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With 10 DTHS Students You Get Egg Roll ... Art In D.C., That Is

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor Some readers may recall the Hollywood movie "With Six You Get Egg Roll."

Well, with ten Dwight Township High School Students' art projects, you get egg roll – Egg Roll Art that is, for the 2018 White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn.

This all came about because DTHS was put on the map by Lindsey Jensen, high school English teacher who was named the 2018 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

Due to that honor, she was contacted by the Federal Department of Education to see if Dwight students would be interested in participating by contributing artwork to the White House Easter Egg Roll.

Of course she said yes, and immediately contacted DTHS art instructor Patricia Farrell-Levange whose students are submitting art.

"There are moments when being Teacher of the Year yields a lot of attention," Jensen told *The Paper* last week. "When I have the opportunity to redirect that attention to showcase the wonderful things that are happening in Dwight public schools, it brings me great joy."

The Easter Egg Roll will this as a "once-in-a-lifetime

take place Monday, April 2, with President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania hosting the event on the South Lawn and Ellipse.

The Easter Egg Roll is a tradition that dates back to the administration of President Rutherford B. Haves.

Each state in the United States will be invited to participate and DTHS will represent Illinois.

Artwork was to be submitted March 18.

Farrell-Lavange said she initially invited one art student from each grade level, then the art students nominated others to participate, bringing the list to 10 including: Faith Rowland, Madison Hughes, Ben Myzia, Madisyn Hatfield, Izzy Burkhardt, Amber Gajda, Gabriel Mascolo, Betsworth, Josh Tory Schumacher and Jordan Emmons.

Farrell-Lavange said the artwork will be displayed as a backdrop for the egg roll and will be in color.

Students sketched the drawings in black and white, then color was added by three students with the use of computers.

Gajda, one of the 10 students in an ABC news interview March 15, described this as a "once-in-a-lifetime

opportunity."

Rowland, another senior, said this is an "opportunity to showcase" her art.

Many students did two drawings, of state symbols like the state animal, state food, or even the state fossil (the Tully Monster discovered in Essex).

One student did calligraphy for the first works of the state song "By the Rivers Gently Flowing, Illinois, Illinois."

"Each design will be printed onto a 2D egg, with a placard crediting the name of the school and state where the design originated," according to the Egg Roll rules.

They will include pantone colors of gold, green, yellow, pink and blue plus white as a background.

At first Farrel-Lavange thought it was an art competition but later learned that only DTHS student art will represent Illinois.

The art is all done by students, with the teacher offering feedback and guidance.

"The decorated eggs will be displayed as guests enter the event to illustrate the vast footprint of the Easter Egg Roll, as families from each state will receive tickets," the rules explained.

More photos appear on page 8.



TWO ART students at Dwight Township High School, Tory Betsworth (left) and Ben Myzia, electronically add colors to student designs that will be on display April 2 in Washington, D.C.

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ILLINOIS TEACHER OF the Year, Lindsey Jensen (left), shoots digital film on Skype for a taped interview of students Faith Rowland (center) and Madison Hughes for an ABC affiliate. Because Jensen was named Teacher of the Year, her school was selected to represent Illinois by creating artwork for the annual Easter Egg Roll on April 2.

The Paper photo

Ecumenical Service and Breakfasts

The Ecumenical Service will be March 30, at 12:10 p.m. At St. Patrick's.

The Ladies Ecumenical Breakfast will be held Wednesday, March 28, at New Life Assembly of God in Dwight at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

All Christian men are invited to an Ecumenical Breakfast Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 a.m. at the Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia Street.

Herscher Unit 2 May Hire Third Social Worker To Attack Growing Mental Health Issues

by Myke Feinman Managing Editor

In the wake of the recent school shooting in Florida that left 17 people dead, the Herscher Unit 2 School district will soon act on the proposal to hire a third social worker for the district.

In addition to school security issues that resulted in a school shooting in Florida, and the epidemic of school shootings across the nation, Herscher Unit 2 itself handled a "threatening note" Feb. 28 that resulted in Herscher High School student discipline with mandatory counseling.

The board heard a presentation at its March 12 meeting to hire a third full-time social worker to attack growing mental health issues that students are dealing with. Action on the hiring will be done at the April meeting.

"Students are coming to high school with much more of a need than social workers dealt with in the past," said superintendent Rich Decman.

Decman said there is more depression, problems involving broken homes, and other issues.

"There is heightened awareness of potential issues that youth are going through," Decman said.

"We are trying to assist students to get them the help they need," he continued. "The school shootings played a part in the discussion," for the third social worker.

The additional social worker is not the only plan of attack being undertaken by Unit 2 staff, he said.

The administrators are attending a Crisis management seminar in Dwight this July.

Faculty will be practicing school shooter drills.

The district also meets with local fire and police on those school safety issues, and is attacking bullying with anti-bullying techniques.

"We need to teach the kids to cope better," Decman said. "How do folks handle that after they finish school?"

There are parts of the curriculum already attacking anti-bullying techniques in Grades K-4, anti-bullying in the middle school curriculum, and many clubs at the high school teaching leadership and coping skills.

The HHS health unit also has a unit on bullying, Decman said.

Is Unit 2 planning to arm its teachers?

"Arming teachers is still in discussion," he said with people on both sides of the issue and no consensus established.

In other action, the board: • voted to continue to the design phase for the retrofit Limestone Middle School's \$5.5 million renovation project. 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 include connecting two buildings, adding an elevator, moving the office for enhanced security and consolidating two

• rehired the administrative staff.

cafeterias into one.

• offered contracts to all second, third and fourth year teachers.

· teachers offered tenured contracts include Teresa Cotter, kindergarten at Bonfield; Anya Bauer, preschool at Bonfield; Christopher Bachmann, high school biology; Kevin Promis, high school special education; and Mallory McClintock, third grade at Herscher Intermediate School.

GSW H.S. Students Hold 'Walk In'

In response to March 14 National Walkout day, students at Gardner-South Wilmington High School held a "Walk In" day.

The presidents and vice presidents from each class at GSW High School met with high school principal, John Engelman, and staff members.

This team created a plan to honor the 17 victims in the Florida shooting and to offer support for those who believe gun laws should be changed.

The entire event was student-led. The day started with Senior class President Walker Eutsey addressing the students over the school (continued on page 3)





GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON High School students mingled in the school gym March 14 in memory of the 17 people who died in a school shooting a month earlier, staging a "walk in."

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Dwight School Districts on

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3/17 - Bob Ohlendorf, Dwight......\$25

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Ransom Man

Hits Deer With Car

Dylan Depaz, 20, of

Ransom, was westbound on

N. 15th Road at 10:45 p.m.,

March 10 when his vehicle

County Deputies that a deer

ran out in front of his vehicle

and struck the left front quar-

Traffic Crash

Claims Life

ner's office along with the

Grundy County Sheriff

Department is investigating

a traffic crash that claimed

the life of Robert G. Hogg,

Channahon, Friday

The premliminary inves-

tigation indicates the vehicle

driven by Mr. Hogg was

eastbound on Gardner black-

top when he failed to stop for

the stop sign at the intersec-

tion of Gardner blacktop and

Rt. 47. His unit struck a

large flatbed trailer that was

being pulled southbound on

that Mr. Hogg was extricated

from the vehicle and trans-

ported to Morris Hospital

where he was pronounced

under investigation by both

dead at 6:45 p.m. Friday.

Coroner Callahan stated

Grundy County Coro-

No citations were issued.

No injuries were reported.

He reported to La Salle

struck a deer.

ter panel.

evening.

Rt. 47.

agencies.

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and the Livingston County

advised that approximately

60 doses of suspected hero-

in, \$250.00, and a 2005 Ford

passenger car (valued at

\$1,000) were seized during

Sheriff's Police Sheriff Tony

Childress advised that on

March 14, a traffic stop led

to the arrest of Samantha

During the investigation,

Martinez was arrested for

DUI Drugs and Possession

of a Controlled Substance

with intent to deliver, 1-15

grams (cocaine). Childress

reported 14.1 grams of cocaine, hydrocodone and

\$1,051.00 in cash were

advised that Martinez was

out on bond for delivery of

heroin on March 7, 2018.

Martinez is currently being

held at the Livingston

County Jail with no bond.

Livingston County Patrol

and the Livingston County

Proactive unit were involved

Childress

Martinez (Chatsworth).

County

Sheriff Childress further

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1505 visited the Dwight Police

Station March 13 to learn about fingerprinting as part of

the activities to earn the Junior Detective badge. Officer

Beier, left, demonstrated the equipment and process used

to check for and collect fingerprint evidence. The girls

listened intently and afterward were given an opportuni-

ty to collect fingerprints from a cup and transfer them to

Livingston Co. Proactive

Makes Arrests

K9 Unit.

the arrest.

seized.

in the arrest.

JITT to Begin its Season in April

Livingston

County

Martinez

a card they could take home.

Sheriff's Police Sheriff Tony

Childress advised that on

March 7, an ongoing investi-

gation led the Livingston Co.

Proactive Unit to arrest Ryan

Molck (Chatsworth) with

felony count of unlawful

delivery of a controlled sub-

stance (1-15 grams of hero-

in) within 500 feet of a

church, park, or school;

(Chatsworth) with felony

possession of controlled sub-

stances (1-15 grams of hero-

in), and Christina Scott

(Chatsworth) with felony

counts of unlawful delivery

15 grams of heroin) within

500 feet of a church, park, or

The arrests were made in

Sheriff Childress said all

three subjects were jailed on

felony charges, awaiting an

appearance in front of a

investigation were the

Livingston Co. Proactive

Drug Unit, Dwight Drug

Unit, the Livingston County

State's Attorney's Office,

"Junk In The Trunk" or

"JITT" of Morris will begin its

season for the year of 2018

Sunday, April 15. It will take

place on the third Sunday of

each month from April through

ket will have their JITT on the

through October. Same times

month. No commercial ven-

Gardner Co-Op flea mar-

Sunday from April

October In Morris .

and rules apply.

Agencies involved in the

Livingston County Judge.

Livingston

Samantha

The incident remains of a controlled substance (1-

school.

Chatsworth.

FOR THE RECORD

Ticket Issued by Dwight Police

March 9: Genevra A. Walters, 49, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

Accident Report

Friday, March 9, 2:01 p.m., an accident was reported at 100 Watters Dr. involving a 2016 Dodge Caravan, driven by James B. Devors of Aroma Park, who struck a 2015 Jeep, driven by Demi M. Krug of Dwight, when Krug was backing from her parking space.

Tuesday, March 13, 3:40 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving Larry Pilman of Xenea, the driver of a 2013 Volvo, who struck a parked 2016 Intr., owned by Michael Burleson of Dennis, MS.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

March 9: 4:23 p.m.. Waupansie, medical, Morris; 7:45 p.m., I-55 NB, fire, no

March 10: 1:07 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 3:06 p.m., Northbrook, trau-

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ma, refusal; 3:38 p.m., 2800 E. Rd., fire, no pt., mutual aid – Duffy; 7:52 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris.

March 11: 10:07 a.m., Chippewa, medical, Morris; 7:50 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

March 12: 1:53 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. James; 4:35 p.m., Prairie, medical, Morris.

March 13: 1:27 p.m., John St., medical, St. James; 11:56 p.m., Northbrook, medical, Morris.

March 14: 12:08 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid – Dwight Fire, Gardner Ambulance; 2:49 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris; 6:43 p.m., De Witt, COQ, mutual aid to Coal

March 15: 5:56 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

March 16: 12:01 a.m., Seminole, medical, Morris.

Police Blotter

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

March 8: Unpaid Fuel -Dwight Police were dispatched at 5:44 p.m. to the 600 block of W. Mazon Ave. for unpaid fuel. Dwight Police were advised an unknown person, in an unknown vehicle, pumped \$19.38 worth of gasoline. The attendant did not see the vehicle or direction of trav-

March 9: Out-of-Control Subject - Dwight

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Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Julie Drive at 8:33 a.m. for an out-ofcontrol 54-year-old male. He was transported to an area hospital.

March 9: Citation -Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop at 9:41 p.m., stopping Steven McCorkle, 28 of Essex for no functioning rear registration light. McCorkle was issued a citation for no valid insurance on his vehicle.

March 10: Burglar Alarm - Dwight Police were called for a general burglar alarm at 2:41 p.m. to the 100 block of E. Main. There were no issues. The business was having a new panel installed.

March 12: Unruly Customer - Dwight Police were called to the 100 block of Franklin for an unruly customer at 10:13 p.m. Dalton P. Conrath, 24, of Dwight, was arrested for criminal trespass and resisting a peace officer. Conrath was taken to Livingston County Jail.

March 13: Hit and Run -Dwight Police were dispatched to W. Northbrook Drive for a hit and run at 4:51 p.m. On scene, Dwight Police spoke with the complainant about his semi having been struck. He advised another semi driver made a U-turn, and the offender's trailer struck his mirror. The offender departed without exchanging information.



Mar. 8 - high 31°, low 18° Mar. 9 - high 40°, low 19° Mar. 10 - high 42°, low 22°

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high 55°, low 32° trace precip.

Correction

of the March 14 issue of *The Paper* for the Livingston

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Landscape Waste Pickup To Start April 2

pickup service will begin

The landscape waste must be placed in paper garden waste bags.

Landscape waste pickup will be held in Dwight An advertisement on page through the last week in

Pick up of branches and

For further information, County Board - District 2 call the village at (815) 584-

Dwight

Dwight's landscape waste Monday, April 2.

November

County Board District 2 can- large limbs will start at a didates should have said the later date to be announced by

> Vendor set up is at 8:30 a.m. Sale is from 10-4. A donation per spot is required. Donations are given to a charity each

clothing allowed or mass-produced imported items. This is open free to the public. (Participation in the JITT is at your own risk. They are not responsible for accidents.) Many antiques, collectibles, tools, household items, bicycles, artwork, crafts and other hard-to-find items are often found at this flea market located at 100 Commercial Drive (in the lot by Lindy Gertie's restaurant) Morris II. 60450.

For more information and rules for vendor set up please call Ken at 815-942-2032.



Temps - 2018

Mar. 11 – high 44°, low 25° Mar. 12 – high 43°, low 24°

Mar. 13 – high 39°, low 17°

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What Should Investors Know About Recent Volatility?

As you may have heard, the stock market has been on a wild ride lately. What's behind this volatility? And, as an investor, how concerned should you be?

Let's look at the first question first. What caused the steep drop in stock prices we experienced on a few separate days?

Essentially, two main factors seem to be responsible. First, some good economic news may actually have played a significant role. A 17-year low in unemployment and solid job growth have begun to push wages upward. These developments have led to fears of rising inflation, which, in turn, led to speculation that the Federal Reserve will tighten the money supply at a faster-thanexpected rate. Stocks reacted negatively to these expectations of higher interest rates.

The second cause of the market volatility appears to be simply a reaction to the long bull market. While rising stock prices lead many people to continue buying more and more shares, some people actually need to sell their stocks - and this pent-up selling demand, combined with short-term profit-taking, helped contribute to the large sell-offs of recent days.

Now, as for the question of how concerned you should be about this volatility, consider these points:

Sell-offs are nothing unusual. We've often experienced big sell-offs, but they've generally been followed with strong recoveries. Of course, past performance is not a guarantee of future results, but history has shown that patient, persistent investors

have often been rewarded. Fundamentals are strong. While short-term market movements can be caused by a variety of factors, economic conditions and corporate earnings typically drive performance in the long term. Right now, the U.S. economy is near full employment, consumer and business sentiment has risen strongly, manufacturing and service activity is at multi-year highs, and GDP growth in 2018 appears to be on track for the best performance since 2015.

Furthermore, corporate earnings are expected to rise this year. So, given this background, what's your next move? Here are some suggestions:

Review your situation. You may want to work with a financial professional to evaluate your portfolio to determine if it is helping you make the progress you need to eventually achieve your long-term goals.

Reassess your risk tolerance. If you were unusually upset over the loss in value of your investments during the market pullback, you may need to review your risk tolerance to determine if it's still appropriate for your investment mix. If you feel you are taking on too much risk, you may need to rebalance your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that by "playing it safe" and investing heavily in vehicles that offer greater protection of principal, but little in the way of return, you run the risk of not attaining the growth you need to reach your objectives.

Look for opportunities. A market pullback such as the one we've experienced, which occurs during a period of economic expansion and rising corporate profits, can give long-term investors a chance to add new shares at attractive prices in an environment that may be conducive to a market rally.

A sharp market pullback, such as we've seen recently, will always be big news. But if you look beyond the headlines, you can sometimes see a different picture - and one that may be brighter than you had realized.

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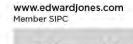


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February VGT Report

by Tom Tock Video gaming in Dwight ho-hummed along during the

month of February, 2018. The 55 machines attracted \$576,435 in "Funds In", with the Village of Dwight receiving \$7,480.06 as its share of the Net Terminal Income.

The last time Dwight was above \$600,000 in the *Funds* In category was November,

2017.
In other video gaming
news, the city of Blooming-
ton has banned any new
video gambling machines in
the city until March 1, 2019.
Until then, the city will try to
evaluate the impact of video
gambling in the city.

Results for individual gaming establishments in Dwight during February

FEB.	Funds In	Funds Out	<u>Net</u>	State	<u>Dwight</u>
Aly Anne's	\$59,824	40,305	19,518	4,879	975
Cherry Red	's 16,253	14,060	2,192	548	109
JT's Saloon	19,529	15,780	3,748	937	187
Lila Mae's	53,204	40,702	12,501	3,125	625
Love's	136,300	105,404	30,895	7,723	1,544
Mac's	58,314	41,207	17,106	4,276	855
Pete's	50,773	40,178	10,594	2,648	529
RonDeVoo	57,447	41,048	16,398	4,099	819
VFW	26,101	19,004	7,096	1,774	354
Vic. Lanes	16,841	12,626	4,214	1,053	210
Virbapa	22,439	15,567	6,871	1,717	343
Willy's	<u>59,410</u>	40,949	18,460	<u>4,615</u>	<u>923</u>
TOTALS:	\$576,435	426,835	149,599	37,400	7,480

Statewide, Illinois added 162 video gaming terminals in February. There are now 28,565 in 6,395 establishments.

The state's February share of video gaming was \$28,924,559, up \$1,515,502 from January.

Gardner's February VGTs

FEB.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State (<u> Sardner</u>
Marks (4)	20,115	12,945	7,169	1,792	358
TA Op. (5)	<u>45,771</u>	<u>32,085</u>	<u>13,685</u>	<u>3,421</u>	<u>684</u>
TOTALS	\$65,886	45,030	20,855	5,213	1,042

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

Easter Activities In Area Towns

The following Easter egg hunts and other activities are planned in area communi-

Braceville

The Braceville United Methodist Church will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April

Cabery

Cabery's United Methodist Ladies will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24 starting at 1:30 p.m. in the west yard of the church. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held inside the church. Children in Cabery and surrounding areas are invited to attend. Cupcakes and drinks will be provided for the children. All children welcome. Prizes will be awarded in each age category: 1-4 years, 5-8 years, and 9-12 years.

Dwight

Egg Hunt: The Dwight Lions Club will have its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, starting at 10 a.m. in Renfrew Park. The club asks participants to arrive no later than 9:50 a.m. The children should bring their own baskets/bags to collect eggs. Bags of candy will be distributed after the hunt. In case of rain, parents will be directed to an alternate location, where eggs and candy will be handed out. The age groups for the hunt are: Toddlers to three years old; four years to kindergarten; first and sec-

ond grade; and third and fourth grade. Bunny Visit: Also, the

Easter Bunny hops into Shopko at Dwight from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. Parents may take their own pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny, as a photographer will not be on site to take or sell photos.

Essex

The Essex Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 24 at the picked up. VFW Memorial Park. Age groups will be: Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade, 2nd and 3rd grade, 4th and 5th grade.

Gardner

The Gardner Casey's General Store will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 24. Ages will be 0-4; 5-8; and 8-12.

Mazon

The Mazon Easter Egg Hunt will be at noon, March 31, at the Mazon Park.

Reddick

The Reddick Easter Egg Hunt will be 10 a.m., Saturday, March 24 on the Reddick Fire Protection District grounds (formerly Reddick Grade School). Please park on the east side of the buildings, and bring a basket or bag for collecting

Saunemin

The Saunemin Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. at the Saunemin Park.

GSW H.S. Students Hold 'Walk In'

(continued from page 1) intercom regarding the significance of the National Walkout day.

Walker mentioned that schools across the nation may be walking out of school from 10:00 - 10:17 to honor the 17 people killed at the Florida school.

"Today, we want to have a WALK IN," he said."We hope every student in this building will join us in the gym to show your support for these people and this movement. We are not going to walk out but WALK IN to our Panther Dome!"

He added, "We are not focusing on the protest so 1:00 p.m. at the Pioneer much, but more of a memorial to the 17 people who lost their lives in Florida."

Walker explained to the student body that "We are Association and Dwight going to do a social activity in the gym that helps us create a good, safe environment at this school. We at GSW High School are overachievers so we are going to meet the whole next period – not just 17 minutes. The Albert Einstein Presidents Vice

vegetable, tomatoes, cucum-

bers, melons, etc. will not be

in containers no larger than a

or construction material will

other yard waste generated

by a private contractor, or

individuals hired by resi-

dents or property owners do

not qualify for the pickup

program. Branches, leaves

and other yard waste of this

type must be properly dis-

posed of by said private con-

tractor or other private serv-

ice and disposed in their own

be picked up through Nov.

reserves the right to refuse

pickup of brush in violation

of the intent of this service.

23, 2018.

· Bagged leaves only will

The village of Cullom

five-gallon bucket.

be picked up.

Walnuts must be placed

· No boards, fence posts

· Branches, leaves and

Presidents of your school developed this activity – the teachers will be out of our way."

(Students wanted the teachers off to the side of the gym so that they could mingle and talk very freely).

Walker continued, "I hope you will join me in the gym when the bell rings. If you do not want to participate you will go to the library." He re-emphasized, "I'm telling you this is a good activity. If you want to be part of our WALK IN then come down to the gym."

Eighty percent or more of the student body went to the

The student council members handed out sheets with questions.

Michael Traver, Senior Class Vice President, addressed the students in the gym. He emphasized the memory of the 17 people who were killed in Florida. Michael explained to the student body that they are to move around the gym and talk to 6 people that they do NOT usually talk with and ask them three questions. Michael asked them "Why 17 questions?" Someone answered "that is 17 questions to honor the 17 victims." Students scattered around the gym and the process started.

When the conversations were over, students went to the cafeteria for an ice cream treat. While in the cafeteria, Junior Class President, Maddie Schuck, spoke to the students and summarized the

"If you ever need to talk with someone about any problems that you are having we have a social worker, a psychologist, guidance counselor, principal and teachers that students can talk with."

Principal John Engelman remarked, "Everything about this activity was positive; it was student-led and there was a positive vibe during the event. It was an awesome day - our students stepped it Engelman, staff, and student council members are meeting this week to plan future events.

Resumes April 6

picked up.

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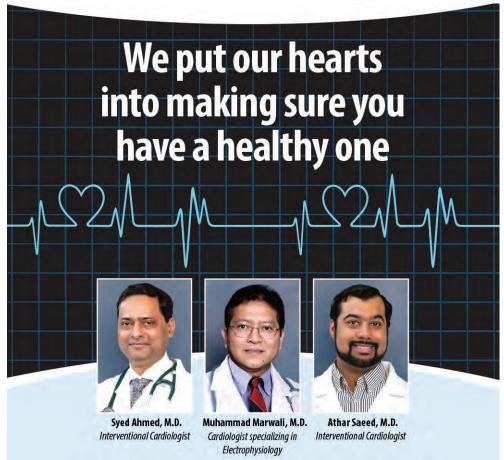


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Dwight Village Board Approves Requests for Upcoming Events

March 12 Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met on March 12 approving several requests for upcoming

A welcome sign that spring has arrived, board members approved a Lions Club request for use of Renfrew Park and the east park shelter from 9 a.m. -Noon on Saturday, March 31, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

In other new business, the board approved a Dwight Youth Baseball/Softball parade request as part of the leagues' annual Kick-off Day celebration. Beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. festivities will begin with a short parade stepping off at Garrett Park. The parade will head south on Washington street, around the traffic circle at Dwight Grade School, proceed north on Columbia Street, left on Williams Street, then finish back inside of Garrett Park.

Following the parade will be a ceremony on the main baseball field which will include the Star Spangled Banner, drawing of raffle winners, announcement of each team, and a dedication of the Bronco Field in Jim Enger's honor. Several games are slated for that same day.

The board also approved a Laborers' Local 996 request to solicit donations on June 16 for its Annual Dollars against Diabetes campaign. The bucket brigade will take place at the intersection of Illinois Route 17 and 47 with funds raised toward diabetes going research.

Jane Anderson, Dwight DEA, reported on upcoming events. Spring Fest will take place on May 4 & 5. BBQ contests, music and lots of activities are planned for the family-friendly festival taking place at GABR Park in Dwight. This is also the all town garage sale weekend in Dwight. The events are in conjunction with the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor Weekend. Anderson also reported that the Dwight Farmers Market will return to Saturday mornings this summer with the first market slated for Saturday, June 2.

In other business, committees planning for the 2018 Dwight Harvest Days celebration took various requests to the village board for approval. Trustee Randy Irvin stepped out of his role as village trustee to bring the requests before the board as Dwight Harvest Days President. Irvin abstained from all votes associated

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This year's Harvest Days event is again planned with Dwight's downtown area being the designated location for the main festivities. entertainment including a carnival, flea market, craft vendors, food vendors and stage entertainment will all take place downtown. Renfrew Park will be home to Sunday's car and tractor shows. The Harvest Days main stage location remains the same as last year and will be set up at the north end of East Main Street. Irvin noted that the committee listened to comments from last year with regard to limited shade in the area of the stage and said that a large tent will be in place this year to help with that situation. The board approved various street closures, unchanged from last year, in the downtown area during the festival, and for Sunday's parade route. The Harvest Day's parade will use the same route as last

A request for a downtown beer garden from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, September 21, and from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, was approved with Trustee Jim Mixen opposing. The beer garden will be set up from just south of the corner of South Franklin Street and East Main Street heading south on East Main Street. The area will be fenced off and monitored by staff to ensure alcoholic beverages purchased from inside the beer garden are not removed from the area. Dwight Harvest Days is not requesting the open alcohol wristband usage this year, so open alcohol in streets outside of the beer garden will be prohibited.

A request to allow Dwight Harvest Days Committee to utilize motorized golf carts and UTVs along the parade route during the parade, downtown and at the park during the 2018 festival was also approved with Trustee Mixen opposing.

With 2018 Dwignt Harvest Days slated to run from September 20 through September 23, Trustee Jim Mixen expressed concerns with regard to East Main Street improvements, originally slated for this summer, being completed in time for the early fall celebration and also concerns about putting East Main improvements off for another year. With final construction plans not complete, it is uncertain at this time whether the East Main Street improvements will

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move forward this summer.

In public forum, Dwight resident Dave Kinkade expressed appreciation for the work of Dwight EMS and presented a donation to the EMS with thanks for the care given to his wife, Dawn Kinkade, who recently passed away.

Mayor Jared Anderson extended congratulations to four State qualifying Dwight DGS wrestlers including Dillon Sarff, Malaki Slaughter, Emmett Emmons, and Sam Edwards. Sarff took first place at the IESA State meet.

The board also approved: • payment of bills totaling \$98,504.54.

· a lease agreement between Motorola Solutions and the Village of Dwight allowing Motorola access as necessary to the village's north water tower 24 hours / 7 days per week to access/ maintain communications equipment located on the

An Administration Committee meeting was held at 5 p.m. on March 12 before the regular board session. The committee reviewed the proposed balanced budget which will be presented for final approval at the March 26 session.

The board also discussed a request by Paul Ferrari, owner of Aly Anne's, to place an awning over the front entrance of his business. The approximately 30foot-wide proposed awning would use poles that would extend into the sidewalk for support. The committee would not agree to poles being placed in the concrete on the village sidewalk and suggested an awning that would attach only to the building. Ferrari countered that, due to the pitch needed for the awning if not using poles to support, it would obstruct the building's upstairs windows. The committee turned down Ferrari's request as presented.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 26, in the Public Services Complex. Prior to that meeting, a Public Hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. with regard to the 2018/19 budget which will be presented for approval at the 6:30 p.m. meeting.

DGS Principal Ben Bailey Resigns Administrators Committed to School Safety

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Grade School Board of Education accepted the resignation of Principal Ben Bailey when it met in session on March

Mr. Bailey, a former DTHS Assistant Principal Trojan Athletic Director, came to DGS as Grade 6-8 Principal and Athletic Director in 2011. In 2014, Bailey was named Pre-K - 8 Principal. Mr. Bailey has accepted a middle school principal position in Virginia.

In a statement to The Paper regarding his tenure in Dwight and his decision to leave, Mr Bailey said:

"On Wednesday, March 14th, the DCSD #232 Board of Education accepted my resignation as PreK-8 Principal. My family and I are relocating to Virginia this summer, and though we are excited for this new opportunity, I wish to say that serving as Redbird Principal was a great honor and one I will never forget.

"In 2005, my wife, Cassie, and I chose the Dwight Country Mansion as the venue for our wedding reception. It was January of 2007 when we purchased our first home in town and moved in on a snowy, bitter day. We were too excited to feel the cold; Cassie and I were thrilled! A year later, we had our first child, Bryce, and brought him home to Dwight. Fast forward to 2010, and I accepted the position of DTHS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director before taking on the role of Junior High Principal & Athletic Director in 2011. A year after that, we welcomed a second child, Charlotte, and a couple years following, I enthusiastically accepted the position as PreK-8 Principal.

"You see, our family memories are wrapped up in the town of Dwight, and there is so much to be grateful for as I reflect upon that time. I think about the numerous Harvest Day celebrations, town egg hunts, sporting events, pep railies, fun nights, school concerts, and graduation ceremonies. There are too many to

'The students and their



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stories will stay with me, and I pray for and wish each one the very best moving forward. To my colleagues and staff, I would like to say thank you for "driving on" each year with me; it was a privilege working alongside you through various challenges and successes. To Dr. Jancek and the School Board, thank you for entrusting this school to me. I am proud to call myself a fellow Redbird."

In new business, building safety and security was discussed. Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek has been working with the building principals and Officer Gary Beier reviewing safety procedures and safety / security equipment throughout the building.

Dr. Jancek assured the board that all school administrators are committed to school safety.

"It is our job to make sure that staff and students go home every night to their families," said Dr. Jancek. "If they don't feel safe, it is very difficult to expect them to teach and learn every day in a building where they don't feel safe. So, we are committed to that and we will continue to put things in place to meet that challenge."

Among many other safety measures discussed and being implemented, board member Bo Partney suggested that equipping the building with an air conditioning system might offer a twofold benefit - one benefit being comfort while the other allowing for safer classrooms with the ability to keep doors and windows secured rather than open for airflow.

Dr. Jancek will have updates on safety and security to present at the April session.

In other business, the BOE was notified that GSW High School District #73 has given notice that plans to fill its half-time position.

The board was also notified that South Wilmington Grade School CCDS #74 has given intent to withdraw from a three-way Intergovernmental Agreement with Gardner CCSD #72C and Dwight Grade School District #232 with regard to the shared General Music teacher for the 2018/19 school year.

The BOE also:

· recognized four DGS Junior High State qualifying wrestlers including Dillon Sarff, Malaki Slaughter, Emmett Emmons and Sam Edwards along with coaches Dan Edwards and Paul Warner; Sarff took 1st place at State in his weight class.

 recognized the DGS Regional and Sectional Championship DGS Boys Basketball team and Coach Tom Conroy.

· learned that teacher Mary Schultz has been nominated for the June Scobee Rodgers Innovative Educator Award. · were notified of a Math

& Science partnership Year 2 Grant / teacher Sarah Jones. · learned the State of

Illinois currently owes the DGS District \$141,520.24. · approved tenure status

for Jessica Law.

• approved tenure status for Sarah Jones.

· employed non-tenured teachers for 2018-19 as presented.

The next meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, in the DGS Library. Meetings are open to the

Dwight School Districts Take Joint Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty

In a joint session on March 14, the Boards of Education for Dwight Public Schools, Grade School District #232 and High School District #230, met and took action on topics of shared interest.

The BOEs accepted the resignation of Tony Noonan as Director of Building &

Grounds for both districts. Superintendent for both Districts, Dr. Richard Jancek, has recommended that Jack Connor, current Interim Director of Building & Grounds, be moved to the director position. No action was taken at this time.

With the Director of Building and Grounds changes, Dr. Jancek recommended two newly-created

positions be posted to fill the gap created by the resignation. The new positions will require light mechanical skills with the qualified candidates acting as assistants to the Director.

The DGS board also approved summer workers as presented including a pay increase for summer workers to \$10 per hour. Dwight Grade School District employs the summer workers for both districts, with DTHS being billed by DGS.

Lastly, Dr. Jancek provided an update on maintenance agreements for the 11 buses leased through Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. A maintenance agreement with Gray's Garage, Pontiac, has been secured at a cost of \$1500 per bus.

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According to the bank's President & CEO, Bill Kauffman, "We were fortunate to find a building that was available in what we think is a convenient, welltraveled, downtown location for what we wanted to do.

"The property at 85 South Broadway allowed for a two-lane drive-up attachment with a 24/7 ATM adjacent to the building.

"We contracted with a bank design group to handle the extensive remodeling project and settled on the lay-out last summer. Renovations started around the first of September.

"Our goal was to be open by November 1, but we experienced some construction and weather issues that caused a delay in opening.

"The hiring process start-

In March of 2017, with ed several months ago, and fortunately, we were able to bring in people with previous banking experience who are enthusiastic and share our hometown values. Nicolle Perino, who was hired in July of 2017, has 15 years of banking experience and will oversee the lending

> "Jennifer Ullrich was hired in September of 2017, and with nearly 20 years in banking, she will manage the branch and oversee operations and new accounts. include Tellers Jill Ringenberg, Judy Verdun, Andrea McCollough, Hailey Bulanda, and Angelle Elberts.

"Other employees who have been instrumental in the success of the project include Chief Operating Officer Bob Meiner and Chief Lending Officer Mark Donovan. We've also installed a safe and secure IT communications system with the help of John Bowman and Sonja Helander."

The "soft" opening of the branch occurred on March 8, and the formal opening was

on March 12. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for April. directors, officers, employees of Bank of Pontiac would like to thank Mayor Terry Halliday, Village Administrator Matt Fritz, and all members of local government bodies for their cooperation and support throughout the project.

Bank of Pontiac is a fullservice, locally-owned and operated community bank. Kauffman added, "We are anxious to work with our existing customers and get to know our future customers through community involvement in any way that we can.

"We still plan to landscape and touch up the exterior of the building, but mostly, we're happy to say that we're open for business." Lobby hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The drive-up will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Friday; Saturday drive-up hours are 7:00 a.m.

Southeastern Grundy Co. Senior Citizens of Gardner Meet

On March Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens of Gardner met for their regular monthly meeting at the Gardner Restaurant.

There were 13 in attendance, including guests Linda Wharrie and Barbara Haut. Both ladies were welcomed and asked to join.

All ordered their lunch from the menu, with Kim as their waitress.

The table was set with St. Patrick decor - each lady receiving a memorable pin. Door prizes were won by Virginia Medit and Emma Schulz.

After lunch, Vice Pres. Shirly Farland called the meeting to order with the

9, the pledge to Old Glory.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given, accepted by a voice vote, and will be placed on file for auditing.

Jackie was absent and there was no card report.

There were three birthdays celebrated: Shirly, Jerry, and Crystal. The ladies furnished a cake for dessert.

The secretary read two letters of correspondence – one from the Gardner Grade School and one from South Wilmington Grade School for gloves given by the club.

Community Events were: • Church of Hope Soup Supper

Lions Pancake Breakfast

· Corned Beef and Cabbage in Campus

· Food Truck to be in S. Wilmington

There was no new busi-

Old business was a demonstration of folding fitted sheets by Karen Perkins. Karen told how to care for cut flowers. The Secret Pal gifts were passed out.

The next meeting will be an election of officers.

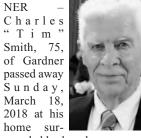
The salutation from Shirly as they adjourned was "All members wear their Easter hats at the next meeting April 6."

All persons over the age of 55 are welcome to join. The meetings are the first Friday of the month.

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Charles 'Tim' Smith

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rounded by loved ones. Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home

Friday, March 23, from 4 until 8 Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. in St. Lawrence

Catholic Church, South Wilmington. Rev. Drewniak will officiate. Interment will follow in

Braceville-Gardner Ceme-tery, Braceville.

Charles was born October 9, 1942 in St. George Hospital, Chicago, son of Charles B. and Esther Jean Carlson Smith.

Tim spent his early years in New Lenox. He was a veteran of the United States Marines. serving in Vietnam from 1959 to 1962. He retired from the I.U.O.E. Local #150 following 50 years of employment, earning his gold card. He also served on the Local 150 District 2 Advisory Board for 18 years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #826 in Mazon, and St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington.

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known in that community. Surviving are one son, Erik

Smith of Gardner; two daughters, Jackie (Terry) Thomas of Athens, IL and Jennifer Payne of Florida; eight grandchildren: Melissa Steichen, Becca Evans, Christopher Smith, Timothy Elenz, Brady Thomas, Ryan "Charles" Smith, Jillian Payne and Natalie Smith.

Also surviving are his sister, Patricia (Peter) Demus of

Wheaton; and his best friend, his dog, Moses.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Barbara Kerns; and Casey, his beloved

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Lucille Bradford Celebrates 100th Birthday



Lucille Bradford

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She was born Crittendon County, Kentucky, March 29, 1918 the daughter of George and Gertrude Mayes.

Thee She married Bradford, of Uniontown, KY, on May 20, 1939. He died on December 14, 1997, after 58 years of marriage.

Lucille is the mother of two sons, Robert J. (Jane) Bradford, Saunemin, and George S. (Pam) Bradford, Kirkland; and one daughter, the late Teddie Lyons. She has seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Lucille has four sisters: Georgia Stewart (GG), Betty June Day, the late Irene Baird and Linnie Edna Heffington, and one brother, the late Aubrey Mayes.

Mrs. Bradford is a lifetime member of Sturgis United Methodist Church. She and Thee raised their children and farmed in Uniontown, KY, until moving to Rockford in 1959.

They retired to Arcadia. FL, and returned to Sturgis until 2010, when Mrs. Bradford moved to Evenglow in Pontiac to be near her family in her later

If you wish to remember Lucille on her 100th birthday, cards may be sent to her at 215 E. Washington St. #401, Pontiac, IL 61764

Logan Widman Named **LACC Student of Month**



Logan Widman

Dwight Township High School announced that senior Logan Widman has been selected as March Student of the Month at the Livingston Area Career Center in Pontiac.

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within their programs. Two students are chosen each month from the nominees. Logan was chosen as student of the month in March for outstanding achievement in the Welding program.

Jodi Lancaster, welding instructor, had this to say, "Logan is an excellent student both in relation to welding skills and professional

"Logan is friendly and outgoing and has learned to value himself as a leader. He also provides guidance to other students in the class who may be having difficulties with specific applications. Logan continues to work on both the core professional expectations desired by employers as well as the theory and application of welding to mastery.'

Logan is the son of Ryan and Shari Widman.

She has also accepted an

internship position in sur-

months at OSF St. Joseph's

Center

Maria Robinson

CULLOM Helen Irene Trost, 101, of Cullom passed away at 4:05 p.m., Friday, March 16, 2018 at her daughter's home in Emington.

A visitation will be held from 4 until 8 p.m., Thursday, March 22, in St. John's Lutheran Parish Hall in Cullom. The rosary will be recited at 3 p.m. Additional visitation will be Friday from 9 until 9:45 a.m. in St. John's Catholic

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 23, in St. John's Catholic Church, Cullom, celebrated Father William Keebler.

Church in Cullom.

Burial will follow services in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Cullom.

Helen was born August 15, 1916 in Nokomis, daughter of Thomas and Julia Anna Lanahan Robisky. She married Ernest P. "Cotton" Trost June 10, 1939 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Cornell. He passed away February 17, 1984.

She is survived by her daughter, JoAnn (Bob) Becker of Emington; nine grandchildren: Darlene De Mattia, Donna (Jack) Beyer, Debbie Beier, Donnie Becker, Duane Becker, Tina (Glynn) Hollis, Connie Trost (Gene), Carol (Reagan) Rhodes, Tammy (Aaron) Bell. Eighteen great-

grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sisters-inlaw: Pat Robisky of Gardner and Velma Lawrence of Bloomington; six nieces; six nephews; and

nephews also survive. She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers: Louis, Tommy, Carl and Raymond Robisky; and one son, Bobby Trost.

many great-nieces and great-

Helen was a homemaker. She was a member of Home Extension, Cullom Women's Club, Senior Citizens, and St. John's Catholic Church in Cullom.

Her motto in life was: "Make, Bake, and Take." She was most famous for her caramels, tapioca, and popcorn balls. She enjoyed being in the garden and spending time with family. She was amazed at all she had seen in more than a century.

She was a loving mom, grandma, great-grandma, great-great-grandma, sisterin-law, aunt, and friend who will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Catholic Church or OSF Hospice.

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

Rummage, Bake Sale at Cabery Methodist Church March 23-24

Cabery Methodist Church a bag sale at noon. will host a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale Friday, March 23, from 3:00-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 24, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – with

Free coffee will be available, with fresh doughnuts, barbeque sandwiches, and potato chips available for purchase.

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OBITUARIES

GOREVILLE -James Robert Hooker Goreville and formerly of Dwight passed away Saturday, March 17, 2018 at his home.

Α memorial service is planned for 11 a.m., Saturday, March 24, in the Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia Street, in Dwight,

followed by a celebration of

life open house from noon to

4 p.m. at Station 343, downtown Dwight. Known as Papa: the man,

the myth, the legend; Jimmy; Jim Bob; Jim, my daddy; and as a dear uncle and friend - Jim gave cancer hell for two years.

It didn't win.

Jim was born in St. Elmo May 17, 1952, son of Wyman and Monda White Hooker, the youngest of three children.

He moved to Dwight at age 5 and graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1970. He attended Joliet Junior College and then Southern Illinois University, graduating in 1976 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

He's survived by his love, his best friend and wife, Therese Trainor; his daughter, Sara Peters; and three grandchildren: beloved Emerson, Coe, and Caleb Peters; and his siblings, Bill Hooker and Rita (Bill) Schultz.

Also surviving nephews: Billy (Heidi) and Brian Hooker; and nieces, Jennifer Schultz and Jill (Jeff) Lee; and greatnephews, Matt Hooker, BJ Hooker, and Bryce and Baylen Lee; his mother-inlaw, Margaret Trainor; Steve (Sue Panno) Trainor, Ann Ruskin, Pat (Vicki) Trainor, Joan (Tom) Bernhardt, Mary (Jack) Timmerman, Molly (George) Maris; and many nieces, nephews, greatnieces and great-nephews.

And, of course, his beloved puppy, Theo, a

James Robert Hooker

of

Newfoundland Poodle mix, survives - a gentle giant who brought Jim so many smiles in his last year.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first Martha Anderson Hooker; stepfather,

Willard Mattix; father - in law. Robert Trainor; sisters-in-law, Barbara Kramer and Lenore Trainor; and brother-in-law, Bob Ruskin.

Jim worked on the construction of La Salle and Braidwood nuclear plants. He was employed by Rub Chevy Buick Olds in Dwight for more than 20

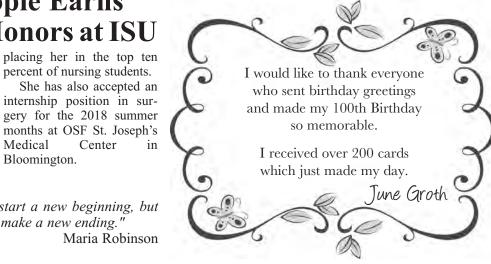
Jim loved to travel. He loved a good meal and a martini on the rocks. He read the newspaper cover to cover daily. He loved music and sports of all kinds. He was a lifelong and diehard Chicago Cubs fan and proud supporter of his Southern Illinois University Salukis.

He was a private person but never met a stranger. He loved to research, and meticulously planned and oversaw the construction of two houses, one most recently on Lake Egypt in Goreville. His family will continue to make memories in his honor at the Hooker Homestead, as he named it, for many years to come.

The best way to honor Jim is to take an intentional moment to build up another human being. Especially during his most difficult days, he believed you take what life gives you, and you "make the best of it."

Cancer didn't win.

If you'd like to donate in his honor, Jim's favorite charities are: Smile Train, an international organization that repairs cleft lip and palates for children in developing countries; and Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, an organization that helps children who have been abused or neglected.







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OBITUARIES

Anthony J. Henson

CORNELL Anthony J. "Tony" Henson, 61, of died Cornell Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 9:11 a.m. at his home.

He was born August 7, 1956 in Pontiac, son of Delbert and Connie King Henson. He married Jewellene Fagan Turner August 28, 2011 in Mt. Vernon. She survives in

Cornell. Also surviving are his father, Delbert (Marianne) Henson of Mt. Vernon, Illinois; children: Christopher Henson of Rockford and Caiti Henson (Nate Anderson) of Pontiac; stepchildren: Nikki (Jason) Hughes of South Wilmington; Valerie (Mike Moore) Kuhlmann of Streator; and Kuhlmann Megan Campus.

Two brothers, William "Billy" Rudolph, Jr. of Streator and Todd (Tanya) Rudolph of DePue; sisters: Crystal (Ron) Graves of Pontiac; Tonia (Gary) Bailey Beggs of Momence; Lani (Dan) Carlile of Pontiac; Debbie (Jay) Simmons of Dix; Sharon (Paul) Hayes of Springfield; and Mary Jo (Roger) Sanders of Clarksville, Tennessee; grandchildren: Natalie Taylor, Kynzie Anderson, Wyatt Hayden Kuhlmann, and Zoey Moore survive.

Many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Joe Lewis, Brandy Keith, and Dave and Carol Zimmer also survive.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Connie Rudolph; step-William father, Rudolph, Sr.; sister, Kara Dimming; and brother, Randy

> Henson. A 1974 graduate of Cornell High

Army from 1975 to 1979 with the rank of Corporal of the 4th Infantry Division.

to 1983; at Prestress Engineering Corporation from 1983 to 1998; and was a correctional officer for the Pontiac Correctional Center since 1998.

Tony enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends. He was an ASA umpire for 17 years; enjoyed dirt track racing, music, karaoke, fishing and camping.

Rev. Kenny Jones, with full military honors, was Monday, March 19, at 4 p.m. at Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac.

Inurnment: Cornell Cemetery, Cornell, at a later

from noon until 4 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

to the Cornell Volunteer Fire Department, 406 W. Main St., Cornell, IL 61319; the Relay for Life of Livingston County, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL 61764; or to his family.

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

BRACEVILLE - Mitch Brown, 46, of Braceville passed Saturday away afternoon, March 17, 2018, following a valiant battle, at Foster G. McGaw, Loyola University

of the services.

love of casual attire and his T-shirts, those attending the services are requested to be casual and wear their favorite T-shirt, whether funny, crude, or concertrelated.

Mitchell Douglas was born April 12, 1971 in Joliet, son of Mildred Turner (nee Griffith) of Custer Park and the late Melvin Douglas

He was raised in Braceville, where he attended grade school and attended high school at both Gardner South Wilmington and

married Stacy Strickland in the First Baptist Church in Wilmington, and together they made their home in Wilmington before moving to Braceville.

Manhattan, Flexco Container in Joliet.

Mitch loved cars and racing. He was also fortunate to have been able to take up motorcycling with his wife,



School, Tony served in the United States

He worked for Dick Mays Excavation from 1979

A service officiated by

Visitation was Monday

Memorials may be made

Mitch Brown

Medical Center, Maywood.

Visitation and video tribute will be held Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. until time of a funeral service at 2 p.m. at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 East Kahler Road in Wilmington. Pastor Faith Center will officiate, and cremation rites will be accorded at the conclusion

In the spirit of Mitch's

Brown.

Wilmington High Schools.

On March 5, 1994, Mitch

Mitch was currently employed as a maintenance mechanic with C&W Service at the Amazon Fulfilment Facility in Joliet. He previously worked for Starcon International of Downers Grove, and Stone

A mechanic at heart,



ries throughout his

travels and vacations, and will be remembered for his crude and obnoxious jokes.

Above all, Mitch was a great husband and dad who dearly loved being a "Papa." Family was of utmost importance and though his life remained simple, always ensured his family was happy.

Survivors include his mother, Mildred Turner of Custer Park; wife, Stacy; children: Corey Brown and Brown (fiance Katie Michael Newton), both of Braidwood; and Don Kiper of Wilmington, who was like a son to Mitch; three grandchildren: Brayson Avery, Kinnzee Lynn and Ella Kaye; two sisters: Diane (Phil) Hollis of Gardner and Melba (Mark) Clark of Reddick; one aunt, Margaret Griffith of Custer Park; his fathers-in-law: Don Utke of Wilmington and Howard Strickland of Florida; two brothers - in - law: Jason (Tiffany) Utke of Wilmington and Rick Strickland of Florida; and numerous nephews and cousins, as well as countless extended family and friends.

Mitch was preceded in death by his father; sister, Ginger Brown; brother, Matthew Brown, in infancy; cousin, Nathan Mallory, who was like a brother; and his mothers-in-law: Lynn Utke and Barb McCauley.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Mitch's memory to his family for their distribution.

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



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Edith L. Voights

STREATOR Edith L. Voights, 92, passed away Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Heritage Health, Streator.

She was born March 14, 1925, daughter of Margaret McIntyre Brehman and John Lester Brehman. She married Raymond Voights June 1, 1946.

Edith grew up on a farm north of Streator and attended Wolf Creek Grade School, having the same teacher, Zelma Benckendorf Roseman, for all eight years. She graduated from Streator High School in 1943.

Following high school, Edith worked in the law office of Jones and Heflin for one year. She began her teaching career at Garfield School, rural Ransom, on an emergency certificate during World War II for four years.

Edith substitute-taught for several years in area schools. She then continued her education and graduated from Illinois Valley Community College. Commuting to Illinois State University, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education in 1975. She taught kindergarten at Ransom School for 15 years, until her retirement June 30,

She is survived by her children: Margaret (Larry) Goerne, Virl (Mary Beth) Voights, and Jean (Michael) Blakemore; grandchildren: Goerne, Kyle Bradley Ruth (Jeffery) Voights, Neiggemann, Anna Blakemore, and Aaron Blakemore.

Also surviving is her sister, Gayle Wargo.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband of 50



Raymond vears. Voights, in 1996. She was also preceded in death by her siblings: Jeanne Trewartha, James Brehman and Loren Brehman, and a double cousin,

Ruth Brehman Bacon.

Edith was a lifelong member of Park Presbyterian Church, where she served as a Deacon and on many committees. She also taught Sunday School.

She was a charter member of the J.O.Y. group; served on the Wolf Creek Cemetery Association Board for many years, serving as president during the latter part of her tenure.

Edith and Ray were insurance agents for Allen and Otter Creek Mutual Insurance for several years. She had many special sisters in her P.E.O. Chapter CM who will miss her dearly.

Her funeral was Friday, March 16, at 10 a.m., in Park Presbyterian Church with Dr. Ross Bacon, her nephew, officiating.

Burial: Wolf Creek Cemetery with pallbearers: Brad Goerne, Aaron Blakemore, Kyle Voights, Jeffery Neiggemann, David Trewartha and Bob Trewartha; and honorary pallbearers: Jim Hefler, Curt Ettema, Gene Lesak, Dennis Emmick and Robert Opremchak.

Visitation was Thursday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Solon Telford Funeral Home, Streator.

Memorials may be directed to Wolf Creek Cemetery Association; Deacons Ministry "Streator" Park Presbyterian Church; or Chapter CM P.E.O. Scholarship Fund.

Rowena E. Pfeifer

MORRIS Rowena E. Pfeifer, 89, of Morris and formerly of Mazon, passed away early morning, Friday March 9, 2018 in Morris Hospital.

She was born 5, 1928 August in Bloomington, the daughter of Clarence Wood and Florina Crall Garner.

Raised and educated in Wilmington area, Rowena graduated from Wilmington High School in 1946. She was employed as a deli manager with Clapp's Market in Dwight for 17 years, and as a sales clerk with Walmart in Morris for 18 and one-half years, retiring in 2009.

She was a member of Peace Chapel Assembly of

God Church in Morris. Surviving are four sons: Greg and Allen (Laurie) of Mazon; James (Deb) of Russell, Iowa; and Dean (Marty) of Mazon; 12 grandchildren; and 31 great-



grandchildren; one brother, James Wood, of Daytona Beach, Florida: and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister,

Dorothy Drew; and sister-inlaw, Mary Wood.

Celebration Α Rowena's Life was held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, at the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, Morris. Pastor Bob Hahn of Peace Chapel Assembly of God Church officiated.

Burial: Mazon Brookside Cemetery.

A visitation was Monday, March 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Funeral Home, with enhanced video tributes being played.

Memorial contributions may be made in Rowena's name to the Peace Chapel Assembly of God Church.

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE) NO. 2018-P-28 ESTATE OF EDMOND A. MURPHY, DECEASED.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of EDMOND A. MURPHY, Heritage Health, 300 E. Mazon Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued to the following persons as Independent Co-Executors, namely: ROGER MURPHY, 106 W. Waupansie St., Dwight, IL 60420 and TOM MURPHY, 714 Juniper Rd., Glenview, IL 60025, whose attorneys are CAUGHEY, LEG-NER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP, 204 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois, 61764.

Claims may be filed on or before the 14th day of September, 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: March 14, 2018

ROGER MURPHY 106 W. Waupansie St. Dwight, IL 60420

TOM MURPHY 714 Juniper Rd. Glenview, IL 60025

CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP Attorneys for Independent Co-Executors 204 North Main Street Pontiac, IL 61764 (815)842-1112





The Madness Continues

As I was sitting down and thinking of ideas to write about this week, I just couldn't get past the weekend of college basketball that just took place. It was simply too entertaining to not touch on and dive deeper into.

For starters, the unthinkable happened. A #16 seed finally beat a #1 seed, and not just any #1 seed, but the number 1 overall seed of the entire tournament. Then, not only did they win, they won emphatically, and the game was almost never in question the entire 2nd half. With that, another #1 seed went down. So, one weekend into

the tournament and we're already down two of the best four teams. Along with that, two of the #2 seeds are done as well, which means four of the top eight teams are out of the tour-It's tough to put a finger on why exactly this year has seemed

to be a little bit crazier than years past. I would think that some of it definitely has to do with the players who only are playing for a school for a year or two, versus a team who might have a roster that's full of 3rd- and 4th-year players, which creates a fairly large experience advantage as well as having guvs who have played together for years, against guvs who have only been playing together a few months.

I'm not sure if that's the only reason that's causing it, because the one-and-done rule has been in play now for a few years, but I think it's something that we might continue to see play out as long as it is still in effect.

If I had to guess what's going to happen for the rest of the tournament, it would be that the craziness is just going to continue. If I had one team that I'm really pulling for the rest of the way, it's 100% the Loyola Ramblers. They are the local, Chicago team, they have Sister Jean, they beat Illinois State in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, and they've won their first two games on game-winning shots in the final

I would love to see them keep it rolling and work their way into the elite eight with a shot at going to the final four.

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Graduate

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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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.

The family of LaVerne Kelly would like to thank everyone for the prayers, kind words, calls, cards, Masses, flowers, food and memo-I rial donations. A special thanks to Father Chris Haake, Deacon George Wagner and the St. Patrick funeral dinner committee. We would also like to thank the staff at Morris Hospital and Joliet Area Hospice Home for the wonderful care given to our Mother.

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

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of)

EDWARD R. LARSEN, deceased) NO. <u>18-P-23</u>

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of EDWARD R. LARSEN, whose place of residence at the time of his death was 304 Odell Road, Dwight, Illinois 60420, and who died on June 2, 2017.

Letters of Office as Independent Executrix of the estate of EDWARD R. LARSEN were issued on February 27, 2018 to SHARON K. FRANCIS, 507 S. Union St., Dwight, Illinois 60420 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is March 14, 2018. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, Illinois, 61764, in cause No. 18-P-23 or with the Independent Administrator or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and the Administrator's Attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

> DONALD R. McCLAREY Attorney for the Independent Executrix of the Estate of, EDWARD R. LARSEN, Deceased 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, IL 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525

DTHS Art Students' Art At White House Egg Roll



DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL participants in the Washington D.C. Easter Egg Roll art are (from left) Faith Rowland, Madison Hughes, Ben Myzia, Madisyn Hatfield, Izzy Burkhardt, Amber Gajda, Gabriel Mascolo, art teacher Patricia Farrell-Levange, Tory Betsworth, and (not pictured) Josh Schumacher and Jordan Emmons.

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TEN DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL art students created designs to decorate 2D eggs that will be on display in Washington, D.C. next month. The students chose designs that represented Illinois such as state animals and Abraham Lincoln.

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High Honors

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Eighth Grade: Kole Bouk, Dominic Carrera, Avery Carter, Kailey Dedic, Mikaayla English, Nina Gudino, Hope McDermott, Alexis Poe.

Honors

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Katelyn Poe, Dakota
Satterfield, Haylee Small,
Dominick Vieira.

Eighth Grade: Connor Cardenas, Jasmine Clark, Alysson Essington, Alexis Heinkel, Abigail Lamb, Brenden Likes, Raven Ogle, Isabell Olson, Raven Smith, Jack Tompkins.



Dwight High School Honors Parkland 17

by Caleb Boma

On March 14, exactly one month after the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida, Dwight High School staff and students took time during the school day to remember those lives lost with a touching tribute.

Principal Dan Kaiser went through with a plan devised by student, Faith Rowland, where fellow students would write any sort of message on a notecard in remembrance of the 17 students. The messages were then tied to orange balloons and released later in the day.

Principal Kaiser used very moving words in his address to the students, stressing that this type of occurrence cannot happen again, reiterating the phrase, "Never Again." Everyone was encouraged to wear orange as the color is used to signify the end of gun vio-

lence. Students then took a few moments to reflect on the lives that were lost, as biographies of the slain students were laid about in the cafeteria. Students read through stories of each of the Parkland students who were killed.

Kaiser explained to the Dwight students that they are the future and how important it is for them to have a voice. He wanted them to see how they can make a difference and put a name with a face by inviting a true lawmaker.

Illinois State Represen-

Illinois State Representative Tom Bennett was in attendance and said a few appreciative words after the students participated in this remembrance.

Before dismissal, students went into the south parking lot and released the balloons all at once with their messages intact.



Avery Ohlendorf





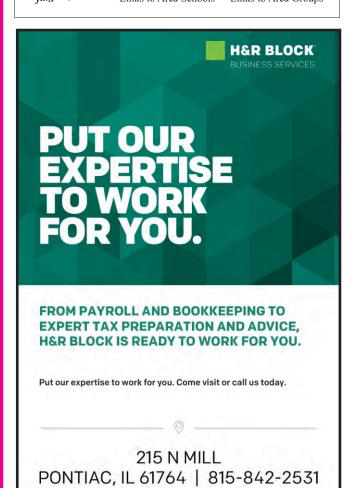
State Rep. Tom Bennett (left) chats with Dwight Township High School teacher Lindsey Jensen, the 2018 Teacher of the Year, and Principal Dan Kaiser.



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Father/Son Baseball Camp March 30-31

The Pontiac Township High School baseball program will host a Father/Son Spring Break Baseball Camp Fri., March 30, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the PTHS gym, and will conclude the camp Sat., March 31, from 1-2:30 p.m. at the PTHS varsity baseball field.

Students in first through third grades in any PTHS feeder school are eligible to attend and are limited to the first 30 future Indians.

Members of the PTHS coaching staff and current the camp.

Registration forms are available by contacting: pthsbaseball@icloud.com

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DTHS All-Conference

Lady Trojan Basketball

Indian players will conduct LADY TROJAN BASKETBALL STANDOUT MELIS-SA STEWART, right, has been selected as First Team All-Conference, with Leah Flynn, left, receiving Honorable **Mention All-Conference.**

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THE GSWB SEVENTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TEAM - comprised of students from area schools: Gardner, South Wilmington, and Braceville - ended their regular season with a 17-2 record. Dominating over Seneca in two matches for the regional win, and then defeating Roanoke in three tough matches for the sectional "W," they traveled to Pawnee to face St. Anne in the first state championship bracket March 9 - winning 25-11, 25-16. GSWB would lose to Paris Crestwood in the semifinals, 25-9, 25-21, but would have a chance at third place in the state if they could defeat Ashland A-C Central. However, they would drop a 25-16, 25-21 decision – taking fourth overall in state play. The last team from GSWB to make it to State was in 2013. Here the team is pictured following their State run.



DTHS Trojans Track

Tuesday, March 6 Dwight at Reed-Custer Dual #1

The Trojans' track team showed some improvement at the Reed-Custer Dual March 6, as the girls took fourth place (32.5) and the boys placed third (32.5). Top finishers for Dwight are as follows: Girls -

Meghan Scott: 60hh, 1st, 10.50.

Julie Ramsey: 60hh, 2nd, 10.69.

Alexis Brooke: 800, 1st, 2:57; 1600, 2nd, 6:20.88.

Koli Croy: 800, 2nd, 2:57.85.

Scott, Ramsey, Chloe Butterbrodt, Reece Mortensen: 4x200, 2nd, 2:05.54.

Boys Garett Severson: shot

put, 3rd, 34'7½". Bryson Connor: 400, 3rd,

1:00.79. Christian Williams: 60hh,

1st, 10.35. J.C. Santos: 800, 1st,

2:11.79. Chris Bexson: 1600, 3rd,

5:46.14.

Bexson, Dylan Hill, Kyle Spalliero, Bryce Lucus: 4x800, 10:27.18.

Saturday, March 17 Dwight at Comet Classic Invitational

Dwight competed in the ten-team indoor Comet Classic at Reed-Custer on Saturday, with the girls finishing in fifth (34) and the boys tying for ninth place

The Trojans' team had the fewest number of athletes among the ten competing schools, and the coaches were pleased with their effort to warm up and be ready to compete at the start of their events.

"This is a meet the athletes can build off of," said head coach Larry Lane, "as the outdoor season begins in

a week."

Girls -

Individual results are as follows:

Lucy Rieke: shot put, 3rd, 31'\'4".

Madisyn Hatfield: shot put, 7th, 27'6".

Julie Ramsey: 60m, 11th, 9.26; 60hh, 2nd, 10.39;

200m, 11th, 31.80. Meghan Scott: 60m, 8th,

9.18; 60hh, 3rd, 10.44. Faith Rowland: 200m,

18th, 38.17.

Reece Mortensen: 400m, 5th, 1:10.54.

Kathlene Huffaker: 800m, 13th, 3:34.30. Koli Croy: 800m, 4th,

Alexis Brooke: 1600m, 2nd, 6:14.00.

Garett Severson: shot put, 7th, 36'0".

Xaivier Slaughter: shot 3:57.73.

Blake Hill: 60m, 16th, 7.99.

Rodriguez: Anthony 60m, 18th, 8.05; 200m, 17th, 27.71.

Randall Phillips: 200m, 12th, 27.13.

Bryson Connor: 400m,

7th, 59.10. Christian Williams:

400m, 8th, 59.35. J.C. Santos: 800m, 1st,

2:09.44. Dylan Hill: 80om, 11th,

2:35.74. Chris Bexson: 1600m,

8th, 5:33.25.

Bryce Lucus: 3200m,

11th, 13.02.92. Jaxson Tarnowski: 12th,

Will Bergstrom, Phillips, Rodriguez, B. Hill: 4x200,

7th, 1:45.62 Bergstrom, Connor, Bexson, Santos: 4x400, 5th,

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NOTICE

Union Township Monthly Town Meetings The Union Township Board of Trustees holds their meetings on the second Tuesday of each month beginning April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Norton, in the County of Kankakee and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

> Tuesday, April 10, 2018 Being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the Norton Township shed

For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said town; and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of offices and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

in Buckingham, Illinois 60917

Dated March 20, 2018

William Van Wassenhove Norton Township Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Gardner, Garfield Township, in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p.m. at

Garfield Township Hall, 301 North Liberty Street, Gardner, Illinois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers; and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Business of the Township.

Dated March 17, 2018

Kurt Kociss Garfield Township Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the town of Odell in the County of Livingston and the State of Illinois, that the annual meeting of said town will take place on

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Being the second Tuesday of said month

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said Tuesday at 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Reading of Supervisor's Annual Financial Reports for all funds, Authorize the sale of old and unused equipment and buildings, set the time of the next Annual Town Meeting, and any other business that comes before the electors.

Susan LaBorence Town Clerk

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DEFENDANTS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF,

GERALD READ; KRISSANDRA READ; VILLAGE OF SAUNEMIN, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on January 26, 2018; Tony Childress, Sheriff, 844 West Lincoln Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, will on April 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM, at Livingston County Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Livingston County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

LOTS 14 AND 15 IN BLOCK 3 IN R. L. HOLDRIDGE'S ADDI-TION TO THE VILLAGE OF SAUNEMIN, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 50 Lafayette Street, Saunemin, IL 61769 Permanent Index No.: 17-17-15-402-008

Improvements: Single Family

Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the proper-

The judgment amount was \$77,733.50. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLI-NOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717

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Thursday, March 15 GSW vs. Watseka Varsity -

Lady Panthers The kicked off their 2018 season with a match-up against Watseka March 16, falling

Shelby Serena pitched four innings for GSW. Tori King would come on in relief of Serena.

On offense, Tori King and Delaney Miner each doubled twice, with King knocking in a run. Kylie Hawks and Kennedy Fair (one RBI)

each added a hit. Carson Wednesday, March 14 Halpin also had an RBI.

"We need to work at being more aggressive at the plate," said new head coach Cassi Bexson, "as we had six called third strikes. Watseka was a decent team weren't ten runs better than us. I think we needed this jitters out of the way. We are started." a very young team, and played in a few years.

COACHES: Send us your stats! Deadline is Friday noon for the next week's paper thepaper1901@scglobal.net

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Township of Vienna, in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. at

501 N. Division St., Verona, IL 60479 for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers; and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

Dated March 21, 2018.

William Walsh Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Garfield, in the county of Grundy, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Garfield Township Hall from and after 3 o'clock p.m., 18th day, March 2018.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:15 o'clock p.m., 18th day, April 2018, at Garfield Township Hall in this Town and that final action will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the 6:30 o'clock p.m. regular meeting.

James Olson, Supervisor Kurt Kociss, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Garfield Road District, in the county of Grundy, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Garfield Township Hall from and after 3 o'clock p.m., 18th day, March 2018.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:25 o'clock p.m., 18th day, April 2018, at Garfield Township Hall in this Garfield Road District and that final action will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the 6:30 o'clock p.m. regular meeting.

James Olson, Supervisor Kurt Kociss, Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. PLAINTIFF,

JOHN C. ROEMER; DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on December 15, 2017; Tony Childress, Sheriff, 844 West Lincoln Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, will on April 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM, at Livingston County Law and Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Livingston County, Illinois.

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Said property is legally described as follows:

LOT 12 EXCEPT THE NORTH 200 FEET THEREOF IN KIMES WOOD-LAND SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 5, 6, AND 7 IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS PLATTED BY THE MILLER ENGINEERING COMPANY OF STREATOR, ILLINOIS; SITU-ATED IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 6229 East 3000 North Road, Streator, IL 61364 Permanent Index No.: 02-02-18-353-013 Improvements: Single Family

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$100,567.89. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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Dwight vs. Lexington-Ridgeview Varsity -

Dwight's varsity Lady Trojans began their 2018 season with an 8-3 win over Lexington-Ridgeview March 14.

"We have been very with strong hitters – but they lucky this year with the weather," stated Coach Trainor, "to get many pracgame to get the first-game tices in before the season

Leah Flynn provided the many of the girls haven't first two runs for Dwight in the first inning, then Kaitlyn Masching would hit a threerun bomb in the second to give the Lady Trojans some breathing room. On the mound, Abby

Edwards battled all seven

innings, striking out 11, walking four, and allowing just seven hits. She also made several big defensive plays. The big defensive star,

however, was Danielle Carlson. She made a great catch in right field to get Dwight out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth. Masching led with the

three-run homer, walking twice. Flynn had the two-run hit, while LynnDee Hale (one hit, two walks, two runs), Taylor Anderson (one hit, one run), and Macey Rodosky (three singles, two runs) each batted in a run. Edwards had a hit and a

walk, scoring twice, with Danielle Carlson contributing two singles. Morgan Zabel had one single.

Friday, March 16 Dwight vs. Pontiac

Varsity - The Lady Trojans took on a tough Pontiac squad March 16, and took a 5-2 loss in seven innings.

"We have seen a very solid team today," said Coach Trainor after the game, "with some of the best pitching we will see this year. We put the ball in play, but not as much as we need

Dwight had an opportunity to score in the third inning, but would finally put two runs on the board in the fifth on a Macey Rodosky hit that knocked in Abby Edwards and Morgan Zabel. Those two runs would be it for the Lady Trojans' offense.

Zabel went 2-3 with the run scored. Rodosky batted in the two runs, while Leah Flynn (double) and LynnDee Hale each added a hit. Edwards walked twice, scoring once.

On the mound, Edwards would take her first loss, striking out ten and walking four in seven innings pitched, while allowing seven hits.

"It's still early," Trainor added, "and we have a lot more things to work on."

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Union Township NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Union in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

> Tuesday, April 10, 2018 being the second Tuesday of said month

at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. at

the Union Township Building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers; and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Township Finance Records will be available to see - and also, budgets for township funds.

Dated March 14, 2018



Gas Prices Jump 5.0 Cents

Gasoline prices for regular unleaded across the nation jumped 5.0 cents for the week, averaging \$2.571 as of Monday, March 19.

U.S. average fuel prices are up 2.5 cents from Sunday, March 18, up 5.4 cents from the previous month's average and up 27.3 cents from last year.

Prices across The Paper's readership area are all flat to higher with the exception of South Wilmington that dropped two cents to \$2.35 cents a gallon.

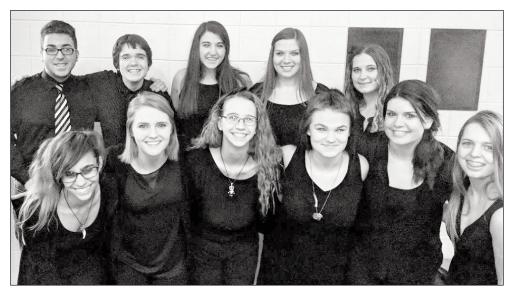
Average U.S. gallon regular price is made up of 18% state & local taxes; 9% distribution and marketing; 13% refining and 59% crude as of January 2018.

City/Village	March 19	March 12
Dwight	\$2.3675	\$2.265
Seneca	\$2.486	\$2.286
S. Wilmington	\$2.35	\$2.37
Streator	\$2.524	\$2.425
Odell	\$2.44	\$2.39
Saunemin	\$2.39	\$2.39
Cullom	\$2.29	\$2.29
Pontiac	\$2.452	\$2.353
Gardner	\$2.39	\$2.30
Braceville	\$2.34	\$2.21
Mazon	\$2.39	\$2.33
Morris	\$2.446	\$2.329
Herscher	\$2.39	\$2.26
Kankakee	\$2.528	\$2.335
Chicago	\$2.81	\$2.72
Illinois	\$2.55	\$2.55
U.S.	\$2.571	\$2.521

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

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





SOME DTHS CHOIR MEMBERS were chosen to sing in the Sangamon Valley Conference Honors Choir Festival at Olivet Nazarene University, rehearsing with students from other SVC schools and later performing in a concert.

DTHS Music Happenings

On March 3, the Dwight Township High School band and choir participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, earning 19 division I's and six divi-

sion II's. Dwight also earned one best of the day away - given to an entry that is best in their room for the day. This was given to Eden Beier.

On March 5, some DTHS

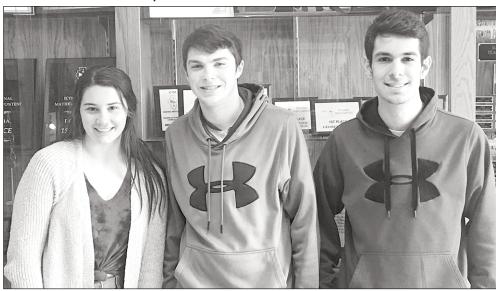
sing in the Sangamon Valley Conference Honors Choir Festival at Olivet Nazarene University. Students rehearsed all day with other students from Cissna Park, Clifton Central, Iroquois West, Momence, and Watseka. The guest conductor was Mr. Andrew Dahan from Illinois Wesleyan University.

After a full day of rehearsing and learning, they performed in a concert. Students who partici-

Choir members were selected to pated were: Katy Edwards, Kaylynn Farris, Madison Gretchen Hilt, Gamble, Kathlene Huffaker, Sarah Koss, Kirsten Oelschlager, Christina Pugh, Lucy Rieke, James Soto, and Tim Western.

> The music department will be next in action in the IHSA Organizational Contest, which will be held at Princeton High School. DTHS will send a Concert Band, Jazz Band, Treble Choir, and Mixed Choir.

GSW River Valley 2018 Academic All-Conference Team



GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL has announced that Haileigh Farrero, Spencer McDaniel, and Troy Speed have been named to the River Valley Conference 2018 Academic All-Conference Team, which is comprised of high school seniors who have achieved a 1240 SAT or 28 ACT and hold at least a 3.5 GPA.

Dwight Senior Citizens Meet

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

Barb Christensen led in reciting the pledge of alle-

giance. Valerie Larson gave the

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

Generous donations were received from the Township and LSC Communications (formerly RR Donnelley).

Happy Birthday was sung to Judy Lewis, Valerie Larson, and Millie Doran.

Cheer Lady Judy Lewis

sent a sympathy card to the family of Doris Christenson.

Door prizes were won by Valerie Larson, Johnson, Iris Wilder, Judy Lewis and Doris Gliwa.

Iris Wilder moved to adjourn; seconded by Judy Lewis.

Card games were played.

Dye Celebrates 10 Years at Coal City Dental Center



Debbie Dye

Debbie Dye has been providing gentle, quality dental care to her patients at Coal City Dental Center for ten years.

Dye got her start as a dental assistant; quickly realizing her passion for the dental field, she decided to become a dental hygienist.

In 2006, she graduated with her associates in science at Peoria in Dental Hygiene and received high honors.

Debbie is a member of the Colgate Oral Health Advisor Board and the American Dental Hygienist Association.

Her approach to treating her patients is to make them very comfortable and relaxed. Her patients admire and appreciate her gentle touch. Debbie caters to all of her customers at Coal City Dental Center, making them feel welcome.

Every day, she is a part of making patients very happy by creating healthy, beautiful smiles that - in so many cases can change lives.

Dye says, "Helping people become healthier and love their smile is what makes me love my job the most."

Outside the office, Debbie is proud to be an avid runner. She

Illinois Central College in participates in many local charity runs, sponsors and encourages others' participation in running events, and even recently completed a halfmarathon.

She is also a stained glass artist, a jewelry designer, and she knits and crochets. In addition to all of her talents, because of her and Dr. Trevison's dedication to quality patient care, much of her spare time is spent advancing her training in cutting edge dental courses where she can learn to best serve the patients she loves.

The community is both lucky and proud to have such a dedicated, knowledgeable and caring dental healthcare professional. We appreciate all that she has done, and continues to do, to make a difference in the lives of those around her.

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p.m., Mass. • MAR. 30: Good Friday, 3 p.m., Mass.

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Emington Congregational United Church of Christ

103 Division Street Pastor Grant Speece -Settled Pastor

 MAR. 25: Palm Sunday – 8:45 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: "Our King Arrives."

 MAR. 30: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. DATE TO REMEMBER: April 15, 3 p.m. - Installation of Rev. Grant Speece at First

Congregational U.C.C. with dinner after the service. "March Food Pantry Collection"-Boxed potatoes.

March "Mission of the Month" - One Great Hour of Sharing / O.G.H.S.

GARDNER United Lutheran Church

ELCA 309 E. Jefferson St. 815-237-2227 pastorulc@att.net Pastor Greg Olson

• Sundays: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament. Good Friday Crosswalk from the Church of Hope at 10 a.m., ending at United Lutheran Church for service

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Dwight Peace Meals

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Thurs., Mar. 22: Stuffed chicken breast, baked onions, Midori blend vegetables, whole grain wheat (1), pineapple pistachio pudding.

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

Mon., Mar. 26: Chicken

toes, seasoned green beans, whole grain wheat (1), tropical fruit. Tues., Mar. 27: Cheese

manicotti (2) w/meat sauce, Mexicorn, broccoli, whole grain wheat (1), pears. Wed., Mar. 28: Beef stew

w/potatoes, carrots, onions; three bean salad, whole grain biscuits, warm fruit crisp. Thurs., Mar. 29: Cook's

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MEMBERS OF THE 2018 DTHS VARSITY TROJAN BASEBALL team, front row, (from left) Daniel Gutierrez, Colton Holm, Hayden Tjelle, Bubba Schultz, Ryan Hogan, Michael Johnson, Carson Crouch, Mason Tjelle; Back row, Coach Joe

Micetich, Cole Hahn, Andrew Myzia, Cade Enerson, Bobby Ruder, Logan Graham, Peyton Byerley, Jimmy Harkenrider, Paul Norton, Coach Matt Norton, and Coach Paul Warner.

order. Senior Kaden Hubly

HERSCHER TIGERS BASEBALL



DTHS Trojans Baseball

Coaching Staff: Paul Warner (head coach), Joe Micetich, Dan Tarnowski, Matt Norton

Dwight's baseball program has hired an entirely new coaching staff, as they hope to usher in a new era of Trojan baseball in 2018.

Head coach Paul Warner comes to Dwight with 33 years of experience developing youth leadership and coaching. His personal philosophy on coaching is to ensure he and his staff are committed to being "Hero Makers" - "100% effort into developing the next generation of Heroes and Leaders, who understand how to excel - being the best version of yourself."

The Trojans will be led by returning team captains Logan Graham, a junior, and senior Bubba Schultz. They will be looked upon to demonstrate personal excellence on and off the field, and learning to be a "Hero Maker" to their teammates.

Warner believes the youth of his squad will also be its strength, as the young team focuses on skill and mental development, defense, and ries. pitching - with everyone committed to "excel."

Commitment will be the Trojans' key to success this and in a competitve confer- ed. ence, Dwight will look to be the best versions of themselves in an effort to emerge as conference champions.



Head Coach: Eric Regez (26th Year) Asst. Varsity: Kurt Quick, **Todd Wolter** 2017 Record: 28-11

The Herscher varsity baseball squad is coming off another great season in 2017. The Tigers were able to win 28 games, which marked the 23rd consecutive season of 20 or more victo-

An impressive group of seniors – who were able to contribute in 57 victories over the two previous camseason, according to Warner, paigns - have since graduat-

> The 2018 version returns some experience up the middle of the diamond, which is always a plus. The Tigers also return two pitchers

over 40 innings individually and gain 13 victories on the mound to take aim at continuing the Herscher baseball

tradition.

This year's club is led by senior pitchers Anthony Koranda (1.72 ERA – 2017) and Tyler Stuart (1.82 ERA - 2017). Stuart won 7 games during his junior campaign and was asked to take on many tough opponents down the stretch. Senior left hander Koranda threw over 40 innings, scoring six wins, and will be asked to serve in a dual role in both pitching and playing the outfield in 2018.

Senior catcher McKinley Keenan (.411 avg. – 2017) drove in 35 runs and will be expected to remain consistent with his production in (.322 avg. – 2017) returns and serves in a valuable utility role after scoring many big hits during the 2017 season. Senior shortstop Tyler Jarnagin (.296 avg. – 2017) scored 33 runs and will be counted upon to continue his production at the top of the batting order in 2018. Senior outfielders Luke Engelman (.280 avg. -2017) and Ryan Volk (.375 avg. - 2017) started a number of games in 2017 and will be large contributors on this year's club both offensively and defensively.

Senior Blaise Feller returns

to add depth to the right side

of the infield. Senior Luke

Cross will add depth to the

roster both on the mound and in the outfield. Last year's underclass teams had great seasons. Many of those members will be expected to eventually compete for playing time. Underclassmen vying for a chance on the diamond include juniors Maxx Becker, Lucas Beckman, Colton Reece Harrod, McDivitt, Josh McCormick,

Tanner Mullin, Justin

Walthers, Grant Wenzelman,

and Austin Yeast.

"As far as the 2018 outlook goes," says head coach Eric Regez, "the future once again is looking very promising for the Tigers. We are hoping as the season moves along much improvement is made in order to allow the team to play to the level it is accustomed to over the years."

The 2018 team returns five of the top six hitters in the order, so that experience should carry over offensively to producing runs in a number of different ways.

The pitching staff has a number of very capable arms. The moundsmen include seniors Stuart, Koranda, Fritz, Volk, Engelman and Cross. Juniors McCormick, McDivitt, Walthers, and Wenzelman will also be given a chance to log some

"Team goals are simple," states Regez, "and include trying to improve every day in order to remain at the top of the Interstate 8."

If the team progresses as expected and everyone stays healthy - look for the Tigers not to miss a beat at continuing their success in 2018.



GSW Panthers Baseball

Coaching Staff: Allan Wills (3rd Year), Jeff Wepprecht (2nd Year), Bill Asbridge - JV (2nd Year), Trevor Sampson -JV (1st Year) 2017 Record: 15-17

Despite losing a good group of seniors from last season - in which the Panthers put down Dwight in the first round of the regional but were then defeated Ottawa by Marquette - over half of GSW's starters return to add their much-needed experience to the mix.

Returning to the fold are juniors Matthew Wepprecht (1B/P), Joey Morales (P/3B), and Nathan Wozniak (SS/P); along with seniors Dakota Watson (2B/P), Sean Hansen (IF/OF), and Gino Head Coach: Cassi Bexson Faletti (OF/IF).

"We do not have a lot of new additions to the team, Wills, "but some of the sophomores (Kociss, Ruiz, Perkins) that got a little experience last season will help us out a lot this season."

As far as team strengths, Wills believes his Panthers' lineup is a fairly balanced one, in addition to a good number of players who will help them out on the mound this season.

Teams like Beecher and Illinois Lutheran will provide difficult roadblocks, but haven't played since junior GSW sees themselves stacking up well against the conference competition – with their eyes set on the conference title in 2018.



GSW Lady Panthers Softball

2017 Record: 10-15

The 2018 Lady Panthers admits head coach Allan will look pretty young out there this season - comprised of primarily sophomores.

> GSW will return one senior from last year, Delaney Miner, along with five returning sophomores.

> Prior to the season starting, they weren't sure they would have enough to field a team, so head coach Cassi Bexson is very happy with their numbers.

"Some of these girls high," Bexson says, "but are very naturally athletic and extremely coachable. We've come a long way in just a couple of weeks of practice."

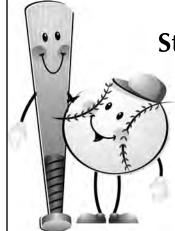
Bexson says Miner has already stepped into a leadership role on the team.

"She's going to help us out a lot offensively, as well," Bexson said of Miner.

Shelby Serena and Tori King, two returning sophomores, will see a lot of action on the mound. Both help the team create a strong infield. These two will be at the top of the order.

Carson Halpin, another returning sophomore, will hold things down behind the

"We have a lot of new and returning talent," adds Bexson, "and I'm excited to see how this season unfolds. My goal for this season is to improve on last year's record - this team is very capable of being over .500."



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DTHS Trojans Track

THE 2018 DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL boys and girls track team includes (front row from left) Nellie Rieke, Shelby Putnam, Madisyn Hatfield, Meghan Scott, Kathlene Huffaker, Faith Rowland, Lucy Rieke, Julie Ramsey, Chloe Butterbrodt, Reece Mortensen, Koli Croy, Alexis Brooke (back row) Coach Melissa Funk, Coach Maleah White, Coach Larry Lane, Luis Hides, Kevin Ferrari, Chris Bexson, Dusty

Manietta, Will Bergstrom, Abe Rieke, Bryson Connor, Dylan Hill, Garett Severson, Christian Williams, Randall Phillips, Blake Hill, J.C. Santos, Lucas Downen, Bryce Lucus, Anthony Rodriguez, Jaxson Tarnowski, (not pictured) Xaivier Slaughter, Kyle Spalliero, manager Colton Neu, and assistant coach Mitch Thompson.



Boys Head Coach, **Throws Coach:** Larry Lane (23 Years) Girl's Head Coach, **Sprints, Hurdles Coach:** Maleah White (7 Years) **Sprints, Hurdles Coach:** Melissa Funk (8 Years) Sprints, Horizontal and **Vertical Jumps:** Mitch Thompson (1st Year) Distance: **Stephanie Simms-Stickel** (2nd Year

Volunteer Coach)

The Lady Trojans are back in action for the 2018 season with 12 athletes training hard this spring expecting late season suc-

According to their coaches, seniors Julie Ramsey (sprints, hurdles) and Lucy Rieke (throws) have been working hard to make their goals come true – qualifying to compete in the state meet their last season.

Returner Chloe Butterbrodt (sprints), along with newcomers Reece Mortensen and Meghan Scott, make the sprint squad stronger showing early promise come

Returners Shelby Putnam (throws), Alexis Brooke (distance), and Kathlene Huffaker (mid-distance) are training hard and look to show much improvement from the past season.

Freshmen Scott (hurdles) and Koli Croy (distance) competed in the IESA state meet last season, which brings strength to this young team this spring.

Of the 20 team members on the boys side, there are six juniors, four sophomores, and ten freshmen.

The returners have shown improvement in their events, according to head coach Larry Lane, and the new athletes have much potential as they adjust to a varsity sport.

J.C. Santos – the only returning state qualifier for Dwight – leads a talented group of underclassmen in the middle distances with Chris Bexson and Lucas Downen showing the most

ability at this time.

Christian Williams, Bryson Connor, Randall Phillips, and Blake Hill are the sprint and hurdle returners, with Will Bergstrom, Dusty Manietta, Anthony Rodriguez showing much promise.

Garrett Severson is the top returner for the throwing squad, but the new throwers continue to improve daily.

Freshmen Bergstrom (high jump) and Manietta (long jump) add depth to the team in the jumps.

The 2018 campaign promises to be an interesting and exciting one, as the young squad develops and improves.

Dwight hosts four home meets this season for those wishing to catch a glimpse of these athletes. They are also asking any track fans who may be interested in helping at home meets to contact Coach Lane at 815-370-8662 or Andrew Pittenger at 815-584-6202 with an offer to help.

MEMBERS OF THE



Varsity Dwight Township High School softball team are (front row from left) Kaitlyn Masching, Taylor Anderson, Abby Houch, Morgan Zabel, Lynndee Hale, Macey Rodosky; (back row) Coach Tim Harms, Kat Harms, Kayla Kodat, Hayley Schlabowske, Leah Flynn, Abby Edwards, Danielle Carlson, Katy Edwards, Riley Connolly, and Coach Chuck Trainor.





Head Coach: Chuck Trainor 2017 Record: 20-8

Coming off of a 1A sectional appearance, Dwight could start an entire team of seniors as they return nine from last season. The Lady Trojans will be accompanied by three returning sophomores: Danielle Carlson, Riley Connolly, and Kat Harms. Current sophomore Katy Edwards and current freshman Kayla Kodat will be other new additions to the team.

Head Coach Chuck Trainor steps into the role for the first year. He has coached for twenty years for summer and school levels. Trainor started as a baseball coach at the grade school and high school as an assistant, and then joined softball coaching for the 8th Grade Redbirds for a total of 10 vears. After this, he moved to high school softball as an assistant to the Lady Trojans.

DTHS Varsity Lady Trojans Softball

Trainor will be joined by two assistants, Tim Harms and Kolby Hoffman.

Harms has coached 8 years at the JV and Varsity levels and has coached 6 years of travel ball.

Dwight Softball Alumni, Kolby Hoffman, who played four years of softball at Illinois State University, and assisted coaching there for one year, "will bring a new higher level of experience to the team" says Coach Trainor.

The JV squad will be headed by first year Coach, Jamie Stanton. The Dwight softball alumni played four years at Trinity International University. Her assistants will be another first year alumni, Aidan Connolly, and Patricia Farrell-Lavange.

"We should have another worked all year long on their softball craft. Starting Pitchers Abby Edwards, Macey Rodosky, and Katy

Edwards are looking great and they also bring big bats to the lineup."

An experienced infield comprised of Lynndee Hale, Taylor Anderson, Macey Rodosky, and Leah Flynn, will bring solid bats to the lineup.

The outfield is anchored good season" explains by centerfielder Morgan Trainor. "I've got girls that Zabel with supporting corners of Hayley Schlabowske, Danielle Carlson, Riley Connolly, Kat Harms, Abby Houch, and Kayla Kodat.

Behind the plate, Kaitlyn Masching brings a wellrounded game with Kat Harms backing her up.

Trainor adds, "We have some tough teams on the schedule that will keep us tested. In the conference we should be up towards the top. If we play fast, loud, and smart, we can control our destination. These girls work extremely hard and are willing to put in the time. It should be a fun year."

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At the Churches

(continued from page 13) **DWIGHT**

Dwight United Methodist Church 701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Michael Ebersohl • MAR. 21: Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L & Ignite, 7 p.m.

• MAR. 22: Praise Band rehearsal, 6 p.m.; Ad Council, 7 p.m. • MAR. 24: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.; AA meeting, 9 a.m. · MAR. 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.; Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30 a.m.; Scouts #4877, 4 p.m.

• MAR. 26: Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; United Methodist Men, 7 p.m. • MAR. 27: Hens Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.; Bible Seekers, 9 a.m.; Scouts #1505, 6 p.m. • MAR. 28: UMW

Ecumenical Breakfast at New Life Assembly, 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.; Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L & Ignite, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran

Church 325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church 584-1291 fax • MAR. 21: Pastor Nicholson here; 3 - 4 p.m., open gym; 4 - 5 p.m., Midweek Bible Time; 4:30 p.m., Handbells; 5:30 p.m., Midweek Lenten Service - meal by Music/Choir. • MAR. 25 – Palm Sunday: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Adult

Communion. MAR. 28: NO Midweek Bible Time. • MAR. 29: 5:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion.

Bible Class; 10 a.m.,

Worship with Holy

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

 MAR. 21: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

• MAR. 25: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.

• MAR. 28: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program,

First Congregational **United Church of** Christ

200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 church Pastor Grant Speece -Settled Pastor • MAR. 21: Trustees

meeting, 7 p.m.

• MAR. 25: Palm Sunday - Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sermon: "Our King Arrives;" Deacons meeting, 11:30 a.m. • MAR. 28: Women's

Ecumenical Breakfast at New Life Assembly, 7 a.m. or 9 a.m. DATE TO REMEMBER: APR. 15, 3 P.M.: INSTAL-LATION OF REV. GRANT SPEECE with a dinnerl after the service.

"March Mission

of the Month" Dress an Angel. Last day for donations is Mar. 25. "Feed the Kids" Program. Donations Welcome.

New Life Assembly of God 903 S. Old Route 66 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor 815-584-3430 • MAR. 22: 7 p.m., Worship practice. • MAR. 25: 9 a.m., Connection Groups; 10 a.m., Main Service -Communion; Kid's Church, ages 3-11;

5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group. • MAR. 28: 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., Women's Ecumenical Breakfast; 7 p.m., Night of Prayer. • MAR. 29: 7 p.m.,

St. Patrick Catholic Church Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office Father Chris Haake, Pastor • MAR. 24: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.

Worship practice.

• MAR. 25: 8 a.m., Mass. St. Peter's **Lutheran Church** 326 W. Chippewa St. stpetersdwight@ sbcglobal..net • MAR. 21: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 3:30 p.m., Worship Team;

4 p.m., Youth Group; 4:30 p.m., rehearsal. • MAR. 22: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at Dwight Country Club. • MAR. 23: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 8 p.m., AA meeting. • MAR. 25 - Palm

Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development/ Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion. • MAR. 26: "Epistle"

deadline; church office

Sunday – 9:15 a.m.,

closed; 9 a.m. - noon, quilting.. • MAR. 27: 9 a.m. noon, quilting; 2:30 -5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries.

• MAR. 28: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., Women's Ecumenical Breakfast at New Life Assembly; 4:45 p.m., Youth Group; 5 p.m., rehears-

• MAR. 29: Maundy Thursday -7 a.m., Men's Ecumenical Breakfast at DUMC; 8 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion. • MAR. 30: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 12:10 p.m., Ecumenical Service at St. Patrick's; 8 p.m.,

BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church 106 W. Goold St. 815-237-8512 Church 815-483-9343 Cell bracevilleumc.com

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AA meeting.

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mile crosswalk starting at the church at 9 a.m.; Evening service at 7:30 p.m. • Easter Sunday

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and boys - 2nd Place in I-8

Returning Lettermen (Girls): Kyla Brychta, Brooke Johnston, Morgan Jones, Jenna Kenning, Kylie Lockwood, Ashlynn McClintock, Gwen Meyer, Molly Raymond, Becca Reiniche, Elizabeth Rink, Mady Rogers.

Returning Lettermen Jacob (Boys): Allen, Ouinnton Becker, Hunter Bilyard, Chris Borschnack, Bushey, Marco Nick Contreras, Matthew Dorsey, Cory Enfield, Brae Ferguson, Caleb Fleischauer, Adam Hertz, Tyler Howard, Zack Jensen, Josh Kersten, Aidan Mann, Justin Mau, Luke Johnson, Coby Mollema, Tom O'Connell, Blake Ohrt, Bryce Ohrt, Trey Pritchard, Jacob Schultz, Brandon Sommer.

Key Contributors (Girls): Morgan Jones (Shot Put): Morgan has put a lot of work into building up her strength and technique throughout the summer months and into the start of indoor season. She's already set new PRs in the shot put with only three meets into the season.

Kylie Lockwood (Distance): Kylie continues to stay steady in the 3200 and 1600 together. She continues

to build up her endurance and setting her own pace to have a constant improvement throughout the season.

Gwen Meyer, Molly Raymond, Mady Rogers (3200m Relay, 1600m Relay, 800, & 400): Three of the four returning state qualifiers in the 3200m Relay last season and only being Freshmen last year. All three have improved greatly from this point last season with continued success in PRs in the relay and in the 800 for Mady and 400 for Gwen and Molly. All three are ahead of where they need to be setting up for a strong out-

door season.

Elizabeth Rink (Sprints):
Elizabeth really started to hit her prime last year joining late into the indoor season with strong improvements in the 100 and 1600m Relay. Picking up where she left off last year she is hitting her stride strong leading the way in the 200 and 800m Relay giving us a strong lead in the Sprint program this season.

Key Contributors (Boys): Jacob Allen (Jumps/Sprints): Jacob was part of our strong Triple Jump combo with Senior Tyrece Ahrens last season really coming on strong at the end of the season. Jacob has strong improvements in his sprint mechanics as well as his continued improvement in the triple.

Quinnton Becker (Jumps/Sprint): Going for another State run in Pole Vault Quinnton has shown no signs of slowing down as his strength has improved from last season as well as his sprint strength for the 200, 400 and relays.

Chris Borschnack

(Distance): He shows a great education in terms of running his race and understanding his pace in the 3200 and 1600. Chris has always been reliable meet to meet and looks to continue that success his Senior year.

Matthew Dorsey (Sprints): Matthew has really put in the time in the weight room mostly for football but it's paying off on the track with his speed as he's shown strong improvements from last season early into the indoor season. He has continued to PR in his events with a focus to continue that success late into the season.

Tyler Howard (Distance): Another strong runner and only being a Sophomore he continues to build up the miles and endurance to compete at a high level. Just missing out last season for State at Sectionals he uses that motivation for this season.

Trey Pritchard (Mid-Distance): A continued returner for the program, Trey has always been built to run. He's been a strong staple for us in the 800 and at times in the 400 when called upon.

Jacob Schultz (Mid-Distance): Another strong 400 and 200m runner worked well with Tyrece Ahrens last season in the double 400 and 200 events. Jacob has already moved ahead of his point from last season setting the way in the 400 with two meets into this season. He's a strong athlete showing that what he did last year as a Freshman was only the beginning for this season.

Brandon Sommer (Sprints): In past seasons Brandon has been a jumper and sprinter but going into his Senior year he is focused on the sprinting events and is already setting the bar high with top marks in the 60 and 200 this indoor season. Brandon is already ahead of his progress from last season. Along with a few injuries already this season Brandon

shows no signs of slowing down.

New Additions (Girls): Emily Allen (Sprints): Coming off an impressive 8th grade season, Emily has stepped up in the 200 and 800m Relay already showing that she is a force to be known as she sprints like an upperclassman.

Anna Cotter (Sprints/Jump): Already showing strong starts in the High Jump, 200 and 800m Relay. This is Anna's first year in track being a Sophomore but you wouldn't have thought that this season already. A natural and gifted athlete, Anna has been a nice addition to our Sprint program working well with Elizabeth Rink.

Jillian Cotter (Sprints):
Jillian shows she is an allaround sprinter. It is great to have an athlete like Jillian who can be called upon to come from the blocks, sprint in an open event, or be placed in any of the relay spots.

Josie Mendell (Mid/Distance): Stepping into the empty 3200m Relay spot left by our Senior last year Brooke Allen. Josie is already leading the way in the 3200m relay splits with a 2:29, and only being a Freshman she is strong to compete in the 400, 800 and 1600 as well.

Maddy Offerman (Jumps): Maddy has height for days and a natural ability to jump. Coming into this season, Maddy will give us strong field status this season, one area we have been looking to build upon.

Natalie Rink (Mid/Distance): Natalie is what we like to call "a rock." She's built tough and mentally strong. Coming in as a Freshman Natalie runs like a Senior already showing strong improvements running doubles in the 3200 and 1600 as well as mixing it up in the 800. She's steady early this season and should stay steady throughout.

Brooke Siedentop and Christina Urso (Throws):

Bringing in two Freshmen throwers this season is a nice improvement to the throws. Both Brooke and Christina have already hit PRs in the Shot Put this indoor season and continue to improve as we move closer to outdoor.

New Additions (Boys): Gabe Hall (Sprints): Gabe is naturally fast and has proven that this past weekend running in the 24s for the 200 as a Freshman.

Kamden Lockwood (Mid-Distance/Jumps): Kamden coming off swimming is naturally gifted as an athlete. He was thrown in right away joining us setting strong marks in the 800 and 400 events as well as committing to High Jump this season. No doubt Kamden will be a force.

Logan Lunsford (Sprints/Jumps): Another strong Freshman coming off a strong 8th grade season is already sprinting and jumping to a strong start. Same as Kamden, Logan was thrown in right away already running 7.55 in the 60 and jumping over 18' in the Long Jump with only 1.5 weeks of practice.

Jace Martin and Dominic Mascolo (Sprints): Both Freshmen are nice additions to our Fresh/Soph sprint program showing promise of a chance for F/S Conference as well as being a steady force for our Varsity program as well.

Trevor Stutz (Mid-Distance): Having a strong XC season, Trevor showed a lot of improvement in his speed endurance and it has carried over into the track season. Coming off of basketball he was also thrown in right away to this season and you wouldn't have known it with his strong performance to date

Dalton Woods (Sprints): Another Freshman with high expectations for himself. Dalton is already showing great sprint mechanics and a strong focus to stay hungry

wanting to break Freshman records this season for us in the sprints.

The Paper

This is that kind of season where both the girls and boys team have a nice all-around feel to the program. At times we were strong in certain areas but not all areas.

This season we are confident that we have a strong mix for the field, sprints, and mid to distance program for the girls. As the season moves forward we are confident again that we will have a greater team outlook as we focus to compete at a higher level teamwise than we were able to do last year.

For the boys, our sprint program has shown a strong improvement building up with our distance program. Having both as a strong combination should lead us to compete again at the Conference level and again at Sectionals.

Fresh/Soph is looking to compete in the top three once again for both the girls and boys programs.

Varsity continues to build upon past year success and improve to the top three overall being in the mix of the middle the past two seasons.

In any given year, any of the teams in the conference can be up at the front. We've seen a lot of teams build upon past success and rise to the top. Each year we focus on peaking near conference so at that time we can be a force to

be focused on. Both programs are at an all-time high in track and field. This is the most athletes we've had with 40 boys and 25 girls this season. They are built to run, sprint and jump and there are high expectations that these athletes have put on themselves which in turn can lead to an exciting season. It is a joy as a coach to know you have athletes on both sides of the program who have high expectations set for themselves.

- Head Coach Jared Macari

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