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Sweethearts-For-Decades' Secret To Longevity: Love, Communication

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Note: As we approach Feb. 14, 2018 (Valentine's Day for all you unattached people out there), The Paper decided to ask couples who have been married for a long time their winning-formula for a long-lasting marriage.

The secret formula for staying married for many decades is "love" and "communication," according to couples in the area.

Betty and Ray Bertrand, nearly 70 years

A couple who will be celebrating 70 years of marriage in October are residents of Heritage Woods of Dwight, Betty and Ray Bertrand.

So how did they last so long? They said the answer is simple:

"We love one another," Betty said.

They were married in October of 1946, and both were just 18 when they tied the knot.

"We met at a roller skating rink," she explained. Both were residents of

by Myke Feinman

Managing Editor

ongoing series featuring

the larger towns in The

of downtown Gardner will

soon be history as the con-

Paper's circulation area.

Note: This is part of the

An eyesore in the middle

tears down the

Bourbonnais at the time.

"He asked me if I would skate. I could barely stand up with the skates on. He held me up.'

Elizabeth said he liked perhaps it was more than the skating he liked.

"We've loved each other all of our lives," Ray added. "He loved me and I loved him," Betty said.

Simple formula.

The couple had three children, Kim age 56, Karen, who is deceased and would be 58, and Keith, now 60. They also have eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

So what sustained their love?

"He used to buy me a heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day," she said with a wry smile.

Jack and Elizabeth Jessen, nearly 55 Years

Elizabeth Jessen, who is currently staying at Heritage Health nursing home in Dwight because of a broken pelvis sustained in a fall, explained that she and her husband Jack have been working hard to maintain their love for nearly 55 years. Their anniversary is in

"It's not 'I' it's 'us.' Work as a team. You have to consider the other person. You

both of you) without talking to the other person,' Elizabeth advised.

"Try to get along with each other," Jack added.

Communication skills are roller skating with her. But a major factor in their relationship, which began when the couple were both sophomores at Lincoln-Way High School.

They both said they liked the way the other looked, but it was their personalities that kept their love affair going long after their high school

"He was friendly with me," she said, when Jack asked Elizabeth to a Christmas dance when they were just sophomores.

The couple spent most of their working years at Lincoln-Way High School. Jack retired after 28 years as a maintenance man at the school and she worked as a bus driver there for 33 years. They moved to Coal City after retirement. Elizabeth's sister, Claire and her husband Butch Erdman, reside in nearby Braceville.

The couple raised four boys, Jack Jr., age 52; James, 50; Joseph, 49; and Jeremy,

They also have 15 grandchildren (some are step grandchildren) and 10 greatgrandchildren.

They said three of their sons got divorced, which shouldn't make plans (for upset the parents since the



BETTY AND RAY BERTRAND of Heritage Woods of Dwight will mark their 70th wedding anniversary this year. The Paper photo

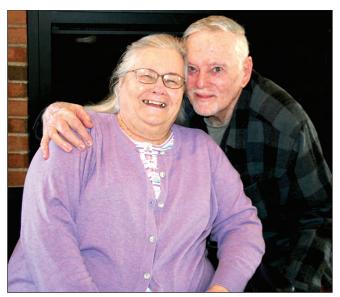
boys already had children.

"We just weren't raised that way," Elizabeth said. "You try to work out your problems."

"It takes a lot of work and sweat," said Jack, who agreed communication is part of the success formula.

"Kids today just want freedom all the time," Jack added.





ELIZABETH AND JACK JESSEN will mark their 55th wedding anniversary this year. The Paper photo

GARDNER MAYOR MIKE SERENA stands in front of the Nielsen Grain Elevator in downtown Gardner; the elevator is scheduled to be torn down soon.

Nielsen Grain Elevator Soon

To Be Part of Gardner History

includes grain bins, a scale,

The village had pur-

and a grain elevator build-

chased the defunct property

and had to go through a

process to have the building

"This has been a long

Nielsen Elevator, which process," said Gardner

Mayor Mike Serena. "They

haven't used the property in

The property, which con-

The demolition of the

sists of nearly two acres

downtown, cost \$60,000 for

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the village to purchase.

Acting Odell Mayor Brian Mills: New Mayor To Be Elected In 2019

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Note: This is part of *The*

Paper's ongoing series looking back at 2017 and peering forward in the major towns and villages in our circulation area.

Odell has been running with an acting Village President since last fall when Terry Joyner resigned.

Trustee Brian Mills stepped up to take over as Village President until the April 2019 election. He retains his vote as trustee on the six member board.

Mills said the village board had the option of either one of the six trustees taking the job until the next consolidated election scheduled for 2019 or holding a special election to fill in for Joyner's term.

"Nobody else wanted to do it," Mills explained.

Whomever decides to run for Mayor in 2019 will be filling the two-year unexpired term of Joyner.

Meantime, the village is still in courts battling over a contractor that installed a liner to seal one of its clear water wells (essentially an underground tank to hold



BRIAN MILLS, acting as both Odell Trustee and Acting Village President, is at the helm for the Village Board since the departure of Terry Joyner. The town has installed a new liner in its 75,000 gallon clear water well tank and plans to work on drainage issues this year. The Paper photo

processed water).

The tank holds up to 75,000 gallons of water.

The village had been

using its second, 35,000 gallon tank, while awaiting a

resolution on the clear well liner.

Mills said the village was just given permission by the courts to install a replace-(continued on pag 10)

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

January 27: Annette L. Langellier, 60, Normal, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

January 28: Justin S. Van Byssum, 18, Plainfield, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

Police Blotter

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

Jan. 26: Shoplifting -Dwight Police were dispatched at 10:05 a.m. to 317 Waupansie for a shoplifter. On scene, Dwight Police met with a store employee, who was standing next to Lech Kern, Chicago, 59. Kern produced stolen items and was taken into custody.

Jan. 26: Possible Scam -Dwight Police were called at 10:12 a.m. to the 200 block of W. Delaware Street and met with a 90-year-old male. The complainant advised he had calls on his cell phone not made by anyone at his residence. He said he would call the cell phone company to discuss the matter.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 25: 1:59 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

January 26: 10:36 a.m., Union, medical, Morris; 5:26 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. James.

January 27: 1:21 a.m., Delaware, medical, Morris; 4:36 a.m., Union, fire, no pt.

January 28: 4:57 a.m., 3200 N., fire, no pt.; 7:03 a.m., Union, fire; 7:47 a.m., Union, fire; 4:46 p.m., Morgan, CO alarm, no pt.

January 29: 6:06 a.m., Chicago, medical, St. James; 7:59 a.m., Union, fire; 9:25 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 10:20 a.m., John St., medical, Morris; 1:25 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

January 30: 4:20 a.m., ALDI, fire; 2:54 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. James; 5:00 p.m., Chippewa, CO detector, no pt.; 7:20 p.m., William, trauma, Morris.

January 31: 1:01 a.m., Seminole, medical, Morris; 3:56 p.m., Delaware, trauma, refusal.

February 1: 2:15 a.m., Mazon, refusal.

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What Should You Do With Your Tax Refund?

You may not get much of a thrill from filing your taxes, but the process becomes much more enjoyable if you're expecting a refund. So, if one is headed your way, what should you do with the money?

The answer depends somewhat on the size of the refund. For the 2017 tax year, the average refund was about \$2,760 – not a fortune, but big enough to make an impact in your life. Suppose, for example, that you invested this amount in a tax-deferred vehicle, such as a traditional IRA, and then did not add another penny to it for 30 years. At the end of that time, assuming a hypothetical 7 percent annual rate of return, you'd have slightly more than \$21,000 – not enough, by itself, to allow you to move to a Caribbean island, but still a nice addition to your retirement income. (You will need to pay taxes on your withdrawals eventually, unless the money was invested in a Roth IRA, in which case withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain condi-

Of course, you don't have to wait 30 years before you see any benefits from your tax refund. If you did decide to put a \$2,760 tax refund toward your IRA for 2018, you'd already have reached just over half the allowable contribution limit of \$5,500. (If you're 50 or older, the limit is \$6,500.) By getting such a strong head start on funding your IRA for the year, you'll give your money more time to grow. Also, if you're going to "max out" on your IRA, your large initial payment will enable you to put in smaller monthly amounts than you might need to contribute otherwise.

While using your refund to help fund your IRA is a good move, it's not the only one you can make. Here are a few other possibilities:

• Pay down some debt. At some time or another, most of us probably feel we're carrying too much debt. If you can use your tax refund to help reduce your monthly debt payments, you'll improve your cash flow and possibly have more money available to invest for the future.

• Build an emergency fund. If you needed a new furnace or major car repair, or faced any other large, unexpected expense, how would you pay for it? If you did not have the cash readily available, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. To help avoid this problem, you could create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your tax refund could help build your emergency fund.

• Look for other investment opportunities. If you have some gaps in your portfolio, or some opportunities to improve your overall diversification, you might want to use your tax refund to add some new investments. The more diversified your portfolio, the stronger your defense against market volatility that might primarily affect one particular asset class. (However, diversification, by itself, can't protect against all losses or guarantee profits.)

Clearly, a tax refund gives you a chance to improve your overall financial picture. So take your time, evaluate your options and use the money wisely.

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



Temps - 2018

Jan. 25 - high 46°, low 25° Jan. 26 - high 52°, low 33° Jan. 27 - high 49°, low 28° Jan. 28 - high 46°, low 25° Jan. 29 - high 26°, low 10° Jan. 30 - high 32°, low 10° Jan. 31 - high 43°, low 26° One Year Ago-Feb. 7, 2017 high 56°, low 28°

Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington February 12

.43" rain

On Monday, February 12, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce, and nonperishable items) to people in need.

Participants are asked to take bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Dwight **Historical Society** located in the **Historic Dwight** Depot is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment

Eliminating Trees



ALEX BRADBURY of Bradbury Tree Service of Odell trims an ash tree in downtown Dwight, Friday, Feb. 2. Trees all over town have been cut down due to the Emerald Ash Borer which has been attacking area trees. The tree service has been working in Dwight for months. The Paper photo

Nielsen Grain Elevator Soon To Be Part of Gardner History

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buildings and grain bins, expected to happen any day now, will cost another \$40,000 from village cof-

One of the things that had to be done was to remediate soil that contained some asbestos at the site, Serena explained.

Serena said the property can be used as overflow parking if someone were to purchase the old grocery store building across the street, or could be used for some other economic development.

"It will be turned into grass for now," Serena explained.

The village is no longer contracting with the Grundy County Economic Development agency, but is still seeking development.

"The economy has come back," Serena said. "I hope we don't miss out on any opportunities."

Major economic contributors in Gardner include the Rub Ford dealership, Midwest Industries which rebuilds heavy equipment, and Ron Dibble and his

propane/trucking business. He said all these busi-

nesses not only bring in sales tax revenue for the town, but contribute to programs such as sports activities for Gardner area youth.

On the subject of economics, the village is still debating whether to renew its contract with Grundy County Animal Control at a cost of \$3,600.

According to data the Village Board had, there were just two animal control calls last year. However, the county said there were more than 80 calls, and said that municipalities must pay additional funds, while unincorporated areas are not charged extra.

The village is also fighting with the county over maintenance of sidewalks on Main Street, which the village says is a county road and should be maintained by the county. That issue remains to be decided by the courts.

Meantime, bringing in revenue for Gardner in addition to sales tax and property tax are the Tax Increment Finance District funds and funds from gambling.

Serena said the gambling funds are normally used for forgiving the water bill on the last billing period of the in town.

TIF funds are used for infrastructure and equipment, including a used truck for \$10,000 that would have cost \$150,000 new. The

three trucks owned by the village are used for snow plowing and other similar functions for public works.

The village also has a Bobcat and two pickup

Public works employees are Brad Kingma and Justin Schultz.

TIF funds are also helping pay for such projects as the storm sewer upgrade last year that cost \$155,000, parking lot resurfacing downtown and at the village hall for \$86,000, and sidewalk replacements downtown and at Village Hall for

\$19,000. Storm sewer upgrades this year are estimated to cost \$400,000, and Serena said that 98% of the old steel lines will have been replaced with plastic pipe after this year's project.

The village clerk is Pat Malinowski while the Deputy Clerk is Kaitlin

Village Council members are Dick Hileman, finance chairman; Terry Jensen, streets and alleys; Jim Riley, parks; and Rob Wolf, sewer and water.

Jeff Bexson is plumbing inspector and Joel Maxard is electricity inspector.

Gardner will continue with its annual participation year, plus other incidentals in the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor in 2018, and Vino's tavern will soon re-open under the ownership of Leann Rankovich "Everybody's" in downtown Gardner this year.

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February is **American Heart Month**

The perfect gift this Valentine's Day is the gift of heart health. Along with Valentine's Day, February marks American Heart Month – a time to commit to a healthy lifestyle and make small changes that can lead to a lifetime of heart health.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women, so it's important to make changes to your lifestyle that will improve your heart health - even small changes can make a big difference.

Schedule a visit with your doctor to talk about heart health. It's important to schedule regular checkups, even if you think you are not

Add exercise to your daily routine. Start off the month by walking 15 minutes, three times each week. By mid-month, increase your time to 30 minutes, three times each week. Always check with your doctor before beginning any new exercise programs.

Increase healthy eating. Cook heart-healthy meals at home at least three times each week and make your favorite recipe lower sodium. For example, swap salt for fresh or dried herbs and

Take steps to quit smok-

ing. If you currently smoke, quitting can cut your risk for heart disease and stroke. Learn more at CDC's Smoking and Tobaccos Use website or the Illinois Quitline, Tobacco quityes.org.

Take medication as prescribed. Talk with your doctor about the importance of taking your high blood pressure and cholesterol medications. If you're having trouble taking your medicines on time or if you're having side effects, ask your doctor for help.

For the month of February to celebrate heart health, the Grundy County Health Department will be offering free Heart Health screenings on the following dates: February 13, 15, 20, and 22 - from 1:30-3:00 p.m. each day.

Blood pressure screenings, blood sugar screenings, and helpful diet and exercise tips will be given to promote heart health. Make sure to stop in during these times or any time throughout the year for your free screenings.

For questions about the clinic or questions about any other health department services, call the Grundy Co. Health Dept. at 815-941-

Secretary of State Offices Closed for Lincoln's Birthday, Presidents' Day

Jesse White announced that all offices and facilities regularly open Monday through Friday will be closed Mondays, February 12 and February 13 and 20. 19, while facilities with operating days of Tuesday Driver Services facility and through Saturday will be the hours of operation, visit closed Saturdays, February 10 and 17, in observance of Individuals can also change Abraham Lincoln's birthday and Presidents' Day.

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Mautino Matter Not Over 'til It's Over

by Tom Tock

Lawyers for Illinois Auditor General Frank Mautino presented briefs at a January 25 hearing before the 4th District Appellate Court asking the court to refuse David Cooke's appeal for the court to reconsider the original merits of a complaint filed by Cooke in February of 2016 -- that Mautino and his former campaign committee made questionable expenditures to Happy's Super Service, Spring Valley, and the Spring Valley City Bank, in violation of the Illinois Election Code.

Mautino was a 76th District Representative before being appointed to a 10-year term as Illinois Auditor General in January

Mautino's lawyers argued January 25 that Cooke had already made his arguments before the Illinois Board of Elections and won (Mautino and his committee were fined \$5,000 for failing to furnish requested documents), and that now Cooke should go away.

OSF Saint James Celebrates

Heart Month Join OSF Saint James – John

W. Albrecht Medical Center for a free screening and education event – "The Power of Prevention" – Wed., Feb. 28, from 5-7 p.m. in the cafeteria and conference room, 2500 W. Reynolds St. in Pontiac.

5-6 p.m., A blood glucose screening and complimentary dinner (no fasting required).

6-7 p.m., "The Time to Prevent Diabetes is Now," presented by John M. Rinker, MD; an Overview of the Diabetes Prevention Program by Sherri Schlatter, RN, CDE, Diabetes Educator; and Mary Heath, RN, BSN, Manager of Education Services.

Seating is limited and registration is require by calling 815-842-4970 or at: www.osfhealthcare.org/

But former Dwightite Cooke, now of Streator, and his lawyers from the Illinois Liberty and Justice Center, Chicago, still want answers as to how Mautino and his committee spent about \$400,000 of campaign money at Happy's and at the Spring Valley City Bank.

The Board of Elections originally found Cooke's complaint to be justifiable, but after a series of postponed hearings, ruled only on the fact Mautino and his campaign committee had failed to furnish requested documentation to the Board, for which they fined the Mautino committee \$5,000 (which remains unpaid).

The Board of Elections then voted 4-4 along party lines to not pursue any further action in the matter, and Cooke appealed.

Cooke's lawyer, Senior Attorney Jeffrey Schwab from the Liberty Justice Center in Chicago, told The Paper that they will file a reply brief to the Mautino lawyers in the 4th District Court by February 8.



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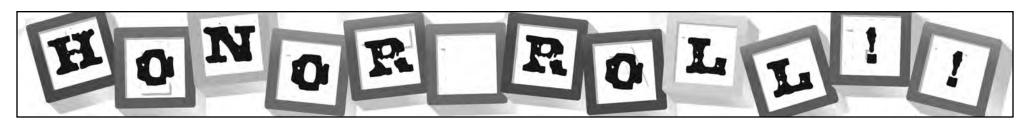
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High Honors Fifth Grade: Andrew Nelson. Sixth Grade: Robert Denewellis-Shutes. Jessica Dominguez, Ryland Megyeri, Rianna Platt, Nathan States.

Seventh Grade: Amelia Brock Brody Fatlan, Staiton Latimer, Delaney Platt. Eighth Grade: Braeden

Hirsch, Ambiance Krahl, Jacob Mammoser, Alexis Tvrz.

1st Honors Fifth Grade: Jarrek Hirsch,

Colin Neu. Sixth Grade: Ava Brassard, Allston Latimer, Brianna Nelson, Hunter Purdy.

Seventh Grade: Lacey Russow, Avery Williams. Eighth Grade: Braxton Brassard, Cristina Dominguez, Lexi Latimer, Trey Schweitzer,

2nd Honors Fifth Grade: Caden Pelletier. Sixth Grade: Mia Ledlow,

Nick Seplak.

Makaila McDaniel. Seventh Grade: Kaleb Neu, Jacob Ozee. Eighth Grade: Erik Brock, Carly Daniel.

Perfect Attendance Chase Kindergarten: Chandler, Vincent Smith. First Grade: Brody Grimes, Payton Pelletier

Second Grade: Blake Knight, Lacey Rodriguez. Third Grade: Zachary Jack-

son, Travis McDaniel. Fourth Grade: Corben Russow.

Sixth Grade: Ava Brassard, Jessica Dominguez, Allston Latimer.

Seventh Grade: Amelia Brock, Abigail Dennett, Staiton Latimer, Jacob Ozee, Lacey Russow, Avery Williams.

Eighth Grade: Erik Brock, Cristina Dominguez, Crystal Gill, Ambiance Krahl, Lexi Latimer, Jacob Mammoser.

MVK Middle School Honor Roll

Punke.

High Honor Roll Fifth Grade: Lilly Quintero, Maison Yard, Carter Clouse, Kiley Francisco, Audry McNabb, Thomas Milton. Natalie Misener, Sarah Nolting, Gabe Punke-Bendt, Chris

Smith, Shelby Welsh. Sixth Grade: Faith Baker, Kenny Daggett, Gracie Steffes, Sami VandeVelde, Carter Thomas, Kate Biros, Erinn Kenney, William Milton.

Seventh Grade: David Hatz, Leslie Klicker, Bryce Roe, Stephanie Bernhard, Colin Collet, Kaela Francisco, Harmony Neal, Christopher Povner.

Eighth Grade: Case Biros, Jessica Daggett, Elizabeth Davis, Taylor Draves, Eli Hill, Emma Smith, Wade Tondini, Taya Roe.

Honor Roll

Fifth Grade: Kellen Arnold,

Kylee Giovengo, Torryn Hahn, Jacob Hasselbring, Madison Kozbiel, Colton Pumphrey, Cecilia Bingheim, Kaylee

Ludvigsen, Vicky Naines,

Hannah Prohaska, Dyllon

Sixth Grade: Lauren Cronkrite, Lodin Hahn, Chase Litwiller. Nathen Neal. Quinn, Nicholas Dominic Black, Chase Buis, Tommy Clark, Casey Clennon, Peyton Enerson, Seth Johnson, Nate Othon.

Seventh Grade: Isabel Humphrey, Keeli Pumphrey, Kaitlyn Rangel, Sy Salinas, Jada Baudino, Jaelyn Coop, Fallon Hamilton, Russell Marcellis, Evan Nelson.

Eighth Grade: Matt Cruise, Emma Davis, Savannah Granger, Patrick Griffin, Brian Hooker, Jacob Johnson. Patience Linder, Andrew Litwiller, Robert Metroz.

GGS Second Quarter Honor Roll, Good Behavior Awards, and Perfect Attendance

High Honor Roll

Third Grade: Abigail Alumbaugh, Ray Kross, Ella Mack, Reed Millette.

Fourth Grade: Luca Byers, Maria Campagna, Kayla Scheuber.

Fifth Grade: Abigail Leveille, Emma Minnick Sixth Grade: Lana Lomalie,

Miguel Ochoa. Seventh Grade: Emma

Wilson. Eighth Grade: Lucas Cain, Claire Hennessy, Blake Huston, Josh Leveille, Ethan Mack, Edith Ochoa.

Honor Roll

Third Grade: Cooper Biros, Ryan Dennis, Madison Grivetti, Dylan Hadaway, Aiden Mack, Aubrey Male, Abbie Olsen, Olivia Siano, Grace Vitko.

Fourth Grade: Zoe Brockett, Leanna Freeman, Charlee Funes, Haley Galvan, Aiden Himes, Bret Manzello, Maddie McCona-hay, Johnny Moats, Nina Siano, Aubree Stein, Owen Vitko, Tony Vyce, Madelyn Wilson, Madison Wright.

Fifth Grade: Jacob Fann, Parker Farrero, Alaina Hadaway, Cole Hampson, Kendall Huston, Emma Norrington, Quinn Walsh, Tyler Wilkey.

Sixth Grade: Cree Croy,

Sophia Crutchfield, Tristen Hamm, Declan McConahay, Lucia Minnick, Madalyn Olsen, Mary Claire Phillips, Jayden Talbot, Bella Vyce.

Grade: Dylan Seventh Carpenter, Cade Croy, Chris Cvitanovich, Tanner Fisher, Cody Frazier, Robert Gunty, Payton Leonard, Ethan Maxard, Noah Wise.

Eighth Grade: Pevton Carpenter, Olivia Cerutti, Katelyn Farris, Garrett Grant, Kaden Grivetti, Adrian Mena, Bethani Nicoletti, Blake Patterson, Madison Ragland, Sophia Randolph, Mallory

Honorable Mention

Third Grade: Ayden Balaban, Aiden Bodine, Will Cardwell. Fourth Grade: Evan Leionard. Addison Wright.

Fifth Grade: Hannah Balcom, Cerutti, Jack Anthony Crutchfield, Niko Cvitanovich, Ryleigh Dvorak, Owen Leonard, Gabe McHugh, Ryan Millette, Brogan Mulligan, Grace Olsen, Ethan Thompson. Sixth Grade: Brianna Graefen, Bennett Grant, AJ Pumfrey, Grace Wright.

Seventh Grade: Jayden Buchanan, Abbey Granger, Taeryn Lardi, Ryan Olsen, Katy Wallerich.

Eighth Grade: Tyler

Ambrogio, Paige Dvorak, Alex Dillan Warren, Jaci Wilkey. Grivetti, Michael Madonna, Ashton Mejorada, Kaycia Raszkowski.

Positive Behavior Awards Kindergarten: Harrison

DeYoung, Levi Fink, Richard Foglio, Clayton Hamilton, Carissa Leonard, Talon Mack, Kash Olsen, Jaxon Pluger, Briann Pumfrey, Audrey Rose, Jordan Sexton, Wyatt Smith, Breelyn Sperka, Ashlynn Talty, Ivy Tillack, Emeryk Traynor. First Grade: Chloe Biros, Reed Byers, Abigail Carreon, Brynn Christensen, Gracie Crutchfield, Olivia Dube, Parker Jensen, Ryan Male, Autumn Manzello, Sam Minnick, Noah Nelson, Tyler

Sipll-Fay, Christopher Titus, Ty

Tjelle, Kaylee Tousignant,

Makayla Winnie. Second Grade: Hailey Balcom, Sawyer Bennett, Isaiah Bouwma, Marcus Bryan, Banan Burgess, Caden Christensen, Case Christensen, Miley Cvitanovich, Avah DeYoung, Samantha Engle-Runty, Gabriel Fann, Lillion Gerrish, Cameron Gray, Gianna Hahn, Noah Himes, Max Jennings, Julianna Moats, Walker Mulligan, Jack Norrington, Thomas Phillips, Lilly Scheuber, Lilly Scott, Jacob Thompson, Ellie Traynor,

Perfect Attendance

First Grade: Reed Byers, Brynn Christensen, Fallon Stein, Ty Tjelle.

Second Grade: Isaiah Bouwma, Case Christensen, Miley Cvitanovich, Gabriel Fann, Lilly Gerrish, Cameron Gray, Gianna Hahn, Noah Himes, Max Jennings, Thomas Phillips, Lilly Scheuber, Lilly Scott.

Third Grade: Dylan Hadaway, Aiden Mack, Aubrey Male, Olivia Siano.

Fourth Grade: Zoe Brockett, Luca Byers, Leanna Freeman, Aiden Himes, Evan Leonard, Kavla Scheuber, Nina Siano, Aubree Stein, Anthony Vyce, Madison Wright.

Fifth Grade: Jack Cerutti, Nicko Cvitanovich, Jacob Fann, Alaina Hadaway, Kendall Huston, Owen Leonard, Abigail Leveille, Grace Olsen, Quinn Walsh, Tyler Wilkey.

Sixth Grade: Lana Lomalie. Miguel Ochoa, Jayden Talbot. Seventh Grade: Dylan Carpenter, Chris Cvitanovich. Cody Frazier, Robert Gunty, Taeryn Lardi, Ryan Olsen, Emma Wilson.

Eighth Grade: Katelyn Farris, Josh Leveille, Edith Ochoa, Blake Patterson, Madison Ragland.

Odell Grade School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Perfect Honors (Straight A's)

Fifth Grade: Seth Mund. Sixth Grade: Brianna Hilleary, Chavse Knobbe.

Eighth

Clarie Tucker.

Grade: Haylee

Howard, Grace Mund, Zoe Noles, Emma O'Lone. **High Honors** (3.5-4.0 GPA) Fifth Grade: Korbin Lemay,

Robert Bolen.

Seventh Grade: Dalton Baker, Sydney Gragert, Ashlyn Heddins, Abigail Matern, Grace Mathus.

Eighth Sophie Grade: Bachman, Zeta Folkestad, Alexia Leonard, Karson Christina Pozdol, McKee, Rebecca Russell.

> **Honors** (3.0-3.5 GPA)

Hunter Howard, Yesinya Goodman. Sixth Grade: Alaina Franklin,

Caleb Harrington, Alex McMeen, Summer NegRay. Seventh Grade: Glorianna Birkett, Giovanni Colon, Cory Foster, Gavin Jarman, Alex Jewell, Haleigh Made, Levy Tucker, Lucas Tucker.

Eighth Grade: Briar Bolen, Sixth Grade: Alex Bierbaum, Fifth Grade: Jack Dalrymple, Elizabeth Foster, Gavin Wykes.

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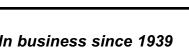
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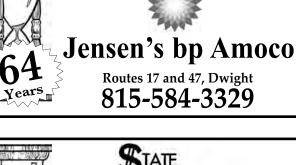
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Honor Roll 1

Freshmen: Camden Beier, Eden Beier*, Hudson Beier, Eileen Betsworth*, Isabella Burkhardt*, Brandon Ceylor*, Kallista Cox, Alexis Cuaya, Natalia Cuaya, Destinie Drapeau*, Rylee Farris, Jack Randall Groves*, Gallet*, Dustin Andrew Harsh*, Hauert*, Mary Hilt*, Lauren Hoegger*, Jarrett Jancek, Lucas Kisner*, Kayla Kodat*, Emmalyn Legner*, Bryce Lucus*, Faith McInerney, Abe Rieke*, Nellie Rieke*, Abby Rodosky*, Kyle Rowland*, Isabelle Schultz*, Isaac Telford, Emily Weissmann*.

Sophomore: Addison Bean*, Tory Betsworth*, Bryson Connor*, Elijah Cox, Katelyn Dewey, Kathryn Edwards*, Jessalyn Frobish, Madison Gamble, Benjamin Gukeisen, Haley Jennings, Cassie Kalil, Tyler Masching, Kyrsten Nichols, Avery Ohlendorf*, Ohlendorf*, Christopher Pugh, Christina Garett Severson, Josephine Snyder*, Owen Van Der Karr.

Junior: Gabrielle Barlow*, Kathryn Berta*, Rylie Bond, Zoie Burkhardt, Danielle Carlson, Riley Connolly*, Andrew Curl, James Harkenrider, Kaitlyn Harms,

A-Club

Seventh Grade: Erica Harrell,

Eighth Grade: Jose Amador,

Kaylen Creek, Kailey Dedic,

Mikaayla English, Ayden

High Honors

Seventh Grade: Ava Carter,

Kyra Cathcart, Emma Creek,

Hamilton,

McNeill, Melina Schuette.

Kaden Weber.

Blake Hill*, Gretchen Hilt*, Cassandra Holmes, Mackenzie Mantia, Gabrielle Mascolo*, Reece Mortensen, Andrew Myzia*, Paul Norton, Dane Rodosky, Juan C. Santos, Alexis Schauner, Carli Schlabowske, Joseph Scott, Reese Shelton, Xaivier Slaughter, Melissa Stewart, Hunter Sulaica*, Sofia Swink*, Dakota Wahl*, Timothy Western*.

Senior: Taylor Anderson, Karah Colebank, Hayley Cummings, Shayla Doyle, Konnor Dyer*, Abigail Edwards*, Leah Flynn, Jillian Frauli*, Morgan Fritz, Mikayla Gamble, Lyndee Hale, Ryan Hogan*, Lily Holderfield, Abigail Houch*, Brooklyn Long*, Kaitlyn Masching, Isabel Morales, Morgyn Moyemont, Daniel Muller*, Benton Myzia*, Kirsten Oelschlager, Nikhil Patel*, Diego Prats, Julie Ramsey, Rieke*, Macey Lucy Rodosky*, Hayley Scott A. Schlabowske*, Schultz*, James Soto, Kilie Tilley, Hayden Tjelle*, Abigail Tyler*, Logan Widman*, Morgan Zabel*.

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Tri-Point Jr. High 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

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Eighth Grade: Kole Bouk,

Avery Carter, Jasmine Clark,

Tabitha JaBaay, Brendan Likes,

Robert Mogged, Isabell Olson,

Honors

Seventh Grade: Logan Adams,

Kamren Ericksen, Mihreteab

Alexis Poe, Helena Woods.

Ruder,

Dominick Vieira.

Hummel, Katelyn Poe, Jade Gilleland, Kiralee Graves,

Eighth

Shifflet,

Honor Roll

Freshmen: Nora Anderson, Madisyn Hatfield, Luis Hides, Andrew Kapper, Anthony Nelson, Ethan Olson, James Partney, Taylor Peck, Caden Schroeder, Meghan Scott, Joseph Shadwick.

Sophomore: Lindita Ahmedi, Alexis Brooke, Gage Cheney, Madison Daly, Anthony Dinelli, Cade Enerson, Nathan Green, Dawson Mozzi, Felicia Nelson, Brianna Perry, Alexis Roff, Payton Sulaica, Thompson, Kendrah Watson.

Junior: Chloe Butterbrodt, Rishell Galbraith, Olivia Gestner. Christina Gonzalez, Logan Graham, Cole Hahn, Colton Holm, Miranda Holte, Alayna Irvin, Adin Krischel, Steven Moreno, Kirkland Pfeifer, Robert Ruder, Cal Schultz, Chase Travers, Dakota Voigts.

Senior: Seth Adams, Sarah Bulian, Dayton Bunting, Brandon Dahlstrom, Kaylynn Farris, Michael Harkenrider. Dakotah Harris, Kathlene Huffaker, Madison Hughes, Mason Imhoff, Dakota Irvine, Sarah Koss, Briana Miles, Angel Norton, Seth Perschnick, David Tejero.

Haley Hastings, Tessa Heinkel,

Zoey Honeycutt, Michael

Lopez, Jashdeep Singh, Haylee

Cardenas, Dominic Carrera,

Gudino, Alexis Heinkel, Abigail

Raven Ogle, Jack Tompkins.

Grade: Connor

Nina

Small, Jasmine Starbuck.

Alysson Essington,

St. Paul School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Straight A's Fifth Grade: Lilly Duffy, Hannah Miller, Emerson Peters.

Sixth Grade: Hana Bartnik.

High Honors Fifth Grade: Brooke Armour, Tru Connor, Gianna Freshmen: Ellenie Dyrby. Giacometti, Hayden Miller, Holden Miller.

Sixth Grade: Noah Kelleher.

• Seventh Grade: Natalie Davis, Jack Duffy, Tyler Frauli.

SWGS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Fifth Grade: Cheyenne Jett. Sixth Grade: Addi Fair, Cale Halpin, Eva Henderson, Emma Simms.

Eighth Grade: Easton Ashley, Ashley Frideres, Riley Klingler.

Honor Roll

Fourth Grade: Gavin Bafia, Bella Dinelli, Brock Enerson, Roman Faletti, Ethan Gubbins, Gabi Harvey, Hannah Serena, Maddie Simms.

Fifth Grade: Tess Brooks, Madison Buck-Nowman, Maya Cacello.

Sixth Grade: Ava Schultz, Addison Serena.

Seventh Grade: Ryan Cacello, Hannah Frescura, Kevin Frideres, Colby Grieff, Jacob Shaughnessy.

Lamb, Hope McDermott, Eighth Grade: Alex Clayton, Molly Conger, Taylor Conger.

Tri-Point High School Honor Roll

1st Semester 4.00 Club and Above

Freshmen: Elise Bruner. Sophomore: Cadence Denning-Kras, Rahel Gilleland. Senior: Jimmy Haag.

High Honors

Sophomore: Rodney Billerbeck, Wyatt Dohe, Jacqueline Houck, Sierra Hummel.

Junior: Anicah Bruner, Tara Hummel, Haley Jubin Oswood, Abigail Kerrins, Steven Lamb, Hallie Sippel. **Senior:** Crystal Coffey, Nina Crowley, Randal Ifft, Elijah McDonald, Amyjo Steichen, Grace Steidinger.

Honor Roll Freshmen: Logan Vieira,

Kendra Weber. **Sophomore:** Brittney Billerbeck, Margie Billerbeck, Rhianna Brown, Anthony Bruner, Zachary Hollingsworth, Jade King, Peyton Richie, Xochitl Rosales, Gabrielle Spangler. Junior: Kayla Dunlavey, Kailey Ericksen, Cassidy Hindman, Hayden Lane, Anna Murphy, Jacob Ritchie.

Senior: Piers Cardenas, Jacob Carrera, Paisley Johnston, Raele Lane, Teresa Langer, Dalton Lawless, Nicholas Mahoney, Gabrielle McDermott-Mark Dailey, Miller, Anastasia Reynolds, Spencer Steidinger.

2nd Quarter 4.00 Club and Above

Freshmen: Elise Bruner. **Sophomore:** Cadence Denning-Kras, Rahel Gilleland.

Senior: Nina Crowley, Jimmy Haag, Randal Ifft, Elijah McDonald.

High Honors

Freshmen: Ellenie Dyrby. Sophomore: Rodney Billerbeck, Wyatt Dohe, Sierra Hummel.

Junior: Anicah Bruner, Tara Hummel, Haley Jubin Oswood, Abigail Kerrins, Anna Murphy, Jacob Ritchie, Hallie Sippel.

Senior: Crystal Coffey, John Cotter, Raele Lane, Amyjo Steichen.

Honor Roll

Sophomore: Brittney Margie Billerbeck, Billerbeck, Anthony Bruner, Zachary Hollingsworth, Jacqueline Houck, Jade King, Peyton Richie, Xochitl Rosales, Franklin Smolkovich, Gabrielle Spangler.

Junior: Cheyenne Barfield, Kayla Dunlavey, Kailey Ericksen, Cassidy Hindman, Hayden Lane.

Senior: Piers Cardenas, Jacob Carrera, Paisley Johnston, Teresa Langer, Dalton Lawless, Nicholas Mahoney, Gabrielle McDermott-Dailey, Mark Miller, Anastasia Reynolds, Spencer Steidinger.



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SIUC Graduates, **Dean's List Honors**

Southern University - Carbondale held its commencement December 16, with the following area students earning degrees:

• Megan D. Jett - Gardner: BS, Hospitality and Tourism Administration

• Cody L. Bauer - Odell:

Illinois BS, Civil Engineering

SIUC also awarded fall semester Dean's List honors to the following senior Salukis:

• Hannah E. Trainor Dwight

• Cody L. Bauer - Odell

Maureen Doran **Graduates Summa Cum** Laude from WIU

Maureen Alveda Doran, grade point averages, includ-Odell, has graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Music degree.

Academic distinction was awarded to baccalaureate graduates who achieved high

ing Summa Cum Laude -3.90 GPA or higher on a 4.0

Maureen is the daughter of Tom and Peg Doran of

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Kankakee Quilt Makers Guild Meeting will be held Thurs., Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Calvary Bible Church, 2587 E. Armour Rd., Bourbonnais.

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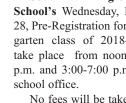
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Area Students to Dean's List brand, Steven Ramsey, Jack Ryan.

The following area students were named to Olivet Nazarene University's fall

2017 semester dean's list: • Braceville: Gabrielle Ozee.

Dwight: Elisabeth Myzia.

• Gardner: Natalie Cash, Paige Dickison. Herscher: Emily Henderson, Donna Hille-

• Kempton: Lauren Mohler. To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a

full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Odell Sportsman's Club Accepting Scholarship Applications

Olivet University Names

The Odell Sportsman's Club is accepting applicants for their annual scholarship.

The \$250.00 scholarship is available to any Pontiac Township High School senior who is going to pursue a degree in an Agricultural or Conservation-related field at a College or Jr. College within the state of Illinois. Applications are now available from the Guidance Counselor at PTHS.

Applications must be

postmarked by February 28 or may be e-mailed by that date to Bonnie Bolen, secretary, at doubleb10@frontier. com. Winner will be chosen by club members and all applicants will be notified of their decision by March 28.

Scholarships will be presented at either an FFA banquet or an Awards Night. The scholarship money will be paid directly to the applicants' club-approved chosen

2018-19 Kindergarten **Pre-Registrations**

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 No fees will be taken at this time. Physical, dental and

If you cannot pre-register at this time please call (815) 448-2471 to make other arrangements.

vision forms will be available.

South Wilmington Grade School's Wednesday, February 28, Pre-Registration for kindergarten class of 2018-19 will take place from noon to 2:00

time. Take in two proofs of residency and your child's birth certificate.

Your child will need to be five years of age by September

If you have any questions or are unable to attend the registration, call the school office at 815-237-2281.

Braceville Elementary School District 75 kindergarten pre-registration for the 2018-19 school year will be held Thursday, March 1, from 2:00-5:30 p.m., and Friday, March 2, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the school office.

No fees will be taken at this time. Your child must be five years old on or before September 1 and reside in the BES school district to be eligible for kindergarten enrollment.

Take your child's certified birth certificate. Proof of residency must also be provided. Three forms of proof of residency are needed, one of which must be Grundy County tax bill, lease, mortgage papers, or current vehicle registration. The other forms can be voter registration, driver's license, utility bills, or home insurance bill.

All kindergarten students are required by the Illinois Department of Public Health to have a health, eye, and dental p.m. and 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the exam on record with the school. Immunization records must also No fees will be taken at this be provided. Forms will be available at pre-registration.

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Early Voting, Vote by Mail, and Grace Registration will be conducted on the following dates prior to the March 20th General Primary Election. Voter Registration closes on

Tuesday, February 20, 2018. *See the Livingston County Website for additional registration and voting deadlines information.

<u>Location</u> **MONDAY-FRIDAY** Livingston County Clerk's Office 8:00 AM to February 8 - March 19 112 W Madison St - Pontiac 4:30 PM **SATURDAY** Livingston County Clerk's Office 9:00 AM to 112 W Madison St - Pontiac 12:00 Noon February 17 March 10 & 17 **WEDNESDAY** Livingston County Clerk's Office 8AM-6PM March 14 112 W Madison St - Pontiac **TUESDAY** Livingston County Clerk's Office 6:00 AM to March 20 - ELECTION DAY 112 W Madison St - Pontiac 7:00 PM (Grace Registration & Voting Only at Historic Courthouse)

What is Early Voting? Early Voting starts February 8 and ends March 19, 2018. This process allows any registered voter in Livingston County to use the above location to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Early voters must be registered Livingston County voters. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply.

Vote by Mail Voting: Starts Thursday, February 8 and continues through Thursday, March 20, 2018. A person may request a Vote by Mail ballot by USPS no later than March 15th without specifying a reason. In order to be counted, the ballot must be postmarked by midnight or returned in person by 7 PM to the County Clerk's Office on March 20th.

Grace Registration and Voting begins February 21 and continues through March 20th. This is for new registrants and those who have transferred or moved and did not update their voter registration before February 20th. Voting takes place at the same time registration is made in the County Clerk's Office.

be obtained from the Livingston County website at: www.livingstoncountyil.gov (Click on "County Services", "County Clerk", and "Elections"). If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact

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Herscher's Lost Churches Detailed In New Book | OSF Life Flight

A new book tells for the first time the history of Herscher's two "lost" churches.

Herscher historian and author Jim Ridings has just published a book on Presbyterian Herscher Church and Norwegian Lutheran Church. Herscher Presbyterian Church existed from 1879 to 1914, the Norwegian Lutheran Church from 1867 to 1965.

Presbyterians started meeting in the Pilot town house in 1879. A church was built in 1881 on north Main Street, just outside the new town, on land donated by John Herscher.

The Presbyterian church was the scene of many social events, such as concerts, lectures and presentations. The first graduation ceremony for the Herscher School was held in the church in 1890. The first graduation exercises for Herscher High School was in the church in 1904.

The book also includes a brief history of the founding of the village of Herscher, and a large number of photographs of old Herscher.

The book is full of stories about interesting Herscher people. One such person was Rev. Alexander Hartman, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Hartman started preaching here while he was a seminary student.

It did not take long for the new pastor to attract a popular young Herscher lady. Rev. Hartman married Sarah Belle Avery at the Presbyterian church on October 23, 1894.

Although Rev. Alexander Hartman was a young man, he suffered ill health and eventually decided he needed to seek a healthier climate out West.

Rev. Hartman preached his last sermon in Herscher on Sunday, September 5, 1897. Five days later, Rev. Hartman, his wife and their two young sons were killed in a train wreck in Colorado.

A newspaper account said. "Mr. Hartman was helped from the train by one of the passengers. He spoke of his wife and boys, and seemed anxious to know if they were saved. But this was kept from him until just before he left us for the hospital. While he was on the train, just before we left him. we told him that his wife and children were among the missing. This seemed the first that he fully realized their fate." He died a short time later. The funerals for the Hartmans were in the Herscher Presbyterian Church. The Hartman family is buried in Pilot Center

Cemetery along Route 115. organized in 1867 and a church was built in 1881, two

the District on the 6th of March at 3 p.m.

HERSCHER'S LOST CHURCHES

THE HISTORY OF HERSCHER'S

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH





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miles southwest of Herscher. The church was struck by lightning in 1924 and burned down. It was rebuilt the following year, at Elm and Walnut streets in Herscher.

"Many people today may not realize that there were two Lutheran churches in Herscher for many years: Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Norwegian Ridings said. Church," "They also may not realize that for 31 years, there were two Norwegian Lutheran churches in Herscher."

A split in the congregation in 1886 resulted in Pastor Olsen losing possession of his Norwegian Synod church to the rival Anti-Missourian Brotherhood faction. He had to preach to his followers in the Hubbard School. The differing factions finally united in 1917.

Included in the book is the story of Rev. Christian Christiansen, who was pastor of Norwegian Lutheran churches in Herscher and Gardner at the same time. He provided information to the allies during World War II that allowed them to find a way to bomb a site in the mountains of Norway where the Nazis were trying to build an atomic bomb. After his death in 1947, the king of Norway gave an award to Rev. Christiansen for his valuable service. A memorial to Rev. Christiansen was dedicated near the Gardner Village Hall in 2004.

This book includes information about the people who were members of these churches. "You can't tell the story of a church without telling the story of the peo-

ple," Ridings said. The book also contains names for baptisms, wed-Norwegian Lutherans dings, funerals and membership for both churches, and there are brief accounts of

Eldridgeville Methodist, SS Catholic Peter & Paul Church, Grand Prairie Methodist, Zion Lutheran-Bonfield, Cabery Presbyterian, Buckingham Presbyterian, and the four present churches in Herscher.

other local churches such as

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Ruth Kozlowsky

OBITUARY

Ruth **DWIGHT** Kozlowsky, 93, of Dwight and formerly of Ottawa, died Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Morris Hospital.

Ruth was born August 19, 1924 in Wallace Township, daughter of Swen and Marie Newgaard Boe.

She was a bookkeeper for 25 years. She attended Ottawa High School and graduated from Hillcrest Academy Lutheran Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

She married Edmund S. Kozlowsky May 3, 1952 in Santa Monica, California. He died June 30, 2009.

Ruth was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran Church in Ottawa.

Surviving are two daugh-

ters: Lynn Ettinger of Chicago and Karen (Martin) Malone of Kempton; a son, Kozlowsky David Knoxville, Tennessee; and three grandchildren: Sam, Matt and Katie Malone.

A sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Monday, February 5, in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Oakwood Memorial Park, Ottawa.

Burial followed. Visitation was from 10:30

until 11 a.m. Monday. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's

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The family of Joe Vota would like to express our sincere gratitude for the cards, donations, kind words, and fun stories about our Grandpa Joe after his recent passing. Your hugs, words, and kind thoughts comforted us more than you know.

An extra special thank you to Roger and staff at Patterson Funeral Home for the care and compassion shown to us.

Love, "The Vota Girls Kortni Emerson, Kara Housman, Krystle Carpenter and families

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate OF

) NO.17-P-107

PATRICIA J. JONES

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of PATRICIA J. JONES, whose residence at the time of her death was 300 E. Spencer Street, Lot 95, Dwight, Illinois 60420, and who died

Letters of Administrator of the estate of PATRICIA J. JONES were issued on October 30, 2017, to KIMBERLY JONES, 624 W. North Street, Apartment A, Pontiac, IL 61764 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is January 24, 2018. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in cause No. 17-P-107 or with the Independent Administrator or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent administrator and the administrator attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

DONALD R. McCLAREY Attorney for the Independent Executor of the Estate of PATRICIA J. JONES Deceased 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, IL 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525



Minutes Boma



Super Bowl Monday

Most Mondays are rough, even without anything extra going on with them. The Monday after your favorite football team loses the Super Bowl is just adding insult to injury.

It took a lot to pull myself out of bed this morning, and to face the day. Then I remembered that they're the New England Patriots and they're probably going to be in the Super Bowl next year, so this sad feeling is only going to last for so long.

In all seriousness, it was another great game. I've touched on how the sport of football can deliver moments that other sports just can't seem to produce, and the Super Bowl is a prime example of that. When you have a large stage and couple it with an excellent product on the field, and it turns out to be a great game - everyone wins.

The biggest obstacle that I must tackle moving forward is finding things to do with myself on Sunday. During football season one can always just lounge for 8 hours and let football entertain you, but now I will probably leave the house, and do things. That will be a real change for me, coming out of hibernation in a sense.

The end of the football season is always an appropriate time to restart the engine, but the cold and the what-seems-to-be never ending snow make it tough to restart and get ready for spring.

I promise the next column won't be centered around football, I think I've been on football columns now for almost a month straight. They need to come to an end.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2017, I, Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois, will on March 6, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL, 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6, WHICH POINT LIES 629.54 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST COR-NER, THEREOF. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE EAST 697.06 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE NORTH 312.01 FEET ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE TO THE RIGHT OF 90 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE; THENCE WEST 699.08 FEET ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE AND WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE TO THE RIGHT OF 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE; THENCE SOUTH 312.00 FEET ALONG A LINE WHICH FORMS AN ANGLE TO THE RIGHT OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WITH THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THE WEST 1 ACRE AND THE EAST 1 1/2 ACRES THEREOF.

COMMON ADDRESS: 12173 E. 1400 North Road, Pontiac, IL 61764 P.I.N.: 21-21-06-300-007

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$100,221.28

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real

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Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 17 5167.

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Notice is hereby given that the Reddick Community Fire Protection

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Biodiesel Produced in Seneca Is From Corn, Not Soybeans

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

people Most biodiesel is manufactured using soybean oil as a feedstock.

That is correct in that the majority of the fuel produced in the United States is derived from soybean oil. But the Renewable Energy Group's plant in Seneca makes most of its biodiesel from inedible corn oil.

The corn oil is produced at area ethanol plants, extracting the oil from the corn before it goes through the ethanol process. And at the end of the operation, the ethanol plant has ethanol and distiller's grains.

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ethanol is taking corn off starving children's plates, the corn used for ethanol is feed corn, not sweet corn. Feed corn is grown to feed livestock. And the distiller's grains, which retain all the protein (food content) of the corn is fed to cattle and other livestock just like corn.

So no food content is lost at all in the process to create fuel-grade ethanol biodiesel.

Tim Mann, who is manager of the Seneca biodiesel plant, raises corn and sovbeans himself near Seneca.

He said some of the fuel the plant produces in Seneca winds up at the pump at fueling stations like those locally serving vehicle customers in Mazon.

"The odds are fuel from this plant went to fueling stations in Mazon, Morris and Seneca," Mann said.

In 2016, the Seneca plant produced 62 million gallons of biodiesel, delivered to 227 locations nationwide, including local fuel distributors.

In that year, 500 million pounds of feedstock were used, purchased from 186 locations, most of which are in Illinois so local corn goes into Seneca's biodiesel, too.

The fuel sold at the Mazon gas station is B20, or a blend of 20% biodiesel with 80% petroleum-based fuel.

According to the Illinois Soybean Association, B20 biodiesel generates less harmful emissions than those that contribute to such health issues as asthma, bronchitis, cardiovascular disease and other heart ailments.

At the Seneca plant alone, the biodiesel produced in 2016 resulted in 536,106 metric tons less of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, being released into the atmosphere, according to Mann.

That is equal to 113,244 passenger vehicles being taken off the road that year.

There are other benefits to biodiesel that help all of the people in Illinois.

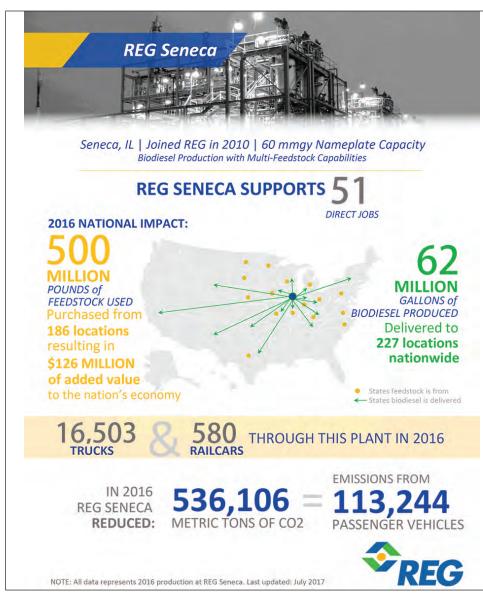
The plant employs 54 full-time people, and has put millions into the Illinois

In 2016, the REG Seneca biodiesel plant purchased 197 million pounds of feedstock from Illinois vendors resulting in \$48 million of added value to the state's economy, Mann said, which he said benefits all Illinois residents.

So biodiesel produced in this part of the world, at least, is thanks to the corn farmers, not the soybean farmers.



THIS AERIAL VIEW of the Seneca Renewable Energy Group biodiesel plant shows the multiple feedstock facility that utilizes mostly inedible corn oil for its biodiesel production. Submitted photo







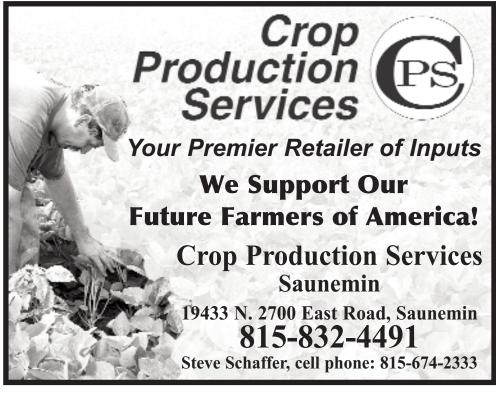


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Seven reasons to shop farmers' markets

A farmers' market is likely coming to a field or open parking lot near you — if there isn't already one operating nearby. The United States Department of Agriculture says that, between the years of 2008 and 2013, the number of farmers' markets doubled across the country.

Buyers who are not yet familiar with farmer's markets can examine the following seven reasons to break the ice.

1. Enjoy fresh, seasonal foods.

Foods at farmers' markets tend to be limited to inseason offerings. Some nutritionists suggest eating seasonally available foods is better for your body, because humans ate seasonal produce for thousands of years before shipping and

refrigeration changed how people received the majority of their foods. In addition, many people feel that fresh, seasonal foods taste better than the alternatives.

2. Discover new foods.

There's always something new at a farmers' market, and this can entice shoppers to expand their flavor palates. Explore interesting, locally grown items. Even children may fall in love with colorful fruits or vegetables and their refreshing tastes

3. Embrace organic and non-GMO offerings.

Many farmers' markets offer foods that are organically grown and are produced without GMOs. Farmers' market retailers also tend to give firsthand accounts of where their

foods come from and how they are grown or raised.4. Indulge in nutritious

foods.

The vivid colors and smells emanating from farmers' markets indicate just how fresh and nutritious.

farmers' markets indicate just how fresh and nutritious the offerings tend to be. Farmers who peddle their wares at farmers' markets adhere to careful farming methods to ensure their foods are as nutritious as possible.

5. Learn secrets and recipes.

In addition to fresh produce, farmers' markets may offer baked and other prepared goods. Shopkeepers often mingle with their customers, offering trade secrets and recipe ideas. Additionally, local farm families supported by farmers' markets generally offer supreme customer service to

keep shoppers coming back week after week.

6. Turn the trip into a social excursion.

A farmers' market can be an exciting and flavorful social gathering place for families and groups of friends, as well as a great place to meet other members of the community.

Sometimes farmers also mingle with local artisans, so the market can be a onestop-shopping locale for locally produced food and art.

7. Save money.

Farmers' markets may sell organic produce at a cost comparable or even lower than other retailers. That's because local farmers don't have to transport their items as far as retailers whose foods were shipped from far-away places.





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In a world of limited spaces, container gardens make more and more sense. Vegetables and herbs can easily be grown in containers, but a few stand out. Come learn how to grow high production in a container during this informative workshop.

Plan to attend Vegetable and Herb Container Gardening on March 8, at 10:00 a.m. at Bourbonnais Public Library, 250 W John Casey Rd, Bourbonnais. For further information or to preregister, please contact the Bourbonnais Public Library at 815-933-1727. There is no fee for this workshop and pre-registration is required by March 1 to reserve your seat.



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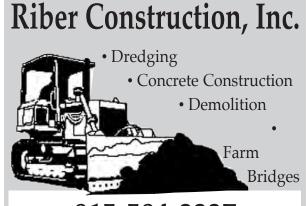
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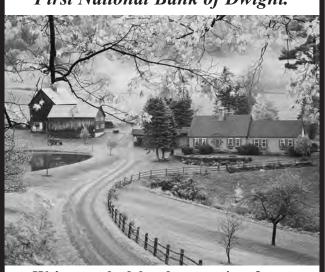
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Community Players of Streator Hosting Meet the Directors Night

chance to meet the directors for Community Players of Streator's 2018 season and involved in the group's upcoming 61st season.

Community Players of Streator - best known as Engle Lane – will host a Meet the Directors Night at 2 p.m. Sun., Feb. 11, in the William C. Schiffbauer Center for the Performing Arts at Engle Theatre, 1012 Columbus Rd. in Streator.

The directors of each production will be introduced and will provide an overview of their show, including ways

Theatre fans will get a for interested individuals to comedy directed by Kathy become involved both on and off stage.

Following the presentalearn more about how to get tion of the directors, those attending will have the opportunity to tour the theatre and learn more about getting involved in the season.

> Season tickets are on sale for all six shows during the 2018 season. Productions will include: "Cry Baby, the Musical" a musical comedy directed by Nik Frig, May 13-19; "The Dixie Swim Club," a comedy/drama directed by Kathy Missel, June 10-16; Mel Brook's "The Producers," a musical

Hepner and Sarah Breyne, July 8-14; "James and the Giant Peach, Jr.," a youth directed musical Cheyenne Sunken, August 5-11; "On Golden Pond," a comedy/drama directed by Bill Jankowski, September 9-16; and "The Rocky Horror Show, Picture musical/dark comedy directed by Samantha Farb, October 7-13.

For more information on Community Players, visit www.englelane.org or the group's Engle Lane Theatre Facebook page.



AFTER WAITING TWO YEARS FOR THE state of Illinois to release funding, the Biking/Hiking Trail adjacent to Route 66 at Odell will soon be landscaped for the final touches of the project.

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Acting Odell Mayor Brian Mills: New Mayor To Be Elected 2019

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ment liner at a cost of \$157,000. The work was done in December.

'We had to issue bonds to pay for it," Mills said.

The village is still battling in courts with the contractor over the original liner installation which did not work properly.

Meantime, the village has other public works improvement bonds it has been paying for since 2009.

To help pay for the new liner installation, the village raised the water rates 10% to \$22.30 for the first 26,000 gallons per month and \$7.04 for each 1,000 gallons there-

Also, sewer rates went from \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Mills said it has been years since the water and sewer rates were raised.

Odell uses a reverse osmosis water system, which produces very palatable drinking water, Mills said, but he added that the system is expensive.

"We've got plenty of water and its good water," Mills explained.

There are 473 water hookups in Odell with a population of roughly 1,000.

Another major issue the town will be working on this year is to clean up a creek which has become overgrown with trees and shrubs, and is causing flooding in heavy rainfall.

The creek is on private property and the village needs to seek permission from property owners to clean the creek.

"We have to discuss that with property owners," Mills said. "And the town has other drainage issues."

Another project to finish is the Rt. 66 biking/hiking trail. It has been paved and will need to be landscaped. The project was held up while the state legislators battled over a budget for two years.

The path is along Route 66 that skirts along the western edge of town, on the old portion adjacent to the present road.

The village may be considering some sort of automatic alert system for natural disasters and other emer-

Mills said the village will be researching how those systems work.

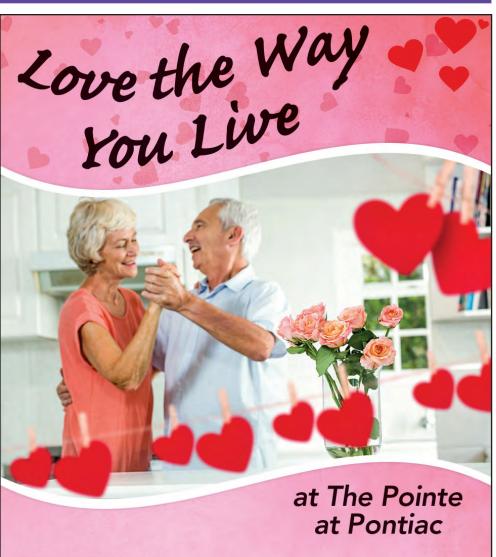
Odell Days will return for the third consecutive year, July 6 and 7. Mills is chairman of the Odell Days Committee, too, a third hat he wears in town, along with working for the Odell Fire Department.

Helping with the village is Iris Thorne, village clerk; and trustees Jamie Johnson, Lisa Lambert, Brian Verdun, Mark Tissiere, and Joan Bullard.

Tim Armour is village maintenance man while Rich Ribordy remains as water operator.

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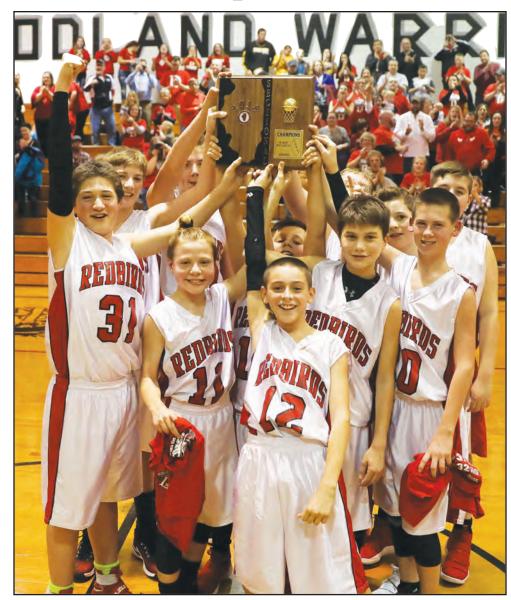
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Congratulations to all The Paper territory athletes and coaches for the hard work and dedication this season.

A Champion Week For Dwight

More coverage on pages 14 & 15.





DWIGHT 7TH GRADE REDBIRD BOYS earned a spot in the Elite 8 at State in 7-2A. (at left)

The DTHS CHEERLEAD-ERS placed 11th out of 83 Teams in the State Small School Division. (above)

The DGS 8TH Grade BOYS will play in 8-2A Sectionals tonight, Wed.,



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GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Chur	ch	Dar	tball Leag	gue	
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League results from the January		Trinity Luth.	13	8	
29 match-ups are as follows:			Church of Hope	12	9
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Church of Hope	$\frac{\mathbf{W}}{3}$	0	Essex	10	1
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			Assembly/God	9	12
Dwight Meth.	2	1	Dwight Cong.	8	13
Emmanuel Luth.	1	2	Emmanuel Luth.	8	13
			St. Peter's Luth	5	10
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Current League Standings

Current Leagt	ic Stanu	ings
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Mazon Cong.	14	7

- 15 points, including a three, while Carson Halpin added
- ten points. Madelyn Storm put in nine points, with Emma Hennessy scoring eight points. Fair put in two Life Assembly of God buckets, while Urbasek con-• Trinity Lutheran at Essex

nected on a three.

Thursday, February 1 **GSW** vs. IL Lutheran Varsity -

Monday, January 29

January 29.

Varsity -

Dwight vs. Cissna Park

Dwight's JV Lady Trojans

Kayla Kodat was leading

defeated Cissna Park 29-21 on

scorer with 11 points, followed

by six each from Rylee Farris

and Nora Anderson. Eden Beier

put up four points, while Emily

On the road against Cissna

Leah Flynn led with seven

Park, Dwight came up on the

losing end of a 51-31 decision.

points and nine rebounds, while

Mel Stewart and Lucy Rieke

scored six points each. Kodat

contributed five points, with

Butterbrodt scoring four. Long

The Lady Trojans took out

Rylee Farris had 13 points to

Wilmington, 36-16 on January

lead Dwight. Destine Drapeau

and Nora Anderson added eight

and seven points, respectively.

Kayla Kodat scored four points,

while Isabell Schultz and Eden

Dwight was at home against

Kayla Kodat led with 11

improving to 12-9 overall with

Beier scored two points each.

Wilmington January

chipped in with three.

Tuesday, January 30

non-conference

Varsity -

a 45-34 win.

Dwight vs. Wilmington

Weissmann scored two.

Monday, January 29

Panthers

GSW vs. St. Anne

The Lady

defeated St. Anne 49-31

Paige Patterson led with

when they met January 29

Varsity -

GSW beat Illinois Lutheran 56-16 in basketball action February 1.

Emma Hennessy had 12 points to lead the Lady Panthers, followed Madelyn Storm (one three) and Paige Patterson with nine and eight points, respectively. Fair and Steichen put in six points each, with Hawks adding five. Halpin and Urbasek each scored four, while Beck put in a bucket.

GSW ends the regular season with a record of 19-9 and 11-1 in the conference.

Tri-Point Lady Chargers Basketball

The Lady Chargers lost their last two non-conference meetings against Watseka and GCMS.

At Watseka, Tri-Point fell to the Lady Warriors, 77-44, behind a record-setting night by Watseka's Summer Kremer.

Sierra Hummel led T-P in scoring with 18. Haley Jubin

At home against GCMS, the Lady Chargers had an off-night shooting and fell to the Falcons.

chipped in with 11.

Seneca Lady Irish Basketball

41-26. Sierra Hummel led the team with nine points, while Abby Kerrins and Ellenie Dyrby added seven and five points, respectively.



Monday, January 29 Seneca vs. Manteno

The JV Lady Irish beat Manteno 55-26 when they met January 29.

Mara Bruno led with 12 points, while Brooklyn Giertz had nine. Madison Bromberek, Annie Krull, and Monica Groth added eight points each. Varsity -

In the varsity match-up, Seneca won 58-24.

Lyda Robinson led with 16 points, followed by Kylie Winsor and Abe Jashari with nine and seven points, respectively.

Wednesday, January 31 Seneca vs. Hinckley-Big Rock

Seneca's JV Lady Irish got a 43-11 win over Hinckley-Big Rock January 31.

Brooklyn Giertz led with 11 points, followed by Anne Krull

Varsity -The Lady Irish picked up a 58-35 win over HBR.

eight points, respectively.

and Mara Bruno with nine and

Lyda Robinson had 17 points to lead Seneca, while Arbesita Jashari put in 14 points.

Thursday, February 1 Seneca vs. Wilmington

JV - Seneca whooped Wilmington 53-10 in b-ball action February 1 - improving to 22-3 overall.

Cassiday Draves led with 15 points, followed by Lauren Silvola with nine. Brooklyn Giertz and Madison Bromberek had eight points each. Varsity -

The Lady Irish upped their record to 18-10 with a 46-25 win over Wilmington.

Lyda Robinson led the team with 15 points, while Abe Jashari and Liz Logan added six points each.



grade Lady Tigers to a 27-25, 25-14 conference win over Elwood January 23 – serving 11 points, with seven aces and leading the team in digs. Makenzi Hahn and Hannah

Frescura each contributed four aces and were vital in this match-up.

The eighth grade team suffered another loss, 22-25, 18-25, to Elwood.

Three serving errors in the first set, along with a few balls that dropped due to lack of communication, cost GSWB the first set.

The second set, the girls came out strong - with Ashley Frideres leading with four service points – but GSWB couldn't take Elwood to three

The GSWB Lady Tigers headed to Coal City January 24 to take on the Lady Warriors winning 25-14, 25-22.

Coal City came out strong in the second set, and GSWB couldn't find the good passing they started with. But they were able to finish it in two, thanks to

Makenzi Hahn - who also stepped up her play at the net. Team Captain Grieff fin-

ished off the close second set with a few aces. The eighth graders suffered

a loss in two quick sets, 9-25, 2-25 – starting the season 0-5. "I think this match was an

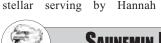
eye-opener for them," said the Lady Tigers' head coach. "They had a lot to reflect upon that night and knew that they would have to figure things out quick-

GSWB took on Saratoga January 25 at home, with the seventh grade girls beating the Lady Hawks 25-15, 25-17.

Jayden Buchanan led serving with ten points and four aces, followed by Delaney Platt with six points, including two aces.

In eighth grade play, the Lady Tigers looked much improved - however, they would fall 15-25, 25-21, 12-25.

Captain Claire Hennessy led with 11 points, including five aces, while Katelynn Farris added nine points, with four aces.



Saunemin Eagles Basketball

Monday, January 29 Saunemin vs. Cornell 8th Grade -

Regionals Saunemin's eighth grade

boys basketball season came to an end January 29, following a 47-40 loss to #3-seeded Cornell in the IESA 8A Regional.

season with a 6-15 record, were led by a game-high 24 points from Colten Ketcherside. Connor Telford pitched in eight points, with Camdyn Friedman scoring four. Walker Gerdes put in three points, while Tyson Cramer made a free throw.

The Eagles, who end the

Wilkerson Aids Augustana at **Squig Converse, Olivet Invites**

Augustana junior Brandon Wilkerson helped out the Vikings January 26, when they placed fifth at the competitive Squig Converse Invitational at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Wilkerson, a Tri-Point High 15:23.42 in the 5000. Augustana compiled a score of ish.

In action at the Olivet Nazarene Invitational at Perry Recreation Center, the Vikings looked sharp in a competition that recorded no team scores.

Wilkerson would run a time School grad, recorded a time of of 8:40.98 in the 300 - good enough for a seventh place fin-



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Tri-Point Chargers Basketball

Friday, February 2 Tri-Point vs. St. Anne

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The JV Chargers sank St. Anne in OT, 42-39, when they battled in Cullom February 2. Varsity -

In varsity action, the Chargers won at home, 66-61, over St. Anne.

Jacob Carrera led the way

for Tri-Point with 20 points, including a three and 7-8 shooting from the line. Mark Miller drilled six treys in the contest, tallying 18 points. Nick Mahoney added 12 points, with two three-pointers, while Randal Ifft put in 11 points, including a three. Piers Cardenas chipped in with five

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DTHS Trojans Basketball

Tuesday, January 30 Dwight vs. Cissna Park Varsity -**SVC Tournament**

In SVC Tournament action January 30, the Dwight Trojans lost to top-seeded Cissna Park, 59-26.

Leading Dwight Andrew Curl with seven points, including a three-pointer. Cal Schultz, Cole Hahn, and Dakota Wahl each chipped in four points, with JC Santos adding a trey. Morgan Fritz and Dane Rodosky each had two points.

Friday, February 2 **Dwight vs. South Newton** Varsity -

SVC Tournament The Dwight Trojans took a

41-20 loss to South Newton in SVC Tourney play February 2. Cal Schultz led Dwight with five points, including a threepointer. Adding a trifecta each was Colton Holm, Cole Hahn,

Dakota Wahl, Andrew Curl, and

Dwight vs. Watseka Varsity -

in the SVC Tournament, the

Dwight stayed neck-andneck throughout the contest, and would head into the fourth quarter tied at 34-34. But a tough Watseka defense would hold the Trojans to just three points in the final frame, and Dwight would lose, 48-37.

Dakota Wahl led all scorers with 14 points, including four three-pointers. Dane Rodosky (one three) and Lane Thompson each added five points, while Colton Holm had six. Andrew Curl and JC Santos (one three) scored four and three points,

respectively. The Trojans take on Tri-Point on the road Wednesday, February 7.

Lane Thompson. Saturday, February 3

SVC Tournament In a fight for seventh place Trojans went up against

points and six boards. Brooklyn Long added nine points, with one three and four steals, while scored Stewart seven. Butterbrodt had six points, including a three-pointer. Flynn and Masching (nine rebounds) each had four points. Carlson and Harms scored two points each.

Thursday, February 1 Dwight vs. Watseka

The JV Lady Trojans ended their season with a victory over Watseka February 1 - putting their record at 14-4 overall and finishing with a perfect 7-0 SVC record

Kayla Kodat led with 17 points, while Rylee Farris and Nora Anderson added seven and six points, respectively. Destine Drapeau and Emily Weissmann each scored two

Varsity -

Dwight was defeated by Watseka in the varsity game, 68-45 - finishing out the regular season with a 12-10 record overall and a 3-4 record in the

Leah Flynn led the way for the Lady Trojans with nine points and 12 boards. Brooklyn Long (two threes) added eight points, with Lucy Rieke scoring seven. Kodat and Stewart (one three-pointer) each added six points, while Masching put in five. Butterbrodt and Carlson both scored two points.

Victory Lanes, Dwight

BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS

Bowlers HSG: Brandon Petry, 254 – Carrie Smith, 225. Sr., 266. HSS/HHS: Brandon HSS: Brandon Petry, 702 - Petry, 685. HHG: Kevin Carrie Smith, 504. HHG: Oelschlager, Sr., 271. HSG: Lee Jensen, 265. HHS: Josh Jensens I, 979. HSS: Jensens Petree, 687. HSG/HHG: I, 2699. HHS: Willy's Pub, Victory Lanes, 941. 2816.

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Hugh/Bunnies	3	5
Pro Shop	2	6
Dwight Printing	2	6

Sportsman League **Bowlers**

HSG: Kevin Oelschlager,

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Braceville	\$2.49	\$2.49
Mazon	\$2.39	\$2.41
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Herscher	\$2.45	\$2.45
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DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, January 29 Dwight vs. GSWB 6th Grade -

The sixth grade Lady Redbirds traveled to Gardner January 29, losing 16-25, 15-

Brynn Connor, Maci Johnson, and Claire Robison each scored three. Milana Bradley scored two, while Kiah Handzus had one point.

In the "B" game, Dwight lost 20-25, 25-23, 12-15.

Leah Larson led with eight points. Other scorers included Milana Bradley with five, Maci Johnson with four, Kiah Handzus with three, Claire Robison and Lily Walkup with two each, and Willow Tucker with one point. 7th Grade -

In the seventh grade meeting, Dwight fell 15-25, 15-25 to GSWB.

Addy Harms scored seven points, with four aces and a kill. Megan Livingston (one ace) and Emelia Eitenmiller (one dig) scored four points each. 8th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds lost to the Lady Tigers in the eighth grade finale, 25-21, 23-25, 19-

Alexis Thetard led with 16 points, including 11 aces, three kills, and a dig. Jenna Stogner added 14 points, with eight aces, 11 assists, two kills, and a dig. Hailey Heath had eight points, including four aces and two kills. Toni Treglio contributed two points, with an ace and four kills. Jordan Schultz (two kills, two digs) and Erin Anderson (three kills, one dig) each added an ace. Alayna Airgood chipped in a kill and an

Tuesday, January 30 Dwight vs. Elwood 6th Grade -

Dwight's sixth grade girls took a 21-25, 20-25 loss to Elwood January 30.

Brynn Connor led in scoring with five, while Milana Bradley

and Kiah Handzus each had three points. Maci Johnson and Claire Robison had two points each. Leah Larson contributed a point.

In the "B" game, Leah Larson and Lily Walkup had three points each. Brynn Connor and Macy Johnson each had two points. Ella Legner and Emma Maierhofer had a point each.

7th Grade -

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds defeated Elwood 25-

Megan Livingston led with 20 points, including eight aces, a dig, and a setting assist. Addy Harms had six points, with an ace, a kill, and two setting assists. Harlie Boucher scored five points, four coming from aces, while Emelia Eitenmiller contributed three points, with one ace. Kassy Kodat had three points, including an ace, a dig, and a setting assist. Kira Bean and Maya Green each chipped in two kills. Cheyanne Condreay had one kill. 8th Grade -

Dwight lost to Elwood in three sets January 30, 11-25, 25-16, 21-25.

Jenna Stogner led with 11 points, including an ace, eight assists, and three kills. Jordan Schultz had six points, with two aces, two digs, and a kill. Hailey Heath added five points, including two aces, followed by Alexis Thetard with four aces, six kills, and three digs. Toni Treglio had three points, including an ace and two kills. Erin Anderson chipped in an ace and three kills. Alayna Airgood had

Thursday, February 1 Dwight vs. Ottawa Shepherd 7th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds traveled to Ottawa February 1, losing 16-25 in both sets.

Addy Harms (three aces, three kills, two assists) and Kassy Kodat (four aces) each

led with six points. Megan Livingston added one point, one assist, and one dig, while Maya Green led with four kills. Cheyanna Condreay had a

Dwight is now 2-7 overall. 8th Grade -

Dwight's eighth grade girls fell 21-25, 14-25 to Ottawa Shepherd, dropping to 3-6 on the season.

Cheyanne Condreay led with five points, including three aces and three assists. Alexis Thetard (two aces, two kills, one dig) and Toni Treglio (two aces, two kills) added four points each. Jordan Schultz (three kills) and Kendahl Weller both contributed two points, with Erin Anderson putting up an ace, two digs, and a kill. Alayna Airgood dished three

Saturday, February 3 **Dwight at Gardner Tournament** 6th Grade -

Elwood 13-25, 20-15.

The sixth grade Lady Redbirds competed in the Gardner Tournament over the weekend, going 1-2 on the day. In game one, the girls lost to

Milana Bradley led with six points, while Kiah Handzus and Maci Johnson added four and three points, respectively. Claire Robison had two points, with Leah Larson scoring a

Pontiac St. Mary's took down Dwight in the second game, 25-12, 23-25, 15-9.

Handzus had ten to lead the Lady Redbirds, followed by Bradley and Johnson with four each. Larson and Ella Legner put up three points, while Robison had two.

Dwight got a win over ICS of Morris, 25-12, 23-25, 15-9, to earn a fifth place showing.

Handzus led with ten points. Other scorers were Johnson (nine), Robison (nine), Bradley (five), Larson (two), and Legner (one).



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March 14, Essex United Methodist Church, 114 Waverly Street, Essex.

March 21, Herscher United Methodist Church. 274 North Elm Street, Bonfield Herscher.



MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, January 29 MVK vs. Marseilles 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Lady Mavs lost to Marseilles 20-25, 23-25 on January 29.

Leslie Klicker had ten service points, seven of which were aces. Izzy Humphrey had two kills.

8th Grade -

In eighth grade action, MVK fell 22-25, 25-17, 23-

Klicker led with 13 including six aces. Emma Smith had five kills.

Tuesday, January 30 **MVK vs. Milton Pope** 6th Grade -

MVK's sixth graders were defeated by Milton Pope in their first action of the year January 30 – by a score of 13-25, 13-25.

Sam VendeVelde had two service points, with Faith Baker adding one.

7th Grade -

The Lady Mavericks lost in the seventh grade meet-

ing, 18-25, 25-17, 16-25, dropping to 2-7 overall.

Kaitlyn Rangel had 14 service points, while Leslie Klicker had two kills. 8th Grade -

MVK got a big win over Milton Pope, 25-11, 25-20.

Tava Roe led with ten service points, followed by Taylor Draves and Harmony Neal with nine each. Summer Rangel contributed two blocks, while Emma Smith had five kills.

The Lady Mavs move to 4-5 overall.



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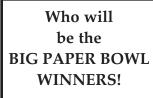
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7th Grade Redbirds Win Sectional, Fall in Elite 8 Action

Wednesday, January 31 Dwight vs. Peoria Christian 7th Grade -**Sectionals**

The Dwight Redbirds got a 42-39 win over Peoria Christian in dramatic fashion January 31.

Redbird standout Brayden Long would drill a three as time expired, sending Dwight to the Elite 8 with a bang.

Long ended up with 20 points, 16 boards, and four steals. Reid Legner (three rebounds, three steals) and Clayton Peck (five rebounds, two steals) each scored eight, with Jace Gall adding six points and a

The Redbirds are now 17-3 on the season.



Saturday, February 3 Dwight vs. **Decatur Robertson** 7th Grade -Elite 8

With three minutes to go in the first half of Elite 8 action, the seventh grade Redbirds found themselves tied at 11 with perennial Decatur powerhouse,

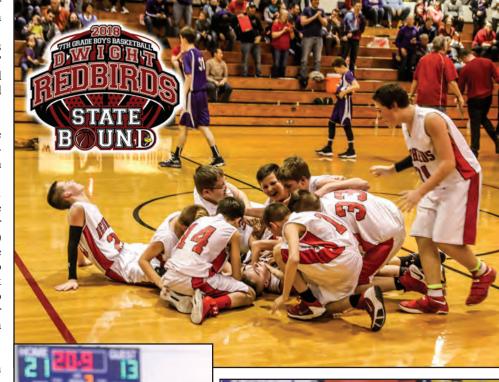
Robertson. However, their historic run would come to a halt - as they fell 52-24.

"Their quickness wore us down in the second half," admitted Dwight's head coach Tom Conroy. "We had a great season."

Leading the way for the Redbirds – who end the season at 17-4 – was Brayden Long with 12 points, 11 rebounds, and seven steals. Jack Groves (two steals, one rebound) and Reid Legner (five rebounds, five steals) each scored four points. Jace Gall (three rebounds, two steals), and Clayton Peck (four rebounds) added two points each. Dawson Carr contributed a steal and a rebound.

BRAYDEN LONG, a member of the seventh grade Dwight Grade School Redbird team, at left, runs through the cheerleaders' arch during a rally for the team Friday, Feb. 2.







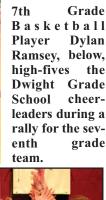




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Basketball Player Dylan Ramsey, below, high-fives the Dwight Grade School cheerleaders during a rally for the sevgrade enth















DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS working the crowd at a rally for the seventh grade team advancing to state are (from left) Aubree Dzwonkoski, Ella Kargle, Darian

Kaitlyn Thetard, Divia Folkers, and Ava Kargle.



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8th Grade Redbirds Win Back-to-Back Thrillers to Move on to Sectionals

Tuesday, January 30 Dwight vs. GSWB 8th Grade -Regionals

Area rivals Dwight and GSWB squared off in regional play January 30 – and the match-up did not disappoint.

It took both teams a while to get going, as they would head into the half tied at 10-10

It would begin to heat up in the third, and the Tigers would take a slim 18-17 lead into the fourth quarter — in which it would open up to a 28-23 lead late.

However, the Redbirds buried two big three-pointers to take a 30-29 lead with 15 seconds remaining on the clock.

To add to the drama, a technical foul in a dead ball situation by a Dwight assistant led to GSWB being able to tie the game via free throws.

GSWB would turn the

ball over attempting to inbound the ball and committed a foul that sent the Redbirds to the line for two with eight seconds left. But both shots were missed.

On the rebound, the

On the rebound, the Tigers were in transition and connected on a lay-up – but it was called off due to a charging foul, which led to the extra frame.

In overtime, it was all Dwight as they scored early and never looked back – carving themselves a spot in the regional championship with a 38-31 win.

Landon Brown led the Redbirds with 19 points, followed by Jeremy Kapper and Bryce Handzus with six and five points, respectively. Caleb Duden and Jack Denker scored four and three points, respectively. Sam Edwards made a free throw.

Blake Patterson led
GSWB with 12 points. Blake
Huston scored nine.

The Tigers end their season with a record of 9-14 overall

Thursday, February 1 Dwight vs. Seneca 8th Grade -

The Redbirds would find themselves in a battle February 1 with Seneca for the regional title and a chance to advance to sectional action — and, once again, it took overtime to decide the outcome.

After taking a narrow lead into the second half, Dwight looked to start pulling away in the third quarter. But Seneca had other plans, and would tie it up at 30-30 before time expired in the fourth to force OT.

In overtime, however, Dwight would strap down on defense and hold their opponent scoreless, while putting up four points to put the game away, 34-30 – sending the Redbirds to sectionals.

Leading the way for Dwight was Landon Brown with 17 points, eight rebounds, and four steals. Caleb Duden (four rebounds, one steal) and Jeremy Kapper (four rebounds, two steals) added seven and six points, respectively. Jack Denker put up four points, three steals, and two rebounds. Sam Edwards contributed five boards and two steals.

Dwight is now 15-4 over-

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8th Grade 2A SECTIONALS

Dwight 8th Grade Boys play Peoria Heights St. Thomas Wed., Feb. 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Regional Champs



DWIGHT'S 8TH GRADE boys basketball team won the IESA regional to advance to sectional action. Members of the team include (front row from left) Bryson Scroggins, Scott Harkenrider, Jack Denker, Daniel Petree, Carter Butterbrodt, Ryan Turner, (back row) Coach Joe Stevenson, Aiden Valdez, Jacob Watchinski, Justin Seabert, Jeremy Kapper, Landon Brown, Bryce Handzus, Kaleb Duden, Sam Edwards, Coach Tom Conroy, and Coach Joey Briner.



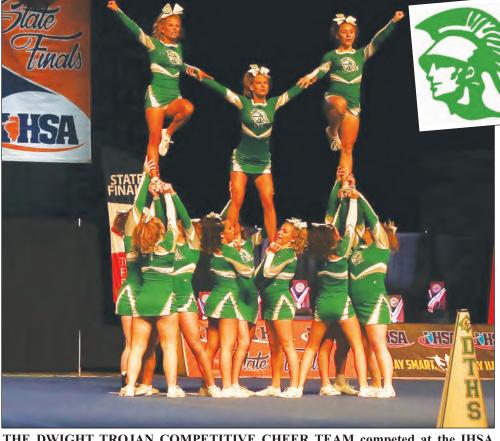












THE DWIGHT TROJAN COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM competed at the IHSA State cheer competition February 2. Despite a great performance, Dwight just missed reaching the top ten for advancement to finals. Their score came up .06 of a point shy – earning them an 11th place finish. This year, there was a total of 83 teams competing in the IHSA Small Varsity Division. The IHSA began the Competitive Cheer Program with the 2005-06 season. Dwight first qualified for state competition in 2008, when Angie Goley became the head coach – and they have qualified all nine years that she has been the head coach.



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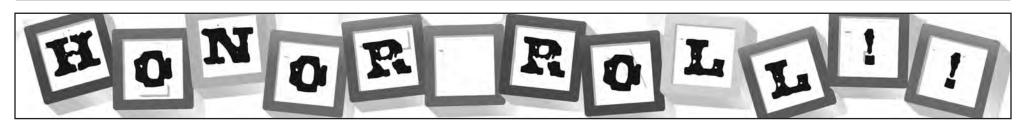
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Dwight United Methodist Church

DWIGHT

701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Michael Ebersohl

• FEB. 7: Prayer Shawl, 9 a.m.; Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L & Ignite, 7 p.m. FEB. 8: Praise Band

rehearsal, 6 p.m. • FEB. 10: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.;

AA meeting, 9 a.m. • FEB. 11: Early Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Praise Team with Holy Communion. Wednesday Service, ehearsal, 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Leaders meeting, 11:30

a.m. • FEB. 12: Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

• FEB. 13: Hens Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.; Scouts #1505, 6 p.m.

• FEB. 14 – Valentine's Day: UMW meeting, 8:30 a.m.; Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal. 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L & Ignite, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church 584-1291 fax 584-1023 parsonage • FEB. 11: 9 a.m., Sunday School / Bible

Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion. • FEB. 14: Ash Wednesday: 3 - 4 p.m., Open gym; 4 - 5 p.m., Midweek Bible Time: 5:30 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service

First Baptist Church 401 N. Clinton St. 815-584-3182 Home of Dwight's New Christian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM Pastor Daniel L. Woodward • FEB. 7: Wednesday

Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m. • FEB. 11: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.

• FEB. 14: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

First Congregational **United Church of** Christ

200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 church Pastor Grant Speece -Settled Pastor

• FEB. 11: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "The Transfiguration." • FEB. 14: Ash / p.m.

• FEB. 19: Dartball here, 7 p.m., with New Life Assembly. DATE TO REMEMBER: APR. 15, 3 P.M.: INSTAL-LATION OF REV. GRANT SPEECE with meal after installation. "February Mission

"Feed the Kids" Program. Donations Welcome.

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C.U.E. Seminaries/

Chicago, United and

New Life Assembly of God 903 S. Old Route 66

Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor 815-584-3430 • FEB. 7: 7 p.m., Prayer Night. • FEB. 8: 11:30 a.m.,

Second Wind Ministry meet at church. • FEB. 11: 9 a.m., "New Bible Studies,: 10 a.m., Main Service: Kid's Church, ages 3 - 11; 12 noon, Carryin lunch and annual business meeting; 5

p.m., X-treme Youth Group. • FEB. 13: 7 p.m., Stampin' Up Group. • FEB. 14: 7 p.m., Prayer Night.

• FEB. 15: 5:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study; 7 p.m., Worship prac-

St. Patrick Catholic

5 p.m., Mass.

• FEB. 11: 8 a.m., Mass

Lutheran Church 326 W. Chippewa St. stpetersdwight@ sbcglobal..net

hours; 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage Health; 4:00 p.m., Youth Group; 4:30 p.m., Easter Cantata rehearsal. • FEB. 9: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 8 p.m., AA

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515 E. Stonewall Rd. Rev. William Mitschke 815-725-1341 Office hours:

HERSCHER Herscher United **Methodist Church** 274 N. Elm Street Phone: 815-426-6169 bracevilleumc.com Pastor Kevin Boesen

(USA)

• Saturday Mass, 5 • Feb. 14 (Ash p.m.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church

Settled Pastor

Youth Minister, Ryan Worship. Sermon title: herscherchristian.com On Facebook:

Congregational U.C.C. with meal after installation. "February Food

Pasta Sauces (Tomato, Alfredo, etc.) March "Mission of the Month" - One Great Hour of Sharing / O.G.H.S.

Essex United Methodist Church 114 Waverly St. • SUNDAY, 9 a.m., 815-253-6250 Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor

Mass. • Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., Mass.

MAZON Mazon United Methodist Church Office phone: 448-5677 Pastor Karen Fabian www.mazonmethodist.com

 Sunday School Class, 10:15 a.m., each Sunday.

Congregational **United Church of** Christ

Pastor Tyler Carrell Phone 448-5514

• Sunday School: Destination Unknown, 10:15 a.m. • Coffee hour, 10:15

St. Paul Catholic Church • Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.,

Odell 109 N. Morgan Street Phone 815-998-2271 Rev. Janeen Tronc

• Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.

a.m. • Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick Catholic

Fr. Anthony Ego, Pastor Parish Office: 815-795-2240 (Marseilles) Email: stjoetorino @hotmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday

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Service

St. Mary's Catholic Church Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor

· Saturdays: 5:30 p.m., • Thursdays: 8:30 a.m., Mass.

Zoar Community Church 18172 W. Route 17

P.O. Box 87 Reddick, IL 60961 Phone: 815-365-4291 · SUNDAY: 9 a.m., Sunday School;

10 a.m., Morning Worship. **SAUNEMIN** Saunemin United **Methodist Church**

815-832-4935 Pastor Jane Bradford Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group/Young Adults, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

SOUTH **WILMINGTON South Wilmington** United **Methodist Church** 225 Rice Street

Pastor Kevin Boesen 815-426-6169 · Sunday Service, 8 a.m.

St. Lawrence

Rev. Stanley Drewniak, · Saturdays, 4 p.m., Mass

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• FEB. 14 (Ash Wednesday) 6 p.m., Mass St. Peter's

• FEB. 7: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church Office

meeting. **Trinity Lutheran**

BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church 106 W. Goold St. 815-237-8512 Church

Pastor Karen Fabian **CAMPUS** Sacred Heart **Catholic Church** Father Chris Haake,

Pastor • FEB. 11: 10 a.m., Mass.

Wednesday) 7 a.m.,

Mass.

of Christ 103 Division Street Pastor Grant Speece • FEB. 11: 8:45 a.m.,

"The Transfiguration." Department meetings after church service. • FEB. 18: Council meeting, 8 a.m. DATE TO REMEMBER: April 15, 3 p.m. -Installation of Rev. Grant Speece at First

Pantry Collection" -

Children Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Service. Services led by Lay Servants David Prussner and Linda

St. Lawrence O'Toole **Catholic Church** • Mass, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Study;

10:30 a.m., Sunday

Michel

· Weekday Masses in Adoration Chapel at Immaculate Conception, Braidwood, Tuesday -

Friday at 8 a.m. **GARDNER United Lutheran** Church **ELCA**

309 E. Jefferson St. 815-237-2227 pastorulc@att.net astor Greg a.m. Sundays: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament.

Church of Hope Park Street Presbyterian Church Monroe & Jefferson Sts. Janet Chandler, Pastor

M-Th, 8:30 a.m. - noon 815-237-8312

Sunday Service, 11 a.m. St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

Main Street Pastor: Rev. Show Reddy Allam 815-426-2153

· Sunday Mass, 10:30 · Monday and Friday, Masses, 8 a.m. · Saturday confessions,

4:15 p.m. Herscher Christian Church 30 Tobey Drive Minister, Andrew King;

Baker; Children's Minister. Tiffani Graber; Worship Minister, Dustin Honn 815-426-2908 or 823-Staff e-mail: life@herscherchristian.co

Herscher Christian Church • Services: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

KEMPTON Kempton United Methodist Church 305 W. Main Street Pastor Evan Sherar 815-647-9072 • Sundays: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.

Kempton Church of the Nazarene 105 E. Main St.

· Sunday Services:

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· Sundays, 8 a.m.,

Sunday Worship, 9

806 Park Street

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Mass. • Sundays: 8 a.m., Mass.

United Church of

RANSOM Ransom United Methodist Church 102 E. Plumb Street Church: 586-4504 Parsonage: 586-4657 Pastor Danira Parra • Sunday Worship, 9:30

Church 110 Wallace Street

and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• SUNDAYS: 8 a.m., Mass. Reconciliation following Mass, or by appointment.

Reddick United Pastor Kevin Boesen 815-426-6169

Methodist Church 35900 E 3200 N Road • 9:30 a.m., Sunday

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Braceville Elementary School Student Awarded Tablet

Over the winter break, the first grade Title students had an opportunity to participate in the "Stir Crazy Winter" raffle in which they could complete various literacy and numeracy tasks to reinforce important skills at

Any student returned the activities after the holiday would be entered into a raffle to win a tablet for their family.

The winner of the raffle was Alexis Pierce. She was awarded a new Kindle Fire Tablet; the funds to purchase the tablet were donated by the BES Parent-School Club. Mrs. Bailey, the Title I Teacher, appreciates the Parent School Club for their generosity. Miss Pierce was



Alexis Pierce won a new Kindle Fire Tablet.

very excited to receive the prize!

Mrs. Bailey is currently planning another incentive program for primary students. Details regarding the "Braves Booster Backpacks" is forthcoming.



THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Math Team placed second out of eight teams at the Reed-Custer Invitational Competition January 24. Pictured, front row, from left, are Abby Beck, Aiddan Daughtery, Troy Speed, Spencer McDaniel, Sean Hansen, Ashley Holloway, Ava Siano, Maddie Jackman; second row, Dusty Manietta, Carson Halpin, Sarah Schultz, Jordan Buck-Noble, Jordan Bartels, Grace

Halpin, Taylor Bartels, Emma Hennessy, Paige Patterson, Mary Lopez; back row, Kevin Ferrari, Kimberly McDaniel, Mady Asbridge, Maddie Schuck, Haileigh Farrero, Abigail Ozee, Cole Walsh, Ben Bexson, Kaitlynn Kavanaugh, Shelby Putnam, Christian Williams, Nik States, Ellie Fortier, Jaylon Sims, and Nolan Perkins.

Prairie Singers to Celebrate 30 Years

The Prairie Singers will be celebrating their 30th anniversary with a concert in March entitled "30 Years of Song". The singers invite the community to the Morris Country Club on Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

The luncheon concert 1.

will feature selections from Broadway musicals, movie themes, patriotic, sacred and classical pieces. There is a cost for the luncheon concert. For ticket information call 815-287-9806. Reservations are required. Deadline for reserved tickets is March

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