Inside Today!!

Dwight Woman to Celebrate 100th Birthday

Won't you send her a card? See page 6.

Mazon Mayor Bob Breisch Talks About the Town - page 3



First Edition of The Paper February 15, 1999.



Volume 20 • Number 7

Proudly serving the area since 1999

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Staff Shortages Forcing Dwight Fire to Seek Tax IncreaseVote



FIREFIGHTER Danny Villalejo is using an ax to open void spaces around a window frame to check for hidden fire. While the process looks destructive, it is an essential task to assure the fire does not spread to upper floors. Response time is critical in saving burning structures and lives. Enough personnel at all times is critical for quick response times. Photo by Photographer/FF Johna R. Bradley

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

In 10 minutes, a fire in a home could completely destroy the structure. And if a person is trapped inside, they could perish in that fire.

Fire safety is literally a matter of life and death and loss of property, which is why the Dwight Fire Department is concerned that they cannot provide adequate staffing during the weekday hours and Saturday nights.

Thus the reason for a tax increase request to staff the fire department in Dwight with at least three people 24-7. Three is the minimum safety number for a fire truck, according to Dwight Fire Chief

Johnson. On March 20. Dwight Fire District voters will have a choice on the ballot increase their taxes by 0.5 percent voting for two separate referendums (see sidebar for the language of

the referen-

dums and rea-

son for two ballot questions.)

The five percent increase in property taxes based on equalized assessed valuation for a home with a market value of \$100,000 will increase by roughly \$69 per year if both referendums pass March 20.

Four years ago in Dwight, the average time to respond to calls was 18 minutes. The department had just 18 volunteer firefighters at the time.

'We need people," Johnson told The Paper last week. "Over the last four years, we have attempted to recruit people for Dwight."

As a stop-gap measure, Johnson applied for and received a fouryear grant for \$355,000 that ran from September 2015 through September 2019.

This money was utilized to pay for training and equipment for firefighters. The fire board relaxed residency rules and lured people to Dwight to work for "free" as volunteer firefighters, but securing needed firefighter training, and equipment at the same time.

Some of the people drove down from the Chicago area, eating meals while here, and basically sacrificing their time and money to train to be a firefighter in Dwight.

But in the long run, those people would not eventually move to Dwight to be volunteer firefighters, but instead take paying positions with larger municipalities.

The department is now up to 45 volunteers and all are trained. They receive between \$5 and \$15 a call, depending on training and rank. That is the extent of their "salary."

They also receive \$5 to attend a training session. All personnel are trained at the Dwight Fire Department now, Johnson said.

However, there are large gaps in coverage with weekday and Saturday evening hours not staffed with the safe minimum of at least three firefighters.

Regardless, the average call response time is now at 5 minutes, down from the previous 18. At 18 minutes, a structure could be destroyed by the fire and people trapped inside may not survive.

The recent fire at

(continued on page 14)

Dwight Fire Referendum Language

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Two property tax levy increases will appear on the March 20 primary ballot for those living in the Dwight Fire Protection District.

The first is:

Dwight Fire Protection District Proposition To Increase Maximum Allowable Tax Rate.

"Shall the maximum allowable tax rate for the Dwight Fire Protection District be increased from 0.30% to 0.40% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?"

Voters will have the option to vote "Yes" or "No."

There is a second ballot question, which may confuse voters.

It is called "Dwight Fire Protection District Proposition To Levy Special Ambulance Tax."

The language states:

"Shall the Dwight Fire Protection District, of Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois levy a special tax at a rate not to exceed 0.10% of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing funds to pay for the costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment?"

Again, voters have the choice of a "Yes" or "No" vote.

Voters should be aware that despite the language "Ambulance" tax, this is for fire department personnel, not EMS personnel, because Dwight has an ambulance service separate from the fire department.

The tax rates for the Dwight Fire Department have never been increased, according to Eric Stewart, treasurer and trustee for the Fire Department board.

Also, there has never been a tax for "rescue" personnel, according to Dwight Fire Chief Paul Johnson.

The state does not allow a fire department to tax more than 0.4 percent, thus the reason for the rescue tax increase in addition to the fire district levy increase, Johnson said. Both are needed to shore up the personnel issues relating to the Dwight Fire Department.

Candidate Forum February 16

A Republican GOP Primary held March 20. Candidate Forum will be held Friday, Feb. 16, at the Pontiac Township High School auditorifeaturing State and Congressional Republican Primary candidates.

The primary election will be

This is the only public forum for statewide and congressional district races held in Livingston County, according to a news release on the forum put out last week.

Candidates include

Morthland for Lt. Governor (Ives greet the public. for Governor); Jim Marter for U.S. Rep. 16th Congressional District; Gary Grasso for Illinois Attorney General; and Dan Brady for State Representative.

Rich County races are also invited to Livingston County Republicans.

The forum, 5:30 to 7 p.m., will be hosted by WJEZ's Todd Wineburner.

The event is sponsored by Candidates in Livingston Classic Hits 98.9 WJEZ and Who is Our 2018 **BIG PAPERBOWL WINNER?**

See page 10. **Sponsor winners, too!**

Get Involved in Your Community! Shop the Inserts in *The Paper* today! ALDI • Berkot's Super Foods • Shopko

Some inserts are not available in total market area.



FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

February 1: Treveion M. Anderson, 19, Bloomington, driving 21-25 MPH above

February 4: Corisna C. Carter, 38, Champaign, driving 11-14 MPH above limit. February 8: Victor G. Gastelum, 21, Channahon, driving 15-20 MPH above

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

Accident Reports

Monday, February 5, 3:45 p.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at northbound McNamara at N. Chicago involving a 2001 Jeep Wrangler driven by Noah A. Ford, Dwight.

Monday, February 9:30 p.m., an accident was reported at 14 E. Northbrook Dr. involving Henry Styck of Dwight, who was removing snow in a Case SkidSker backed into parked/unattended 2011 Toyota 4-door.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS February 1: 6:34 p.m.,

Seminole, trauma, refusal. February 2: 2:04 p.m., Mazon, medical, Riverside.

February 3: 6:43 a.m., Mazon, medical, Riverside; 1:35 p.m, Main St., medical, Morris; 11:28 p.m., Spencer, trauma, refusal.

February 4: 1:32 p.m., Main, medical, Morris; 5:19 p.m., Main, medical, Morris; 11:58 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris.

February 5: 12:43 p.m., Seminole, medical, Morris; 7:54 p.m., Rt. 47, trauma, two refusals; 11:42 p.m., Lake St., COQ, mutual aid to Wilmington.

February 6: 10:36 a.m., S. Franklin, odor investiga-

February 8: 11:02 a.m., North St., medical, Morris; 11:23 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

Police Blotter

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

Feb. 2: Return Phone Call - Dwight Police were asked at 9:23 a.m. to contact a 41-year-old male to discuss a violation of a court order, for communication with his children. Dwight Police made contact with the mother of the children and asked if they could reach out to the father of the children.

Feb. 2: Walk-In - A 54year-old male came to the Dwight Police Department at 11:03 a.m. to turn in a nolonger wanted, unloaded hand gun. The male produced a current FOID card.

Feb. 3: Drive Off -Dwight Police were dispatched to 600 W. Mazon Avenue at 11 a.m. When on the scene. Dwight Police were advised an unknown female, driving a silver, four-door car, had pumped gas and not paid for it. The vehicle was seen traveling south on I-55. The subject returned on her own, and made payment.

Feb. 5: Out-of-Control Subject - Dwight Police were dispatched at 8:22 a.m. to the 100 block of Julie Drive, in reference to a subject that had broken a light fixture and was agitated. On

scene, Dwight Police spoke with caregivers of a 54-yearold male. The subject was no longer agitated and no further actions were taken.

Feb. 5: Subject Removal - Dwight Police were dispatched at 12:53 p.m. to the 300 block of W. Waupansie for an intoxicated subject removal. Dwight Police met with the complainant and 58-year-old intoxicated male. The male was advised by both police and the complainant not to return in an intoxicated state.

Feb. 6: Criminal Damage to Property -Dwight Police were dispatched at 10:09 a.m. to the 100 block of Bannon, for damage to a fence. When on scene, Dwight Police spoke with a maintenance worker. The maintenance worker advised a silver, Ford F-150 pickup truck entered the parking lot to drop a person off. The truck driver left in an aggressive manner, backing into a section of a fence.

Feb. 7: No Contact Order - Dwight Police were dispatched at 11:16 a.m. to meet with a 57-year-old female with concerns about her current "No Contact Order." The complainant suspected the male named in the order had been in the



Temps - 2018

Feb. 1 – high 26°, low 2° Feb. 2 – high 25°, low 2° Feb. 3 – high 42°, low 25°

trace precip. Feb. $4 - \text{high } 25^{\circ}, \text{low -}7^{\circ}$ 1" snow

Feb. $5 - \text{high } 11^{\circ}, \text{low } -10^{\circ}$

5" snow

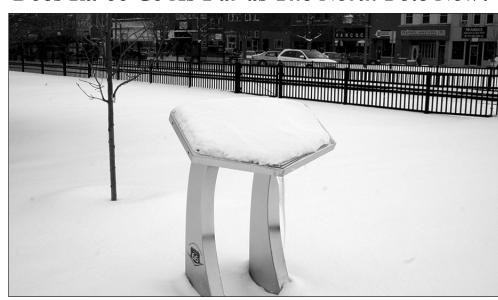
Feb. 6 - high 13°, low -7° 1" snow

Feb. 7 – high 17° , low 0° trace precip.

One Year Ago - Feb. 14, 2017 high 46°, low 24°

> Lent Begins Wednesday, February 14.

Does Rt. 66 Go As Far as The North Pole Now?



WINTER IN ILLINOIS may seem like it is in the North Pole at times with frigid Arctic blasts of snow and ice covering everything along with subzero actual temperatures. But this Route 66 tourist sign pointing out the Historic Train Depot is not from a spot at the North Pole, but in downtown Dwight, Thursday, Feb. 8, although tourists visiting town would never know it, since all the words are completely obscured.

The Paper photo

Blood Donation To Be Held in Herscher

Winter storms and the flu don't just mean a lot of people are missing work and school – it also means they can't keep their American Red Cross blood and platelet donation appointments.

A Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Herscher on Feb. 16, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

A bloodmobile will also be at Herscher High School March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 501 N. Main Street.

The Red Cross is urging healthy donors of all blood types to roll up a sleeve to help maintain the blood supply for patients in need.

In 2018, severe winter weather forced about 600 blood drives to cancel, resulting in more than 17,500 uncollected blood and platelet donations. And, widespread flu across the U.S. has resulted in lower turnout at blood drives.

Blood and platelet donations are needed in the coming days to help replenish the blood supply and ensure patients continue to receive lifesaving treatments. Donors can help even more patients when they invite a loved one, friend or coworker to give with them.

Make an appointment to donate this winter by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

How to donate blood Simply download the

American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a computer or mobile device. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on

Voter Registration Deadline Feb. 20

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

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

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

Livingston County Clerk Day and at be least 18 by Election Day.

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

To register to vote or update your address or name on-line through Sunday February 18:

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

www.elections.il.gov Click the "Voter" icon at the top of the page.

To begin, Click "Online

Voter Registration" and follow the instructions.

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

For further details contact County Clerk Kristy Masching at (815) 842-9313 or Elections Deputy Gail Smythe at 815-842-9318. Visit thewebsite at

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



Open House

Thursday, February 22 10~2 p.m.

Reserve an apartment during Open House and receive a \$25 gift certificate!

2:00 p.m. Chris Stapleton-Live Entertainment!

701 East Mazon Ave Dwight, IL 60420 Call Brandy at (815) 584-9280 for more information



Managed by Gardant Management Solutions www.hw-dwight-slf.com

Ransom Woman Involved in Auto Accident Feb. 5

Deputies investigated a twovehicle accident Feb. 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the intersection of Illinois Route 170 and N. 15th road near Ransom.

A vehicle driven by Erica Reddell, 31, of Ransom, was and no citations.

La Salle County Sheriff's westbound on North 15th Road and proceeded through the intersection, striking a southbound vehicle driven by Gregg Hardesty, 50, of Fairbury, in the intersection.

There were no injuries

No Act of Kindness. No Matter How Small, is Ever Wasted.

Soup and Sandwich Supper Saturday, March 10th from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Church of Hope in Gardner

Soups: Broccoli Cheese, Chicken Tortellini Sandwiches: Chicken Salad, Ham Sandwich, Egg Sandwich

Hot Dogs & Mac N Cheese Also Available

\$8 for Adults • \$3.50 for kids 3-12 years **Under 3 is FREE • Carryouts Available**

McClarey Law Firm Donald R. McClarey and Donald John McClarey

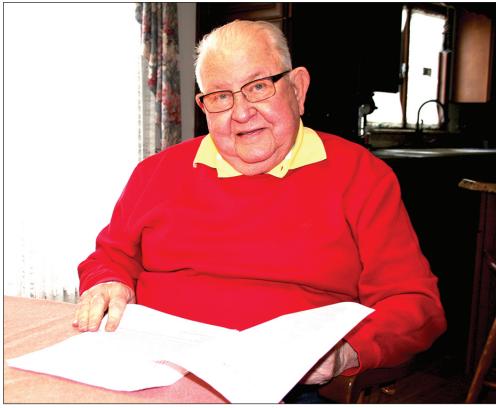
313 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight, IL 60420 (Also Engaged in the General Practice of Law)

Bankruptcy Attorneys

with 35 years experience in representing clients filing chapter 7 or chapter 13 Bankruptcy Petitions. Fee for a chapter 7 is \$1,400.00, paid in 2 installments which includes the filing fee of \$335.00

Phone 815-584-1525 for a free consultation. We are a Debt Relief Agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief.

paid to the Bankruptcy Court.



BOB BREISCH, MAZON Village President, reviews a document showing new rules for solar farm developments in the county. Besides being Village President in Mazon, he chairs the Grundy County Zoning Board of Appeals. The first solar farm development in the county, and one of the first in Illinois, is proposed to be developed just west of Mazon. Meantime, the village itself has developed residential and commercial lots for future economic prospects.

Mazon Poised For Commercial, House Economic Development

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

Note: This is the final in Breisch said. a series of articles about the major communities served by The Paper, looking back at 2017 and into the future.

The Village of Mazon has residential lots and commercial property "shovel-ready" development, said President Village Bob Breisch.

He said in the past year, two homes have been started in Breisch's Garden Estates off Route 47 on the northern end of Mazon.

The subdivision has 18 developed lots of which six have been sold.

Lots have sewer and water hookups, and electricity for future home construc-

In addition, across Route 47 is 32 acres of commercial land available for development, also with fully "shovel-ready" lots.

One project the village is working on includes the completion of a new 900foot well which will be blended with other water wells in Mazon to cut down on magnesium in the water.

been issues of taste and chlorine in the water, and the role as Mazon Village new blending has solved those problems.

Grundy County Clerk, Kay Olson,

announced Feb. 6 that the start of early vot-

ing and vote by mail will be delayed, due to

pending litigation regarding a petition objec-

"This was a big thing,"

The issue of drainage has been solved, preventing flooding near the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (Atchison-Topeka) tracks. He said new larger storm drain pipes have been installed to alleviate flooding issues.

Breisch heads up a village board which includes trustees Jim Hintze, Jack Thompson, Kristin Webster, Jim Matteson, Christine and Michael Adkins, Breisch.

Kim Marques is village clerk with Jeffrey Marques and Brody Jones performing

public works for the village. "We have potential for growth," Breisch said. "We want to see Main Street get

more developed." In addition to the village itself, home of roughly 1,100 people, there is a solar farm possibly being developed, just west of Mazon along the Grand Ridge blacktop, by Cypress Creek.

The proposed development has been controversial, and Breisch happens to be the chairman of the Grundy Breisch said there have County Zoning Board of is the first such development Appeals in addition to his

President. The Grundy County He estimates the cost of Board approved a text the citizens of the county. the new well at roughly amendment for solar farm

Delay In Early Voting, Vote By Mail For Grundy

developments includes 26 conditions that he believes will protect the citizens of Grundy County.

Among the conditions are a requirement for decommissioning any development should it become necessary, which the developer must pay for either with a bond or some other insurance within five years of erecting the

Other requirements in-

• An eight foot fence around the property.

• Sufficient lighting for

· Vegetation and weed control plan against prey habitats "and/or aesthetic impacts to the surrounding

• A monthly inspection by Grundy County.

• Solar collectors shall not exceed 20 feet high.

· Setbacks are to be at least 150 feet from any roads.

• A process must be developed for complaint resolution.

These restrictions are to be met by any solar farm developer within the county, but the Mazon development planned in Grundy County.

He described the text amendment as strong and something that will protect

"Once we receive final ballot certifica-

"I urge voters to call our office to be

tions, we will work as quickly as possible to get early voting underway," Olson said.

Dwight Pastor Visits Illinois House Chamber

Every session day, the House session begins with the same process: call to order, invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and the attendance roll call. Guests of many different faiths from all around the state are selected to lead the invocation each day. Last week, Pastor Victor Randle, Jr., of the New Life Church in Dwight was the guest pastor who offered the invocation before the House session on Tuesday.

"It was an honor to have a pastor from my district lead the House in its invocation," said Rep. Tom Bennett.



Rep. Tom Bennett (left) with Pastor Victor Randle.



Heart Attack Prevention presented by Cardiologist Athar Saeed, M.D.

Thursday, February 22

6-7 p.m. at Morris Hospital

Join a board certified cardiologist for a lifesaving discussion on heart attack prevention, where you will learn who is at risk for having a heart attack, ways to lower heart attack risk, warning signs of heart attack, and what to do in the event of a suspected heart attack. The information could save your life.

Please register at morrishospital.org/events or call 815-705-7832.



150 West High Street Morris, IL 60450







Livingston Co. Sheriff **Announces ISA Scholarship**

The Illinois Sheriff's Association has announced that it will be awarding over 100 scholarships throughout the state of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2018-19 academic year.

Scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only. The student must enrolled full-time (excluding summer session) at a certified institution of higher learning with the state.

Livingston County will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. • There will be no restriction

on any applicants by reason

of race, age, creed, color, sex, or national origin. • Applicants must be perma-

nent Illinois residents.

Applications are now available at the Livingston Co. Sheriff's Office, or online at www.ilsheriff.org. Students must complete the application, answer the essay question, and return all documentation by March 15 (must be postmarked by this date) to: Livingston County Sheriff's Office, 844 West Lincoln Street, Pontiac, IL

Contact the Livingston Co. Sheriff's Office at 815-844-2774 for additional



Individual and Business Tax Preparation

140 S. Main St., P.O. Box 691 Herscher, IL 60941 Ofc: 815-426-2532/815-426-9808 Fax: 815-426-2586 www.skdocpa.com

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appt Morris hrs. by appt. only 220 W. Main St., Suite 308

St. Patrick's and the Dwight Knights of Columbus LENTEN FISH FRIES



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

DWIGHT SERVING FROM 5 -7 P.M.

ON THE MENU: Fried Pollock, Baked Cod, Fried Shrimp,

or Grilled Cheese Sandwiches SIDES: Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw or Applesauce

Your drink and dessert are included.



Adults: \$9.00 Grade School: \$4.50 Pre-School: FREE

FRIDAYS:

Feb. 16 • Feb. 23 • March 2 March 9 · March 16 · March 23



Dale Coughlin



Max Sulzberger **Financial Advisor**

_® 100 W. Main St. Edward Jones Dwight, IL 60420 815-584-1414 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING www.edwardjones.com

Valentine's Day -Consider Financial Gifts for All Your Valentines

Valentine's Day is here - and it's a pretty big business. In fact, U.S. consumers spent about \$18 billion on their valentines in 2017, according to the National Retail Federation. Of course, recipients certainly appreciate flowers, candy, jewelry and so on, but this year, consider going beyond the traditional favorites to give your loved ones something more long-lasting - a financial gift.

And, while you're doing so, why not also go beyond the traditional definition of a "valentine"? After all, not all that \$18 billion went to spouses or significant others. A sizable amount also went to non-romantic connections, including children, parents, friends, teachers - even pets. So, in the spirit of ecumenical Valentine's Day gift-giving, here are some suggestions for financial gifts for your loved ones:

For spouse or signficant other - One valuable gift to your spouse or significant other might be an IRA contribution. While you can't directly contribute to someone else's IRA, you can certainly write a check to that person for that purpose. This gift is particularly valuable because many people have trouble coming up with the maximum annual IRA contribution, which, in 2018, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 for individuals 50 and older. As an alternative to an IRA contribution, you could give shares of a stock issued by a company whose products or services are enjoyed by your spouse or signfiicant other.

For your children – It's never too soon to start saving for college for your children. Fortunately, you have a few attractive college-funding vehicles available, one of which is the 529 Savings Plan. You can generally invest in the plan offered by any state, even if you don't live there. If you do invest in your own state's plan, you might receive a tax incentive, which could include a deduction, match or credit. Plus, all withdrawals from 529 Savings Plans will be free from federal income taxes and, in most cases, state income taxes as well, as long as the money is used for qualified college or graduate school expenses of the beneficiary you've named. (If a withdrawal is taken from a 529 Savings Plan but not used for a qualified expense, the portion of the withdrawal representing earnings is subject to ordinary income tax and a 10% federal penalty.)

For your parents - You can probably find a number of thoughtful and valuable financial gifts for your parents. You could, for example, offer to pay a month's worth of their premiums for their auto or health insurance. Even if they are on Medicare, they may still be paying for a supplemental policy, so your gift may well be appreciated. But you might want to go beyond helping them with just a single component of their financial situation and instead provide them with assistance for their "big picture." To do so, you could arrange a visit with a trusted financial professional, assuming your parents aren't already using one. This person could look at all issues, including investments, retirement accounts, long-term care and estaterelated financial strategies, and then make appropriate recommendations and even referrals to other professionals.

Everyone likes the hearts, flowers and sweets of Valentine's Day. Nonetheless, give some thought to making financial gifts they can make a difference in your loved ones' lives long after the chocolates are eaten and the roses have faded.

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



DTHS WINTER BALL IS SET FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the gym, with Coronation taking place at 8:00 p.m. Winter Ball court, based on the highest participation in FCCLA for the year, pictured, front row, from left, are sophomores Addison Bean, Owen Van Der Karr, freshmen Nellie Rieke and Lucus Kisner, junior Hunter Sulaica; back row, seniors Jillian Frauli, Morgyn Moyemont, Jimmy Soto, Lucy Rieke, and junior Tim Western. Not pictured is junior Kat Harms.

LCFB Foundation **College Scholarships**

- Deadline February 15 -

The Livingston County Farm Bureau Foundation announced the availability of scholarships for college students.

Livingston County Farm Bureau Foundation Elite Scholarship (in recognition of Rosie Duffy's exemplary volunteerism) – one \$2,000. Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarships – up to \$1,500.

High School Seniors: This scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or community college.

College Students: The applicants for the Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarships (up to \$1,500 each) must be a student entering the third semester or beyond, of college and accepted for enrollment or enrolled at an accredited college or university. A person may win the Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarship as many times as they qualify. Scholarships are only available to those students scheduled to be enrolled in an undergraduate program for the next school year, and are limited to no more than a total of 4 (four) LCFB/Hoerner or Naylor Scholarships per individual.

The Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarship is in memory of Ethel K. Hoerner. The LCFB Foundation was the recipient of a portion of the Ethel K. Hoerner estate. Ethel gave this wonderful gift which will enable us to move towards our goals of providing scholarships to students in the county.

If you see this Lovely Lady on 2.18 stop and wish her a Happy 80th Birthday Tell her a memory of where you first met.



Happy Birthday, Mom!! ~ Your loving family The Salzburgs

Elite Scholarship: A person may only win the Elite Scholarship once. The Elite Scholarship is in recognition of Rosie Duffy's exemplary volunteerism. You do not need to fill out an additional application for this scholarship. The winner will be chosen from the pool of college applicants.

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

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

Applicants must demonstrate a strong interest and intention of entering a career in agriculture or a closely related field.

The scholarships will be awarded to individuals who show extraordinary interest and involvement in agriculture, extracurricular activities, and his or her ability to communicate potential. Exemplary community service may be recognized.

Scholarship applications are ONLY available on-line at www.livcfb.org, listed under Foundation. You will fill out the on-line application and submit to livefbmgr@gmail.com. Questions may be directed to Livingston County Farm Bureau at (815) 842-1103. All applications are due to the office by 4:30 p.m. on February 15, 2018.

Story Idea? 815-584-1901 thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

Insurance Agency, Inc.

Mazon, IL 60444-0329

SBenson@Benson-Insurance.con

514 Depot Street

Benson-Insurance.com

PO Box 329

Cabin Fever Fish, Smelt Fry in Odell March 12

Members of the Odell Sportsman's Club will host their annual Cabin Fever Fish/Smelt Fry Monday, March 12, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Pour Farmer's Pub in Odell.

The event is "All You Can Eat" and tickets may be purchased at the door. Carryouts will be available.

A gun raffle will be held, with tickets available at Odell Bank, Odell Food Mart, Pour Farmer's Pub, Rentz's Tap, and from members. Tickets will also be available at the door. First name drawn will win a Mossberg 500 Flex 12 gauge, 28" barrel, and the second name drawn will win a Bersa BPCC 9mm pistol.

Winner will receive a Big

R gift card for value of gun won. Exact instructions will be received with gift card. Winners under 18 years old also receive a gift card. There are no exceptions to these rules. Winners do not need to be present at the time of the drawing.

The club members will also host a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the event go toward the support of scholarship programs, the annual Kid's Fishing Derby, the NWTF Wheelin' Sportsmen program, and monetary donations to local organiza-

For more information, contact Bonnie Bolen, secretary, via e-mail at doubleb10 @frontier.com.

SOCU to Open **Morris Branch in June**

SOCU announced its new in June.

members in the Morris area branch. at its existing branches in Streator, Dwight and Pontiac, SOCU is excited to offer this more convenient

The Morris Branch will be a full-service financial institution offering loans for automobiles, real estate, home equity, recreational, personal loans, and VISA cards. A variety of savings products are offered, including checking accounts, share certificates, IRA's, Money Markets, Christmas, Vacation and Youth Savers clubs.

815-448-2155

815-448-2159 Fax

SCOTT BENSON

0 *

In addition, the credit branch opening at 1544 union has a 24-hour audio Creek Dr., Morris, IL 60450, response line, 24-hour online loan applications and Mobile SOCU is active in the Services. A Certified Credit Morris community. Union Financial Counselor Currently serving over 460 will manage this new

> Membership is open to anyone residing or working in Grundy, Will, Kendall, Stark, Peoria, Tazewell, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston, Marshall, Putnam, Woodford, McLean, and Bureau counties in Illinois, including all family mem-

> This expansion allows SOCU to continue in the heart of Illinois and brings its award-winning services and community involvement to surrounding areas. With a growing base of over 29,000 members and assets climbing over \$229 million, SOCU continues its growth strategies, while maintaining service with its current membership and surrounding communities.

For more information about joining SOCU please visit its website at socu.org.

> The Paper 815-584-1901

Compare Our CD Rates

Bank-issued,

FDIC-insured

APY* Minimum deposit \$1000

% APY* Minimum deposit \$1000 1-year

2-year

2.35 % APY* Minimum deposit \$1000

Annual Percentage Yield (APY) effective 02/08/2018. CDs offered by Edward Jones are bank-issued and FDIC-insured up to \$250,000 (principal and interest accrued but not yet paid) per depositor, per insured depository institution, for each account ownership category. Please visit www.fdic.gov or contact your financial advisor for additional information. Subject to availability and price change. CD values are subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of CDs can decrease. If CDs are sold prior to maturity, the investor can lose principal value. FDIC insurance does not cover losses in market value. Early withdrawal may not be permitted. Yields quoted are net of all commissions. CDs require the distribution of interest and do not allow interest to compound. CDs offered through Edward Jones are issued by banks and thrifts nationwide. All CDs sold by Edward Jones are registered with the Depository Trust Corp. (DTC).



Max B Sulzberger Financial Advisor 100 W Main St Dwight, IL 60420 815-584-1414

www.edwardjones.com

Edward **Jones**'





DGS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER were announced in January, and they are as follows (not in order): Pre-K - Isabella Kvapil, Lilliana Noriega, Cayson Bean; Kindergarten - Greta Flott, Esbon Scheuer; 1st Grade - Clara Flott, Diesel Standridge; 2nd Grade - Joseph Hudson, Maya Lemke, Dane Anderson; 3rd Grade - Cash Carter, Cloe Gall; 4th Grade - Asher Kargle, Bryce Bailey; 5th Grade -

Ellora McCullough, Owen Woods; 6th Grade - Owynn Gliwa, Kaedyn Gonzalez; 7th Grade - Ashlyn Heikkila, Harlie Boucher; 8th Grade - Ashton Burkhardt, Jacob Maccani. Every month, a student from each class is chosen as the Student of the Month for the hard work, dedication, and character he/she displays throughout their time at **Dwight Common School.**

Shopko Foundation Awards Over \$1.2 Million in Grants

The Shopko Foundation has announced that it awarded grants totaling more than \$1.2 million in 2017 to promote healthy lifestyles and educational opportunities in the communities it serves.

The funds were awarded through the Foundation's four grant programs Charitable Community Grants, Green Bay Area Grants, Teammate Charitable Service Challenge, and Teammate and Family Scholarships. Shopko and the Shopko Foundation have awarded grants totaling over \$33.5 million in the last 38 years.

The Shopko Foundation supports accredited schools and 501(c)3 organizations. Grants are awarded throughout the year to support programs which further the Foundation's purpose of promoting the health and education of Shopko teammates and customers.

Odell Firemen Fish Fry Feb. 23

On Friday, February 23, the Odell Firemen will hold their annual "all you can eat" Fish Fry from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Odell Fire Station.

A fee applies, with kids under 12 receiving a discount. Preschoolers are free.

Carry-outs will be available and there will also be a 50/50 drawing.

Cleary Building Corp. **Celebrates** 40 Years in Business

Cleary Building Corp., a leading manufacturer of commercial, equine, farm, suburban and residential preengineered structures, has announced its 40th anniver-

The company recently celebrated with an employee appreciation event at its Corporate Worldwide Headquarters and flagship manufacturing plant in Verona, WI. At the event, Sean Cleary, President, and Tom Cleary, Cleary Founder, thanked all Cleary employees for their hard work and dedication to the company.

In 1985, Cleary opened its first branch in Appleton, WI. Less than a year later, the company broke ground in Illinois, opening an office in both the northern and southern parts of the state in Sandwich and Breese. Expansion has continued and the company's branches stretch as far east as Warrenton, Virginia, and as far west as Grants Pass, Oregon.

For more information, visit ClearyBuilding.com or call them at 800-373-5550.



GIRLS FROM TROOP 1505 paused to take a picture in between customers at Shopko February 3. The girls are thankful for the many people who supported them by purchasing a total of 99 boxes of cookies during the booth sale.

Windham Fund-raiser Brings In \$20,000 Feb. 10

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

The community Dwight came together Feb. 10 to raise \$20,000 for Sarah Windham, who is battling cancer.

"A Little Help From My Friends," at Station 343 featuring entertainment from thrilled with \$10,000.

local talent, was organized by Dwight Township High School teacher Lindsey

"It was overwhelming the love people showed here on Saturday," Jensen told The

She said she was hoping to earn \$7,000 and would be

"When it passed \$15,000, I was elated," she said.

"Dwight continues to amaze me with its generosity," Jensen said.

Windham was choir director at DTHS until last school year.

Her family includes her husband Luke and children Whit and Everly.

Dwight Woman's Club Meeting February 20

Dwight Woman's Club members will meet Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Prairie Creek Public Library.

Agenda items for the business meeting will include follow-up reports on the 2017 Festival of Trees, planning for the 2018 Dwight Woman's Club Scholarships, discussion on upcoming fund-raising projects to support scholarships, and other community projects, and consideration of memorials to be made in the name of Margaret Kime longtime DWC member. The family of Margaret

Kime had requested, at the time of her passing, that memorial donations be made to the DWC. Family members have been in conversation with club officers to plan for memorials in Margaret's name. Community members who would still like to make a

donation in memory of Margaret should contact Marcia Drach at 815-252-3086.

The program for the February meeting will be a Make and Take tile coaster crafting project with Sherrie Rhodes, Prairie Creek Librarian.

Guests are always welcome at DWC meetings. Members and guests are reminded to RSVP to Lisa Marsh at the Library with their plans to attend and participate in the project. There is no cost to participate, however, a count is needed so that materials will be available.

Club members are reminded that the February Service Project Donation is to Operation SOS, with items being collected to include hard candy, gum, cheese and cracker packets, and other suggestions outlined in the club yearbook.

ANTENNA & SATELLITE SALES & SERVICE

In business since 1969

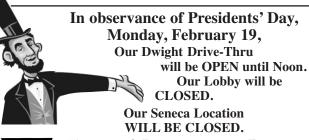
HD Antennas • Direct TV • Dish

7 Days A Week (call any time)

(815)474-1365 Veteran/

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Ralph Waldo Emerson





OF I)WIGHT 122 W. MAIN STREET • DWIGHT, ILLINOIS 60420

(815) 584-1212 FAX (815) 584-1280 395 S. MAIN STREET • SENECA, ILLINOIS 61360 (815) 357-1070 FAX (815) 357-1056

Online Banking: fnbofdwight.com RETIREMENT SALE ENTIRE STORE! Gold Chains

112 E. Main Dwight IL • 815-584-2415



301 SOUTH LADD ST. PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764 815-844-3138

FEATURED USED VEHICLES



'06 Fusion SE, 114K, 4 New Tires \$6,900



08 F250 Crew Lariat, 124K, 4WD, Diesel

\$23,900 **TRUCKS** 17 F250 Crew XLT, 14K, 4WD, Diesel 17 F350 Crew XLT, 19K, 4WD, Diesel 17 F150 S/C Lariat, 8K, 4WD.. 16 F150 Crew XLT, 10K, 4WD 16 F150 Crew XLT, 14K, 4WD, Chrome Pkg. . .\$34.900 16 F150 Crew Lariat, 20K, 4WD, Loaded 16 F150 XLT Reg Cab, 16K, 4WD, NAV... 16 F250 Crew XLT, 17K, 4WD. 14 F150 Reg. Cab STX, 25K, 4WD 14 F150 Crew XLT, 88K, 4WD 14 F150 Crew XLT, 9K, 4WD 13 F150 Crew XLT, 39K, 4WD 13 F150 S/C XLT, 52K, 2WD \$20,900 11 Ranger S/C XL, 96K, 2WD..... 08 F350 Crew Lariat, 113K, 4WD, DRW '08 F250 Crew Lariat, 124K, 4WD, Diesel\$23,900 '06 Chevy K1500 S/C, 167K, 4WD......\$6,900 04 Silverado 1500 S/C, 104K, 4WD..... 16 Dart SXT, 6K

16 Fusion SE, 40K

15 Fusion SE, 21K, MyFord Touch

13 Audi A8, 62K, AWD, Sunroof, NAV



'16 Town and Country Touring, 17K \$23,900



'14 F150 Crew XLT, 88K, 4WD \$21,900

'12 Fusion SE, 71K, 4 New Tires	\$6,900	
'99 LHS, 115K, Leather, Sunroof	\$1,900	
VANS and SUVs		
'17 Transit Connect Titanium, 3 in stock	.\$22,900	
'17 Edge Titanium, 14K, AWD, Sunroof, NAV	.\$30,900	
'17 Expedition LTD, 16K, 4WD, Sunroof, NAV		

VANS and SUVS		
'17 Transit Connect Titanium, 3 in stock	\$22,900	
'17 Edge Titanium, 14K, AWD, Sunroof, NAV	\$30,900	
'17 Expedition LTD, 16K, 4WD, Sunroof, NA\	/\$45,900	
'16 Town & Country Touring, 17K	\$23,900	
'16 Escape SE, 16K, 4WD, Htd Seats, SYNC		
'16 Transit 250 Cargo Van, 9K, 2 in stock	\$22,900	
'16 Escape SE, 20K, FWD	\$17,900	
'14 Explorer Sport, 43K, 4WD, Sunroof, NAV	\$29,900	
'13 Equinox LT, 83K, FWD, Remote Start	\$11,900	
'13 Edge SEL, 172K, FWD, Leather	\$8,900	
'13 Explorer XLT, 40K, FWD	\$19,900	
'12 Escape LTD, 94K, AWD, Sunroo	\$10,900	
'12 Ram Cargo Van, 96K	\$6,900	
'11 Mercedes ML350, 81K, AWD		
'09 Mariner Premier, 104K, 4WD	\$7,900	
'07 Explorer E.B., 175K, 4WD, Sunroof, NAV	\$7,900	
'04 Expedition E.B., 280K, 4WD	\$3,900	
'00 Explorer E. B. 156K, 4WD		

Dwight Resident Nears Her 100th Birthday, Seeking 100 BD Cards



JUNE GROTH, a resident of Heritage Woods of Dwight, will mark her 100th Birthday on Feb. 28. She is asking people to send her birthday cards so she gets 100 cards. She holds up a pillow with eight of her nine great-grandchildren listed: Maci, Monroe, Ethan, Scarlett (all of Dwight), Helen, Alicia, Gabriel, and Scarlett. Another greatgrandchild, Lucas, was born a few weeks ago and did not make it on time for the pil-The Paper photo

by Myke Feinman

Managing Editor On Feb. 28, 1918, a baby girl was born in Joliet, months before the close of the War to End All Wars (WWI).

That baby grew up to be June Groth, currently a resident of Heritage Woods in Dwight, and with a daughter and two grandsons residing in the area.

She is seeking 100 birthday cards to mark the century of birthdays.

As a child, June's father worked in construction in the Joliet area, so the Great Depression which began after the stock market crash in 1929 was not too much of a burden on her family, she

"I was a teenager," she explained. "We had nothing in those days."

She said one of the boys in her school had a car, but most high school students did not have such a luxury.

"His father was an executive or something," Groth explained.

She graduated in 1936, at the heart of the Great Depression, and attended beauty school. She worked as a hairdresser for a while, then went back to school for business.

She said Franklin Delano

Roosevelt is her favorite president, having created many social programs including Social Security.

As for the nation today, she said it is "a mess," but "the economy is better."

"It was so different when I was younger," she explained. "You could let your kids run around and not worry about them. Now you are afraid to let them go out-

She survived the Great Depression but says eventually she landed a job with Commonwealth doing office work.

Her husband Don, who died 14 years ago, had served in World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

The couple married in 1948 and had two children, Elaine (Elton) Gerber, who has resided in Goodfarm for more than 30 years, and Don Jr., who is in Louisiana working in ag research.

She proudly mentioned that Don Jr. is head of Louisiana State University's research station working

with rice. She has five grandchildren, including Tim and Mike Gerber of Dwight (both graduates of Dwight Township High School) and nine great-grandchildren, the newest of whom is Lucas,

born a few weeks ago. She has a special pillow with her grandchildrens' names on it, but Lucas is missing because he wasn't born yet when the pillow was presented to her as a

Four of her other greatgrandchildren are Maci, Monroe, Ethan and Scarlett, all of Dwight.

June joked that two-yearold Maci has been known to play with her parents' cell phone from time to time.

The other grandchildren live in other states including Pennsylvania and Louisiana.

She gets around using a wheelchair now, but when she first moved to Heritage Woods at the young age of 94, she was still driving.

She said she continued to drive around the streets of Dwight until she reached the age of 98.

Now she stays at Heritage Woods, but is happy there with a broad smile on her face, saying everything is done for her.

To meet her goal of receiving 100 birthday cards, people are asked to mail them to:

Heritage Woods c/o June Groth 701 E. Mazon Ave. Dwight, IL 60420

Justin Fox to Dean's List at Elmhurst College

Elmhurst College has announced the Dean's List for the Fall Term of the 2017-18 school year, and it features Justin Fox of Emington, former DTHS student.

To qualify for Dean's List honors, students have to attain a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

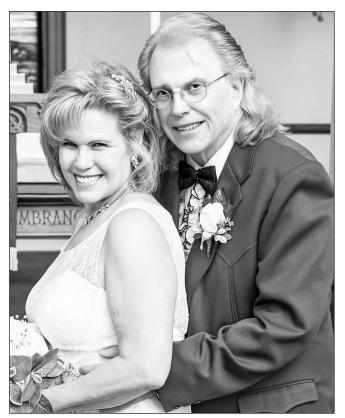


St. Patrick's and the Dwight K of C To Host Lenten Fish Fries

Mark your calendar! St. Patrick's and the Knights of Columbus will again have the Annual Lenten Fish Fries in St. Patrick's Hall, Dwight.

This year they have scheduled six Fish Fries, all the Fridays in Lent except Good Friday. Fish Fries will be held on Fridays, February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Your price includes your choice of baked or fried fish, breaded shrimp or grilled cheese sandwich, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw or applesauce, rolls, beverage and a dessert, while they last.



Connie and Michael Vidger

Suchomel, Vidger Wed in Saunemin

Connie Rae Suchomel and Michael L. Vidger, both of Spokane, Washington, were married Thursday, February 1, at Saunemin Methodist Church - with Pastor Jane Bradford offici-

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Lighty of Saunemin.

The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Vidger of California.

The bride was escorted by her father. Her maid of honor was her second cousin, Linda Raridon Duke from Channahon, and the groom's best man was Matthew Suchomel from Spokane, WA – oldest son of the bride.

The ceremony included personalized touches such as the "Cords of Three" and exchanging written words to each other. The intimate gathering of family wedding guests joined the couple for dinner at the home of Wendell and Doris Lighty. outside of Saunemin. Following toasts, dinner, and sharing of the wedding cake, Connie and Michael spent their wedding night at "Three Roses Bed and Breakfast" in Pontiac.

Connie and Michael will reside in Spokane, where they both work.

Connie is the Director of Spiritual Care at Rockwood Retirement Community, and Michael works at The Touch LLC Master's Printing Service.

26 Years At Herscher P.O.



LYN NORTON, clerk at the Herscher Post Office, was presented a pin and a commendation for her 30 years of service with the U.S. Post Office. She started in February 1988 at the post office in Aroma Park, and has been in Herscher for the past 26 years. She lives in Kankakee. Lyn and her husband Jim have three sons, Matthew, Patrick and Christopher. Lyn said, "I have no intention of retiring soon. I love my job and I love my customers."

Go For It-Advertise in The Paper... Just Call 815-584-1901

KRISTY A. MASCHING LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER 112 W. Madison Street PO Box 618 Pontiac, IL 61764-0618

Ph. (815) 844-2006 Fax: (815) 842-1844

EARLY VOTING, VOTE BY MAIL, and GRACE REGISTRATION DATES **General Primary Election-March 20, 2018**

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.

Location **Hours** Dates **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** 8AM-6PM Livingston County Clerk's Office 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

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.

Additional election information, as well as Applications for Ballots and Sample Ballots may 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 County Clerk Kristy Masching (815-842-9313) Election Deputy Gail Smythe (815-842-9318)

Franklin Corner

Many one-of-a-kind items



New Shipment Just In ~ Art's Bird Store Mugs - A Classic Remembrance -

Women's Apparel and Accessories Gifts • Local Art...

art prints, books, jewelry, quilted items, scarves, soap, bath salts and so much more

Open Wed., Thurs., Fri. 4-9 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 162 East Main Street, Dwight •815-374-5080 (corner of East Main at Franklin)

OBITUARIES

Edmond A. Murphy

DWIGHT Edmond 95, of Murphy, rural Blackstone Sunbury Township and the last few years of Dwight, passed away Monday, February 5, 2018 at 9:27 a.m. at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Edmond born February 6, 1922 in Medora, Illinois, son of M. Leo and Lauretta Savage Murphy. He married Eloise M. Cavanagh February 4, 1956 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church Flanagan. She passed away

July 31, 2015. He is survived by his sons: Thomas E. (Patricia) Murphy of Glenview and Roger L. (Jill) Murphy of Dwight; his son-in-law, Brian Padgett of Antioch; and grandchildren: Conor Murphy, Flynn Murphy, Brenna Padgett, Kendall Padgett, Aaron Murphy and Kacy Murphy.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Maureen Murphy in infancy and Eileen Padgett: five brothers: James, John, Leo, Paul and Francis; and two sisters, Mary Sullivan and Margaret Czerpa.

Edmond was a 1939 Moore Township High School grad-

The Radiation Therapy

Center of Morris Hospital

has announced its schedule

of cancer support programs

for March. Programs will be

held at the Radiation

Therapy Center of Morris

Hospital, 1600 West U.S.

support group for individu-

als with any type of cancer

will be held Thursday,

March 8, from 1-3 p.m. This

month's topic is managing

Better®, a free program for

women undergoing cancer

treatment, will be held

Monday, March 12, from 1-3

p.m. at the Radiation

Therapy Center of Morris

Hospital, 1600 West U.S.

Route 6 in Morris. This free

American Cancer Society

sponsored program is

designed to teach beauty

techniques to help overcome

the appearance-related side

effects of chemotherapy and

radiation treatment. Free

be hosted by Fossil Ridge

Public Library, 386 W.

Kennedy Rd. in Braidwood,

through the remainder of the

• Feb. 19, 26, 4:45 p.m. -

Children pre-K through

grade five read to a therapy

dog on a first come, first

serve basis; 5:45-6:15

p.m. – **Lap-Sit.** For children

ages birth through three

years old; 3:00-5:00 p.m. -

Storytime. Children ages

three through five years old.

• Feb. 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m. -

for adults. Registration

• Feb. 15, 22, 10:30-11:30

a.m. - Toddler Thursdays.

Activities for developing

motor skills and social inter-

Beaded Lariats. Craft class LIHEAP.

Registration required.

and

Pages.

month:

Pooches

required.

Look Good ... Feel

cancer related fatigue.

The "I Can Cope" cancer

Route 6 in Morris.

uate in Farmer City. He farmed in the Blackstone area his entire life.

He was a member of St. Bernard Church, Blackstone, then Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight; the Pontiac

Club; and was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Edmond enjoyed watching horse races and dancing with the Cosmo Dance Club. He served on the Sunbury Township Board for 65 years; the FS Livingston Service for 35 years; and the Sunbury School Board for 20 plus years.

His Funeral Mass was Saturday, February 10, at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, celebrated by Father Chris Haake.

Burial followed in St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, Odell.

Visitation was Friday from 4 until 7 p.m. in St. Patrick Church, Dwight.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Church, Dwight.

Online condolences may be made to the family at duffvfuneralhome.com

Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, was in charge of arrangements.

cosmetic kits are provided to

participants, and women will

also learn ways to disguise

hair loss with wigs, scarves

with Oral and Head and

Neck Cancer (SPOHNC)

Monday, March 19, from 2-3

p.m. SPOHNC is a patient-

directed, self-help organiza-

tion dedicated to meeting the

emotional, physical and

humanistic needs of people

with oral and head and neck

cancer and their caregivers. The SPOHNC Morris chap-

ter meets monthly and is

Morris Hospital's Radiation

grams are free. To register,

.morrishospital.org/events or

call the Radiation Therapy

Center of Morris Hospital at

815-364-8915. Registration

is not needed for the

• Feb. 16, 23, 3:30-4:30

p.m. - Lego Club. All chil-

dren are welcome. Duplo

blocks will be provided for

ages four years old and

• Feb. 19, 6:00 p.m. -

Library Board of Trustees

• Feb. 21, 6:00-7:00 p.m. -

Chef Brandy presents

"Just Desserts." Registra-

• Feb. 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m. -

Teen Night. Grades six

• Feb. 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m. -

the library's newsletter, go to

www.fossilridge.org, or call

815-458-2187. To register

for a program, visit the

For more information, see

SPOHNC support group.

Upcoming Events at

Fossil Ridge Library

The following events will four years old. Registration

required.

Meeting.

tion required.

through 12.

All cancer support pro-

Therapy Center.

The Support for People

and other accessories.

Upcoming Cancer

Support Programs

DWIGHT - Rosemary Carter, 90, of passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Rosemary was born September 2, 1927 in Sherman, IL, daughter of Anthony "Tony" and Mary Vignali Rock.

She is survived by sons: David (Kathy) Bozarth and Rick Carter, both of Dwight; daughter, Pam (Bill Ross) Carter of Reno, Nevada; grandson, Matt (Nicole) Bozarth of Dwight: sisters. Jean Wise of Sherman and Gloria Sweet of Kansas City, Kansas; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Phillip Rock.

Rose was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church's Altar and Rosary Society in Dwight. She was also a member of St. Patrick

Catholic Church. Cremation rites were accorded.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, Friday, February 16, at 10

Burial will be held at 10 a.m. in Wolf Creek Cemetery Saturday, February 17, in Sherman.

In lieu of flowers memorials in honor of Rosemary may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society or St. Patrick Catholic Church of Dwight.

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

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of

Samantha 'Sammi' Patterson

Rosemary 'Rose' Carter

DWIGHT Samantha Jane Sammi" Patterson, 72, of Dwight passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2018 Accolade Health Care of Pontiac after a battle with cancer.

born Sammi was September 20, 1945 in Burlington, Iowa, daughter Mary Jayne nee Lessenger and Owen Williams. She married Thomas Patterson June 23, 1973 in Iowa City, Iowa. He survives in Dwight.

She is also survived by sons: Daniel Patterson and his partner, Andrew Wallace, of New York City and Matthew Patterson of Normal, IL; brother, Gary Williams and his wife, Josephine, of University Park, Maryland; and sisterin-law, Margaret Patterson of Lisle.

Sammi was a member of support group will meet St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight. She worked over the years as an audio-visual coordinator for Montgomery Ward & Co. in Chicago; an

administrative assistant Southeast Junior High School in Iowa City; and Meredith Corp. in Des Moines, Iowa. She had a similar position at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Dwight

United Methodist Church after moving to Dwight 38 years ago.

From 1987 to 2003, she directed the student plays at Dwight Township High School.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A brief service was held at 1 p.m., Saturday, February 10, at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, led by Father Adam Cesarek.

Visitation was held following the service at the funeral home until 4:30 p.m. Private family burial will

be held at a later date. Memorials may be made

to the Dwight Township High School Drama Department.

Condolences may be sent

to the family at: www.hagermemorial.com

You are invited to the soil health? Why do roots lead by a speech pathologist Conservation and registered nurse from Circle. The first of three Learning Conservation Circles Women Landowners will Wednesday, March 7, at the Saunemin Community

> Center in Saunemin. Join us with registration starting at 8:30 a.m., with a free lunch at noon, followed by a field tour ending promptly at 3 p.m. Transportation will be provided for the field tour.

Building soil health is an investment in your land and America's heartland. Why is everyone talking about

Women for the Land: matter? How do we make our soil better? Come learn about the life beneath our feet for free! We will also be doing slake tests, so bring a dry clod of your soil to see how it holds together and learn what that means for your land!

Join us in Saunemin to discuss soil health and conservation on your farmland. Please RSVP by Feb.

http://bit.ly/women4landsaunemin2018 OR call Becky Taylor at 815-844-6127, ext. 3. We hope to see many of you there on March

News - Ads - Coverage!The Paper 815-584-1901

Women for the Land

SEALED BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Reddick Community Fire Protection District will accept sealed bids for the property at 107 S. Wabash, Reddick, IL 60961 to be delivered to Reddick Community F.P.D. Trustees at 210 E. Main St., Reddick, IL 60961 at the offices of the District no later than March 6, 2018. Payment in the amount of 10% of the purchase price in the form of a check or money order will accompany the bid to serve as earnest money. The terms of the sale shall be cash at the time of the closing. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids shall be opened at the offices of the District on the 6th of March 1at 3 p.m.

BIDDING & CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Document 00030 – Invitation to Bid Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School District 73

will receive sealed bids for Asbestos Abatement for 2018 Art Room Renovations at Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School, 500 East Main Street in Gardner, Illinois 60424

The work is to remove multi-layer flooring system (780 square feet) from the art room. The date of commencement is May 29, 2018. The Date of Substantial Completion is June 5, 2018.

The Mandatory Prebid Meeting is on Friday, February 23, 2018, 3:00 p.m. at Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School.

The deadline to reserve a project manual and confirm prebid attendance is 3:30 p.m. on February 20, 2018, call Dawn at 309-828-4259. \$75 per manual if ordered by deadline, \$100 if not ordered by deadline but ordered before prebid, \$125 if requested at or after prebid. Costs are non-refundable. Pay by cash, credit card or check payable to IDEAL. Manual may be viewed at Owner or Engineer offices.

The Bid Opening will be on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School District 73, 500 East Main Street in Gardner, Illinois 60424.





A Celebration!

This February marks the completion of the 19th year that The Paper has been in business as a weekly publication. 19 years of connecting the area. I think first and foremost this column should really serve as a thank you letter of sorts to The Paper.

I think it's easy to take for granted a publication that offers news about the town that you live in, and the surrounding areas. I see a lot of things online, about the downfall of journalism, and how everything has an agenda behind it, and isn't always reported on as it should be. It's very nice to have something close to home that does just that.

I might have a little bias writing this, seeing as my parents are the editors of The Paper, but I'm forthcoming enough to just state that right now. Aside from that though, I know the amount of time that goes into doing it week in and week out. Along with that, almost every week there's a story, or several that are highlighting the work of someone in the community, whether it be a teacher, a local business owner, or someone in the agriculture business, and I think that's important.

There are other outlets that exist now, such as social media that highlight these same sorts of things from time to time, but I don't think any of them are as consistent as The Paper is, week in and week out.

Here's to hoping that the 20th year of The Paper is as good as the last 19 were!

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Graduate



Family members of the deceased: Please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:

The Paper

fax: 815-584-2196 or email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

Calvert Martin **Juneral homes**

Serving Pontiac, Cullom, Forrest, Chatsworth and the surrounding areas.

Grieff's Precious Monuments & Laser Etchings

Personalized Monuments with Many Designs and Colors to Choose From

Personalized Gift Items Perfect for every occasion!

Also Specializing in... Trophies, Boulder Engraving, Plaques

100 N. Franklin, Dwight • 815-584-1146 www.grieffsmonuments.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) MARILYNN M. SANCKEN,) NO. 2018P17

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARILYNN M. SANCKEN of 805 Carol Court, Pontiac, Illinois.

Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued to J. Marshall Sancken of 805 Carol Court, Pontiac, Illinois, whose attorneys are CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP, 204 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois.

Claims may be filed on or before the 14th day of August, 2018. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at Livingston County Law & Justice Center, Pontiac, Illinois, 61764, or claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or both. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Personal Representative and to his attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated: February 14, 2018 J. Marshall Sancken Independent Executor 805 Carol Court Pontiac, IL 61764

Steven T. Mann, Esq. (#6291177) CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP 204 North Main Street Pontiac, IL 61764 (815) 842-1112 Phone (815) 842-3742 Fax

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

action. Ages birth through Library or the Bookmobile.

The Paper welcomes letters to the editor on topics of current local interest. All letters must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. No letters will be published with fictitious names or if unsigned. All letters should be typed or neatly printed and should not exceed 250 words. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household. Political letters will not run the

week prior to an election. The Paper reserves the right to edit or reject any or all submitted items. Address letters to: Editor, The Paper, P.O. Box 245, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420.

We welcome your thoughts.

Graham Perrott Promoted to Eagle Scout



Graham Perrott

Graham Perrott, son of Tanya Ferrari and Michael Perrott, is one of the most recent Eagle Scout rank recipients in the Boy Scouts of America Rainbow Council.

Graham belongs to Boy Scout Troop 463 in Gardner.

In a ceremony held at Braceville

Elementary School February 3, Graham was presented his Eagle Scout Rank. In addition, Graham received a Bronze Palms Award noting merit badges earned above and beyond the requirements for the Eagle Scout Rank - which is attained by only 4% of boys who participate in Scouting. Graham began his scouting

career in the Gardner Cub Scout Pack, where he earned his Arrow of Light Award before moving into the Gardner Boy Scout Troop.

While a Boy Scout, Graham was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, received his NOA Camping Award, and qualified as a Paul Bunyan Woodsman. Graham served his troop as Troop Historian.

As a requirement for Eagle Scout Rank advancement, candidates must complete a service project for a community/non-profit organization. Graham worked with the Braceville Elementary School. Mrs. Susan Avery, Principal at Braceville Elementary School,

stated, "Braceville had this dead end courtyard between our main building and gym. Ever since I came here as principal, I have been thinking about what we can do with this space. We were approached by Graham Perrott. Graham had the idea of building additional flower boxes around our building. When we showed him the space, it was like he knew exactly what to do."

Graham's Eagle Project consisted of constructing three large flower boxes in the unused courtyard. He was responsible for designing, budgeting, fund-raising, and gathering a team of volunteers to complete the project. In the late summer, Graham's team finished the project.

Although there were no flowers planted this fall, the junior high science classes tested the soil in preparation for spring planting. Principal Avery added, "Not only is my junior high science teacher looking forward to using the new flower boxes, but so are our other



When asked what was the most difficult thing about his Eagle Project, Perrott stated - "Getting everybody to understand what you want to do and then getting them to help do it."



2017 Cruze Sedan LT

Red Hot, RS Package, Cruise Control, OnStar/Sirius XM

Stk#215083 MSRP \$23,000 SAVE \$6,500!

2017 Cruze Hatchback

Heated Leather, Remote Start,

Rear Camera, Fog Lamps

Premier Cajun Red, RS Pkg,



COUNTRY PRICE \$16,500

2017 Cruze Hatchback Premier

Nightfall Gray Metallic, Heated Leather, Remote Start, Rear Camera, XM Radio Stk#573232

2017 Camaro

MSRP \$24,820 SAVE - \$6,820!

Black with Kalahari,

Stk#149084

MSRP \$41,640

SAVE - \$9,000!

Automatic, 20" Wheels,

RS Package, Remote Start



COUNTRY PRICE \$18,000

SAVE \$6,565! 2017 Corvette **Grand Sport** Coupe

Remote Start, Heated Seats.

Power Seat, Fog Lamps

2017 Cruze

Sedan

Stk#204630

MSRP \$24,565

Cajun Red, RS Pkg,

LT

Racing Yellow Tintcoat, Heritage Pkg, Performance Data/Video Recorder with NAV

Stk#108036 MSRP \$81,490 SAVE \$13,490!



\$18,000

\$68,000 **Includes Chevy Loyalty

2018 Trax LS AWD

Stk#578392

MSRP \$26,210

SAVE \$7,210!

Silver Ice Metallic, Remote Keyless Entry, OnStar 4G LTE wifi Hotspot

Stk#569108 MSRP \$23,495 SAVE - \$4,495!



COUNTRY PRICE

\$19,000

COUNTRY PRICE \$19,000

2017 Traverse FWD Premier

Black, Dual Skyscrape Sunroof, NAV, Heated/Cooled Leather, Trailer Pkg

Stk#274545 MSRP \$45,560 SAVE - \$8,560!



COUNTRY PRICE

\$32,640

COUNTRY PRICE \$37,000

2017 Suburban **4WD Premier**

Siren Red Tintcoat, NAV. Sunroof, DVD Entertainment, 22" Chrome Wheels

Stk#371664 MSRP \$75,015 SAVE - \$10,000!



COUNTRY PRICE \$65,015

2017 Silverado 1500 4WD DBL

Black Edition, Remote Keyless Entry, Rear Camera, HD Trailer Pkg

Stk#303376 MSRP \$42,805 SAVE - \$8,805!



COUNTRY PRICE \$34,000

2017 Silverado 1500 Z71 4WD **s** Crew

Red Hot, All Star, Heated Leather Seats, Remote Start, Rear Camera, LT Plus Pkg, Power Adjustable Pedals, Park Assist. Stk#418945 MSRP \$50,520 SAVE - \$13,520!



COUNTRY PRICE \$37,000

2017 Silverado 2500 4WD WT REG

Red Hot, Reading Service Body, Power Windows/Locks, Keyless Entry, Aluminum Wheels

Stk#324649 MSRP \$48,600 SAVE - \$8,600!



COUNTRY PRICE \$40,000

2018 Traverse AWD High Country

Mosaic Black, Heated/ Cooled Leather, NAV, Sunroof, LOADED!

Stk#117607 MSRP \$53,245 SAVE - \$4,245!



COUNTRY PRICE \$49,000

2017 Express 3500 Cutaway Knapheide KUV Body Ultra Low

Summit White, Service Body Has Keyless Entry, Power Locks, Ladder Rack, Rear Camera, Class V Trailer MSRP \$47,433 SAVE \$10,433!

COUNTRY PRICE 37,000

Stk#346073

2018 Silverado 2500 4WD **Crew LTZ**

Iridescent Pearl, Heated/ Cooled Leather, Nav, Sunroof, 20" Wheels, Spray-On Bed Liner, Z71 Off Road Pkg Stk#187608 MSRP \$60,985



COUNTRY PRICE \$52,985

2017 Traverse FWD 2LT

Tungsten Metallic, Graphite Special Edition, Heated/Cooled Leather, NAV, 20" Wheels, Trailer Pkg

Stk#187050 MSRP \$42,340 SAVE - \$10,340!



\$32,000

2017 Silverado 1500 4WD LT Crew

Summit White, Rear Camera, Trailer Pkg W/Brake Controller, Power Adjustable Pedals, Rear Park Assist

Stk#304345 MSRP \$47,840



COUNTRY PRICE \$36,000

2017 Traverse FWD Premier

Summit White, Black Heated/ Cooled Leather, NAV, Remote Start, Rear Camera, Heated Steering Wheel

Stk#349705



\$33,000 MSRP \$42,940 SAVE - \$9,940!

evrolet

299 E. Rt. 115 • HERSCHER • 815-426-6311 www.gmchevydealer.com









THE GUYS THAT NEVER WEAR TIES!



WIMBERLY JERANTOWSKI





*Price includes trade assistance. ** Includes Chevrolet Loyalty, All prices exclude taxes, license and fees. See store for details.

The Paper

February 14, 2018

Page 9



DANIEL GUTIERREZ, DTHS WRESTLER, battled in the 145 pound division of wrestlebacks in the Coal City regional against Prairie Central's Connor Casner. Gutierrez won and went on to place third - advancing to photos by Erich Murphy



TROJAN WRESTLER LOGAN HARTFIELD wrestled Peotone's Colin Miller in heavyweight wrestlebacks in regional action February 3. Hartfield won this match, but lost in the semifinals to Logan Miller of Coal City.

Dwight's 8th Grade Redbirds Fall in Sectionals

Wednesday, February 7 Dwight vs. Peoria Heights St. Thomas 8th Grade -Sectionals

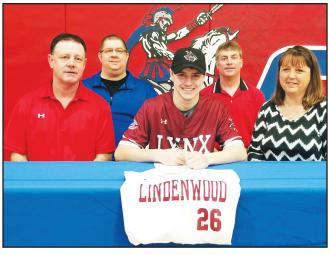
The Redbirds had their awesome season come to a close February 7, as they took a 47-27 loss to Peoria Heights St. Thomas in sectional play at Peoria

Christian Middle School. Dwight hung around through the first quarter, but PHST began taking control in the second - and the Redbirds were unable to

Jeremy Kapp and Kaleb Duden scored seven and six points, respectively, to lead Dwight in scoring. Bryce Handzus had five points, followed by Dan Petree with three. Carter Butterbrodt, Landon Brown, and Gabe Seabert had two points each.

"Awesome year!," exclaimed Coach Stevenson afterwards. "Great young men – proud to coach them.'

The Redbirds end the season with a record of 15-5 overall.



Miller to Study/Play at Lindenwood University

Mark Miller, a Senior at Tri-Point High School in Cullom. has signed a letter of intent to play baseball and continue his education at Lindenwood University in Belleville. Mark is the son of Brenda and Kim Miller of Cullom. Pictured above: Front row (1 to r): Kim Miller, Mark Miller and Brenda Miller. Back Row (I to r): Justin Cox, Tri-Point Athletic Director, and Dennis Ping.

Happy Valentine's Day! ♥



Wilkerson, **Distance Medley Team Help Vikings** Take 2nd

The Augustana Vikings' track and field team placed second in the team standings February 10 at the ten-team Darren Young Invitational in Grinnell, IA, with some help from former Tri-Point High School student, Brandon Wilkerson.

Wilkerson, along with his distance medley team, placed first with a time of 10:37.72.

Wednesday, February 7 Tri-Point vs. Dwight Varsity -

The Chargers were at home February 7 hosting the Dwight Trojans, and came out on top, 66-47.

Jacob Carrera led all scorers with 21 points, and 6-8 free throw shooting. Piers Cardenas added 12 points, going 4-6 from the line, Mark Miller had nine points (one three) including a three-pointer, while Randal Ifft and Nick Mahoney each scored seven. Brice Curling contributed five points, with one three, followed by Dalton Lawless who connected on a trey. Hayden Lane added a bucket in the win.

For Dwight, Morgan Fritz led the Trojans with 20 points on the night – shooting 4-7 from the charity stripe. Cole Hahn and Dakota Wahl each scored seven points, each making good on a three-pointer. Carson Crouch, Cal Schultz,

> Call us. 815-584-1901 Fax us. 815-584-2196 Come see us.

The Paper

204 E. Chippewa St.

... your paper.

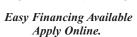
and Andrew Curl each hit a three, while JC Santos and Dane Rodosky each added a

Trojans Taken Down by Tri-Point

Tri-Point moves to 11-13 on the season.

Dwight defeated the JV Chargers, 47-39.

..... **DEALER AND FACTORY** ONCE-A-YEAR SPECIAL EVENT PRICING



Select group of 5', 6' and 7' wide enclosed units available for the next 45 days before the seasonal factory increase.

Choose from limited options on early orders and receive a free ramp door from our stock or factory order. Factory pickup, ramp door from our stock or raciony order. Racional delivery to dealer or to your door. Save with no freight charge and this special offer on factory pickup. Take advantage now on this special offer before it ends

Alluini 1805 #B Ashley Rd., Morris IL 1800-SUE-BOAT 815-941-2800 Fax: 815-941-4455

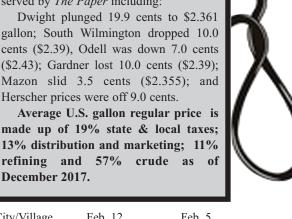
Gas Prices Slip 2.8 Cents

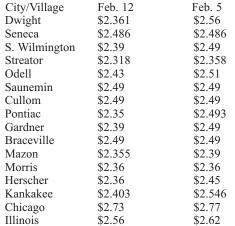
Gasoline prices across the nation slid down 2.8 cents, more than erasing the increase of 2.7 cents the week prior, averaging \$2.574 as of Monday, Feb. 12.

Gasoline prices dropped in many areas served by The Paper including:

Dwight plunged 19.9 cents to \$2.361 gallon; South Wilmington dropped 10.0 cents (\$2.39), Odell was down 7.0 cents (\$2.43); Gardner lost 10.0 cents (\$2.39); Mazon slid 3.5 cents (\$2.355); and

Average U.S. gallon regular price is made up of 19% state & local taxes; 13% distribution and marketing; 11% refining and 57% crude as of December 2017.





\$2.574 \$2.602 U.S. Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Gasoline price data collected by *The Paper* and brought to you by Steve's Tire.



"there is a difference"

7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CHICAGO AUTO SHOW CASH

We have moved to 601 S Newport Rd

New Incentives just Announced!

2018 Chevy Equinox Premier, AWD #12094- Cajun Red \$4,857 Off Now \$36,603*

2018 Chevy Silverado LT, ALL STAR EDITION, #12147 - Summit White \$10,056 Off Now \$39,958*

2018 GMC Terrain SLE, AWD, #12136- Coppertine \$6,491 Off Now \$27,729*

2018 Buick Enclave Essence AWD, #12190- Ebony Twilight \$4,040 Off Now \$47,610*

2018 Buick Encore Preferred II, #12175- White Frost \$5,269 Off Now \$25,526*

2018 Chevy Equinox LS, #12249- Storm Blue \$3,993 Off Now \$22,657*

2018 Chevy Equinox LT, #12231- Nightfall Gray \$5,037 Off Now \$22,708*

2018 Chevy Silverado LT, 4X4, ALL STAR EDITION, **#12124- Graphite Metallic** \$10,020 Off Now \$38,999*

2018 GMC Terrain SLE, #12098- Red Quartz \$6,547 Off Now \$27,498*

\$11,000 Off Now \$42,189* 2017 Chevy Silverado LT, All Star Edition, #11973, Black

2018 GMC Sierra SLT, Z71, #12188- Quick Silver

\$8,973 Off Now \$35,403* 2017 GMC Terrain SLE 2, AWD, #11917- Graphite Gray

\$5,153 Off Now \$28,897*

2017 GMC Sierra SLE, Crew Z71, #11725- Quick Silver \$8,504 Off Now \$41,016*

2018 Buick Encore, AWD, #12171- Ebony Twilight \$5,363 Off Now \$28,532*

2018 Buick Encore Essence, #12170- Black Cherry \$5,303 Off Now \$27,092*

2018 Chevy Equinox LT #12242- Sandy Ridge \$5,338 Off Now \$26,812*

2018 Chevy Silverado LT, All Star Edition Z71, 4x4 #12104 \$10,075 Off Now \$40,094*

2018 GMC Terrain Denali AWD, #12204- Steel Blue \$7,040 Off Now \$37,590*

2018 GMC Sierra SLT, Premium Plus, Z71, 4x4, **#12184- Summit White** \$13,132 Off Now \$42,692*

> **2018 GMC Sierra SLE, 4x4 #12100** \$7,544 Off Now \$39,936*

*Includes all rebates, Tax, License & Title Extra ** includes GMFS Down Payment Assistance with Approved Credit Sale Ends 2/28/18



815-842-1143 • 800-851-7605 www.driscollmotors.com



wines, and free refills. See you at the movies! Bring in this coupon and :

enjoy:

:Free Small Popcom: Expires: 3/31/18

Thursday, Feb. 15 The 15:17 to Paris (PG-13) Thu: Fifty Shades Freed (R) Thu: 4:40, 7:50 Peter Rabbit (PG) No Passes Allowed Thu: 3:50, 7:05

Forever My Girl (PG) Thu: 4:30 The Post (PG-13) Thu: 4:00, 7:00 Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13) No Passes Thu: 4:15, 7:25 Black Panther (PG-13) Thu: 7:30

To buy tickets, visit www.eagletheater.net **Showtime Hotline:** 815.673.7229

> 2018 Big Buckets are now available!

Big Paper Bowl WINNERS

SPONSOR CHALLENGE

DWIGHT DAIRY QUEEN defeated **Planning Associates** 11 to 10 to be our **PAPERBOWL SPONSOR**

Congratulations!!

CHAMPION

Thank you for Playing **Paper Bowl** All Season!

\$200 Paper Bowl Cash

OVERALL WINNER -Karen Palmer, 17 correct & Victory Lanes -\$25G.C.

SOCU - Larry Davis, 13 (tie-breaker) - \$25 Cash

Berkot's - Randy Thomas, 15 -\$25 G.C.

Dwight Country Club - Randy Thomas, 14 - \$25 G.C. Jensen's BP - Judy Lewis, 13 (tie-breaker) - Free Oil Change

Edward Jones - Norm Lewis, 15 - Edward Jones Sweatshirt

Dwight Bank - Diana Furlano, 14 - \$25 Cash

Planning Associates - Diana Furlano, 15 - \$25 Sponsor Certificate

Old World Liquor - Diana Furlano, 12 (tie-breaker) -

First National Bank - Blake Banks, 14 - \$25 Cash Dairy Queen - Clayton Peck, 12 - \$25 G.C. Aly Anne's - Jacob Wardell, 15 - \$25 G.C. Prairie Creek Wealth Advisors - Vickie Dagen, 15

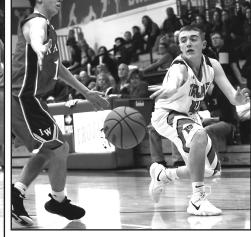
\$25 Franklin Corner G.C. Dwight Cigarettes & Liquor - Vickie Dagen, 16

- \$20 Cash for In-Store Purchase DeLongs - Vickie Dagen, 12 (tiebreaker) - \$25 In-Store Credit

State Farm - Vickie Dagen, 13 - \$20 Pre-Paid State Farm Visa Card

> Please pick up your Paper Bowl Prizes at the Sponsor Location.







Fierce! **Trojan Power** ### **#Senior Night**

PHOTOS BY J7 IMAGES

Dwight Girls Get Regional Win Over Rivals from GSW; Beaten by Cissna Park in Championship

Wednesday, February 7 Dwight vs. GSW Varsity -Regionals

In girl's regional basketball action February 7, the Dwight Lady Trojans topped GSW, 67-47 – ending the Lady Panthers season and DTHS advancing to the

championship. Kayla Kodat Dwight – who had control of the contest from early on with 16 points (one threepointer) and nine rebounds. Mel Stewart (two threepointers) and Brooklyn Long (four three-pointers) each scored 12 points. Chloe Butterbrodt put in nine points (one three-pointer) to go with nine boards, followed by Leah Flynn with

seven points. Carlson and Rieke added five and four points, respectively, with Hughes and Harms each hitting a free throw.

For GSW, Emma Hennessy had 11 points to lead her team. Ten points each came from Steichen and Fair (one three-pointer). Patterson put in eight points, including a three, followed by four from Halpin. Urbasek and Beck each added a bucket in the loss.

The Lady Panthers end the season with a record of 19-10.

Thursday, February 8 Dwight vs. Cissna Park Varsity -

Regional Championship The Lady Trojans played

DTHS Trojans Basketball

for the regional championship against Cissna Park February 8 – coming up short by a score of 45-33.

Dwight looked good for three quarters of play, but a three-point first quarter made it tough to come back - despite cutting their deficit to just two at one point in the second half.

Mel Stewart led the Lady Trojans with 12 points and 11 rebounds, followed by Kayla Kodat with seven points. Brooklyn Long put in six, including a trey, while Rieke made two buckets. Leah Flynn (seven boards) and Chloe Butterbrodt each had two points.

Dwight ends their season with a 13-11 overall record.



Friday, February 9 Dwight vs. Iroquois West Varsity -

Dwight used ten threepointers to capture an SVC conference win over Iroquois West, 52-35 on February 9.

The Trojans jumped ahead early - connecting on three trifectas in the first quarter – then continued to cruise to a win.

Cal Schultz led all scorers with 12 points, including three treys. Morgan Fritz and Cole Hahn had nine and eight points, respectively each knocking down a three. Colton Holm drilled two threes, while Andrew Curl and Dane Rodosky each

nailed one three-pointer.

Saturday, February 10 Dwight vs. Lanark Eastland Varsity -**Riverton Shootout**

The Trojans, hot off a win the previous night, dropped a tough one at Riverton Shootout Saturday – falling to Lanark Eastland, 54-53.

It was closely-contested the entire game, with Dwight trailing by just three heading into the fourth quarter. But despite outscoring the Cougars in the final frame, it wasn't enough to pick up the "W."

Schultz Cal (three rebounds, two steals, two assists) led the Trojans with

15 points - all off threepointers. Dakota Wahl (two rebounds, two steals, two assists) added 14 points, including two threes. Lane Thompson (five rebounds. one block, one steal, one assist) knocked down three trevs, with Dane Rodosky (two steals, one rebound, one assist) contributing five points (one three-pointer). Cole Hahn (three rebounds, two assists) and Morgan Fritz (seven rebounds, one assist) each scored four points, while Colton Holm (two assists, one steal, one rebound) had a bucket.

Dwight will face Watseka





Queen of Hearts RAFFLE

Tickets on Sale NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DRAWING EVERY MONDAY at 6 p.m. Jackpot OVER \$1,300

Dwight VFW Post 2608



LET ME CUSTOM BUILD YOUR TRAILER... **Quote Same Day. Easy Financing Available.** 1805 #B Ashley Rd., Morris, IL 1-800-SUE-BOAT 815-941-2800 Fax: 815-941-4455 🖺





Sandwich, IL

FREE CONSULTATION! 815-786-9592





Route 66 Tire & Auto

From the wipers to the tires, and everything in between, See Us for ALL your Automotive Needs!

815-584-3054

Firestone Farm Tires • Cooper Tires • Towing

Oil, Lube & Filter

Shop Chemical and Disposal Fees and Misc. Shop Charge \$4.00

No appointment necessary! Monday - Friday, 7-4:30 Up to five quarts of house bulk oil. Synthetics and diesels not included.

All Hardware Included



800-373-5550 · ClearyBuilding.com

815-426-6103 Fax: 815-426-2183 Your Nichols Tillage Headquarters

Spring Truckload Sweep Sale Ask us today why Nichols is your best choice for: Quality Value Durability

No Charge to Update from Bolt-on to Knock-on



4312 W. Route 17, Kankakee, IL 60901 815-939-7475 tannerscollision@comcast.net • 815-939-7536



GSWB VARSITY CLUB HAD FORMER GSW basketball coach Jim Fair speak to them February 7. Fair coached the Panthers from 1972 to 2005 and had many successful seasons while coaching at GSW. In anything you do in life, Coach Fair stressed to the students to set goals, short term and long term. He noted you will have failure, but can always have a target to shoot for. While speaking to the group, the energetic Fair spoke about staying motivated and always trying to be competitive while improving. "As an athlete, you will have fears. But instead of running away or making excuses," Fair stated, "you should face them as a challenge." Lastly, he discussed making decisions and being involved in the decisions you make. GGS AD Austin McDowell says, "Coach Fair was tremendous for these students to hear - he is a legend around the local area and knows what it is like at GSW and the community."



DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, February 6 Dwight vs. Flanagan 8th Grade -**Livingston County**

Tournament The eighth grade Lady Redbirds traveled Flanagan February 6 to kick off the Livingston County Tournament, falling to Flanagan 17-25, 25-22, 18-

Jenna Stogner led the team with 11 points (seven aces) and 11 assists, to go with two kills, followed by Toni Treglio with a standout night that consisted of three aces and six kills. Erin Anderson (five aces, one kill) and Alexis Thetard (four kills, three aces, one block) added seven and four points, respectively. Hailey Heath chipped in three points, with two aces. Alayna Airgood added a point and a kill.

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

Dwight went on to play Odell and came out on top, 25-19, 25-17.

Erin Anderson stayed consistent with her serves, leading the team with nine points, including six aces, and hit well outside to lead the team with four kills. Alexis Thetard added seven points, with four aces, a block, and a kill. Jenna Stogner contributed six aces, seven assists, and four kills, followed by five points from Alayna Airgood, including two aces and a kill. Toni Treglio put up three points, with an ace, a kill, and one assist. Hailey Heath had a point and a kill.

Saturday, February 10 Dwight vs. Saratoga 8th Grade -**IVC Tournament**

The Lady Redbirds were in Gardner February 10 taking on Saratoga in the Illinois Valley Conference Tournament – dropping a 19-25, 17-25 decision.

Alexis Thetard led with nine points, including five aces, two kills, and two digs. Hailey Heath (one ace, one dig, one kill) and Alayna Airgood (one ace, one kill) each scored four points. Toni Treglio chipped in a point and a kill. Jenna Stogner provided a kill and five assists, while Erin Anderson

added one kill. Dwight is now 5-8 overall, with a 1-4 conference record.

Lady **Redbirds Beat GSWB** in IVC **Tourney**

Thursday, February 8 Dwight vs. GSWB 8th Grade -**IVC Tournament**

Dwight traveled Gardner to kick off the IVC Tourney against their Lady Tiger hosts – coming away with a 25-10, 25-15 win.

Alexis Thetard led with 15 points, including 11 aces, three digs, and three kills. Jenna Stogner added ten points, with four aces, nine assists, and two kills. Erin Anderson put up four points, three of which were aces, while Jordan Schultz contributed two points, four kills, and two digs. Hailey Heath had an ace, a dig, and a kill, with Toni Treglio leading the team with five kills. Alayna Airgood dished an

The Lady Redbirds, now 5-7 overall, advance to take on number-one-seeded Sara-

St. Paul Spelling Bee Victors



THE STUDENTS of St. Paul School celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a variety of special dress-up days and activities throughout the week, including a schoolwide spelling bee. The spelling bee victors were (left to right) Natalie Weis (first place), Emerson Peters (second place), and Nathaniel Weis (third place). Submitted photo



Wednesday, February 7 Seneca vs. Putnam County

Varsity -Regionals

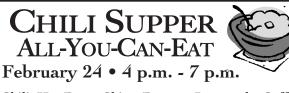
Lyda Robinson lit the scoreboard up for 23 points, helping lead Seneca over Putnam County, 56-45, in regional action.

Also padding the points column was Lexi Greve with

13 points, followed by Abe Jashari and Alyssa Hauch

Seneca Lady Irish Basketball

with eight and six points, respectively.



Chili, Hot Dogs, Chips, Dessert, Lemonade, Coffee Adults \$7 Ages 5-13 \$3.50 Under 5 FREE

St. Lawrence Parish Hall 2nd & Lemmon Sts, S. Wilmington S. Wilmington homebound residents, call 815-237-2766 for delivery to your home



GSWB LADY TIGERS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, January 29 GSWB vs. Dwight 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Lady Tigers beat Dwight 25-15, 25-15 January 29.

Jayden Buchanan was on fire, serving 16 points, followed by Hannah Frescura with eight. Makenzi Hahn and Colby Grieff each had five, with Abby Dennett scoring one.

8th Grade -

GSWB's eighth grade girls won in three sets, 21-25, 25-23, 25-19.

Katelyn Farris stepped up at the line, scoring 16 points. Ashlev Frideres and Hannah Frescura each had seven. Claire Hennessy and Colby Grieff scored five and four points, respectively. Riley Klingler contributed a point.

Wednesday, January 31 **GSWB vs. Tri-Point** 7th Grade -

In seventh grade volleyball action in Piper City January 31, the Lady Tigers won 25-11, 25-12.

Colby Grieff and Hannah Frescura led the team with nine service points each, followed by seven from Taeryn Lardi.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade meeting, GSWB went three sets with T-P – resulting in a 25-11, 21-25, 25-12 victory.

Ashley Frideres led with 11 points. Katelyn Farris added ten, with Olivia Cerutti and Sophie Randolph scoring seven and four, respectively.

Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3 **GSWB** at Grand Ridge **Tournament** 8th Grade -

The Lady Tigers participated in a volleyball tournament in Grand Ridge February 2 and 3, kicking things off with a 25-23, 25-13 win over Streator

Woodland. Claire Hennessy led the team with six kills, while

> points for the match. The win allowed GSWB to get to sleep in a bit Saturday, but they returned to action against the hosts, Grand Ridge – losing 22-25,

Colby Grieff led with 12

The Lady Tigers did, however, have two of their starters missing - and it showed, as they found themselves out of rotation due to a lack of communication. according to their head coach.

Their next opponent would be St. Michael's/Ransom, and despite a slow start, GSWB would pick up a 21-25, 25-13, 25-15 victo-

With a record of 2-1 for the tournament, the Lady Tigers walked away with the third place trophy - making their presence known.

MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, February 6 MVK vs. Dwight 7th Grade -

IVC Tournament

In Illinois Valley Conference Tournament action February 8, MVK's seventh grade girls took out the Lady Redbirds of Dwight in three sets -25-27, 25-20, 25-14.

Leslie Klicker had three kills and served 20 points, 11 of them aces, while Jada Baudino and Kaitlyn Rangel each added three kills.

Wednesday, February 7

MVK vs. GSW and Seneca 7th Grade -

IVC Tournament

The Lady Mavs ended up in fourth place in the IVC Tourney, as they fell to GSW, 16-25, 21-25, and Seneca, 25-22, 22-25, 19-25.

Harmony Neal had eight service points in action against GSW. Kaitlyn Rangel contributed two kills.

In the meeting with Seneca, Leslie Klicker led with eight service points, while Neal had eight kills.

The Lady Mavericks move to 3-12 overall.

1/2 PRICE CLUB MEMBERSHIP Through JUNE. . . Call for Details!

Queen of hearts RAFFLE

Prize Pool \$23,000

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Drawing Every Thursday at 7 p.m. Food Available • Casual Dress

As Always ~ Serving Lunch Every Day Dinner: Wed., Fri. and Sat. Nights

Dwight Country Club • 815-584-9825



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held before the President and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dwight, Illinois with respect to the Tentative Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019 for the Village of Dwight. The Public Hearing shall be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 at the Hour of 6:15 P.M. at the Public Services Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

Copies of the Tentative Annual Budget are available for public inspection commencing Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the Office of the Dwight Village Clerk, Public Services Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420 during regular business hours.

At the time and place of the Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative.

After the close of the Public Hearing, the President and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dwight shall vote on the Annual Budget Ordinance for the above Fiscal Year, either as presented or as modified after the Public Hearing.

For further information, contact the Village Administrator as set forth above during regular business hours.

Kevin McNamara 209 S. Prairie Avenue Dwight, Illinois 60420 PH#: 815-584-3077



with the purchase of 4 new tires! We'll Beat the Best Price... ?

LUBE, OIL UP TO **5** QUARTS

OF OIL.

"The dealership that good service built" (Ford.)

You can't go wrong when you buy from DeLong! 212 E. Delaware, Dwight • 815-584-3016

delongford.net Email us at: service@delongford.net



CLASSITIID

Place a classified ad • Deadline: Friday, Noon

Phone: 815-584-1901 - Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. - Fax: 815-584-2196 - 24 hours In person: Visit us at 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420

Reach 10,000 homes and businesses in 21 communities, plus online at thepaper1901.com

815.584.1901 We accept all major credit cards.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

ATTENTION: FARM OWNERS 1031 REPLACEMENT PROPERTY OPPORTUNITY IN MORRIS Price \$1,300,000

All Brick 3-Story Building Includes: 14 Apartments, 4 Commercial Units, Management Included

Annual Gross Income - \$190,000 **Estimated Net Operating** Income - \$113,500 8.7% Return

Unique Local Opportunity to Invest Proceeds of Farmland Sales Exclusively through Joan Eslinger Call 815-791-5875

> Advantage Realty Inc. 900 West Rt. 6 Morris, IL 60450

READ The Paper EVERY WEEK!

FOR RENT

ing. \$1,100/month. 815-

ly remodeled. \$550/mo.

815-978-1341 or 815-979-

DWIGHT - 2-bedroom

duplex. Living room,

bath, eat-in kitchen, wash-

er/dryer, C/A, quiet loca-

DWIGHT - 2-bedroom

House Rural Dwight.

20x40 detached garage.

CABERY - 2-bedroom

apartment. Includes

washer/dryer, A/C, yard

and storage. \$500 month-

ly. If interested call 815-

DWIGHT - Trailer for

utilities. Application and

deposit. 309-846-5398.

107

\$600/month.

security

6-4wpp

smoking.

\$400/mo

Delaware.

6-2wpp

ODELL - 2-bedroom all DWIGHT - 3-bedroom. apartment. 2-bath house with 1-car Deposit required. No pets. attached garage. No smok-\$500/mo. 815-998-2162.

DWIGHT - 2-bedroom DWIGHT - 2-bedroom Includes upstairs apartment. Newapartment. stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal, washer, dryer and garage. \$625/month. Call 815-584-2415 or 815-584-3485. 3-tf

DWIGHT - Brand new 1-bedroom apartment. No pets. \$600/mo. 815- tion, parking. No pets. No 483-5653. 5-4wp

CAMPUS - Fully refurbished, nice, small, cozy bungalow. 2-bedroom Herscher School District. considered. Application & 1 month security deposit required. Available for move in. \$550 plus gas, electricity. 815-940-7788. 42-tf

DWIGHT - 2-bedroom apartment on John Street with off-street parking. Appliances provided, A/C, private deck or patio. No pets. Application & securirent. \$450/month, plus deposit required. \$595/month. Water, sewer included. Call 815-584- security deposit required.

1324, leave message. 45-tf Call 815-584-1324. 40-tf **Dwight Country Place Apartments**

For Seniors 62 Years of Age or Older or Handicapped/Disabled Regardless of Age. Managed by Professional Property Management, LLC an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Beautiful One Bedroom Apartments. Pick Up Applications at Office Located at 112 John St., Dwight or Call 815-584-2362.





Brian Severson Farms

www.qualityorganic.com

PHYSICIANS

Dr. Mark Passerman

Family Medicine

www.morrishospital.org/dwigh

Dr. Jennifer Thomas

Family Medicine

Dr. Mike Cichon

General Practice

www.morrishospital.org/dwight

OSF Saint James

OSF Medical Group

www.osfsaintjames.org

Dr. Athar Saeed

Cardiologist

www.morrishospital.org

REAL ESTATE

McArdle

Insurance & Real Estate

Sancken Sole Realty

www.SanckenSoleRealtv.com

Vigna Real Estate

www.vignarealestate.com

SENIOR LIVING

Evenglow - Pontiac

The Pointe at Pontiac

VETERINARY CARE

Dwight Vet. Clinic

To make your

business a part

of The Paper

WEB DIRECTORY,

phone 815-584-1901.

Family Medicine - Dwight, Cullo

www.morrishospital.org/gardne

Go For It – Advertise in *The Paper*... Success is Fun. 815-584-1901 Get Connected to area businesses with

The Paper WEB DIRECTORY! ORGANIC GRAINS & FLOURS

Evenglow - Pontiac

www.evenglowlodge.org AUCTIONEER

Bob Harty Auction Co. www.hartyauction.com

AUTOMOTIVE Lombardi

Dwight Bank Branch of Bank of Pontiac www.bankofpontiac.com First National Bank of Dwight www.fnbofdwight.com

HEATING & COOLING

Popejoy, Inc.

HOSPITALS

Morris Hospital

Riverside Immediate Care, Dwight

OSF Saint James -John W. Albrecht **Medical Center**

Benson Insurance

State Farm Insurance Jerry Danko, Agent www.jerrydanko.com Weller Hooker Agency

NURSING HOMES **Evenglow - Pontiac** www.evenglowlodge.org

Heritage Health



FULL TIME REALTORS

www.SanckenSoleRealty.com

SOLD!

405 E. Delaware St., Dwight 113 W. Chippewa St., Dwight

If you want to Sell or Buy, Call Our Office!

Bill Sole, MGR BRKR, 815-252-8456 Jenny Johnson, Broker, 815-405-2326 310 N Union, Dwight, IL • 815-844-4104

McArdle

Insurance and Real Estate 106 E. Main St., Dwight Phone 584-2255 mcardlellc.com

FARMLAND PLUS - Odell - 120 Acres 3 bedroom house, pond and tillable acres **COMMERCIAL** -

106 E. Main, Dwight, Agent Owned - \$124,900 116 E. Main, Dwight - \$70,000

PHILIP J. McARDLE, DEAN HANSEN, Broker

RONALD WILDER, RANDAL FRANSEN, Broker GREGORY KILBRIDE, Broker

Check Out Our Listings at... vignarealestate.com

815-584-3637 • 100 E. Main, Dwight John Geschwind, Broker Mike Vigna, Managing Broker Laura Vigna, Broker

We would like to help you find your new home. Find us on ALL Search Sites

SOLD

30423 N. 2700 East Road, Dwight 405 E. Delaware Street, Dwight

Honesty ... Integrity ... Loyalty

Dwight Peace Meals

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

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

Wed., Feb. 14: Captain's crab cake, macaroni and cheese, Italian green beans, melon chunks, whole grain wheat (1), cookie. Thurs., Feb. 15:

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, dinner roll, peaches. Fri., Feb. 16: Trout melt w/tartar sauce.

buttered baby baker potatoes, creamy coleslaw, bun, warm baked apple.

Swiss beef pattie

w/green peppers, onions and tomatoes. brown rice, corn, whole grain wheat (1), applesauce. Tues., Feb. 20: Taco

salad w/meat, cheese, beans, lettuce, tomato, sour cream, taco sauce; Mandarin oranges, taco chips, cake. Wed., Feb.

Roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned greens, Texas toast, plums. Thurs., Feb. 22:

Stuffed chicken breast, baked oni-ons, Midori blend vegetables, whole grain wheat (1), pineapple pistachio pudding.

Milk served each day. Reservation: 815-374-0411 or 1-800-543-1770; 800 number.

Connecting People to Christ? So are we at Dwight United Methodist Church. We seek to hire a Youth/Children's Ministry

HELP WANTED - Are

vou passionate about

Connecting People to Christ? So are we at

Dwight United Methodist

Church. We seek to hire a

Music/Technology Direct-

or to oversee our contem-

porary worship service

and technology needs.

Please send cover letter,

resume with references,

and a video link of you

leading worship to:

mike@dwightumc.org

Application deadline is

Feb. 19, 2018. Applica-

tions without a video link

HELP WANTED - Are

you passionate about

will not be considered.

Director to oversee our youth and children's programming. Please send cover letter, and resume with references to: mike@dwightumc.org Application deadline is Feb. 19, 2018.

DeLong Ford in Dwight is looking to grow our team

We are looking for a Porter/Detailer that is self-motivated, takes pride in their work and conveys attention to detail.

Pay will depend on experience, work ethic and quality of work. Must have transportation to

Email: employment@delongford.net for an application.

NOW HIRING Part-time Cashier Dwight BP

10 E. Northbrook Dr., Dwight, IL 20-25 hours/week Starting rate \$8.25/hr.

Experience preferred, but not necessary. Must be responsible and trustworthy Ask cashier for application.



SELL, RENT, HIRE with

The Paper **CLASSIFIEDS** thepaper1901.com

HALL RENTAL

Hall Rental Essex Lions Community Building

Seats 275 Bar & Kitchen available

Phil 815-405-5020 Nancy 815-252-6677

HELP WANTED

Full-Time Tire Technician For Passenger Cars, Light Trucks, Buses, RV's, Farm and Semi Trucks.

Responsibilities:

HELP WANTED

HELP

WANTED

Full-Time Shop

Assistant/Delivery

Driver.

Industrial Parts Group,

located in Dwight, cur-

rently has an opening

available for a full time

shop assistant/delivery

driver. Candidates must

have a valid driver's

license, be detail ori-

ented and possess

excellent communica-

tion skills. Basic

mechanical skills are a

must as is the ability to

lift 75 lbs. at a mini-

mum. If interested,

please apply in person

at 605 S. Old Rt. 66

Phone: 815-584-2000

FIND IT!

Classifieds!

In the

Dwight IL 60420.

- Tire related duties such as mount, dismount, repair and rotate tires
- Respond to customer inquiries and place orders regarding tire needs
- Assist in inventory and shop housekeeping

Qualifications:

- HS diploma or GED equivalent
- Valid drivers license and insurable
- Ability to lift up to 75 lbs. · Ability to frequently kneel, bend,
- twist, squat, walk and stand Good communication and customer
- service skills Adhere to safety standards

To apply, submit resume to P.O. Box 72, Dwight IL 60420

HELP WANTED

Custodial / Maintenance for Immediate Start

School Year: Approximately 25-30 hours per week. M-F. Afternoonevenings.

Summers: 35-40 hours per week. Day Health insurance available.

Physical and Background check required. Daily cleaning / maintenance of

classrooms / building. Knowledge of HVAC, plumbing, electric, carpentry a plus.

Application available at GSW High School, 500 East Main St., Gardner, Illinois

Pets of the Week

YORK and YONDER are 23 week old tabby kittens who do not have to be adopted together. York will come over to you immediately when he sees you to rub on your leg and cuddle with you. He loves everyone he meets. He loves to play with mouse toys. Yonder is a little shyer than his brother but is just as loving. He loves to be up high and sleep in hiding places. He loves to be petted. Both of these boys would make the perfect



addition to any home! **Livingston County Humane Society** 21179 N. 1358 E. Rd., Pontiac, IL 61764 • 815-842-1025 Ichumanesociety.com • Check us out on facebook and PetFinds

Dwight-Pine Bluff-Lakewood Animal Hospitals Old Rt. 66, Dwight • 815-584-2732 • www.vet4me.com email: dwightvet@mchsi.com

Vould you like to sponsor a pet? Call The Paper 815-584-1901

Read and Use The Want Ads

title: "The Promise of

DATE TO REMEMBER:

Installation of Rev. Grant

dinner to follow service.

Pantry Collection" -

Pasta Sauces (Tomato,

March "Mission of the

Month" - One Great

Hour of Sharing /

"February Food

Alfredo, etc.)

O.G.H.S.

MAZON

Mazon United

Methodist Church

Pastor Karen Fabian

• Sunday Worship, 9

a.m.; Sunday School

following worship

service.

Christ

a.m.

Park Street

Congregational

806 Park Street

Pastor Tyler Carrell Phone 448-5514

· Sunday Worship

• Sunday School:

and Small Study

"Blast Off", 9:10 a.m.

• Sr. High Youth Group

Group, Wednesdays, 6

• Coffee hour, 10:15

Services, 9 a.m.

United Church of

Office phone: 448-5677

Congregational U.C.C. with

the Rainbow".

April 15, 3 p.m. -

Speece at First

At the Churches

Dwight United

Methodist Church 701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Michael Ebersohl FEB. 14 - AshWednesday -Valentine's Day: UMW meeting, 8:30 a.m.; Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.; Choir

rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L & Ignite, 7 • FEB. 15: Praise Band rehearsal, 6 p.m. • FEB. 16: Preschool screening, 7 a.m.; MWDC, 7:30 a.m. • FEB. 17: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.; AA meeting, 9 a.m. • FEB. 18: Early Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday School,

rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. • FEB. 19: UMW Exec. Board meeting, 9 a.m.; Scouts #4877, 6 p.m.; Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Dartball at Church of Hope, 7 p.m. • FEB. 20: Hens Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.;

584-1291 fax • FEB. 14: Ash 5:30 p.m., Ash • FEB. 18: 9 a.m., Class; 10 a.m.,

Wednesday Service with Holy Communion. Sunday School/Bible Worship with Holy Communion. • FEB. 19: 7 p.m., Dartball here vs. St. Peter's Lutheran. • FEB. 21: 1 p.m., Mary/Martha; 3 - 4 p.m., open gym; 4 - 5 p.m., Midweek Bible Time; 5:30 p.m.,

First Baptist Church 401 N. Clinton St. Home of Dwight's New Christian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM Pastor Daniel L.

Program, 7 p.m. First Congregational **United Church of** Dartball at Dwight Christ Congregational 200 W. Delaware St. Church. 584-1260 church

Settled Pastor FEB. 14: Ash Wednesday Service,

• FEB. 18: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "The Promise of

the Rainbow." • FEB. 19: Dartball here, 7 p.m., with New Life Assembly.

• FEB. 21: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m. DATE TO REMEMBER: APR. 15, 3 P.M.: INSTAL-LATION OF REV. GRANT SPEECE with meal after installation. Watch for details in newsletter. "February Mission

of the Month" C.U.E. Seminaries/ Chicago, United and Eden. "March Mission" Dress an Angel. "Feed the Kids"

Program. Donations

Welcome.

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

• FEB. 14: 7 p.m., Prayer Night. • FEB. 15: 5:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study; 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• FEB. 18: 9 a.m., "Bible Study"; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kid's Church, ages 3 - 11; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group. • FEB. 19: 7 p.m.,

• FEB. 21: 7 p.m.,

Peter's at Emmanuel Lutheran. • FEB. 21: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office

Prayer Night. • FEB. 22: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office

Father Chris Haake,

Pastor • FEB. 14: Ash Wednesday – 6:15 p.m., Mass. • FEB. 17: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.,

Reconciliation;

5 p.m., Mass.

• FEB. 18: 8 a.m., Mass St. Peter's **Lutheran Church** 326 W. Chippewa St. stpetersdwight@

sbcglobal..net • FEB. 14: Ash Wednesday/ Valentine's Day: 2:30 -5:30 p.m., Church Office hours; 7 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

• FEB. 16: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 8 p.m., AA meeting. • FEB. 18: First

Sunday in Lent -9a.m., Worship at Community Lutheran in Cornell followed by breakfast. • FEB. 19 and 22:

Church office closed. • FEB. 20: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries; 7 p.m., Men's Club: St.

hours; 4 p.m., Youth

Group; 4:30 p.m., Easter Cantata rehears-

• FEB. 22: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at Dwight Country Club.

BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church 106 W. Goold St.

815-237-8512 Church

815-483-9343 Pastor's cell

bracevilleumc.com Pastor Karen Fabian Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. *No February 25 Service at Braceville United Methodist; the congregation is invited to a free concert at Mazon UMC by Jake's Boys, a popular Southern Gospel group. It begins at 9 a.m. at 509 Seventh St. in Mazon. Rides from Braceville are available.*

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

• FEB. 14: Ash Wednesday - 7 a.m., Mass. • FEB. 18: 10 a.m., Mass.

• FEB. 20: Reconciliation, 5:30 -5:50 p.m.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church

of Christ 103 Division Street Pastor Grant Speece -Settled Pastor

• FEB. 18: 8 a.m., Council meeting; 8:45 a.m., Worship. Sermon The Paper phone: 815.584.1901 email:

fax: 815.584.2196 thepaper1901 @sbcglobal.net

online: thepaper1901.com

Mon., Feb. 19: Information call the

DWIGHT

9:15 a.m.; Praise Team

Scouts #1808, 5 p.m.; Scouts #1505, 6 p.m. • FEB. 21: Bingo at Heritage Health, 2 p.m.; Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L & Ignite, 7

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church

Wednesday: 3 - 4 p.m., Open gym; 4 - 5 p.m., Midweek Bible Time;

Lenten Service. 815-584-3182

Woodward • FEB. 14: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m. FEB. 18: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. • FEB. 21: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's

Pastor Grant Speece -

7 p.m.

New Books, DVDs at Odell Library

The following items are now available to be checked out at Odell Library:

Adult Fiction

12 Strong by Doug Stanton; About That Kiss by Jill Shalvis; The Bomb Maker by Thomas Perry; An Engagement in Seattle by Debbie Macomber; The English Wife by Lauren Willig; City of Endless night by Preston and Child; Death at Nuremberg by W.E.B. Griffin; Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake by Sarah Graves; Fools and Mortals by Bernard Cornwell; The Grave's a Fine and Private Place by Alan Bradley; Grist Mill Road by Christopher J. Yates; Hidden Depths by Ann Cleeves; Killman Creek by Rachel Caine; Now That

You Mention It by Kristan Higgins; Paradise in Chains by Diana Preston; The Pearl Sister by Lucinda Riley; The Pines of Winder Ranch by RaeAnne Thayne; Promise Not to Tell by Jayne Ann Krentz; Robicheaux by James Lee Burke; Sisters Like Us by Susan Mallery; Still Me by Jojo Moyes; The Wife by Alafair Burke; The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn.

DVDs

Battle of the Sexes; Breathe; Flatliners; Mother!; Victoria, Season 2.

Young Adult

Brave by Jennifer L. Armentrout; Intensity by Sherrilyn Kenyon.

The Bad Food Bible by Aaron Carrol, MD; The Bee Friendly Garden by Doug Purdie; The Backyard Beekeeper by Kim Flottum; The History of Illinois by Tom Emery; How to Cook Like a Southerner by Johnnie Gabriel; Splendid Soups by James Peterson; Walking with Peety by Eric O'Grey.

Easy/Juvenile

Dear Girl, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal; I Love Pete the Kitty by James Dean; Natalie's Hair was Wild! by Laura Freeman; Pete the Cat and the Cool Caterpillar by James Dean; Super Cat Speed! by PJ Masks.

Grundy Co. Health Dept. Offering Colon Cancer Screening Test

A fecal immunochemical test (FIT), Crohn's Disease, colitis) also called an immunochemical fecal occult blood test or iFOBT, is used to test the stool for blood that cannot be seen with the naked eye (called occult blood). A FIT is often used to detect bleeding in the digestive tract when there are no other signs or symptoms of a digestive problem. Blood in the stool can be caused by a number of conditions, including cancers of the digestive tract – such as colon cancer.

Why FIT is Used

Fecal occult blood tests such as the FIT or the FOBT are usually recommended at regular intervals to screen for colon cancer in people who are the age of 50-75 years with no prior history of colon cancer or inflammatory bowel conditions. It is important to remember that the colonoscopy is the first choice for colorectal cancer screenings and the FIT does not replace the colonoscopy, but rather can be used if a patient chooses not to have a colonoscopy screening.

What's the Preparation for a FIT?

The FIT doesn't require any special preparation, but there are some conditions that could affect the results. You should not use the FIT if you:

- Have active bleeding from hemorrhoid or
- Inflammatory Bowel Syndrome (IBS, p.m.

Have blood in your urine

• Are a woman having your menstrual period or during the three days after the end of your period

How a FIT is done

This method requires no preparation and is also pain free. You will be given a kit to be used for collecting stool samples for the test. This kit should be kept in the bathroom at home, or carried with you when you're away from home during the test. Be sure to write your name and other information on the sample bottle given in your kit.

Scrape the surface of the fecal sample with the sample probe.

Close the Sample Bottle by inserting the sample probe and screwing the cap on tight. Sample can be immediately returned via mail or drop-off in the envelope provided in your kit to the Grundy County Health Department, 1320 Union St. in Morris.

The sample test will be conducted and results read by a nurse at the GCHD. The patient will be informed by letter or phone call of results within seven to ten days.

Call 815-941-3404 for an appointment to get your FIT kit or to learn more about if you qualify for the kit. Hours of operation are • Have a history of colon cancer or Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00

Announces Childbirth & Family Classes the birth process and

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers has announced its schedule of childbirth and family

classes for March. Introduction to **Breast-feeding** will be offered Monday, March 5, from 9-10 a.m. in the Family Birthing Suites Classroom at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street, Morris. Taught by an obstetrical nurse/certified lactation consultant, the class focuses on the benefits of breastfeeding, pumping techniques, and tips for returning to work. Breastfeeding moms will also get advice to help solve problems related to breastfeeding. Nursing mothers are welcome to bring their infants. The class is free.

A New Siblings **class** will be offered Monday, March 12, from 9-10 a.m. in the Family Birthing Suites Classroom at parents expecting explores expectations of being a super sibling. Through hands on activities and games, siblings-tobe will learn how a newborn baby looks and acts and what happens while mom and baby are in the hospital. Activities, discussion, and a tour of the family birthing suites helps children feel a part of the experience. Each child should bring a doll or stuffed animal. The cost is per child.

A Baby Care Basics class will be offered Monday, March 19, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a

Front Desk Administrator.

Are you a bright, motivated, enthusiastic team play-

er? Would you enjoy working in an atmosphere

where you can feel proud of the work you do and be

recognized for your efforts? If so, this may be the job

An ideal Candidate will have

the following qualifications:

Excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal commu-

nication skills, problem solver, quick learner, and

precise attention to detail, strong organizational and

anticipation skills, ability to multi-task in fast-paced

environment, Professionalism in all aspects of job, self

motivated, able to work independently as well as with

Job duties include but will not be limited to: answering phones, greeting customers, order entry, verifying

customer orders. You are the first person customers

will speak to on the phone and meet at our office.

Therefore, it is imperative that you have an upbeat

Experience not required but attitude is key. We are

willing to train the right person. We want to hear

The Paper

204 E. Chippewa St. Dwight, IL 60420

from you! Please send us your resume.

and positive attitude.

Morris Hospital boardroom. This class gives parentsto-be all the infor-Morris Hospital. mation they need to This fun and interac- know to bring their tive tive experience for baby home with confidence, includand their children ing the latest information to ease parents into the basics of caring for their newborn. Through presentation and demonstrations, this class will include newborn appearance/activity, feeding, warning signs, and safety. The cost is per couple.

> An online version of the childbirth class is available through the Hospital Morris website. This unique online learning experience covers

medical procedures through instructive video clips, animations, and interacgames. Expecting moms will also get a sense of what labor is really like by watching several birth stories. Tours of the Family Birthing Suites at Morris Hospital can be scheduled upon request. To take the online childbirth class, go www.morrishospital.org/events. There is a participation fee.

Registration for childbirth and family classes must be completed online at www.morrishospital.org/events. For more information, call 815-942-3012.

SERVICES OFFERED

BECKER STORAGE 4 Different Size Units 815-584-2388 815-674-2089

Shayla Loring photography Full-Service Photography Studio Dwight, IL WWW.SHAYLALORING.COM SHAYLALORING@GMAIL.COM 815.252.8946

Odell Mini Storage 6 Sizes Available

Low Rates 815-791-3589



GARDNER Cable TV For info or service CALL 815-237-0200

Internet and Phone Service, too! raus Cable TV



7 Sizes Available Low Rates 815-791-4695 815-365-4559

Huffman Tire & Auto PHILLIPS • Complete **66** Auto Care



BRADLEY PEST CONTROL nite treatment • Mouse contro General pest control Real Estate Inspections

Bed Bug Treatments Call Phil at 815-405-5020 815-365-4429



Commonly Overlooked Tax Deductions and Credits

A Reminder from the Illinois CPA Society

While the new tax laws will eliminate many deductions beginning in 2018, taxpayers can still minimize their tax liability by taking advantage of available credits and deductions this filing year. The Illinois CPA Society wants to make sure you are aware of these commonly overlooked items when preparing your 2017 taxes.

Charitable donations **deductions** – Contributions of cash and goods (such as clothing or furniture) to qualified charities may be eligible as tax deductions. A record of the transaction, such as a canceled check or receipt from the charitable organization, is required for tax reporting. Smaller contributions, such as purchasing stamps for charitable fundraiser mailings or buying ingredients to make treats for a charity bake sale may also count for out-ofpocket charitable donations, if you have receipts and/or a tax letter from the charitable organization.

Job search tax deductions - Taxpayers may deduct certain expenses incurred while looking for a job in their same line of work - not in a new field of employment. Expenses covering phone calls, resume preparation and career counselling may be deductible. You don't have to be unemployed to claim some job search costs and only expenses that are greater than 2 percent of your current income may be deduct-

Home mortgage deductions – Many taxpayers already take advantage of deducting mortgage interest on their primary residence and up to certain limits on a mortgage insurance premias mortgage interest paid.

Individual retirement office tax deduction of www.energystar.gov.

account (IRA) deductions Tax-exempt contributions of up to \$5,500 (\$6,500 for those age 50 and older) to traditional IRAs can be made for 2017 tax filings right up until the filing deadline on April 17.

Choice of standard or itemized deductions Instead of taking a standard federal deduction, taxpayers may choose to itemize deductions to potentially gain a bigger tax break. If declining a standard deduction, taxpayers may itemize their state income taxes paid or state sales taxes paid, but not both. Also, itemizing state sales taxes can be calculated based on income

Student loan interest **deductions** – Taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income of less than \$80,000 (\$165,000 if married filing jointly) can deduct up to \$2,500 of student loan interest. It must be a qualified student loan for you, your spouse or a dependent. Loans from a qualified employer or private loans from family or friends are not eligible.

Self-employed health coverage deductions -Taxpayers who are selfemployed or own their own businesses may deduct their health insurance premiums. Those who qualify for Medicare coverage may also deduct supplemental policies if they pay for additional Medicare coverage. To qualify for these deductions, you cannot be covered by any other health insurance poli-

Home office deductions - Eligible taxpayers can deduct \$5 for every square foot of workspace used up to a maximum of 300 square feet. If you use a spare bedsecond home. However, room measuring 270 square feet (18' x 15') exclusively ums may also be written off as a home office – multiply 270 by \$5 for total home

\$1,350. Another room used part of the time as a home office, such as a kitchen, would not qualify. What's often overlooked is space in the basement or garage used exclusively for records, tools or product inventory storage.

Teacher tax deductions - Educators who often reach into their own pockets to buy classroom supplies may qualify for up to \$250 in tax deductions.

Dependent child tax credits - A \$1,000 maximum tax credit per child age 17 or younger is available for qualifying taxpayers.

Child and dependent care tax credits – Taxpayers who paid for childcare while working or looking for employment may deduct some of those expenses based on their adjusted growth income (AGI). Dependent children must be under 13-years-old at the time of care to qualify.

Lifetime Learning credits - Taxpayers and family members may earn a tax credit of 20 percent of tuition expenses, with a maximum of \$2,000 in tax credits on the first \$10,000 of college tuition expenses. Qualifying individuals, spouses or dependents must be enrolled at an eligible educational institution and the taxpayer claiming the deduction must be responsible for paying college expenses.

Green energy tax credits – Those who bought and installed solar energy panels (also known as photovoltaic systems) or solar water heaters for their homes in 2017 may be eligible for energy tax credits. Certain requirements must be met to qualify. For example, equipment must be used for a "qualifying property" - not including swimming nools or hot tubs. More information is available by visiting

BUY THIS SPACE YOU'VE GOT IT...Somebody wants it! SELL IT with an ad in the classifieds. The Paper 815-584-1901

SERVICES OFFERED

POWER Equipment -REPAIR-

Lawn Mowers Skid Steers & Compact Equipment 2-cycle engines

Verona, IL 779-875-5366

MY FATHER'S CONSTRUCTION Garages • Decks

Painting • Addition Design/Install Kitchens & Bathrooms FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED LOCALLY

ON THE WEB: WWW.MYFATHERSHANDYMAN.COM OR CALL:
LARRY MCWILLIAMS 815-848-3806

INSURED/FREE ESTIMATES



ROBISKY'S TREE SERVICE Complete Tree Removal -- Clean Up - Stump Removal -- Topping - Trimming -

- Pruning -Aerial Service to 90 Feet

Chipping Service available Fully Insured • Cullom, IL 815-689-2286 815-674-1219

- Chips and Firewood For Sale



· Siding, Soffit, Fascia · Windows · Roofs • Decks • Sunrooms • Seamless Gutters Overhead Doors and more! Give us a call at 815-584-9470

or visit us at www.PerfectExterior.com

• FREE ESTIMATES • 104.01601 105.006010

We **RENT** a Variety of Heavy Machinery. We **SELL** and **REPAIR** Outdoor Power Equipment. 740 Oak St. South Wilmington



LOCAL FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS

LICENSED & INSURED

Roofing • Siding • Windows • Gutters

FREE ESTIMATES!

MACROOFERS.COM

815-260-6569

815-848-3806



Staff Shortages Forcing Dwight Fire to Seek Tax IncreaseVote



LT. STEVEN BRADLEY, SR. (left) is checking to see how much air FF Steven Bradley, Jr. has left in his cylinder during a fire training practice.

\$97,257.84.

previous years.

Photo by Photographer/FF Johna R. Bradley

home valued at \$100,000, the depart-

ment will have enough money to pay

three people \$150 each for a 14 hour

on-site shift. That totals \$164,250 per

existing corporate levy from 0.3 to 0.4

would result in an additional

cue squad levy would result in

\$91,666.20. The two increases com-

bined more than pay for the new staff.

The levies are for up to the maximum

but the department board may choose

to levy for less, which has been done in

department like the one in Pontiac, but

Johnson said the call volume in Dwight

is close to that of the call volume for a

city such as Pontiac, part of the need

for more people. Johnson said the grant

was a temporary fix but referred to the

This referendum would also benefit

referendum as a "permanent fix."

That is not the same as a paid fire

The 0.1 percent increase in the

The 0.1 percent increase in the res-

(continued from page 1

Communications in Dwight was not answered first by a Dwight Firefighting team, but by Gardner, a 10 minute drive away, due to personnel issues in Dwight, Johnson said.

"To me, that's just not acceptable," Johnson, a man who works full-time as a firefighter in the Chicago suburbs, said of the LSC fire.

In the case of a vehicle accident (Interstate 55 is part of the Fire Protection District), people trapped in a car could perish if they are not rescued in time. The fire department, not the EMS department, has the training and equipment to extricate people from vehicles.

Johnson said without the passage of the referendum, the department could revert back to that 18 minute response time, endangering lives and property.

With the passage of the referendums, which equates to an increase in property taxes of 19 cents a day for a the EMS department, which sends a minimum of two people to emergencies. The fire people, in some cases, are trained EMTs, and can assist in medical emergencies. In addition, an extra three firefighters in an ambulance emergency could also save lives.

According to Fire Department Board Treasurer, Eric Stewart, the departments have mandates for training, but are not funded by the government. This adds to the budget shortfalls, but he agreed personnel was the

"When people work in the middle of the day, it's the toughest time to get service," Stewart said.

Stewart mentioned that the Dwight Fire also goes out on ambulance runs, especially accidents, because they may be needed with their specialized equipment, such as extrication from vehicles.

He said quick response times are needed to save lives and property.

"Everyone expects us to respond with alacrity," Stewart added.

To continue to do that, the department needs more personnel. To do that, they need additional funds.

Should the tax questions pass in March, the taxes payable in 2019 would reflect the increase.

This increase could result in lower insurance premiums for homeowners, but it is difficult to determine if it would be enough to offset the tax According to insurance agent Bob

Weller of the Weller-Hooker Agency in Dwight, it should decrease the premium, but the exact discount depends on the home, the person insured and the insurance company.

For more information or to have the department speak on the subject, call the department at (815) 584-2313, Ext. 11, or email Paul Johnson at:

pjohnson@dwightfire.org

DTHS Fans Came Out To Clear Windshields After Game

Thanks to the "Friends of Dwight Ace Hardware. Rachel," a dozen Dwight Township High School students, with the help of Dwight Police Detective Gary Beier, cleared the snow and ice off all the car windshields of fans at the Friday, Feb. 9, DTHS basketball game.

Snow was dumping on Dwight all night, but the army of "kindness" volunteers were able to clear the windshields with scrapers and brushes provided by The group, which DTHS

Principal Dan Kaiser said includes 65 to 70 high school students, does acts of kindnesss around the school and is the sponsor of this week's Donkey Basketball game fund-raiser.

Kaiser said it took an hour to clear everyone's windshields, and the kids were in good spirits, almost like they were building snow men, instead of doing an act of kindness.

More Time Granted

Last week's Paper updated the filing of briefs by Illinois Auditor General Frank Mautino's lawyers in the 4th District Court, Springfield.

Those briefs opposed an appeal by David Cooke and his lawyers to have the court reconsider Cooke's original complaint about questionable campaign spending by

Mautino and his committee when Mautino was a state representative.

Cooke's lawyers, from the Liberty Justice Center, Chicago, had until February 8 to reply with briefs on Cooke's behalf.

That date has been moved to February 22, allowing two more weeks for the lawyers to prepare.

Early Voting in Kankakee Co. Delayed

Dan Hendrickson, Kankakee County Clerk, has Clerk's office will issue announced that early voting - scheduled to begin February 8 – will be delayed due to a pending appeal by a statewide candidate for Attorney General.

another press release once early voting is ready to begin.

The Kankakee County

For more information, contact the County Clerk's office at 815-937-2990.

Abraham Lincoln left Illinois for Washington D.C. on February 11, 1861, after delivering his



* * 2018 Cash Calendars ON SALE * * Dwight Economic Alliance Office, 119 W. Main, Dwight Check our website www.dwightalliance.org Follow us on Facebook

IRISH CREAM

750 ml.

Did You Know?

COMFORT

Farewell Address at the local train station in Springfield. "To this place, and the kindness of these people I owe everything," the President-elect said. He would not return to Springfield until after his death in the spring of 1865.

from State Representative Tom Bennett



M. - Th. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; F & S 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Rts. 17 & 47 • Dwight • Phone 815-584-2880