their Annual Meeting on January 18, at the Pontiac Elks Lodge. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by the business meeting at 8:30 a.m.

The business meeting will include the election of three directors and the presentation of the Conservation Farm Family award and the Partners in Conservation


awards. This will be followed by a short presentation looking at what is coming in 2018. Tickets must be reserved by January 11. No tickets will be sold at the door. You can reserve tickets by contacting the District office at 815-844-6127, ext. 3, or stopping in at 1510 W. Reynolds St in Pontiac. There will be food and you can make contact with others involved in agriculture in our county.




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Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to Thank You for all things aa you confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank You for your mercy toward me and mine.

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

Anonymous

DWIGHT COMMUNITY CHEST

- 2017-2018 CAMPAIGN -

The 2017-2018 Dwight Community Chest campaign is currently underway and there are many ways residents can contribute to this worthy, local cause. Dwight’s version of the United Way, the Dwight Community Chest was established in the 1950’s to improve the lives of people in Dwight.

Fifteen not-for-profit agencies that provide programs and services locally in our community will benefit from the 2017/2018 Drive. People throughout the Dwight area benefit from the programs supported by the Dwight Community Chest; be it the Ministerial Society’s Food Pantry, Peace Meal Program for seniors, Future’s Unlimited, our local Girls and Boys Scouts, Against Domestic Violence, or Christmas for Kids to name a few.

It is the hope of the Dwight Community Chest that everyone during this season of giving can make one major donation that benefits many organizations.

While some solicitation letters will be sent out, everyone in The Paper reading area is invited to make a tax-deductible donation to the Community Chest at P.O. Box 132, Dwight, IL 60420.

The Community Chest Board asks people to give from their hearts. We in Dwight have much to be thankful for and residents are asked to show their thanks by making a contribution to the Dwight Community Chest.

Employees of LSC Communications have conducted other successful campaigns and are big supporters of the Community Chest. Many local LSC employees donate one day’s salary to the Dwight Community Chest and everyone is invited to do the same if they are able.

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Odell Firemen Host Annual Breakfast Jan. 28

On Sunday, January 28, the Odell Firemen will hold their annual Pancake and Sausage – Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Odell Fire Station.

This is an all-you-can-eat breakfast. Carry-outs will be available. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

A fee applies. Children under 12 receive a discount. Preschoolers are free.

Tri-Point Scholarship Auction Scheduled Today (Jan. 10)

The Tri-Point FFA Alumni will be holding the 19th Annual Scholarship Auction on Wednesday Jan. 10, at the Kempton Legion Hall.

The event will begin with a complimentary meal beginning at 5 p.m.

The live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Many silent auction items will be available beginning at 5:00 pm, followed by the live auction.

The proceeds from the auction are used for scholarships and incentives for Tri-Point FFA members as well as improvements for the Tri-Point High School Agriculture Department.

Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the local FFA members and the Alumni. Donations are still being accepted.

Those with questions please contact Kristine Haag, Tri-Point FFA Alumni president 815-689-2231 or Tri-Point agriculture teacher, Diana Loschen at Tri-Point High School 815-689-2110 ext. 301.

Kankakee Quilt Makers’ January Program

The Kankakee Quilt Makers January Program will be local guests, Madonna Raiche & Lara Evans giving a presentation of “Little Dresses for Africa,” a non-profit Christian organization that provides clean water, education & community. These little dresses (made from pillowcases and easy dress patterns) are given freely to those in need. They welcome new members.

The meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Calvary Bible Church, 2587 E. Armour Rd., Bourbonnais. For more details, contact Donna McGovern @ 708-828-5110.

Local Farm Bureau Members Offered Free Safety Course

The P and E committee along with Southeast Livingston County Ambulance Service (SELCAS) and OSF St. James are hosting two trainings this winter specifically for farmers, their staff and families.

Paramedics will be teaching this course to any interested Farm Bureau member at no charge. The program will start with a course in CPR. They will then go over first aid that farmers can use. Each member will also go home with a basic first aid kit to have in their equipment.

The first class will be at SELCAS, 310 W Locust St, Fairbury. Parking will be at Culkins corner on the south side of the building. It is set for January 30, at 6 pm.

The second class will be at OSF St. James in Pontiac on Friday, February 23. They will offer two non-certified classes in the morning at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., and then a certification course at 1 p.m. Reservations are required for all programs.

On Feb. 23, from 8-4 p.m., they will have a variety of booths on health and safety topics geared towards farmers. Topics will include heart screenings, sleep tests, healthy recipes and more.

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OBITUARIES

Aaron R. Willis

COAL CITY – Aaron R. Willis, 83, of Coal City and formerly of Essex passed away Monday, January 1, 2018 at his home.

Aaron Ray was born April 16, 1934 in Ritchie, son of Coy and Bessie Hoffman Willis. On September 3, 1955, he married Helen Svoboda in Immaculate Conception Church, Braidwood.

Aaron’s employment began with Public Service and continued with ComEd, from where he retired as a heavy equipment operator in 1989 after 38 years of service.

Aaron’s hobby of midget car racing began in 1957 with the purchase of his first car and continued most of his life. He raced up until 1976; was a member of the board of directors; worked as a pit steward; and served as President of the United Auto Racing Association (UARA); and he served as President and Racing Director for the World of Outlaw Midgets.

In 1986 Aaron chartered the United Midget Auto Racing Assn. (UMARA), a family-run business operating 14 years through the 2000 racing season.

A man with strong determination and a sense of impeccable detail, Aaron leaves behind a legacy of racing, as well as cherished memories with his grandchildren, whom he adored.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Helen; seven children: Valerie Willis-Carter of Coal City; Nadine (Robert) Hutchinson of Wheaton; Vicki Henke of



Wilmington; Sheila Willis of Coal City; Sara Sirovy (fiance Joe Wesner) of Orland Park; Melanie (Dan) Bell of Naperville; and Aaron Willis (Stephanie Baker) of Wilmington.

Also surviving are grandchildren: Arin Carter-Richards (Ken), Danny, Jr. (Amanda) Carter, Robert Hutchinson (fiance Liz Denz), Anne Hutchinson, Madeline Hutchinson, Sarah Sirovy, Nicholas Sirovy, Ethan Bell, Aidan Bell, Andrew Willis, Jonathan Wesner and Alex Wesner; one great-grandson, Allan Richards; one sister, Margaret (Patrick) Weber of Scio, Oregon; one sister-in-law, Roseann Novy of Coal City; and several nieces and nephews, as well as his best friend, Michael Yeager of Joliet.

Aaron was preceded in death by his parents; one son, James in infancy; a sister, Dorothy Sommers; and a niece, Denise Mask.

The family received friends for a Celebration of Aaron’s Life Saturday, January 6, from 3 until 8 p.m., at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City.

Green flameless cremation rites were accorded following the celebration of life.

A private family inurnment will be held in Bohemian National Cemetery, Braidwood, at a later date.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs or share Aaron’s memorial page online by logging on to: www.ReevesFuneral.com

Robert Mardis

GIBSON CITY – Robert Thomas Mardis, 81, of Gibson City died at 12:12 a.m., Monday, January 1, 2018 at Presence Covenant Medical Center, Urbana, with his loving wife and children at his side.

His Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m., today, Wednesday, January 10, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Gibson City, officiated by Father John Phan.

A private family burial will be at a later date with military rites.

The rosary was recited at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lamb Funeral Home, Gibson City, with visitation until 7 p.m.

He was born October 29, 1936 in McLean County, son of William Bernard and Charlotte E. Shipp Mardis. He married Frances Kathryn Tuley May 14, 1960 in Streator. She survives in Gibson City.

Also surviving are his children: Lisa (Jeff) Volker

of Auke Bay, Alaska, and Jeff (Faith) Mardis of Mahomet; four grandchildren: Corey (Elizabeth) Volker, Andrew (Michelle) Volker, Patrick (Bonnie) Volker and Grace Mardis.

Four great-grandchildren: Michael, Sean, Aaron and Kaitey Volker; and two sisters: Louise Warnken of Bloomington and Gloria Haley of Odell also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters: Bernice Chambers, Maxine Fry and Judy Mardis; and a brother, Bill Mardis.

Bob was a Marine veteran. He was in auto parts sales all his life and owned the NAPA store in Gibson City for more than 20 years.

A former Dwight resident, Bob was a 1955 graduate of Dwight High School.

Memorial tributes may be made to “Food for the Poor;” Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; or to an organization of the donor’s choice.

Linda L. Pritchard

WILMINGTON – Linda L. Pritchard, 53, of Wilmington passed away Monday, January 1, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Linda was born June 26, 1964, daughter of William and Ruth Brown Roos. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church in Wilmington.

She loved flowers, antiquing, riding on their motorcycle, laughing, and spending time with her grandkids.

Surviving are her husband, Steve Pritchard, to whom she was married September 29, 2006 in Morris; two sons, Cody (Katie) Mack of Gardner and Jacob Mack of Wilmington; and two daughters, Nicole Mack of Wilmington and Mary Sue (Chris) Pritchard-Novak of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Also surviving are seven



grandchildren: Brayden Whelchel, Madison Novak, Karsyn Wiggins, Talon Mack, Brantley Novak, Jace Mack and Tori Mack; two sisters: Rose Ann (Carl) Lopez and Pam Roos, both of Tennessee; four brothers: Ernie Roos and John (Marsha) Scholes, both of Tennessee; Rodger (Kim) Roos of Camdenton, Missouri; and Joseph Paul (Brenda) Roos.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Roos.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial visitation was at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home Saturday, January 6, from 2 until 4 p.m.

Inurnment: private.

To visit her online guestbook, log on to: www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook.

William Hemenover

DWIGHT – William “Bill” Hemenover, 79, of Dwight passed away Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Heritage Health in Dwight surrounded by his wife and two sons.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., today, Wednesday, January 10, at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight. A Masonic service will be held at 6:45 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the Dwight United Methodist Church Thursday.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, January 11, at the Dwight United Methodist Church. Reverend Mike Ebersohl will officiate.

Burial will be in McDowell Cemetery, Dwight. Full military rites will be accorded.

Bill was born August 31, 1938 in Kankakee, son of William and Nora Lauritzen Hemenover. He married Carol Rieke June 20, 1964 in Goodfarm Township. She survives in Dwight.

He is also survived by sons: Brian (Jerri)



Hemenover of Wilmore, Kentucky and Neal (Melissa) of Chicago; and grandchildren: Lauren, Will, Maddox and Beckett.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bill worked with his father at Hemenover Construction as a carpenter for more than 30 years and also worked as a rural carrier for the United States Postal Service. He decided to retire in 2002.

Also in 2002 he became the sexton of McDowell Cemetery, where he worked diligently until 2017. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, where he would greet you with a firm handshake and a smile at the door every Sunday.

He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge and a longtime member of the Dwight VFW and Dwight American Legion.

Memorials in honor of Bill may be made to the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.calvertmemorial.com

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



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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
) NO. 2018-P-1
OF LEO G. ABRY, DECEASED.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LEO G. ABRY, 21384 E 3100 North Road, Dwight, IL 60420.

Letters of Office were issued to the following person as Independent Co-Executors, namely: PAUL DOUGLAS ABRY, 19435 E 2900 North Road, Odell, Illinois 60460, and DEANNA J. HASSINGER, 704 S. Franklin Way, Pontiac, Illinois 61764, whose attorneys are CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP, 204 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764.

Claims may be filed on or before the 10th day of July, 2018. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at Livingston County Law & Justice Center, Pontiac, Illinois 61764, or claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or both. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Personal Representative and to his attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated: January 10, 2018

PAUL DOUGLAS ABRY DEANNA J. HASSINGER
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Minutes with Boma



Vacation is Over.

I'm back in the saddle, back at work, and no longer on vacation. For most of the last week I was in Florida, getting away for a few days, but primarily down there for my cousin's wedding over the weekend.

This was probably the longest I've been away from work at a given time during a normal work week, where there was no holiday in play or anything like that. Initial feedback on that, is that it's not that great. Granted I work a job where it never really stops, you're working even when you're not. Given that set up, I'm going to try to coordinate any trips around holidays, and 3-day weekends to avoid this in the future, but it was manageable.

Another takeaway I had from the trip is it's hard to go from operating out of a routine and a schedule and then enter a situation where suddenly one doesn't exist at all. I know this might sound dumb seeing as it was a vacation, but I think I, and other people probably operate better with some structure, and don't do as well with very little structure.

Now for the takeaways from Florida itself: this is the second time I've been there, and both times it was for about four days, so I've been there long enough to judge it at this point.

First thing is, they love U-turns, love them, I'm not sure who designed their roadways, but whoever did, he or she couldn't live without U-turns, every road is designed to make them, it's just normal down there, and I really don't understand it.

Another thing, Publix, they're everywhere, I think I ran into three of them within a 10-mile radius, they're the supermarket of choice in the Florida region, I also don't really understand why they have so many of them, but it's apparent that Floridians are very fond of their Publix.

A lot of this probably came across as complaining about a vacation, but it was a wonderful time nonetheless, just be fully aware if you take a trip there, and plan to drive, you will be making U-turns.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois)
Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 17-CH-48
JAMES M. WILSON, 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 described, 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 851 S. Locust St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 15 in Block 2 in D.S. Myers' Fourth addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-27-276-025
Commonly known as: 851 S. Locust St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family one-story residence; five rooms, including three bedrooms and one bathroom, plus crawl space and one-car attached carport.

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

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: January 23, 2018 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.

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DONALD R. MCCLAREY,
Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

More obituaries appear on page 13.

Card of Thanks

The family of Helen (Lynn) Moore would like to thank everyone for their kind words, healing prayers, cards and monetary gifts. Thank you to the staff at Accolade Health Care where she made her home for the last few years, the ER staff and ICU staff at OSF St. James, Life Flight and the Doctors and nurses of OSF St. Francis. All were so wonderful to mom and us. Thank you to Hager Memorial Home for making our difficult days a little easier. Thank you to Deb and Penny for doing so much more than we expected. Words cannot express our thanks for all everyone has done since mom’s passing.

Karen Moore, Lisa Oswald and family, Barbara Moore, Leslie Jenkel and family.

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Record-Setting Cold Kicks Off 2018 With -21 Actual Temperature



EXTREME cold weather struck the area on New Year’s, causing people to hold off on shoveling snow until it got “warmer.” Shale Bieber shovels the sidewalks at 112 West Waupansie in Dwight Jan. 2 when the actual temperature was 2 degrees. It hit bone-chilling minus 20 overnight.

The Paper photo

(continued from page 1) in the 30s, by mid-January. It wasn’t just the actual temperatures, even though they approached double dig- its below zero, that caused all the issues related to the cold. It was also the wind chill factors, which were a dangerous 40 degrees below zero or colder at times last week. Dwight schools were scheduled to return to opera- tion after the winter break on Thursday, Jan. 4, but called school off for two more days due to the extreme cold. School was scheduled to resume Monday, Jan. 8, in

Dwight. For other area schools, it is the same story. Odell Grade school was in session Jan. 3, but called it on Jan. 4 due to extreme cold. St. Paul was in a similar situation. “It’s just so dangerous for the kids you have to err on the side of caution,” Peg Doran told The Paper, teacher and school bus driver at St. Paul School in Odell. A few inches of snow fell in the area over the New Year’s weekend, and again last week, but crews worked hard to clear roads as soon as possible.

Some people waited until after the bone-chilling weather to shovel their driveways and some even held off on walking their dogs, reporting to The Paper that their dogs refused to go outside in this arctic chill. Some even held off on New Year’s festivities due to the extreme cold. A few brave canines and their owners were observed outside by Jan. 3. Dwight Village Adminis- trator Kevin McNamara told The Paper that there were no weather-related issues and his crews have been out as usual, keeping the village humming in the cold.

Dwight Street Parking Restrictions In Effect To Feb. 28

The Village of Dwight does not allow parking on village streets from 2 to 6 a.m. from December through Feb. 28. This parking ban is put in

place to allow snow plows to clear the streets. In addition, all-year round, there is no parking allowed in the downtown areas between 2 and 6 a.m.

The downtown area is defined as Prairie Avenue, East and West Main streets, and Franklin Street between Chippewa and Route 17 (Mazon Avenue).

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Wrestling Trojans Take 5th in 17-Team Bomber Classic

The Dwight Trojan Wrestling team attended the Bomber Classic Saturday December 30, hosted by Argenta-Oreana High School. Multiple Trojan wrestlers placed in the tournament, which consisted of state-ranked wrestlers and a lot of solid competition. All of the wrestlers helped contribute to the team finishing in 5th place in points with 112 points, 5 points shy of 4th place.

Josh Chaparro came up just short in his place match taking home 8th place bringing in a handful of team points for placing in the 120 pound bracket. In the 126 pound weight class Kyle Spalliero overcame an early defeat and wrestled his way through the consolation bracket to earn a 5th place finish for the Trojans. Dakota Voigts wrestled hard in the 170 pound weight class coming up on the wrong end in his place match finishing in 8th place, while Logan Graham wrestled his way around the 195 pound bracket, reversing and pinning his opponent in the final seconds to take 7th place. Trojan heavyweight wrestler, Logan Hatfield,

finished in 6th place losing a hard-fought match to a Rochester wrestler.

Cade Enerson wrestled his way through a tough 152 pound bracket going 2-1 on the day to bring home a 2nd place finish. Enerson wrestled through an injury in the semifinals to pin a state-ranked Illini West wrestler and earned himself a place in the championship match. There Enerson executed a move to put the state-ranked Riverton wrestler to his back but ran out of time at the end of the second period. Time also wasn't on Enerson's side in the third period as he battled to within 2 points, but unfortunately still lost the match in a 9-7 decision.

The 138 pound bracket consisted of some exciting matches, most by our very own Daniel Gutierrez. In the semifinal match Gutierrez out-wrestled a tough state-ranked Rochester wrestler winning the match with a 5-1 decision to punch his ticket into the finals. During the championship match Gutierrez overcame an early deficit to outdo a tough Camp Point wrestler to win the match with a 16-10 decision, taking home a first

place finish.

Cameron Klingler also had some tough matches on the day defeating a state-ranked Rochester wrestler by a 7-3 decision to make it into the finals match. Klingler also defeated the Rochester wrestler the previous day (Friday) by the same score. During the Championship match Klingler also had to battle back from being down early and eventually pinned a Decatur Macarthur wrestler cementing his first place finish on the day and winning his 20th victory on the season.

The Trojans arrived in Argenta on Friday night to wrestle two duals before attending the tournament on Saturday. The Trojans defeated Sparta High School 52-6 before dropping a close decision to a tough 2A Rochester team. Jason Tarnowski, Daniel Gutierrez, Cade Emerson, and Cameron Klingler all went 2-0 for the Trojans. Lucas Downen and Jordan Emmons earned key victories also for the Trojans both going 1-0. The Trojan Wrestling team currently sits at 6-3 in dual matches and

will be back on the mats January 10 at home against Herscher and Grant Park.



DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 12
Dwight vs. Seneca
JV -

The JV Trojans bested Seneca, 39-34, in basketball action last month.

Brandon Ceylor led with nine points, four steals, and three assists, with Bryson Connor tallying eight points, four boards, two steals, and two blocks. Tyler Masching put up seven points, while Lane Thompson had six points and six rebounds. Caden Schroeder and Isaac Telford had four and three points, respectively. Andrew Harsh had two points.

Friday, December 15
Dwight vs. GSW
JV -

On December 15, the Trojans defeated GSW, 45-31.

Tyler Masching was on fire with 19 points, seven rebounds, and two assists. Carson Crouch contributed nine points, five steals, four boards, and three assists, followed by Lane Thompson's seven points, 12 rebounds, and three steals. Brandon Ceylor had seven points and five steals, while Bryson Connor tallied two points,

three boards, and three steals. Andrew Harsh hit a free throw.

Dwight vs. Reed-Custer
JV -

Dwight was beaten by Reed-Custer, 56-50.

Tyler Masching led the Trojans with 19 points, eight rebounds, four steals, and four assists. Brandon Ceylor added 15 points, four assists, three steals, and three boards. Lane Thompson had 12 points, seven rebounds, and three steals, with Carson Crouch (two rebounds, two steals) and Bryson Connor (four rebounds) scoring two points each.

Friday, January 5
Dwight vs. Clifton Central Varsity -

The Trojans took a 54-37 "L" from Clifton Central January 5 in Dwight.

Dakota Wahl hit four threes and was 5-11 from the charity stripe – totaling 17 points in the contest. Colton Holm had ten points, including two three-pointers, followed by four from both Cole Hahn and Morgan Fritz. Lane Thompson added a basket.

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HERSCHER TIGERS WRESTLING

Saturday, January 6
Herschel at Prairie
Central Hawk Classic

The Herscher Tigers' wrestling squad boasted three individual second place finishes, and one sixth place finish, in the Prairie Central Hawk Classic on

Saturday.

At 106 pounds, Joe Buckley fell to El Paso/Gridley wrestler, Monte Gregory, by a 20-7 decision.

Nick Rink fell 11-8 to Romeoville's Kaleb Zeffield

in the 113 pound division.

At 126 pounds, Vince Rink fell to Ezra Elliott in a time of 1:45.

Cole Turner, 285 pound division, lost to Tommy Przybylski of Romeoville, 3-1.

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Saturday, January 6
GSWB vs. MVK
8th Grade -
IVC Tournament

After a long layoff, the Tigers were back in action against MVK January 6, swooping up a 42-31 victory in IVC Tourney play in Dwight.

GSWB got out to an early 7-0 lead out of the gate – however, the MAVS would score seven unanswered points to make it interesting heading into the second quarter.

The Tigers opened it up in the second, carrying a 23-18 lead into halftime. From there, they wouldn’t look back, as they held a steady lead the rest of the game.

Blake Huston led all scorers with 20 points, followed by Easton Ashley with nine. Cale Halpin also knocked down a couple treys – tallying seven points in total.

GSWB is 7-9 overall and advanced to play Elwood in the semis on Tuesday.

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ST. MICHAEL'S/RANSOM DEFEATED WOODLAND, 37-16, to win the Vermillion South Conference Tournament in Odell on Saturday. Pictured, front row, from left, are Toby Wheeler, David Bergeson, Cooper Spears, Austin Taylor; back row, Coach BJ Thompson; Nick Yanek, Wyatt Thompson, Coach Josh Spears, and Coach Ray Yanek. Not pictured are Zach Schultz, Landon Muntz, and Denver Trainor.

St. Michael's/Ransom Wins Vermillion South Conference Tournament

Saturday, January 6
St. Michael's/Ransom vs. Flanagan
7th Grade -
Vermillion South Conference Tournament

The Defenders (17-0) continued their incredible run by defeating Flanagan in semi-final play of the Vermillion South Conference Tournament in Odell over the weekend, 30-20.

Nick Yanek and Wyatt Thompson led with 12 points each, while Cooper Spears and Austin Taylor each scored three.

St. Michael's/Ransom vs. Woodland
7th Grade -
Vermillion South Conference Tournament

In the championship game, St. Michael's/Ransom took out Woodland for the top spot, 37-16.

Wyatt Thompson scored more than Woodland's entire squad, with 17, followed by Nick Yanek with 14. David Bergeson and Austin Taylor had four and two points, respectively.

GSW Falls to Tri-Point

Friday, January 5
Tri-Point vs. GSW
Varsity -

The Chargers were at home against GSW January 5, with the Panthers looking good early – keeping it closely contested and heading into the half with a 24-23 lead.

Tri-Point would come out strong in the second half, however, and would recapture the lead – eventually going into the final frame with a 39-35 advantage.

In the fourth quarter, it was all Chargers, as they drilled three trifectas and held GSW to just ten points – en route to a 53-45 win.

Jacob Carrera led T-P with 22 points, including six three-pointers (two in the fourth quarter). Mark Miller hit four threes, on his way to an 18-point night. Randal Ifft and Nick Mahoney each added six points, while Brian Curling made a free throw.

For the Panthers, Nathan Wozniak led with 24 points, including three treys. Nate Wise contributed seven points, followed by four from Michael Ashley, Jr. Steven Price and Connor Steichen each hit a three, with Jaylor Sims and Joey Morales each putting in a bucket.

The JV Chargers won over GSW, 42-33.

Gas Rises 4.0 Cents

Gasoline prices across the nation surged another 4.0 cents after rising 4.4 cents after the Christmas holiday and increasing 2.2 cents the prior week. Gas prices averaged \$2.491 as of Monday, Jan. 8.

"The nation's yearly gasoline bill will rise to \$364.6 billion dollars, some \$25 billion higher than what motorists spent last year as the average household sees their yearly gasoline bill rise to \$1,898, up from \$1,765 in 2017," said GasBuddy.

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Average U.S. gallon regular price is made up of 18% state & local taxes; 12% distribution and marketing; 17% refining and 53% crude as of November 2017.

City/Village	Jan. 8	Dec. 29
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Thursday, January 4
Dwight vs. Momence
JV -

The JV Lady Trojans beat Momence January 4, 44-10, to improve to 7-3 on the season.

Kayla Kodat's 18 led the team, while Emily Weissmann and Rylee Farris added eight and seven points, respectively. Nora Anderson had six points, followed by Eden Beier's three. Destine Drapeau chipped in two points.

Varsity -

Despite an ugly first quarter that saw the Lady Trojans put up just five points – Dwight was able to come back to defeat Momence, 51-35, on January 4.

Mel Stewart led the way with 18 points, including two threes. Kayla Kodat added 11, with three three-pointers, followed by Brooklyn Long who had ten points, including two treys. Lucy Rieke added seven points and ten boards, with Leah Flynn contributing five points and ten rebounds.

With the SVC win, the Lady Trojans are now 2-2 in the conference and 8-6 overall.

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THE DWIGHT HIGH SCHOOL TROJAN COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM placed second at the 2018 Buffalo Grove High School New Year's Cheerleading Invitational on January 7. The girls will take the mat again January 14 at the Oak Forest Bengal Invitational. Pictured, front row, from left, are Isabel Morales, Abby Rodosky, Meghan Scott, Lauryn Hoegger, Reece Mortensen; back row, Emma Legner, Dakotah Harris, Josie Snyder, Mary Hilt, Addi Bean, and Dakota Irvine.



DWIGHT'S JUNIOR HIGH COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM took fourth place at the 2018 Buffalo Grove High School New Year's Cheerleading Invitational January 7. They will once again be in action next Sunday, January 14, at the Oak Forest Bengal Invite. Team members, pictured, front row, from left, include Kaitlyn Thetard, Ava Kargle, Kassy Kodat; back row, Lora Weir, Ella Sandeno, Ella Kargle, Aubree Dzwonkoski, and Darien Guyer.



Paper Bowl XVII - Week 17

It would only be appropriate that our final regular season contest of Paper Bowl XVII be one of our closest ever. In week 17, we had 12 entries all with 10 correct picks. The total point tie-breaker guess was critical once again and our winner was determined to be Randy Thomas of Dwight. Randy had a total point guess of 555, only 14 away from the total of 541. Congratulations, RT. Thanks to everyone for playing Paper Bowl this year and good luck in the playoffs all the way to the Big Game.

Sponsor Results - Week 17

DQ (9-5) over Planning Associates (8-6)
First National Bank (6-8)
over Country Mansion (default)
DeLong Ford (default) over Victory Lanes (default)
LPL Steve Tock (7-7)
over Dwight Country Club (default)
Bank of Pontiac (8-6) over Jensen's BP (default)
Danko's State Farm (default)
over Old World Liquor (default)
SOCU (8-6) over Berkot's (default)

Standings after Week 17

North		South	
Planning Associates	13-4	Bank of Pontiac	17-0
DQ	10-7	Danko State Farm	14-3
Jensens	5-12	LPL	14-3
OWL	4-13	FNB	11-6
Country Mansion	3-14	SOCU	10-7
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Berkot's	2-15	Delong Ford	5-12

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WEEK 18 P2

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B. Pittsburgh

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A. Atlanta at
B. Philadelphia

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A. New Orleans at
B. Minnesota

5. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?
A. Detroit Pistons at
B. Chicago Bulls

6. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?
A. Golden State Warriors at
B. Toronto Raptors

7. Who will win in NCAA BASKETBALL?
A. TCU at B. Oklahoma

8. Who will win in NCAA BASKETBALL?
A. Michigan at
B. Michigan State

9. Who will win in HOCKEY?
A. Arizona at
B. San Jose

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A. Edmonton at B. Vegas

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Thurs., Jan. 11: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, Texas toast, chunky applesauce.

Fri., Jan. 12: Ham or cheese salad, hearty vegetable soup, diced pears & fresh grapes, bread and crackers, pumpkin bar.

Mon., Jan. 15: Saucy stuffed peppers, corn, lima beans, whole grain wheat (1), frudel bar.

Tues., Jan. 16: Baked ham, mixed vegetables, frosted sweet potatoes, rye bread (2), overnight fruit salad.

Wed., Jan. 17: Turkey pot roast w/carrots and celery, macaroni and cheese, Italian green beans, melon chunks, whole grain wheat (1), cookie.

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Pastor: Michael Ebersohl

- JAN. 10: UMW meeting, 8:30 a.m.; Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L. & Ignite, 7 p.m.
- JAN. 11: Daisy Scouts, 4 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsal, 6 p.m.
- JAN. 12: MWDC, 7:30 a.m.
- JAN. 13: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.
- JAN. 14: Early Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Praise Team rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
584-1023 parsonage

- JAN. 10: Pastor Nicholson here;
- 3 - 4 p.m., Open gym;
- 4 - 5:30 p.m., Midweek Bible Time.
- JAN. 14: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
- JAN. 15: 7 p.m., Dartball at Dwight Congregational.
- JAN. 17: Pastor Nicholson here;
- 3 - 4 p.m., Open gym;
- 4 - 5:30 p.m., Mid-Week Bible Time.

First Baptist Church
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- JAN. 10: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.
- JAN. 14: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
- JAN. 17: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor

- JAN. 10: Women's Guild Meeting, 7 p.m.
- JAN. 14: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "The Call of Samuel."
- JAN. 17: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
- JAN. 21: Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Annual meeting/potluck dinner.
- "January Mission of the Month" Outdoor Ministries/ Pilgrim Hill Camp

New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
815-584-3430

- JAN. 10 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.

- JAN. 11: 9 a.m., Second Wind 50+ Ministry at McDonald's; 7 p.m., Worship practice.
- JAN. 13: 6 p.m., Night of Worship.
- JAN. 14: 9 a.m., "Bible Study;" 10 a.m., Main Service; Kid's Church, ages 3 - 11; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
- JAN. 15: 7 p.m., dart-ball at Herscher Lutheran Church.
- JAN. 16: 7 p.m., Stampin' Up Group.
- JAN. 17: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.
- JAN. 18: 5:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study; 7 p.m., Worship practice.

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

- JAN. 13: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
- JAN. 14: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St.
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- JAN. 10: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church Office hours; 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage Health; 4:30 p.m., Youth Group; 5:15 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal.
- JAN. 12: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 8 p.m., AA meeting.
- JAN. 14: Second Sunday after Epiphany - 9:15 a.m., Fellowship time; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development/rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m., Council Minutes meeting; 2 p.m., Worship at Heritage Health.
- JAN. 15 - Martin Luther King Day - Church office closed; 7 p.m., Men's Club: Essex at St. Peter's.
- JAN. 16: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries.
- JAN. 17: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 p.m., Youth Group; 5:15 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal.
- JAN. 18: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at Dwight Country Club.

CAMPUS
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

- JAN. 14: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON
Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
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- JAN. 14: Annual meeting, 8:45 a.m.
- JAN. 21: Council meeting, 8:00 a.m.
- "January Food Pantry Collection" - Cereal.

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OBITUARIES

Gary L. Corneglio

GARDNER – Gary L. Corneglio, 78, of Gardner passed away peacefully at home Monday, January 1, 2018.

He was born November 20, 1939, son of Alexander and Eileen Drew Corneglio in South Wilmington. He graduated from Gardner - South Wilmington High School in 1957. He worked as a cement mason for Local Union 161 until it merged with Local Union 11, from the time he graduated from high school until his retirement in December, 1998.

Gary was a 32nd Degree Master Mason and member of Church of Hope in Gardner. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and true sportsman. He loved tending to his garden and visiting with his friends in his “office,” also known as his shed.

Gary fought a long, courageous battle with multiple types of cancer the last 12 years. He showed us how to have strength and courage, and blessed many with his love and friendship.

Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Marilyn Clover Corneglio; four daughters: Renee (Mark) Monnett of Mokena, Sherri (Ricky) Chaffin of Braidwood, Toni (Scott) Johnson of Gardner and Teri (Tim) Lambert of Plainfield.



Six grandchildren: Brendan and Alyssa Monnett, Drew and Ty Johnson, and Jacey and Luke Lambert; brother-in-law, Fay Clover; sister-in-law, Kay Clover; two nephews, Bill (Gina) Clover and Carl (Carol) Clover; and niece, Kelly (Dan) Steichen, also survive.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ronald Corneglio.

A special thanks to all of Gary’s friends who stopped by to visit with him and share stories.

Cremation rites were accorded, and per Gary’s wishes there will be no visitation.

A private family inurnment will be held in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Gary’s memory to: Church of Hope, 202 N. Monroe St., Gardner, IL 60424; or Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, or share Gary’s memorial page by logging on to: www.ReevesFuneral.com

Cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd., Gardner.

Margeurite M. Kross

CULLOM – Margeurite M. “Marge” Kross, 85, of Cullom passed away at 8:45 a.m., Sunday, December 31, 2017 at her home.

Marge was born December 22, 1932 in Harvey, a daughter of Carl and Minnie M. Schaafsma Krause, Sr. She married Damon J. Kross June 14, 1958 in Dolton. He preceded her in death on February 9, 2012.

Survivors include four children: Kirsten (Ronnie) Wallace of Lincoln, California; Martha Kross-Vinson and Allen (Heather) Kross, both of Cullom; and Christopher Kross of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Twelve grandchildren: Ryan (Brittany) Wallace, Stephanie Wallace, Jonathan (Jessica) Wallace, Jesse Wallace, Abigail (Benjamin) Allman, Molly Kross-Vinson, Juliette Kross, Jeremiah Kross, Brittany Kross, Whitney Kross, Dakota Kross and Mackenzie Kross also survive.

Seven great-grandchildren: Weston Wallace, Brooklyn Wallace, Hunter Wallace, Regan Wallace, Isaac Wallace, Brinley Nora Kross and Maliya Kross Harrison; one sister, Clara Wagenaar of Cape Coral, Florida; and one brother, Carl Krause Jr. of Piper City also survive.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one

brother, Bruce Krause.

Marge had served as the mayor of Cullom for 12 years. She was a member of Cullom United Methodist Church; Methodist Women’s Club; Skinner-Trost American Legion Auxiliary; and Cullom Senior Citizens.

She was an avid supporter of the Cullom Beckman Memorial Library. She ensconced the small-town patriotic lifestyle in all that she did.

Before moving to Cullom, she was an educator/administrator and dean for Calumet City School District 149. She was a member of the Illinois Education Association and the National Education Association. She received her bachelor’s degree from Northern Illinois University and a master’s degree from Governors State University. After graduation, she had the opportunity to travel in Europe for three months and developed a love for traveling the world.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 6, in the Cullom United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Evan Sherar officiating.

Memorials may be made to Cullom Fire and EMS.

Please sign her online guestbook at: calvertmemorial.com

Judith Wyffels Ahearn



GARDNER – Judith Katherine Wyffels Ahearn, 73, of Gardner, Illinois and Estero, Florida passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in Bonita Springs, Florida. She had been a seasonal resident of Estero since 2000.

Judith was born in Henry County, Illinois January 26, 1944, the daughter of William and Alma Franque Wyffels.

She was educated in St. Mary’s Academy, Nauvoo, and went on to receive a BA in voice and music education from the University of Illinois, and later an MA in reading from Olivet Nazarene.

She taught music, kindergarten, and elementary school at Mazon-Verona-Kinsman High School, Goodfarm School, and Dwight Grade School.

After retiring, Mrs. Ahearn pursued her hobbies of cooking and gardening. She attended the Culinary Institute of America in Chicago; enjoyed entertaining and used her cooking skills and wine knowledge to host family and friends on many occasions. She was a noted pie maker.

As a lifelong learner, she took University of Illinois Extension courses to become a Master Gardener.

Mrs. Ahearn was an avid reader and traveler. She visited all seven continents. Her two most notable trips were a safari to Africa and a small ship adventure on her own to Antarctica.

In her free time, Mrs. Ahearn volunteered teaching English as a second language in Bonita Springs, and worked to distribute food

through the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, We Care of Grundy County, and the Food Pantry at St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

The importance of family was evident in her life, as Mrs. Ahearn traveled weekly to see her mother, Alma. She was also sure to send cards and notes to her large extended family for birthdays and special occasions.

Mrs. Ahearn was preceded in death by her parents, William and Alma Wyffels; her sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Mike Kuhne; and an infant sister, Julie Wyffels.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Lawrence V. “Larry” Ahearn; her beloved daughters, Jennifer Ahearn of Westchester and Christine Ahearn (fiance Don Trinco) of Chicago; and her sisters and brothers: Joan (Jim) Van Lauwe of St. Charles, Missouri; Janice (George) Ralph of Loveland, Colorado; William (Jane) Wyffels and Robert (Vicky) Wyffels, both of Geneseo.

Services will be held in Illinois in April, and further arrangements will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to We Care of Grundy County, www.wecareofgrundycount.y.com; Heifer International, www.heifer.org; or St. Lawrence Catholic Church Food Pantry, 165 E. Rice St., South Wilmington, IL 60474.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home.

Birgit E. McCulley

CULLOM – Birgit E. McCulley, 73, of Cullom passed away at 11:02 a.m., Saturday, December 30, 2017 at OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Birgit was born February 14, 1944 in Burgstaedt, Germany, a daughter of Leohard and Alice Steinbach Ueberberg. She married Walter McCulley September 13, 1963. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters: Ingrid (Scott) Gilvin of Bourbonnais; and Karen (Joe) Bradford of Normal; one grandson, Cory Farris; three step-grandchildren; one brother, Gerd (Monika) Ueberberg of Hamm, Germany.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Rainer; and her sister, Petra.

Birgit was a member of

St. John’s Lutheran Church; the Livingston County Home Extension; National Rifle Association; and Illinois State Rifle Association.

She was a former member of Skinner-Trost American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading and playing crossword puzzles.

Birgit loved gardening and was most proud of becoming a citizen of the United States on December 6, 1979 in Danville.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Five Mile Cemetery, rural Saunemin.

Memorials in her name may be left to St. John’s Lutheran Church, Cullom.

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

Marilynn Sancken

PONTIAC – Marilynn Sancken, 86, of Pontiac died Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 10:30 p.m., at Tjardes Health Care Center at

Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac.

Calvin & Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac, is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret F. Dunkin

GODLEY – Margaret F. Dunkin, 75, of Godley and formerly of Wilmington passed away Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.



Dunkin of Godley; Sam (Michelle) Broussard and Jody Barr of Hammond, Indiana; and three daughters: Jennifer Barr of Braidwood; LeAnn Dunkin of Godley; and Tammy Dunkin of Symerton.

A Celebration of Life will be at the Grace Lutheran Church in Wilmington Saturday, January 13, at 3 p.m.

A luncheon will be served following the service. Inurnment will be private in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Margaret was born June 6, 1942 in Tupelo, Mississippi, daughter of William Sanderson and Mary Weaver. She was a Home Health Care Nurse.

She loved nursing and spending time with her family, and was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Wilmington.

Surviving are five sons: William Dunkin of Godley; Greg (Flor) Dunkin of Manhattan; Todd (Trina)

g. National Honor Society members are also selling tickets. Ticket sales at the door will be \$8. In addition to the spaghetti supper that night, the high school boys’ basketball game will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the JV team and 7:00 p.m. for the varsity team. The pre-school through first grade cheer camp participants will also be performing during this time.

Pre-ticket sales will also take place Thursday Jan. 11 at the girls home basketball game.

Tri-Point National Honor Society Spaghetti Supper February 2

The Tri-Point National Honor Society will be hosting a spaghetti supper on Friday, February 2 at the high school in Cullom. Serving times are from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and carry-outs are available.

The menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, and a drink.

Discounted meal tickets can be purchased prior to the supper for \$6 (children 4 and under free) by contacting Alison Buckley at 815-689-2110 ext. 302 or buckleya@tripointschools.org

Senior Outreach

The following Community Care systems outreach session is scheduled in Livingston County this month:

Cullom Outreach
Community Care Systems, Inc. will be available to assist senior citizens and

people under 60 with disabilities in signing up for federal, state, and local programs on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Cullom Village Office, 119 N. Oak St. No appointments are necessary. Call (815) 844-2272.

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Applicants for both scholarships must be a member or a dependent of a member in good standing with Livingston County Farm Bureau.

Applicants for both scholarships must be a resident or a dependent of a resident of Livingston County or a graduate of a high school in Livingston County and a United States citizen.

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Barton VODKA
\$9⁹⁹
1.75 liter

Platinum 7X or UV
Vodka 1.75 liter **\$14⁹⁹**

Pearl
Vodka 1.75 liter **\$12⁹⁹**

Black Robert's
Rum 1.75 liter **\$11⁹⁹**

Jose Cuervo
Tequila 750 ml. **\$12⁹⁹**
(Silver or Gold)

Fireball
Whisky 750 ml. **\$13⁹⁹**

Seagram's
V.O. 1.75 liter **\$19⁹⁹**

CROWN ROYAL
\$21⁹⁵
750 ml.



Canadian LTD **\$11⁹⁹**
1.75 liter

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Old Style, Coors, MGD, Miller 64, Budweiser or LITE
\$13⁹⁹
24-pack cans



MGD, Miller 64, Lite or Budweiser 24-pack bottles **\$16⁹⁹**

Icehouse or High Life 30-pack cans **\$11⁹⁹**

Michelob Ultra 18-pack bottles **\$15⁹⁹**

Blue Moon or Heineken 12-pack bottles **\$12⁹⁹**

WINES

Chateau Ste. Michelle RIESLING
\$6⁹⁹
750 ml.



14 Hands Merlot, Cabernet, Stampede or Run Wild Red 750 ml. **\$8⁹⁹**

Dark Horse Wines 750 ml. **\$6⁹⁹**

Gato Negro or Woodbridge Wines 750 ml. **\$3⁹⁹**

Bota Box Wines 3 liter box **\$14⁹⁹**

Bogle Essential Red 750 ml. **\$7⁹⁹**

Truly Variety Pack Spiked Sparkling 12-pack cans **\$12⁹⁹**

Beringer WINES
\$3⁹⁹
750 ml.



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