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1999 School Shooting Inspires U.S. Program With Dwight Chapter

Editor's Note: This story was conceived and prepared prior to the tragic school shooting on Feb. 14 in Parkland, Florida. That is only the most recent of some 300 school shootings in three years and only serves to make the message of "Friends of Rachel" that much more timely.

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

"I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same," according to Rachel Joy Scott. "People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

Those words were written by Rachel when she was in high school.

"Rachel is the first person killed in the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999," according to literature about the nationwide program called "Friends of Rachel."

"But that was only the beginning of the story. After her death, many students that Rachel reached out to shared stories with the Scotts about the profound impact her simple acts of kindness had on their lives; even preventing one young man from taking his own life."

Dwight High School this school year started a program under the "Friends of

Rachel" umbrella with a joint fund-raiser Donkey Basketball Game held at the school Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The group, under the direction of principal Dan Kaiser and assisted by Dwight Detective Gary Beier, has more than 60 members who are utilizing the passing on acts of kindness to start a "chain reaction" of compassion that Rachel wrote about.

"So far, at Christmastime, we put a little stocking on each person's (school) locker," explained Gretchen Hilt, a junior at Dwight Township High School.

"This was in part to help relieve stress around finals," said sophomore Addi Bean.

And the program helps participants feel good, too.

It took the "Friends of Rachel" about two hours to stuff and hang the stockings for all DTHS students, and the students had a great time doing it, listening to Christmas music and enjoying each other's company.

"At the last basketball game, a bunch of us went out with scrapers and cleaned off everyone's windows," Bean said.

"It was our way of saying 'thank you' to the (DTHS fans)," added Hilt.

Hilt said another project was to make paper chains in the school colors and eventually have them decorate the halls of the entire school building, pointing out such chains in the hallways to this

reporter.

The girls said an activity is being planned for spring break.

"It's to spread positive feelings," Bean said.

Many school shootings have been blamed on students who have been bullied at school.

"160,000 students skip school every day for fear of being bullied," the Friends of Rachel site says.

"It doesn't have to be this way. Creating a school climate less susceptible to harassment, bullying and violence is possible. We see it happening in socioeconomically and demographically diverse schools across North America every day."

"Mr. Kaiser started us off and oversees everything," Bean explained.

"In the nineteen years since we lost twelve innocent lives, including Rachel, her legacy has touched 25 million people and is the foundation for creating programs that promote a positive climate in K-12 schools," the Friends of Rachel site continues.

"Her vision to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion is the basis for our mission: Making schools safer, more connected places where bullying and violence are replaced with kindness and respect; and where learning and teaching are awakened to their fullest. And it works!"



ADDI BEAN (LEFT) and Gretchen Hilt point to the paper chains done in Dwight Township High School colors starting to be seen all over the halls of the school. The chains are just one of the projects behind the "Friends of Rachel" group, of which Bean and Hilt are two of about 60 members. The group is passing on compassion and acts of kindness to their fellow students.

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DWIGHT POLICE DETECTIVE Gary Beier (left) and Dwight Grade School teacher Samantha Bastion accept a donation from Deb Karch on Tuesday, Feb. 13, for a raffle on a 55-inch color flat screen TV. The raffle is to raise funds for the high school's "Friends of Rachel" group.

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New Dwight Police Dog Will Not Be A Burden On Taxpayers: Henson

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Dwight's K9 Police Dog, Katscho, never cost the citizens of Dwight any tax funds, despite the fact that he served in Dwight for seven years.

Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson hopes the replacement dog will be funded in the same way.

As previously reported, Katscho is suffering from terminal cancer. As of the time of this writing, he still survives, but Police Chief Tim Henson said the dog will die with dignity. For now, Katscho continues to ride with K9 Patrol Officer Watson McKee, although Katscho needs some assistance entering and exiting the specially-equipped squad car.

Funding the new dog is this year's Dwight Economic Alliance "Fund A Need," with a goal to raise \$20,000. The auction will be held Feb. 24 at Station 343 in downtown Dwight.

As of Feb. 14, \$2,500 has already been raised for a new K9 police dog as the Dwight Rotary Club moved



DWIGHT POLICE CHIEF Tim Henson explains the reasons for a "Fund A Need" to obtain a new K9 drug dog for the Dwight Police Department. He was speaking to the Dwight Rotary Club, Feb. 14, and they donated \$2,500 toward the \$20,000 goal for the new dog.

The Paper photo

to donate that amount at its weekly meeting.

Henson said that in 2010 he asked the community to raise \$60,000 for a K9 police dog to help the police with a growing drug abuse problem in town.

The town met the goal in a little more than one month (36 days). To this day,

roughly \$3,500 remains in the fund, allowing the program to go on without dipping into taxpayer funds.

He said this current village board, regardless, was willing to continue the program and fund it, but Henson said the village has other expenses and would

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Scammer Tries To Obtain Personal Herscher Unit 2 Employee Data

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A "phishing" scam hit Herscher Unit 2 recently when a Freedom of Information Act request was received, asking for personal employee data.

"The request asked for names, addresses and social security numbers, as well as salaries," of Herscher Unit 2 employees, according to Superintendent Rich Decman.

Decman said the FOI request was disguised within a legitimate request for public information such as teacher's salaries.

"We were told by a school in Southern Illinois that this was a phishing scam from some location in the

Caribbean," Decman told *The Paper* last week.

The school board was informed of the illegitimate FOI request at its board meeting, Monday, Feb. 12.

In other action, the board:

- learned that the plan is moving forward for a \$5.5 million renovation of Limestone Junior High School. The school is the junior high attendance center for the entire Unit 2 school district with Reddick and Campus on the west end, and Limestone and Irwin on the east end, plus the communities of Union Hill, Herscher and Bonfield in between. Plans were approved at the Jan. 22 school board meeting and

include connecting two buildings, adding an elevator, moving the office for enhanced security and consolidating two cafeterias into one.

- learned that Unit 2 is not eligible for a proposed solar farm project submitted by two separate developers. The power grid has "too much power," Decman said.

- learned that a special Herscher Unit 2 scholarship foundation is being created.

- accepted the resignation of Laura Moran as Limestone Athletic Director.

- hired Brooke Crawford as bus aide for a special needs student.

- hired Ashley Howell as Limestone girls basketball coach.

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Accident Report
Friday, February 9, 5:48 p.m., an accident was reported in the 300 block of E. Delaware/alley, involving a 2012 Cadillac TRS, driven by Lenita Knudsen, who struck a 2003 Chevrolet 4-door, owned by Michelle Mortensen, after sliding in the snow while backing out from her garage.
Thursday, February 15, 7:57 a.m., an accident was reported on northbound Rt. 47 at Rt. 17, in which a 2001 Ford 4-door struck a pedestrian. The accident is still under investigation.
Persons in the police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police Blotter
The following are reports from the Dwight police incident book this week:
Feb. 8: **Suspended License** - Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop at 9:27 a.m. in the 400 block of W. Mazon Ave, for speeding. Oniaaka Allen, 44, of Streator, received a citation for driving while license suspended, and a verbal warning for speeding.
Feb. 9: **Reports of Shots Fired** - Dwight Police were dispatched at 8:46 p.m., to the 500 block of South Franklin St., for a report of shots fired. Dwight Police spoke with a witness, reporting hearing what he thought were gun shots. Dwight Police searched the area but could not find any shell casings. While there, Dwight Police received another report of gunshots in the 100 block of W. South Street. The South Street area was also searched with no shell casings found.

Feb. 15: **Pedestrian Struck**- Dwight Police were dispatched at 7:50 a.m. to an accident at the intersection of Route 47 and Route 17. An 80-year-old Dwight male was struck by a 16-year-old Dwight female, Haley Jennings, driving a 2001 Ford Taurus. The pedestrian was legally crossing, via the crosswalk when struck. The driver was issued a citation for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
February 8: 8:43 p.m., James, medical, St. James.
February 9: 7:53 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris.
February 10: 5:21 a.m., Locust, medical, refusal; 5:31 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 6:10 p.m., William, medical, mutual aid from Dwight Fire and Gardner.
February 11: 6:56 p.m., Columbia, medical, refusal.
February 12: 6:51 a.m., 3300 E., medical, Morris; 2:38 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; 9:43 p.m., Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris.
February 13: 5:55 a.m., Washington, medical, Morris; 9:15 a.m., Chicago, trauma, Morris; 6:36 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris.
February 14: 8:28 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 11:01 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, St. James.
February 15: 6:48 a.m., Spencer, medical, Morris; 7:59 a.m., Rt. 47 and Rt. 17, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Dwight Fire and Duffy; 10:22 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.



Temps - 2018
Feb. 8 – high 30°, low 8° trace precip.
Feb. 9 – high 31°, low 14° 3” snow
Feb. 10 – high 18°, low 14° 2” snow
Feb. 11 – high 19°, low -2°
Feb. 12 – high 20°, low -1°
Feb. 13 – high 31°, low 6°
Feb. 14 – high 40°, low 29°

One Year Ago – Feb. 21, 2017
high 66°, low 41° trace rain

Upgraded Substation In Dwight



WORKERS FOR COMMONWEALTH EDISON were in Dwight this week to upgrade the substation and install a temporary generator. The work entailed a power outage on the morning of Feb. 14, roughly from midnight to 1 a.m. Power was also out for a few minutes late Thursday afternoon.
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Dwight’s Building Growth Continues Slow Trend
LSC Communications Donates to K9 Unit

by Madelyn Fogarty
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The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 12 with the full board in attendance.
A building permit recap presented to the board shows new construction in Dwight continues to be slow. In 2017, one new residential building permit was issued by the Village of Dwight making it the first residential permit issued since 2014. Since 2005, a year when residential single family home growth in Dwight soared with 13 permits issued, residential home growth has shown a dramatic decline with 16 total new residential permits issued since 2007. Overall Building Permits in Dwight for 2017 totaled 98 with the total value of these permits at \$2,286,620.00 including one new residential permit totaling \$175,000; 67 residential permits for alterations/additions totaling \$379,590.00; one new commercial permit totaling \$2,000,000.00; and 29 commercial permits for alterations/additions totaling \$282,030.00.

Village for everything you do for us,” McCoy told the board. “Specifically, LSC Communications has a \$500 donation for Chief Henson and the Dwight Police Department for the K9 Unit.”
The donation follows recent news that Dwight’s police canine, Katscho, is being retired due to health issues. Cost for a new police canine, including training, is \$11,500. The new police dog will become available to the K9 Unit in April.
Jack Wiser, Republican Candidate seeking election for Livingston County Sheriff, was at the meeting to introduce himself and share his goals with the board. As a candidate for Sheriff, Wiser brings 25 years of experience in law enforcement with 13 years as the Chief of Police in Fairbury.

Wiser stressed that being a full-time sheriff who is available to the public, listens to, and addresses public concerns to be a main goal, calling communication a key factor. Wiser, a founding member of the Livingston County Proactive Unit, also strongly stressed the importance of combating drugs within the county. The General Primary Election will be held on March 20.
Laurie Fleishman, a local landlord, addressed the board with a request that she believes could help protect local landlords from “squat-

ter” situations. Fleishman requested that tenants be required to show a copy of their lease agreement, along with identification, before being allowed to put water bills in their name. After discussion, the board agreed to take the request to committee for further review.
The board also approved:
• payment of bills totaling \$132,458.76.
• the January 2018 Treasurer’s Report.
• a fund transfer of \$172,291.41 from Sewer Fund to the Sewer Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying storm sewer work done by Conley Excavating.
• a fund transfer of \$14,794.00 from the Water Fund to the Capital Expenditures Fund for the purpose of paying invoices that resulted from the cleanup behind the Public Works building.
• the purchase of a 90-day \$500,000 CD for road projects.
• payment of Conley pay request #9 for \$172,291.46 as a final payment for 2016 water main improvements with a two percent retention pending completion of landscaping and punch list items.
• the annual Keeley Trust Resolution.
• a door-to-door cookie sale from February 2 – April 30 for Daisy Girl Scout Troop #1906.
The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 26, in the Public Services

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As an investor, you'll face many decisions over the years. How much should you invest? Where should you put your money? When is it time to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others? Some people enjoy making these choices themselves – but not everyone. Consequently, the type of investor you are will influence your thinking about whether to open a managed account.

As its name suggests, a managed account – sometimes known as an “advisory” account – essentially is a portfolio of stocks, bonds and other investments chosen by a professional investment manager who makes the buy and sell decisions. Typically, each managed account has an investment objective based on your goals, and you may have some voice in investment choices – for example, you may be able to request that the manager avoid certain investments. Or, you might still work with a personal financial advisor who can help you identify and quantify your goals, define your risk tolerance, and track changes in your family situation – and who can then use this information to help guide the investment manager’s choices.

Beyond this basic structure, managed accounts can vary greatly in terms of administration, reporting, fees and minimum balance.

So, assuming you meet the requirements for a managed account, should you consider one? There’s really no one right answer for everyone. But three factors to consider are cost, control and confidence.

Cost – Different managed accounts may have different payment arrangements. However, it’s common for a money manger to be paid based on a percentage of assets under management. So, if your manager’s fee is 1% and your portfolio contains \$100,000, the manager earns \$1,000 per year, but if the value of your portfolio rises to \$200,000, the manager earns \$2,000. Because the manager has a personal stake in the portfolio’s success, this arrangement could work to your advantage. Be aware, though, that other fees may be associated with your account.

Control – With any managed account, you will give up some, or perhaps all, of your power to make buy-and-sell decisions. If you have built a large portfolio, and you’re busy with work and family, you may like the idea of delegating these decisions. And, as mentioned above, you can still oversee the “big picture” by either working through a financial advisor or, at the least, having your goals, risk tolerance and investment preferences dictate a money manager’s decisions. But you will have to decide for yourself how comfortable you are in ceding control of your portfolio’s day-to-day transactions.

Confidence – It’s essential that you feel confident in a managed account’s ability to help you meet your goals. And the various elements of a managed account may well give you that assurance. For example, some managed accounts include automatic rebalancing of assets, which, among other things, can help you achieve tax efficiency. Other features of a managed account – such as the experience and track record of the manager – also may bolster your confidence.

Ultimately, you’ll need to weigh all factors before deciding whether a managed account is right for you. In any case, it’s an option worth considering.

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Big Deficit Looms for 2017-18
2018-19 Dwight Budget Reviewed

by Tom Tock
An administration meeting took place Monday, February 12, preceding the regular Dwight Village Council meeting.
Village Administrator Kevin McNamara began by reviewing the present budget (April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018) through January 31 of this year, stating that there was a \$97,000 deficit in that budget with only a couple of months remaining in the fiscal year.
The present budget was balanced on paper a year ago when it was approved by the Council, but there have been a number of negative factors affecting income: late payments of some \$49,000 due from insurance, Medicaid and Medicare for

ambulance services; a new 1% “service charge” by the State of Illinois for sales tax collections; lower than estimated receipts from the additional 1c sales tax approved in 2016; a cutback in payments from the state for the personal property replacement tax.
In any event, the shortfall in the 2017-18 budget is the largest in memory and McNamara asked for suggestions to close the gap between income and spending as the village prepares its 2018-19 budget which will take effect April 1.
Another budget review is scheduled for the full Council at 5 p.m. February 26 before the regular Council meeting at 6:30.

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DEA Auction Offers Wide Variety

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Dwight Economic Alliance annual auction fund-raiser will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at Station 343 Restaurant, 140 E. Main, Dwight.

The event doors open at 5 p.m., with the first of three sections of the silent auction closing at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the live auction will begin after the dinner.

The event has been moved from the Country Mansion because it closed its doors last year.

The silent auction items will be upstairs with the live auction and dinner downstairs.

This year's fund-a-need is for a replacement police K9 drug dog because Katscho has retired due to a terminal illness (see page 1 for story on replacement dog).

"Many businesses in Dwight and beyond, as well as individuals have been so generous with their donations," according to Destiny Connor, DEA auction coordinator. "Also, there is an entire crew of people working behind the scenes that will make this a spectacular

event," she continued.

The fund-raiser is used to pay for such community events as the Springfest, Fourth of July fireworks, and Christmas parade.

Some of the auction items include:

- Shaw Shuttles 24-passenger van for eight hours.
- original artwork by Conman painting.
- John Tinberg metal coat rack sculpture.
- Cherry Red Roasters prepared whole hog with sauces that will feed 100 people.

- Tom Heinrich wood-carved duck.
- Various overnight stays at different hotels.
- Sporting events tickets.
- Various gift baskets and wine baskets.
- Signed guitar by Tito from Old World Liquors.
- Chicago River Cruise and Overnight Stay at Union League Club in Chicago donated by Weller-Hooker Insurance Agency.

For further information about the event, call Connor at (815) 343-1147.



THIS WOOD-CARVING of a Common Loon was donated by Tom Heinrich of Dwight. Submitted photo



JOHN TINBERG of Dwight donated a metal coatrack as an art sculpture for this year's auction. Submitted photo



Conman Painting donated this Dwight scene for the DEA auction this year. Submitted photo

New Dwight Police Dog Will Not Be A Burden On Taxpayers: Henson – – –

(continued from page 1) rather not burden the taxpayers with this cost.

One advantage the program had was free veterinary services donated by Dr. Lou Cronin, who has since passed away.

"He's (Katscho) made our community better and safer," Henson said. "It is an asset and it is a need."

The cost for a new dog is \$11,500, Henson said. The balance will be used for equipment and for ongoing training and maintenance of the program.

Officer Watson McKee will continue to be the K9 Officer for Dwight.

Henson explained that dogs are being secured in Germany for Bloomington and Normal, and Dwight will be able to secure one as well, keeping costs down with one trip.

Henson said the dog is needed in Dwight, not because the problem here is worse than other towns, but because it is as bad as other towns. It is also magnified, however, with Interstate 55, Route 17 and Route 47 slicing right through town, bringing in potential drug dealers from out of town.

"You can rest assured that as your chief of police, all law enforcement is working together," to tackle the drug abuse issues.

Heroin overdoses, and deaths due to overdoses, have been on a sharp increase for years, with education one of the best tools. He said doctors are also less likely to prescribe opioid drugs as pain killers, limiting access to those drugs in the family medicine cabinet.

Dwight's dog is used for mutual aid to other depart-

ments, and other departments share manpower and equipment with Dwight when needed, Henson said.

Rotary president Don McClarey, an attorney in Dwight, mentioned that drug dealers in Livingston County work together, and Dwight is not isolated. Therefore a bust in another town will keep drugs and dealers from getting to the people of Dwight.

So utilizing the drug dog outside of Dwight is actually cost-effective for Dwight, Henson said.

"When you take a drug dealer off the street, that is one less drug dealer that can go to Dwight," he added.

He said he has seen a downturn in drug trafficking in the Dwight area since Katscho has been on the job.

"In 2010, grandmas would come into the police

station asking 'What is this?' Her granddaughter had picked it up at the park. It turned out to be a drug needle."

He said that is not happening any more in town.

He said the drug problem is not over, however. It is just different now than back in 2010.

Henson said heroin and opioid abuse is more prevalent now due to painkillers in the home medicine cabinet and inexpensive heroin.

He said drug laws have changed so that if a loved one calls for help because someone in the household is overdosing on drugs, there will be no criminal charges brought against the OD victim. And new drugs (Narcan) are carried by EMS and police to counteract the heroin effects to save the person's life if they are

suffering from an overdose.

Katscho will be featured in a television news segment on Feb. 22, at the 10 p.m. news slot, ABC WHOI. The story will also air during the 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. broadcast.

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Governor Thomas Ford Chapter Meets

Governor Thomas Ford Chapter met at the Villas of Holly Brook February 5 for a noon luncheon and business meeting.

Regent Pam Bork called the meeting to order in the Theater at the Villas. After the opening exercises, the group adjourned to the dining hall for lunch. Hostess Judy Jepsen-Popel had provided Valentine-themed individual favors that included an assortment of Valentine candies.

Following the luncheon, the members reconvened in the Theater for the business meeting and program. Some highlights were the announcement of three American History Essay winners – Hannah Kinnaird, PBL; Erica Harrel, Tri-Point; and Anneliese Kerchenfaut, GCMS. Also announced were 16 chapter winners of the JAC contest: from GCMS – Alex Barnard, Ava Rexroad, Blake Anderson, Kelli Koss, Anna Warren, Lily Breeden, Jack Goembel, Cale Bane, Gaines Parsons, Lacy Walker, Keegan Frashier, Sophia Ray, Lane Beyers, and Charles Goff; and from Tri-Point – Dakota Jurlow and Ethan Perkinson.

In other business, the chapter voted to purchase a set of six books addressing the problem of bullying and cyber-bullying for the GCMS elementary school and a set for the PBL elementary schools. DAR School Chair, Leann Wilcoxen, passed out information concerning the Boxtops for Education Program.

The nominating committee announced a complete set of nominees for election in March. State Conference and Continental Congress delegates and alternates were elected. Regent Bork announced that the Chapter Master Report had been completed and sent before the due date. She also announced that the chapter had been notified that it had qualified as a member of the Illinois State Organization's Club 200 in celebration of the Illinois Bicentennial.

Marilyn Ames presented the program on "Little Known Famous Illinoisans," which provided information on similarly-named former Governors Oglesby and Ogilvie, Civil War heroine Albert Cashier/Jennie Hodgers, and several others. To continue their Illinois theme, the members answered questions posed in an "Illinois Bicentennial Trivia Game."

Trivia Night in Dwight Mar. 10

Gives Community a Chance to Save Lives, Celebrate Lives, and Fight Back

The American Cancer Society of Livingston County is hosting a trivia night to raise money in the fight against cancer. The second annual event will be held at the Dwight VFW, located at 506 S. Old Rte. 66, Saturday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.

This event welcomes everyone. Trivia goes under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available at an additional charge.

Each table will be set up for teams of eight participants. If you have less than eight, participants can join together to form a team at the event.

Admission fees apply. There is limited space available, so sign up early. Registration forms can be found at relayforlife.org/livingstonil and at facebook.com/LivingstonCountyACS, and mailed to the American Cancer Society of Livingston County at 4234 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 61614.

Trivia Night benefits the Livingston County Days of Hope, which raises funds for the ACS – which provides funding for cancer research along with programs and services for cancer patients and their families in the Livingston Co. area.

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In 2018, the American Cancer Society of Livingston County Days of Hope will be holding four signature fund-raising events including: Trivia Night, a 5K/Fun Walk/Ride and Pancake Breakfast on June 2 at St. Mary's in Pontiac, their annual Relay For Life Night of Hope on August 3 at a new location, on the Pontiac Square, and a Cash For A Cure raffle on September 15 at the Pontiac VFW.

St. Paul Offers Trip To Noah's Ark

St. Paul School in Odell is offering a trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum as a unique way to support the school.

The trip will take place from June 4-8, 2018, and includes five days, four nights, and lots of fun activities for \$599. Travelers will depart from Odell at 8 a.m. on June 4.

Included in the price is motor coach transportation, four nights' lodging, eight meals, admission to the new Ark Encounter, the famous Creation Museum, Newport Aquarium, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and more.


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At the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, travelers may start their day by feeding a giraffe at one of the top-rated zoos in America. Newport Aquarium offers 70 exhibits including a shark bridge.

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is a museum based on the history of the Underground Railroad. The trip also includes four dinners, including one evening of a dinner party with entertainment.

Anyone is welcome to join the trip. Payment is due by March 28. The trip is presented by Diamond Tours. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Tish Handren at 815-584-1778.



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Dwight Senior Citizens Meet

On February 13, the Dwight Senior Citizens met and enjoyed a meal catered by Millie Doran.

Barb Christensen led in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Valerie Larson gave the table prayer.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Happy Birthday was sung to Gerry Salzburg.

Judy Lewis provided the door prizes, which were won by Valerie Larson, Ann Wagner, Pat Townsend, Darlene Drechsel, and Doris Gliwa.

Ruth Bosman moved to adjourn and was seconded by Darlene Drechsel.

Card games were played.

Southeastern Grundy Co. Senior Citizens of Gardner Meet

On February 2, the first Friday of the month, the Southeastern Grundy Co. Senior Citizens of Gardner met at the Gardner Restaurant in Gardner.

There were ten members present, and a special guest – Rev. Jan Chandler of the Church of Hope. She was welcomed.

The table was decorated in Valentine motif. The door prize was won by Shirley Farland.

Rev. Chandler offered grace.

Members ordered from the menu, served by Kim.

A cake was served from Emma Schulz, in honor of her birthday. Crystal Nelson shared her Feb. birthday.

After lunch, the business meeting was called to order by Shirley, with the pledge of allegiance being recited by all.

The January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, therefore the secretary had no minutes to read. To fill the void, she read from a book given to her from her son-in-law years ago. The title of the reading was "He left us his word of Love. 1 Cor. 13."

Jackie read a list of cards she had sent to shut-ins.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Donna also offered a salutation of Valentine joy. Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and so are you.

It was reported that the groundhog saw his shadow.

Barb Brooks made a motion to send a memorial to Laverne Naretto's church.

The gloves that were collected will be given to the Gardner Grade School and South Wilmington Grade School.

There was mention of Gardner Grade School honor roll not being published and the club would like to have the list. The secretary will make the contact.

It was noted by coincidence that Ash Wednesday will be on Valentine's Day and Easter will be on April Fool's Day.

The secret pal gifts were passed on by Karen Perkins. She will also take Valentine decorations to Rose Mary.

The next meeting will be a demonstration on how to fold linens, especially fitted sheets.

Shirley asked for a motion to adjourn and added she hoped to see all at the next meeting March 2.

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Odell Sportsman's Club Accepting Scholarship Applications

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

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

Applications are now available from the Guidance Counselor at PTHS.

Applications must be postmarked by February 28 or may be e-mailed by that date to Bonnie Bolen, secretary, at doubleb10@frontier.com.

Winner will be chosen by club members and all applicants will be notified of their decision by March 28.

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



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DGS Redbird Mascot Decision Finalized

Graduation Date Set / 2018-19 School Calendar Approved

by Madelyn Fogarty
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

After months of uncertainty, Dwight Redbird fans will continue to see the current familiar Redbird mascot following action at the February 14 Board of Education meeting where board members voted to enter into a contract with Illinois State University.

Last October, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek informed the DGS Board of Education that, due to trademark infringements with the Illinois State University Redbird being discovered, the Dwight Grade School was being forced to take some sort of action to address the issue.

Over the past months, the BOE looked at various options such as abandoning the ISU-looking Redbird and changing to a completely different looking cardinal. However, ISU did offer an option to enter into a ten-year contract with the University at the cost of \$250 the first year with a nominal \$1 fee each year after allowing DGS to use the exact ISU Redbird but incorporated inside of the Dwight “D”. ISU would allow DGS to sell down their inventory of Redbird items and also allow things such as the gym floor and players uniforms to be used for a normal life span before requiring the incorporated logos to be changed.

With a complete logo change being a cumbersome issue and, after weighing all the options and taking into consideration a staff and student survey preference to

keep the current Redbird mascot, the board approved entering into the ten-year contract with ISU. Board member Mike Cornale voted against the action expressing concerns that the move could just be “deferring the problem” to a later date.

In other business, the Dwight Grade School BOE approved calendar recommendations as submitted.

The DGS 8th Grade promotion ceremony date is set for Thursday, May 24, 2018. Board member Nick Stipanovich expressed concern with the graduation date due to the loss of three school days this year because of weather. The board discussed pushing graduation later one week to allow the current 8th grade students more time in the classroom. However, several complicating factors resulted in graduation being set for May 24 with a board majority vote (Stipanovich opposed). However, board members agreed to review the matter closely next year. The last day of student attendance this year for all other grades will be May 31.

The DGS Board also approved the 2018-19 school calendar. Next year’s calendar calls for the first day of student attendance to be August 20, 2018.

Highlights from the calendar include no school November 21 – 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Winter Break will run from December 24, 2018 – January 4, 2019 with students returning to school on January 7, 2019. Spring Break has been designated

as March 25 – March 29, 2019. No school will be held April 19 and April 22, 2019 due to the Easter holiday. May 24, 2019 is the planned last day of student attendance; however, five emergency days designated as May 28, 29, 30, 31, June 3 2019 could impact the final day of school.

In his report, Dr. Jancek informed the board that the District will be working with BLDD Architects this summer to make school restrooms ADA accessible / compliant. The school will also be modernizing the cafeteria experience and offering more options to pay online.

The BOE also:

- learned that current ECE – 8th Grade enrollment numbers total 544 students.
- learned the State of Illinois currently owes the DGS District \$128,592.28.
- affirmed Alycia Ferrari as a substitute classroom aide and substitute teacher.
- affirmed Jack Connor as Interim Director of Building and Grounds.
- affirmed Robyn Houston as a long term teacher substitute.
- approved IASB Press Plus Board Policy Updates.
- approved Board Policy 5:60 Travel Expenses increasing lodging reimbursements from \$250 to \$300 per night.

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



GRUNDY COUNTY seniors celebrated Valentine’s Day at the Morris Senior Center last week. Present were (front row from left) Linda Poppleton, Patricia Starks and Velda Gilmoure (Mazon); Barb Sinob (Morris), Frank Phillips (Gardner), Gwen Johnson (Morris); (back row) Ted Madden, Don Hatz, and Mike Cheshareck (Morris); Joyce Walcott (Coal City); Donna Finch, Ruth Metille, and Nancy Burchfield (Morris); and Rita Mills (Mazon).

Submitted photo

Healthy Valentines Day Held at Morris Senior Center

Nichole Redden, director of business development at Panoptic Home Health, sponsored a Valentine's Day celebration at the Morris Senior Center recently to celebrate the holiday with fun photos, treats, and balance testing for Grundy County Seniors.

Dr. Jean Pempe, one of Panoptic Home Health's Physical Therapists, spoke with the group about slips, trips, and falls prevention.

Panoptic Home Health, which is a local clinician-owned company in Morris, provides skilled nursing, wound care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, home health aides, wound care, and much more from the comfort of your home.

Morris Senior Center is accepting new members, and provides a great way to socialize with peers. They

meet from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays, at 913 Pine Street in Morris for fellowship, euchre, and laughter.

Member birthday celebrations are the last Thursday of every month. Anyone older than 55 is invited to join the group.

For information on attending a meeting and/or becoming a member, call Donna Finch at 815-557-8492.

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Dwight Senior Citizens Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate Bridge was played February 15 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center.

North/South:

1. Darlene Drechsel/Mary Anne McNamara tied with Janyce Gross/Nancy Evers
2. Judy Cashmer/Janet Kresl

East/West:

1. Evelyn Lydigsen/Barb Christensen
2. Pat Townsend/Joan Francis
3. Norma Rodosky/Barb Wilson

The next duplicate bridge play will be March 1.

GSW High School Parent/Teacher Conferences March 1 and 2

Gardner-South Wilmington High School will hold its Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday, March 1, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, March 2, from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

No appointments are necessary and walk-ins are welcome.

Gardner Resident Complains About Huge Water Bill Due to Leak

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Gardner Village Board spent nearly an hour Monday, Feb. 12, discussing a large water bill with a resident, Joe Schultz, who had a water bill of roughly \$2,000 due to a water leak.

The village will give him a special 12-month period to pay off the bill, and will also deduct the sewer portion of roughly \$700, according to Mayor Mike Serena.

Serena told *The Paper* that the village meter reader noticed the issue when reading the meter, and the resident was contacted to remedy the situation.

Serena said that the village checked the meter, shut off the water to the home and did other tests to determine that the leak was in the hookup portion to the residence, the responsibility of the resident to pay for any leaks.

The leak was repaired, but the bill remains.

“The meters are what they are,” Serena said. “They don’t lie.”

He said Schultz questioned the reliability of the water meter, but a malfunctioning meter would result in a lower water bill, not a higher one, Serena said.

Schultz wanted to know where all the water went.

“Who knows?” Serena said. “Water tends to go to the path of least resistance.”

There were no signs of standing water above ground due to the leak.

Another resident at the meeting complained about Holt and Sons Trucking parking a commercial truck on residential property owned by business owner Wayne Holt. Serena told the resident that he was not sure if it is illegal for the business owner to park the commercial vehicle on his own residential property and would

check it out.

Meantime, should Holt wish to expand onto the residential land, he must ask the village to rezone the property commercial.

The board also heard a report from Commissioner Rob Wolf that a contractor has been secured to inspect the village water tower. The original contractor utilized previously by Gardner was unwilling to do the inspection this year.

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Act of Kindness



EMPLOYEES AT HERITAGE WOODS of Dwight performed an act of kindness Friday, Feb. 16, handing out goodies to the workers in Dr. Passerman’s office in Dwight. Accepting are (left) Diane Gordon of Kinsman and Colleen Turner of Campus. Presenting the gifts from Heritage Woods are (from left) Annette Patchett, Brandy Scheer, Sharon Russell, (hidden) Emily McKenna, Micah Strief, and Denise Nemeth. The Paper photo

Community Players of Streator’s Meet the Directors Event Rescheduled for Feb. 25

Theatre fans will get a chance to meet the directors for Community Players of Streator’s 2018 season and learn more about how to get involved in the group’s upcoming 61st season. Community Players of Streator – best known as

Engle Lane–will host a Meet the Directors Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 25, in the William C. Schiffbauer Center for the Performing Arts at Engle Lane Theatre, 1012 Columbus Road, Streator. This event was originally scheduled for

Sunday, February 11, but was postponed due to poor road conditions and winter weather. For more information on Community Players, visit www.EngleLane.org or the group’s Engle Lane Theatre Facebook page.

Regina Dawson Graduates from Lakeview College of Nursing

Regina Dawson of Dwight graduated from Lakeview College of Nursing during the College’s fall commencement ceremony held in Danville. Dawson earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree through the College’s Charleston location. She is a 2013 graduate of Dwight Township High School and the daughter of Laura and Bill Dawson of Ransom.



World Day of Prayer at St. Patrick Church March 2

Women, men, and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 2. This year, the women of the WDP Committee of Suriname call us to worship considering the words: “All God’s Creation is Very Good!” With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Suriname’s history and rich cultural diversity. The women of Suriname share their stories of inter-generational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God’s profound love and acceptance. The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of Creation. The worship service invites all to explore the relationship between God and creation, and God and humanity and asks what is

our role as Christians in the world of God? The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Suriname and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, and injustice. This year’s service will be in St. Patrick Church, Dwight at 1:00 P.M. Immediately following the service, all are invited to St Patrick Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.

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Chili Supper in Odell Feb. 25

United Church of Odell will host its annual Chili Supper Sunday, February 25, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Odell Fire Station. The dinner will feature homemade chili, relishes, crackers, homemade pies, coffee and lemonade. Hot dogs will also be available. So will carry-outs. Donations apply for adults and children ten and under.

Chili Supper in South Wilmington Sat., Feb. 24

The South Wilmington United Methodist Church Sunday School will hold a Chili Supper Saturday, February 24, from 4 until 7 p.m. All you can eat chili hot dogs, chips, and dessert will be available in St. Lawrence Parish Hall, 2nd and Lemmon Streets, South Wilmington. Tickets are: adult; ages 5-13; while under 5 eat free. Homebound residents in South Wilmington may call 815-237-2766 for delivery to their home.

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GGS Kindergarten Pre-Registration March 13

Pre-registration for Gardner Grade School Kindergarten will take place Tuesday, March 13, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at GGS. There will be a 10% discount on the registration fee on this day only. The State of Illinois requires a student to be five years of age on or before September 1, 2018, and be a resident of the Gardner Grade School District 72C to be eligible for kindergarten. You will need to take a birth certificate and three proofs of residency to register your child. The state of Illinois Health Examination Law requires all students entering Kindergarten to have a health examination, immunization records, an eye exam, and a dental examination to begin school in August. If you are unable to attend, or have any questions, call the office at 815-237-2313.

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OBITUARIES

Scott Richard Hager

DWIGHT – Scott Richard Hager, 66, of Dwight passed away Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.



Scott was born May 5, 1951 in Pontiac, son of George and Lois Swansbrow Hager. His father survives in Dwight.

He is also survived by sisters: Cynthia Hager (John) Downey of Geneva; Marti Hager (Tom) Neville of Carrollton, Texas; a brother, Kent (Callie) Hager of New London, Wisconsin; nieces: Margot Downey, Quinn Hager, and Erin Hager; and nephews: Cole Downey and Tommy Neville.

He was preceded in death by his mother and nephew, Jeff Neville.

Scott owned and operated Hager Memorial Homes encompassing Dwight, Chatsworth and Forrest until he retired.

He graduated from Dwight Township High School and achieved a Bachelors Degree at Iowa Wesleyan. He continued his education at Southern Illinois University, graduating summa cum laude. During his time at Iowa Wesleyan, he joined the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Scott was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church, as well as the Dwight Windmill Project. Over the years, he was a member of the Dwight Chamber of Commerce and the Dwight Economic Alliance. He was honored as the Dwight Business Man of the Year in 2003.

Scott will be remembered for his work on the fund-raising committee for the Windmill, helping erect the Oaklawn Cemetery gates, Christmas Under the Windmill, and perhaps most of all for hosting guests at his home.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 17, in the United Methodist Church, Dwight, officiated by Pastor Mike Ebersohl.

Burial in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight, was held immediately following the services.

Visitation was for one hour preceding the services at the church Saturday.

Memorials in honor of Scott may be made to Oaklawn Cemetery.

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

Hager Memorial Home was in charge of arrangements.

James F. Cahill



PONTIAC – James F. Cahill, 78, of Pontiac and formerly of Ransom for more than 50 years, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018 at 12:05 a.m. at Good Samaritan Home in Pontiac.

James was born August 10, 1939 in Streator, son of Arthur L. and Dorothy M. Raibley Cahill. He married Donna Fogarty April 4, 1959 in St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell. She survives in Pontiac.

He is also survived by his children: Diane (Gregg) Jensen of Dwight; Jim (Jan) Cahill and Dick (Donna) Cahill, both of Ransom; one sister, Anna Mae Funk of Dwight; grandchildren: Brian Jensen, Brad (Jennifer) Jensen, Kevin (Jodi) Jensen, Jessica (Ben) Beyer, Julie (Steve) Anderson Cahill, and Jamie Cahill; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

James was a graduate of Dwight High School, class

of 1956. He was owner/ operator of Cahill Trucking for 48 years and farmed his entire life. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac; the Moose; Farm Bureau; and was a 40-year member of Midwest Trucker's Association.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 20, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pontiac, celebrated by Father Adam Cesarek.

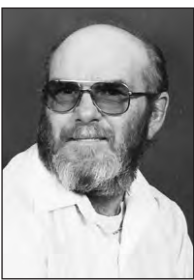
Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ransom.

Visitation was Monday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Duffy-Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac, with the rosary recited at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to OSF Hospice and St. Mary's Catholic Church or School.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: duffyfuneralhome.com

Patrick S. Clark



BRAIDWOOD – Patrick S. Clark, 70, of Braidwood passed away Friday, February 16, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home Wednesday, February 21, from 5 until 8 p.m.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

He was born March 19, 1947, son of Noah Fay and Mary Cooper Clark. Pat owned and operated Clark Excavating and Recycling Center for many years. He loved working and was in charge of the demolition of many buildings in the area.

Pat enjoyed camping, spending time with his family, trips to Wisconsin, and his dog, Critter.

Surviving are his wife, Jacque Lewis Clark, whom he married January 15, 1994 in Joliet; one son, Patrick "Gabe" Clark of Cullom; four daughters: Christine (Brian) Harin of Cullom; Lisa Jo Clark of Marion; Rhonda (Jeff) Derr and Darci (Rick) Duran, both of Godley; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters: Betty Soltysik of Custer Park and Judy Bolatto of Bonfield; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers: Francis Fay Clark, Ronald Clark, and John Clark; and grandson, Parker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the family.

To visit his online guestbook, log on to: www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com, or facebook.

Julia J. Halpin



CULLOM – Julia J. Halpin, 101, passed away peacefully Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 3:01 p.m. at home on the farm where she has lived for 80 years.

Julia was born August 16, 1916 in Gardner, daughter of George and Cenka Bajt Hibler. She married William W. Halpin February 12, 1938 in South Wilmington. He preceded her in death on March 29, 1989.

Surviving are four children: Shirley (Dave) Seyfried of Battle Lake, Minnesota; Alice Halpin of Chicago; William (Marsha) Halpin of Pontiac; and George (Marge) Halpin of Cullom.

Ten grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, George Ruwe of Carol Stream; two sisters: Dorothy Slejko of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Emma Schultz of Gardner; and two brothers: Harold (Elena) Hibler of Braidwood and

James (Diane) Hibler of Gardner. Julia was preceded in death by one daughter, Judy Ruwe; three brothers and two sisters. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John's Catholic Church and its Altar and Rosary Society.

Father William Keebler celebrated the Funeral Mass Monday, February 19, at 11 a.m., in St. John's Catholic Church in Cullom.

Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Cullom.

Visitation was Sunday from 4 until 8 p.m. at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Cullom. The rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Visitation was also Monday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Memorials in Julia's name may be made to St. John's Catholic Church or OSF Hospice.

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

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

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Minutes with Boma



Black Panther

I don't think that I've really ever claimed to be a movie person. Often times, for whatever reason, when there's a major release at the box office, I just don't end up seeing it. There's usually no specific reason as to why I don't go, it just doesn't end up working itself into my schedule.

This weekend, I decided to change that a little bit, I gave in to the hype surrounding this weekend's big movie, and went to see it. The big release this weekend was that of Black Panther, which is part of the Marvel family, and it features a super hero centered in Africa.

I also don't live or die with the Marvel series either, I've seen some of them, the Avengers, the Iron Man series, but far from being in tune with all the movies in the family. I'm a very casual Avengers, and Marvel fan as a whole. (I know there's probably Marvel fans who would very much dislike that statement.)

The movie itself was great. I personally think it's lazy to turn to the Rotten Tomatoes, and online reviews of the movie to decide whether or not the movie was good, but I'm going to do it anyway.

The movie currently has a score of 97% on Rotten Tomatoes, seeing as the maximum score you can have is 100%, that means 97% is very, very good. It was everything that you would want going into a Marvel super hero movie. The comedic moments that were built in throughout were great, the storyline was great, and then obviously the action from start to finish was great and kept me very engaged throughout the movie.

The other thing is, I didn't need to know much about the back story, or the comics, to walk into this movie and get a good understanding of the story, it did a great job of getting that across without leaning on the comic as a crutch in any way. This is big for someone like me who isn't as well versed in the comic book movie scene.

All in all, I don't know a lot about movies, or really know how to review them, but I do know that you should go and see Black Panther, because you will be entertained from start to finish.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Graduate

Letters to the Editor

in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words.

Letters must be signed when submitted and received by Friday noon prior to Wednesday publication.

Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household.

Political letters will not run the week prior to an election. *We welcome your thoughts.*

Calvin R. Wiemken

"The world rushes on over the strings of the lingering heart making the music of sadness."

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I miss you every day. Susan

Calvin R. Wiemken
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We talk about him, because he deserves to be remembered. We talk about him, because even though he's not physically with us, he's never far from our minds.

Death Changes Everything! Time Changes Everything... We still miss the sound of his voice, and the Wisdom in his advice.

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

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
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Pontiac, IL 61764

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Agronomy and Dairy Products Contest



PARTICIPATING IN THE Agronomy and Dairy Products Contest from the Dwight FFA were (from left) Garrett Severson, Sarah Koss and Karah Colebank.

Submitted photo



Herscher FFA Members at a recent freshman recruitment drive are (from left) Sopie Mau, Andria Denault, Bryce Overacker, Josh Kersten, and Brendan Aldridge.

Submitted photo

HHS FFA Week

The Herscher High School FFA is celebrating FFA week with the following activities:

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, the school had "Rising Sun" day with students dressing up in their PJs.

Today, Feb. 21, HHS students are dressing up in Plow-Ag Career Day clothing.

Thursday, Feb. 22 is Eagle-America day/Green-hand day.

Friday, Feb. 23 is Blue and Gold day.

Raffle tickets will be given to people who participate in dress-up days. There will be a drawing on Friday for a prize.

Also, there will be a duck hunt. Ms. Krople has hidden a stuffed duck around the school. Whoever finds the duck, wins it.



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FFA OFFICERS for the 2017-18 school year at Dwight Township High School include (front row from left) Kathryn Berta, reporter; MacKenzie Mantia, secretary treasurer; Karah Colebank, president; Lilli Groves, historian; (back row) Logan Widman, vice president; Garrett Severson, sentinel; Seth Perschnick, vice president; Leah Flynn, student advisor. Jodi Minnaert is the FFA advisor.

Submitted photo



TRI-POINT HIGH SCHOOL FFA officers are (front from left) Lindsay Haren, Brittney Billerbeck, Dakota Jonkman Mills; (back row) Tara Hummel, Randal Ifft, Jimmy Haag and Gabby McDermott.

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THIS IS THE 2017-18 Tri-Point High School FFA Group, under the direction of Diana Loschen.

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DTHS FFA Week Activities

Dwight Township High School is marking National FFA Week (Feb. 17 through 24) with dress up days throughout the week.

There was no school Monday, Feb. 19.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, was Red vs. Green (Case vs. John Deere).

Wednesday (today, Feb. 21) is Camo & Blaze Orange.

Thursday, Feb. 22, will be Flannel & Jeans.

Friday, Feb. 23 will be FFA Day (FFA Shirts or Blue & Gold).

There was a milk chugging contest in the cafeteria on Tuesday and, a 4-court tournament in the gym Wednesday-Friday.

Thursday, the FFA Officers will be delivering cinnamon rolls from Pfaff's starting at 7:45 teacher's classrooms.

Friday morning- FFA members will be preparing a sausage and pancake breakfast in the cafeteria for \$1. Students and staff are invited.

2017-2018 FFA Officers:

- Karah Colebank – President
- Seth Perschnick- Vice President
- Logan Widman- Vice President
- MacKenzie Mantia-Secretary/Treasurer
- Kathryn Berta- Reporter
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Tri-Point FFA Week Activities

The Tri-Point FFA chapter is planning for the events of National FFA Week 2018. National FFA Week is February 17-24 with the theme “I Can, We Will”.

Activities at Tri-Point include:

Tuesday was Greenhand Day and FFA Treat Day.

Today is Wednesday – Agriculture Apparel Day, Section 10 Social.

Thursday is FFA Member/Staff/Administration/Appreciation Luncheon, – Truck & Tractor Day.

Friday – FFA Hosts “Live Line” Assembly (high school, junior high, and public invited).

Through Friday there will be an FFA Fear Factor event during lunch hour. An overall Fear Factor winner will win cash!

Chapter Officers for 2017-18 include:

President: Randal Ifft; Vice President: Tara Hummel; Reporter: Jimmy Haag; Secretary: Lindsay Haren; Treasurer: Gabby McDermott; Sentinel: Dakota Jonkman-Mills; and Historian: Brittney Billerbeck.



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The Tri-Point FFA, along with Eastern Illini Electrical Cooperative, Tri-Point Schools, and the Tri-Point FFA Alumni will be hosting the “Live Line” Electrical Demonstration to conclude National FFA Week activities.

The presentation, which is open to the public, will highlight numerous electrical safety situations, especially those involving young drivers. The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday and the public is invited.

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Donkey Basketball Showdown, Teachers vs. Students Fund-raiser for FCCLA, Friends of Rachel



THE DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL gymnasium was packed with students, parents and fans during the donkey basketball fund-raiser for FCCLA and Friends of Rachel.

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ATTEMPTING TO “get back onto the (proverbial) horse,” or in this case donkey, was not too easy for Dwight Township High School student Dakotah Harris (right foreground) as defending science teacher Becky Stipanovich looks on. Student Abby Tyler rides up from the edge of the court. The action was during the teachers vs. students in donkey basketball game, Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The Paper photo



DWIGHT TOWNSHIP High School math teacher Joe Micetich advances, slowly, toward making a field goal during donkey basketball action at the school Feb. 13.

The Paper photo

Tri-Point NHS 5K Run Set

To help kids in need, the Tri-Point High School National Honor Society will be hosting a 5K run and 2 mile run/walk to raise money for two organizations, Prevent Child Abuse America and the Ronald McDonald House.

The race will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Cullom Park Pavilion in Cullom. Early registration ends on March 28 (a shirt is guaranteed).

Participants may register after this date until the time

of the race, but the cost is higher and does not guarantee a shirt. Race registration on April 28 will be from 8-8:45 a.m. in the Cullom Park at the pavilion (look for signs on Rt 116).

To print a registration form, visit www.tripointschools.org and click on the “National Honor Society” link.

For more information or questions, please contact Alison Buckley at 815-689-2110 ext 302.

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Donkey Basketball Raises \$2,950

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Dwight Township High School Donkey Basketball game raised \$2,950 to be split between FCCLA and the Friends of Rachel project.

According to unofficial scores from Principal Dan Kaiser, these are the results:

DTHS Staff defeated DTHS Seniors 14-4.

Dwight PD/EMS defeated DGS Staff 8-4.

In the championship, DTHS Staff and Dwight

PD/EMS tied 4-4 and DTHS Staff won the tiebreaker in an arm wrestling contest.

Team members are as follows:

DTHS Faculty & Staff
Kathy Patten, Becky Stipanovich, Julie Jensen, Nicole Dunnill, Dan Kaiser, Mitch Thompson, Joe Micetich, Jeremy Connor, and Lindsey Jensen.

DTHS Students
Lucy Rieke, Leah Flynn, Dakotah Harris, Jillian Frauli, Katelyn Masching, Morgyn Moyemont,

Kaylynn Farris, Kathlene Huffaker, Sarah Koss, Abby Tyler, Michael Johnson, and Morgan Fritz.

DGS Faculty & Staff
Stinnett Gettinger, Sarah Jones, Jillian Will, Jessica Law, Corilyn McCullough, Stephanie Flott, and Tammy Stolzenbach.

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Robert Kelly
Township Supervisor

**ALLEN TOWNSHIP
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Fiscal Year April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016

Cash balance, April 1, 2015	\$405,547
Cash receipts:	
Property taxes	\$127,489
Personal Property Tax	13,187
Motor Fuel Tax	67,346
Interest received on deposits	115
State Grant	3,715
Windmill Income	17,261
Motor Fuel Tax Reimbursed for Prior Year Expenditures	271,856
Loan Proceeds	179,476
Transfer from Perm Rd Fund to E & B Fund	2,565
Transfer from R & B Fund to E & B Fund	1,977
Transfer from Town Fund to E & B Fund	100,000
Total cash receipts	784,987
Cash disbursements (see listing attached)	508,275
Cash balance March 31, 2016	\$682,259
Vendor Summary:	

	Aggregate Amount Paid
Ameson Oil Company	\$ 6,000
Beniach Construction	84,933
Central Limestone	30,704
Contect Construction	2,565
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LaSalle County Highway Fund	2,593
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McCoy & Sons Tiling	11,814
Quaka Trucking	119,316
Red’s Truck Repair	3,611
Road Maintenance Service	3,408
Rush Truck Center	179,476
Transfer from R & B Fund to E & B Fund	1,978
Transfer from Perm. Road Fund to E & B Fund	2,565
Amounts less than \$2,500	9,849
	508,275

Fund Summary:	Road and Bridge	Permanent Road	Special Bridge	Equipment & Building
Beginning Balance	\$242,501	92,290	51,672	19,084
Revenue	421,889	54,011	15,418	293,669
Less: Disbursements	(213,253)	(61,072)	(13,218)	(220,732)
Ending Balance	\$451,137	85,229	53,872	92,021

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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.

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

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 post-marked by midnight or returned in person by 7 PM to the County Clerk’s Office on March 20th.

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

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)
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**DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL**

**Monday, February 12
Dwight vs. Kankakee
Bishop Mac
6th Grade -**

Dwight’s sixth grade girls hosted Kankakee Bishop Mac February 12, defeating them 25-18, 25-14.

High scorer was Kiah Handzus with ten. Other scorers were Milana Bradley with seven, Brynn Connor with six, Maci Johnson – five, and Leah Larson had two.

In the “B” game, Dwight won 25-10, 25-12.

Leading scorer was Emma Maierhofer with 11. Other scorers were Milana Bradley – five, Brynn Connor and Claire Robison each had three, and Kiah Handzus, Maci Johnson, Katy Parker, and Lily Walkup each had two.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade meeting, DGS traveled to Kankakee to beat Bishop Mac in three sets, 26-24,

18-25, 25-15.

Alexis Thetard led with 13 points, including six aces, four kills, and three blocks. Toni Treglio had nine points, with two aces, four kills, and two digs. Jordan Schultz added seven points, including two aces, three digs, two kills, and a dig. Hailey Heath chipped in six points, with two aces and two digs. Erin Anderson contributed a point, two digs, and one assist. Jenna Stogner had seven points, two aces, four kills, one dig, and six assists.

**Tuesday, February 13
Dwight vs. Ottawa
Shepherd
6th Grade -**

In sixth grade volleyball action, the Lady Redbirds lost on the road to Ottawa Shepherd, 11-25, 8-25.

Kiah Handzus led with five points, followed by Brynn Connor with two. Milana Bradley, Maci Johnson, and Claire Robison each added a point.

In “B” game play, Dwight lost 11-25, 10-25.


Brianna Cuaya, Kiah Handzus, Ella Legner, and Emma Maierhofer all had two points. Leah Larson and Lily Walkup had one each.

**Thursday, February 15
Dwight vs. Tri-Point
8th Grade -**

The Lady Redbirds beat Tri-Point 25-11, 25-19 in volleyball action February 15.

Jenna Stogner (three aces, seven assists, one kill), Alexis Thetard (six aces, two kills), and Jordan Schultz (four aces) all had seven points. Hailey Heath hit for six points, three of which were aces, and had one kill. Cheyanne Condrey added four aces and one assist, with Erin Anderson contributing an ace. Toni Treglio had nine kills, while Alayna Airgood dished two assists.

The Lady Redbirds up

**MVK LADY MAVS VOLLEYBALL**

**Monday, February 12
MVK vs. ICS
7th Grade -**

The seventh grade Lady Mavs dropped to 3-13 on the season, following a loss to ICS in three sets, 19-25, 25-19, 17-25.

Harmony Neal had seven service points. Jada Baudino passed 12 times while adding two kills.

8th Grade -

MVK’s eighth grade girls beat ICS 25-12, 25-20.

Leslie Klicker had 13 service points. Emma Smith had two kills and two blocks. Taya Roe had nine passes off serve receive.

**Thursday, February 15
MVK vs. Pontiac St. Mary’s
7th Grade -**

In seventh grade play February 15, MVK lost in three sets to Pontiac St. Mary’s, 25-19, 17-25, 8-25.

Kaitlyn Rangel had six service points, with Harmony Neal recording six kills and a block.

The Lady Mavs are 3-14.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade meeting, the Lady Mavericks fell 15-25, 16-25.

“The scores do not reflect the awesome play of the entire match,” commented Coach Jackie Litwiller afterwards.

Emma Smith had six service points, three of which were aces. She also had four kills and two blocks. Taya Roe added four kills, while Summer Rangel had two blocks.

MVK is now 7-10 overall.

**SAUNEMIN EAGLES BASKETBALL**

On Friday night, Saunemin knocked off Woodland, 39-19.

Conner Telford led all scorers with 16 points. Myles Gilliam scored seven, while Brandon Taylor and Reed Frazier added six points each. James Durham and Timmy Logan each scored two points.

Saturday saw the Eagles jump out to a big 36-18 lead at the half over Cornell – en route to a 47-36 win over the Cougars in the consolation semi-finals.

Telford led three Eagles in double-figures with 15. Frazier and Durham pitched in 12 and 10 points, respectively. Daniel Hernandez and Taylor each had four points, with Logan scoring two.

MOWING BID

The Village of Saunemin is accepting bids for mowing Village property. Information can be provided by contacting Village Clerk, Nancy Haag at 815-832-4334 (leave a message) or stop by State Bank of Saunemin for info – during the day. Bids may be for one or two years and must be submitted by March 13, 2018. Mail bid AND proof of insurance to: Village of Saunemin, Mowing Bid, PO Box 283, Saunemin, IL 61769.

ALLEN TOWNSHIP

The following Treasurer’s Report for the Allen Township (Town and General Assistance Funds) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, is published in compliance with Chapter 102, Section 5, et seq., Illinois Revised Statutes.


Robert Kelly
Township Supervisor

**ALLEN TOWNSHIP
TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Fiscal Year April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016

Cash balance, April 1, 2015	\$152,387
Cash receipts:	
Property taxes	\$ 99,193
Personal Property Tax	10,747
Interest received on deposits	37
Transfer to Town Fund from GA Fund	100
Miscellaneous Income	1,323
Total cash receipts	111,400
Cash disbursements (see listing attached)	160,100
Cash balance March 31, 2016	\$103,687
Listing of cash disbursements by payee:	
Compensation Summary:	
Under (\$18,000) Andrew Wright, Diane Rzasa, James Cahill, James Talty, Jayne Corsini, Robert Kelly, and William Bergeson:	\$33,980
Vendor Summary:	

	Aggregate Amount Paid	
Allen Township Cemetery	\$	5,500
Internal Revenue Service		2,629
TOIRMA		6,321
Transfer to Town Fund from GA Fund		100
Transfer to Equip. Bldg. Fund from Town Fund		100,000
Amounts Less than \$2,500		<u>11,570</u>
		126,120
Fund Summary:		
	<u>Town</u>	<u>General Assistance</u>
Beginning Balance	\$142,966	9,421
Revenue	111,400	-
Less: Disbursements	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>(100)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 94,366</u>	<u>9,321</u>

**TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL**


**Friday, February 16
Tri-Point vs. Donovan
Varsity -**

It was Senior Night in Cullom February 16, as Tri-Point took on Donovan – getting a big win, 82-43, to finish the season 12-14 overall and 6-6 in the RVC.

Mark Miller went off for 30 points, including an incredible eight three-pointers. Nick Mahoney (three three-pointers) and Randal Ifft (one three-pointer) added 17 and 13 points, respectively. Dalton Lawless hit two threes, on his way to ten points. Brian Curling chipped in eight points, with Piers Cardenas scoring four.

The Chargers hit 14 treys in total during the contest.

The JV Chargers also won, 52-41. They end the season at 12-6 overall and 10-2 in the conference.

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For more information, please contact the Livingston County Clerk’s Office at 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, IL 815-844-2006

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Cullom	\$2.49	\$2.49
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• FEB. 22: Praise Band rehearsal, 6 p.m.; Norwex meeting, 6 p.m.
• FEB. 23: MWDC, 7:30 a.m.; UMW Conference Retreat, Chatham UMC, 9 a.m.
• FEB. 24: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.; UMW Conference Retreat, Chatham UMC, 9 a.m.; AA meeting, 9 a.m.
• FEB. 25: Early Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Praise Team rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Scouts #4877, 4 p.m.
• FEB. 26: Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; DUMM meeting, 7 p.m.
• FEB. 27: Hens Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.; Scouts #1505, 6 p.m.
• FEB. 28: Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L. & Ignite, 7 p.m.

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• FEB. 25: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "The Righteousness That Comes From Faith;"
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• FEB. 25: 9 a.m., "Bible Study"; 10 a.m., Main Service - Communion; Kid's Church, ages 3 - 11; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
• FEB. 28: 5 p.m., Prayer Night.

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• FEB. 25: 8 a.m., Mass.

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• FEB. 21: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office
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DTHS January Students of the Month



DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL January Students of the Month are (from left) Garrett Watson (Senior), J.C. Santos (Junior), Nathan Green (Sophomore), and Eileen Betsworth (Freshman). Submitted photo

Prairie Creek Library, Dwight Adds ManyTitles to Collection

Prairie Creek Library recently added several titles to its collection.

New picture books include: Dinosaur Train: The Amazing World of Dinosaurs by Craig Bartlett; Hello Kitty: Happy Valentine’s Day by Elizabeth Bennett; Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown; Lego Super Heroes Save the Day by Trey King; Lego City: Police Pursuit by Meredith Rusu; The Bad Mood and the Stick by Lemony Snicket; and several titles in the Tractor Mac series by Billy Steers.

Early reader books include: Team Batman by Beth Davies; Vroom, Zoom, Bud by Patricia Lakin; Secret Ninja Force by Julia March; and Just a Little Love by Mercer Mayer.

Junior fiction books include: Lego Super Heroes: Attack of the Legion of Doom! by J.E. Bright; Ben Franklin’s in my Bathroom by Candace Fleming; Spy School by Stuart Gibbs; You Choose: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs by Jessica Gunderson; The Force Oversleeps by Jarrett Korsoczka; Mrs. Moody in the Birthday Jinx by Megan McDonald; Nzingha: Warrior Queen of Matamba by Patricia McKissack; and Enchanted Pony Academy: Dreams that Sparkle by Lisa Ann Scott.

Junior non-fiction books include: Animal Planet: Strange, Unusual, Gross & Cool Animals by Charles Ghigna; National Geographic Kids: Predators Collection by Laura Marsh; Gerbils by Jackie Roswell; 20 Fun Facts about Alexander Hamilton by M.H. Seeley; and 20 Fun Facts about Aaron Burr by M.H. Seeley.

Teen and young adult fiction include: Polaris by

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Fiction books include: Carnegie’s Maid by Marie Benedict; Hidden Depths: A Vera Stanhope Mystery by Ann Cleeves; and Fall from Grace by Danielle Steel.

Fiction available in large print includes: Magicians Impossible by Brad Abraham; The Girl in the Tower by Katherine Arden; Pudding Up with Murder by Julia Buckley; Robicheaux by James Lee Burke; Once Upon a Spine by Kate Carlisle; Fools and Mortals by Bernard Cornwell; The Wanted by Robert Crais; Sunday Silence by Nicci French; All the Ugly and Wonderful Things by Bryn Greenwood; Death at Nuremberg: A Clandestine Operations Novel by W.E.B. Griffin; The Dirty Book Club by Lisi Harrison; The Library at the Edge of the World by Felicity Hayes-McCoy; A Tangled Yarn by Betty Hechtman; Dead with the Wind by Miranda James; The Whispering Room by Dean Koontz; Promise Not to Tell by Jayne Ann Krentz; No Place I’d Rather Be by Cathy Lamb; Left to Chance by Amy Sue Nathan; Your Killin’ Heart by Peggy O’Neal Peden; Golden Hill: A Novel of Old New York by Francis Spufford; Operator Down by Brad Taylor; Black and Blueberry Die by Livia J. Washburn; and Unbound by Stuart Woods.

Non-fiction titles include: The Last Veterans of World War II: Portraits and Memories by Richard Bell; The Total Fishing Manual by Joe Cermele and the

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DVDs include: American Pie presents the Naked Mile; American Pie presents Beta House; Anger Management; The Big Bang Theory: Seasons 1-2; Blood Diamond; Bruce Almighty; Cheaper by the Dozen; Duck Tales: Volumes 1-3 (25th anniversary edition); Duck Tales the Movie: Treasure of the Lost Lamp; Eloise at Christmastime; Everybody Loves Raymond: Seasons 2-6; Father Dowling Mysteries: The Complete Series; Hawaii Five-O: Seasons 1-2; The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks; John Wick; John Wick. Chapter 2; Men in Black II; Monk Seasons 2-5; The Office. Overtime; Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales; Scrubs: The Complete First Season; Super Mario Bros.; Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby; Tremors; Tropic Thunder; The Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo: Monsters on the Beach; Wild Hogs; WWE Insurrection; and WWE Unforgiven.

Bloomington Edge Designates March 16 as Dwight Community Night

The Bloomington Edge Arena Football team has designated March 16 as Dwight Community Night at Grossinger Motors Arena, with a game time set for 7:05 p.m.

The Bloomington Edge Organization has made it their mission to provide all surrounding communities with high quality family fun and entertainment at their events. They are teaming up with local youth and charitable organizations to make a

positive impact on young people.

As part of the March 16 game, the Dwight Township High School Pep Band has been designated a section and will perform songs throughout the night. Members of the chorus have also been chosen to sing the National Anthem before the game. In addition, the Dwight seventh grade boys basketball team, DTHS Competitive Cheer Squad, and Mrs. Lindsey Jensen

(Illinois Teacher of the Year) will be recognized during the game. The Competitive Cheer Squad will also be performing at halftime.

Ticket sales from the game will go back to the incentive programs at Dwight Grade School and DTHS. Ticket sales begin February 26 and can be purchased at the following locations: **DTHS, DGS, Dwight Economic Alliance, Jeremy’s Barbershop, Jensen’s BP.**

Shrouded In Mist



DOWNTOWN DWIGHT, JUST like the rest of the towns covered by The Paper, was shrouded in creepy mist that obscured visibility on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 15. Melting snow was to blame. The thick, pea soup fog began Wednesday afternoon and turned to rain by Thursday afternoon with temperatures in the lower 40s.

The Paper photo

Odell Sportsman’s Club to Host Cabin Fever Fish, Smelt Fry in Odell March 12

Members of the 50/50 raffle. Odell Sportsman’s Club will host their annual Cabin Fever Fish/Smelt Fry Mon., March 12, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Pour Farmer’s Pub in Odell.

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Thurs., Feb. 22: Stuffed chicken breast, baked oni-ons, Midori blend vegetables, whole grain wheat (1), pineapple pistachio pudding.

Fri., Feb. 23: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, Harvard beets, whole grain wheat (1), fresh fruit.

Mon., Feb. 26:

Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole grain wheat (1), tropical fruit.

Tues., Feb. 27: Cheese manicotti (2) with meat sauce, Mexi-corn, broccoli, whole grain wheat (1), pears.

Wed., Feb. 28: Beef stew with potatoes, carrots and onions, three-bean salad, whole grain biscuits, warm fruit crisp.

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At the Churches

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hours; 4 p.m., Youth Group; 4:30 p.m., Easter Cantata rehearsal.
• FEB. 22: Church office closed; 12 noon, Sarah Circle at Dwight Country Club.
• FEB. 23: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 8 p.m., AA meeting.
• FEB. 25: Second Sunday of Lent – 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m., Council Minutes meeting.
• FEB. 26: Church office closed; 9 a.m. - noon, quilting.
• FEB. 27: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 9 a.m. - noon, quilting; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries.
• FEB. 28: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4 p.m., Youth Group; 4:30 p.m., Easter Cantata rehearsal.
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• No Sunday, Feb. 25 service. The congregation is invited to a free concert at Mazon United Methodist by Jake’s Boys, a popular Southern Gospel group. It begins at 9 a.m. Rides from Braceville are available.

CAMPUS
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• FEB. 25: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON
Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor
• FEB. 25: 8:45 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: “The Righteousness That Comes From Faith.”
DATE TO REMEMBER: April 15, 3 p.m. – Installation of Rev. Grant Speece at First Congregational U.C.C. with dinner to follow service.
“February Food Pantry Collection” – Pasta Sauces (Tomato, Alfredo, etc.)
March “Mission of the Month” – One Great Hour of Sharing / O.G.H.S.

ESSEX
Essex United Methodist Church
114 Waverly St.
• SUNDAY, 9 a.m., Children Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study; 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service. Services led by Lay Servants Terry Goodwin and Linda Michel

KINSMAN
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor
• Sundays, 8 a.m., Mass.
• Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m., Mass; Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. during Lent.

MAZON
Mazon United Methodist Church
Office phone: 448-5677
Pastor Karen Fabian
www.mazonmethodist.com
• Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School following worship service.

Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ
806 Park Street
Pastor Tyler Carrell
Phone 448-5514
• Sunday Worship Services, 9 a.m.
• Sunday School: “Blast Off”, 9:10 a.m.

• Coffee hour, 10:15 a.m.
• Sr. High Youth Group and Small Study Group, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

REDDICK
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor
• Saturdays: 5:30 p.m., Mass.

SOUTH WILMINGTON
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor
• Saturdays, 4 p.m., Mass
• Sundays, 10 a.m., Mass
• Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Mass.
• Stations of the Cross Wednesdays at 7 p.m., during Lent.

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Livingston County Pheasants Forever Chapter Banquet Set for March 19

The Livingston County Chapter of Pheasants Forever is holding its annual fund-raising banquet on Monday, March 19, at the Pontiac Elks Club. The doors open at 5:00 and dinner will begin being served at 6:00.

Doug Wessels, Livingston County chapter president, stated that the banquet is the single most important fund-raising event during the year. Everyone concerned with local ring-necked pheasants and wildlife populations in general is encouraged to attend. There will be outstanding food, great prizes, and a lot of fun for people of all ages.

The Livingston County Chapter was recognized at the State Meeting for its effort in promoting pollinator habitat. It had 22 projects for a total of 782 acres which ranked first in Illinois. This total was recog-

nized in the latest issue of the *Pheasants Forever Magazine* as the 14th highest total in the nation in 2017. Also recognized was the Dassow Family, for their interest and commitment to wildlife habitat.

For more information on the banquet or Pheasants Forever, contact Dick Vaughan (815) 657-7789; Steve Weeks (815) 692-2302; Doug Wessels (815) 657-8682, or Mike Oughton (815) 529-3306.

If you need an order form for Banquet tickets, you will be able to print from the web page. Check our web page often as it maintains the meeting schedule and other activities. Livingston County PF Web Page:

<http://livingstoncountypheasantsforever.org/>



Cub Scout Pack 802 of Campus Meets

Cub Scout Pack 802 of Campus held its monthly pack meeting January 28 at the hall in Campus.

Owen Griner received his Bobcat badge and the following Tiger adventure loops: Duty to God, Games Tigers Play, My Tiger Jungle, Team Tiger, Tiger Bites, and Tigers in the Wild.

Zeke Houberg received his Duty to God in Action and the Outdoorsman adventure loops. Zeke had previously been awarded his Webelos badge, the Duty to God adventure loop, and the Game Design adventure loop.

After a discussion of upcoming events, the local Pinewood Derby was run. The winner of the Wolf Den was: first place – Owen Griner. The winners of the Bear Den were: first place – Mitchell Woods; second place – Garrett Smolkovich. The winner of the Webelos den was: first place – Zeke Houberg. The overall pack winners were: first place – Zeke Houberg; second place – Owen Griner; third place – Mitchell Woods.

The open class winners were: first place – Zeke Houberg; second place – Rebecca Griner; third place – Tucker Griner. The other racers in the open class were Mitchell Woods, Garrett Smolkovich, Owen Griner, Hillary Houberg, Marco Smolkovich, Aileen Houberg, and Fay Houberg. The open class race was for anyone who wanted to race a car.



SENECA HIGH SCHOOL FFA members recently attended the Illinois FFA Alumni Convention and are now celebrating National FFA Week with the rest of their chapter. Attending were (from left) Logan Daggett, Ian Wilkinson, Hallie Roszak, Gabby Clubb, Ryann Kenney, Zoey Ferrara, Sydney Poyner, and Braydon Payne.

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Seneca FFA Celebrates FFA Week

The Seneca FFA will celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 17-24, 2018. National FFA Week embraces more than 90 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. More than 653,000 members with a passion for agriculture will participate in activities

The Seneca FFA has planned an array of recreational, educational, and public relations activities.

Activities planned included a trip to Peoria on Saturday to take in a Peoria Rivermen Hockey game, a trip to Champaign-Urbana on Sunday for FFA Day at the Illini basketball game, and participating in the Section 7 Dodgeball Tournament in Ottawa on Tuesday.



“Dodging Hunger” is the theme of the tournament and will include a food collection for local food pantries. The week will conclude with an all-night lock-in at the school.

Members will also be given live radio interviews, celebrating the successful fruit sale with a lunch pizza party, involving all of Seneca High School with Blue and Gold Day on

Wednesday (today, Feb. 21), and speaking with next year's freshmen on Thursday.

Greenhands will compete in the chapter FFA Creed CDE on Wednesday with the winner advancing to the section contest. The introduction to horticulture class will spend Friday at JJC starting with a tour of the greenhouse facilities and then testing their knowledge by competing in the JJC Horticulture CDE.

The Seneca FFA currently has 178 members and was ranked second in the state in 2017. Major upcoming activities include the Seneca FFA Toy Show, Sale and Auction and 30 MPH, a community-wide clean-up program.

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Feb. 17-24, 2018

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THE DWIGHT TOWNSHIP High School FCCLA Winter Ball Future queen and king are (front standing) Delani Leonard and Oliver Snyder. The court includes (second row from left) Junior Kat Harms, Hunter Sulaica, seniors Jillian Frauli and Morgyn Moyemont, Sophomores Owen Van der Karr with Addison Bean; (back row) freshman Nellie Rieke; Queen Lucy Rieke, King Jimmy Soto, Freshman Lucus Kisner.

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Heritage Woods Valentine’s Day Royalty



EVELYN ZELINSKY AND PAUL RICHARDS were named Valentine’s Day royalty at this year’s Heritage Woods of Dwight Valentine’s Day festivities.

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