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Farm Truck Traffic Spurs Complaint; Increased Patrols

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A recent complaint to the authorities regarding truck traffic pulling onto Route 17 from a local grain elevator has raised concern and resulted in increased traffic patrols.

The traffic is exiting the private drive for Consolidated Grain and Barge located east of Dwight on the state route.

The egress has a private stop sign installed by the company, which has been at that location since 2011. There are also state highway signs indicating truck traffic.

A resident from the area complained to CGB April 16, stating that farmers driving semi tractor trailers were not stopping before pulling onto the highway.

The company responded to not only the resident's complaint, but also contacted police.

"The squeaky wheel has

gotten the grease," Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress told *The Paper* on Friday, April 20. "This did not fall on deaf ears."

He said not only has Livingston County increased traffic patrols in the area, but he has notified the state police, and the state squads will be increasing patrols.

"We're willing to do anything we can to prevent somebody from getting into an accident and getting hurt," Childress said.

Scott Strickland, general manager for CGB of Hennepin, echoed Childress' comments.

"These are local farmers," he said, regarding the semi-trailer drivers.

"If there are any issues, we want people to let us know," Strickland added. "We are trying to raise awareness."

He said that the complaint resulted in the CGB

employees and customers being reminded of safety issues. He also contacted police authorities.

CGB is also working with the state authorities, since the Illinois Department of Transportation is in charge of upgrading any signage along the road.

"We're always trying to raise the level of awareness," Strickland added. "A lot of trucks go by that road."

He said CGB connects the local farm economy to feed and fuel industries in the Southeast, and is also shipping soybeans overseas.

Childress said at this time of the year there is increased farm traffic.

"Drivers should be extra careful, and drive defensively too," Childress said, not just the truck drivers.

"Drivers should be on the lookout for implement vehicles as well as semi-tractor trailers."



SEMI-TRACTOR trailer traffic, driven by area farmers, enters and exits Route 17 where Consolidated Grain and Barge is located, just east of Dwight. Livingston County and State Police are beefing up patrols to increase safety along the state route.

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HHS Robotics Students Compete At First Relic Recovery Event



HERSCHER HIGH SCHOOL technology teacher Paul Brown (left) and student Nathan Joffe demonstrate how their robot, "Tony the Ti-Gear," works. The robot was designed and built by 15 students at HHS for the new robotics club.

The Paper photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Hersch High School students are becoming a combination of Archaeologist Indiana Jones and real-life "mad" scientists, creating robots in state competitions.

The Tiger robotics team, coached by Paul Brown, technology teacher at HHS, is called the Herscher Ti-Gears. The robot is named Tony the Ti-Gear.

The club is new to HHS this year, with a 15 member team, inspired by student Nathan Joffe of Buckingham.

Joffe was attending Vacation Bible School at the Herscher Christian Church

last summer when he caught the robotics bug with a demonstration by students from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School.

Nathan, a junior at HHS, used his own enthusiasm for robotics to light a fire under other students, and they went to the school board to ask that the club could be started. The club was self-funded, and Brown volunteered his time for the first year.

At the April school board meeting, the board agreed to pay Brown a club sponsor stipend for the 2018-19 school year, and there is expected to be two teams next school year.

The HHS team is compet-

ing as part of the First Tech Challenge.

This year, the First Relic Recovery competition required the team to design and build a robot that could do its own color recognition, pick up objects and stack them.

The robots had to be able to operate on automatic for at least 30 seconds, then be operated manually by students thereafter.

During this autonomous period, "robots operate using only pre-programmed instructions," according to the contest rules.

The robots had to select and remove opponent colored jewels from platforms.

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JIM ENGER, Dwight, gives a thumbs up during the celebration April 15, when the Dwight Youth Baseball League Field 1 was named for him in a surprise ceremony that featured his family and high school chums. Enger has been active in Dwight youth baseball and softball for decades, known as "Mr. Baseball." A feature appears on page 11 in this week's issue.

Photo by J7 Images

Dwight Grade School Teacher Nominated For National Award

by Myke Feinman
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Dwight Grade School science teacher Mary Schultz has been on 33 missions to the planet Mars, counting the last one made Friday, April 20.

Wait. Well, not actually to another planet. She has been taking eighth grade students from DGS to the Challenger Center at Heartland Community College in Normal for 11 years. The eighth grade class is broken up into three teams, and she makes three "trips" to Mars each school year. Her 33rd mission is also coming at a time when she was nominated as one of 43 teachers around the nation for the June Scobee Rodgers Innovative Educator Award.

If Schultz wins the award, she will receive a \$2,500 prize to further enhance her classroom lessons or support professional development.

The winners will be announced in June.

June Scobee Rodgers is the Widow of Jim Scobee, Commander of the ill-fated

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DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL science teacher Mary Schultz has been nominated for the June Scobee Rodgers Innovative Educator Award. She has been taking eighth grade students from DGS to the Challenger Learning Center for 11 years, a simulated space mission to Mars.

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DWIGHT EIGHTH Grade Students man the mission control center on a simulated mission to Mars recently. Students are (from left) Jordan Schultz, Bryson Scroggins, and Emily Scott.

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FOR THE RECORD

1 Written Warning Issued by Dwight Police

Police Blotter
The following are reports from the Dwight police incident book this week:
April 13: **Gasoline Purchase Drive Off**—Dwight Police were dispatched at 8:10 p.m. to the 600 block of West Mazon Ave. in reference to a report of an unknown person pumping seven gallons of gasoline valued at \$20. The vehicle departed without payment.
April 14: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of East Spencer at 10:53 p.m. for family assistance. A subject was transported to an area hospital.
April 15: Dwight Police were dispatched to the Union Pacific Railroad Property at 5 p.m. in reference to a subject reportedly walking on the tracks. The subject was located and transported to an area hospital.

Accidents
Thursday, April 12, 2018, 3 p.m. — 801 S. Franklin St., Dwight: Kelsie Transou of Dwight was backing a 2006 Dodge Dakota and was struck by a 2006 Chevrolet driven by Elijah Cox of Dwight.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 3:56 p.m. — 12 W. Northbrook Drive, Dwight: Primero Zubiate of El Paso, Texas was driving a 2011 Freightliner and struck a

parked 2015 Ford F3BL as he proceeded through the parking lot.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

April 13, 2018, 3:41 p.m., Division, medical, cancelled, mutual aid to MVK Verona.

April 14, 7:04 a.m., Prospect, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Dwight Fire.

April 15, 1:11 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 5:03 p.m., Union, medical, no transport.

April 16, 6:57 a.m., I-55, trauma, St. James; 2:28 p.m., Washington, fire, mutual aid to Gardner; 3:53 p.m., Prairie, medical, Morris; 4:44 p.m., Union, trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Gardner.

April 17: 9:22 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 10:42 a.m., Grand Ridge/Mazon, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to MVK; 2:53 p.m., Verona, fire; 8:19 p.m., Wabash, medical, cancelled, mutual aid to Odell; 8:46 p.m., Main, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Dwight Fire.

April 18: 10:15 p.m., South, medical, refusal.

April 19: 1:53 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 5:50 p.m., Bannon, medical, Morris.

The dates for the Morris Junk In The Trunk events are as follows: May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, and October 21.

Morris JITT Dates



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Take Steps to Control Your Investment Taxes

Tax Season is finally over. Of course, how much you pay in taxes depends on a variety of factors, many of which you can't control. But you might give some thought to how you can manage your investment-related taxes.

Here are some suggestions to consider:

Contribute to your employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b), contribute as much as you can afford. The more pre-tax dollars you put in to your retirement plan, the lower your taxable income. Your employer also may offer a Roth 401(k) option, under which you invest after-tax dollars, so your annual income won't be lowered and your withdrawals will be tax-free.

Contribute to an IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you may still be eligible to contribute to an IRA. With a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income level; with a Roth IRA, contributions are not deductible, but your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½.

Follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy. You can't control the price movements of your investments, but if you do achieve gains, you can decide when to take them — and this timing can make a substantial difference in your tax situation. If you sell investments that you've owned for one year or less and their value has increased, you may need to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in 2018, could be as high as 37 percent. But if you hold investments for more than one year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which is 0, 15 or 20 percent, or a combination of those rates.

Consider municipal bonds. If you're in one of the higher tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in municipal bonds. The interest on these bonds is typically free of federal taxes, and possibly even state and local taxes. Interest from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). However, because of the new tax laws, the AMT exemption amounts were increased significantly.

You might be wondering what these new laws mean to investors. In terms of your regular investment activities, the effect might not be that significant. The tax brackets for qualified dividends and capital gains — such as those realized when you sell stocks — will remain about the same. This means that most investors will continue to pay 15% to 20% on long-term capital gains and dividends. Consequently, the new tax laws shouldn't really affect you much in terms of your decisions on buying and selling stocks or investing in companies that may pay dividends. Of course, it's still a good idea to consult with your tax advisor on how the totality of the new laws will affect you.

Ultimately, your investment decisions shouldn't be driven only by tax implications — nonetheless, it doesn't hurt to take steps to become a tax-smart investor.

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

Temps - 2018

Apr. 12 — high 76°, low 43°
Apr. 13 — high 71°, low 39°
.53" precip.
Apr. 14 — high 45°, low 37°
.51" precip.
Apr. 15 — high 39°, low 26°
.18" precip./trace snow
Apr. 16 — high 33°, low 25°
trace snow
Apr. 17 — high 42°, low 27°
Apr. 18 — high 38°, low 31°
trace snow
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Last Week to Sign up for All-Town Dwight Garage Sales

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.



EMPLOYEES OF HOMEWAY HOMES of Deerfield have been working since April 17 to finish the new OSF primary care facility at 107 Watters Drive in Dwight. It will include primary care and rehabilitative care, imaging and laboratory services, nine exam rooms, and two OSF HealthCare providers. This photo of construction was taken Friday, April 20. The \$3 million, 8,000 square foot OSF HealthCare building was originally expected to be completed in December of 2017. Plans are to have it completed this year.

The Paper photo

Dwight Drug Unit Involved in Pontiac Bust

Livingston County Sheriff's Police Sheriff Tony Childress advised that on April 13, an ongoing investigation led the Livingston County Proactive Unit to execute a search warrant in Pontiac.

During the search warrant arrest, the Proactive Unit seized approximately 70 grams of purported Diazepam (Xanax) Analog, 16 doses of Suboxone, 11.8 grams of purported "Bath Salts," controlled substance pills, \$414.16 USC, and misc. electronics.

Childress advised that Cory Clay (Pontiac) and Katrina Ridenour (Pontiac) were arrested for possession of controlled substances. In addition, Clay was charged with several counts of delivery of controlled substances purported to be Methamphetamine.

The two were jailed on

felony charges and await a court date with a Livingston Co. Judge. Agencies involved in the investigation were the Livingston Co. Proactive Drug Unit, Dwight Drug Unit, Pontiac Police Department, Pontiac Tactical Team, and the Livingston County State's Attorney's Office.

Dwight Man Found Dead In Car Downtown April 20

A 29-year-old male from Dwight was found dead in his car while it was parked in downtown Dwight Friday afternoon, April 20, according to Livingston County Coroner Dan Watson.

Watson identified the man as Vincent A. Jourdan. As of press deadline, there is no cause of death. The Coroner's office is still investigating as is the Dwight Police Department.

Rep. Bennett to Meet with Constituents in Pontiac

State Representative Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City) will meet with constituents in Pontiac on Wednesday May 2.

The meeting is open to the public and appointments are not required.

Bennett will meet with constituents on Wednesday, May 2, at 5:15 p.m. at the Livingston County Courthouse, located at 112 W. Madison Street in Pontiac.

Those who cannot attend or who have questions at any other time can contact Rep. Bennett at (815) 844-9179 or through his website at www.repbennett.com.

Correction

In *The Paper's* April 11 issue, a business review for the Compassionate Veterinary Care Clinic of Herscher inadvertently contained the same quote from Veterinarian Beth Van Voorst as the quote which appeared in the Dwight Veterinary Clinic review attributed to Deb Dunlap.

The reviews appeared on page 17.

The quote should have been attributed to Dunlap, not Van Voorst.

The Paper regrets the error.

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HHS Robotics Students Compete – –

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In addition to finding jewels, the robots also had to pick up a “relic.”

Brown explained that even though it is a competition, students from HHS are actually teamed-up with other schools, and each school helps the other win.

Robots run on lithium ion battery packs and utilize cell phones for a camera and instructions between machine and operator(s).

Joffe was able to raise funds at first for the club by obtaining a \$2,000 donation from his summer employer, Petrak Industries of New Lenox.

Another key student involved with the club was fellow student Brooke Johnston of Limestone, whose father is the robotics coach at Kankakee High School.

The club also earned another \$1,000 from CSL Behrings of Bradley.

Students also sold special HHS Tiger beverage mugs to raise money this school year.

In addition to next year’s school competition, this summer the team will be designing robots for an area S.W.A.T. team. The team needs a robot that can take a “dummy” perpetrator along a “zip” line, so it moves



TONY THE TI-GEAR is the robot designed and built by Herscher High School students to compete in the First Tech Challenge tournaments this school year. It has color sensors and can pick up and stack objects.

toward the officers and they can practice shooting the perp.

The students will also design a moving robot to house a dummy that can move around in a field or inside a city “set.”

The robots will be designed to move up to 12 miles per hour, similar to a human perp.

The S.W.A.T. training officers use “a paint gun on steroids” to shoot the perps, according to Joffe.

These robots will allow training officers to shoot the

perpetrators that are dummies, not live officers pretending to be perps. The advantage is that the officers don’t have to get “shot” any more as perps, by very powerful paint guns that cause painful minor injuries, Brown explained.

So instead of searching for ancient artifacts, the HHS robots will soon be “criminals.”

And if the robots are as intelligent as Tony the Ti-Gear, it may give the officers a good “run” in their training, the students hope.

Dwight Grade School Teacher Nominated For National Award

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Challenger Space Shuttle Mission that exploded shortly after launch on Jan. 28, 1986. That mission was the first to feature a teacher in space, Christa McAuliffe.

Barbara Morgan, Christa’s backup, eventually went to space on a shuttle, just before the second shuttle disaster when Columbia burned up in the Earth’s atmosphere Feb. 1, 2003.

The students who go on the “Mars” missions are in astronomy classes taught by Schultz at DGS.

She is the team commander for three weeks, training the students on their missions.

Once on the simulator site in Normal, students have to man the control center, build a rover for traveling on mars in search of water and life forms, and actually go out onto the surface of mars (in a simulation).

They also learn to operate a robotic arm and do navigation in “space.”

Some students have to calculate how to land the spaceship back on earth safely, which is important if they wish to survive to

attend high school next year.

She said the experience utilizes skills in math, science, technology, and engineering.

They also have to use artistic skills, designing a “mission patch.”

“The mission is in the hands of the kids,” Schultz explained.

She said over the years, there have been “accidents” for the students to cope with. One year a special needs child was in charge of space

weather and determined that a radiation storm was coming. He had to warn all the students of the incoming radiation.

“He saved all of us,” Schultz said, making the special needs child a hero that day.

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JEREMY KAPPER, a Dwight eighth grade student, undergoes a medical exam by Lora Weir ahead of his simulated mission to Mars.

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Ivan Hartsey Honored



IVAN HARTSEY was named Volunteer of the Year at Heritage Health of Dwight at a ceremony, Wednesday, April 18. In addition to coming in daily to pass the mail, he does many odd jobs throughout the facility “as well as being a very active veteran who always makes sure veterans in our facility are celebrated regularly,” said Brenda Burton, activity director at the nursing home. Hartsey, left, is with Burton at the ceremony honoring his service.
Submitted photo

Tri-Point Sharing On-line Business Courses With Donovan H.S.

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Tri-Point School Board agreed to enter into an agreement with Donovan High School in Iroquois County to share on-line business courses.

At its meeting Tuesday, April 17, the board agreed to enter into a distance learning memorandum of understanding with the Donovan district.

At present, high school business teacher Marianne Stevenson, who also teaches at Kankakee Community College, offers an on-line course through the high school for T-P students.

Superintendent Jeff Bryan told *The Paper* last week that Tri-Point had offered the distance learning course to other area schools, Donovan taking Tri-Point up on the offer.

In other business, the board:

- agreed to add junior high cross country to next fall’s sports offerings.
- accepted the resignation of Brittany Watson as cheer coach.
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Ivan Hartsey Honored



IVAN HARTSEY was named Volunteer of the Year at Heritage Health of Dwight at a ceremony, Wednesday, April 18. In addition to coming in daily to pass the mail, he does many odd jobs throughout the facility “as well as being a very active veteran who always makes sure veterans in our facility are celebrated regularly,” said Brenda Burton, activity director at the nursing home. Hartsey, left, is with Burton at the ceremony honoring his service.
Submitted photo

Tri-Point Sharing On-line Business Courses With Donovan H.S.

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Tri-Point School Board agreed to enter into an agreement with Donovan High School in Iroquois County to share on-line business courses.

At its meeting Tuesday, April 17, the board agreed to enter into a distance learning memorandum of understanding with the Donovan district.

At present, high school business teacher Marianne Stevenson, who also teaches at Kankakee Community College, offers an on-line course through the high school for T-P students.

Superintendent Jeff Bryan told *The Paper* last week that Tri-Point had offered the distance learning course to other area schools, Donovan taking Tri-Point up on the offer.

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OBITUARIES

Christian Resler

MORRIS – Christian Resler, 93, of Morris passed away Friday morning, April 20, 2018 at Park Pointe in Morris.

He was born July 30, 1924 in L a m p m a n , Saskatchewan, Canada, son of Emmanuel and Marian Berger Resler.

He was raised and educated in Canada. On December 28, 1957, Christian married Joan Planeta in Assumption Catholic Church, Coal City.

He retired from Federal Paperboard, and after retirement went to work as a security guard at Alumax, and later gained employment with First Midwest Bank as a custodian.

Christian was a dedicated member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Morris, where he enjoyed tending to the prayer garden and served as an usher. He was installed into the Knights of Columbus February 1, 1977, and graduated to a fourth degree in the Dupontaris Council #845.

A great neighbor who was always willing to help anyone in need, Christian was a true handyman, who enjoyed woodworking, painting and working in his yard.

Survivors include his children: Mary (James) Baudino of Verona; Christine (James) Schorn of Oak Forest; Joe (Lori) Resler of Morris; Peter (Sarah) Resler of Concord,



California; and James Resler of Chicago.

His grandchildren: Carrie (Brent) S u l z b e r g e r , Nicholas (Kelly) Baudino, Erica (Matt) Kuhn, Joseph (Beth)

Resler, Rachel Resler, Christian Resler and Benno Resler; great-grandchildren: Tyler, Zack, Jada, Ava and Liam; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Christian was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joan; grandson, Bradley Baudino; and brothers and sisters: Ben Resler, Leonard Resler, Emmanuel Resler, Frank Resler, Peter Resler, Elenora Kallis, Barbara Manil, Madeline Schnell, Kay Heinz, Pearl Marcotte and Rosemary Deren.

The family received friends for a visitation at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Morris, on Monday, April 23, from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Rev. Ed Howe, CR.

Burial: Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery, Morris.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Christian’s memory to Immaculate Conception Catholic School, 505 E. North St., Morris, IL 60450. Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share Christian’s memorial page online by logging on to: www.ReevesFuneral.com Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd. in Morris was in charge of arrangements.

Tola Haley

DWIGHT – Tola Haley, 74, of Dwight passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at her home in Dwight.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the 12 noon funeral service Friday, April 27, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

Tola was born September 12, 1943 at home in Union Township, Indiana, daughter of Aaron and Lena Claypool Hoskins. She married Wayne Haley November 22, 1962 in Dwight. They spent more than 55 years together. He survives in Dwight.

Also surviving are sons: Ronald (Heather) Haley of Dexter, Missouri, and Paul



(Donna) Haley of Marion, IL; daughter, Carla (Bob) Crane of Sugar Grove; sisters: Violet Wurtsbaugh of Lafayette, Indiana; Lorraine

Bealor of La Porte, Indiana; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Timothy Wilbur Haley; four brothers and two sisters.

Tola was an avid reader and attended the Church of the Nazarene.

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

Condolences may be made at: www.hagermemorial.com

James R. Bunting

DWIGHT – James R. “Jim” Bunting, 93, of Dwight passed away Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac.

There will be a visitation from 4 until 7 p.m., Thursday, April 26, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. Additional visitation will be Friday beginning at 10 a.m. at the church.

A service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 27, at Emington Congregational United Church of Christ, Emington. Pastor Grant Speece will officiate.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services Friday.

Burial: Union Cemetery, Emington, at a later date. Grandchildren will be pallbearers.

Jim was born May 28, 1924 in Union Township, Illinois, son of Earl E. and Mildred Prickett Bunting. He married Betty Swartz September 16, 1945 in Emington. They celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary in September of 2015. She passed away

Guy R. Sassenger

DWIGHT – Guy R. Sassenger of Dwight passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at his home. He leaves behind a big loving family and many friends. He will be dearly missed.

Guy was born July 21, 1971 in Morris, son of Ralph (Bonnie) Sassenger of Morris.

Also surviving are his four daughters: Heidi (Hyslop) Sassenger of Kempton; Stefanie (Pucci) Sassenger of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Amber (Hall) Sassenger of Odell; and Kimberly Sassenger of Dwight; and 11 grandchildren.

Guy was the best dad to his daughters and an even better “papa” to all his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by aunts, uncles and cousins.



March 9, 2016.

He is survived by his children: Lee (Marie) Bunting of Dwight; Elaine (Jerry) Roberts of Camargo; Donald (Marcia) Bunting of Odell; and Art (Kathy) Bunting, Barb (David) Thompson, and Linda (Tom) Brady, all of Dwight.

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Young.

Jim was a member of the Emington American Legion, the Dwight VFW, Elks Lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Emington Congregational United Church of Christ, and CAT Retirees. He worked for CAT for more than 20 years and spent many years working the family farm.

Memorials in honor of Jim may be made to Union Cemetery or to the Emington Congregational United Church of Christ.

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Southeastern Grundy Co. Senior Citizens Meet

On April 6 at noon, the Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens met for their regular monthly meeting at the Gardner Restaurant. There were 13 present, some wearing their Easter hats – a suggestion from Mayor Pro-Tem Shirley Farland (V. Pres.). Grace was offered and food was ordered from the menu and served by Kim.

Birthday cake was served honoring Lorraine Hansen and Rose Hillman.

After lunch, the business meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag recited.

The secretary read her report and it was accepted as read.

The treasurer’s report was given and accepted to be placed on file for audit.

There was no card report and no correspondence.

Community Events were: S. Wilmington Garage Sales – April 14; Nite of Racing – April 7; Red Carpet Corridor – May 5, including Rock-a-Thon by Church of Hope to fund Vacation Bible School. Pink petunias will be sold to sponsor Rock-a-Thon.

Archives will be open – offering carnations to mothers. Lions will be selling root beer floats in the diner. Mayor Mike Serena will be giving out keepsakes for Rt. 66 for 2018.

There will be a memorial to the Church of Hope, in honor of June Olson. Ida will deliver the message.

Deb and Lorraine received gifts from their secret pals.

A suggestion was made and all agreed, the winner of the door prize will supply the door prize for the ensuing month.

Wavel Needy was the April winner.

A program for May will be a May basket or something about your mother.

The report from Chairman of the Nominating was – all officers will remain status quo. Pres. Sharon Pickles, VP Shirley Farland, Treasurer Donna Lewis, and Secretary Ida Schopp. A unanimous vote was cast.

Shirly closed the meeting with a word of wisdom – “Think Spring.”

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be May 4.

April Historical Society Meeting April 26 at City Hall Chambers

The April meeting of the Livingston County Historical Society will be held at Pontiac City Hall Chambers Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m.

The program for the evening will be “The Morris Cabin: Digging Up the Past.” It will be presented by Connie Kostelc, who has a Masters Degree in Anthropology and has participated in several archaeological excavations, often

called “digs.” She also taught graduate classes in Anthropology at Governors State University.

The presentation will discuss the Henry Morris cabin dig in rural Cornell that took place last summer. The cabin was built in 1836. How a dig is conducted, how archives are catalogued, and other aspects of the dig will be discussed. Items found at the site will be on display.

The public is invited.

2nd Annual ‘Night at the Races’ in Coal City April 28

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Coal City invites you to the 2nd Annual “Night at the Races” on Saturday, April 28. The event will be held in Berst Hall, 180 S. Kankakee St., Coal City.

This fund-raiser includes horse races, raffle baskets, 50/50 raffles, live auctions, food and more. A cash bar will be available.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the races begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased, which includes \$10 of *funny money* – which can be used for bets, raffles and live auctions. Race winnings will be redeemed in

funny money.

Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets may also be purchased after all masses at the Parish Office, or from one of the Stewardship Committee members.

There will be ten races, with 12 horses running each race. Sponsorship of a horse is available. Sponsors will be able to name their horse(s). The horse’s name, along with the sponsor’s name, will be listed in the program.

Must be 21 years old to enter.

For tickets or for more information, contact the Parish Office, 815-634-4171 or visit the Parish Website, stmaryassumptionparish.org.

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 13.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother, Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse in thee. (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to Thank You for all things aa you confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank You for your mercy toward me and mine.

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

Anonymous

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Dwight Public Schools to Change Website

April Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

A five-year website / app development contract with Apptegy was approved by the DTHS Board of Education when it met on April 18. The DGS BOE approved the same on April 16.

The new communications developer will replace the current website developed by SOCS. The new website will offer a more integrated system including a phone app and social media feeds. The initial setup cost of \$7,200 will be shared by both Dwight Public School Districts with an annual shared cost of \$5,900. The current cost for SOCS is \$6,500 annually. A website domain change was also approved. The new simpler domain:

www.dwightK12.org will be used.

Support Staff at Dwight High School will receive a three percent salary increase for 2018-19 effective July 1. The three percent increase equates to approximately \$8,600 annually across all support staff personnel. Support staff includes office personnel, aides, custodians, school nurse, and the board treasurer. Currently DTHS employs 13 support staff impacted by the increase.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek gave an update on the exploratory building committee's progress towards its investigation of the feasibility of building a field house/recreation center. The committee includes various community members including Dr. Jancek, Kim Rodosky, Tim Henson, Chuck Trainor, Ryan Hanson, Justin Eggenberger, Deb Karch and Bill Flott. The committee has been meeting since last fall with the goal to provide the facility, which could be used for school and community alike, without increasing tax rates. Currently, the Village of Dwight has not expressed interest in partnering with the school district on the project although Dr. Jancek indicated that, by coming together under a park district destination, additional funding opportunities could be available. Dr. Jancek requested approval from the BOE to hire a professional design planner to help provide an informed



MEMBERS OF THE DTHS BOARD OF EDUCATION were treated to musical interlude during its April 18 Session as DTHS student musicians Konnor Dyer (center) and Owen Van Der Karr demonstrate a new Xylophone recently purchased for the DTHS Band department. Looking on is DTHS Band instructor, Mr. Justin Gund.

opinion of options and costs. While some board members are on the fence about the project, several expressed the need to do the “due diligence” of investigating all options in order to make the best decision with regard on whether or not to move forward. Further discussion was tabled and will resume at the May BOE session.

In another matter, a discussion took place around eliminating fund-raisers and adding district funding to meet the individual needs of various groups and athletic programs. Dr. Jancek indicated that \$60,000 - \$70,000 annually would need to be added above and beyond the current athletics budget to suffice all needs.

“You can only go to a small well so many times,” stated Dr. Jancek with regard to continually trying to sell fund raising items to community members.

Several questions and concerns were expressed by board members with no action taken. More discussion will take place at a future meeting.

In financials, Dr. Jancek reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the district \$124,726.92. Also, the district was notified by the State Board of Education that, with the new evidence base model / tier funding, the Dwight High School

District will receive an additional \$19,524.69 this year.

In his report to the Board, DTHS Principal Dan Kaiser reported that APEX on-line learning program will again be used for summer school this year. The student fee will remain at \$100 per class and classes will run from June 6 – July 8.

The first spring random drug screening took place on Tuesday, April 3 with all ten students tested passing the screening.

Mr. Kaiser also informed the BOE that several of the top student performances from the recent DTHS Talent Show will perform at Dwight's Springfest event on Friday evening, May 4. The student performances will begin at 7:30 pm.

Other upcoming DTHS events include:

- April 28, DTHS Prom – Grand March, 4:45 DTHS Auditorium, with dinner and dancing beginning at 6 p.m., Gardner American Legion.
- May 7 – 11, Teacher Appreciation Week.
- May 18, Jazz show, 7:30 p.m., DTHS Auditorium
- May 19, Jazz Show, 6 p.m., DTHS Auditorium
- May 20, Spring Concert,
- May 20, Baccalaureate 6 p.m., awards 7 p.m., DTHS Auditorium
- May 25, DTHS Graduation, 7 p.m., DTHS a

Gymnasium.

The DTHS Board of Education also:

- accepted the resignation of Jodi Minnaert, Ag Teacher.
- approved promotion of Jack Connor to Director of Building & Grounds.
- accepted the resignation of Mike Chervenky as Assistant Bass Fishing Coach.
- accepted the resignation of Cassie McCandless as Assistant Volleyball Coach.
- employed Frank Mackovitch as Assistant Bass Fishing Coach.
- employed Dan Edwards as Assistant Wrestling Coach.
- approved FCCLA attendance at the National Conference in Atlanta GA June 28 – July 2.
- discussed the Terwillegar Scholarship Fund and handling of the scholarship fund monies going forward.
- approved employment of tenured teachers for 2018-19 as presented.

The next meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, in the District Board Room at the High School. Meetings are open to the public.

Airman 1st Class Alexander Pampinella Graduates from Basic

U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman 1st Class Alexander R. Pampinella 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.

Pampinella earned distinction as an honor graduate.



Alexander R. Pampinella

He is the son of Rachel Pampinella and brother of Nicholas Pampinella of Dwight.

The airman is a 2017 graduate of Dwight Township High School.

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

David Housman, Tricia Boyne, and Markie would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who offered support (both emotionally and financially) to us, since the devastating fire at our home.

Thank you to our wonderful fire department/police department and the surrounding towns that came to assist. Thank you to our employers at Cherry Red Roasters and Anthony Lift Gates (fellow employees, management and owners) for continuing to pay us while we were off, in those first overwhelming days. We are so humbled by the outpouring of support and generosity of the community that we are so very blessed to live in. We are so amazed by the enormous amount of support we received from various residents, organizations, businesses and people who do not even know us. These generous people came forward to give us words of encouragement, gift cards, vouchers to stay at a local hotel, furniture, household items, clothing and so much to get us re-started.

We do not have enough or adequate words, to especially thank Chief Tim Henson. Chief Henson went so far above and beyond what we could have ever imagined. He worked tirelessly, helping to organize drives and help with getting us on track securing new living arrangements. He is our champion!

Our hearts are full of love, respect and thankfulness to all. Words cannot express our gratitude to each one of you for your support. Please know from the bottom of our hearts we will be forever grateful and we will never forget.

Camp Shaw Open House April 29

Visit Camp Shaw-Waw-Nas-See Open House on Sunday, April 29, 1 - 4 p.m., rain or shine. Tour the grounds, see how Camp Shaw looks in the spring, and meet summer camp staff. Six residential youth camps from three to 12 days are available in June and July. Campers have their choice of Youth Camp, Extreme Camp, Try Camp and Long Camp. Specialty Camps of Science and Tech and International Cultures will be held while enjoying traditional camp activities, too.

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Tri-Point High School Students Win at Livingston Co. Art Competition

Tri-Point High School Art & Digital Media students submitted artwork to the 3rd Annual Livingston County High School Art Competition in Pontiac recently. The competition involved artwork from Pontiac, Dwight, Flanagan-Cornell, Prairie Central, Woodland, and Tri-Point. Art & Digital Media Teacher Charlene Bokesch-Parsons took the student-generated artwork and students William Coffey, Hallie Sippel, and Teresa Langer to assist in setting up the artwork and to represent their fellow students.

The artwork was received very well and the winners from Tri-Point were as follows:

- **Printing:** Cheyenne Barfield, 1st place, “In The Field.”
- **Computer-Aided Art:** Angel Matuszewski, 2nd place, “Dream Dance”; John Cotter, 3rd place, “Night Shift.”
- **Photography:** John Cotter, 2nd place, “Rescue Ready.”
- **Pen and Inks:** Hallie Sippel, Honorable Mention, “Mikdreth.”

Tri-Point High School Art & Digital Media students recently submitted artwork to the 3rd Annual Livingston County High School Art Competition in Pontiac. Five pieces of art were winners in the event. Above and at right are a few pieces that were recognized.

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OBITUARIES

Mark Harlow

KINSMAN – The community sadly lost a pillar Thursday, April 19, 2018, when Mark Harlow passed away with his family at his side at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Mark was born July 30, 1954 in Streator, son of Elmer and Edna “Ruth” Freese Harlow. He attended Kinsman Grade School and Mazon High School.

Mark married Doreen Mills August 19, 1989 in Dwight, and they have two children: Kaitlyn and Perry, both of Kinsman.

Mark was a longtime public official of Grundy County. He served as the Mayor of Kinsman over the past thirty years and served as the Highland Township Road Commissioner. He will be remembered as a friend by everyone, especially for answering his phone at any time at night to help post a flooded road or to plow out someone’s driveway after a big snow. He was a member of the Grundy County Farm Bureau and was a volunteer with the Verona-Kinsman Fire Department.

The son of a farmer, Mark grew up on the family farm two miles south of Kinsman. He and his father grew corn and soybeans on the family farm. He raised sheep as part of his 4-H and



FFA projects. After high school, he helped his father farm until Mark retired from farming in 2017.

He loved his International-Harvester tractors and the family will remember him for his passion for his Farmall H tractor and snowmobiling with his family and friends.

Mark is survived by his wife, Doreen; his children, Kaitlyn and Perry; his mother, Ruth, of Streator; and two sisters: Sandy (Art) Watson of Streator and Sharon (Joe) Wilkins of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 24, in the Mueller Funeral Home, Ottawa, with the Rev. Nick Sandeno, Pastor of Village Christian Church in Minooka, officiating.

Burial was in Ottawa Avenue Cemetery, with pallbearers: Wes Morris, Dave Hammen, Bill Pommerening, Justin Bauer, Pat Carey and Tim Carey.

Visitation was Monday from 3 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family for charities to be determined.

You may sign the online guestbook and share remembrances at www.MuellerFH.com

Brenda S. Kilgore

GARDNER – Brenda S. Kilgore, 60, of Gardner passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Brenda Sue was born May 5, 1957 in Kingsport, Tennessee, daughter of Vernon and Orie Lane Kilgore. She was raised and educated in Kingsport, until her family relocated to Illinois.

Brenda was employed as a Union Steward for more than 20 years with IBEW Local 124. She was a hard worker who never missed a day of work in her many years of service.

She enjoyed playing slot machines, scratch-off lottery tickets, and sewing.

Survivors include her

loving partner of 43 years, Mike Pokornicki, and one brother, Vernon Kilgore, both of Gardner; and an aunt, Ruth Howard of Gates City, Virginia.

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

Per Brenda’s wishes, cremation rites were accorded, and she will be laid to rest in Virginia.

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

Cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd., Gardner.

Gerald D. Flessner

CULLOM – Gerald D. Flessner, 61, of Cullom passed away at 7:14 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Gerald was born December 3, 1956 in Fairbury, a son of Duane and Marlene Attig Flessner. He married Lori Ommen in Cullom February 25, 1984. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters: Jenna (Michael) Berry and Jessica Flessner, both of Normal; two grandchildren: Brynna and Cole Berry; his father, Duane Flessner of Cullom; and one sister, Brenda Riccolo of Dwight.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marlene Flessner.

Gerald graduated from Tri-Point High School and was a farmer and served as



the Sullivan Township Road Commissioner. He loved spending time with his family, especially giving tractor rides to his grandchildren. He was an avid Cardinals fan.

His funeral was Monday, April 23, at 11 a.m. in St. John’s Lutheran Church, Cullom, with Pastor Mauricio Vieira officiating.

Burial followed in West Lawn Cemetery, Cullom.

Visitation was from 3 until 6 p.m., Sunday, in St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Memorials in his name may be left to St. John’s Lutheran Church or Sullivan Township.

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

Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Cullom was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Whitis

HERSCHER – Mary Whitis, 69, of Herscher and formerly of Morris, passed away Monday evening, April 16, 2018 at her home.

Born February 17, 1949 in Wyatt, Missouri, Mary Ann was a daughter of Willie and Pearlle Crawford Abernatha.

She was raised in Kentucky and lived with her family in Morris for many years before moving to Herscher.

Mary enjoyed gardening and flowers, as well as singing and writing poetry. She was a wonderful cook and in past years took pleasure in fishing. Family was of utmost importance to Mary, and she cherished time spent with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her three children: Richard (Peggy) Whitis of Springfield, Missouri; Stephen (Diana) Whitis of Blodgett, Missouri; and Theresa Fulkerson of Herscher; and her loving companion of more than 30 years, Wayne West.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren: Richie Whitis, David Whitis, Stephanie Allen, Kevin Whitis, Amy Polander, Michael Pfaff, Lisa Rullo,



Cathy Webb, Jeffery Whitis, Ernest Pearson, Joshua Pearson, Amanda Pearson, and Destiny Fulkerson; numerous great-grandchildren; one sister, Wilma Greene of Tennessee; and

many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; one grandson, Robert Whitis; three brothers: Jimmy Abernatha, Billy Abernatha and Earl Abernatha; and three sisters: Carrie Abernatha, Joyce Rudolph and Linda Crane.

The family received friends Saturday, April 21, for a visitation from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service, officiated by Rev. Brad Shumaker, at Baskerville Funeral Home, Wilmington.

Burial followed in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wilmington, with Mary’s grandsons acting as pallbearers.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share Mary’s memorial page online and on social media by logging on to: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/notices/Mary-Whitis.

Kenneth Cullums

COAL CITY – Kenneth Max Cullums, 81, of Coal City passed away Sunday evening, April 22, 2018 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 29, from 1 until 5 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City. In the spirit of Max’s love of the Chicago Cubs, those attending are

encouraged to wear their favorite Cubs attire.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, April 30, at the funeral home with Rev. Brad Shumaker officiating.

Max was raised and educated in Gardner. He married Elizabeth Smith in Gardner in 1955. She died April 10, 2015.

Janet Gantzert

DWIGHT – Janet Gantzert, 93, of Dwight passed away Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Evenglow in Pontiac.

Immediate private family burial will be in Goodfarm Cemetery in rural Dwight.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the memorial service on Friday, June 1, at the Dwight United Methodist Church in Dwight.

Memorial services will begin at 11 a.m. with Rev. Mike Ebersohl and Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce officiating.

Janet was born April 2, 1925 in Joliet, daughter of Grant and Jessie Klett McCowan. She married Harvey Dale Gantzert April 16, 1950 in Joliet. He passed away in January of 1990.

Surviving are daughters: Marilyn (Louis) Steenwyk of Evergreen Park; Jean (Michael) Moravek of St. Charles; son, Allen (Betty) Gantzert of Dwight; sisters: Olive Bushong of Rogers, Texas; grandchildren: Richard (Jessica) Steenwyk of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mark (Ahli Hedges) Steenwyk of Olathe, Kansas;



Ashley (Chris) Thompson of Channahon; Alyssa Gantzert of Dubuque, Iowa; and Jessie and Josie Moravek of St. Charles; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Garland Cramer; brothers-in-law, Max Bushong and Ward Cramer Sr.

Janet was a member of the United Methodist Church of Dwight; the Dwight Woman’s Club; N.O.M.A.D.S. and the Homemakers Extension Association.

She was also a member of the Dwight United Methodist Women, where she volunteered at the local, regional and national levels. She attained a BS degree in Bacteriology from the University of Illinois. She loved serving others, gardening, music and her family.

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

Condolences may be made at: www.hagermemorial.com

More Obituaries appear on page 6.

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

IN RE: The Matter of the Estate of)
FREDERICK E. STRUFE, Deceased) No. 18-P-42

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of FREDERICK E. STRUFE, whose place of residence at the time of his death was 417 W. Chippewa Street, Dwight, Illinois 60420, and who died on April 5, 2018.

Letters of Office as Independent Executor of the estate of FREDERICK E. STRUFE were issued on April 15, 2018 to DONALD R. McCLAREY, 313 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420; and whose attorney is Donald J. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of first publication of this notice is April 25, 2018. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in cause No. 18-P-42 or with the Independent Executor or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and the Executor’s attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

Donald J. McClarey
Attorney for the Independent Executor of the Estate of
FREDERICK E. STRUFE, Deceased
313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9
Dwight, IL 60420-0009
(815) 584-1525

Celebration of Life
April 29 for Chad D. Weber

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Chad D. Weber, who passed away Wednesday, March 21,

2018, will be held at JT’s, E. Main St., Dwight, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., Sunday, April 29.

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.

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

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A sincere thank you to our family and friends for your sympathy to us on the passing of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Cecelia June Olson.

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The prayers, calls, visits, flowers, cards, food and donations to the Church of Hope were appreciated beyond words and will always be remembered in our hearts.

The Family of Cecelia June Olson

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Route 66 Smoke Out to Be Bigger For 2018 Red Carpet Corridor Tour



THE DWIGHT 2018 SMOKEOUT barbecue contest will again feature trophies created by Grieff Monuments of Dwight. When Chairman Rodney Connor suggested the trophies might change this year, his contestants complained they wanted their "rock" trophies and not to change them.

Submitted photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor
The fourth annual Route 66 Smoke Out barbecue competition in Dwight will be bigger and have more competitions this year, according to coordinator Rodney Connor.

The smokeout, held at the Guardian Angel Basset Rescue park on Old Route 66, will be May 4 and 5.

The Route 66 Red Carpet corridor is also that weekend coming through Dwight.

Connor said one new item this year is the possibility of a second contest for recipes using Cabo Wabo tequila, but he is still in the negotiating stages with the tequila company.

The tournament begins on Friday and judging will be held Saturday afternoon with 50 judges coming to Dwight for the event.

There are already 31 teams signed up, the same as last year, and Connor expects there will be a few more who are waiting to hear weather reports for the weekend.

In conjunction with the barbecue contest will be the annual Springfest, sponsored by the Dwight Economic Alliance.

Connor said the barbecue event itself brings in an average of five people to town per team in addition to the 50 judges.

Connor said he speaks to

both the contestants and judges ahead of the event, and explains that one of the goals of the smokeout is to get the teams and judges to "spend money" in Dwight.

He knows that the contestants are purchasing things from local businesses including the grocery store and hardware store.

A main attraction for the barbecue teams is the "rock" trophies provided by Grieff Monuments of Dwight.

Connor said he was thinking about changing the trophies this year, but received complaints from the teams who told him they "wanted their rocks."

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MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS were present for the ceremony to name Dwight youth baseball/softball field 1 after Jim Enger of Dwight, April 15. Honoring Jim are (from left) Jason Enger (son), Jim Sherwood, Mike Corley, Sean Hershman, Liam Enger (grandson), Taylor Herschman, Diana Lowery (sister), Karen Ortiz (sister), Ashton Corley, Jim, June Enger (wife), Lynn Corley (sister), Tim Ortiz, and Erica Sherwood. Submitted photo

Dwight's 'Mr. Baseball' Jim Enger Has Field Named For Him

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor
Jim Enger, Dwight's own "Mr. Baseball," was surprised Sunday, April 15, when the Dwight Youth Baseball/Softball league named Field One for him. His wife June secretly contacted his family and friends where he grew up, in Morris, who attended the ceremony. Enger turned age 72 on

April 19 so this was a surprise birthday present for him, he said. "I had no idea," Enger told *The Paper* last week, that the honor was coming. "My sisters from Iowa and four classmates from Morris came. I'm hardly ever without words." That day was an exception, Enger said. Although he said he did joke that "I thought you had to be dead" to have a field

named after you. The ceremony honoring Enger was supposed to be part of the annual parade and gathering at the start of the season where all teams are introduced, but the parade was cancelled due to inclement weather. The field name, however, went on as scheduled. "We truly had a great time," he added. (continued on page 18)

Colton Baudino's Skills Earn Him a Free Trip to NYC

Colton Baudino, age eight and an MVK second grader, was entered into a Jr. NBA skills challenge in Channahon in January. His mother, Kelli, randomly found it on Facebook, so they took him to beat the winter blues. He ended up winning that local competition. It is a shoot around, with various shots having a different point value. After winning the local competition at Channahon, he advanced to the Chicago regional on April 7. They have a regional in LA, Washington DC, Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas, Indianapolis, Salt Lake City, and New York City. The Jr. NBA Skills Challenge is for kids 13 and under, and he was in the 11 and under category. He competed with about 50 other kids in Chicago and won the boys 11 and under



Colton Baudino

division in the Chicago regional. The reward is an all-expense paid trip to NYC June 20-22 during the NBA Draft. There, he will compete against the regional winners at Basketball City in Manhattan. He also will be a VIP guest at the NBA draft

at the Barclays Center. His mom, dad, and younger brother will be traveling to NYC with him to experience it all. Colton has had a love for basketball since he was one. The first thing he does every day when he comes home is shoot hoops in his court he made in the basement. He sleeps in a jersey and with a basketball every single night. "His love and passion for the game is something we are very proud of," his mother said. Colton is the son of Eric and Kelli Baudino of Mazon; grandson of Mike and Laura Vigna of Dwight and David and Barb Baudino of Mazon; and the great-grandson of John and Phyllis Geschwind of Dwight and Marijayne Baudino of Verona.

SEVERAL ST. PAUL SCHOOL STUDENTS received awards at the OGS Sports Banquet. They are, pictured, from left, Natalie Davis - cheer, best all around; Daniela Frauli - cheer, MVP; Tyler Frauli - 7th grade basketball, best defense; Jack Duffy - 7th grade Mr. Basketball Award; Chase Becker - 8th grade basketball, most free throws; and Nathan Weis - 7th grade basketball, MIP. Davis and Weis are residents of Blackstone. The others are all residents of Dwight.



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DTHS Lady Trojans Softball

Tuesday, April 17
Dwight vs. Watseka
Varsity -

The Lady Trojans crushed Watseka 15-0 on April 17.

Abby Edwards got the win in five innings – pitching a no-hitter and walking just one, while striking out

seven.

Kaitlyn Masching (single, double), LynnDee Hale (single, double), Abby Houch (single), and Hayley Schlabowske (single) all drove in two runs. Taylor Anderson, Danielle Carlson, Macey Rodosky (single, double), and Morgan Zabel

(single) each had one RBI. Katy Edwards added a hit.

Thursday, April 19
Dwight vs. Watseka
Varsity -

Abby Edwards (3IP, 5K, 1H), Kat Harms, and Macey Rodosky (3IP, 4K, 2BB, 1H) combined to pitch a two-hitter against the Lady Warriors April 19 – leading to a 13-2 win.

Rodosky would get the win in the circle for Dwight, while leading the team at the plate with four RBI on three hits, including a homer. Katy Edwards also homered and singled, knocking in three runs. Abby Edwards (two singles), Kayla Kodat, and Hayley Schlabowske (single) each batted in a run. Morgan Zabel also singled.

Saturday, April 21
Dwight vs. Olympia
Varsity -

Dwight suffered a tough 7-0 loss to Olympia over the weekend, with Abby Edwards taking the loss – pitching 1½ innings and allowing three earned runs on six hits, striking out two.

Leah Flynn singled for the Lady Trojans’ only hit of the contest.

Dwight committed six errors in the game.



THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON Girls Softball team includes: (front row from left) Kennedy Fair, Paige Patterson, Abby Beck, Tori King, Emily Beck, Madelyn Storm and Emma Hennessy; (back row) Asst. Coach David Bexson, Carson Halpin, Shelby Serena, Rylee Hall, Delaney Miner, Kaylee Steichen, Ellie Fortier, Kylie Hawks and Coach Cassie Bexson.

Submitted photo



GSW Lady Panthers Softball

Monday, April 16
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -

The Lady Panthers suffered an ugly 14-0 loss at the hands of Beecher April 16.

Every GSW pitcher got some work in, with Shelby Serena going one inning and being hit with the loss.

At the plate, Emily Beck doubled and Tori King singled.

Thursday, April 19
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -

GSW was downed by Beecher, 10-0, on April 19. Shelby Serena went 2-2,

with Carson Halpin adding a single.

Delaney Miner pitched all five innings, taking the loss for the Lady Panthers.

“This game was an improvement from Tuesday’s game,” commented Coach Bexson after the game.



PTHS Indians Baseball

Thursday, April 19
Pontiac vs. Marquette
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The young Indians beat up Marquette, 13-3, when they met April 19.

Tyler Pulliam won on the mound, tossing four innings and allowing three earned runs on five hits, striking out five.

Aaron Adcock came on

in relief for one inning.

At the plate, Pontiac was led by Adcock with three hits and three RBI. George Smith, Pulliam, and Clayton Haase each had hits and one RBI, while Patrick Sancken, Caleb Peet, Kaden Thomas, and Jacob Bressner each added a hit.

JV -

In JV play, it took extra

innings but Pontiac was edged out by St. Joseph-Ogden, 16-14 in eight innings.

Luke Fox led the Indians with four RBI on two hits, followed by two RBI on three hits from Gavin Bauknecht. Austin Waldschmidt and Trevor Sexton each had a hit and an RBI, with Kobe Fox and Evan Trevino also adding an RBI each. Trey Edinger had a hit.

Ryan Weir ended up taking the loss, as he pitched two innings, giving up four earned runs on three hits and five walks. L. Fox started the game, allowing three earned runs on four hits and three walks, striking out three. Sexton also saw three innings in relief.

Varsity -

The Indians had trouble getting their offense going against St. Joseph-Ogden, and were easily dispatched, 11-1.

Pontiac’s lone hit came from Carter Dawson. Jacob Duffy got tagged

with the loss, lasting four-plus innings, allowing six hits and seven runs, while striking out seven.

Saturday, April 21
Pontiac vs. Morris
JV -

The JV Indians fell 3-0 to Morris on April 21, mustering just two hits in the game – both from Kobe Fox.

Clay Pfeifer was hit with the “L,” as he gave up three earned runs on six hits and three walks, striking out two.

Varsity -

In the varsity game, Pontiac was defeated 8-7 by Morris in extra innings.

Tanner Walls led things off on the hill for the Indians. He gave up seven runs on eight hits, striking out two in five-plus innings of work. Andrew Lee threw two innings in relief.

Garrett Gould, Jacob Duffy, Carter Dawson, and Logan Verdun all managed multiple hits for Pontiac, with Gould going 3-4.

ANNUAL TREASURER’S REPORT ODELL TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2018		
TOWNSHIP - REVENUE SUMMARY:		
Property Taxes & Mobile Home Taxes - \$52,979;		
Replacement Tax - \$12,288; Interest - \$1,491;		
Union Cemetery Income - \$1,800;		
TOIRMA DIVIDEND - \$1,689;		
TOTAL REVENUES: \$70,247.		
TOWNSHIP - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:		
John T. Harner - \$5,000; FICA/Mdcre \$3,304;		
TOIRMA - \$10,313; All other disbursements		
less than (\$2,500) \$4,764.00.		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$23,381.00		
TOWNSHIP - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:		
Range: Under \$25,000.00: Bonnie A. Davis; John R.		
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LaBorence; Robert F. Legner; Charles F. Maubach;		
Gary L. Swartz; James W. Thorne; Larry R. Verdun;		
Andrew J. Abry.		
Range: Over \$25,000.00 - None		
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$43,190.00		
ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY:		
Property Taxes & Mobile Home Taxes - \$47,133;		
Replacement Tax - \$5,610; Odell FPD Fuel		
Reimbursement - \$1,251; Interest - \$4,626;		
TOTAL REVENUES: \$58,620.00		
ROAD DISTRICT - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:		
Evergreen FS, Inc. - \$3,997; H.J. Eppel & Co., Inc.,		
\$8,049; Ace in The Hole, Inc. - \$4,050; Martin		
Equipment - \$178,450; All other disbursements less		
than (\$2,500) - \$21,679.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$216,225.00		
ROAD DISTRICT - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:		
Range: Under \$25,000: James P. Abry; Daniel D.		
Maubach; Brian K. Mills; Richard J. Ribordy; Richard		
A. Verdun		
Range Over \$25,000: None		
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$2,745.00		
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION		
	Town Fund	All Other Funds
REVENUES	54,872	73,995
EXPENDITURES	63,373	233,697
EXCESS OF REVENUES	-8,501	-159,702
OVER (UNDER)		
EXPENDITURES		
TRANSFERS IN	11,528	
TRANSFERS OUT		-11,528
NET INCREASE	3,027	-171,230
(DECREASE) IN		
FUND BALANCE		
PREVIOUS YEAR	114,562	732,395
FUND BALANCE		
CURRENT YEAR	117,589	561,165
FUND BALANCE		
DEBT	None	
Subscribed and sworn to this 16th day of April, 2018		
Robert Legner - Supervisor		

I, Susan M. Laborence, Clerk of Odell Township, Livingston County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer’s Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS		
BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois) Banking Corporation,) Plaintiff,) 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.		
Dated this 29 day of March, 2018.		
LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois		

Gas Prices Surge 6.2 cents
Gasoline prices for regular unleaded across the nation jumped another 6.2 cents for the week, after shooting up 3.6 cents the previous week, averaging \$2.772 as of Monday, April 23.
Because of record oil production, there is “A veritable boom for the continent’s producers that’s coinciding with a surge in oil prices,” said Dan McTeague, analyst for GasBuddy.com.
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 23	April 16
Dwight	\$2.60	\$2.569
Seneca	\$2.586	\$2.586
S. Wilmington	\$2.69	\$2.59
Streator	\$2.64	\$2.648
Odell	\$2.55	\$2.55
Saunemin	\$2.64	\$2.64
Cullom	\$2.61	\$2.49
Pontiac	\$2.584	\$2.599
Gardner	\$2.69	\$2.59
Braceville	\$2.69	\$2.55
Mazon	\$2.65	\$2.59
Morris	\$2.605	\$2.576
Herscher	\$2.69	\$2.59
Kankakee	\$2.642	\$2.68
Chicago	\$2.80	\$2.897
Illinois	\$2.717	\$2.675
U.S.	\$2.772	\$2.710

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

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GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

Tuesday, April 17
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -

An error-riddled game ended up putting the Panthers on the losing end of a 4-3 decision against Beecher April 17.

“Our defense cost us the game today,” admitted Coach Wills. “In the three innings they scored, we had errors. We fought back – but just fell short.”

GSW made it interesting late with a run in each of the sixth and seventh innings, but it wasn’t enough.

Kade Kociss pitched six-plus, allowing one earned run on four hits, five walks,

and a hit batsmen in the loss. Chris Ruiz came on in relief – pitching one pitch.

At the plate, Joey Morales doubled and knocked in a run, while Nathan Wozniak singled twice. Dakota Watson and Matthew Wepprecht each added a single.

Thursday, April 19
GSW vs. Beecher
Varsity -

Beecher once again got the best of GSW, as the Panthers lost 7-2 on April 19.

“We had too many K’s at the plate,” stated Coach Wills, whose team struck out

16 times in the game. Joey Morales pitched well, but was hit with the loss. He went six-plus, giving up two earned runs on four hits and two walks, fanning four. Chris Ruiz pitched an inning in relief, striking out one.

The Panthers’ defense committed five errors in the field.

Sean Hansen led GSW with a solo home run, followed by Nathan Wozniak with an RBI single. Ruiz, Morales, and Steichen each had singles.

The Panthers are now 5-4 overall and sit at 1-2 in the conference.

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DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL

Tuesday, April 17
Dwight vs. Watseka
Varsity -

The Trojans fell to conference foe Watseka, 6-0, in baseball action April 17 where offense was hard to come by.

Logan Graham was on the mound for Dwight, surrendering two earned runs on six hits, striking out nine in six-plus innings.

Andrew Myzia came on in relief, taking down two Watseka hitters.

The Trojans struggled to muster any offense, however Colton Holm led the team by going 2-3.

Dwight committed four errors that would lead to four unearned runs.

Friday, April 20
Dwight vs.

Roanoke-Benson Varsity -
The Dwight Trojans fell behind early and couldn’t finish the comeback against Roanoke Benson on April 20 – falling 15-5.

With the contest still at

hand, Dwight committed three costly errors late that sealed their fate.

Peyton Beyer took the loss for the Trojans.

Dwight scattered eight hits – led by a three-hit performance by Logan Graham, who batted in three. Hayden Tjelle knocked in two runs.



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DGS REDBIRDS TRACK

Thursday, April 12
Dwight vs. MVK, GSWB, and Saratoga

The Lady Redbirds track squad took on MVK, GSWB, and Saratoga April 12, with the seventh grade girls taking second overall with 53 points, and the eighth grade girls placing third with 26. Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade Girls -
Hurdles: Buck, 3rd, 20.73; Kodat, 4th, 20.87.
100m: Benson, 4th, 15.70.

1600m: Bond, 3rd, 8:04.
4x200: Buck, Kodat, Bean, Livingston, 1st, 2:13.83.
400m: Buck, 2nd, 1:19.9; Livingston, 4th, 1:25.8.
200m: Bean, 3rd, 33.33; Benson, 5th, 35.53.
800m: Bradley, 1st, 3:12; Bond, 5th, 3:45.
4x400: Buck, Kodat, Bean, Livingston, 1st, 5:43.

Shot put: Bradley, 3rd, 15'9½"; Dolan, 4th, 14'11".
Discus: Dolan, 3rd, 29'6".
Long jump: Livingston, 2nd, 12'0"; Bean, 4th, 11'3".

8th Grade Girls -
Hurdles: Treglio, 2nd, 19.88.
100m: Thetard, 3rd, 14.48; Treglio, 4th, 16.10.
4x200: Thetard, Treglio, Benson, Dolan, 2nd, 2:22.
400m: Thetard, 2nd, 1:17.8.
200m: Treglio: 3rd, 37.10.
High jump: Treglio, 1st, 4'6".

Tuesday, April 17
Dwight vs. GSWB, Marseilles, and Limestone

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds scored 39 on April 17 – good enough for a third place showing, while Dwight's eighth grade girls took second with 35.5.

Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade Girls -
Hurdles: Buck, 4th, 21.87; Kodat, 5th, 24.71.
100m: Benson, 5th, 16.18.
1600m: Bond, 4th, 7:38.17.
4x200: Buck, Bean, Kodat, Livingston, 2nd, 2:16.12.
400m: Kodat, 2nd, 1:19.86; Livingston, 3rd, 1:21.14.
200m: Bean, 5th, 33.41.
800m: Bradley, 3rd, 3:27.23; Bond, 5th, 3:54.74.
4x400: Buck, Bean, Kodat, Livingston, 1st, 5:30.24.

Shot put: Dolan, 4th, 17'6½"; Bradley, 5th, 14'11½".
Discus: Bradley, 4th, 48'11"; Dolan, 5th, 36'1½".
Long jump: Livingston, 3rd, 11'6½"; Bean, 4th, 10'7".

8th Grade Girls -
Hurdles: Airgood, 3rd, 21.18; Treglio, 4th, 21.99.
100m: Thetard, 4th, 15.11.
4x200: Thetard, Treglio, Airgood, Dolan, 2nd, 2:22.34.
400m: Thetard, 1st, 1:16.08; Airgood, 3rd, 1:24.58.
200m: Treglio, 4th, 34.88.
4x400: Thetard, Airgood, Treglio, Benson, 2nd, 6:00.
High jump: Treglio, 2nd, 4'4"; Airgood, 3rd, 4'2".

The Redbird boys took second in seventh and eighth grade action, posting the following individual results:

7th Grade Boys -
Kye Suarez: 110m hurdles, 1st; 400m, 2nd.
Aaron Gajda: 110m hurdles, 2nd; 100m, 3rd.
Matthew Greer: 1600m, 2nd.

Trey Downen: discus, 2nd; shot put, 3rd.
4x400m: Greer, Michon, Suarez, Gajda, 2nd.
8th Grade Boys -
Emmett Emmons: 200m, 1st; 100m, 3rd.
Bryce Handzus: 110m hurdles, 3rd.
4x200: Emmons, Handzus, Butterbrodt, Turner, 2nd.
4x100: Romanetto, Barlow, Petree, Kapper, 3rd.
Daniel Petree: 200m, 3rd.
Gabe Seabert: discus, 2nd; shot put, 3rd.

Saturday, April 21
Dwight at IVC Meet
7th Grade Girls -

The girls track team competed at the IVC meet over the weekend, with the 4x400 squad placing sixth overall – including members Mia Buck, Megan Livingston, Kira Bean, and Kassy Kodat.

Alexis Thetard placed seventh in the 400, with Toni Treglio taking second in the high jump.

Boys -
The Dwight Redbirds competed at the IVC Track Meet in Seneca April 21, with the following athletes placing:
7th Grade Boys -
Matthew Greer: 1600m, 7th.

4x400: Greer, Ammons, Gartke, Gajda, 5th.
8th Grade Boys -
Emmett Emmons: 100m, 4th; 200m, 5th.
4x200: Emmons, Handzus, Butterbrodt, Turner, 4th.
4x100: Romanetto, Barlow, Petree, Kapper, 6th.
4x400: Emmons, Handzus, Butterbrodt, Turner, 4th.
Carter Butterbrodt: high jump, 8th.
Gabe Seabert: discus, 8th.



GSWB TIGERS TRACK

Thursday, April 12
GSWB vs. MVK, Dwight, and Saratoga

7th Grade Girls -
McKenzie Ragland: 800m, 2nd, 3:21.
Tess Brooks: 400m, 3rd, 1:23; Shot, 5th, 13'3".

7th Grade Boys -
Tanner Fisher: 100m, 1st, 12.7; 400m, 1st, 1:04; Long jump, 1st, 15'8½".

8th Grade Girls -
Grace Olsen: 800m, 4th, 3:35.

8th Grade Boys -
Ethan Mack: 1600m, 1st, 6:01; 200m, 5th, 30.63; Discus, 4th, 69'1".
Quinn Walsh: 800m, 3rd,

3:04; Long jump, 5th, 10'.

Tuesday, April 17
GSWB vs. Dwight, Herscher, and Limestone

7th Grade Girls -
McKenzie Ragland: 1600m, 3rd, 7:10; long jump, 5th, 8'11½". Hayden Partilla, 800m, 4th, 3:37.

7th Grade Boys -
Tanner Fisher: 100m, 1st, 12.82; 400m, 1st, 1:07; long jump, 1st, 16'5".

Cade Croy: 100m, 2nd, 14.14; 800m, 2nd, 2:52; shot, 2nd, 28'½".
Chris Cvitanovich: 800m, 3rd, 2:53; long jump, 3rd, 12'.

Jacob Ozee: 400m, 4th, 1:16.

Cree Croy: 200m, 5th, 34.18.
4x200m relay: Fisher, Croy, Cvitanovich, Ozee, 1st, 2:05.

8th Grade Girls -
Grace Olsen: 1600m, 3rd, 7:35; long jump, 3rd, 8'10".
Dakota Evans: 100m, 5th, 22.37; 200m, 5th, 48.75.

8th Grade Boys -
Ethan Mack: 1600m, 3rd, 6:21; 800m, 3rd, 3:00; discus, 3rd, 78'½".
Mason Green: 1600m, 5th, 7:54.



DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Tuesday, April 17
Dwight at Livingston County Open

Pontiac High School hosted the Livingston County Open April 17 – a non-scoring event.

"The athletes had many strong performances, despite the cool weather," said Coach Lane, "There were many athletes who placed in the top three and received a medal for their fine efforts. This is one of our favorite meets because there are three co-ed relay races,

which our team truly anticipates and enjoys."

Those mixed races are the 4x200, 4x400, and the Weight Persons 4x100, in which a football is used in place of a baton.

Livingston County Open medalists from Dwight were:
Alexis Brooke: 800m, 1st, 2:41.95; 1600m, 2nd, 6:05.71.
J.C. Santos: 800m, 1st, 2:09.36.

Meghan Scott: 100hh, 2nd, 17.01.
Lucy Rieke: discus, 2nd, 102'5".

Koli Croy: 800m, 3rd, 2:50.15.

Kathlene Huffaker: 200m, 3rd, 30.42.
Dusty Manietta: 300ih, 3rd, 46.03.

Co-ed 4x200 relay: 3rd, 1:50.78 – Scott, Julie Ramsey, Blake Hill, Will Bergstrom.

Co-ed 4x400 relay: 3rd, 4:07.98 – Scott, Ramsey, Hill, Santos.

St. Paul School to Host Annual Golf Outing June 10

St. Paul Catholic School in Odell will host its annual event, 2018 Golf "Fore" St. Paul School – Mike Moyemont - Juli Sullivan Memorial Outing, on Sunday, June 10, at Wolf Creek Golf Course in Cayuga.

For this year's event, they memorialize and honor the memory of Juli Sullivan, former teacher and dear friend of St. Paul School. She loved St. Paul School with all her heart and soul and they are forever grateful for

her years of dedication and service to the students and school family. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Juli Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund.

They also continue to memorialize their friend, Mike Moyemont, father of Morgyn. They honor his memory and show appreciation for his many years of service to St. Paul School. A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to benefit Morgyn's education fund.

Tee time reservations are available beginning at 8:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

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• APR. 26: Daisy Scouts, 4 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsal, 6 p.m.
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• APR. 29: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Praise Team rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.; Combined Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Scouts #4877, 4 p.m.
• APR. 30: Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
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• APR. 25: Wednesday

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• APR. 29: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• MAY 2: 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. 29: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "The True Vine."
11:30 a.m., Deacons meeting.
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"Feed the Kids" Program. Donations welcome.

New Life Assembly of God
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• APR. 25: 7 p.m., Night of Prayer.
• APR. 26: 7 p.m., Worship Practice.
• APR. 28: 5 p.m., Saturday Night Alive Worship Night.
• APR. 29: 9 a.m., Connection Groups; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Church, ages 3-11; 12 noon, Drop off starts for rummage sale; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
• APR. 30: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Set up and drop off items for rummage sale. (This is our annual sale in May to raise funds to help kids in our church go to camp).
• MAY 1: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Set up and drop off for rummage sale.
• MAY 2: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., set up for rummage sale; 7 p.m., Night of Prayer - meet at Arby's.
• MAY 3: 8 a.m. - 4

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St. Patrick Catholic Church
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• APR. 28: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
• APR. 29: 8 a.m., Mass.

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• APR. 25: "Epistle" Deadline; 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 3:30 p.m., Worship Team meeting.
• APR. 27: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; Start bringing garage sale donations to church basement; 8 p.m., AA meeting.
• APR. 29: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion and a Baptism; 2 p.m., Worship at Heritage Health.

• APR. 30: 12 noon, Set up for food distribution; 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., Food distribution.
• MAY 1: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries.
• MAY 2: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage Health; 4:30 p.m., Youth Group; 5:30 p.m., Music rehearsal.

CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• APR. 29: 10:00 a.m. Mass.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor
• APR. 29: 8:45 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: "The True Vine."
"April Food Pantry Collection" – Soups.
"May Mission of the Month" – Strengthen the Church."

The Paper deadline is noon on Friday for advertising and editorial.

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DTHS 2018 Prom Court



MEMBERS OF THE 2018 Dwight Township High School prom court include (front row from left) junior Sofie Swink, senior Taylor Anderson, senior Brooklyn Long, (back row) junior Gretchen Hilt, junior Morgan Fritz, senior Seth Perschnick, senior Leah Flynn, junior Cole Hahn, junior Hunter Sulaica, and senior Mason Imhoff. The theme for this year's prom is "Enchanted Elegance." The prom will be held Saturday, April 28, starting at the DTHS gym and concluding at the Gardner American Legion Hall. At DTHS, Doors open at 4 p.m. Line-up begins at 4:30 p.m. with the Grand March at 4:45 p.m. and coronation to follow. Parents and guests are welcome to the grand march and coronation which will be held in the DTHS gym. At Gardner, the dinner/dance will feature valet parking. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

The Paper photo

GSW Prom King and Queen



The GSW Prom was Saturday, April 21 at the Gardner American Legion Hall. This year's theme was "Eiffel in love in Paris." Pictured above is the prom queen, Mariah Anderson, and prom king, Luke Henderson.

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Laura Vigna’s 4th grade class of DGS presented a Wax Museum at DGS this past week. Students were able to choose a prominent figure from either the past or present, and deliver a report and presentation. After researching their chosen figure, the students presented their findings with a presentation board, and dressed to impersonate whom they had researched.

At the event the students sat as still as statues by their presentation board. As passersby came to hear their presentation, they had to follow the instructions to bring the “wax figure” to life. An object relating to the student’s chosen figure was to be placed in their hand, at which time, the wax figure would “spring to life,” giving a small speech about their chosen figure and what they accomplished. The figures were very diverse, from Betsy Ross, Einstein to Bill Gates. It was a delightful event, and it was very evident that the students put much time and effort into their presentations.



Paityn Schmidberger gave a great presentation as Neil Armstrong. She was inspired by her trip to NASA on her spring break, and desires to become an astronomical engineer for NASA when she grows up.



Emmalee Crossby was Elinor Roosevelt for a day. She gave an inspiring speech from memory and presented Mrs. Roosevelt with class.

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Dwight’s ‘Mr. Baseball’ Jim Enger Has Field Named For Him

(continued from page 11)

Jim Enger field is the farthest west field in Garrett Park.

All boys but the Pony League play there. Pony games are played at Renfrew Park.

He first became involved when his son Jason was in Little League in 1980, so he has had a long history with the Dwight league.

Jim was president of the baseball league in the late 1990s.

He has been staying around the league ever since.

He umpired for many years, and announced games. He never coached, however.

Lately he has been scheduling umpires for the league, and still occasionally works as an ump. However, his eyesight is failing, so he has shied away from umpire duties.

“They just can’t get rid of me,” he said.

He was at one time also involved with softball, although he never had any daughters.

“I was the token male,” he said.

The league is for t-ballers ages five to six.

Pintos are ages seven and eight. Mustangs are nine and 10; Broncos are 11 to 12; and Pony league members are ages 13 and 14.

Girls are 12 and under.

“I think the Pony League is the best,” he said. “It is one of the funnest.”

He said by Pony League, the kids are actually playing baseball, having had some junior high experience by then and several years in Little League.

“You can recognize baseball,” at the Pony League level, he added.

The league is very well supported with full boards and parents who attend games and participate in the league. But it was not always that way, he said.

“Years ago, we were more like running a babysitting service,” Enger explained. “The parents would come and drop off their kids.”

He said now there is good participation by parents and community members, including merchants who support the league.

“We took in \$21,000 in the raffle this year,” he said.

“The board is very dynamic,” he continued. “I don’t do anything.”

He believes the Dwight League is one of the best around, blessed with good players and “extraordinary umpires.”

Jim and June moved to Dwight from Morris in 1975. Their son Jason graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1988.

Son Jason is now the father of a boy and girl, one in high school and one in college.

Enger said he stayed in Dwight because of the community, and because it was a close drive back to his hometown of Morris.

“It’s just a great place to live,” Enger said. “I feel like I know almost everyone in town.”

Besides the field named after Enger, there is a tournament started in 1984. Five years ago it was named after him, now known as the Jim Enger Tournament. It features more than 300 kids of the Pinto, Mustang and Bronco leagues.

“That was very humbling,” he said.



DTHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH IN MARCH, pictured, from left, were senior Michael Johnson, junior Andrew Myzia, sophomore Matt Tutterow, and freshman Abby Rodosky.

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