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Cullom Experiencing High Water Usage, May Be Leaks

The Village of Cullom is still trying to determine if they have leaks in the water system.

In a notice issued online, the village said it is experiencing "extremely high water usage the past few weeks."

"It is suspected we have multiple water leaks that are placing unnecessary wear and tear on pipes, wasting water treatment plant chemicals and using higher amounts of electricity," the notice said.

The village is asking residents to check their home or business basement and crawl spaces for leaks and unusual water spots in yards.

"It is important that you contact the village as soon as you see any leak no matter how small you think it might be," the village continued.

Also, if water pressure seems to be low, residents and business owners are asked to contact the village.

In addition, vacant buildings should be checked.

"We have found a couple, but it has not solved the issue," Mayor Barbara Hahn told *The Paper* last week.

The village may be contacted by calling (815) 689-2133 or emailing: villageofcullom@gmail.com

Dwight Holding Fund-raiser For Sarah Windham's Cancer Battle

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A group of people in Dwight are holding a benefit to raise money for Sarah Windham, who is battling cancer.

The benefit, called "A Little Help from My Friends" is to be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Station 343 in downtown Dwight, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased at Dwight Township High School, Dwight Grade School, Jeremy's Barber-shop, the Dwight Economic Alliance office and Station 343.

Tickets include entrance to the event, appetizers donated by Station 343, and entertainment from such local musical talent as "The Clients," Mike McConnell, Mitch Edwards, Chad Horrie, Mike Jezek and Lindsey Jensen.

Jensen, who is coordinating the event, was a teacher

alongside Windham when Windham was choir director at Dwight High School until last school year. Jensen still teaches at the school, but Sarah has since taken a position with the philanthropic organization "Hearts for Africa."

"Sarah is incredibly selfless," Jensen told *The Paper*.

"She is incredibly kind and compassionate. She has done so much to contribute to the community of Dwight, both as a teacher and a musician. I want to do everything that we possibly can to help alleviate some of the financial stress that comes along with fighting cancer. This is our chance to rally around her and her beautiful family, and she deserves every bit of it."

The event will include several raffles and a cash bar.

Anyone interested in donating items for the raffle may do so by contacting Jensen at DTHS.



SARAH WINDHAM, former chorus teacher at Dwight Township High School, is battling cancer, and the community is holding a benefit for her family. The benefit will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Station 343, 140 E. Main Street, Dwight, Feb. 10. The benefit will help offset costs for the family. The family includes (from left) Whit, Sarah, Everly and Luke.

Submitted photo

**Dwight Officer Wayne Haley
Recognized by DTHS Sports
for 30 Years of Service**

**Dwight Athletic Hall of Fame
Friday Night in Kresl Gymnasium**

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Saunemin Making Plans For Future, Making Progress



SAUNEMIN MAYOR Bob Bradford reviews plans developed by the Farnsworth Group of Peoria to upgrade the village Park.

The Paper photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Note: Last week's paper contained a feature about the Dwight Economic Alliance and its campaign for future economic growth. This week continues the series, focusing on the community of Saunemin.

Recreational activities in

Saunemin may be on the uptick if the village's plan goes through.

That and many other changes are coming in Saunemin's future, according to Mayor Bob Bradford.

"Just at the last meeting, the board accepted a plan developed by the Farnsworth Group," Bradford said of a plan for improving the park.

"It's not going to happen tomorrow," he continued. "We've got to get the dollars."

Plans include a multi-sports court for basketball, soccer and other games, a playground, parking areas, etc.

The board will be preparing next year's fiscal budget in the spring, and may allocate some funds for the park, he said.

The board has already begun improvements with an \$18,000 project to "de-bird" the park pavillion.

He said when the new pavillion was originally constructed, they did not proof it from bird droppings.

The work was performed by Jim Gaston.

In the last year, two vacant lots have been created by tearing down abandoned homes, and one has since been sold and is now back on the tax rolls with a new structure placed on the lot.

He said there are three houses left in town that have to be either torn down or

they are in the process of finding the owner.

The village has also replaced two blocks of sewer drainage tiles this past year, at a cost of \$40,000 each.

Partnering with the Saunemin Grade School, the village and school have opened a fitness center behind the school gym with exercise and fitness equipment open to any resident of the school district at a discounted fee, and the general public at a larger fee, Bradford explained.

The community raised \$4,300 for 15 charities in town.

This past year, the community held its annual hometown Christmas celebration and halloween party, both coordinated by volunteer Deb Rich.

The Business Connection group installed six traveling art pieces on the tennis court fence detailing points of interest or businesses in Strawn, Fairbury, Chenoa and Saunemin.

Business Connection also

inspired Saunemin Grade School to put up 18 bluebird houses in town.

The Saunemin United Methodist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Jane Bradford, is erecting a new church to replace the aging structure that is not handicap accessible and has other aging issues.

Bradford said like volunteers in the community, the

trustees and other elected officials behind the scenes help make things happen in Saunemin. Trustees include Randy Mauser, Mike Snyder, David Todino, Al Arnolts, Steve Schaffer and Theresa Crubaugh.

Nancy Haag is village clerk and Mary Billington is treasurer.

"I've got a great village board," Bradford added.



THE SAUNEMIN UNITED Methodist Church under the leadership of Pastor Jane Bradford will tear down the old church, above, after a new structure is erected east of the existing building on the corner of North and Lafayette streets in Saunemin.

The Paper photo

Dwight Village Board Actions for January 8 Heinrich Family Expresses Gratitude



DAVID AND CAROL WINTERS addressed the Dwight Village Board and thanked individuals and department responders who helped pull her brother, Dwight resident, Don Heinrich, from a garage fire that took his life.

The Paper photo

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Heartfelt appreciation by a family that experienced a tragic loss this past November was shared with the Dwight Village Board of Trustees when it met on Monday, January 8.

Carol Winters addressed the board and gave thanks to the various individuals and department responders that pulled her brother and Dwight resident, Don Heinrich, from a garage fire on November 18. Sadly, Don Heinrich died as a result of the incident.

However, in an emotional

statement, Mrs. Winters gave thanks to those that risked their own lives in an effort to save her brother's.

"I think we have to say something out loud and it was something that no one wanted to tell me," said Mrs. Winters in an emotion filled statement. "If it wasn't for those people and the departments they represent, Don would have burned alive. I think we have to say that, because, if we don't, it diminishes what you [the responders] did that night. I can handle that [Don] died, I wouldn't have been able to handle that he died that

way."

"So tonight I would just like to recognize these people and say thank you," continued Carol. "A plaque is not going to be enough, a VISA card is not going to be enough, recognition is not going to be enough. Just know that you are going to be in our hearts forever."

Individuals receiving recognition were neighbors Jeremy and Sarah DeLong, Andy Kelson, and Craig Krug; Paramedics Jake Lindberg and Andi McGraw; and Dwight Police Officer Mike Nolan. Monetary donations from

memorials received in Don's name were given to the Dwight Fire Protection District, the Dwight Police Department, and Dwight EMS.

"It's only right that the money came from the community and is going back to the community," said Mrs. Winters, who presented checks to the departments. "We hope that more people will think about that and make this the alternative that they take."

Dwight Village President Jared Anderson also expressed his appreciation.

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1/13 - Marvin & Jane Lemke, Dwight	\$25

**** 2018 Cash Calendars ON SALE ****
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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

January 5: Robert P. Hughes, 54, Dwight, driving during suspension.
January 10: Joseph Donohue, 83, Wilmington, fail to obey stop sign.

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

1 Written Warning Issued by Dwight Police

Accident Reports

Tuesday, January 9, 12:56 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2013 FREI, driven by Derick Hines of Glendale, AZ, who struck a parked 2015 FRTL, owned by Dart Transit of Edgan, MN.
Thursday, January 11, 4:20 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported, at Park St. at Chippewa St., when a 2006 Honda, owned by David Bartosik of Dwight, was struck by an unknown unit.

Police Blotter

The following are reports from the Dwight police incident book this week:

DEA Fund-A-Need To Be Police K-9 Unit Dog

The Dwight Economic Alliance 2018 Fund-A-Need will be for the Dwight Police K-9 Unit.
The fund-raising will take place at the annual DEA auction to be held Feb. 24 at Station 343 in Dwight.
Raising funds for the next Police K-9 program is vital to sustain efforts in minimizing the negative impact of drugs on the community.
The drug dog is used in tracking down evidence,

Dec. 29: **Private Property Accident** - Dwight police were dispatched to the 100 block of East Main at 2:05 p.m. in reference to a property damage accident. Upon arrival police were told an unknown GMC SUV had hit an air-conditioning unit. Upon investigation by Dwight Police, the case was solved and is being handled between both property owners.
Jan. 7: **Theft** - Dwight Police were called to the 300 block of West Waupansie Street at 6:23 p.m. in reference to a theft. The complainant, age 17 of Dwight, stated she had lost her wallet. On Jan. 10, Dwight Police received a call from the complainant who stated the wallet was found.
Jan. 10: **Private Property Accident** - At 2:38 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to LSC Communications in reference to a property damage accident. Upon arrival, Dwight Police were advised that Noah Ford, 17, of Dwight, was backing his 2001 Jeep Wrangler out of a parking spot when it collided with a 2013 Ford F-150 driven by Craig Thomas, 58,

of Odell. There was no damage to Ford's vehicle. Thomas' vehicle sustained more than \$500 damage.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 5: 8:53 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 10:56 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 2:47 p.m., Mazon Ave., lifeline, no pt.; 9:56 p.m., 2900 N., assist, no transport; 11:23 p.m., Chippewa, medical, St. James.
January 6: 1:16 a.m., Waupansie, trauma, Morris; 4:43 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; 9:22 p.m., Scott, assist, no transport.
January 7: 2:37 a.m., Mazon, medical, Riverside; 3:05 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 9:48 a.m., Columbia, medical, Morris;

12:54 p.m., Jewitt, COQ, mutual aid to Coal City; 5:22 p.m., Watters, fire, alarm.
January 8: 8:49 a.m., Flood, medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Campus; 12:39 p.m., Julie, trauma, St. James; 4:26 p.m., Chicago, medical, no transport.
January 9: 5:38 a.m., Mazon, medical, refusal; 7:22 a.m., Scully Rd., medical, no transport; 11:22 a.m., Main St., medical, St. Mary's - Kankakee; 10:53 p.m., Locust St., medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Campus.
January 10: 7:33 a.m., Washington St., medical, Morris; 8:54 a.m., Franklin, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Dwight Fire; 9:40 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Dwight Fire; 10:04 a.m., Scott, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Dwight Fire; 3:17 p.m., Mazon, medical/trauma, Morris.
January 11: 11:15 a.m., Spencer, medical, Morris.



BILL RODOSKY, owner of Rodosky Accounting on Franklin Street in Dwight, shovels the sidewalk in front of his place of business late morning, Monday, Jan. 15. Several inches of the white stuff dumped on the area.
The Paper photo

Holidays Take a Bite Out of Gambling

by Tom Tock
Video gaming in Dwight took a time out during the holidays, as only \$577,314 was invested in Dwight's terminals during December. The 55 machines usually attract more than \$600,000 monthly.
The last time Dwight was under \$600,000 in the Funds In category was July, 2017. November 2017 Funds Invested was \$608,587. Results for individual gaming establishments are:

DEC.	Funds In	Funds Out	Net	State	Dwight
Aly Anne's	\$38,737	26,824	11,912	2,978	595
Cherry Red's	15,399	13,878	1,520	380	76
JT's Saloon	20,307	15,542	4,764	1,191	238
Lila Mae's	60,123	43,296	16,826	4,206	841
Love's	137,046	97,618	39,427	9,856	1,971
Mac's	56,833	33,758	23,074	5,768	1,153
Pete's	46,818	35,191	11,626	2,906	581
RonDeVoo	59,423	44,231	15,191	3,797	759
VFW	31,727	23,571	8,155	2,038	407
Vic. Lanes	17,527	11,936	5,590	1,397	279
Virbapa	25,396	19,198	6,197	1,549	309
Willy's	67,978	55,303	12,674	3,168	633
TOTALS:	\$577,314	420,352	156,961	39,240	7,848

Statewide, Illinois added 411 video gaming terminals in December. There are now 28,271 in 6,359 establishments. The state's December share of video gaming was \$28,880,147, up \$5,876 from November.

Gardner's December VGTs

DEC.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Gardner
Marks (4)	24,302	17,463	6,838	1,709	341
TA Op. (5)	41,921	25,844	16,076	4,019	803
TOTALS	\$66,223	43,307	22,915	5,728	1,145

The State of Illinois and Villages receive a total of 30% of the Net Terminal income monthly (State 25%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 70%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location. Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBLER.

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When Do You Need a Financial Advisor?

If you could accomplish all your financial goals just by putting your paycheck into the bank every couple of weeks, you wouldn't need the services of a financial advisor. But life isn't that simple – and so, at some point, you may realize you need some professional assistance. But when?

Actually, you might benefit from the services of a financial advisor during many life events, including the following:

- *Starting your career* – When you're starting out in your career, you may encounter several questions related to your benefits package. Should you contribute to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan? If so, how much, and where should you invest your money? Are the life and disability insurance policies offered by your employer sufficient for your needs? A financial advisor can help you answer these and other questions you may have.
- *Getting married* – When you get married, you'll have to decide if, and how, you want to combine your finances. Also, you and your spouse may have different attitudes about investing and different tolerances for risk. A financial professional can help you find common ground.
- *Changing jobs* – When you switch jobs, what should you do with your old employer's retirement plan? And how should you invest in the plan offered by your new employer? As was the case when you first began your career, you may find that a financial professional can help you make the right choices.
- *Facing a layoff or buyout* – You may never go through a layoff, or take a buyout offer from an employer – but if either of these events happen, you will face some financial decisions. And during such a potentially stressful period, you may be tempted to make some financial moves that won't be beneficial. A financial advisor can suggest some strategies that may help you keep your investment situation relatively intact until you land your next job.
- *Saving for college* – If you have children whom you'd like to send to college someday, you'll probably want to start putting money away as early as possible. A financial professional can show you the various college-savings vehicles, and help you choose the ones that are most appropriate for your needs.
- *Getting divorced* – If you are fortunate, you won't ever experience a divorce, but, if it does happen, you'll want to get the professional assistance necessary to ensure fair outcomes for everyone. You'll obviously need to work with an attorney, but you may find that, in the area of investments, a financial advisor also can be useful.
- *Entering retirement* – As you near retirement, your key questions will switch – but not entirely – from putting money in to taking money out. How much can you withdraw each year from your 401(k) and IRA without running the risk of outliving your resources? When should you start taking Social Security? If you were to work a couple of years longer than you had originally intended, how would it affect your withdrawal strategies? Again, a financial advisor can help you with these issues.

As you can see, most important life events will carry some financial concerns. But you don't have to face these challenges alone – and by getting the help you need, when you need it, you can ease the transition from one stage of life to another.

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Gardner Village Board to Skip County Animal Control Fee

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village board will not be paying more than \$3,500 to the county for animal control. However, stray animals will still be picked up.

At its meeting Monday, Jan. 8, the board discussed and approved the withdrawal from the County Animal Control contract.

The contract would have cost \$3,687.92.

Finance Commissioner Dick Hileman stated animal control is required to respond, regardless of a contract being in place.

Commissioner Terry Jensen commented he does not believe the report from animal control is accurate, based on the figures shared by Mayor Serena.

Serena and Rob Wolf cast dissenting votes, but the measure passed to opt out of the contract.

Commissioner James Riley advised equipment will be purchased for two of the village parks at a cost of \$5,014.05.

Riley believes the equipment can be installed by the village employees.

The board also heard an update from Ida Schopp on the clock being pursued by the Festival of Trees. Schopp asked the village for an update regarding the board's position on the clock.

Mayor Serena advised Schopp the funds from previous Festival of Trees events had already been earmarked for park equipment. Schopp responded that she had not been made aware of the second year being earmarked.

In a matter related to safety, this reporter (Don Phillips) addressed the board, expressing concern regarding several neighboring municipalities seeking to silence train horns in their communities.

Phillips reminded the board of his desire to maintain horns in the village in the interest of safety.

Phillips also asked the board to consider drafting an ordinance requiring railroad trains to sound horns in the village in accordance with Federal regulations.

Mayor Serena commented he has only been approached by one person interested in silencing the horns and in speaking with residents had not sensed any interest in silencing the horns.

Commissioner Rob Wolf commented he spoke to his eighth grade daughter who thought the idea of silencing the horns was "crazy."

Hileman commented he has no interest in silencing the horns as they provide a safety net for the village.

In other action, the board:

- adopted an ordinance prohibiting sexual harassment in accordance with State Statute. Village Attorney Scott Belt suggested the board add a reference to include pamphlet publication for the ordinance.
- discussed the purchase of teeter-totter park equipment with funds raised through the Festival of Trees.
- approved \$50 gift certificates for the two outgoing members of the CDAP loan committee with the funds coming from the scrap fund.
- approved holiday bonuses for the village employees, also from the scrap fund, of \$200 for full-

time and \$100 for part-time employees, totaling \$750. Serena cast the dissenting vote. Hileman passed.

- allocated \$200,000 from Tax Increment Finance District funds and \$200,000 from the general fund for the 2018 water project. Hileman does not expect the project to cost \$400,000 but wants to have enough available to cover engineering and other costs. The funds were previously appropriated.
- appointed Joel Maxard as Village Electrical Inspector, to replace the prior inspector who resigned.
- heard a report from Grundy County Sheriff's Sergeant Cory for police activity the previous month including 172 business and residential checks, 25 extra or special patrols, among several other items.
- heard a report from Scott Belt that he had been contacted by the County regarding the storm water ordinance, on which the board has not yet taken action. Belt also responded to a question from Jensen stating the village is awaiting the Interstate Commerce Commission to take action on their motion regarding the sidewalk railroad crossing on Main Street.
- learned from Hileman that the village finances are in good condition, with several open items awaiting billing and payment.
- heard from Mayor Serena that the Christmas decorating contest winners were: first place, Rick and Donna Marketti; second place, Kali Perkins; third place, Duane and Donna Lewis.

Dwight Village Board Actions for January 8

Heinrich Family Expresses Gratitude

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"These are the things you want to hear in your community," said Mayor Anderson. "That you have people that are looking out for each other."

In new business, Trustee Justin Eggenberger shared information with regards to an exploratory committee that has been put together to look at the possibility / feasibility of constructing a field house for Dwight High School that might also be used by the community. The committee is made up of various community members who are researching options and have plans to visit communities that have been successful in similar ventures. Eggenberger stressed that the group was only in a question forming and information gathering stage, but did suggest that village officials begin thinking about whether or not the village would be interested in participation with the potential project. There has been no commitment by any party towards moving forward.

Police Chief Tim Henson cautioned residents about a scam that has been taking place in town where people posing as public works employees try to gain access



CAROL WINTERS, sister of Dwight resident Don Heinrich who lost his life in a garage fire late last year, thanked Dwight Police Officer Mike Nolan for his efforts that night.

to homes with theft as the motive. Chief Henson advised residents to be careful and to not allow anyone into their home.

In a year-end report, Dwight EMS reported 1,100 calls for the year with 681 transfers.

In public forum, a concern regarding a residential water bill in excess of \$1600 was brought before the board. Village officials were going to look into the matter.

The board also approved:

- payment of bills totaling \$119,778.53.
- a Plan Commission recommendation to approve a Special Use Permit at the Village of Dwight North Water Tower for Motorola

Solutions to install equipment for radio communications and public needs.

- a Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation for a variance request at 110 W Chippewa Street allowing the reduction of a side yard requirement from 5 feet to 3 feet to allow for construction of an accessory building.
- the appointment of Chad Lundberg to the Plan Commission.
- the re-appointment of Scott Sand to the Plan Commission.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22, in the Public Services Complex.

Dwight Grade School January BOE Action

by Madelyn Fogarty
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The Dwight Grade School Board of Education met on January 10.

Continued discussion took place around trademark infringement issues between the current DGS Redbird logo and the Illinois State University Redbird logo and how the Board would like to proceed with regard to a resolution. ISU is looking for an action plan from DGS in the near future to either enter into an agreement with the University or submit its action plan to begin changing to a different logo. The board directed administration to develop and present an original, non-binding logo(s) for the board to review next month.

The 2017-18 teacher seniority list was approved as presented. Dwight Common School District 232 currently has 31 full-time teachers with seven teachers having served DGS for 20 years or more. Tenure status (five or more years in the district) is held by 24 teachers.

A five-year school farmland extension agreement between District 232 and Mike Vigna and Dan Bossert

was approved as presented. The new agreement takes effect beginning in 2019. Vigna and Bossert, who lease and farm the 9.5 acre parcel, recently submitted a school farmland income letter for 2017 with the district receiving one-half of the net income from the 2017 soybean crop. The DGS portion of the farmland income was \$600.00. The farm land proceeds contribute to the outdoor activity fund.

In financials reports, it was learned that the State of Illinois has submitted all mandated categorical payments for the 2016-17 year. For 2017-18, the State currently owes the Dwight Grade School District \$148,493.34.

BOE member Joel Funk presented a question brought to his attention with regard to the possibility of moving 6th grade girls volleyball players up to the 8th grade team to help fill the roster and possibly improve the team. Mr.

Owens, DGS Athletic Director, indicated that would not be normal practice and not consistent with current policy.

The board also:

- reviewed the IASB Press Plus Board Policy Updates (First Reading)
- reviewed board policy changes for travel expenses with mileage rates increasing to 54.5 cents per mile and lodging increasing from \$250 to \$300 per night.
- learned that current DGS enrollment numbers reflect 544 students, ECE through 8th Grade.

Board President Marc Ellis presided over the January meeting in the absence of Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek. All BOE members were present.

The next meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, in the DGS Library. Meetings are open to the public.

On-the-Road Seminar in Bloomington Feb. 7

Trucking regulations can be complicated, and farm exemptions compound that complexity. Seems everyone has a different answer to your question. Join at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 7, at The Asmark Center (14171 Carole Drive, Bloomington) for complimentary refreshments – with the program starting at 8:00 a.m. – to find out what you need to know.

Livingston and McLean County Farm Bureaus, along with Prairie Central Co-Op are hosting a two-hour seminar that focuses on trucking laws – old and new – specifically for farmers. They'll use a new format this year to remind you of rules that apply and help you identify means of relief. And a new segment will use your real-life examples to illustrate how regulations affect farmers.

Throughout it all, you'll have the chance to ask those farm trucking questions that everyone seems to have an opinion about, but no one can agree on an answer.

Trucking laws have been reshaped in recent years with more changes scheduled for 2018. Rules affected include: farmer exemptions, Harvest Season Emergency permit, longer trucks on local roads, Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), UCR filing deadline, anhydrous ammonia nurse tank movements, and proof of citizenship requirements.

Presenting the seminar will be Kevin Rund and Kirby Wagner, who specialize in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau. Attendees will receive take-home materials covering these topics.

The seminar is free, courtesy of the county and state Farm Bureaus, but advance registration is requested. Call 815-842-1103 or visit www.mcfb.org to reserve your place at the On-the-Road Seminar.



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Alyssa Gernenz Earns Dean's List Honors at UW-Whitewater

Alyssa Gernenz from Mazon has made the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2017 fall semester.

Dean's List students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

Nicole Eggenberger Named to Dean's List at ENMU

Nicole Eggenberger of Saunemin has been named to the Eastern New Mexico University Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA between 3.25 and 4.00.

Applications for Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships Now Being Accepted

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees announced today 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:

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A very special thank you to our family, relatives and friends who helped us celebrate our 70th Anniversary and both of our birthdays. We were so proud to have such a wonderful day with all of you.

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A CHECK FOR \$5,000 FROM THE PROCEEDS of the 2017 Home For The Holidays House Walk was presented by Anne Long, left, and Julie Applegate, right, to Executive Director of the Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice, Joan Sereno. The House Walk is one of the signature events during the Home For The Holidays weekend. In addition to the donation made to Hospice, proceeds of the event are donated to the church that hosts the complimentary tea (Peace Chapel Assembly of God) – a downtown beautification project, a scholarship for a Morris High School Student, and scholarship to a GAVC student.

Vermilion Valley Regional E.T.S. Board Schedule of 2018 Meetings

The Vermilion Valley Regional E.T.S. Board has released its schedule of meetings for 2018, which will begin at 11:00 a.m. downstairs in the 911 Training Room of the Public Safety Complex (844 W. Lincoln St., Pontiac) on the following dates:

February 14; March 14; April 11; May 16; June 13; July 18; August 15; September 12; October 10; November 14; December 12.

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Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13) No Discounts; No Passes Allowed Thu: 7:00
Star Wars: The Last Jedi 3D (PG-13) No Discounts; No Passes Allowed Thu: 3:40
Darkest Hour (PG-13) Thu: 4:00, 7:15

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Rebecca Bajt Graces Ripon College Dean's List

Ripon College, Wisconsin, has announced its Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester, recognizing academic excellence.

Being named to the Dean's List was Rebecca Bajt of Mazon, class of 2019 at Ripon College – majoring in Studio Art, with a minor in Music. She is the daughter of Phillip and Nancy Bajt, Mazon.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a 3.40 grade point average or higher on a 4.00 scale and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded work.

Farm Bureau, Chamber Join Forces to Create Lunch & Learn Ag Edition

In partnership with the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce, a new program has been introduced – called Lunch & Learn – Ag Edition.

Twice a year, a speaker in the Ag Industry will be featured, covering a hot topic at the time. The program will run over the lunch hour to entice those that work in an office setting, as well as area farmers and all interested. Professionals will also have an opportunity to network with peers in the industry.

For the inaugural program, Jason Webster with Precision Planting will give an update on the brand new research farm coming to Pontiac.

This program will be Monday, February 5, at noon at the Hampton Inn, 2000 Grand Prix Drive, Pontiac. Lunch will be provided.

No fee applies for Farm Bureau members, and Chamber members receive a discount.

The Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce will offer additional Lunch & Learn programs throughout the year. Topics will include time management skills, active shooter awareness, and how to make the most of your iPhone.

Reservations are required. Call 815-844-5131 or e-mail Margo Kennedy at mkenney@pontiacchamber.org.

Kindergarten Pre-registration for MVK 2018-19 School Year

MVK District 2C will be holding Kindergarten pre-registration on Thursday, Feb. 22 and Friday, Feb. 23 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Elementary School Office.

Your child must be five years old on or before Sept. 1 of 2018 and reside in the MVK School District to be eligible for Kindergarten enrollment.

Please bring your child's certified birth certificate and two proofs of residency.

If you are a home owner this could be your property tax bill. If you are a renter, you could bring your rental agreement. Other options are any utility bill or voter registration card with your correct physical address on it.

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OBITUARIES

Marilynn Sancken

PONTIAC — Marilyn Maxine Sancken, 86, of Pontiac died Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 10:30 p.m. at Tjardes Health Care Center at Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac.



Marilynn was born May 22, 1931 in Dana, daughter of Arthur and Elsie Spaniol Lentman. She married J. Marshall Sancken April 22, 1956 in Streator. He survives in Pontiac.

Also surviving are her children: Warren (Carolyn) Sancken and Charles (Kimberly) Sancken, both of Emington; Vivian (Steve) Boundy of Dwight; and Glen (Christy) Sancken of Geneseo; grandchildren: Christina Sancken, Jeremy (Charisse) Sancken, Scott (Sarah) Sancken, Kyle (Alicia) Sancken, Stephani (Nathan) Hoegger; Angela (Trent) Becker; and Abby and Kara Sancken.

Surviving are great-grandchildren: Owynn and Ameliah Sancken, Preston Sancken, Reid and Leah Hoegger and Brooklyn Becker; and one sister, Violet Dunn of Holly, Michigan.

Marilynn was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father, Guy Turner; and one brother, Orlyn Lentman.

Marilynn was a 1949 graduate of Long Point High School, and in 1955 graduated from the University School of Beauty Culture. She was a beautician and helped her husband on the farm until their retirement.

She was a member of the Emington Congregational United Church of Christ, where she was the organist for 25 years; the Thursday Evening Women’s Club; and Carriage Travel Club of Illinois.

Marilynn passed away peacefully after a sudden brief illness. She was a very loving, kind-hearted person. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

She was well known for her wonderful baking, her apple and strawberry-rhubarb pie were “the best,” according to her family, and frequently requested. She enjoyed photography, reading, flower gardening and traveling.

She cherished her husband and family, and they her. She especially loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

During her lifetime, she and Marshall loved to camp and travel. They loved going out West, Texas, Michigan and Canada, to name a few. In 1982 for their 25th wedding anniversary they enjoyed a European tour. In 1999, they went to Alaska.

Her funeral was Friday, January 12, at 11 a.m. in the Emington Congregational United Church of Christ in Emington, with Rev. Grant Speece and Ed Sinclair officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded after services, and a private family burial of ashes will take place at a later date in Broughton Twp. Cemetery, rural Kempton.

Visitation was held Thursday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac, and for one hour in the church preceding services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Marilyn’s name may be made to Emington Congregational Church or Pontiac Public Library.

The guestbook may be signed at www.calvertmemorial.com

Charles A. Donley

DWIGHT — Charles A. Donley, 77, of Dwight passed away Monday, January 8, 2018 at his home in Dwight.



Charles was born February 18, 1940 in Chatsworth, son of Arthur and Sylvia Hamilton Donley.

He is survived by sisters: Mary Delheimer of Dwight; Lois Reynolds of Pontiac; Helen (David) Simmons of Springfield, Missouri; Alice (Louis) Simmons of Jones, Michigan; Jean (Steve) Cooper of Paxton; Jeanette (David) Franklin of Fairbury; and many nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of Cullom High School. He served in the United States Navy and worked as a welder for Caterpillar Manufacturing for 30 years. He

was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church and the Dwight American Legion.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 13, at 12 noon, in the Dwight United Methodist Church with Rev. Mike Ebersohl officiating. Full military rites were accorded at the church.

Burial followed in Westlawn Cemetery, Cullom.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the church.

Memorials in Charles honor may be made to the Dwight American Legion.

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

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

Richard J. Parker

DWIGHT — Richard J. “Rick” Parker, 67, of Dwight passed away at 7:50 p.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Joliet Area Community Hospice.



Rick was born in Morris November 14, 1950, a son of James and Kathleen Underhill Parker. He married Patrice Beverlin January 9, 1981 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons: Anthony (Melinda Ramistella) Parker of Rochester, Illinois and CJ (Laura) Parker of Hamler, Ohio; three grandchildren: Brystol, Brielle and Briggs; one brother, Robert (Beverly) Parker of Dwight; three sisters: Carol Parker of Lincoln; Lynne (Jeff) Bertrand of Bloomington; and Sandy (Robert) Farrell of Dwight.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Cathy Gearhart.

Rick graduated from Dwight High School in 1968 and was a member of the undefeated 1967 Dwight Football Team. He graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Ag Mechanization.

Rick loved farming, riding his Harley, and spending time with his family.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 13, in Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight. Rev. Harvey Nicholson officiated.

Burial: McDowell Cemetery, Dwight.

Visitation was from 4 until 8 p.m., Friday, January 12, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, and for one hour preceding the service at the church.

Memorials in Rick’s name may be left to Joliet Area Community Hospice.

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

Woodrow Davis

DWIGHT — Woodrow “Bud” Davis, 73, of Dwight passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Morris Hospital in Morris.



Bud was born October 15, 1944 in Altamont to Woodrow W. and Fern Duckwitz Davis. He married Brenda Kay Sampson June 5, 1964 in Madisonville, Kentucky. She passed away September 30, 2015.

Bud is survived by his son, Steven (Faye) Davis of Marseilles; daughter, Jill (Brent) Ohlendorf of Dwight; mother, Fern Davis; brother, Alf (Nancy) Davis of Altamont; sisters: Nancy Kirchhoff of Decatur; Sharon (Larry) Goers of Altamont; and Tina (John Robinson) Pressley of Decatur; significant other, Dianne Sullivan; close friend, Inez Bradshaw of Auburn, Kentucky; grandchildren: Carina Davis, Eric Davis, Chad Davis, Avery Ohlendorf and Kade Ohlendorf; two great-grandchildren; and honorary grandson, William Bergstrom.

He was also preceded in death by his father; son, Michael Troy Davis; brothers-in-law, Carl Kirchhoff, Larry and Norris Sampson; and sister, Judy Duckwitz.

A graduate of Altamont High School in 1962, he was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church and the Dwight Night Owls CB Radio group. He was a fan of NASCAR, the Cubs, and traveling. Above all, he enjoyed spoiling his grandkids.

Funeral services were Monday, January 15, at 11 a.m. in Dwight United Methodist Church.

Burial: Arborcrest Cemetery, Effingham, Tuesday, January 16, at 1 p.m.

Visitation was from 3 until 6 p.m., Sunday, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

Memorials in honor of Bud may be made to Dwight United Methodist Church and the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made at Hagermemorial.com

Margaret Kime

DWIGHT — Margaret Kime, 89, of Dwight passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at her home in Dwight.



Margaret was born August 3, 1928 in Kinsman, daughter of Vincent and Lucille Carr Carey. She married Earl Kime June 12, 1948 in Kinsman. He passed away August 27, 2004.

She is survived by daughters: Linda (John Struck) Kime of St. Charles; Judy (Bruce) Donash of Geneva; and Connie (Randy) England of Schaumburg; grandchildren: Kara (Adam) Atchison of Durham, N.C.; Kyle Donash, Kristina Donash, Nicole (Matt) Kittner; and Eric England, all of Chicago; great-grandchildren: Paige and Logan Kittner of Chicago; a sister, Jean Whamond of Schaumburg; sister-in-law, Arlene Pemberton of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; and a brother-in-law, Leo Miklos of Joliet.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Barbara Miklos and Helen Dunn; and a brother, Robert Carey.

Born and raised in the Kinsman area, she graduated

from Mazon High School and attended two years of college at ISU. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight; the Dwight Woman’s Club; and St. Patrick’s Altar and Rosary Society.

She helped her husband with his business, Kime Accounting in Dwight, and raised her children at the family home.

Cremation rites were accorded. There was no visitation.

A Memorial Mass was held at 11 a.m., Friday, January 12, in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight. Father Chris Haake officiated.

A private burial will be held at a later date in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Margaret may be made to the Dwight Woman’s Club in care of Marcia Drach, 26521 2200 N. Road, Emington, IL 60934.

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I think it just showed that at any given moment, football, almost more than any other sport, can provide a thrilling moment. Going into the end of that Minnesota game, they were down to a 3% chance of winning the game, the odds were that against them, and one play changed it all – they went from 3% to 100% by winning the game, with a flip of a switch.

Swinging a percentage that much in one play is much harder in almost any other sport; towards the end of a baseball or a basketball game, it becomes a lot harder to swing the percentage that much.

This is also an interesting year, because it's looking more and more like Minnesota will get to play a Super Bowl in their home stadium, for the first time ever. I was doing some research, and the team itself controls only about 25% of the tickets for the game, but the fact that it could end up in their own stadium would be quite the spectacle, and it will likely be against the New England Patriots. That, the best team of the last two decades taking on a team in their home stadium, would be something to behold.

The point is, football is here to stay, and it's here to stay by providing some great moments.

Aaron J. Boma
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CLAIM NOTICE

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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.

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Pearl McCoy Keeps Active, Helps Others Keep Fit, Too



PEARL MCCOY, a resident of Heritage Woods of Dwight, coordinates the therapeutic coloring program (as she demonstrates above) and sittercise program at the facility. She is a longtime resident of Braceville, and a 1947 graduate of Gardner-South Wilmington High School.

The Paper photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Pearl McCoy, age 89, and a resident of Heritage Woods of Dwight, stays fit while doing “sittercises” four days a week.

But it is not just her by herself. She leads a sittercise class for Heritage Woods residents, to help them do exercises while sitting in chairs. Some of her “clients” are in their 90s.

That is not all. McCoy also is in charge of the Heritage Woods therapeutic coloring program.

She is from the Braceville area, a 1947 graduate of Gardner-South Wilmington High School. She has two adult children, a son Earl, age 59, and daughter Carol Thomas, 62. She also has four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

“I used to walk at home

until my legs hurt,” she said. “So that’s why I had to slow down. It was my health or I would be at home.”

She lived in the same home in Braceville for more than six decades, she said.

Now she has to use a walker, but cannot walk too long, she explained.

“But I keep moving and I keep limber,” she said.

Her sittercise lessons are held at 10 a.m., four days a week. It was originally coordinated by another lady who decided she wanted to give it up. McCoy did not want the sittercise to end, so she volunteered to take it over.

A resident for more than four years at Heritage Woods, she has been doing the exercise program for more than a year.

McCoy said the program helps people stand up by using the arms of the chair so they learn not to lean on

tables when they stand up after eating.

Also, they exercise their legs and arms while sitting. The exercise lasts one half hour.

“We do not stop,” she said, describing the duration of the exercise program.

Anyone who participates is eligible for special Heritage Woods bucks that can be used to purchase “products we can use,” she explained.

“People want to come because they want that buck,” she added.

The incentive also ensures that those seniors remain as active as possible, which helps them feel better, McCoy said.

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Shirley, the daughter of George

and Mary Adams, grew up on a farm in Will County, Illinois.

Gretchen, daughter of Howard and Gladys Patchett, grew up in Reddick, Illinois.

Shirley and Gretchen met during their freshman year in Reddick High School and have been close friends ever since.

They have been making weekly calls to “catch up” on their lives for as long as they can remember. Gretchen delights in teasing Shirley that she is the older one — a full seven hours older. Shirley tells Gretchen to respect her elders.

A few months ago they enjoyed lunch together at the Dwight Country Mansion Restaurant.

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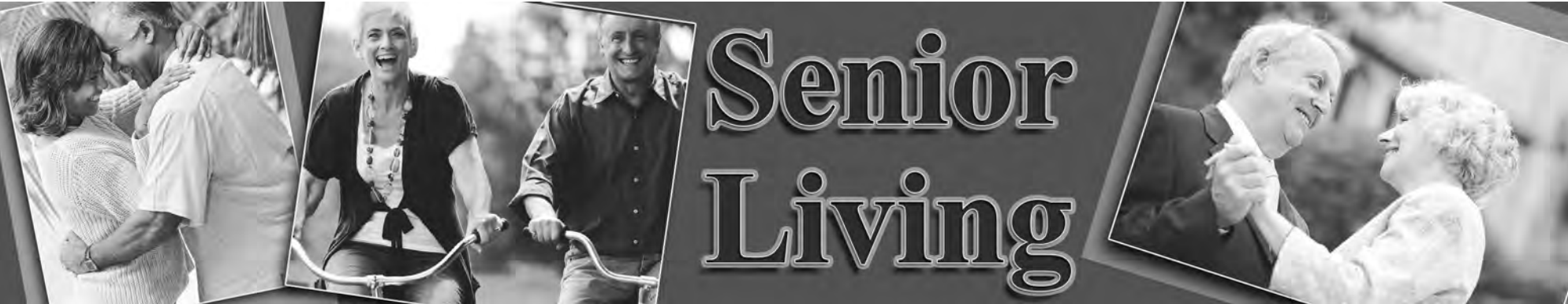


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Dwight Outreach
Community Care Systems, Inc. will be available to assist senior citizens and people under 60 with disabilities in signing up for federal, state, and local programs on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Ave. No appointments are necessary. Call (815) 844-2272 for more information.

1942 Reddick High School Grads – –

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Then they drove to the former site of the Reddick High School, where all that remains is the original cornerstone.

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“We wish these two newly-minted nonagenarian ladies a wonderful 90th birthday and continued good health long into the future,” writes Barbara Flushing, who sent in the news release.

Knee Replacement Can Change Your Life



Jay Zumbahlen

Morris landscape architect Jay Zumbahlen, 61, has always loved being active. He plays basketball and golf and walks plenty at his job sites.

About three years ago, he started noticing pain in his left knee and countered it with ice and a mild pain reliever. The knee pain worsened as he and his wife began a high-intensity training program, CrossFit.

“During that time, I really started feeling some severe pain during and after workouts,” says Zumbahlen. “I was taking a lot of ibuprofen and would just go through the pain because I was enjoying what I was doing.”

While Zumbahlen thought the fix for his pain might be a simple one, an examination by Keith Rezin, M.D., orthopedic surgeon on the medical staff at Morris Hospital, revealed enough arthritic damage to his knee that a replacement was recommended.

“Patients come to me in varying degrees of knee pain,” says Dr. Rezin. “Some have suffered for years to the point that they have curtailed or completely stopped some of their favorite activities.”

Improved Technique

Today, the knee replacement surgical technique is better than ever, according to Dr. Rezin. The knee prosthesis itself is made to fit each patient’s own individual anatomy by using a custom cutting jig based on the patient’s MRI. And because the knee prosthesis lasts longer, patients can have the surgery at a younger age.

“I believe we’re going to get 20, 25 years out of today’s knee prostheses,” says Dr. Rezin. “As a result, I feel more comfortable doing a knee replacement on a younger person than I might have, say, 10 years ago.”

Another reason knee replacement surgery has gotten better is due to the effects of a new anesthetic injected around the knee during surgery. It’s a strong pain-

reliever that lasts three to four days post-op, which helps with the all-important rehabilitation.

Dr. Rezin believes patient education also plays an important role. His patients receive solid pre-op education so they know well in advance about the physical therapy they will need to get back on their feet and comfortable as soon as possible.

“The vast majority of my patients are doing very well two weeks after surgery,” he says. “They are walking well by that time, many without a walker or cane, and feeling comfortable. At six weeks, 95 percent feel well enough that they don’t have to come in to the office again.”

Zumbahlen had his knee replaced in October 2016. After completing rehab, he returned to CrossFit training last January and has since returned to the competition circuit, working his way up the qualifying ladder over the spring to emerge at number 145 worldwide in the CrossFit Masters Division in his age group.

“My knee feels great, and my experience has been awesome,” Zumbahlen says. “Every day my knee just gets better and better.”

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Did you know?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regular physical activity is one of the most important things older adults can do to promote their long-term health. The CDC recommends that men and women age 65 or older who are generally fit and have no limiting health conditions need at least two hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity, such as brisk walking, each week. In addition, such people should perform strength-training activities that work all major muscle groups at least two days per week.

While many fit older men and women with no preexisting health conditions are capable of these activities, those able to push themselves a little further can opt for 75 minutes per week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, such as jogging or running, combined with the same strength-training regimen.

A combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity aerobic activity coupled with strength training may also provide adequate physical activity for aging men and women. Before beginning a new exercise regimen, men and women should consult with their

physicians to discuss any limitations they may have and how to manage those risks while still being physically active.

Retirement can seem like it will never come for young professionals. But time can be a sieve, and retirement age can arrive in the blink of an eye. Young adults who have not planned accordingly for retirement can find themselves in financial straits at a point in their lives when they want to kick back and enjoy themselves.

Financial experts from Money, CNN and The Motley Fool advise that financially solvent people should begin saving aggressively for their retirements early on. Ideally people should start saving in their 20s when they first leave school and begin their careers. The sooner one saves, the more time money has to grow. Vanguard says that the person who saves \$4,500 per year over a career spanning 45 years can reach a goal of having more than \$1 million in savings by the time he or she retires.

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How aging adults can maintain their mental acuity

Aging is associated with or linked to a host of mental and physical side effects. For example, many adults expect their vision to deteriorate as they grow older. Such a side effect can be combatted with routine eye examinations that may indicate a need for a stronger eyeglass prescription, a relatively simple solution that won't impact adults' daily lives much at all.

While physical side effects like diminished vision might not strike much fear in the hearts of aging men and women, those same people may be concerned and/or frightened by the notion of age-related cognitive decline. Some immediately associate such decline with Alzheimer's disease, an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys memory and cognitive skills, ultimately compromising a person's ability to perform even the simplest of tasks. But age-related cognitive decline is not always symptomatic of Alzheimer's disease. Learning about Alzheimer's and how to maintain mental acuity can help aging men and women better understand the changes their brains might be undergoing as they near or pass retirement age.

Studies of Alzheimer's disease are ongoing, but to date there is no definitive way to prevent the onset of the disease.

How can I maintain mental acuity as I age?

Researchers have not yet determined a way to prevent Alzheimer's disease, but adults can take certain steps to maintain their mental acuity into retirement.

- Exercise regularly. Routine exercise may be most associated with physical benefits, but the NIA notes that such activity has been linked to benefits for the brain as well. For example, a 2011 study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America found that aerobic exercise training increases the size of the hip-

pocampus, leading to improvements in spatial memory. The NIA also notes that one study indicated exercise stimulated the brain's ability to maintain old network connections and make new ones vital to cognitive health.

- Read more. Avid readers may be happy to learn that one of their favorite pastimes can improve the efficiency of their cognitive systems while delaying such systems' decline. A 2013 study published in the journal Neurology by researchers at Chicago's Rush University Medical Center found that mentally active lifestyles may not prevent the formations of plaques and tangles associated with Alzheimer's disease, but such lifestyles decreases the likelihood that the presence of plaques or

tangles will impair cognitive function.

- Stay socially connected. Maintaining social connections with family, friends and community members also can help women prevent cognitive decline. Epidemiologist Bryan James of the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center studied how social activity affected cognitive decline, ultimately noting that the rate of cognitive decline was considerably lower among men and women who maintained social contact than it was among those with low levels of social activity.

The idea of age-related cognitive decline strikes fear in the hearts of many men and women, but there are ways for adults to maintain their mental acuity well into their golden years.



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Is Alzheimer's disease hereditary?

The National Institute on Aging notes that only a very rare form of Alzheimer's disease is inherited. Early-onset familial Alzheimer's disease, or FAD, is caused by mutations in certain genes. If these genes are passed down from parent to child, then the child is likely, but not certain, to get FAD. So while many adults may be concerned about Alzheimer's because one of their parents had the disease, the NIA notes that the majority of Alzheimer's cases are late-onset, which has no obvious family pattern.

Can Alzheimer's disease be prevented?



Maintaining social connections can help aging men and women prevent cognitive decline.

Gardner Archives Receives Donations

The Gardner Archives received a donation of 25 Gardner-South Wilmington School yearbooks from Cathy and David Houston.

The yearbooks dated 1955 to 1982 came in many shapes and sizes, and designs on the covers, but were all for the GSW Panthers.

The yearbooks are from a collection of the parents of Cathy Huston, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy and Jessica Brant, who

were employed as superintendent and librarian at the school for many years.

Ida Schopp said the archives are still missing the GSW yearbook for 1987. Anyone who wishes to donate that book to fill in the gap may call the archives at (815) 237-2287.

Kathryn Marks brought in three yearbooks belonging to her grandmother, Shirley Lechov, for 1950, 1952 and 1953.

Schopp said a couple of the senior wills were "funny."

- Danny Anderson leaves his height to John Hollmeyer, for example.

- In 1963, Dennis (Husty) Huston said "It couldn't be done."

In 1959, Mr. Brandt's salutation stated:

"As one year fades away the next class has graduated. But will high school days be forgotten and left behind?"

The yearbooks have been placed on a shelf making an artifact display in the Gardner Archives.

The archives are open on the second Wednesday of each month from 1-3. The museum is situated in the Gardner Village Hall, 302 N. Center Street, Gardner.

The archives ask that people donate items pertaining to Gardner, rather than throw them away.

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DWIGHT HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Dan Kaiser, left, and Athletic Director Andrew Pittenger, right, recognized DTHS officer Wayne Haley, center, for his 30 years of service patrolling home football and basketball games. Photo by J7 Images

Wayne Haley Serves Three Decades As Dwight Cop At Games

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Wayne Haley was honored Friday, Jan. 5, for his 30 years of service as the police officer patrolling at home Dwight Township High School football and boys basketball games.

Haley, 75 years young, has lived in Dwight since 1961, where he makes his home with wife, Tola. The couple has four adult children, and eight grandchildren.

"I was a part-time volunteer EMT-I," he explained. "I was averaging between 1,800 and 2,000 volunteer hours plus working full-time at Caterpillar," recalled Haley.

Becoming a part-time police officer, instead of an EMT, actually cut down on his hours, he said. He has been working as a police officer at the games ever since.

Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson, who started with the Dwight Police about the same time, described Haley as a "people's cop."

"He is well-respected and loved by everyone throughout the community," Henson said. "He prides himself on knowing the kids, not just those involved with sports. He does a nice job of being the face of the community for Dwight Police."

Up until two years ago, Haley was also a patrol officer, but now just patrols at home ball games for DTHS.

He said as a community, Dwight has been a pleasure to work in.

"The willingness of people to help or do whatever is needed to help the community," Haley said. He used the example of a tornado that whipped through the area a few years ago with everyone willing to pitch in and help.

"I've always said 'as long as I have fun, I'll continue to work the games.' I'm still here."

He said he gets acquainted with the young people, and in the three decades he has been patrolling the games, he is starting to see children of players from prior years play ball now.

"I don't know how they are getting older," he said of the players. "I didn't," he joked.

"I really like the community," he continued. "They have been really good to me and accepted me."

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DGS BOYS 7TH GRADE REDBIRDS won the 2018 IVC West Conference Tournament Championship defeating Saratoga 36-17. Team members pictured are: front row: Reid Legner, Dawson Sulaica, Jack Groves, Matthew Greer, Jace Gall. Back row, Coach Joe Stevenson, Trey Downen, Noah Scott, Brayden Long, Clayton Peck, Jace Kern and Head Coach Tom Conroy.



James Nakashima

DTHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction January 19

On Friday, January 19, Dwight Township High School will induct its Hall of Fame Class of 2018, which includes the following former athletes:

- James Nakashima – 2007
- 2009 NJCAA Wrestling National Champion – Lincoln College
- 2012 NCAA Wrestling Championships Quarter-finalist – University of

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2007 DTSH Girl's Track Relay Team, above, will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame Friday night in Kresl Gymnasium along with Jeremy Connor, right, 2000 DTSH Basketball and Football Standout.



Lady Trojans Defeat GSW at Home GSW JV Wins, 49-46

Tuesday, January 9
Dwight vs. GSW
JV -

The JV Lady Trojans fell to GSW, 49-46.
A slow first half put Dwight down 30-12 at half-time. They would charge back with 34 second half points, holding the Lady Panthers to just 19 points – but it wasn't enough.

Kayla Kodat led with 15 points, followed by 14 from Rylee Farris. Emily Weissmann put in eight points, while Nora Anderson

had five. Eden Beier and Destine Drapeau added two points each.

Varsity -

In the varsity match-up, Dwight would drop non-conference rival GSW by a score of 59-35.

Mel Stewart led all scorers with 16 points to go with five assists. Leah Flynn had a double-double, tallying 13 points and ten boards. Lucy Rieke contributed 11 points, eight boards, while Chloe Butterbrodt chipped in ten

points. Brooklyn Long had nine rebounds.

Leading the way for the Lady Panthers was Kaylee Steichen with 12 points. Paige Patterson followed with nine points, including a three-pointer. Asbridge and Fair each hit a trey and scored five points in the contest, with Halpin and Storm scoring two points each.

The Lady Trojans improve to 9-6 on the year, while GSW goes to 12-8 overall.



GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Monday, January 8
GSW vs. Central
Varsity -

The Lady Panthers put down Central in a thriller on January 8, 36-35.

Central would put up 17 fourth quarter points to make things very interesting, but GSW held their ground and held the lead until the final buzzer sounded.

Paige Patterson put in nine points to lead the Lady Panthers, while Madelyn Storm (one three) and Kaylee Steichen added eight and six points, respectively. Mady Asbridge and Fair had four points each, with Halpin and Kavanaugh adding two points each. Hennessy hit a free throw.



SENECA LADY IRISH BASKETBALL

Saturday, January 13
Seneca vs. Newark
JV -

Mara Bruno and Cassidy Draves scored ten points each to help Seneca take out Newark January 13.

The Lady Irish are now 14-3 overall and 5-1 in the conference.

Varsity -

Seneca would take a 50-43 loss in the varsity game.

Lyda Robinson and Sara Cahill had 11 points each to lead the Lady Irish. Abe Jashari added seven.

Seneca falls to 10-8 after the loss.



DTSH LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Saturday, January 13
Dwight vs. Watseka
JV -

Clifton Central
JV Tournament

The Lady Trojans defeated Watseka, 35-20, in round one action of the Clifton Central JV Tournament on Saturday.

Kayla Kodat led Dwight with 12 points, followed by Nora Anderson and Destine Drapeau with nine and six points, respectively. Rylee Farris had four points, while Isabelle Schultz and Emily Weissmann scored two points each.

Dwight vs. Iroquois West

In the second round game of the Tourney, Dwight beat Iroquois West by a score of 41-31.

Kayla Kodat led the Lady Trojans with 16 points. Nora Anderson contributed eight, with Destine Drapeau and Rylee Farris each scoring six points. Emily Weissmann and Isabelle Schultz added three and two points, respectively.

Dwight advances to the Tournament championship and moves to 9-4 on the year.

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ENTRY FORM

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| 1. Who will win in FOOTBALL?
A. Jacksonville
B. at New England | 6. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?
A. Golden State at B. Houston | 12. Which QB will have a better rating?
A. Nick Foles
B. Case Keenum |
| 2. Who will win in FOOTBALL?
A. Minnesota
B. at Philadelphia | 7. Who will win in NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL?
A. Purdue at B. Iowa | 13. Will Philadelphia's final score be...
A. Even B. Odd |
| 3. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?
A. Oklahoma City at B. Cleveland | 8. Who will win in NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL?
A. Villanova at B. Connecticut | 14. Who will score more points?
A. Lauri Markkannen vs Atlanta
B. New England |
| 4. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?
A. Chicago at B. Atlanta | 9. Who will win in HOCKEY?
A. New York at B. Chicago | Tie Breaker 1 -
Total points of both NFL games combined. |
| 5. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?
A. Milwaukee at B. Philadelphia | 10. Who will win in HOCKEY?
A. Winnipeg at B. Calgary | Tie Breaker 2 -
Total points of All Four NBA games combined. |
| | 11. Which NFL conference will score more points?
A. NFC B. AFC | |

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| 1 | 6 | 11 | Tie Breaker1
(total XX points) |
| 2 | 7 | 12 | |
| 3 | 8 | 13 | |
| 4 | 9 | 14 | Tie Breaker2
(total XX points) |
| 5 | 10 | | |

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MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, January 9
MVK vs. Reed-Custer
7th Grade -

MVK fell in their home opener January 9, 5-25, 11-25, to Reed-Custer.

Jada Baudino led with 15 serve receptions, while Leslie Klicker had 11. Harmony Neal led with nine sets and a hit.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade meeting, the Lady Mavs defeated R-C, 25-19, 25-12.

Taya Roe and Haley Marques both contributed nine service points – Marques with six aces, Roe with four. Roe and Emma Smith both had 12 serve receptions, while Taylor Draves and Jessica Daggett had six and four setting attempts, respectively. Smith led with ten hitting attempts and two kills to go with one

block. Summer Rangel also added a block.

Thursday, January 11
MVK vs. Elwood
7th Grade -

In seventh grade volleyball play January 11, MVK lost to Elwood in three sets, 25-15, 18-25, 15-25.

Leslie Klicker and Lily Wise served a combined 13 aces, with Leslie leading in serve receptions with 18 and setting the ball nine times. Harmony Neal added four kills and two blocks.

8th Grade -

The Lady Mavs' eighth grade team lost to Elwood, 9-25, 18-25.

Haley Marques and Savannah Granger each had an ace. Taya Roe led in serve receptions at 17. Emma Smith had two blocks.

S-P-O-R-T a positive attitude.

GSWB Varsity Club



GSWB VARSITY CLUB HAD A FORMER COAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL standout speak on January 10. Kirsten Verdun was the 2010 Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year, while leading her team to a softball state title – going 40-0 in the circle with a .30 ERA. After her high school days, she took her talents to DePaul and was Big East Rookie of the Year in 2011 and earned All-Conference honors all four seasons. As a Blue Demon, Verdun set many records and gained many accomplishments. She then played professional softball for two seasons with the Chicago Bandits. She is now an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin in her third season. While talking to the group, she stressed the importance of grades, as college recruiters look at them heavily. As a recruiter, she also encourages student-athletes to play many sports while in junior high and high school. She also said it is big for students to be open and look at many schools when being recruited or even looking at going to school. "It is important to find the right fit for you," she said. Verdun also discussed social media and the impact it has on you, as she added, "college coaches look at this and students do not realize the impact it may have on them." Lastly, she discussed her next month, as her players return to campus, and what their days will consist of before opening their season February 9 at the University of Texas.

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<p>2017 Silverado 1500 Z71 4WD Crew</p> <p>Red Hot, All Star, Heated Leather Seats, Remote Start, Rear Camera, LT Plus Pkg, Power Adjustable Pedals, Park Assist.</p> <p>Stk#418945 MSRP \$50,520 SAVE - \$10,520!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTRY PRICE \$40,000</p>	<p>2017 Silverado 1500 Z71 4WD LTZ Crew RealTree Edition</p> <p>NAV, Heated/Cooled Leather, Bose Audio, Heated Steering Wheel, Remote Start, Rear Camera, Front & Rear Park Assist</p> <p>Stk#257651 MSRP \$55,880 SAVE - \$11,880!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTRY PRICE \$44,000</p>	<p>2017 Silverado 2500 4WD WT REG</p> <p>Red Hot, Reading Service Body, Power Windows/Locks, Keyless Entry, Aluminum Wheels</p> <p>Stk#324649 MSRP \$48,600 SAVE - \$7,600!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTRY PRICE \$41,000</p>
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<p>2017 Traverse 2LT FWD</p> <p>Mosaic Black, Driver Confidence Pkg, Nav, Leather Seating, OnStar</p> <p>Stk#171793 MSRP \$40,390 SAVE \$9,390!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTRY PRICE DEMO \$31,000</p>	<p>2017 Traverse FWD 2LT</p> <p>Tungsten Metallic, Graphite Special Edition, Heated/Cooled Leather, NAV, 20" Wheels, Trailer Pkg</p> <p>Stk#187050 MSRP \$42,340 SAVE - \$9,340!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTRY PRICE DEMO \$33,000</p>	<p>2017 Traverse FWD Premier</p> <p>Summit White, Black Heated/Cooled Leather, NAV, Remote Start, Rear Camera, Heated Steering Wheel</p> <p>Stk#349705 MSRP \$42,940 SAVE - \$8,940!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTRY PRICE DEMO \$34,000</p>

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Tri-Point Chargers Basketball

Tuesday, January 9
Tri-Point vs. Beecher Varsity -

The Chargers took a tough 63-51 loss to RVC opponent, Beecher, in basketball action January 9.

Jacob Carrera hit four threes and went 4-4 from the line to help him score a

team-high 18 points. Mark Miller (two threes) and Nick Mahoney (three threes) scored 12 and 11 points, respectively. Randal Ifft put in five points, followed by a trey from Brian Curling and a bucket by Piers Cardenas.

Tri-Point's JV boys won, 41-32.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO ELDERLY (OVER 65)
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REGARDING THE
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 20, 2018

Notice is hereby given to elderly over 65 and handicapped persons that the County of Livingston has complied with federal and state election laws to promote the fundamental right to vote by improving access to polling places and election day voting as follows:

All polling places are now wheelchair accessible.

If your polling place is difficult for an elderly or handicapped person to manage, there are some alternatives:

1. On request by phone or letter, the county clerk will supply you with a proper affidavit for a voter unable to enter the polling place on Election Day. This must be completed and returned to the County Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 19, 2018. On election day two judges from your polling place, of opposite parties, will bring the ballot sheet outside the entrance, providing that you are within a distance of not more than 50 (fifty) feet from the door to the polling place.
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4. Illinois election law allows for early, grace period, and absentee voting to be conducted in the County Clerk's Office located in the Historic Courthouse at 112 W Madison Street, Pontiac. The clerk's office will be open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, February 17, 2018 for voter registration and early voting, and on Saturday, March 10th and March 17th for early and grace period registration and voting. Voting will take place during the regular office hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with extended hours to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 14th.
5. The County Clerk's office will offer two methods of voting, the AccuVote optical scan unit and TSX electronic voting system.

Dated: January 12, 2018

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk
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BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Treasurer's Report General Fund Year Ended April 30, 2017	
Cash on hand, May 1, 2016	\$54,624.96
Receipts:	
Property Taxes	\$143,044.32
Misc. Funds	\$ 94,780.80
Donations	\$ 20,220.00
Andres Billing	\$ 46,553.77
Foreign Fire Insurance	\$ 1,265.40
EOC Funds	\$ 15,340.00
Interest	\$ 1.59
Total Receipts	\$321,205.88
Total cash available	\$375,830.84
Disbursements (see schedule)	\$279,999.20
Cash on hand:	
Savings	\$ 5,384.12
Checking	\$ 90,447.52
Total cash on hand, April 30, 2017	\$95,831.64
Disbursements	
Ambulance Operations Expenses	\$126,491.81
Fire Operations Expenses	\$ 89,946.45
Building and Equipment Expenses	\$ 14,897.28
Trustee Expenses	\$ 48,663.66
Total Disbursements	\$279,999.20

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**BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following is a statement of Randy Berry, Treasurer of the Braceville Fire Protection District in the County and State aforesaid, of the amount of funds received and expenses paid by said Fire Protection District during the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017, showing the amount of funds on hand at the commencement of said year, May 1, 2016, the amount of funds received, the amount of funds expended and purpose expended.

The said Randy Berry being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that the following statement by him subscribed, is a correct statement of the amount of funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of funds received and the source from which received, and the amount expended, and the purpose for which expended, as set forth in said statement.

Randy Berry, Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 10th day of July, 2017.

Thomas J. Gilbert
Notary Public

DGS Redbirds Basketball

Tuesday, January 9
DGS vs. Saunemin 6th Grade -

Dwight traveled to Saunemin to start the new year off right, but fell 27-22 to the Eagles.

Tyler Cox led with seven points, while Will Trainor and Terry Wilkey scored four points each. Jacob Weissmann, Ishmael Kane, and Reid Gall all scored two points. Owynn Gliwa nailed a free throw.

On the glass, Kane led with nine boards, followed by six from Wilkey.

The Redbirds end their regular season with a record of 4-7.

In "B" game play, Dwight won 19-11.

Ryan Hilt led the Redbirds with five points, going 3-3 from the charity stripe. Andrew Gartke and Evan Sandeno scored four points each, while Aaron Gajda, Kyler Starks, and Gliwa each scored two points.

Weissmann led on the boards with eight, while Gajda grabbed five. Gartke and Starks each tallied four rebounds.

The "B" team ends with a 3-8 regular season record.

DGS vs. Seneca 8th Grade - IVC Tournament

The Redbirds hung with Seneca throughout the entirety of the first half January 9 – taking an 18-17 lead into halftime. But Seneca would outscore Dwight 20-10 in the second half to capture a 37-28 victory in the IVC Tournament.

Landon Brown led with 14 points, followed by Bryce Handzus with seven. Jack Denker had three points, while Jeremy Kapper and Sam Edwards contributed two points each.

Wednesday, January 10
DGS vs. Seneca 7th Grade - IVC Tournament

The Redbirds picked up a big IVC Tourney win over Seneca, 44-18, when they met January 10.

"After an almost three-week layoff, I'm always worried about our first game in the conference tournament," confessed Coach Conroy. "The boys played really well and will play for the championship!"

Long led with 22 points, five boards, and a steal, followed by Peck with six points, 11 rebounds, and one steal. Groves (four rebounds, five steals) and Legner (five rebounds, six steals) each scored five points. Gall added four points, three boards, and three steals, while Kern chipped in two points.

Sulaica (one steal), Ramsey, Scott, and Downen all hauled in two rebounds. Greer grabbed one.



DGS 7th Grade Redbird Reid Legner



DGS 7th Grade Redbird Brayden Long, left

28th Annual Coca-Cola Classic Underway in Saunemin

Day one of the 28th Annual Coca-Cola Classic was held January 13 at Saunemin Grade School, with eight teams advancing into the championship bracket.

In game one, Woodland's fifth graders knocked off Dwight's fifth grade squad, 24-19.

Nick Plesko led the Warriors with ten points. Owen Dunlap led the Redbirds with 14.

Pontiac's fifth graders took game two, 30-22, over Woodland's sixth grade team.

Camden Fenton led Pontiac with 12 points, while Payton Quaintance paced Woodland with eight.

Flanagan took out Crescent City, 39-34, led by Chansaye Maxon's 18 points.

Crescent City was led by Sam Munsterman's 26 points – which was a high for day one.

Game four saw Corpus Christi's fifth graders knocking off Iroquois West, 27-22.

Braden Degerman led the

Saints with eight points. Jace Pankey scored nine to lead IW.

Ridgeview ran past Odell, 36-6, in game five.

Jaxon Baker led the Mustangs with 14 points. Chayse Knobbe scored all six of the Rams' points.

Prairie Central's fifth grade team defeated St. Mary's fifth grade, 43-11.

Hudson Ault tossed in 15 points to lead the Hawks. Sean Finnegan paced the Saints with six.

The host, Eagles, roared back from a 12-8 deficit at the half to knock off Ransom, 34-21.

Conner Telford scored a game-high 21 to lead Saunemin. James Durham added ten, while Myles Gilliam scored two. Reed Frazier made a free throw.

Keaton Yedinak led the Pirates with seven points.

In the nightcap, Tri-Point defeated Mazon, 31-21.

Tyler Read scored 21 to pace the Raiders. Chase Litwiller led the Mavericks with 13 points.

GSWB Tigers Basketball

Monday, January 8
GSWB vs. Seneca 7th Grade - IVC Tournament

After a long break, the Tigers finally took the floor in the IVC Tourney at Seneca – and took a 36-16 loss to the hosts.

A slow start had GSWB trailing 10-3 after one. The score would be 16-9 headed into the half – but the Raiders would outscore the Tigers 15-4 in the third to take a commanding lead. One they would not relinquish.

Ryan Cacello paced GSWB with 11 points, while Cade Croy grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Tigers are now 5-11.

Tigers would lead 6-3 after the first quarter behind two treys from Easton Ashley.

A few costly turnovers late in the second, however, would cost GSWB – as they would trail 11-9 at halftime.

The Tigers took back the lead in the third, entering the final frame with a 17-14 advantage. But Elwood would hold GSWB scoreless until Nick Seplak hit a big shot with three seconds left to force overtime.

It was back and forth in OT, with the Tigers holding a one-point edge in the last few seconds – but with two seconds remaining in the contest, Elwood drilled a game-winner and a heart-breaker.

Seplak, Blake Huston, and Ashley combined to score all of GSWB's points, with Seplak and Huston swooping 11 and nine rebounds, respectively.

"It was very tough for this team to swallow," admitted Coach McDowell after the game. "It is very unfortunate."

Tuesday, January 9
GSWB vs. Elwood 8th Grade - IVC Tournament

In b-ball action in Dwight January 9, GSWB found themselves on the wrong side of a 25-24 score in overtime in IVC Tournament play.

A low scoring affair, the

Victory Lanes, Dwight Bowling League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers		Commercial League Bowlers		League Standings		W	L
HSG: Kent Jensen, 267.		HSG: Nate Woodin, 234 – Stephanie Coleman, 197; HSS: Curtis Price, 598 – Stephanie Coleman, 472; HHG: Nate Woodin, 267 – Stephanie Coleman, 251; HHS: Brian Seabert, 675 – Stephanie Coleman, 634; HSG: Victory Lanes, 989; HSS: Victory Lanes, 2779.		Victory Lanes		22	10
HSS: Brandon Petry, 669.		HSG: Jensen's BP II, 1051.		Cherry Red Roast		20	12
HHG: Kent Jensen, 293.		HSS: Victory Lanes, 2702.		LT5		19	13
HHS: Mike King, 689.		HHG: Jensen's BP II, 1087.		Coleman/Sons		17	15
		HHS: Jensen's BP II, 2783.		Dwight Printing		17	15
		League Standings		Willy's Pub		17	15
		W	L	Pro Shop		15	17
		JF Recycling	12	4	DQueens	14	18
		Jensen's BP II	10	6	Hugh/Bunnies	10	22
		KWM Gutterman	10	6	Route 66	9	23
		Jensen's I	9	7			
		Victory Lanes	8	8			
		Jeremy's Barber	8	8			
		Star Trucking	7	9			
		Willy's Pub	7	9			
		Rury's Tap	5	11			



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Donkey Basketball Coming to Dwight Township High School

The Dwight Township High School FCCLA and Friends of Rachel Club will be hosting a Donkey Basketball event on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

This event will be held in the DTHS gymnasium with the first game beginning at 7 p.m.

The first game will feature members of the DTHS staff vs. DTHS seniors.

The second game will feature the DGS Staff vs. Dwight Police/EMS Department.

The evening will con-

clude with the winners of those two games facing off in the Championship game.

Tickets for the event will be sold in advance at a discount or at the door (Preschool Free).

Advanced ticket sales began on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at the following Dwight locations: DTHS Office, DGS Office, Jensen's BP and Jeremy's Barber Shop.

This show is described as hilarious and is known around the country as "The Craziest Show on Earth!"



Gas Prices Jump 4.4 Cents

Gasoline prices across the nation jumped another 4.4 cents. Gas prices averaged \$2.535 as of Monday, Jan. 15.

"With oil prices rallying to their highest level since 2014, it's no surprise that gasoline prices continue to show frustrating strength for this time of year," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "While winter is usually a time for modest declines at the pump, this year has seen anything but."

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. 15	Jan. 8
Dwight	\$2.646	\$2.646
Seneca	\$2.586	\$2.436
S. Wilmington	\$2.49	\$2.39
Streator	\$2.594	\$2.454
Odell	\$2.59	\$2.52
Saunemin	\$2.49	\$2.74
Cullom	\$2.49	\$2.39
Pontiac	\$2.469	\$2.398
Gardner	\$2.49	\$2.39
Braceville	\$2.49	\$2.39
Mazon	\$2.35	\$2.35
Morris	\$2.494	\$2.37
Herscher	\$2.59	\$2.39
Kankakee	\$2.558	\$2.298
Chicago	\$2.43	\$2.79
Illinois	\$2.61	\$2.62
U.S.	\$2.535	\$2.491

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

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Dwight Scholastic Bowl Kicks Off 2018 Season

The Dwight Varsity Scholastic Bowl team kicked off their season on January 13 by traveling to Homewood-Flossmor High School for the Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association Tournament.

The Trojans started their day positively, picking up a 205-190 win over Glenbard East B and a 295-140 win over Homewood-Flossmoor B. They dropped their remaining matches, 350-220 to Rich Central, 360-70 to

Lincoln Way East, 435-130 to Andrew, 350-90 to Crete-Monee, 430-85 to Beecher, and 245-235 to Glenbard North B.

Team captain Bubba Schultz led the team with 23 toss-ups for the day, with returning starter Hayden Tjelle right behind him with 22. Dan Muller tallied three, while Kathryn Berta had one for the day.

Dwight starts the SVC season at the SVC Kickoff Monday, January 22, at PBL.



DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Friday, January 12
Dwight vs. Momence Varsity -

The Trojans suffered a tough 100-45 road loss to Momence January 12.

Dwight knocked down nine three-pointers in the contest, but could not stop the Redskins defensively.

Dakota Wahl hit four of those threes, in addition to 5-6 shooting from the line – en route to a team-high 19 points. Morgan Fritz put in 11 points, with one trey, followed by a three-pointer each from JC Santos, Colton Holm, Cole Hahn, and Caden Schroeder. Tyler Masching and Lane Thompson scored two points each.

Saturday, January 13
Dwight vs. Streator-Woodland Varsity - United Center in Chicago

Dwight traveled to Chicago on Saturday to take on Streator-Woodland at the United Center, and would lead for all but 50 seconds of the game – but an ugly fourth quarter led to a 54-52

loss to the Warriors.

After beginning the game with the hot hand, the Trojans led 14-7 after one quarter, and would take a 28-21 lead into the half – capitalizing on seven first half trifectas.

Dwight would outscore S-W 17-14 in the third quarter, carrying a comfy nine-point lead into the final frame – but that's when the Warriors woke up.

The Trojans mustered just seven points in the fourth, allowing 18 by their opponents and ultimately falling in heart-breaking fashion – despite 12 three-pointers in the game.

Leading Dwight was Dakota Wahl with 18 points, including four threes and 6-8 FT shooting. Morgan Fritz had 13 points, with three treys. Colton Holm had five points, including a three, while JC Santos and Cole Hahn added four points each, with one three-pointer each. Kade Ohlendorf and Caden Schroeder each hit a trifecta, followed by a free throw each from Bryson Connor and Tyler Masching.



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Thurs	4:40-5:20	Level 6-7 Jazz	8-11y
Thurs	4:40-5:20	Level 5 Ballet/ Tap	5-7y
Thurs	5:20-6:00	Level 6-7 Ballet/ Tap	5-11y
Thurs	5:20-6:00	Level 5 Jazz	5-7y
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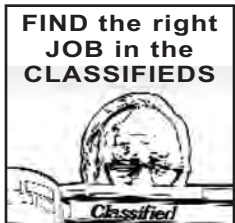


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Fri., Jan. 19: Hamburger, buttered baby baker potatoes, creamy coleslaw, bun, warm baked apple.

Mon., Jan. 22: Swiss beef pattie w/

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BauerFinancial, Coral Gables, FL – the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm – has announced that State Bank of Saunemin has once again secured a 5-Star rating (indicating the bank excels in areas of capital adequacy, profitability, asset quality, and more).

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Livingston County Voter Registration Deadline Info

Livingston County Clerk Kristy Masching will have her office open on Saturday, February 17, from 9:00 a.m. until noon for in-person voter registration.

The in-person and mail-in registration deadline for the March 20 Primary Election is Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 which includes new registrations as well as changes of address or name.

In order to register to vote: You must be a U.S. citizen; must have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day and be at least 18 by Election Day.

Know the facts about voter registration: All voters must be registered to the correct physical address before casting a ballot (this includes changing apartments in the same building).

If a voter has not cast a ballot at the last two Federal Elections, his/her registration could be inactivated.

If you have changed your name and moved, your voter registration will need to be transferred.

Livingston County voters needing to register to vote or change registration on Election Day, can only do so at the Livingston County Clerk's office. Voter registration is not available at any Livingston County polling sites.

To register to vote or

update your address or name on-line through Sunday February 19:

Must have a driver's license or state id with current address.

Go Online to: www.elections.il.gov

Click the “Voter” icon at the top of the page.

To begin, Click “Online Voter Registration” and follow the instructions.

When completed, the Illinois State Board of Elections will electronically submit your application to the County Clerk's office.

Avoid Election Day Lines with Vote by Mail available February 8 – March 15:

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Click on the following tabs: County Services, County Clerk, Elections, E-mailable Vote by Mail Ballot Application Request form.

The County Clerk's office is located at the Historic Courthouse in 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois.

For further details contact County Clerk Kristy Masching at (815) 842-9313 or Elections Deputy Gail Smythe at 815-842-9318. Visit our website at www.livingstoncountyil.gov

(County Services, County Clerk, Elections) for sample ballots and additional election information and forms.

OBITUARIES

Gene Hansen

MAZON – Gene Robert Hansen, 79, of Mazon passed away Thursday, January 11, 2018 at his home.

He was born January 3, 1939 in Joliet.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

For more information and to sign his online guestbook log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find them on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Charles Adkins

MAZON – Charles Elmer Adkins, 84, of Mazon passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Park Pointe Healthcare in Morris.

He was born August 23, 1933 in Morris, son of the late Melvin and Marjorie Sanderson Adkins.



He was raised and educated in Morris, graduating with Morris High School Class of 1951. He was a United States Army Sergeant, serving from May of 1953 to April of 1955. He married Lois Sutton May 25, 1957.

Charles and Lois moved to Mazon, where they would raise their family. He worked for and retired from Continental Grain in Morris after 40 years of employment.

He was very active with committees such as the Mazon Township Board for 40 years (36 years as a clerk and four years as a trustee); a Charter Member of the Mazon Lions Club; on the Brookside Mazon Cemetery Board for 10 years; was on the committee for the Mazon School District; the Mazon Little League Board; and a member of the Mazon Methodist Church.

He was proud to be the recipient of the Masons

2007 Community Builder Award from Mazon Lodge 826. He would always help many of the area farmers, and after retirement helped his nephew farm. He was a proud grandpa and enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events and concerts.

Charles is survived by his wife, Lois; children: Kenneth (Christie) Adkins of Mazon and Lisa Adkins of Boston; grandchildren, Megan Adkins of Ocoee, Florida; Eric Adkins of Chicago; a brother, James (Betty) Adkins of Manteno; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son in infancy, David Adkins.

A celebration of Charles' life was at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 13, at the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, Morris, officiated by Pastor Karen Fabian of the Mazon Methodist Church.

Burial: Mazon Brookside Cemetery with military honors presented by the Mazon Color Guard.

Visitation was Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of services.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at: www.ucdaviscallahan.com

Marilyn J. Wyllie



PONTIAC – Marilyn J. Wyllie, 83, of Pontiac died Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:05 p.m. at Fairview Haven Retirement Community, Fairbury.

Marilyn was born November 13, 1934 in Wing, a daughter of Reuben and Mildred Whately Metz. She married John H. Wyllie September 15, 1957 in Forrest. He preceded her in death April 30, 2015.

Surviving are two sons: John (Diane) Wyllie of Pontiac and Scott Wyllie of Emington; and one daughter, Jan (Todd) Miller of Pontiac.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren: Evan (Rachel Fink) Wyllie, Ryan (Cara) Miller, Christopher Wyllie, Bethany Miller, Casey Wyllie, Emily Miller, Katie Wyllie and Aaron Wyllie; and six great-grandchildren: Trinity, Nova and Ziva Miller; Bryleigh Fisher; and Seth and Bailee Branscum.

Two brothers: Ron Metz of Champaign and Wayne Metz of Peoria; one sister, Kay Monahan of Forrest; brother-in-law, Glen Waibel; and a special friend, Jim Carroll; several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Patricia Waibel; sister-in-law, Marilyn Metz; and a special uncle, Ray Giovanini.

Marilyn was a 1953 graduate of Forrest-Strawn-Wing High School. She was employed as a receptionist/

secretary for Jerome Pearre at the Pontiac Daily Leader, and also worked at Klopfenstein Office Supply Store in Pontiac. She later worked at Wyllie Con-venience Store in Pontiac, until retiring in 2009.

She was a member of the Emington Congregational Church of Christ. She belonged to the Emington Thursday Evening Club, Emington Community Club, Livingston County Rural Youth, and the Pontiac Historical Society. She helped with and was a huge supporter of the Emington July 3rd Celebration.

Marilyn's most cherished time was spent with her family. She also enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's activities and spending time with friends.

Her funeral was Tuesday, January 16, at 11 a.m. in the Emington Congregational United Church of Christ with Rev. Grant Speece officiating.

Burial: Union Cemetery, Emington.

A visitation was held Monday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac.

Memorials in Marilyn's name may be made to Emington Congregational United Church of Christ or Fairview Haven.

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

More Obituaries appear on page 5.

January Is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

In 2016, 12,578 women in the United States were diagnosed with cervical cancer.

Also, 4,115 women in the United States died from cervical cancer.

While those numbers are shocking, there are two tests that can help prevent and diagnose cervical cancer.

The Pap test (or Pap smear) looks for precancerous cell changes on the cervix that may become cervical cancer if they are not treated appropriately.

Women are recommended to start getting Pap tests at age 21. Another test is the human papillomavirus (HPV) test which detects the virus that can cause these cancerous cell changes.

This test can be done at the same time as the Pap test.

The most important thing

you can do to help prevent cervical cancer is to have regular screening tests starting at age 21 or earlier depending on sexual activity.

For women aged 21 to 65, it is important to continue getting a Pap test as directed by your doctor, even if you think you are too old to have a child or are not sexually active.

Another important step in preventing cervical cancer is getting the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine for yourself or your child, called Gardasil.

It is important because it protects against some of the

more common strains of cancer caused by HPV.

HPV is a very common virus; nearly 80 million people—about one in four—are currently infected in the United States. About 14 million people, including teens, become infected with HPV each year.

All children beginning at age 11 years old through 14 years old are recommended to get two HPV vaccines six to twelve months apart.

If you or your children are between the ages of 14-

26, the series is complete with three vaccines given over the course of 6 months.

If you or your child haven't gotten the vaccine yet and are interested, please talk to your doctor or nurse about getting it as soon as possible or visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website to learn more about Gardasil and the HPV virus.

HPV vaccine appointments are available by appointment at the Grundy County Health Department by calling (815) 941-3404.

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- JAN. 18: Daisy Scouts, 4 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsal, 6 p.m.
- JAN. 19: MWDC, 7:30 a.m.
- JAN. 20: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.; AA meeting, 9 a.m.
- JAN. 21: 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.

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- JAN. 24: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor 815-584-3430

- 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.
- JAN. 21: 9 a.m., “Bible Study;” 10 a.m., Main Service - Evangelist Tom Stamman; Kid's Church, ages 3 - 11; 5 p.m., Xtreme Youth Group.
- JAN. 24: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.
- JAN. 25: 11:30 a.m., Second Wind 50+ Ministry; 7 p.m., Worship practice.

- JAN. 21: Third Sunday after Epiphany – 9:15 a.m., Fellowship time; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development/rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
- JAN. 22: Church office closed; 9 a.m. - noon, quilting.
- JAN. 23: 9 a.m. - noon, quilting; 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries.
- JAN. 24: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 2:45 p.m., Worship Team; 4:30 p.m., Youth Group; 5:15 p.m., Easter Cantata rehearsal.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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- JAN. 17: Pastor Nicholson here; 3 - 4 p.m., Open gym; 4 - 5:30 p.m., Midweek Bible Time.
- JAN. 21: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
- JAN. 24: Pastor Nicholson here; 3 - 4 p.m., Open gym; 4 - 5:30 p.m., Mid-Week Bible Time.

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

- JAN. 17: Farm Committee meeting, 6 p.m.; Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
- JAN. 21: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: “The Call of Jonah.” Annual meeting after church service with potluck lunch soon after meeting.
- JAN. 28: 11:30 a.m., Deacons meeting. “January Mission of the Month” Outdoor Ministries/ Pilgrim Park Camp. “Feed the Kids” Program. Donations Welcome.

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

- JAN. 20: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
- JAN. 21: 8 a.m., Mass.

CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

- JAN. 21: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church of Christ

103 Division Street
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor

- JAN. 21: 8:45 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: “The Call of Jonah.” Council meeting, 8:00 a.m. “January Food Pantry Collection” – Cereal.

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2017: A Glance Back Through The Paper

Note: The Paper's Year in Review continues starting with August of last year:

August, 2017

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

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

above the surrounding area.

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

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

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

upkeep of the building.

Restrictions will likely be lifted for American forces fighting the War on Terror in Afghanistan and President Trump is proposing a major shift in policy.

That is the message from Retired U.S. Army Major Jeremy Riegel, a 1995 Dwight Township High School graduate, after the president gave a speech on his plans for Afghanistan and South Asia on Aug. 21.

Riegel, who served four tours in Afghanistan with

the Airborne Rangers, said the focus since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 in Afghanistan was "nation-building," working with Afghanistan's army and police, training them and fighting alongside them.

"And we must acknowledge the reality I'm here to talk about tonight," Trump said, "that nearly 16 years after the Sept. 11 attacks, after the extraordinary sacrifice of blood and treasure, the American people are weary of war without victory. Nowhere is that more evident than with the war in Afghanistan, the longest war in American history, 17 years."

Trump explained that from now on, victory will have a clear definition:

"Attacking our enemies, obliterating ISIS, crushing al Qaeda, preventing the Taliban from taking over Afghanistan and stopping mass terror attacks against America before they emerge."

September, 2017

Dwight responded quickly and generously to help the victims along the Gulf Coast struck last week by Hurricane Harvey, a storm that dropped more rain than any other in history.

On the first day after a post to Facebook, donations of money and needed supplies poured into the Dwight Ace Hardware store, immediately filling up two storage bins.

The Facebook post was titled #DwightToHouston.

"Let's show Texas what kind of love we have in Illinois!" the posting ends.

"It's been humbling," said Brad Gillette, who spoke to The Paper on the second day of donations coming in.



DWIGHT NATIVE Jeremy Riegel, now retired from the U.S. Army, spent four tours in Afghanistan as part of the airborne Rangers. He is shown here at the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan, while training Afghan Border Police in Nangarhar Province. It is just north of the Torkham Gate crossing. Crossing the border into Pakistan to chase terrorists may be one of the lifted restrictions on U.S. military forces that will help bring victory in Afghanistan, as outlined by President Trump on Aug. 21.

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"Ace is the drop off place, but it's the people of Dwight that are doing this," Gillette added. "It's been incredible."

Remember the games in the high school gym in Reddick, with the stage on the far south side, and the cheerleaders standing in front, chanting slogans to inspire the Bulldog boys teams?

Remember the orange and black colors, with the round-roofed gym that looked like a vaulted European renaissance-era cathedral on the inside remi-

niscant of the churches of old?

Remember the electronic scoreboard alongside names of the basketball team players and the wooden ticket booth outside, along with a specially-mounted metal flip frame to look at pictures of former Reddick Bulldogs through the years?

If those things stir memories, perhaps a trip down memory lane is in order at the Reddick High School homecoming in the historic Reddick gymnasium, Oct. 7.m.

(To be continued next week)

2018 Norton Township Meeting Dates

Norton Township will hold its meetings at 7:00 p.m. in the Norton Township shed, Buckingham, on the following dates:

January 29; February

26; March 26; April 10 – Annual Town Meeting; April 30; May 28; June 25; July 30; August 27; September 24; October 29; November 26; December 17.

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