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Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant of Dwight Racks Up Two More Honors

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight genuinely puts the word “family” into its restaurant.

As the quality of food and service continues to earn the business awards, with two more honors accorded it this year: Among the Top Broasted Chicken in Illinois by:

bestthingsillinois.com and one of the top 10 cafes in Illinois from:

illinoisroadtrip.com
Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant scored higher than the famous White Fence Farm in Romeoville.

Maria Ahmedi and her husband, Naser, are the “mom and pop” of the literal mom and pop operation, employing their son, Luan, and Luan’s wife, Malia; in addition to Maria and Naser’s daughters Lindita and Brendita.

Maria is the “face” of the restaurant, in the front greeting and serving customers.

Maria and Naser worked together for Maria’s father, known as Grandpa Jimmy, who was the first of the three-generation restaurant family.

The Ahmedi family opened the restaurant in Dwight, near the corner of Old Route 66 and Illinois

Route 17 (Mazon Ave.) in Dwight on Nov. 5, 2001.

And although the family believes this year’s honors are well earned, this is not the first award the restaurant has been accorded.

On Aug. 4, 2016, the Dwight restaurant was named one of the top 10 restaurants along Route 66 from Illinois to California.

In 2017, the restaurant achieved the Best of Illinois by *Illinois Country Living Magazine*.

So what is the Ahmedi family secret? The family boils down to that simple recipe: good quality food and good service.

“You can’t have good food and poor service, or vice versa,” said Luan, who helps in the kitchen and throughout the restaurant, does inventory and ordering, seven days a week.

Maria explained that many of the recipes are original family recipes from her father from 1977.

“Our family restaurant legacy originated in 1977 from Grandpa Jimmy,” a brochure about the restaurant states. “We use the same original recipes today that we did in ’77, from our seasoned hand-cut meats, homemade soups, coleslaw and mashed potatoes and gravy, which have been passed down for three generations.”

erations.”

The family opened the Wishing Well Cafe in Odell from June 1993 to January 2003. In 2001, meantime, they purchased Stark’s Restaurant in Dwight and renovated it to become the Old Route 66 Family Restaurant that customers patronize to this day, 17 years later.

“Our family is humbled and honored by the great response and patronage throughout these remarkable years and look forward to many more years to come,” the brochure adds.

The food, being part of their secret formula for success, was recognized by Best Things Illinois.

“The old-school diner knows a thing or two about chicken,” the award said.

But it is even more than good food and service.

There is the added “atmosphere” including Route 66 souvenirs sold at the establishment, and lots of Route 66 signage and memorabilia along the walls.

“People always comment when they come in about the homey atmosphere,” Maria said – all things that go into quality, authentic “mom and pop” restaurant fare.

“We go the extra mile on Route 66,” Maria said with a smile.



EMMY LITTLE OF DWIGHT is sandwiched between her two bassets, Rudy and Gunther. Emmy is the Chairman of Daily Operations for the Guardian Angel Basset Rescue, which rescues between 150 and 200 dogs per year. GABR is currently seeking foster families for bassets and transport volunteers. The annual GABR auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, starting at 5 p.m. at Jennifer’s Garden in Morris. Read more about GABR inside our Pet Parade section today, pages 17-20.

Submitted photo

Kiwanis Int. Sparking Interest For Dwight Club, Aktion Club at Fox



LEXINGTON KIWANIS Club members Dave Daniel (left) and Jim Pierce were in Dwight last week trying to spur interest in starting a Kiwanis Club in Dwight.

The Paper photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

There is a movement in Dwight to begin a Kiwanis Club to coincide with the Kiwanis Aktion Club, a service club for adults with disabilities.

For the past two weeks, representatives have been visiting Dwight to spark interest in the Kiwanis Club, which will be needed for an Aktion Club. There is already a strong interest in the Aktion Club, which is spearheaded by people at the Fox Developmental Center in Dwight.

Sybil Nash of the Fox Center has already signed on to be one of the Dwight

Kiwanis Club’s first members, should such a club be developed.

Two representatives from the Lexington Kiwanis Club were in town last week and stopped by the office of *The Paper* to explain the plans, Dave Daniel, Lt. Governor Division 22 for the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District based in Lexington; and Jim Pierce, also of Lexington.

“Lexington is sponsoring Dwight’s club,” Daniel explained. “Jim and I are club counsellors.”

The Lexington Kiwanis members have been gauging the interest for such a club in Dwight since March 29.

The Aktion Club has a

motto “Where development has no disability.”

Clubs are formed at or with various organizations that support individuals with disabilities. Thus the interest by Fox. Daniel said it could also work with organizations like Futures Unlimited in Dwight.

“These caring adults develop confidence and character as they take on leadership roles in their clubs and direct service projects,” the Kiwanis brochure says of the Aktion Club.

“Members gain a sense of purpose and personal satisfaction as they serve their communities, help others

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THE AHMEDI FAMILY puts the family into the Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight, recently receiving two awards this year. The restaurant was among the Top 10 for its broasted chicken and among the Top 10 for Illinois Restaurants. The Ahmedi family includes (from left) Lindita, Luan, Maria, Malia, Brendita and (not pictured) Naser.



BESIDES AWARD-WINNING food and service, Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight also sells Route 66 memorabilia and souvenirs.

Shayla Loring photo

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CONGRATULATIONS! DAILY CASH CALENDAR WINNERS!

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4/2 - Laura Halstead, Dwight	\$20
4/3 - Larry Hansen, Dwight	\$20
4/4 - Larry Little, Dwight	\$20
4/5 - Randall & Judy Farris, Dwight	\$30
4/6 - Carol Clavey, Dwight	\$50
4/7 - Mike & Laura Vigna, Dwight	\$25

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

March 29: Ashley N. Spayer, 31, LaSalle, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Matthew J. Bachman, 18, Brimfield, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

March 30: Michael A. Stewart, Jr., 35, Bolingbrook, driving on suspended license; Samuel D. Ayers, 34, Dwight, driving during suspension, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

April 4: Steven E. Smith, 52, Mokena, driving on revoked license, operate uninsured motor vehicle, [canc./revoked/suspend. regis./IL.](#)

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

1 Written Warning

Accident Report

Sunday, April 1, 10:20 a.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at 102 John St. involving a 2011

Ford, driven by Kenneth Oelschlager, Dwight, who stepped on the gas instead of the brake and struck the building.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

April 2: 10:23 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 5:14 p.m., Morris, COQ, no longer needed, mutual aid to Morris; 6:30 p.m., Union, trauma, St. James.

April 3: 3:58 p.m., William, medical, St. James; 8:24 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, St. James; 9:58 p.m., Northbrook, medical, Riverside.

April 4: 8:39 a.m., Taylor, medical, Morris; 9:11 a.m., Delmar, medical, Morris; 4:14 p.m., James, medical, Morris.

April 5: 2:28 a.m., 2500 N., trauma, Riverside; 12:34 p.m., South, medical, St. James.

Tennessee Man In Custody, Allegedly Involved With Domestic Battery, Car Theft In Dwight April 2

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A Tennessee man was taken into custody by Kentucky State Police related to an alleged stolen vehicle and domestic abuse case in Dwight, both occurring April 2.

Dwight Police reported in a news release issued April 5 that David Johnson, 59, of Tennessee was taken into custody in Kentucky.

Dwight Police said local charges against Johnson are pending and he “is presumed

innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.”

Dwight Officers responded to a call on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the 500 block of South Union Street regarding a domestic battery and theft of a vehicle.

The female victim was taken to St. James Hospital, Pontiac, for her injuries and was later released.

Dwight Police were able to track the stolen vehicle resulting in Johnson’s apprehension in Kentucky, police reported.



Temps - 2018

Mar. 29 – high 49°, low 31° trace precip.

Mar. 30 – high 50°, low 33°

Mar. 31 – high 61°, low 23° trace precip.

April 1 – high 32°, low 14° trace precip.

April 2 – high 45°, low 15° .05” rain

April 3 – high 44°, low 26° 1” snow/.15” rain, melt

April 4 – high 35°, low 23° trace precip.

One Year Ago – April 11, 2017 high 55°, low 33°

All-Town Dwight Garage Sales May 4-6

Town-wide garage sales will be held in Dwight during the Red Carpet Corridor weekend of May 4-6, with sales scheduled to run Friday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (or whenever the “garage sale” sign is posted).

Forms are available at the Village Hall and are now being accepted for this event. Payment and forms are required to be in by Friday, April 27, to make the deadline for *The Paper* ad.

A Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor Garage Sale sign will be provided when the form and fee are received. These signs can be displayed in your yard during the hours your sale is in progress. A list of addresses and a short list of items for the sales will be available starting Wednesday, May 2, at the Village Hall.

For more information, call the Village Hall at 815-584-3077.

* Synthetic Cannabinoid Warning *

The Livingston County Health Department is urging people not to use synthetic cannabinoids, often called Spice, K2, or fake weed. Dozens of people in Illinois, including two who died, have experienced severe bleeding, such as coughing up blood, blood in the urine, severe bloody nose, and/or bleeding gums, after using synthetic cannabinoids. Several of these cases have tested positive for brodifacoum, a lethal anti-coagulant often used as a rodenticide, or rat poison.

“While Livingston County has not seen any cases of severe bleeding caused by synthetic cannabinoid use yet, the number of people experiencing severe bleeding after using the synthetic drug is still increasing in the region,” said Livingston County Health Department. “We will continue to work with state and federal public health officials to try to identify common products and where it’s coming from. We strongly urge everyone not to use synthetic cannabinoids.”

Synthetic cannabinoids are human-made, mind-altering chemicals that are sprayed on to dried plant material. They can be smoked or sold as liquids to be vaporized in e-ciga-

rettes and other devices. These chemicals are called cannabinoids because they are similar to chemicals found in the marijuana plant. The health effects from using synthetic cannabinoids can be unpredictable, harmful, and deadly.

Public health officials continue to investigate to try to identify any common brand and determine where they were obtained. Synthetic cannabinoids are found across Illinois and the U.S. in convenience stores, gas stations, drug paraphernalia shops, novelty stores, and online.

Anyone who has a reaction to synthetic cannabinoids, such as severe bleeding, should call 911 or have someone take them to the emergency department immediately. They should not drive or walk themselves to the hospital.

The number of cases and counties of residence are posted on the IDPH website at 1:30 p.m. each weekday. For questions, please contact Erin Fogarty, Health Education & Marketing Director at the Livingston County Health Department, at 815-844-7174 ext 238.

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and discover their own talents.”

But if there is a Kiwanis Club in town to help support the Aktion Club, Daniel said the Kiwanis would also likely begin a Builders Club, which helps build self-esteem for junior high age students.

“Builders Club focuses all their raw potential into service for others – empowering them to be themselves, work together, make plans, set goals and take action,” Kiwanis literature says.

In Dwight, the high school already has an FCCLA club, so they suggested a Key Club for high schoolers may not be needed in Dwight.

“We look at the needs of the community,” Daniel said, indicating that the club would fill gaps in areas where other service organi-



zations in town need help.

“The Aktion Club seems to be a slam dunk,” Daniel said, having been encouraged by initial talks at the Fox Center.

The next step will be to establish the supporting Kiwanis club, open to any man or woman, 18 years of age or older of “good moral character.”

He said the Aktion Club is “the best thing we do, bar none.”

In Lexington, for example, the Kiwanis provides autistic vests for people with autism. They also collect clothing for families in need.

But Dwight as a club would choose its own Dwight-oriented missions.

Kiwanis Club members have been circulating petitions in Dwight to spur inter-

est, and will be connecting with social organizations and churches in Dwight.

“We want to get the word out,” Daniel said. “We are a service-based organization. We get our hands dirty.”

The motto of the club is “Serving the Children of the World.”

There are 557,856 total adult and youth members, of which 215,016 are adults and 342,840 are youth.

There are 8,072 adult clubs and 8,427 youth clubs.

Each year, Kiwanis International sponsors nearly 150,000 service projects, raise more than \$100 million, devote more than 18.5 million hours to service, and every Kiwanian impacts the lives of 200 children.

Kiwanis was established in 1915 and is in 82 nations and geographic areas.

So what does “Kiwanis” mean?

“It means ‘We Share,’ from a Native-American language,” Daniel explained.

For further information call Daniel at (309) 365-8375 or go online to: [kiwanis.org](#)

Mobile Food Pantry in S. Wilmington April 16

On Monday, April 16, at 4 p.m. Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food to people in need.

Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency. You do not have to be Catholic to participate.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Catholic Charities, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](#).



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Strategies for Your Investment “Garden”

If you’re a gardener, your busy season is at hand, as April has been designated National Garden Month. But could the skills you deploy at gardening be transferred to other areas of your life – such as investing?

Here are a few ideas for doing just that:

Establish a timeline. As a gardener, you typically follow a well-defined timeline. You need to get the soil ready a few months before you want to plant, and you need to plant at different times, depending on what plants you choose. You even need to set up a schedule for watering, feeding, weeding and other garden care. As an investor, you may also need to observe a timeline. During the early and middle stages of your career, you probably need to invest primarily for growth, so you can build resources for a comfortable retirement. Then, as you near retirement, you may want to lower your risk level by shifting some – though certainly not all – of your investment dollars from growth-oriented vehicles into more income-producing ones. And once you do retire, your focus will shift to preserving your money, so one of your key decisions will center on how much you can afford to withdraw each year from your investment portfolio.

Choose “healthy” investments. Gardeners like to choose plants they know will really last. That’s why they look for things such as green leaves, as opposed to brown or yellow ones, and thick stems, which usually indicate a plant is strong, healthy and capable of surviving a transition from the pot to the ground. And when you invest, you, too, should look for signs of health in the investments you choose. For example, when picking stocks, look for companies with solid fundamentals, such as experienced management, strong earnings and the demonstrated ability to produce products and services attractive to consumers. Or, when considering bonds, consider those that independent rating agencies have awarded the highest grades, in terms of the financial strength of the issuer.

Feed your investments properly. Things like fertilizer and plant food can be valuable, but the most important element in plant nutrition is water. Under-watered plants will not survive, but overwatering your plants can certainly damage them severely. When you invest, you also need to know the right amount of “food,” or “nutrients,” to apply. If you don’t put enough money into investments, they may not grow as much as you’d like. On the other hand, it is possible to “overwater” certain investments. For example, if you constantly put money into just one or two investments, they could end up crowding out others in your portfolio, causing you to lose the value of diversification. And if these particular investments are already growth-oriented vehicles, highly subject to market risk, they could take a big hit during a market downturn. Ultimately, seek a balance in how you distribute your investment dollars.

Year after year, successful gardeners reap the rewards of their labors. And following some of their habits can help you work toward a long-lasting and fruitful investment garden, too.

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Livingston Co. Retired Teachers Association To Meet April 17

The Livingston County Retired Teachers Association will have its first meeting of the 2018 year on Tuesday, April 17, at the Indian Creek Country Club in Fairbury. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the breakfast buffet at 9:00 a.m. The program and business meeting will follow at 9:45 a.m.

The musical portion of the program will be presented by students in the choral department of Prairie Central High School under the direction of Todd Cheek. The theme will be “Sing and Smile Awhile.”

Christopher Glick, an AMBA representative, will highlight the various types of insurance offered through his organization that is endorsed by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. There are many types of insurance to choose from. It is important to note that one must be a member of IRTA to be eligible to purchase any of these insurance choices.

Region 7 Director for the IRTA, Navana Ahrends, will have information from the state organization that is deemed important at this time.

Before the meeting, once again there will be the 50/50 drawing that helps to raise funds for the two \$250 scholarships that the unit gives each year. These scholarships are given for worthy projects benefitting classrooms through an application process. Roger Tuttle is

in charge of this project.

The Yearbook and Directory for 2018 will be available for members to pick up at this meeting.

If there are interested golfers, the Country Club has offered a discounted rate to play nine holes of golf, plus use of a cart. Arrangements can be made on that day.

The deadline for making reservations to eat has passed, but anyone can still attend for the program and meeting. The meetings are always open to any retired teacher who lives in Livingston Co. or who taught in Livingston Co. Other guests are also welcome.

There are four meetings of the LCRTA during the year, including Tuesdays, April 17, June 19, August 21, and October 16.

Officers for this year are Marjorie Ehrhardt, President; Debbie Davis, Vice President; Karen Kehoe, Secretary; and Susan Schnell, Treasurer.

Pontiac Community Art Center

The April 2018 Gallery Show at the Pontiac Community Art Center opened Saturday, April 7, in the Joe Bailey Gallery, and will run through the month of April.

“Discover Autism” will feature the works of five artists from Merchant Street Art Gallery of Artists with Autism showing their work in painting, photography, clay and paper sculptures.

The opening reception was held Saturday April 7. Each artist took a few minutes to talk about his or her work. The artists range in ages from 10 to 25 years old. Merchant Street is one of only three galleries exclusively for artists with autism in the U.S. Janice Miller is the Executive Director of the gallery and Nancy Flessner, the Executive Board President.

Airman Shawn Eichler Graduates from Basic Military Training

U.S. Air Force Airman Shawn O. Eichler graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, TX.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Eichler earned distinction



U.S. Air Force Airman Shawn O. Eichler

as an honor graduate. He is the son of Kay and Randy Eichler of Odell and a 2013 graduate of Eichler Home School, Odell.

Dedication at Trinity Lutheran Church, Goodfarm

At the 10 a.m. Service, Sunday, April 15, new tables and chairs for the fellowship hall will be formally dedicated in memory of Dorothy McCullough at Trinity Lutheran Church Goodfarm, 515 E. Stonewall Road, Dwight.

Dorothy McCullough was a faithful and active

lifelong member of the church for 91 years. She was baptized, confirmed, married and her funeral service was held at Goodfarm Trinity Lutheran Church.

Light refreshments will be offered after the service in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

Dwight Historical Society to Present Dwight Native Nelson K. Stubbs

The Dwight Historical Society is pleased to present Dwight native Nelson K. Stubbs at their April meeting on Mon., April 16, at 7 p.m. at the Historic Depot on West Main Street.

Nelson will relate some of his memories of growing up in Dwight with his family during the '40s and '50s. Because his mother, Catherine N. Stubbs, Grandfather Martin N. Nelson and Uncle Maurice T. Nelson were very involved in community activities, Nelson's memories include many notable events and interesting residents and visitors to Dwight during that era.

Many of his memories

involve events and incidents as related by his Grandfather and Uncle, both who were involved in the management of the Keeley Institute.

Nelson will recall his memories of the 1954 Dwight Centennial and take a walk down Main Street, remembering the long-ago businesses and Dwight natives who made Dwight his hometown.

All meetings of The Society are open to the public. All are welcome.

Business of The Society will be taken care of by the members at 6:30 p.m. so that the program can commence at 7:00 p.m.



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3/30 - Steve & Vivian Boundy, Dwight.....	\$50
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vs.) No. 18-CH-20
FORTNER'S PUB, LLC, a Dissolved Illinois Limited Liability Company,)
TARYN FORTNER, VILLAGE OF)
CORNELL, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.)

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

TRACT 1:
Lot 24 in Block 7 in Walter B. Cornell's First Addition to Cornell, Livingston County, Illinois.

TRACT 2:
Lots 21, 22, and 23 in Block 7 in Walter B. Cornell's First Addition to Cornell, Livingston County, Illinois.

TRACT 3:
Lots 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 7 in Walter B. Cornell's First Addition to Cornell, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 08-11-392-026

Commonly known as: 506 W. Main St., Cornell, IL 61319.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is FORTNER'S PUB, LLC, a dissolved Illinois Limited Liability Company. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on October 16, 2014 and recorded on October 17, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 631270 and a modification of mortgage executed on September 26, 2016 and recorded on September 26, 2016 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2016R-03852. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-20 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before May 15, 2018, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Lou Bedeker

B L A C K - STONE – Mary Lou Bedeker, 81, of Blackstone, passed away Monday, April 2, 2018 at 4:52 a.m. at Advocate Bro-Menn Medical Center in Normal.

Mary Lou was born September 15, 1936 in Streator, daughter of Peter and Edith Fagot Waldschmidt. She married Jim Bedeker February 9, 1957. He passed away April 17, 2000.

Surviving are her children: Scott (Brenda) Bedeker of Dwight; Shari (Eric) Andresen and Steve (Kelly) Bedeker of Bloomington; sisters: Lorraine Simpson of Largo, Florida and Edith (Harvey) Grieff of Odell; grandchildren: Loren (Nathan) Fosdick, Melanie (Brett) Bruning, Keegan Ray Bedeker and Jadyndy Andresen; and one great-grandson, Hunter Ray Fosdick.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Mary Lou was a graduate of Odell High School. She worked for Lipton Tea in



Streator and helped with the family farm. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight. Her faith and serving her church were very important to her.

Mary enjoyed baking and working in her flower garden. She loved being a mother and grandmother.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at 12 noon, Thursday, April 5, in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, celebrated by Father Chris Haake.

Burial: St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, Odell.

Visitation was Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass in the church.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, 126 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight, IL 60420.

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

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

Carole Barschdorf

RANSOM – Carole D. Barschdorf, 77, of Ransom passed away Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac.

Carole was born June 4, 1940 in Morris, daughter of David and Veronica Knapp Bumgarner. She married Duane Barschdorf June 8, 1958 in the Mazon United Methodist Church. He passed away May 29, 2017.

She is survived by daughter, Susan (David) Andree of Blackstone; sons: Gary (Linda) Barschdorf of Ransom; Steven (Lori) Barschdorf of Bridgeman, Michigan; and Rick Barschdorf of Ransom; a brother, James (Gail) Bumgarner; sisters-in-law, Janice Johnson of Nevada, Illinois and Gloria Barschdorf of Denver, Colorado.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Carole was also preceded in death by her parents; brother, Richard Bumgarner; and brother-in-law, Gerald



Barschdorf. She was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women's Club, and YAGOs. She was past president and a member of Streator Christian Women's Club and the Highland Home-maker's Club.

Carole loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading and serving on church committees, where she was always willing to visit. She was a lifelong blood donor.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 6, at 11 a.m. in the Dwight United Methodist Church, with Pastor Mike Ebersohl officiating.

Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

Memorials in honor of Carole may be made to the United Methodist Church of Dwight.

Online condolences may be made at: www.hagermemorial.com

Genevieve M. O'Donnell

SUN CITY, ARIZONA – Genevieve M. O'Donnell, 84, of Sun City, Arizona passed away March 26, 2018 in Peoria, Arizona.

Visitation will be Thurs-day, April 12, from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Father William Keebler in St. Paul's Catholic Church, Odell, Illinois.

Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery, Odell.

Jenny was born in Odell December 11, 1933, daughter of Patrick and Rose Turner O'Donnell.

She is survived by a brother, Charles O'Donnell of Odell; many nieces and nephews; and good friends, George Kelly of Arizona and Art and Donna Schmidt of Sun City, Arizona.

Jenny was preceded in



death by her parents; brothers: Jerry, James, Robert, and Raymond O'Donnell; a brother in infancy, Donald O'Donnell; and a sister, Agnes Moore.

Born and raised in Odell, she attended St. Paul's Catholic Grade School and High School, graduating in 1951. She worked in the restaurant business all of her life. She was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Odell and was a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Sun City, Arizona.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at: hagermemorial.com

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight is in charge of arrangements.

Frederick E. Strufe

DWIGHT – Frederick E. Strufe, 70, of Dwight passed away at 6:09 a.m., Thursday, April 5, 2018 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of services Friday, April 13, in the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, at the church.

Burial will follow the services in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight. Pastor Mike Ebersohl will officiate.

Frederick was born in Streator February 5, 1948, son of John and Dorothy Krug Strufe. He married Heidemarie Semmler July 13, 1991. She passed away July 26, 2017.

Surviving are stepdaughters, Erin (Dan) Kilmer of Mazon and Molly (Brian) Borrowman of Naperville; brother-in-law, Winfried (Joanne) Semmler of Naperville; grandchildren: Emma, John and Addison Kilmer of Mazon and Benjamin and Isaac



Borrowman of Naperville; cousins, Robin (Marlene) Strufe of Rocky Mount, NC, and Laura Nelson of Peoria.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Fred graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree and then attended and attained a law degree from the University of Illinois.

He was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church. He worked as an attorney over the years in Dwight.

Fred liked traveling with his wife, and was an avid Cubs fan.

Memorials in his name may be left to the Dwight United Methodist Church or the Dwight Historical Society.

This obituary may be viewed and guestbook signed at: www.hagermemorial.com

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, is handling the arrangements.


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The 1st Day

At the time of writing this column, I'm about 12 hours away from my first day of work at the new job that I have taken. In the time since I left my last job I've had about two weeks or so off leading up to this.

The time off has been great, I can't say that it hasn't. I've really enjoyed every second of it. But there's just part of me that is really ready to get back at it. I think that if you would've told 16 or 17 year old me that in a little over five years that after just two weeks of not working I would be ready to go back and start working again... I think he would look at you like you're crazy.

With that being said, here we are, and I'm ready to go back to work. I'm not sure exactly what it is, I think it's a multitude of things. The one that comes to mind first is that it just feels much more accomplishing to go to work, and tackle different tasks than it does when you have time off. Then the other parts of it come with just being in a routine, and having some sort of stability day in and day out. It's the combination of these things that have me ready to get back to work and get in the swing of things.

The feeling that comes along with starting a new job is similar to that of the first baseball, or basketball game of a season, there's this nervousness surrounding it, but also excitement because you now have the chance to go in and accomplish exactly what you were looking forward to accomplishing.

Only time will tell how it plays out, but I'm excited for the future and it's full steam ahead to find out what it has in store for me.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Graduate

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words.
We welcome your thoughts.


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Barbara Kramer,

On her Birthday.

Love you and miss you,

Bill



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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois)
Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 18-CH-19
GARY BABBS, KIM BABBS,)
CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA),)
N.A., and unknown owners and)
non-record claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

TRACT 1: Lots 2 and 3 in Block 8 of Riverside Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois. PIN: 15-23-378-001

TRACT 2: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 2 in Block 8 of Riverside Addition to the City of Pontiac and running; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds West along the South line of Lots 2 and 3 of said Block 8, 118.24 feet to a point 18.24 feet West of the Southwest corner of said Lot 3; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 21 seconds West 184.89 feet to the center of the Vermillion River; thence Northerly and Easterly along said center 142.55 feet more or less to a point 118.24 feet South from the Southeast corner of said Lot 2; and thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 47 seconds East, 118.24 feet to the point of beginning; all in Livingston County, Illinois. PIN: 15-23-358-009

Commonly known as: 302 E. Pinckney St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are GARY BABBS and KIM BABBS. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on November 21, 2007 and recorded on November 30, 2007 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 583412 and a modification of mortgage executed on May 22, 2017 and recorded on May 30, 2017 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2017R-02094. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-19 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.


Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before May 15, 2018, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 29 day of March, 2018.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

Another Obituary appears on page 15.

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



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Prairie Creek Library's annual book sale will kick off on Thursday, April 12, and conclude on Saturday, April 14. The book sale offers patrons a chance to shop discarded or donated books, DVDs, and other materials at very affordable

prices. Money raised will be used toward library improvements.

The sale will be held throughout regular library hours for those three days. Make sure you stop by and stock up on summer reading materials.

U-Haul Partners With County West Market in Herscher

County West Market in Herscher has partnered with U-Haul Company of Illinois, Inc.

According to a news release issued April 4, the grocery store at 150 W. Kankakee Ave. will offer U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, moving supplies and in-store pick-up for boxes.

Normal business hours at the store are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

After hours drop-off is available for customer convenience. Reserve U-Haul at this dealer location by going on line to: www.uhaul.com

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Dwight Canine Unit Dog Dies April 4

According to a notice on the Dwight Police Department web page, the Dwight Police Department K-9 dog died April 4, 6:09 a.m.

“The Dwight Police Department is sad to report Canine Katscho was laid to rest at approximately 5:25 p.m. on April 4, 2018,” the notice stated.

“Katscho proudly served the citizens of Dwight and the surrounding communities. Katscho, we would like to say thank you for protecting your partner, Officer McKee, and for helping make our community a much better and safer place to live. May God Bless You and may you rest in peace.”

GSW High School National Honor Society



On March 14, the Athena Chapter of the National Honor Society at Gardner-South Wilmington High School inducted fifteen new members into its organization. Front row: Cole Walsh, Nolan Perkins, Jessica Kiefling, Taylor Bartels, Kennedy Fair, Paige Patterson, Jack James; back row: Michael Ashley, Carson Halpin, Dezarie Wampler, Kaitlyn Kavanaugh, Emma Hennessy, Mary Lopez, Shelby Serena, and Kal Kociss. The NHS adviser is Mrs. Terese Kukman.

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\$36,000

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\$39,000

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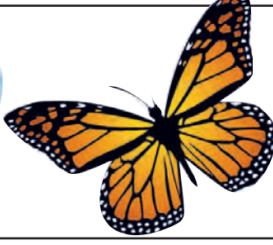


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3 ways to use your lawn to improve curb appeal

Returns on home improvement projects vary. In its annual Cost vs. Value Report, Remodeling magazine notes the projects that yield the best returns on investment in a given year. But a host of factors, including the type of market (buyers' or sellers') and the region where the home is being sold, ultimately combine to determine if homeowners' investments in home improvement projects will provide the returns they were hoping for.

Though there's no way of guaranteeing a home improvement project will yield a great return, real estate professionals often cite improving curb appeal as an excellent way to attract prospective buyers and potentially get the asking price or more when selling the home.

Various projects, including tending to lawns and gardens, can improve curb appeal. An added benefit to focusing on landscaping to improve curb appeal is it promotes spending time outdoors in spring and summer.

In addition, many lawn- and garden-related home improvement projects need not require professional expertise.

1. Maintain a lush green lawn.

Lawns that fall into disrepair may not give buyers a correct impression about how homeowners maintained their homes. Lawns with multiple dead spots and grass that appears more brown than green may lead many buyers to assume that the home's interior was

equally ill-cared for. Maintaining lush green lawns is not as difficult as it may seem. Applying fertilizer and aerating at the appropriate times of year (this varies by region) can promote strong roots and healthy soil, making it easier for grass to survive harsh conditions like drought. When watering in summer, do so in early morning or evening so as little water is lost to evaporation as possible.

2. Address brown patch.

Even well-maintained lawns can fall victims to brown spots. According to the lawn care professionals at TruGreen, lawns in regions with hot temperatures and high humidity can be infected with brown patch, a common lawn disease that is caused by fungus, which can produce circular areas of brown, dead grass surrounded by narrow, dark rings. Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences notes that removing dew that collects on grass leaves each morning, which can be accomplished by mowing or dragging a water hose across affected

areas, can be an effective way to reduce brown patch. Homeowners without much lawn care experience can consult professional landscapers to address the issue. But those looking to sell their properties should note that buyers often walk the grounds of homes they are considering buying. So addressing any issues on the lawn should be a priority for sellers.

3. Confine dogs to certain areas.

Dog owners may want to let their pets roam free in their yards. But homeowners about to put their properties up for sale may want to confine their four-legged friends to certain areas. That's because dog urine can be high in nitrogen. Nitrogen itself is not harmful to lawns, but in high concentrations it can contribute to yellow or brown spots. Also, highly acidic dog urine may even adversely affect pH levels in the soil.

Curb appeal can go a long way toward helping homeowners sell their homes, and a lush lawn can be used to catch the eye of prospective buyers.

Getting to know succulents

Succulents can be just what indoor or outdoor gardens need. Even though succulents are becoming more popular, there are still some people who are unaware of their attributes. By learning more about succulents, people may become devotees of these unique plants.

The word "succulent" brings to mind juicy, savory foods. But succulents aren't meant to be consumed. In fact, they get their mouth-watering name from their uncanny ability to store water in fleshy stems or leaves. That means they do not require frequent watering like other plants might. Succulents also may prove more durable in the face of drought and are a handy plant for forgetful gardeners or those who travel often and want something more hands-off in their gardens.

According to the succulents resource Succulents and Sunshine, most succulents prefer warm temperatures and are not very cold-tolerant. However, there are

some varieties that can survive freezing temperatures. Still, for most succulents, it's best if they are kept in warm, moderately sunny conditions. The DIY Network says succulents grow best in bright light, but not always in full, hot sun.

Succulents also may attract gardeners thanks to their diverse looks. Better Homes & Gardens says that color variations of succulents are quite varied and include green, yellow, burgundy, white, blue-green, pink, red, and variegated combinations. Their shapes can be just as diverse, with many having pointy, rounded, spiky, or ruffled leaves.

People may be particularly familiar with one type of succulent: cacti. These traditional desert-dwellers are prized for their water-retention abilities, but some seem downright scary with their prickly exteriors. While all cacti are succulents, it's important to note that not all succulents are cacti. Less needle-like succulents

SUCCULENT PLANTS can enhance gardens, and they require minimal care and water.

include aloe, jade, snake plant, and agave. Hens and chicks (sempervivum) and wax plant (hoya) are other succulents to consider.

Searching for succulents online is another great way for gardeners to discover these wonderful plants.



Keep your home updated - 6 Home Improvement Project Ideas:

1. Fresh coat of paint

2. Revamp your kitchen

3. Freshen up your bathroom

4. Spruce up your floors

5. Give your home some street appeal

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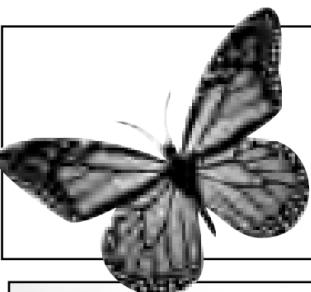
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Stock up on gardening essentials

Gardening attracts new devotees year after year. While Baby Boomers may spend more on gardening than any other demographic, even millennials are getting on the gardening bandwagon.

A 2016 National Gardening Survey from the National Gardening Market Research Company found the average amount spent on backyard or balcony gardening projects exceeded \$400 per household. More than \$36 billion was spent in 2015, and the vast majority of the six million “new” gar-

dening households belonged to millennials.

When it comes to outfitting a gardening shed, gardeners will not want to be without certain tools and gear.

- Digging shovel: A rounded-blade digging shovel is needed to plant shrubs and trees as well as to excavate areas in a landscape.
- Rake: A rake can be used to clear the ground, remove thatch and leaves from a lawn and level soil in a garden bed.
- Hand tools: Hand tools,

such as a hand fork and trowel, are essential for small digging jobs, especially when working with flower pots or containers.

- Edging spade: This flat-blade shovel is handy to have around because of its versatility. Edging spades can slice turf, edge gardens and cut through roots.
- Pruners: Sharpened pruners can cut through stems and branches effortlessly.
- Hose: Choose a high-quality hose that is lightweight and durable, as hoses will always be necessary.

Must-have kitchen remodel



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Preparing garden beds for spring and beyond

Gardening enthusiasts may have been thinking about their landscape plans throughout the winter, eager to once again get their hands dirty with soil. Whether a home gardener is making preparations for edible crops or beautiful flowers, he or she must take time to make the soil amenable to planting. To establish hearty, durable plants, gardeners can focus on three main areas: addressing soil composition, cultivating and adding nutrients.

Soil composition

According to the plant company Proven Winners, the most important step to developing good roots is preparing the soil.

Take a sample of the soil and examine it to see what is present. If the soil is too full of clay, too sandy, too dense, or too loose, that can lead to problems where plants cannot grow in strong. Work

with a garden center to add the right soil amendments to make a rich soil. This may include organic compost or manure, which will also add nutrients to the soil.

Cultivation

Cultivating the soil can involve different steps. Removal of weeds, errant rocks, roots, and other items will help prepare the soil. Mother Earth News suggests working on garden soil when the soil is damp but never wet; otherwise, garden soil can become messy and clumpy. Use a digging fork or shovel to lightly turn the soil when it's mostly dry. Gentle tillings also can open up the soil to incorporate the nutritional amendments and relieve compaction that likely occurred from freezing temps and snow pressure. Tilling also helps with drainage and oxygen delivery to roots. Gardeners can experiment with the meth-

ods that work best for their gardens.

Nutrition

Testing the pH and the levels of certain nutrients in the soil, namely nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, will give gardeners an idea of other soil additions that may be needed. Soils with a pH below 6.2 often can benefit from the addition of lime several weeks before planting. Soil tests will determine just how much fertilizer to add to the soil.

Top-dressing empty beds with a layer of mulch or compost can prevent weed growth and preserve moisture until it is time to plant. If existing shrubs or plants are in garden beds, use more care so as not to disturb roots or dig too deeply.

Preparing garden beds takes some effort initially, but can be well worth the work when plants flourish throughout the growing season.

Homeowners looking to renovate often see room for improvement in their kitchens and bathrooms.

The National Association of Home Builder's Remodeling Market Index Survey, which measures conditions in the remodeling market, indicates that, in 2015, the two most common remodeling jobs were bathroom remodels (81 percent) and kitchen remodels (79 percent). According to HGTV and Statistics Brain, a new kitchen remodel for a kitchen measuring 12 by 12 feet may cost homeowners anywhere from \$17,000 to \$37,000.

Before investing so much into their remodeling projects, homeowners should think carefully about the features that will improve their time spent at home. When planning a kitchen renovation, homeowners may want to consider the following upgrades to make the room

more enjoyable while improving its functionality.

Oversized sink

Although high-efficiency dishwashers are popular, deep sinks to soak soup pots or woks are still useful. Deep sinks may be preferable to double sinks, especially for homeowners who use lots of kitchen tools when preparing meals.

Soft-closing hinges

When replacing cabinets (or just the hardware), consider installing soft-closing hinges and slides on doors and drawers. These devices eliminate slamming and caught fingers, reducing noise and injuries in the kitchen.

Foot-pedal water operation

When outfitting a sink, think about foot controls, which are popular in doctors' offices and hospitals. Turning on the water with the tap of a foot can reduce the transfer of pathogens to

faucets from hands during food preparation. These pedals also free up hands for other tasks.

Bottom's up

People likely spend more time raiding the refrigerator than the freezer on any given day. Rather than having to bend down to seek out that favorite flavor of Greek yogurt, choose a model with the fridge on top and freezer on the bottom, especially if anyone in the household has mobility issues. When shopping for refrigerators, French-door style units may offer even more access, making it easy for homeowners to slide fruit trays, sheet cakes and other large items into the fridge.


Extra lighting

A kitchen should be a balance of form and function. A combination of overhead lighting, decorative lighting and task lighting can illuminate all areas of (continued on page 9)


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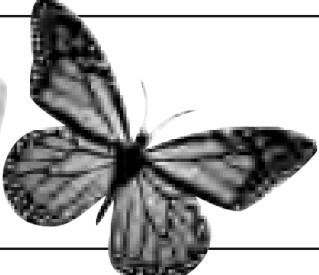

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Rooms can serve double duty



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Many homes do not have space for guest rooms, kids’ play areas and home theater lounges that are possible in homes with substantial square footage. But they may not be missing out at all.

While large homes remain popular, many people are embracing the benefits of smaller residences. Small homes help homeowners save money, require less maintenance, have smaller environmental impact, and reduce the temptation to accumulate “stuff.”

Owners of small homes or apartments can still enjoy the benefits of larger spaces, they just need to equip rooms to perform double duty.

Living room/guest room

Entertaining guests is easier when there’s a dedicated space where visitors can feel at home. When furnishing a living room, keep the guest room in mind. A sofa that opens up to a bed or a convertible sectional can be a comfortable place for guests to lay their heads. Side tables provide guests with places to store their

belongings, and an empty storage chest can house bed linens or guests’ clothing.

Den/playroom

Children tend to accumulate toys and games. And as kids grow from children to young adults, their list of must-have items — from video gaming systems to other electronics — grows along with them. Storage can make a room functional for both adults and children. Devote an entire wall to a closet or drawer system where toys can be stored out of sight when necessary. Storage ottomans can be used for extra seating while also providing somewhere for homeowners to stash stuffed animals or games for easy access. When choosing furniture, look for fabrics that are resistant to stains and modular pieces that can be moved around as necessary to create room for playing or entertaining.

Bedroom/home office

In 2015, 24 percent of employed people in the United States did some or all of their work at home, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Bringing work home means men and

women will need a space to work. In tight quarters, bedrooms may be the only available area. An armoire-style desk will blend in with the decor and can hide paperwork and electronics behind doors. Otherwise, a makeup vanity can serve the dual purpose of providing a place to get ready for a night out and a ready space to house a laptop during the day.

In smaller homes, homeowners may be forced to turn rooms into dual purpose areas.

Moles, voles and gophers: How burrowing wildlife can damage your lawn and garden

Soft, spongy lawns may be indicative of various problems underfoot that occur relatively sight unseen. Barring a septic system backup or considerable flooding, insects or animals may be to blame.

In many areas, burrowing wildlife can wreak havoc on landscapes.

Moles will spend much of their lives underground, rarely coming up to the surface. They spend their days digging long tunnels from their dens in search of grubs, earthworms and tuber plants all year long. Many times moles are to blame for zig-zagging lines across a yard. Mole tunnels can be followed through the yard thanks to the appearance of elevated ridges on the surface of the soil.

6 simple ways to greener living

Protecting the planet is a goal for millions of people across the globe. And that’s a good thing, as the planet is increasingly in need of help. Behaviors few people may give a second thought to can dramatically impact the planet in a negative way. For example, according to Worldwatch Institute, 100 billion plastic bags are thrown away each year, less than 1 percent find their way into recycling bins. The end result of that waste is the deaths of around 1 billion birds and mammals each year due to the ingestion of plastic.

If that information elicits deep emotions, perhaps this is the year to embrace a more eco-friendly lifestyle. Recycling and reusing is a good place to start, but there are other ways to embrace green-living practices in everyday life.

- Plan a spring garden. Explore the possibilities of a vegetable garden and planting some fruit trees. Growing your own food can reduce reliance on commercially imported food products. Plus, the plants and other greenery will contribute to the environment in a positive way, by providing animal habitats and filtering the air.
- Rely on fresh air and natural light. To cool or even

warm up a home, use outdoor air rather than turning on the HVAC system the moment you feel uncomfortable. Natural sunlight coming through windows can warm up a space and illuminate it adequately.

- Reduce reliance on motor vehicles. The organization TreeHugger says currently there are around 700 million cars on the road, producing 900 million tons of carbon dioxide each year. Bicycling or walking to the store or school, and carpooling to work can help reduce these emissions.
- Use natural cleaning ingredients. Vinegar, baking soda and citrus oils can be used to clean and deodorize, reducing reliance on harmful cleaning chemicals.
- Opt for paperless when-

ever possible. Reduce paper waste by signing up for paperless billing and receipts. Try paying bills electronically, which will cut down on the number of paper bills and envelopes that end up in the trash.

- Conduct a home energy audit. Find out if your home is hemorrhaging energy and money by conducting a home energy audit. A professional energy audit will check for water and air leaks, HVAC system efficiency, insulation levels, window quality, and much more.

Many people resolve to live more eco-friendly lifestyles at the dawn of a new year, and such resolutions can produce positive results for years to come.



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Voles

Even though their name is similar, voles look nothing like moles. They are also known by the name meadow mice. Voles primarily feed on foliage and plant roots. Unlike moles, voles don’t create soil masses on the surfaces of landscapes, which can make recognizing infestations more difficult.

Groundhogs, gophers and prairie dogs also are burrowing rodents. These rodents are larger than moles and voles.

Prairie dogs tend to be more social than groundhogs and gophers and may be seen congregating together. Gophers tend to stay below ground and will pull food into their burrows. Groundhogs’ size and desire to forage and eat their fill above-ground often make

them easy to spot. Once the animal doing the burrowing has been identified, homeowners can begin removing food sources and altering conditions to make their yards less critter-friendly. In the instance of moles, using a grub-killer can diminish their numbers. Wire mesh fences buried underground

can deter digging into garden beds. Homeowners who are vigilant about disrupting burrows and tunnels may encourage rodents to relocate.

If burrowing wildlife prove problematic, homeowners can work with professional exterminators to assess the situation.

Must-have kitchen remodel

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the space effectively.

Appliance garages

Architectural and design resource Houzz says that

appliance garages are popular kitchen additions, too. Set at countertop level, these cabinets allow people to keep small appliances plugged in but tucked neatly behind closed doors.

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Helpful and harmful insects



BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER HELPFUL INSECTS, such as bees, pollinate flowers and can keep dangerous pests at bay in the garden.

Although it's virtually impossible to count them, insects are the most diverse group of organisms on the planet. Nine hundred thousand different kinds of insects are known to exist. At any given time, it is estimated that there are around 10 quintillion individual insects living.

Gardeners grow frustrated when seeing their gardens infested with insects. In an effort to restore their gardens, homeowners might be tempted to eradicate any bug that moves in their yards. But gardeners would be wise to first learn which insects are hurting their gardens and which can actually help gardens in the long run.

Harmful

Certain insects can be dangerous to animals and

plants.

Aphids: These insects suck on the juice needed to sustain plants, particularly when they congregate.

Bald-faced hornet: Hornets tend to be an aggressive species that can sting repeatedly.

Carpenter ants: These ants will burrow into wood causing damage. They may compromise any wooden structure in and around a home.

Locusts: Various species of locust can damage plants and crops due to their voracious appetites.

Treehoppers: Small, green insects mimic the look of leaves, and their appetites can affect crops and gardens.

Red pavement ant: These ants can quickly overtake areas with their staggering

numbers and deliver painful bites.

Grasshoppers: Certain grasshoppers, like the red-legged grasshopper, can decimate food crops and transfer parasites to birds when eaten as prey.

Caterpillars: Many caterpillars, the precursor to adult moths, will feed constantly on leaves, stems and other parts of plants. The tobacco hornworm moth caterpillar can damage potato and tomato plants.

Helpful

Many insects are quite beneficial to have around. While some pollinate, others are predators of other pests.

Antlion: A foe of ants, they'll help eat and control ant populations and pollinate flowers. They pose no threat to humans, either.

Big dipper firefly: These colorful insects feast on earthworms, slugs and snails during the larval stage. Fireflies add drama to evening gardens with their twinkling lights.

Garden spiders: Although some spiders can be venomous, many are quite handy to have around the garden. They'll help control pest populations that can damage plants and crops.

Dragonflies: These aerial artists that zip around the yard are consuming smaller insects that would otherwise pester plants and humans.

Blue-winged wasp: This wasp attacks the larvae of Japanese beetles, helping to control beetle populations.

Bees and butterflies: Butterflies and bees are some of the best pollinators out there, and each can add whimsy to gardens.

The basics and benefits of mulching



Mulch is available in various forms. Like other land and garden products, mulch can go a long way toward helping plants thrive.

Mulch comprises just about any material that is spread over the surface of soil. Its purpose is primarily to help soil retain moisture. In addition, mulch can staunch weed growth, keep soil cool, improve the aesthetics of garden beds, and even improve soil nutrient composition.

Gardeners may not realize that mulch also can prevent garden soil from becoming overly compacted, according to HGTV. This can mean beneficial earthworms can move easily

through the soil, creating channels for water and depositing their nutrient-rich waste products.

Gardeners can choose organic or inorganic mulch.

Organic mulches are derived from natural materials that will decompose over time, lending organic matter as well as various nutrients to the soil.

Inorganic mulches may be made of stones, landscape fabrics and plastic. Both types will need to be amended or replaced as they degrade. Those who want the most environmentally-friendly mulching materials can choose all-natural mulches instead of synthetic alternatives.

To work effectively, mulch should be applied in a two- to three-inch layer of material, state the experts at Old World Garden Farms. This is the ideal amount to retain soil moisture and suppress weed growth without choking plants.

The University of Connecticut Home & Garden Education Center says mulch should not be placed directly against plant crowns or tree bases, as this can promote the development of disease. It may also serve as a habitat for bark- and stem-eating rodents. The center also suggests watering newly installed bark or wood mulches to prevent fungi from colonizing in dry mulch and causing problems like a water-repellent surface on the mulch.

Home landscapers considering mulch types may find that compost, manure and grass clippings (from nonpesticide-treated lawns) can be inexpensive and versatile in garden beds. The home advice site The Spruce notes that newspaper may also be effective. Newspapers are an inexpensive way to suppress weeds and act like organic mulch in beds. They can be covered with other organic mulch, like shredded bark, for more visual appeal.

Mulch can be a versatile asset when doing gardening projects around home landscapes. And the benefits are more than just aesthetic.

Did you know?

Leaf spot is a term used to describe various diseases that affect the foliage of ornamentals and shade trees. According to the Missouri Botanical Garden, the majority of instances of leaf spot are caused by fungi, though some are the result of bacteria. While leaf spot can contribute to some defoliation in a plant, the Missouri Botanical Garden notes that established plants can tolerate near-complete defoliation if it occurs late in the season or less frequently than every year. However, small trees or those that are newly planted are more vulnerable to damage resulting from defoliation than established trees. Damage from leaf spot tends to occur in the spring, when wet weather and wind splashes and blows spores from fungi onto newly emerging leaves. The spores then germinate in the wet leaves, ultimately infecting them.

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The Lady Tigers put down Iroquois West, 16-3, in softball play April 2 – with Shelby Serena earning her first win, striking out three, walking one, and allowing four hits.

“We really got our bats going right away in the first inning,” said Coach Cassi Bexson.

Tori King had two hits and scored three runs, followed by Delaney Miner with three singles and a double – scoring three times. Serena was 3-4 with two singles and a double, while

Carson Halpin singled and doubled. Kennedy Fair contributed three hits, with Emma Hennessy adding two doubles and a single. Emily Beck had two hits, and Madelyn Storm chipped in with one hit.

“It was great seeing our girls attack at the plate every inning,” Bexson added. “Serena did a great job on the mound and our defense did everything they needed to do behind her. We changed around some positions and the girls still made the plays.”

GSW is now 1-2 on the season.



DTHS Lady Trojans Softball

Monday, April 2
Dwight vs. Kankakee
Varsity -

The Lady Trojans were able to hold off the Kankakee Kays, 3-2, in softball action April 2.

“The first two innings, we did not see the ball at the plate very well,” commented coach Chuck Trainor in the post-game.

This would change in the third, when Abby Edwards would follow a LynnDee Hale single with a two-run bomb measuring over 300 feet – giving Dwight the 2-0 advantage.

Hale would double in the fifth, then cross the plate after a Katy Edwards single that gave the Lady Trojans a 3-0 cushion.

Kankakee attempted a comeback late, scoring two in the seventh to make it interesting – but Abby Edwards was too strong in the circle.

Edwards would strike out 17 batters on the day, allowing eight hits and three walks – en route to another win.

“Abby keeps getting better on the mound,” Trainor added. “Her changeup is getting better and better.”

At the plate, Macey Rodosky (two singles) and Hale led with two hits each. A. Edwards walked twice and batted in the two runs on her homer, while K. Edwards (one RBI) and Taylor Anderson (one walk) each added a single.

Dwight is now 6-2 on the season following the victory.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Former FNB Board Member Sends Letter To Peoples Bank

The following is a guest editorial from a former board member of the First National Bank of Dwight:

Open Letter to Peoples National Bank:

The other day I received a pamphlet in the mail about the purchase of the First National Bank of Dwight (FNB) by the Peoples Bank of Kewanee (PNB). The packet contained information about the purchase and how I will be (or will not be) affected set everything in stone for me. This small package took something that had been a strong, yet distant reality and brought it home to my doorstep.

As a board member of the First National Bank of Dwight I was one who voted for the sale of the bank. In a unanimous vote, we (the shareholders) set the cornerstone for a new era, but somehow, it still did not seem real. On April 2nd, those spoken words took shape in solid stone-like form as the First National Bank became a part of the proud history of Dwight. Like many on the Board, my family has been part of this Bank since the beginning. Three generations of my family have been part of this institution. Four generations of my family have been part of Dwight.

I need to state that this sale would not have happened had we (the Board of Directors) not believed that PNB would carry on the type of commitment to customers and staff that we have shown in the past. Having met with the owners of PNB we saw kindred spirits who believed

in small town life and helping a town's people thrive and grow. That the new owners of the bank would foster the same attitudes that we have had towards serving the community.

So, I am writing this to the Peoples Bank of Kewanee as a reminder of all the words we have spoken in meetings and of all the beliefs we as owners of this bank have held to be true. Banking, as I have learned over the last twelve years, is about people. It's about allowing people to have dreams and helping them find ways to achieve those dreams. It's about helping people carve out better lives, by giving them opportunities to purchase a home or a car or sending their children off to college. Banking is about the town where the bank resides and about being an active member of the community. Banking is about employing people and helping them grow in their careers, allowing them to develop skills and talents that they might not have been aware of. Banking is about trust. First and foremost, the people of the community must regard the Bank as an institution that is a vault of confidence and reliability.

As owners in the First National Bank of Dwight we did not sell you the Bank so much as we deeded these values to you that the community depends on. There are other banks, but we believe in earnest that we have set the standard for banking in this community. That standard is owned by the employees of the Bank who work diligently to provide depth of gratitude to our customers. Our employees who are part of the community and who we have entrusted to carry our mes-

sage and beliefs forth. Employees whose commitment, some spanning decades, cannot be measured on a ledger.

If I know one thing for certain it is that things change. That stones are broken and crushed to make mortar for new structures. That ideas and ideals get trampled on by time. Our desire, as Directors of the bank, was to limit change and foster growth and we believe we have done that by selling this Bank to you. We are entrusting to you the values we have held dear: community, trust, reliability, fairness and people. From what we have seen we believe our trust has been well placed. Peoples Bank of Kewanee adds to the communities it is part of. PNB values their employees and works to encourage growth and development. PNB consistently sets a standard of being trustworthy and reliable in all of its dealings. As much as PNB has watched and studied FNB, we have also been watching and studying you.

Dwight is a warm, welcoming community. Even though I live a thousand miles away, I will always consider Dwight, Illinois to be my home town. I have family and friends who reside in the town and who work in the community and they view Dwight as I do. Dwight has a great history and we believe Dwight has a greater future. The Peoples Bank of Kewanee, the new owners of the First National Bank of Dwight, will be part of that future. That is something I would like to see set in stone.

Dana F. Smith
Former Director
First National Bank
of Dwight

Rev. Speece Installation

The Rev. Grant Speece will be officially installed as pastor at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Dwight and the Emington Congregational United Church of Christ.

The installation will be

held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at the Dwight church, 200 W. Delaware.

He has been serving as pastor at the churches since Sept. 24, 2017.

The public is invited to attend.

Gas Prices Ease Slightly

Gasoline prices for regular unleaded across the nation eased 0.5 cent for the week, averaging \$2.674 as of Monday, April 9, after rising three consecutive weeks.

“The prospect of a trade war between the world’s two largest economies is nothing to ignore and from an energy standpoint, the risk of a disrupted trade system will mean less demand for fuel products, among many other considerations,” said GasBuddy Analyst Dan McTeague.

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	April 9	April 2
Dwight	\$2.55	\$2.57875
Seneca	\$2.586	\$2.586
S. Wilmington	\$2.55	\$2.55
Streator	\$2.485	\$2.49
Odell	\$2.55	\$2.55
Saunemin	\$2.49	\$2.49
Cullom	\$2.49	\$2.49
Pontiac	\$2.535	\$2.519
Gardner	\$2.55	\$2.55
Braceville	\$2.55	\$2.55
Mazon	\$2.55	\$2.55
Morris	\$2.4575	\$2.49
Herschel	\$2.59	\$2.59
Kankakee	\$2.557	\$2.618
Chicago	\$2.904	\$2.92
Illinois	\$2.714	\$2.71
U.S.	\$2.674	\$2.679

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

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CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of Ruth B. Kozlowsky. Letters of Office were issued on March 5, 2018 to David S. Kozlowsky, 2343 Arbor Gate Lane, Knoxville, TN 37932, as Independent Executor. The representative's attorney of record and resident agent is Alan M. Schrock, Blakeman & Schrock, Ltd., 307 West Washington Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or with the representative, on both, on or before October 1, 2018 and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Submitted photo

Historical Program On Kankakee to Seneca Railroad In Herscher April 29



Josh Biggers

Herscher Area Historical Society and Bonfield Area Historical Society will present a program on the Kankakee and Seneca Railroad at 2 p.m. April 29 at

the Anderson House Museum, on Myrtle Street, one block west of Main St museum in Herscher.

Josh Biggers will do a presentation with photos about the railroad that went from Kankakee, through the Bonfield area and on to Seneca.

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• APR. 12: Daisy

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• APR. 15: Early

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The Grundy County Historical Society is pleased to announce that Sarah Ferguson Potter of Modern Ancestry will speak about her journey and experience in researching her Grundy County roots. Sarah uses a combination of technology and local resources at the courthouse, library and museum. She has assembled a comprehensive story of her ancestors in Morris. Grundy County has a rich variety of resources for people to discover more about their ancestry.

Sarah will give an overview of available technology including online subscription services, DNA testing, Facebook and blogs to take their research further. Non-technology resources will also be shared because of the unique collections available at the museum, courthouse and library. The program will take place on Tuesday, April 24, at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Morris Library at 604 Liberty St. in Morris. Reservations are not necessary, and there is no fee.

Grundy County Coroner Reports on Robert Hogg Fatality

The Grundy County Coroner’s office John Callahan released more information April 9 on the traffic crash that occurred March 16 at the Gardner Blacktop and Rt. 47 that claimed the life of Robert Hogg. Toxicology results indicate Mr. Hogg’s blood alcohol content was 0.262 and in addition Mr. Hogg tested

positive for THC and an anti-depressant. Coroner Callahan states there has been a lot of concern with this particular intersection in the County. While there may be additional safety measures considered in the future, it is still a major concern of Coroner’s Office regarding Driving Under the Influence and/or impaired.

MVK Middle School
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High Honor Roll
Fifth Grade: Audry McNabb, Thomas Milton, Sarah Nolting, Gabe Punke-Bendt, Chris Smith, Shelby Welsh.
Sixth Grade: Kenny Daggett, Nathen Neal, Gracie Steffes, Carter Thomas, Sami VandeVelde, Kate Biros, Chase Buis, Seth Johnson, Erinn Kenney, William Milton.
Seventh Grade: David Hatz, Leslie Klicker, Kaitlyn Rangel, Bryce Roe, Stephanie Bernhard, Colin Collet, Kaela Francisco, Harmony Neal, Christopher Poyner.
Eighth Grade: Case Biros, Jessica Daggett, Elizabeth Davis, Taylor Draves, Eli Hill, Brian Hooker, Emma Smith, Wade Tondini.

Honor Roll
Fifth Grade: Kellen Arnold,

Kylee Giovengo, Jacob Hasselbring, Lilly Quintero, Maison Yard, Carter Clouse, Natalie Misener.
Sixth Grade: Faith Baker, Lauren Cronkite, Chase Litwiller, Dominic Quinn, Skylar Schultz-Conley, Tommy Clark, Casey Clennon, Peyton Enerson, Rickey Gutierrez-McRaven, Nate Othon.
Seventh Grade: Paige Baudino, Isabel Humphrey, Keeli Pumphrey, Ryan Starwalt, Jada Baudino, Emily Bright, Jaelyn Coop, Fallon Hamilton, Adrian Quintero, Eduardo Ramirez.
Eighth Grade: Emma Davis, Savannah Granger, Patrick Griffin, Jacob Johnson, Patience Linder, Andrew Litwiller, Haley Marques, Robert Metroz, Evan Phillips, Taya Roe.

Braceville Elementary
3rd Quarter Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance

1st Honors
Fifth Grade: Jarrek Hirsch, Andrew Nelson.
Sixth Grade: Brianna Nelson Nathan States.
Seventh Grade: Ava Brassard, Abigail Dennett, Avery Williams.
Eighth Grade: Braxton Brassard, Trey Schweitzer, Nick Seplak.

Eighth Grade: Braeden Hirsch, Ambiance Krah, Jacob Mammosser.

2nd Honors
Fifth Grade: Makaila McDaniel, Hunter Purdy.
Sixth Grade: Robert Denevellis-Shutes, Jessica Dominguez, Allston Latimer, Ryland Megyeri, Rianna Platt.
Seventh Grade: Amelia Brock, Staiton Latimer, Delaney Platt.

Perfect Attendance
First Grade: Gabriela Gil Montano, Mason Jordan, Brianna Nicholls, Natalie Young.
Second Grade: Brooklyn Alaimo, Lacey Rodriguez, Morgan Stockman.
Fifth Grade: Darek Leschber.
Sixth Grade: Ava Brassard, Allston Latimer, Nathan States.
Seventh Grade: Staiton Latimer, Natalie Mounts, Jacob Ozee, Delaney Platt.
Eighth Grade: Crystal Gill, Lexi Latimer.

Dwight Grade School -
2nd Trimester
honor roll
to be in the April 18 edition.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. a meeting conducted by the Livingston County Special Services Unit will take place at 920 Custer Avenue, Suite A, Pontiac, IL. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss districts’ and cooperative’s plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are the parent of a home schooled student who has been identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Woodland District 5, Tri-Point District 6J, Prairie Central District 8, Flanagan-Cornell District 74, Pontiac District 90, Dwight High School District 230, Dwight Grade School District 232, Rooks Creek District 425, Cornell District 426, Odell District 435, Saunemin District 438 you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dawn E. Conway, LCSSU Executive Director, at 815/844/7115.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2018.
Executive Board of Livingston County Special Services Unit, State of Illinois
By: Mark Hettmansberger, Board President
Todd Bean, Secretary

OBITUARY

Dennis P. Klepk

COAL CITY – Dennis P. “Denny” Klepk, 77, of Coal City and formerly of Wilmington, passed away peacefully Saturday evening, April 7, 2018 at his home surrounded by family.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, April 11, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 N. Broadway, Coal City.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 12, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Randy Blan from Families of Faith Christian Church, Channahon, officiating. Burial will be in Wesley Cemetery, Ritchie.

Dennis Paul was born August 12, 1940 in Kankakee, son of Paul Roman and Rhetta L. Ragain Klepk. He was raised in Wilmington, graduated from Wilmington High School in 1958. He married Joyce D. Underwood in Wilmington January 14, 1961.

Denny worked for Caterpillar Tractor Company and retired as a Quality Control Inspector after 30 years of dedicated service.

He was a man of strong faith, who over the years attended both West Side Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, which he assisted in building, and Custer Park Baptist Church. He shared his time, talents and faith playing the guitar, serving as church music director, and teaching Sunday School.

He was a multi-talented guy,

who built his own woodworking shop, as well as enjoyed building and working on tractors. He was a draftsman who was proud to design and build several homes, and in his free time took pleasure in fishing and golfing.

Denny Klepk was a hard-working man who loved God, his family, and would extend a helping hand without hesitation and was an inspiration to those around him. He leaves a timeless collection of memories that his loved ones will cherish.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; four children: Mark (Annette) Klepk of Moline; Diana Cole and Joseph (Lisa) Klepk of Coal City; and John (Natividad) Klepk of Ottawa; eight grandchildren; numerous step - grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Paulette (Dale) Kane of Dwight; and two brothers: Michael (Monica) Klepk and Kevin (Ada) Klepk; brothers - in - law, Gerald (Sandra) Underwood and John Ronald “Ron” (Debra) Simmons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Darla Simmons; and brother-in-law, Raymond Underwood.

Memorials may be made in Denny’s memory to Joliet Area Community Hospice and The Parkinson’s Foundation.

The guestbook may be signed, photographs uploaded, or the memorial page shared at: www.ReevesFuneral.com

More obituaries appear on page 5.

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

STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT,)
an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 18-CH-14
JOHN M. BARLOW, JAMIE L.)
WHITE, and Unknown owners)
and non-record claimants,)
Defendants)

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lots 3 and 4 in Spafford’s Second Addition to the Village of Saunemin, Livingston County, Illinois, as per Plat recorded May 25, 1972 in Plat Book 9 at page 73 as Document Number 346330 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 17-22-130-009

Commonly known as: 9 Meadowview Dr., Saunemin, IL 61769.

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are JOHN M. BARLOW and JAMIE L. WHITE. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on May 15, 2014 and recorded on May 15, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 628913. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-14 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before May 15, 2018, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2018.

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial
Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

At the Churches

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10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• APR. 18: 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
• APR. 11: Women’s Guild meeting/tea at Lois Jacobsgaard, 7 p.m.
• APR. 15: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: “Children of God.”
• APR. 15: Installation of Rev. Grant Speece, 3 p.m. with Emington Congregational Church, dinner to follow.
• APR. 18: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m. “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
• APR. 11: 7 p.m., Night of Prayer.
• APR. 12: 9:30 a.m., Second Wind 50+ Ministry; 7 p.m., Worship Practice.
• APR. 15: 9 a.m., Connection Groups; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Church, ages 3-11; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
• APR. 18: 7 p.m., Night of Prayer.
• APR. 19: 5:30 p.m., Women’s Bible Study, “A Closer Walk;” 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• APR. 14: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
• APR. 15: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St. stpetersdwright@sbcglobal.net
• APR. 11: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 p.m., Youth Group; 5:30 p.m., rehearsal.
• APR. 13: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 8 p.m., AA meeting.
• APR. 15: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 11:30

a.m., Council Minutes meeting.
• APR. 17: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries.
• APR. 18: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 3:30 p.m., Worship Team meeting; 4:30 p.m., Youth Group; 5:30 p.m., rehearsal.
• APR. 19: 12 noon, Sarah Circle at Dwight Country Club.

BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church
106 W. Goold St. 815-237-8512 Church 815-483-9343 Cell bracevilleumc.com
Pastor Karen Fabian
• 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service.
• APR. 22: Dayspring United Methodist Singers and Spirit Drum Native American service at 10:30 a.m.

CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• APR. 15: 10:00 a.m. Mass.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor
• APR. 15: Council meeting, 8 a.m.; 8:45 a.m., Worship; Sermon title: “Children of God.”
Installation of Rev. Grant Speece, 3 p.m., at First Congregational Church with dinner to follow.
“April Food Pantry Collection” – Soups.
“May Mission of the Month” – Strengthen the Church.”

Read The Paper.

Dwight Peace Meals

Peace Meals are served on
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Wed., Apr. 11: Cabbage rolls w/ sauce, ranch potatoes, green and wax beans, dinner roll, peaches.
Thurs., Apr. 12: Baked chicken, scalloped tomatoes, Mexi corn, whole grain wheat (1), fruit salad.
Fri., Apr. 13: Roasted pork loin in gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Texas toast (1), Cherry Delight.
Mon., Apr. 16: Pepper beef over

brown rice, lima beans, warm cinnamon baked apples, whole grain wheat (1), fresh orange.

Tues., Apr. 17: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, spinach, whole grain wheat (1), banana pudding w/fresh bananas.
Wed., Apr. 18: Focaccia-cruste chicken breast, potato casserole, Italian green beans, tropical fruit, dinner roll, cookie.
Thurs., Apr. 19: Chili mac w/beans, corn, dinner roll, peach caramel oat crisp.
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THE 2018 CULLOM EASTER EGG HUNT

The Egg Hunt sponsored by the Citizens for Cullom was moved to the Cullom Community Building Mar. 31, as it was raining earlier in the morning. 33 boys and girls had their baskets, bags or buckets ready at 10 a.m. and on the count of 3, started filling their containers. The drawing winners were Lily Burns and Braylon Ricketts. A big thank you to Caitlin Burns, the Easter Bunny, and Erran Melton who did a lot of work behind the scenes.



Atlanta Eichen found a doll at the hunt.

Saunemin Woman's Club Holds April Meeting

On Tuesday, April 3, the Saunemin Woman's Club met at the Saunemin Community Building. The program for the evening was presented by Erin Fogarty from the Livingston County Health Department on Breast Cancer Awareness. Information was shared with a Bingo type game. Several brochures about health department programs were shared.

The president, Carol Rich, called the business meeting to order, minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was accepted. The Easter Egg Hunt held at Saunemin Park on Saturday, March 31, was well attended despite the cold weather. Thanks to all who helped with that. The

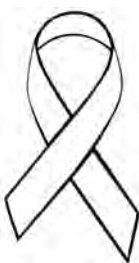
Village of Saunemin provided DQ cards to the student helpers, and McDonalds provided cards for a free ice cream cone to all participants. Prizes were won by those finding golden eggs in each age group.

An invitation to the 17th District Spring Convention to be held in Lincoln on April 12 was extended to members. The Illinois State Convention is being held in Peoria on May 17-19.

The Red Cross has requested hosting a Blood Mobile in June at the Saunemin Community Building. Date still to be determined. The next meeting is on May 1 with Brad Soderburg from OSF-St. James Hospital presenting the program.

The Paper regretfully printed the incorrect advertisement for SOCU on 04/04/18. We are sorry for any inconvenience it may have caused.

The Paper's office hours are: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



StrikeOut Cancer Game in Morris April 16 Dwight vs. Morris

Dwight's varsity softball team will participate in a StrikeOut Cancer game against Morris Monday, April 16, in which both Dwight and Morris will help raise money to donate to the Cancer Research Institute in Jennifer Lowery's (former head coach at Morris) mother's name (Marsha Brandner – recently passed due to cancer).

Both schools will be collecting donations starting Monday at the respective schools, and will continue until the game is over.

For every donation made, people will have the opportunity to add a name to a banner of someone affected by cancer. This banner will be displayed throughout the game and the girls will play in honor of all those affected.

There will also be other raffles and opportunities to help raise funds, and there will also be an online donation page created, which will be shared through social media outlets.

For Dwight residents, anyone can make donations in the team's name to Coach Chuck Trainor or to any of the players.

ERCO Events for the Land Use Department, Morris

The city of Morris is hosting a free Ewaste event Saturday, April 21, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at 1349 East Street in Morris. In addition to the following

Land Use Department event: **April 27 – Shredding Event, 10:00 a.m. to noon.** Recycling gifts to schools to distribute for EARTH Day.

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Midnight Sun (PG-13) Thu: 1:10, 4:00
Paul, Apostle of Christ (PG-13) Thu: 12:50, 3:50, 6:40
Sherlock Gnomes (PG) Thu: 1:10, 4:20, 6:50
I Can Only Imagine (PG) Thu: 1:20, 4:30, 7:30
Rampage (PG-13) Thu: 7:10 PM

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Guardian Angel Basset Rescue of Dwight Seeks Volunteer Help

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Guardian Angel Basset Rescue, based in Dwight and run by Larry and Emmy Little, needs local help in the form of foster parents and transporters for the dogs.

Dwight area residents probably know the GABR best for the annual Basset Waddle, which takes place at the start of Dwight’s Annual Harvest Days parade, now in its 21st year.

But rescuing basset hounds is an all-year job.

The GABR does all the vetting (taking care of the dogs’ veterinarian needs like shots or spay/neutering), making arrangements for temporary fostering and for adoptions.

The GABR annual fund-raiser auction will be held Saturday, April 21, starting at 5 p.m. for the silent auction and 7 p.m. for the live auction at Jennifer’s Garden in Morris. The fund-raiser includes dinner.

Funds help pay for the dogs’ needs during foster care, and veterinarian costs. The veterinarian services are provided by Dr. Angie Haag-Eggenberger in Dwight.

Emmy Little, the Chairman of Daily Operations for GABR, said the group rescues dogs from all across the Midwest, from the states of Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

GABR averages between 150 and 200 dogs rescued every year.

The latest dog to be adopted is “The Duke,” a 10-year-old hound whose owners are “too elderly and unable to take care of him any longer,” Emmy explained.

The dog weighs 77 pounds.

But it is not just people to adopt dogs that



THE DUKE IS the latest dog up for adoption by the Guardian Angel Basset Rescue of Dwight. The Duke is 10 years old, weighs 77 pounds, and his owners are elderly and can no longer take care of him.

Submitted photo

the future adoption family.

However, it is that love and care that helps these animals become adoptable.

“We have some shy dogs, some that have been neglected,” Emmy said. “It’s amazing what love and affection does. These dogs just blossom.”

GABR adoptees are 75 percent from former owners who have to give them up for some reason.

She explained one family had a baby and was not sure how the dog would relate to the new little one in the home.

The foster family does not have to pay for any of the animal’s expenses, although many pay for the dog’s food, she said.

“We just need them to love the dogs,” she added.

Transport volunteers are needed to run dogs to foster and adopting family’s homes, anywhere within Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

To volunteer, call Emmy at (815) 584-6521 or go online to: bassetrescue.org

Herscher Veterinary Clinic Seeks Sponsors for U.S. Serviceman’s Dog

Compassionate Veterinary Care of Herscher has begun working with the group 1pet1vet to provide much needed service dogs for local veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

“They do wonderful work over their matching dogs with men and women

who served in combat,” said a news release from the Herscher vet clinic.

“They contacted us and asked if we would be interested in providing health care for local dogs and of course we said yes.”

They currently have their first soldier bringing his dog here.

He is a combat veteran from Herscher who has a dog that was provided by 1pet1vet.

“We have given him an open-door type policy where anything his dog needs he can come to us and we take care of him,” the news release said. “We would like to keep this up

and are looking for people who would be interested in sponsoring this and future service dogs we take care of here at the clinic.”

So far, their first dog has about a \$500 bill that they could use help paying.



If you would like to help with the cost of keeping these dogs healthy and

happy perhaps you could donate toward his bill.

“We are only asking for help paying the bills of the dogs we help here. If you are interested in donating, we will provide you with a receipt for exactly what services you have paid for so you can see the direct impact you are having on

the dogs. It is also a full Section 501(c)(3) and so you can write off any donations with the IRS (So if you are a company looking for some tax write offs, give us a shout).”

To donate you can either come by the clinic, call (815) 426-6369 or email chris@herschervet.com



The Compassionate Veterinary Care of Herscher

Has been in business for two-and-a half years.

“We recently installed digital radiography in the clinic,” Veterinarian Beth Van Voorst said. “We have therapeutic laser therapy for pets.”

The clinic is a full service veterinary hospital. They provide full medical and surgical care. They have in-house bloodwork, X-rays, boarding, and dental work.

Beth Van Voorst began the business on the corner of Route 115 and the Herscher Road. She is a 1987 Reddick High School graduate and obtained her veterinary degree from the University of Illinois in 2000. She works at the clinic full time along with part-time vet Katie Coash.

3967 South 12000 West Road, Herscher, (815) 426-MEOW (6369).
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Lily Stevenson is the founder and owner, earning her bachelor degree in animal science with a major in animal handling from the University National of Columbia, her native country. In 2000, she began working at the Dwight Veterinary Clinic until she began her own business in rural Saunemin. The business expanded to two rooms in 2011 and three boarding rooms and a grooming room in 2015.

“I’ve always loved animals and dreamed of a career that allowed me to work with them,” she said.

56 Tile St., Saunemin (815) 832 4619 at www.topdog4me.com



The Dwight Veterinary Clinic

Has been in business for 67 years.

There are 12 employees including Dr. Angie Haag-Eggenberger, Deb Dunlap-Hospital Administrator, Jill Launius-Hospital Manager.

“We recently installed digital radiography in the clinic,” Deb Dunlap said. “We have therapeutic laser therapy for pets.”

The clinic is a full service veterinary hospital. They provide emergency care with an in-house pharmacy; boarding; surgery-soft tissue as well as spaying and neutering; dentistry and oral care; diagnostic care to include ultrasounds; laser therapy; digital dental and digital radiology, nutritional counseling.

Robert K. Gay in June 1951 founded the clinic. At that time the clinic primarily serviced large animals. By 1975 he expanded the practice by building the Pine Bluff Animal Hospital in Morris. By then they were treating 60% small animals, 40% larger animals. In 1992 the Lakewood Animal Hospital in Morris was added and became exclusive small animal clinics. In 2011 they added the Skinner Animal Clinic in Wilmington. Future plans include adding a new veterinarian to our practice to help serve our clients.

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CoCoa -
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Marcia Bennett,
Dwight



CoCo -
12, Chihuahua, Loves Fashion,
Named after CoCo Chanel.
Adopted when she was 2.
Allen & Deb Karch, Dwight



Dingo -
The Snyder Family,
Dwight



Freeman -
The Connolly Family,
Dwight



George Bailey Kucera -
Sawyer, Harper & Callan
Kucera, Dwight



Grace De Waard -
The De Waard Family,
Dwight



Javier "Javy" -
1½, adopted in '16
The Boma/Tock Family,
Dwight



Joplin -
3 month rescue, Wheaton Terrier
and Beagle Mix
Kimberly Eskins
& Levi Reynolds



Leo -
Morgan & Lindsey Jensen,
Dwight



Lola -
Wheaton Terrier, 2 years old
Kimberly Eskins
& Levi Reynolds



Mario -
4½, Goldendoodle
Dori & Cara Wilson, Dwight



Monker and Daisy -
Sisters from the same litter. Born April 11, 2016
Erica & Michele Vasko, (human brother, Dane) Dwight

summer safety for Pets



Know the Signs of Heat Exhaustion

Signs of heat exhaustion include heavy panting, vomiting, diarrhea, unsteady legs, bright red or blue gums and tongue, and excessive drooling. If your dog shows these symptoms, move to a cool spot and place cool, wet cloths on his or her neck, in armpits and between hind legs. Give your dog access to cool water, and gently wet ears and paw pads. Placing heat-distressed pets in ice water can lead to shock and should be avoided. Overheated dogs should be brought to a vet as soon as possible.

NEVER Leave Your Pet in the Car

Even with the windows open, your pet can suffer from fatal heat-stroke within minutes if left in the car. On a 75-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can climb to 100 degrees in just 10 minutes. When it's 90 degrees outside, the interior of a vehicle can quickly heat up to 160 degrees.

Avoid Hot Sidewalks & Pavement

Protect your pup's paws by keeping walks to a minimum during the hottest hours of the day. Hot pavement can burn the sensitive pads of pet paws, and proximity to the hot ground will cause your pet's body to heat up quickly.

Keep Away Edible Hazards

Keep alcoholic beverages away from pets at summer cookouts, and be mindful of toxic lawn and garden insecticides that may be harmful to dogs and cats if ingested. If you suspect your pet has eaten a poisonous substance, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888.426.4435 immediately.

Pet of the Week

ROLLIE is an 11-month old Chihuahua/Boston terrier mix. He is a very sweet little boy that loves to play with bubbles, squeaky toys, and his blankets. He likes tug of war. He is very curious about the world and just wants to play and jump around. He loves to curl up in his blanket on the heated floor and snuggle for a nap. Come out and meet this clown!



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Pets on Parade



Mowgli -
Collie Mix, 2 years old in May,
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Ranger -
Ty & Shannon Bauer



Remi -
Ty & Shannon Bauer



Ruby -
Ty & Shannon Bauer



Sadie -
Sadie, our basset, drools and
bubbles for treats!
The Gingery Family, Dwight



Snarls Barkley -
4, Chihuahua Mix
**Kimberly Eskins
& Levi Reynolds**



SoSo -
9 years old
Vicki Blackburn



Tessie -
**The Snyder Family,
Dwight**



TJ -
10, DoxiePoo, A runner. Loves to
climb the fence and chase rabbits,
adopted when he was about 2.
Allen & Deb Karch, Dwight



Wrigley -
**Morgan & Lindsey Jensen,
Dwight**

summer safety for Pets

Some Pets Need Sunscreen

Pets with fine hair and pink skin can suffer from sunburn, and should be protected with a sunscreen product formulated for animals. Talk to your vet about which type of sunscreen is best for your pet. Keep in mind that shaving your dog leaves them susceptible to sunburn and overheating, and should be avoided.

Keep Pets Cool & Hydrated

Make sure pets have access to plenty of drinking water, and avoid exercising your pet during the hottest times of the day. Keep pets inside during periods of extreme heat, and make sure they have access to shade when outdoors.

Protect Pets Around Pools

Many dogs can't swim, and should always be supervised when in the water or around pools. Put a pet life preserver on your pet whenever boating, and be sure to rinse his or her coat of chlorine or salt after swimming!

Fireworks Frighten Pets

Booming fireworks scare many pets. Never use fireworks around pets, and keep them sheltered in a quiet, escape-proof area of your home during fireworks display times.



Zo -
Bearded Dragon
The Snyder Family, Dwight



Zoey -
**Morgan & Lindsey Jensen,
Dwight**



We Need A Home!!

Malone, at right, is a Brittany Spaniel mix. Snuggling and being pet is his favorite hobby. He loves to curl up in your lap! He is very excitable and loves to sing to you when he gets excited. He is very happy to go on long walks and loves to run around, play, and just be active in general. Come out and see our loving guy.



Malone



Church

Church, at left, is 1 year old. He likes to be pet and loves to sit in your lap.

Rae, at right, is a 14 week old Australian Cattle dog mix. She has a lot of personality and is very active. She loves to run around with her sister and play with all sorts of toys! Rascal and Rae are partners in crime! Although Rae has a lot of energy, she does calm down and can be quite the cuddle bug. She would love to go to a great family. Come in and meet our sweet little Rae.



Rae



Zip

Zip (pictured) and Biscuit are a bonded pair of Lhasa Apsos. Zip (10 years) is the smaller fawn-colored one. He is Biscuit's dad. Biscuit (9 years) is the larger tricolored boy. These two boys love to give kisses and roll over for belly rubs. They are playful. They try not to potty in their kennels if they can help it. They do well with kids, cats, and other dogs! Won't you come out and see this handsome pair?

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Pets on Parade

TODAY is National Pet Day!



Pets Will Help Humans Survive Rapid Technology Advances

Leading futurologist and CEO of the Futures Agency, Gerd Leonhard, has warned that as technology advances at a faster pace than ever before, our humanity could be at risk as our relationship with machines and tech

threatens to replace real bonds. Speaking at PURINA's Better with Pets event in London, Gerd said: "Humanity will change more in the next 20 years, than the previous 300. For

example, in the next two years it's likely that robots will have a 100% understanding of human language. As the world becomes more technologically complex and artificial intelligence continues to

evolve, we risk becoming disconnected from the people around us. Relationships, not data, are what make us human."


Smart devices, home hubs, robots and even AI pets are all examples of how machines and technology are more and more closely replicating human interactions. In a world of total connectivity and intelligent machines, real pets could be the answer to retaining our 'humanness'.

"When we talk about humanity, we mean our ability to demonstrate compassion, to show sympathy or to be generous in our behaviour or disposition," explained psychologist and passionate pet advocate Honey Lancaster-James.

"No matter how smart machines get, they are always going to mimic human behaviour - they don't have genuine compassion or sympathy - they are simply reacting to data and stimuli and giving off a set of responses that copy human traits.

"Pets can help us stay grounded in the face of such rapid change by fostering empathy and our ability to build relationships."

"The incredible bond that humans have with companion animals and the numerous scientifically-proven benefits of living with pets are well documented. From pet owners being more physically active, to having lower baseline heart rates and a reduced risk of dying from cardiovascular disease,



there is no doubt that owning pets can be very good for us.

The positive developmental benefits for children who grow up with pets in particular are also well known. These include; lower feelings of reported loneliness among schoolchildren with pets, evidence of increased resistance to respiratory illnesses when exposed to cats and dogs early in life, reduced animal phobias, and that children with a dog are better able to regulate their stress with the support of a dog. Teenage boys who have dogs at home have also been shown to perform better at school.

Despite these benefits, we are seeing a fall in pet ownership among young families.

According to research by PURINA, a world-leading pet food manufacturer, the number of households with both pets and children has fallen by a total of 36,000 over the last five years, whereas the overall number of households with children has risen by nearly 200,000 in that same time period.

Honey Lancaster-James commented: "No matter how life-like a robotic dog might seem, it can never replace the value of a real pet with a unique personali-



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"I remember when I started with eight kennels, I would never have more than eight dogs at one time. Now I have 50 kennels. I also thought I was too far from Fairbury. Now I have dogs from all over: Paxton, Gilman, Kankakee, Chicago, Bloomington, Flanagan and more," said Jeri.

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