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Holy Week Schedule

Dwight United Methodist Church

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., followed by breakfast.
Easter Celebration, 8 a.m.
Contemporary Celebration, 10:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion, 5:30 p.m.
Good Friday Worship Service, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 1 – Easter Breakfast, 10 a.m., Easter Worship with Holy Communion

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Dwight

Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday/Communion, 10:30 a.m.

New Life Assembly of God, Dwight

Good Friday, 7 p.m., Tenebrae Service “Service of Shadows,” representing the darkness leading up to Christ’s Death.
Easter Sunday, 10 a.m., Resurrection Sunday Service.

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight

Good Friday Ecumenical Service, 12:10 p.m.
Good Friday, Tenebrae, 7 p.m.
Holy Saturday – 8 p.m., Mass
Easter Sunday – 8 a.m., Mass

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Dwight

Maundy Thursday, 8 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion
Good Friday -- 7 p.m., Worship Service.
Easter Sunday Son Rise Service, 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast, 8:45 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (Goodfarm)

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 6 p.m.
Easter Sunday Festival Service with Holy Communion, 9 a.m., preceded by breakfast at 8 a.m.

Bonfield Grand Prairie Methodist Parish

at Bonfield Evangelical, 348 Smith St., Bonfield
Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., Non-traditional hand washing; Holy Communion; Short Message.
Good Friday, 7 p.m., Drama “In the Shadow of the Cross;” Purging of sins.
Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., Bonfield Youth Group Presentation; Community Breakfast after Worship; 9:15 a.m., Easter Service.
at Bonfield First, 178 Church St., Bonfield
Easter Service, 8 a.m.
at Grand Prairie, Rt. 17
Easter Service, 10:15 a.m.

Braceville United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday, 2 mile Cross Walk at 9 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service at 10 a.m., preceded by 8:30 a.m. Breakfast; and 9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Campus

Holy Thursday – 6 p.m., Mass
Good Friday – 3 p.m., Mass
Easter Sunday – 10:30 a.m., Mass

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ

Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday/Communion, 8:45 a.m.

Gardner – Good Friday Crosswalk begins at Church of Hope in Gardner at 10 a.m., ending at United Lutheran Church for service.

Saunemin United Methodist Church

Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion
Good Friday, 7 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., followed by breakfast.
Easter Celebration Service, 10:30 a.m.

United Lutheran Church, Gardner

Good Friday Service, following Crosswalk.
Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

Zoar Community Church, rural Reddick

Maundy Thursday, Service at 7 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.; breakfast to follow.

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**Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast**, Thursday, March 29, at Dwight United Methodist Church, 7 a.m.

**Good Friday Ecumenical Service**, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, 12:10 p.m.

## Former Dwight Woman Shaves Head . . . For Cancer Research This Time

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor  
Katie (Muller) Quigley has now shaved her head twice. Once for cancer treatment five years ago and again March 17 for cancer research.

When Katie was born to Dennis and Elizabeth “Beth” Muller of rural Dwight, 25 years ago, she was premature. She weighed two pounds, 13 ounces, and was 16 inches long. She was born at 30 weeks.

Katie, who graduated from Dwight High School, suffered from Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma Cancer, stage two after high school at age 20, now in five years remission.

“It was nice of her to give us 20 years to recover from the stress of the premie to the cancer stress,” mother Beth told *The Paper* at a St. Baldrick’s rally held in Ottawa on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17.

When Katie was 18, she experienced night sweats and fever, she explained.

“I was a teenager and I was invincible,” she said. She added that if a person’s lymph nodes don’t go down in three weeks from an infection, “See a doctor and have them checked out!”

At that time, she was required to shave her head for the cancer treatment. Little brother Daniel, who is now a senior at Dwight Township High School, joined his sister and shaved his head in support of her treatment back then.

He was right by her side again for the St. Baldrick’s Event on March 17.

Kate raised \$853 to shave her head and Dan raised another \$100.

Each were shaved, but Kate’s long hair, beyond shoulder length, was chopped off in braids to be used for the “Wigs for Kids” program.

So this is the second time both had their heads shaved.

Did it bother Katie’s husband, Tim, whom she married in 2015?

“I saw her with her head



**KATIE QUIGLEY**, formerly of Dwight, has her pigtails removed before her head is shaved for St. Baldrick’s Foundation children’s cancer research. She raised \$853 in research. March 17 marked the second time she had her head shaved. The first was five years ago for her cancer treatment. She works at an Ottawa animal clinic as a certified vet technician.

*The Paper* photo

buzzed before when she had chemo,” Tim, who resides with Katie in rural Marseilles, explained. “It didn’t scare me away then. Hair grows back.”

The couple met at Joliet Junior College, married Oct. 17, 2015.

“I can’t wait to see what my bird’s reaction will be and my cat,” Katie told *The Paper* minutes before she had her head shaved.

They have a small parrot that talks a little, saying phrases like “I Love You.”

“It talks when it really wants something,” Tim said.

The bird was a gift to Katie when she was battling cancer, to provide comfort.

In addition to cancer research for St. Baldrick’s, Katie wore a shirt featuring Hailey Lucas, who also has Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma Cancer, who is from the area, she said.

Many of the “shaved” people, including Daniel Muller, wore a shirt that says “rock the Bald, St. Baldrick’s” to Conquer Childhood Cancer.”

When she was on stage getting her several pigtails



**DANIEL MULLER** of Dwight gets his head shaved for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation to raise money for children’s cancer research. His older sister, Katie, had cancer five years ago, and he also shaved his head five years ago in support of his sister’s battle with cancer.

*The Paper* photo

cut off, the announcer at the St. Baldrick’s event called Katie a “bundle of energy.”

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is the largest private funder of children’s cancer research.

This was the 15th annual event at Ottawa.

Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer worldwide, and in the

United States, one in five children diagnosed won’t survive.

Some who survive suffer long-term effects from harsh treatments due to their developing bodies.

People may still donate to the cause by going online to: St.Baldricks.org

## Dwight House Fire Kills Two

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

A fire that may have started in the kitchen of a two-story home in Dwight in the wee hours of the morning March 21 resulted in the death of two men.

Dwight Fire arrived at the home at 12:33 a.m., when the home at 110 South Union Street, Dwight, was fully engulfed in flames, according to Justin Dyer, Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Inspector for the Dwight Fire Department.

The names of the deceased, Guy Ralph Sassenger, 46, and Chad David Weber, 42, were released by the Livingston County Coroner, Danny Watson, the next day.

“Positive identification was obtained through dental, tattoos and interviews with relatives,” Watson said in a news release.

Autopsies were performed March 21 with



**A FIRE IN A HOME** on Route 47 in Dwight resulted in the death of two men early in the morning of Wednesday, March 21. When the fire department arrived, the home was fully engulfed in flames. The cause remains under investigation. *The Paper* photo

results pending, Watson said.

The Dwight Fire Department, Dwight Police Department, Illinois state Fire Marshall’s Office, MABAS 15 Task Force and

the Livingston County Coroner’s office investigation of the cause remains open, but Dyer told *The Paper* last week that preliminary investigation indicates it started in the kitchen.

“Upon arrival, crews encountered a two-story, multi-family residence that was heavily involved in fire on all floors,” Dyer said in a news release.

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FOR THE RECORD

**Tickets Issued by Dwight Police**  
March 17: Haymon Lambrose, 52, Stockton, CA, speeding 26-34 MPH over limit.  
March 21: Samantha G. Bray, 39, Dwight, license expired more than a year, operate uninsured motor vehicle, expiration of registration.

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

**Police Blotter**  
The following are reports from the Dwight police incident book this week:  
March 14: **Vehicle Burglaries** - Dwight Police were called at 9:26 p.m. to the 200 block of Renfrew for burglary to motor vehicles. The case is still under investigation. Police remind residents to lock their vehicles.  
March 15: **Domestic Issue** - Police were called to the 200 block of W. North for a domestic issue at 1:50 p.m.  
March 16: **Battered Subject** - Dwight Police were dispatched at 12:30 a.m to E. Main Street for a battered subject. The case is an ongoing investigation.  
**Bad Checks** - Dwight Police were notified at 8:40 a.m. that a business had two bad checks from the 100 block of N. Franklin Street. The case is under investigation.  
**Out-of-control Male** - Dwight police were called to the 100 block of Julie Drive at 4:41 p.m. for an out-of-control 54-year-old male. The male spoke with Dwight Officers and was compliant. No further actions were taken.

**7 Warnings Issued**  
  
**Accident Report**  
Thursday, March 22, 10:50 a.m., an accident was

**Did You Know?**  
While Illinois has been home to four Presidents; Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama; there have also been two Vice Presidents from Illinois. Adlai Stevenson served under President Grover Cleveland from 1893 to 1897 and Charles Dawes served with President Calvin Coolidge from 1925 to 1929. All four Presidents from Illinois were chosen for a second term. Neither Vice President was similarly rewarded.

Info. from Illinois State Representative, Tom Bennett

reported at Rt. 47 at Rt. 17 involving a 2008 Toyota, driven by John Rose, Bourbonnais, who failed to stop and yield to Susan Alsip, Montgomery, striking her 2007 Volvo.



**Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**  
March 16: 9:27 a.m., Main St., Gardner, trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; 9:55 a.m., John St., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Dwight Fire; 6:25 p.m., Rt. 47, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Mazon.  
March 17: 12:33 a.m., E. Main, medical, Morris; 5:32 a.m., E. Mazon, medical, Morris; 9:28 p.m., Linden, medical, Morris.  
March 18: 1:53 a.m., William, trauma, Pontiac; 6:28 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.  
March 19: 10:16 a.m., 2000 E. Rd., medical, Morris; 1:18 p.m., Prairie, medical, St. James; 7:19 p.m., I-55, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner and Dwight Fire; 9:49 p.m., Chippewa, medical, Morris.  
March 20: 7:04 a.m., Mazon, trauma, refusal.  
March 21: 12:35 a.m., Union, fire; 7:15 a.m., Mazon, medical, Riverside; 8:08 a.m., South, medical, St. James; 8:54 a.m., Delaware, trauma, St. James, mutual aid from Dwight Fire; 12:09 p.m., Union, fire, no pt.; 12:12 p.m., Seminole, medical, refusal, mutual aid – Gardner; 4:12 p.m., Union, fire, no pt.; 7:29 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.  
March 22: 1:05 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.  
March 23: 10:25 a.m., I-55, trauma, Morris, mutual aid – Gardner Fire.

**State of Illinois: How much do we owe?**  
As of the time of this writing, March 23, 2018, the State of Illinois owes \$8,390,176,381 in unpaid bills to state vendors. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as our unfunded pension liability which is estimated to be more than \$100 billion.

**Dwight Voters Pass Fire Referendums**  
by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor  
The referendums for the Dwight Fire Department passed in the March 20 election meaning the department will have funding to hire people to man the station during the daytime hours. In Livingston County, unofficial tallies show the first referendum passed 517 yes to 398 no votes. In Grundy County, this same question failed by one vote, 28 to 29. But according to Kristy Masching, Livingston County Clerk, the tally is for the entire fire district, meaning the measure passed. The second question won 507 yes to 410 no in Livingston County and 32 yes to 24 no in Grundy County. Precincts involved in the district include all four of Dwight, Nevada, Sullivan and part of Union. Voter turnout was just shy of 32% on election day, which is about average for primary elections, Masching said. “Usually a question on the ballot brings in a higher percentage,” she said, but added that voting in primaries is lower because people do not wish to declare their party at the voting place. Initially, there was a question of whether the measure passed, since one of them failed by one vote in Grundy County. “We are trying to get info as to what happens with the referendum failing by one vote in Grundy,” said Dwight Fire Chief Paul Johnson. However, since hearing from Johnson, Masching told *The Paper* the measure passed because you have to count the “combined” vote



THE DWIGHT FIRE DEPARTMENT put up this sign after voters approved two referendums March 20 to increase funding for more firefighters. The Paper photo


totals. The reason for the two questions is to increase revenue to the fire district which will enable them to hire staff so that there are three firefighters on site at all times during the day, the time when it is most difficult to secure volunteers. The two measures increase the current rate from 0.3% to 0.4%, and a new measure for 0.1%. This increase in the tax rate will mean an extra \$69 per year for a house with a market value of \$100,000. The safe minimum is at least three firefighters, Johnson said. He added that the new money will not come into fire district coffers until 2019 property taxes are collected. The firefighters will be staying overnight at the station on Prairie Avenue, designed for such needs, Johnson said. “Since we will not see the added revenue until the 2019 taxes are collected and distributed, we are going to utilize our reserve funds to

begin staffing the station hopefully in May 2018,” Johnson told *The Paper* last week. “This means that the fire department will be staffed by a three-person Basic Life Support Engine company 24-hours-a-day, 365 days a year. “In order to start staffing the station right away and not deplete all of our reserve funds, our firefighters have agreed to work at a lower rate for the 2018 budget year until the 2019 budget goes into effect on May 1, 2019. “Each engine company firefighter will be paid a “paid-on-premises” stipend of \$150 for a 24 hour shift once the tax money comes in.” The personnel on duty each day will participate in daily training activities, public education, community events, fire prevention activities, as well as responding on EMS responses along with Dwight EMS, Johnson added. The average call time for Dwight Fire is five minutes, but that was decreased from

the 18 minutes a few years ago when the department was having staffing issues. In 10 minutes, a home is fully engulfed by fire, Johnson said. A temporary stop-gap measure was a grant of \$355,000 that ran from September 2015 through September 2019. Volunteers are difficult to come by during the day because people work at other jobs at that time. Also, the commitment to be a firefighter requires a great deal of time for training, which is constantly changing and being upgraded. “On behalf of the Firemen and Board of Trustees of the Dwight Fire Protection District, we want to thank the (residents) of our district for their votes in support of the two referendums. We will work hard to use the funds wisely and to provide outstanding fire protection,” said Eric Stewart, Trus-tee/Treasurer of the Dwight Fire Protection District.

Dwight Narcotics Unit Helps Put Heroin Dealer Behind Bars

On March 20, a Livingston County judge sentenced Michael P. Basham, 27, of Pontiac, to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Basham pled guilty to one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, heroin – a class 1 felony. The Dwight Narcotics Unit, along with the Livingston Co. Pro-Active Unit, started an investigation on Basham in October of 2016. Basham was taken into custody after the drug deal occurred. The investigation led to more than twenty baggies of heroin, hypodermic syringes, drug paraphernalia, and cannabis. A 2005 Chevrolet vehicle was also seized during the investigation. Basham also had an outstanding Livingston Co. warrant on the day of his arrest in October 2016. Agencies assisting with the investigation were the Livingston Co. Sheriff’s Department, Fairbury Police Dept., Dwight K-9 Unit, and the Livingston Co. States Attorney’s Office.



### Temps - 2018

Mar. 15 – high 53°, low 19°  
Mar. 16 – high 42°, low 20°  
.25” rain  
Mar. 17 – high 41°, low 22°  
Mar. 18 – high 53°, low 23°  
Mar. 19 – high 51°, low 26°  
Mar. 20 – high 39°, low 24°  
Mar. 21 – high 44°, low 18°

**One Year Ago – Mar. 28, 2017**  
high 54°, low 38°

Where flowers bloom,  
so does hope.  
*Lady Bird Johnson*

Dwight House Fire Kills Two

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“Residents on the second story of this building were (awakened) by smoke detectors,” Dyer wrote. “Those residents were able to escape the building. The deceased individuals were located on the first floor of the building.” The fire was declared under control at 1:15 a.m. “During the fire attack operations, crew found two male victims who were deceased in the building,” Dyer wrote. No fire personnel were injured during the incident. The fire was extinguished and was contained to the building of origin. Fire departments assisting Dwight included Gardner, Odell, Pontiac, Braidwood, Campus-Emington, Braceville, Limestone, Coal City, Morris, and Mazon, and SELCAS, Dwight and Duffy Ambulances.

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*Anthony J. D'Angelo*



*The Paper* photo

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

Masching said that a train blocked Mazon Avenue for more than an hour in the afternoon, and she initially heard it would not be cleared

candidates running to fill four spots. The unofficial results were as follows: Steven Lovell, 1,164 votes; Robert Weller, 1,219 votes; Gerald Earing, 1,158 votes and Bill Wilkey, 1,003 votes.

(See separate story on page 2 for Dwight Fire referendums results).

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## Meet The Authors At Odell



SEVERAL AREA AUTHORS went to Odell Grade School March 20 for reading teacher Beth Muller’s “Meet the Authors” program, open to members of the public, and Odell parents and students. Among the authors was Amy Miller of Dwight (left) showing her children’s book “The Cherry Drop Bandit” to Odell Grade School student, Glo Birkett. Other area authors included Julie Stroebel Barichello, Kim Frauli, Lilly Pfeifer, William Walsh II, Barbara DeWaard (illustrator), and Anthony and Myke Feinman.

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## Peoples National Bank Acquisition Update for First National Bank

Peoples National Bank of Kewanee has received approval from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) to complete its previously announced acquisition of the First National Bank of Dwight with the merger to be completed on Monday, April 2, 2018.

“We are thrilled that the acquisition has been approved,” said Chip Eastman, President and CEO of Peoples National Bank of Kewanee. “We are excited to begin working with the wonderful customers in Dwight and Seneca. These are great communities that we are eager to serve.”

On April 2, Dwight and Seneca customers will still see the same friendly faces that have always served them. Peoples National Bank will retain all employees in both locations.

Peoples National Bank will be sending a 28-page Welcome Guide to all current customers of the First National Bank of Dwight.

The Welcome Guide was to be mailed the week of March 19, so customers should receive it with plenty of time for review before the acquisition and conversion dates.

Some important things to note in the Welcome Guide include new product offerings, activities occurring before and after account conversion, and important dates and information relating to all major products and services, including internet banking, bill pay, debit cards, and checks.

Also noted in the Welcome Guide is a special Hometown Pride Debit Card and School Spirit Check Program. Peoples National Bank offers debit card and check designs featuring Dwight Township High School and Seneca High School, as well as high schools in other branch communities. Customers currently with debit cards will receive a special mailing on how to select a new card design, including but not

limited to the school options. For every school debit card that is selected, Peoples National Bank will donate \$2 to the respective school featured.

As things progress, the bank will continue to provide the communities with updates via local media and [www.pnb-kewanee.com](http://www.pnb-kewanee.com). Customers are always welcome to stop by their local branch for information and to ask questions.

“We are looking forward to a smooth transition with Peoples National Bank,” said Rob Maierhofer, President of First National Bank of Dwight. “Our employees have been working hard together to make this an easy transition for our customers.”

Peoples National Bank of Kewanee was founded in 1928 and currently has locations in Kewanee, Annawan, Bradford, Manlius, Sheffield, and Tampico, and is available 24/7 at:

[www.pnb-kewanee.com](http://www.pnb-kewanee.com)

## Gardner Archives Board Holds Meeting

On March 14 at the Gardner Archives, the Board entered artifacts given by Barb (Jensen) Jett. There were some Gardner Grade School year books of the years 1976, ’77, ’78, ’81, and ’82.

As is noted, the years 1979 and 1980 are missing. If anybody has them and would like to donate them, it would be appreciated.

If you have things relating to the history of Gardner

and are wondering what to do with them, they are always adding to the collection obtained thus far. Call or take them into the Village Hall.

The Archives are located in the Council Chambers and are open to the public every month on the second Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Pat, Linda, and Ida welcome everyone.

## 2018 Liberty Arts Festival in Morris July 21 Calling All Artists!

An invitation has been extended to all area artists to participate in the 2018 Liberty Arts Festival, in the Makers Market, and Juried Fine Art Walk – all in downtown Morris July 21.

An application fee is required, however students’ work gets in for free.

The Juried Art Walk will award ribbons and money to first place (\$200), second place (\$150), and third place (\$50).

For more information or an application, contact 815-941-0245, [mddp@downtownmorris.com](mailto:mddp@downtownmorris.com), or visit [www.downtownmorris.com](http://www.downtownmorris.com).

*“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”*

— Margaret Atwood, Bluebeard’s Egg



## Alpha Beta Chapter Discusses the Importance of Reading the Book Wonder

On March 14 at the Alpha Beta Chapter meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at Edinger’s Filling Station, Pontiac, members discussed *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, which was recently made into a movie. Led by Shirley Mueser (Roanoke), the discussion centered on Auggie, a ten-year old child whose severe facial deformity causes many classmates to bully him and a few classmates to befriend him.

This book inspired the Choose Kind movement. Kate Walter (Cullom), who teaches at Prairie Central Elementary School, added that she read the book to her fourth grade students, and the students not only liked and were touched by the story, but parents were glad that their children learned how hurtful bullying can be for some children.

A memorial service was led by Marianne Hall (Dwight) assisted by Marylee Harms (Fairbury) and Carol Hughes (Roanoke) in remembrance of Margaret Janssen (Pontiac) and Dorothy Riley (Metamora).

Treasurer Janet Kilgus (Fairbury) reported that the chapter has purchased an eighth well in Malawi. Each well has cost \$400.

Nominations Chair Carol Hoffman (Fairbury) read the slate of officers for the 2018-2020 biennium – President: Nancy Wier (Eureka); Co-1st Vice Presidents: Marylee Harms and Karen Harms (Fairbury); 2nd Vice President: Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal); Secretary: Lila McCulley (Minonk); and Corresponding Secretary: Kate Walter.

President Barb Baumann (Minonk) announced that eight members plan to attend the Lambda State Convention on April 20-22 at The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. She also announced that board books will be collected for the Aunt Mary’s Storybook Project.

Professional Affairs Co-Chair Karen Harms announced that Janessa Knapp, senior from Prairie Central High School, who plans to become an elementary teacher, and Hayley Schlabowske, senior from Dwight Township High School, who wants to be a chemistry teacher, have been selected to each receive an

Alpha Beta Grant of \$200 at the May meeting. Early Educator Grants of \$100 will also be awarded at the meeting.

Members were urged to vote in the March 20 primary by Legislation Chair Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal.)

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5, at Edinger’s Filling Station when various grants will be awarded, a report from the convention will be given, and new officers will be installed.

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## Gardner Lions Club Breakfast April 8

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The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice, and milk.

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Gardner Grade School eighth grade class, visually and hearing impaired, and any other community projects funded by the Gardner Lions. A donation of canned goods for the local Food Pantry is also appreciated. The club also accepts donations of eye glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones.

## The Paper Deadline is Friday at noon.

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### Don’t Panic if Bear Market Returns

If you’re in your twenties or thirties, you might be starting to focus more on investing to reach your financial goals. Because of this, you also may be more attuned to moves in the financial markets. Depending on your age, you may have only experienced the bull market of the past nine years, so you might not know what to expect – or how to respond – whenever the next bear market strikes.

Of course, just recently, you’ve witnessed a market correction – a drop of at least 10 percent in the major stock market indices, such as the S&P 500. This sudden plunge made big news and reminded many investors of how volatile the financial markets can be.

But a full-fledged bear market usually isn’t identified until the markets are down 20 percent from their recent highs. Plus, bear markets, unlike corrections, tend to linger for a while.

The last “bear” emerged from hibernation in October 2007 and stayed on the prowl until early March 2009. During that time, the S&P 500 declined by about 50 percent. Clearly, investors were not happy – but the market recovered and moved to new heights. This long and strong run-up may have obliterated your bear market memories, if you ever had them at all. And that’s why you might want to familiarize yourself with some of the bare facts about bear markets:

Bear markets may provide good buying opportunities. When gas is expensive, you may just buy a few gallons at a time – but when the price falls, you’re probably more likely to fill up your tank. The same principle can apply to investing – when stock prices are down, your investment dollars will buy more shares. And the more shares you own, the greater your ability to build wealth once the share price rises. In short, a bear market may provide you with a chance to buy quality investments at good prices.

Bear markets don’t last forever. No one can predict precisely how long bear markets will run, but they’ve typically been much shorter than bull markets. So, while you might not particularly like looking at your investment statement during a decline, you can take some comfort in knowing such downturns are a normal feature of the investment landscape.

Bear markets don’t affect all investments equally. If you only own U.S. stocks, your portfolio may well take a sizable hit during a bear market. But other types of investment vehicles may not be as directly affected – and some may even show positive results. Consequently, you could reduce the bear’s “bite” if you also own a variety of other investments, such as international stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. However, while owning this type of diversified portfolio can help reduce the impact of market volatility, it does not guarantee profits or protect against losses.

A bear market can be challenging. But by making the right moves, such as staying patient, looking for buying opportunities and maintaining a diversified portfolio, you may be able to prevent a market decline from becoming unbearable.

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## DTHS March Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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The DTHS Board of Education met on March 21 addressing several items.

The BOE followed up on a concern brought forth last month regarding the DTHS Wrestling program and how an issue, which violated IHSA rules, adversely affected several participants. At that time it was requested some sort of extra support for the affected participants be offered by the school to help offset the negative impact caused by the mistake.

After researching options and ensuring IHSA compliance, Mr. Andrew Pittenger, Athletic Director, told the board that any financial assistance offered must be offered to the whole team, not just individual wrestlers. Financial support, from District funds, for a team camp or clinic this summer to help improve the wrestling program is being considered.

## Tri-Point Publications Club Celebrates Journalism Week

The Tri-Point Publications Club, The Shield, celebrated National Scholastic Journalism Week from March 16-23.

The week started with a lock-in of current members as well as potential 8th grade members. They had pizza and snacks as they prepared for the week ahead.

Activities for the week included a game called, "Whose Locker Is This?", a game called, "Where Is The Shield?", and a guess the teacher game with baby pictures of various staff members.

They also welcomed Myke Feinman, editor of *The Paper*, to speak to the student body about what makes up a local newspaper.

Members of the club also prepared a slide show of pictures taken throughout the year; sent out "thank yous" to students who have ordered a book, and advertisers who have placed ads in the year-book and newspaper; and sent out reminders to students who haven't yet ordered.

Building safety and security items being considered were discussed with the board including second story emergency escape ladders, classroom safety devices/door security, and phone/room-to-room/all call system upgrades.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek told the board that the school's administration takes school safety very seriously and that he "operates not on the if, but on the when," when considering safety and security measures.

"Safety is a priority," stated Dr. Jancek.

In another safety-related matter, a concern with regard to a raised lip on the sidewalk leading to the school's main front entrance door being a trip/fall hazard was brought to the board. The board approved a recommendation for removal and replacement of the sidewalk from the front entrance door to the crosswalk.

Dr. Jancek gave an

update on the exploratory committee currently researching the possibility of building a fieldhouse / recreation center. Some aspects the committee has been weighing are the pro/cons of a stand-alone building vs an extension of the existing school building. While still gathering information, Dr. Jancek did say the committee is making progress. It was noted that, if the project moves forward, commitment to reality would be approximately two years.

The BOE also:

- approved tenure status for Stephanie Flott.
- approved tenure status for Devi Pappas.
- affirmed employment of Katherine Steurer, Bus Monitor.
- approved employment of Maleah White, Head Volleyball Coach.
- approved employment of Christine Stephens, Assistant Volleyball Coach.
- affirmed employment of Mike Cherveney, Assistant

Bass Fishing Coach.

- accepted resignation of Matt Norton, Assistant wrestling coach.
- approved employment of Mark Payne, Head Wrestling Coach and David Brooke, Head Bass Fishing Coach.
- approved a maintenance agreement with Gray's Garage, Pontiac, at a cost of \$1,500 per bus for the eleven leased buses.
- approved FCCLA attendance at the State Conference in Springfield IL, April 12 – 14.
- approved IHSA membership for 2018 – 19.
- employed non-tenured teachers for 2018 – as presented.
- learned that the State of Illinois currently owes the District \$88,497.72.

The next meeting of the BOE will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, in the DTHS Board Room. Meetings are open to the public.



GRACE MUND RECEIVED A SCHOLASTIC AWARD from the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce on March 8 during the Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet – for her academic achievements. Grace attends Odell Grade School and is the daughter of Erick and Laura Mund.

## MVK Seniors Meet in American Legion Hall

The MVK Seniors met on Tues., March 20 for a corned beef and cabbage lunch, catered by Weitz's Café thru the Community Nutrition Network, at the Mazon American Legion Hall. President Rita Hall called the meeting to order and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She thanked Pam from Weitz's Café for serving the meal, CNN, and the many volunteers.

There was a silent prayer for the ill and deceased members, the military, and elected officials.

Get-well cards were signed for Paul Page, Jack and Doris Nicol, Bob and June Elam, Mark Harlow, and Ann Bryan. Members also sang "Happy Birthday" to Lou Witt. President Rita read two Irish poems.

Next, the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Door prizes

went to Frank Sereno, Tom Hill, and Robin Homerding. Helen Griffiths made a motion to appoint Robin Homerding as the new Vice President and accept the resignation of Shirley Sterba. Everyone agreed and motion carried.

President Rita asked members to save lids off of water bottles, laundry detergent, sodas, any color and size of plastic lids and give them to her.

Robin Homerding made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob Hollenbeck seconded.

The next meeting will be on Tues., April 17 with Euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo following the business meeting. Anyone 60 and older is invited to join them for a small donation. Please make a reservation with Community Nutrition Network at (815) 941 - 1590.



STUDENTS AND STAFF at Tri-Point High School celebrated National Newspaper Day, Thursday, March 22. They heard a talk about the newspaper business from Myke Feinman, managing editor of *The Paper* in Dwight. Students learned about the contents of newspapers, how news stories are written, what newspaper photos need to do (tell a story), and about current issues such as school shootings and how to attack the issue. Above, Myke Feinman shoots the photo below.

*The Paper* and submitted photos



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U.S. average fuel prices are up 2.6 cents from Sunday, March 25, up 11.8 cents from the previous month's average and up 34.5 cents from last year.

Prices across *The Paper's* readership area are all flat to higher.

Average U.S. gallon regular price is made up of 18% state & local taxes; 14% distribution and marketing; 11% refining and 57% crude as of February 2018.



| City/Village  | March 26 | March 19 |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Dwight        | \$2.58   | \$2.3675 |
| Seneca        | \$2.486  | \$2.486  |
| S. Wilmington | \$2.44   | \$2.35   |
| Streator      | \$2.49   | \$2.524  |
| Odell         | \$2.59   | \$2.44   |
| Saunemin      | \$2.49   | \$2.39   |
| Cullom        | \$2.29   | \$2.29   |
| Pontiac       | \$2.457  | \$2.452  |
| Gardner       | \$2.44   | \$2.39   |
| Braceville    | \$2.44   | \$2.34   |
| Mazon         | \$2.45   | \$2.39   |
| Morris        | \$2.458  | \$2.446  |
| Herscher      | \$2.43   | \$2.39   |
| Kankakee      | \$2.647  | \$2.528  |
| Chicago       | \$2.90   | \$2.81   |
| Illinois      | \$2.67   | \$2.55   |
| U.S.          | \$2.633  | \$2.571  |

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

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The Cullom Beckman Memorial Library will also hold a bake sale in conjunction with the Spaghetti Supper.

The library is in need of baked goods and/or cash donations. Items may be dropped off at the library or Legion after 3:00 p.m. on April 9. All types of baked goods and fruit pies (no cream or soft pies) will be appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## William Hooker Puts In Half A Century As Insurance Agent ... So Far

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

William Hooker has been serving customers in the Dwight area for 50 years as of March 11. And he's still going strong.

Hooker is now a partner in the Weller-Hooker Insurance Agency, with Bob Weller slowly buying out Hooker.

But the 71-year-old Hooker has no plans for immediate retirement.

He began his career in the insurance business as a captive Prudential Insurance agent for 16 years starting in 1968.

Being a captive agent means you are an employee of one insurance company.

"I wanted to be more free," Hooker explained, as he decided to try his hand as an independent agent in 1984. That was the start of his career at agencies and an independent agent representing several different insurance companies.

It was a bad time to go independent, however, as insurance was a "hard" market at that time, he said, making sales few and far between.

Initially he represented Franklin Life, Federal Kemper, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

He was able to survive the difficult sales period with some group health insurance sales, he said.

For a time, he worked with Rich Pearson of Chatsworth, eventually working for Shaeffer-Pearson from 1989 to 1992.

Over the years he purchased several insurance agencies as people retired, including Ralph Helton who worked out of Ron Wilder's office in Dwight, and Bob Legner of Gibson City who had an office in Odell.

He also purchased a Wilmington agency based in Braidwood, and at one time had an office in Blooming-



William Hooker

ton.

Today, the agency is consolidated into two offices, Dwight and Odell.

After opening a Dwight office in 1992, Hooker said he stayed afloat specializing in high risk auto insurance, which some companies were not writing.

The high cost brought in higher commissions for the agency, and helped keep cash flowing while he tried to book other business.

The Jury Insurance Agency of Dwight was purchased by Hooker, and for a long time, his life-partner Barbara Kramer worked as his office manager until her death in 2011 after she and Bill had been together for 23 years.

As the age of computers took over the insurance business, Hooker relied more and more on his office help. But he said without computers, he would not have been able to survive, with a computer program making all the calculations for the agent in minutes, saving two or three days of work.

"I joke that we have nine computers in the office and I can't operate any of them," he said.

Hooker was the closer. Barbara was the office person, making a good partnership for nearly a quarter of a century.

After Barbara died, he joined forces with Weller, who stated that Hooker was an official at Weller's Little League Games. Then Bob confessed that Hooker is only six years his senior.

Other workers at the agency include Amy Turner, Becky Heinrich, Christy Saucedo, all in Dwight, and Vickie Allen of Odell.

Hooker is a 1965 graduate of Dwight Township High School, the son of the late Monda and Wyman Hooker. Wyman left work in the oil fields of Southern Illinois, moving his family to Dwight to work as a prison guard at the Dwight Correctional Center.

Bill's brother is the late Jim, and sister-in-law Therese Trainor of Goreville. His sister is Rita and Bill Schultz of Morris, giving Hooker various nieces and nephews.

Bill and his first wife Rita were married in 1966 and had two boys, William and Brian.

Son William and his wife Heidi had one boy, Matthew, who resides in California.

Brian is the father of B.J. Hooker of Mazon.

Over the years many of his family members helped with the agency, Hooker explained.

He offered the personal touch, and his desire to help people is how he survived for 50 years and counting, in a tough, competitive business.

"I've really enjoyed the time I have been here," Hooker explained. "Barb and the employees did too. I met a lot of nice people. I've helped a lot of people and tried to help everyone."

And he made sure he kept in touch, sending them birthday cards, and attending family funerals when he could.

"A lot of my customers turned out to be lifelong friends," he said.

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Connie Canham

EMINGTON – Connie Petrozza Canham, 95, of Emington passed away Monday, March 19, 2018 at K a s e m a n Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be held Saturday, April 7, from 2 until 4 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at Duffy-Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac.

Connie was born May 1, 1922 in Chicago, daughter of Ralph and Theresa Aiello Petrozza. She married the love of her life, LaVerne Canham, Sr. on February 27, 1944, and enjoyed 65 years of marriage before his passing in 2009.

Surviving are her children: LaVerne (Jeanne) Canham, Jr. and Cheryl (Chuck) Boswell; four grandchildren: Julia (Chadd) Morrissey, Chad (Cathy) Boswell, Brad (Ava) Boswell, and Jason (Jennifer) Boswell; and eight great-grandchildren: Ethan Morrissey, Emily and Miranda Boswell; Luke, Sela, Aspen and Sienna Boswell; and baby Boswell, due in August; and her brother, Frank Petrozza.

She will be greeted in heaven by her parents; her adoring husband, LaVerne;



sister, Mary DeRaimo; brother, Johnny Petrozza; son-in-law, Chuck Boswell; and granddaughter, Laura Canham. Connie fiercely loved her family above all else.

She graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in chemistry and met her husband on a blind date while attending. She later returned to Illinois State University to obtain her teaching degree and spent most of her career teaching fourth grade at Saunemin Elementary School, where she cherished each student she taught. Nothing made her happier than greeting an old student while out and about. She volunteered her time at St. James Hospital after retirement.

Connie was an avid quilter and loved cooking and baking for her family and friends.

The entirety of her family will miss her deep compassion, her words of wisdom, leaving her kitchen with a full belly, and most of all her bright smile.

Memorials may be made to the Kempton Fire District or OSF St. James John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac.

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

JoAnn Hines

COAL CITY – JoAnn Hines, 82, of Coal City passed away Monday evening, March 19, 2018 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

JoAnn was born January 9, 1936 in Coal City, daughter of Anton and Bessie Chavtal Schimandle. She was raised in Coal City and graduated from Coal City High School in 1954.

On October 2, 1955, JoAnn married Paul “Jim” Hines in Assumption Catholic Church, and together made their home and raised their family in Coal City.

JoAnn was a member of the Coal City United Methodist Church, where she was involved with the Friendship Circle. She also belonged to the 54 Club.

Aside from being a homemaker, JoAnn worked at Hook’s Drug Store for 10 years. In her free time, JoAnn enjoyed reading, but most of all cherished spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Jim; three sons: Perry (Lori) Hines of Coal City; Jeff (Patti) Hines of Gardner; and Brian Hines of Coal



City; four grandchildren: Matt, Aaron, Jennifer and Kyle; three great-grandchildren; and a cousin, Ron (Mary) Schimandle; and her fellow friends in the 54 Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister in childhood.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, March 24, at 10 a.m. in the Coal City United Methodist Church, with Rev. Brad Shumaker officiating.

Burial: Braceville - Gardner Cemetery, Braceville. Pallbearers: David Smith, Aaron Hines, Matthew Hines, Bill Hines, Michael Hines and A. J. Manietta.

Visitation was Friday from 5 until 8 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in JoAnn’s memory to the Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Rd., Coal City, IL 60416.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share JoAnn’s memorial page by logging on to: www.ReevesFuneral.com/notices/JoAnn-Hines

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There’s a lot going on.

With that statement, I’m referring mostly to the political world right now. But, also, how it always seems to intertwine itself with sports, whether by accident, or on purpose.

There were meetings this weekend that the NFL had, and a few owners spoke upon the issue of kneeling vs. standing for the national anthem and everything that comes along with that. A few of the owners came out against the idea of kneeling, and a few came out in support, as to be expected. Which basically keeps us right where we are now in this middle ground of debate. (People really, really, love to debate this.)

Then onto the NBA, which by all means can probably be viewed as a more progressive league, who have been very outspoken in regards to social reform. This past weekend many teams were wearing shirts in warm ups in reference to the ‘March For Our Lives’ protest that took place in Washington D.C. This weekend there was also a protest outside the Sacramento Kings game for the police shooting that took place there, and the owner of the Kings even addressed the event and gave a speech after the game.

There are a few things with this. One is that, as touched on initially, for better or worse, political action and reform, always seems to work its way back to sports. It is often the most visible live form of TV, and can attract the most eyes in the shortest amount of time.

The other is that, even though largely these leagues have overlapping fans, being the NBA and the NFL, they seem to have fairly different stances on the way things should be carried out in regards to politics and showing your support, or lack of it, to a given cause.

I know this is a very arbitrary take, not really giving a stance on which way I think is the right way, but I think it will be very interesting to see how it plays out, to see which ratings go up for which leagues, or if either are even affected at all. Regardless, it’s great we all live in a place where everyone can express their ideas on topics like this, and do it at the highest level of entertainment.

Happy Easter!  
Go, Ramblers!  
Go, Sister Jean!

Aaron J. Boma  
2016 ISU Graduate

Maxine J Lambert

KEMPTON – Maxine J Lambert, 82, of Kempton passed away Sunday evening, March 18, 2018 at St. James Hospital John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac.

Maxine was born June 29, 1935 to Conley and Erma Sengpiel Lambert. She graduated from Kempton High School. After graduation, Maxine worked as a telephone operator, drove the special ed bus for Tri-Point Schools, cared for many children in the Kempton area, and in later years, worked for Martin Burke Funeral Homes until her retirement.

She is survived by numerous cousins and close friends.

She was a member of the Kempton United Methodist Church, where she had



taught Sunday School, was choir director, member of the United Methodist Women, and served as communion steward and custodian.

She loved music, singing, and staying in touch with friends and family.

A time of celebration of her life was Thursday, March 22, beginning with visitation at 1 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 3 p.m. in the Kempton United Methodist Church in Kempton.

Burial: Kempton Hill Cemetery, Kempton.

Memorials may be made to the Kempton United Methodist Church, Vermilion Players of Pontiac, or the Salvation Army of Pontiac.

Redenius Funeral Homes of Gilman was in charge of arrangements.

Florence Dunn

SENECA – Florence Dunn, 88, of Seneca passed away Sunday, March 18, 2018.

A Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m., today, Wednesday, March 28, in St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Seneca, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Florence was born July 5, 1929. She was a 1947 graduate of Seneca High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elwin Dunn; two brothers, Lloyd and Howard; and two grandchildren, Allison and Devin Dunn.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wake Up America

“Who is the adult in the White House?”

“Wake Up America”  
“Wake Up America”  
“Wake Up America”  
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“Wake Up America”  
“Wake Up Ameica”

Parents and all adults, let’s get involved and support our young citizens. They know what’s going on in Washington and the White House.

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We Do Not Need Another Junk Yard in this Town

I am writing this letter to the citizens of Gardner.

I am urging you to attend a Public Hearing on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Gardner Village Hall, on the rezoning of residential property located at 108 Parker St. (Route 53) into a commercial property (Spot Zoning).

We have a nice neighborhood with nice neighbors. We do not need a truck junk yard (Holt Trucking) extended onto a residential property.

My family home faces this property. My father worked full time and trapped and sold furs to build this

home himself. Four generations of my family have lived in this home. We are very close knit neighbors, our kids, generation after generation have played and grown up in this neighborhood. We all sit out together almost every evening and talk about our days. We do not want or need to see a yard full of semis.

This could be happening to your neighborhood.

Please let this Village and Zoning Board know we do not need another Junk Yard in this town.

Bonnita L. Crosetto  
Gardner

Letters to the Editor

in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words. Letters must be signed when submitted and received by Friday noon prior to Wednesday publication. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household. Political letters will not run the week prior to an election. *We welcome your thoughts.*

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE )  
OF EDMOND A. MURPHY, ) NO. 2018-P-28  
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, LEGNER, 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  
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Dwight, IL 60420  
TOM MURPHY  
714 Juniper Rd.  
Glenview, IL 60025  
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MH Announces Heart Failure Support Group Meeting

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers announces the next meeting of its Heart Failure Support Group on Thursday, April 5, from 10-11 a.m. in Whitman Assembly Room 2 at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street, Morris.

The support group is for anyone who has been diagnosed with heart failure, a chronic condition that occurs when the heart mus-

cle doesn't pump blood as well as it should.

Each support group meeting will include a 15-minute educational component, with this month's topic focusing on heart failure medications. Pat Cravens, RN, cardiovascular clinical educator at Morris Hospital, is the support group facilitator.

For more information, call 815-705-7832.

Another Obituary Appears on Page 13.

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Derik Nelson & Family Performing in Pontiac April 17



Raised in the Pacific Northwest, Derik Nelson & Family’s signature sound features velvety three-part vocal harmonies only a family can deliver. Siblings Derik, Riana and Dalten have been performing together since childhood. They’ve garnered over three million views on You Tube, and toured over 40 locations across the West Coast to raise money for music education. Derik has appeared regularly as the lead guitarist on TV’s “Glee” among other shows.

The Nelsons are bringing their concert to Pontiac on Tuesday, April 17, at the Pontiac Township High School Auditorium, 7:00

Your Mother”. First place winner in the Indie International Songwriting competition for his original song, “The Way It’s Gonna Go.” Graduate of the University of Southern California.

Riana – vocalist, press, management. Musical Theatre degree from the University of Michigan. Lead vocalist for Princess Cruises. Managed summer program for Disney in China, teaching children 5-7 years old. On screen vocalist for Renee Zellweger’s pilot “Cinnamon Girl.”

Dalten – vocalist, video/light/tech designer. Attended Arizona State U with an extensive musical theatre background. Conceptualized, designed, filmed, edited and executed over 150 separate videos to create visual “immersion” to the musical experience.

Note that this will be the Association’s Annual “RENEWAL” concert. Members wishing to renew can pay their dues that night. For people wishing to join the association for the 2018/2019 season, they may purchase their membership that night and also attend the Derik Nelson Family concert FREE. Anyone purchasing memberships, or renewing memberships on the night of the concert will

also receive guest tickets that can be used to take guests to any concert during the next season. Adult memberships for the 2018/2019 series will be available for purchase. There are also family memberships available. The family memberships allow the adult members to bring any number of children/students with them to the concerts.

Memberships in the Livingston County Concert Association also allow the members to attend concerts in Ottawa, Lincoln and for the first time, Canton.

Next year’s series will include some very special concerts including a tribute to Carol King entitled “Tapestry, the Carol King Songbook”. More information on next year’s series will be forthcoming.

There will be a limited number of single event tickets available for sale the night of the concert.

For information about tickets or memberships, contact Ruth Schlosser at 815-844-6394. For more information about the Derik Nelson Family concert or about the Livingston County Concert Association, contact Rod or Dorothy Patterson at 815-844-7833 (e-mail pattern.hjemme@gmail.com).



Prairie Creek Library Taking Families on a Belize Whale Shark Expedition Apr. 7

Prairie Creek Library has several programs scheduled for April, and will kick off the fun Saturday, April 7, with “The Belize Whale Shark Expedition,” at 10:00 a.m. – an event that is appropriate for the entire family.

Children from the audience will assist in demonstrating how sharks adapt to their environment. The audience will learn how sharks find food using their seven senses and see with the jaws of a whale shark how sharks continually grow and replace

teeth.

Undersea explorers Wayne and Karen Brown will take you on an adventure in search of whale sharks in Belize via a fast-paced, high-definition digital video presentation. The highlight is being surrounded by 40-foot long, dive-bombing whale sharks. Then come face-to-face with Wanda, a 25-foot long, inflatable female whale shark.

This event is free and registration is not necessary.

Ecumenical Breakfast March 29 in Dwight

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 St.

The breakfast will conclude by 8:00 a.m. for those who will be going to work.

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# SPORTS

The Paper

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## Spring SPORTS PREVIEW



**THE LADY CHARGER** Tri-Point Softball team includes (front row from left) Kaitlyn Miles, Cassidy Hindman, Lindsay Haren, Kayla Dunlavey, Kiara McDonald, Anicah Bruner; (back row) Gabby McDermott, Raele Lane, AmyJo Steichen, Elise Bruner, Margie Billerbeck, and Abby Kerrins. Not pictured are Ellenie Dyrby and Dakota Jonkman-Mills.

Submitted photo



### TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS SOFTBALL

**Head Coach:**  
Will Patterson (4th Year)

**Assistant Coach:**  
Emily Campbell  
(2nd Year)

**2017 Record:** 1-19

In a 2017 season that saw many first-year players on the field for Tri-Point, the record may not have been impressive – but it was a big learning year for the Lady Chargers in terms of the coaching staff teaching the game to the young girls.

Now with some experience under their belts, head coach Will Patterson sees just that – experience –

being the key to success this season.

“A lot of girls started playing in high school,” stated Coach Patterson, “so, having girls who have played three years or so now can only help us.”

Returning for T-P will be junior 1st Team All-Conference shortstop, Abby Kerrins, along with Special Mention All-RVC junior Anicah Bruner – primary pitcher for the Lady Chargers the past two years. Tri-Point will also welcome back seniors Raele Lane (1B) and Gabby McDermott

(catcher), in addition to juniors Cassidy Hindman (3B), Kayla Dunlavey (OF), and Lindsay Haren (IF).

Ellanie Dyrby and Elise Bruner are two freshmen who have previous playing experience and will be looked upon to contribute right off the bat – in the field and at the plate.

“We have grown over the last couple of years,” Patterson adds, “and that will hopefully be evident this spring.”

Tri-Point is in action against Illinois Lutheran Monday, April 2.



### GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

**Monday, March 19**  
GSW vs. Coal City  
Varsity -

The varsity Panthers took their first “L” of 2018, falling to Coal City, 11-1.

Coal City struck first with a run in the first inning, but GSW would answer in the bottom half of the inning – tying things up at 1-1.

However, eight errors on the day led to some long, run-ridden innings from which the Panthers could not recover.

“We gave a good team too many extra outs,” admitted Coach Allan Wills. “We won’t win many games with defense like that.”

Joey Morales was tagged with the loss, allowing three earned runs on ten hits and three walks, striking out three. Matthew Wepprecht gave up three hits and struck out one in three innings of work.

At the plate, Morales knocked in the only run of the day for GSW on a single – that brought in Nathan Wozniak. Dakota Watson added two singles, with Wepprecht adding a single.

“We also had way too many K’s at the plate,” Wills added afterwards – as the Panthers struck out 14 times in the contest.

**Wednesday, March 21**  
GSW vs. Reed-Custer  
Varsity -

GSW suffered its second straight defeat on March 21, going down 10-1 to Reed-

Custer – as four errors and nine walks on defense, coupled with just three hits on offense, led to the loss.

Chris Ruiz was charged with the loss, giving up two earned runs on seven hits and five walks, fanning two in five innings on the mound. Dakota Watson and Grant Olsen each saw some time on the mound in relief action.

Joey Morales had the lone RBI for the Panthers, singling to knock in Connor Vyce, who also singled in the contest. Ruiz added a single.

GSW is now 1-2 on the year.

**Thursday, March 22**  
GSW vs. Streator

**Woodland**  
Varsity -

The Panthers upped their record to 2-2 following a 5-3 win over Streator Woodland on March 22.

Kade Kociss threw a complete game for GSW, striking out seven and allowing two earned runs on five hits and four walks – en route to his second win on the mound.

Matthew Wepprecht went 3-3 with two RBI on three singles. Joey Morales and Gino Faletti each knocked in a run on a single. Nolan Perkins jacked a double, with Dakota Watson and Chris Ruiz each tallying a single. Wozniak walked twice and scored twice.

## Area Girls Named to Daily Journal, Pantagraph All-Area Teams

The *Daily Journal*, Kankakee, has released its picks for the All-Area girls’ basketball team, and they include the following area ballers:

**Mattie Brown**, a junior forward for Herscher, was lead scorer for the Lady Tigers – scoring 13.5 ppg. to go with 2.5 steals a game.

In the rebound category, Brown was second on the squad, as she averaged 7.4 boards per game.

A first-team I-8 Conference pick, she will return for the 2018-19 season ready to go all out in her senior campaign.

**Mya Johanson**, who stands at 6’2” – the tallest player in the area – compiled an impressive list of stats this season.

Just a sophomore, the Herscher Lady Tigers’ forward averaged 11 points, 7.5 rebounds (team-high), and 2.7 assists per game – in addition to blocking 51 shots

(also a team-high) and drilling 16 three-pointers.

Having already made an enormous impact on her team, the Interstate Eight first-team selection has two promising seasons ahead – and the distinct possibility of continuing her b-ball career well after graduating from HHS.

**Kaitlynn Kavanaugh**, a sophomore forward for the Gardner-South Wilmington Lady Panthers, has been named to the *Daily Journal’s* All-Area Team.

Kavanaugh, who suffered an injury in the latter part of the season, might have made an argument for top player in the conference had she been healthy.

Despite the injury, she still finished as GSW’s top scorer (11 PPG) and averaged 7.3 rebounds a game – second best on the Lady Panthers.

A first-team River Valley (continued on page 11)

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PTHS INDIANS BASEBALL

Wednesday, March 21  
PTHS vs. Coal City  
Varsity -

Pontiac was on the losing end of a 9-5 decision against Coal City March 21.

Carter Dawson suffered the loss, allowing eight earned runs on eight hits and two walks, striking out two.

Logan Verdun (three strikeouts) and Liam Pickett both saw some time on the mound in relief.

Tanner Walls tripled and batted in two. Eric Watson added a hit and an RBI. Singling were Garrett Gould, Dawson, Jacob Duffy, and Jakob Grieff. Andrew Lee was hit by a pitch.

Thursday, March 22  
PTHS vs. Ottawa  
Varsity -

Pontiac took out Ottawa 5-2 on March 22, with Jacob Duffy going the distance – striking out six and giving up just one earned run on four hits and a walk.

At the plate, Andrew Lee went 3-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Garrett Gould (double, HBP) and

Carter Dawson (triple) each had two hits and one RBI. Ben Schuler and Austin Einhaus (HBP) each singled and batted in a run. Jacob Duffy, Jakob Grieff, and Eric Watson each added single.

Friday, March 23  
PTHS vs. Putnam County  
Varsity -

Four pitchers combined to get the win for the Indians versus Putnam County March 23, with Andrew Lee ending up with the “W.”

Lee went three-plus innings, allowing no runs on two hits and a walk, fanning two. Luke Fox allowed two earned runs on four hits and four walks – making an early exit. Ben Schuler and Garrett Gould each went an inning in relief.

On offense, Schuler batted in two as he went 3-4 on the day. Carter Dawson was 2-2 with an RBI, while Jakob Grieff (double) was 2-3 with one RBI. Gould and Jacob Duffy each doubled and knocked in a run. Tanner Walls and Austin Einhaus (double) both added a hit.

Little Change in Illinois Farmland Values - Report

Prices being paid for high quality Illinois farmland, as well as cash rents have stayed essentially flat for the past 12 months according to the 2018 Illinois Farmland Values and Lease Trends Report released by the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers at the Illinois Land Values Conference. The Report is based on an annual survey of the Society’s members and others allied to the industry and reflects activity from 2017.

“The news is there isn’t much new regarding land values or changes in rents being paid for farmland,” says David Klein, AFM, ALC, with Soy Capital Ag Services and overall chair of the annual Land Values project sponsored by the Society. “Prices paid for Excellent quality farmland across the northern part of the state were down 1-2 percent with ranges from \$10,500 to \$11,000 per acre across the various regions of the state. That same type of land in the central part of the state was going at \$10,350 to \$11,400 per acre in the past year. This was flat-to-down 5 percent in certain areas.

“In the southern regions of the state there was really no movement at all in terms of drops or increases in prices for land. It was going from \$8,000 to \$10,885 per acre in the same areas as it was a year ago,” he explained.

A similar trend was true of cash rents being paid for the same Excellent quality farmland. “Projected rents remained relatively steady all across the state,” he said. Rent prices ranged from \$295 to \$325 per acre in the northern part of the state; \$300 to \$350 per acre for the central region, and; \$160 to \$325 in the southern counties.

Klein notes the statewide average prices being paid for Excellent farmland have dropped from their peak of approximately \$12,500 per acre in 2013. “Comparatively, though, the average price paid for this same

farmland in 2002, 15 years ago, was a little over \$3,400 per acre,” he noted.

Some Things Don’t Change

Klein says the profile of the buyers of farmland has not changed in many years with farmers accounting for 62 percent of that group. “They know the value as well as, if not better than, anyone else and they are reinvesting into their own farm businesses. Investors, local and otherwise, are the second largest group of buyers accounting for 23 percent of the sales.

“Estate sales still lead the way as the greatest reason for a property to come on the market,” he explains.

Private treaty is still the most popular way of selling land (49 percent) followed by public auction (35 percent). “It’s interesting to note how little this changes with time,” Klein adds. “In 2003 our report indicated that private treaty accounted for 50 percent of sales and public auction was at 32 percent.”

As with rent rates, prices being paid for the land are based primarily on commodity prices. “It’s one of the ironies of agriculture – often the higher the soil productivity, the lower the cash return. But this also often carries with it lower risk, and improved asset price stability,” he says. “Our surveyed members believe the primary factor that could cause a drop in farmland prices of more than 5 percent would

be falling commodity prices because of good growing condition in the United States.” He notes, however, that an increase in interest rates could also impact demand, and cause prices to drop. “Keep an eye on grain prices, interest rates, and governmental policy changes over the next 12-24 months for further direction in where the farmland market may be headed. What feels like a market that should be getting softer, may not happen because of general economic reasons. Conversely, there may be some real opportunities for investors to purchase productive land that could use some improvements during moments of uncertainty,” Klein says.

Rent Rates Stay the Same

For excellent quality farmland, traditional crop shares had average income of \$193 per acre, cash rent had \$230 per acre, and custom farming had \$253 per acre, says Dr. Gary Schnitkey, University of Illinois Department of Ag and Consumer Economics. Across all productivities, a straight crop share lease had the lowest returns. Cash rent and custom farming had returns near one another for the Good, Average, and Fair land classes.

There is a great deal of variability in cash rents for a given land productivity, he notes. “For example, the average cash rent for the mid 1/3 group on Excellent quality farmland is \$298 per

acre. The high 1/3 of leases averaged \$317 per acre, \$19 higher than the mid 1/3 group. Similarly, the low 1/3 group averaged \$258 per acre, \$40 lower than the mid 1/3 group. From the high 1/3 group to the low 1/3 group, there is a \$59 per acre difference in average rents for Excellent productivity farmland. Similar ranges exist across Good (\$53 from the high 1/3 to low 1/3 averages), Average (\$49 per acre), and Fair (\$50 per acre) productivity classes.

“Fifty-eight percent of respondents expected 2019 cash rents to remain the same as 2018 cash rents,” he explains.

The complete 2018 Illinois Land Values and Lease Trends Report is available for purchase in hardcopy at [www.ispfmra.org](http://www.ispfmra.org)<<http://www.ispfmra.org>>. The 124-page document includes region-by-region farmland sales data and also features year-over-year trend lines with numbers of properties sold, sales prices and median sales price data.

The ISPFMRA is one of 37 chapters of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

The Illinois chapter, now celebrating its 90th year, is the oldest and largest state organization of its kind in the United States. Members are professionals devoted to the management and appraisal of rural property and agricultural consulting.

DTHS, DGS Booster Bash  
Scheduled for April 7

The Dwight Township High School and Dwight Grade School 27th annual Booster Bash will be held starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 7, at St Patrick’s Parish Hall, Dwight.

Each ticket admits two adults (21 and older) for music, games, prizes, food and fun galore.

The grand prize is \$5,000.

Tickets are on sale at the DTHS and DGS offices, Jensen’s BP Station, and from any booster officer. Go online to the school organizations website and click on the organizations’ tab for names and numbers.

For further information, call Molly at (815) 674-1269.

Area Girls Named to  
Daily Journal, Pantagraph  
All-Area Teams

(continued from page 9)

Conference selection, Kavanaugh assisted GSW in putting a stop to a 53-game conference winning streak for Beecher, as well as helping the Lady Panthers earn the #1 spot in the RVC.

Earning Honorable Mention from the area were: Madison Orr (Herscher),

Melissa Stewart (Dwight), Kaylee Steichen (Gardner-South Wilmington), and Abby Kerrins (Tri-Point).

Also releasing an All-Area Team list was *The Pantagraph*, who placed the following area girls in their Honorable Mention category: Melissa Stewart (Dwight) and Leah Flynn (Dwight).



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| '14 Flex LTD, 109K, AWD, NAV .....              | \$15,900 |
| '13 Edge SEL, 172K, FWD, Leather .....          | \$8,900  |
| '12 Escape LTD, 94K, AWD, Sunroof .....         | \$10,900 |
| '09 Mariner Premier, 104K, 4WD .....            | \$5,900  |
| '08 Edge LTD, 122K, AWD, Sunroof .....          | \$9,900  |
| '07 Explorer E.B., 110K, 4WD .....              | Just In  |
| '07 Explorer E.B., 175K, 4WD, Sunroof, NAV ...  | \$7,900  |
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TOWN AND COUNTRY 4-H HELD A MEETING March 11, with GERALYN GOERS, pictured, – owner of DesignACollar.com – demonstrating the skill of working leather to make leather goods such as belts, purses, and keychains, while Town and Country members looked on.

## REG Seneca Named Business of the Year by GEDC

Renewable Energy Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: REGI), the nation’s leading advanced biofuel producer, announced today that REG Seneca was named Business of the Year at the Grundy Economic Development Council and the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry’s Annual Dinner. The company is being recognized for contributing to growth in the Seneca region through community investments and job creation. The annual event is held to recognize and celebrate a successful year for the Grundy County business community.

“We are honored by and grateful to the GEDC and Chamber of Commerce for this recognition,” said Tim Mann, Plant Manager at REG Seneca. “Strong community partnerships are vital to the continued development of the region, and we

are proud to be one of the many individuals and organizations that contribute to the growth and betterment of our community.”

REG Seneca is a 60 mmgy biodiesel refinery. In 2017, the facility supported 54 direct jobs and \$50 million in added value to the state’s economy through the purchase of 200 million pounds of feedstock from Illinois vendors. REG acquired the Seneca biodiesel plant in April 2010.

The biorefinery was first built in 2007 with production beginning in April 2008. The Seneca biodiesel manufacturing complex includes three side-by-side 20 mmgy biodiesel process units, a glycerin refining facility, raw material storage, rail car, truck unloading and loading, barge transportation facilities, and an administration building.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Dwight Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the hour of 6:30 P.M. at the Public Services Complex Bldg., 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois. The Public Hearing is with respect to a Zoning Appeal for Variance being made by Roger Murphy and Jill Murphy for premises commonly known as 106 W. Waupansie Street, Dwight, Illinois, which is more particularly described as follows:

The South 125 feet of Lot 26 lying East of the 1/2 Section line road, and Lot 27, all in Block 3 of the Original Town, now Village of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois.

Permanent Real Estate Index No.: 05-04-451-004

The Petitioners wish to build a 2½ car detached garage, and are requesting the following variances:

1. To reduce the required side yard for an accessory building pursuant to Section 4.12(1) and Section 4.06(5)(c) of the Comprehensive Amendment to the Dwight Zoning Ordinance from 5 feet to 0 feet.
2. To reduce the rear yard setback of 5 feet as required under Section 4.06(5)(c) of the Comprehensive Amendment to the Dwight Zoning Ordinance from 5 feet to 1 foot.
3. To reduce the distance between the principal building (the residence) and the proposed accessory building (the garage being requested) from a minimum of 10 feet as required under Section 4.06 (5)(c) of the Comprehensive Amendment to the Dwight Zoning Ordinance, to 1 foot, which includes the overhang proposed for the garage. The distance between the deck and the sidewall of the garage will be not less than 3 feet.
4. An increase of the maximum area occupied by accessory buildings or other buildings within the required rear yard from the maximum 40% to 45%. This would be variance under Section 4.12 Accessory Buildings or Uses (3).

At the time and place of the Public Hearing, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative. Thereafter, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees as to whether or not the requested Variances should be granted as submitted, or as modified by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals will then be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Services Complex Building at 209 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight, IL 60420.

Inquiries with respect to the requested Variances should be directed to the following:

Kevin J. McNamara  
Village Administrator  
Public Services Complex Building  
209 S. Prairie Avenue  
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JILL V. HAACKE  
Village Clerk  
Dwight Public Services Complex Building  
209 South Prairie Avenue  
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## Livingston Co. SWCD Spring Tree Sale

The Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation District is currently holding their Spring Tree Sale, with many different species of trees available.

Some that are available are oaks, spruces, cherries, walnut, apple, apricot, pear, and many others.

Orders are due on April 11. The tree pickup will be Thursday, April 19, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, or would like an order form, you can stop by the office at 1510 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, or call the office at 815-844-6127, ext. 3.

## Extended Registration Deadline for Tri-Point NHS 5K Run

The Tri-Point National Honor Society is having their 5K run and two mile fun walk Saturday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cullom Park.

The early registration deadline has been extended until Wednesday, April 11. A fee applies, which includes a t-shirt. Registration will be taken up until race time on the 28th.

After April 11, the fee increases and a shirt is not guaranteed. Race day registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the park pavilion on April 28.

All proceeds from the race go to the Ronald McDonald House and Prevent Child Abuse America.

If you have questions, contact Alison Buckley at 815-689-2110, ext. 302.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Odell Township will hold its regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. effective April, 2018 thru March, 2019 at 208 East Elk Street in Odell, Illinois until further notice.

17-084070

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
PLAINTIFF,

-vs-  
GERALD READ; KRISSANDRA READ; VILLAGE OF SAUNEMIN, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;  
DEFENDANTS  
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### 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:  
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Permanent Index No.: 17-17-15-402-008

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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 \$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 ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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ALL-CONFERENCE SCHOLASTIC BOWL honors have been bestowed upon three Dwight Township High School students. They are, pictured, from left, Hayden Tjelle, Bubba Schultz, and Mason Imhoff.

## Gardner Grade School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll, Awards

### High Honor Roll

**Third Grade:** Abigail Alumbaugh, Cooper Biros, Ella Mack, Reed Millette, Olivia Siano.

**Fourth Grade:** Luca Byers, Tony Vyce.

**Fifth Grade:** Kendall Huston, Abigail Leveille, Emma Minnick.

**Sixth Grade:** Cree Croy, Lana Lomalie, Lucie Minnick, Miguel Ochoa, Bella Vyce.

**Seventh Grade:** Taeryn Lardi.

**Eighth Grade:** Garrett Grant, Claire Hennessy, Blake Huston, Josh Leveille, Ethan Mack, Adiran Mena, Bethani Nicoletti, Edith Ochoa.

### Honor Roll

**Third Grade:** Ryan Dennis, Madison Grivetti, Dylan Hadaway, Ray Kross, Adien Mack, Aubrey Male, Grace Vitko.

**Fourth Grade:** Maria Campagna, Haley Galvan, Aiden Himes, Maddie McConahay, Kayla Scheuber, Nina Siano, Aubree Stein, Owen Vitko, Madelyn Wilson, Madison Wright.

**Fifth Grade:** Ryleigh Dvorak, Jacob Fann, Parker Farrero, Alaina Hadaway, Cole Hampson, Grace Olsen, Tyler Wilkey.

**Sixth Grade:** Sophia Crutchfield, Tristen Hamm, Madalyn Olsen, Mary Clar

Phillips, Jayden Talbot.

**Seventh Grade:** Cade Croy, Tanner Fisher, Robert Gunty, Payton Leonard, Ethan Maxard, Toby Riley, Emma Wilson.

**Eighth Grade:** Peyton Carpenter, Olivia Cerutti, Paige Dvorak, Katelyn Farris, Kaden Grivetti, Blake Patterson, Madison Ragland, Sophia Randolph, Mallory Wolf.

### Honorable Mention

**Third Grade:** Aiden Bodine, Will Cardwell, Lucy Duering, Abbie Olsen.

**Fourth Grade:** Zoe Brockett, Abby Farley, Leanne Freeman, Charlee Funes, Evan Leonard, Bret Manzello, Johnny Moats, Gavin Smart.

**Fifth Grade:** Hannah Balcom, Owen Leonard, Gabriel McHugh, Ryan Millette, Brogan Mulligan, Emma Norrington, McKenzie Ragland, Then Thompson, Quinn Walsh.

**Sixth Grade:** Brianna Graefen, Bennett Grant, Declan McConahay, AJ Pumrey, Grace Wright.

**Seventh Grade:** Jayden Buchanan, Dylan Carpenter, Chris Cvitanovich, Cody Frazier, Katy Wallerich, Noah Wise.

**Eighth Grade:** Tyler Ambrogio, Luca Cain, Alex Grivetti, Michael Madonna, Ashton Mejorada, Kaycia Raszkowski.

### Positive Behavior Awards

**Kindergarten:** Harrison DeYoung, Levi Fink, Richard Foglio, Clayton Hamilton, Carissa Leonard, Talon Mack, Kash Olsen, Jaxon Pluer, Briann Pumfrey, Audrey Rose, Jordan Sexton, Wyatt Smith, Breelyn Sperka, Ashlynn Talty, Ivy Tillack, Ameryk Traynor.

**First Grade:** Chloe Biros, Reed Byers, Abigail Carreon, Brynn Christensen, Levi Countryman, Gracie

Crutchfield, Olivia Dube, Ryan Male, Autumn Manzeloo, Sam Minnick, Noah Nelson, Tyler Sippl-Fay, Christopher Titus, Ty Tjelle, Kaylee Tousignant, RyLynn Warren, Makayla Winnie.

**Second Grade:** Hailey Balcom, Sawyer Benntt, Isaiah Bouwma, Marcus Bryan, Banan Burgess, Caden Christensen, Case Christensen, Miley Cvitanovich, Avah DeYoung, Samantha Engle-

Runty, Gabriel Fann, Lilly Gerrish, Cameron Gray, Gianna Hahn, Noah Himes, Max Jennings, Julianna Moats, Walker Mulligan, Jack Norrington, Thomas Phillips, Lilly Scheuber, Lilly Scott, Jacob Thompson, Ellie Traynor, Jaci Wilkey.

### Perfect Attendance

**First Grade:** Ryan Male.

**Second Grade:** Caden Christensen, Lilly Gerrish, Cameron Gray, Jaci Wilkey.

**Third Grade:** Dylan Hadaway, Aubrey Male, Olivia Siano.

**Fourth Grade:** Zoe Brockett, Leanna Freeman, Aiden Himes, Nina Siano, Addison Wright.

**Fifth Grade:** Jack Cerutti, Niko Cvitanovich, Ryleigh Dvorak, Dakota Evans, Alaina Hadaway, Abigail Leveille, Emma Minnick, Grace Olsen, McKenzie Ragland.

**Sixth Grade:** Declan McConahay, Lucie Minnick, Miguel Ochoa, Jayden Talbot.

**Seventh Grade:** Alex Alvarado, Chris Cvitanovich, Cody Frazier, Abbey Granger, Robert Gunty, Makenzi Hahn, Taeryn Lardi, Emma Wilson.

**Eighth Grade:** Garrett Grant, Josh Leveille, Adrian Mena, Edith Ochoa, Madison Ragland.

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

Maya Angelou

## 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

Richard Boundy  
Township Clerk

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Goodfarm, 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 P.M. at

Goodfarm Town Hall 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:

Dated March 22, 2018.

Roland Gantzert  
Town Clerk



**ST. PETER’S LUTHERAN CHURCH** emerged as the champions in the ten-team Church Dartball Tournament March 4 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight. All teams played each other, with a total possibility of nine points: one point for a win and 1/2 point for a tie. St. Peter’s won with a score of 7.5 points and received a dozen new darts and a traveling trophy that was made by Mark Fessel of the Mazon Congregational team. The churches that make up the Dartball League include: Mazon Methodist, Gardner Church of Hope, Goodfarm Trinity Lutheran, Essex Methodist, Herscher Lutheran, Dwight United Methodist, Dwight Congregational, New Life Assembly of God, Emmanuel Lutheran, and St. Peter’s Lutheran. Any church that would like information on becoming a member of the league should contact Gene Mortensen at 815-861-1107. Pictured, from left, are Steve Pustmueller, Wayne Welsh, Bob Lauterbach, Wayne Strickland, Gordon Von Qualen, Les Hansen, and Lee Jensen. Henry Lund and Gene Mortensen are not pictured.



**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!** After five months of league play, the Mazon Congregational team emerged as victors of the Dwight area Church Dartball Leagues. A total of 27 games – three with each of the other nine churches – makes a full season. The “league” winners receive a traveling trophy (handmade by Mark Fessel of the Mazon team) and two dozen darts for their efforts. Herscher Lutheran joined the league this year, and other churches are invited to think about joining the league. If you are interested, contact Gene Mortensen at 815-861-1107. Pictured, seated, from left, are Norm Madison, Duane Waisath, Dave Packley; standing, Jon Grushkin, Mark Fessel, Ralph Binion, Brian Bingheim, and Rick Zilm. Not pictured is Rick Fieldman.

### Tri-Point High School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

**4.00 Club and Above**  
**Freshmen:** Elise Bruner.  
**Sophomores:** Cadence Denning-Kras, Wyatt Dohe, Rahel Gilleland.  
**Seniors:** Jimmy Haag, Elijah McDonald, Grace Steidinger.

**High Honors**  
**Freshmen:** Ellenie Dyrby, Logan Vieira.  
**Sophomores:** Rodney Billerbeck, Anthony Bruner, Jacqueline Houck, Sierra Hummel, Jade King, Peyton Richie, Xochitl Rosales.  
**Juniors:** Anicah Bruner, Tara Hummel, Haley Jubin-Oswood, Abigail Kerrins, Steven Lamb, Jacob Ritchie, Hallie Sippel.  
**Seniors:** Crystal Coffey, Nina Crowley, Randall Ifft,

Raele Lane, Dalton Lawless, David Longmire, Gabrielle McDermott-Dailey.

**Honor Roll**  
**Freshmen:** Chace Cathcart, William Coffey, Aaron Hughes, Kendra Weber.  
**Sophomores:** Brittney Billerbeck, Margie Billerbeck, Rhianna Brown, Zachary Hollingsworth, Kiara McDonald, Gabrielle Spangler.  
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**Eighth Grade:** Zeta Folkestad, Haylee Howard, Alexia Leonard, Karson McKee, Christina Pozdol, Rebecca Russell.

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. 18-P-23

**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

## Easter Activities In Area Towns

The following Easter egg hunts and other activities are planned in area communities:

**Braceville**  
The Braceville United Methodist Church will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 1.

**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 second grade; and third and fourth grade.

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

**Odell**  
There will be an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31, at the Odell Pool Park at 9:00 a.m. – sponsored by the Odell Firemen. Age groups are ages zero to ten.

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

April 1, 2018  
is Easter  
Sunday

## OBITUARY

### Ralph Wiltshire, Jr.

DWIGHT – Ralph Wiltshire, Jr., 90, of Dwight passed away Sunday, March 25, 2018 in Normal.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be held at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

There will be a graveside service following the visitation in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight, with Pastor Mike Ebersohl officiating. Full military rites will be accorded by the Dwight American Legion and VFW Post 2608.

Ralph was born January 29, 1928 in Pontiac, a son of Ralph and Ellen Nolan Wiltshire. He married Elizabeth Petersen September 5, 1953 in Coal City. She passed away January 18, 2017.

Surviving are a brother, Ed (Geri) Wiltshire; sister-in-law, Gladys (Lee) Christopher of Dwight; nieces and nephews, Jon (Lynn) Thalman, Russ Thalman, Lisa (Donnie)



King, Bob (Chris) Wiltshire, Mary (Rick) Meador, Dave (Amy) Petersen, Duane (Jennifer) Petersen, Gary Taylor, Steve (Angie) Taylor, and Bill Christopher.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Thomas Wiltshire; sister, Ellen (Dolly) Thalman; brothers-in-law: Russell Thalman and Gerald Petersen; sisters-in-law: Irma Wiltshire and Barb Petersen; and a nephew, Kerry Wiltshire.

Ralph served in the United States Army and retired from Caterpillar, where he had worked for many years as a supervisor.

He was a kind and caring man, who always had a smile on his face and a story to tell.

Memorials in Ralph's name may be left to the Livingston County Humane Society.

His guestbook may be signed at: [www.hagermemo.rial.com](http://www.hagermemo.rial.com)

More obituaries appear on page 7.

## Riverside Healthcare Gives More Than \$10,500 to Local High Schools, Including Herscher

Riverside Healthcare's Scores for Schools program gave more than \$10,500 to 16 schools throughout Kankakee, Grundy, Iroquois, and Will Counties – including \$1,040 to Herscher High School.

In celebration of their achievement, coaches and student-athletes from each participating sport were invited to Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee, for a check presentation event.

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Applications are available at the District Office or at [www.dwight.k12.il.us](http://www.dwight.k12.il.us), District Office / Employment / Non-certified Staff Applications.

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DEFENDANTS  
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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.

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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 \$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 ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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Land of Lincoln Honor Flight to Take First Trip of 2018 on April 3

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight (LLHF), serving central and mid-southern Illinois, will take its first Honor Flight for 2018 on Tuesday, April 3rd, departing from Springfield's Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. On board LLHF Flight #48 to Washington, DC, will be three World War II, 32 Korean War and 44 Vietnam War Era Veterans - all excited to visit and reflect with their comrades at their national memorials. But before this happens, many of these eight Air Force, 46 Army, one Coast Guard, six Marines and 18 Navy Vets, along with their Guardians, family and friends, will have enjoyed a pre-flight dinner in their honor the night before at VFW Post #755 in Springfield.

Seventy-nine Veterans and their Guardians will arrive at the airport Tuesday

morning at 4:45 a.m., having traveled from 52 Illinois cities and communities including: Chatsworth, Fairbury, Forrest, Gardner, Gibson City, Gilman in our area.

The veterans will board luxury motor coaches upon arrival at Ronald Reagan National Airport in DC. Their most important stops will be at the World War II, Korean and Vietnam War memorials, as well as Arlington National Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

This day of honor is provided at absolutely no cost to our Veterans.

The return to Springfield's airport is planned at 9:30 p.m. and the general public, along with friends and family, are encouraged to "pack the port" to Welcome Home these

heroes. Come early. All are encouraged to wear red-white-blue patriotic colors, bring balloons, posters, etc. to show appreciation and support to these Veterans who served and sacrificed so much for our country.

Veteran applications continue to be accepted with flight priority given in the following order: World War II (enlisted by 12/31/1946), then Korean War Era (01/01/1947 to 12/31/1957), followed by the Vietnam War Era (01/01/1958 to 05/07/1975). Any certified terminally ill Veteran should contact LLHF directly. Veteran or Guardian Applications may be obtained at www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org by clicking on Applications tab.

Consider following LLHF on Facebook page to stay current on upcoming events and future flights.

At the Churches

**DWIGHT**  
**Dwight United Methodist Church**  
701 S. Columbia  
584-3420 church  
Dwightumc.org  
Pastor: Michael Ebersohl  
• MAR. 28: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.  
• APR. 1: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.  
• APR. 4: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
325 E. Mazon Ave.  
584-3433 church  
584-1291 fax  
Communion.  
• MAR. 28: NO Midweek Bible Time.  
• MAR. 29: 5:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion.  
• APR. 1: 8 a.m., Easter Breakfast; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.  
• APR. 4: Pastor Nicholson here; 3 - 4 p.m., Open gym; 4 - 5 p.m., Midweek Bible Time.  
• APR. 5: 6:30 p.m., Special Parish Council meeting.

**First Baptist Church**  
401 N. Clinton St.  
815-584-3182  
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**Christian Radio Station W/GVD 97.3 FM**  
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward  
• MAR. 28: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.  
• APR. 1: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.  
• APR. 4: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
200 W. Delaware St.  
584-1260 church  
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor  
• MAR. 28: Women's Breakfast at New Life Assembly, 7 a.m. or 9 a.m.  
• MAR. 29: Men's Breakfast at DUMC, 7 a.m.; Maundy Thursday Service/Communion, 7 p.m.  
Sermon title: "The Last Supper."  
• MAR. 30: Community Good Friday Service at St. Pat's, 12:10 p.m.  
• APRIL 1: Easter Sunday/Communion,

10:30 a.m.; Sermon title: "Not An April Fool's Joke."  
DATE TO REMEMBER: APR. 15, 3 P.M.: INSTALLATION OF REV. GRANT SPEECE with Emington Congregational Church, dinner to follow service.  
"April Mission of the Month"  
One Great Hour of Sharing/OGHS  
"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. 30: 7 p.m., Tenebrae Service  
"Service of Shadows."  
• APR. 1: 9 a.m., Coffee and Connect; 10 a.m., Easter Service and Communion; No Kids Church; No Xtreme Youth Group.  
• APR. 4: 7 p.m., Night of Prayer.  
• APR. 5: 5:30 p.m., Women's Bible Study; 7 p.m., Worship Practice.

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
Mazon Ave. at Prairie  
815-584-3522 Office  
Father Chris Haake, Pastor  
• MAR. 31: Holy Saturday - 8 p.m., Mass.  
• APR. 1: Easter Sunday: 8 a.m., Mass.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
326 W. Chippewa St.  
stpetersdwight@sbcglobal.net  
• 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., rehearsal.  
• 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; 7 p.m., Worship Service; 8 p.m., AA meeting.  
• APR. 1: Easter Sunday - 6:30 a.m., Set up for Son Rise Service; 7:30 a.m., Son Rise Service; 8:45 a.m., Breakfast for everyone; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.  
• APR. 2: 9 - noon, quilting; 12 noon, Set up for food distribution; 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., Food distribution.  
• APR. 3: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries; no quilting.  
• APR. 4: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 p.m., Youth Group; 5:30 p.m., Rehearsal.

**GARDNER United Lutheran Church ELCA**  
309 E. Jefferson St.  
815-237-2227  
pastorluc@att.net  
Pastor Greg Olson  
• Good Friday Crosswalk from the Church of Hope at 10 a.m., ending at United Lutheran Church for service.  
• Sundays: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament.

**HERSCHER Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS**  
255 E. Third St.  
P.O. Box 414  
815-426-2262  
email: trinityherl1@comcast.net  
Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown  
• Services with Holy Communion: Saturdays at 5 p.m.  
Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

**SAUNEMIN Saunemin United Methodist Church**  
90 North Street  
815-832-4935  
Pastor Jane Bradford  
• HOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 7 p.m., Worship with Holy Communion.  
• GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 7 p.m.  
• APRIL 1 - Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., followed by breakfast; Easter Celebration Service, 10:30 a.m.

eroned sleepover.  
• Good Friday, a two-mile crosswalk starting at the church at 9 a.m.; Evening service at 7:30 p.m.  
• Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m., preceded by breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and egg hunt at 9:30 a.m.

**CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
Father Chris Haake, Pastor  
• MAR. 29: Holy Thursday, 6 p.m., Mass.  
• MAR. 30: Good Friday, 3 p.m.  
• APR. 1: Easter Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**CULLOM St. John's Catholic Church**  
• SATURDAYS: Mass at 4 p.m.  
• SUNDAYS: Mass at 10 a.m.

**EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church of Christ**  
103 Division Street  
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor  
• MAR. 30: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.  
• APR. 1: Easter Sunday/Communion, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "Not An April Fool's Joke."  
• APR. 8: Department meeting after church service.  
DATE TO REMEMBER: April 15, 3 p.m. - Installation of Rev. Grant Speece at First Congregational U.C.C./dinner after the service.  
"April Food Pantry Collection" - Soups.

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THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEAM competed at the River Valley Conference Meet on Wednesday, March 21 at Grant Park High School. The team won this competition for the fifth consecutive year and named conference champion. Left to right: Front Row: Jordan Buck-Noble, Spencer McDaniel, Sean Hansen, Jaylon Sims, Mady Asbridge, Jordan Bartels, Kimberly McDaniel, Sarah Schultz. Second Row- Emma Hennessy, Paige Patterson, Kaitlynn Kavanaugh, Shelby Serena, Christian Williams, Nik States, Maddie Jackman, Taylor Bartels. Third Row- Grace Halpin, Chris Bexson, Nolan Perkins, Ava Siano, Haileigh Farrero, Maddie Schuck, Abby Beck. Back Row- Aiddan Daughtery, Kevin Ferrari, Cole Walsh, Dusty Manietta, Ellie Fortier, Troy Speed, Ashley Holloway.



Braceville Elementary  
Receives Art Grant

At the March 14 Board of Education meeting, representatives from Healy Bender & Associates were in attendance to present Braceville Elementary School District #75 with a \$250.00 art grant. Mr. Michael Perrott, Superintendent, and Mrs. Jennifer Williams, accepted the grant from Mr. David Patton – a principal architect representing Healy Bender & Associates of Naperville. The grant will be used for 3-D art projects for their kindergarten through eighth grade classes.

GSW Students Exceed State Average  
On Science Assessment

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

Gardner-South Wilmington High School students scored a 51.6 percent proficient or better on the 2017 Illinois Science Assessment, according to a report given to the school board by Principal John Engelman on March 21.

Proficient is the highest designation given on this assessment.

The state average is 40.2 percent. GSW students well exceeded the state average.

This test was taken April of 2017 by 31 biology students and is required by the state. Seventy percent of the female students were proficient.

Engelman also reported on the student-led program March 14 for the 17 victims of the school shooting in Florida, Feb. 14.

“Their focus was on the memorial of lost lives, not the protest,” explained Engelman. Some schools across the nation were protesting gun control laws to get laws changed.

“Overall the event was a very positive activity with more than 80% of our students participating,” he added.

Superintendent Mike Perrott discussed building projects for the art room, art hallway, exit door repairs and alarm repairs.

The specifications for the hallway floors has been sent

out for bid through the architect.

The art room will be getting a concrete floor this summer, after the removal of the existing floor.

The main entry doors by the gym are having the hardware replaced with new locks, rods, levels adjusted, etc.

The fire alarms were repaired. The school was having issues with the alarm going off due to a panel/circuit malfunction, Perrott said.

In other action, the board:

- hired part-time custodial maintenance man, David Kirstein.

- approved the alarm detection service contract.
- approved the non-

tenured teacher rehires for Fiscal Year 2019.

- approved long-term substitute agreements.

- cancelled the last board meeting for March.

- learned that the band will take a trip to Peoria to perform the National Anthem at 7 p.m., April 7, at the Peoria Rivermen Hockey game.

- learned that cross country, volleyball, and cheerleading squads are due new uniforms. Coaches have been selecting new uniforms to be delivered in the fall. Expenses will be part of the 2018-19 school year budget.

- Learned that a thank you note was sent to Dibble Trucking for fixing the school’s batting cage.

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