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Wednesday, December 19, 2018

CHRISTMAS services

Area Church Services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell Monday, December 24, 4 p.m. Mass

Dwight United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Services, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

New Life Assembly of God, Dwight Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Campus Midnight Mass Tuesday, December 25

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight Christmas Eve Mass, 6 p.m. Christmas Day Mass, 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight

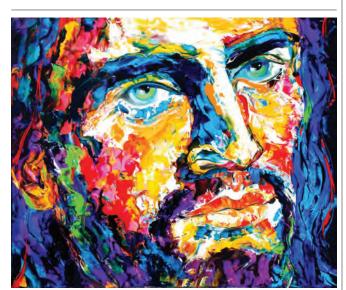
Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion, 7 p.m. Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion, 9 a.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Dwight Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion, 4 p.m.

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion, 7 p.m.

> St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight Christmas Eve Family Worship, 5:30 p.m. Free Christmas Day dinners delivered.

Trinity Lutheran Church Goodfarm Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.



Dwight artist Cat Clausen's "Abide with Jesus" formed a friendship based on art.

Year in Review

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie, rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

Christmas is right around the corner, and soon we'll be

singing "auld lang syne" and toasting to 2019. As 2018 draws to a close, The Paper will revisit the newsmakers and stories that made headlines.

We'll look back on the people who made a difference, like Lindsey Jensen, a Dwight Township High School teacher who was named 2018 Teacher of the Year, and the school's art students who created decorative eggs for the White House Easter Egg Roll and ornaments for the National

Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. Renown Dwight artist Cat Clausen unexpectedly found herself bringing art, and spirituality, to hundreds of men and women through a unique program in Chicago. Brian Galbreath chose Dwight for his new business, Unpossible Mead, one of only a handful of meaderies (honey wine) in

Illinois. There were also plenty of events that defined 2018 in the Dwight area. We celebrated the anniversaries of R.R. Donnelley plant in Dwight (50 years), Dwight Heritage Health (50 years) and 150 years of faith at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight.

Business expanded locally. For one, OSF HealthCare built a new \$2.8 million, 7,800-square-foot medical facility.

But there was also tragedy. Who could forget the Dwight fire that claimed the life of two men and displaced a family of three. But there were also tears of triumph when the Dwight Township High School Football team secured its first playoff berth since 2006.

We'll remember it all, and more, beginning with a special series on Dec. 26.

Dreaming of Toys This Christmas



Brynna and Cole visit with Santa at Cullom's Christmas on Main Street, which also featured horse and carriage rides, kids' crafts and vendors. More photos on Page 14.

Santa's Elves Busy Making Orbees Squishies

What could be more magical for a child than dreams of the housetop and with a click, click, click, down through the chimney comes good Saint Nick with his bag full of pres-

The North Pole may be thousands of miles away, but thousands of girls and boys have put together their Christmas lists and mailed them off to postal code H0H 0H0. Ransom Grade School students wrote their holiday wishes down. Here are a few favorites. Find the rest on Page 13.

I hope you are having a good day. I was a really good boy this year. Please bring me a remote control car. I would drive it all around if you brought me one.

Love, Zachary, second grade

Dear Santa,

Fred is the best elf. Thank you for sending him to us. I was mostly bad this year, but a little good. Please bring a new pair of work boots that match my dad's shoes.

Love, Logan, second grade

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be nice, so I think I deserve a phone, a \$100 bill, and a phone case. I want a phone. I take

baths and clean my room. I am nice too. I would love a phone because I can call my friends and play games on it. I won't need my mom's phone anymore. I would also like a \$100 bill. I listen to my mom when I have to take my dog, Star, out. I save my money by letting my dad hold on to it. I need a phone case to protect it and other things. I always ask politely and don't scream when I'm told no. Plus, I don't break stuff when I'm mad. I love Christmas because of the presents and it makes everybody happy.

From, Kylie, third grade

Dear Santa,

Santa, how do you eat all the cookies? Thank you for the beany baby you gave me last year. I want a new beany baby. I need some magic. Santa, take a blanket with you on the sleigh if it's cold.

Love, Carly, first grade

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be awesome, so I think I deserve a chromebook, GIANT orbeez squishy, and a DIY unicorn slime kit. I pick my brother's toys up even when he can do it. I will do school games like Edutyping, Reading eggs, and type myself notes. I want a GIANT orbeez squishy. I do the dishes. I want it so so soooooooooo bad and I won't get stressed out. I want a DIY unicorn slime kit. I put my clothes away. If I am somewhere far away from my house I can play with it because I will take my purse.

Sincerely, Kinslee, third grade

7 State Scholars at Gardner-South Wilmington



GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL is pleased to announce that seven of its students from the graduating class of 2019 have been recognized as Illinois State **Scholars. Congratulations** go to these students, front row, from left: Madison Asbridge, Emily Monbarren and Ava Siano; and back row, from left, Kimberly McDaniel, Madyson Schuck, Michael Wilson and Christian Williams. Principal John Engelman said, "I am so proud of these students. This is one of the highest honors a student can receive." Illinois State **Scholars represent** approximately the top 10 percent of high school seniors from 765 high schools across the state based on exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank.



FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

December 8: Martin A. Meredith, 46, Streator, speeding 26-34 MPH over limit.

December 9: Sydny M. Quint, 21, Bourbonnais, driving 15-20 MPH above

December 11: Deborah M. Hitt, 35, Marseilles, driving during suspension.

December 12: Robin L. Willis, 36, Flanagan, driving on revoked license, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

No Written Warnings

Dwight Police Blotter

December 8: 4:58 p.m., Dwight Police were called to 15 E. Northbrook. The owner advised a customer would not vacate the room at checkout time. The offender, Francesca Bouquet, 35, of Chicago, had been removed from the Amtrak the previous day for disruption.

December 9: Dwight Police were called to the 100 block of E. Main St. for a subject removal from a store. Francesca Bouquet was arrested for Resisting a Officer and Obstruction of Identification. She was taken to Livingston Co. Jail.; 1:30 a.m., Dwight Police assisted Bloomington Police Department in the apprehension of two juvenile suspects, wanted in connection with a burglary Bloomington/Normal. Grundy Co., Illinois State Fairbury

Livingston Co. Sheriff Dept. also assisted.; 3:41 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Waupansie to check the well-being of a dog who had been left outside.

December 11: 4:42 p.m., Carl Hathorn, 37, of Dwight, was arrested on an In-State Warrant. The required bond was posted and he was given a new court date.

Accident Report

Wednesday, December 12, 11:15 a.m., an accident was reported on Rt. 17 at Franklin involving Vernon Krueger, Reddick, the driver of a 2016 Chevy Utility, who rear-ended a 2016 Nissan TTN, driven by Daniel Woodward, Dwight, while the two vehicles were stopped at the railroad crossing at Mazon and Franklin.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 6: 10:52 p.m., Spencer, medical, St. James. December 7: 2:01 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

December 8: 2:51 p.m., South, medical, Morris.

December 10: 10:23 a.m., Rt. 17, trauma, Morris; 1:51 p.m., Prairie, medical, Morris; 3:36 p.m., Waupansie, medical, Morris.

December 11: 4:17 a.m., Union St., trauma, refusal; 6:30 p.m., I-55, trauma, refusal; 6:34 p.m., W. Main St., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Duffy's.

December 12: p.m., W. Delaware, medical, Morris; 2:13 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

December 13: 7:09 a.m., E. James, medical, refusal; 9:46 a.m., Rt. 66 at Rt. 47, fire assist.

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Consider Some New Year's Financial Resolutions

As the year winds down, you may want to look ahead to see which areas of your life you can improve in 2019. Perhaps you'll decide to exercise more, eat healthier foods, reconnect with old friends or volunteer at a school or charitable organization. All these goals are certainly worthwhile - but you also may want to add some New Year's financial resolutions to your list.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

Boost contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. Good news! Contribution limits will be increasing for many employer-sponsored retirement plans.

For 2019, you can contribute up to \$19,000 (up from \$18,500 in 2018), or \$25,000 (up from \$24,500 in 2018) if you're 50 or older to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while any earnings growth is tax-deferred. (Keep in mind that taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2019, you can put in up to \$6,000 in a traditional or Roth IRA (up from \$5,500 in 2018), or \$7,000 (up from \$6,500) if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and any earnings growth is tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings growth can be withdrawn taxfree, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59 ½ and you've had your account at least five years. You can put most types of investments - stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on – into an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping in to your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair.

Control your debts. Do what you can to keep your debts under control. Ultimately, the less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

Don't overreact to financial market volatility. In 2018 – especially the last few months of the year - we saw considerable market volatility, with huge drops and big gains in rapid succession. What will 2019 bring? It's always difficult – and usually futile – trying to forecast the market's performance over the course of an entire year. But, in any case, try not to overreact to whatever ups and downs we may experience. Instead, continue pursuing an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Following these suggestions can help you become a better

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Dwight Food Pantry for 2019

January 23, 2019 February 27, 2019 March 27, 2019 April 24, 2019 May 22, 2019 June 26, 2019 July 24, 2019 August 28, 2019 September 25, 2019 October 23, 2019

November 20, 2019 (The week before Thanksgiving) December - No Food Pantry (Love Boxes are dis-

tributed)

December.

The Dwight Food Pantry is held at the Old Town Hall, the Gothic Church, at 201 N. Franklin St. from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday. Love Boxes distributes food in



Jenny Kasper with the Brownies. Kasper gave them a tour of the Dwight EMS quarters and ambulances. Everyone was able to climb inside and see where the paramedics care for patients. The Brownies were able to see all the equipment that the paramedics use when patients need lifesaving help.

Dwight Man Arrested on Cocaine Charges

Unit and the Livingston County Pro-Active Unit conducted a narcotics investigation that resulted in the arrest of Angelo E. Cassani, 41, of Dwight, on December

The investigation resulted in three counts of Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (cocaine).

Cassani faces two class two felonies and one class one felony. He was arrested

The Dwight Narcotics at his residence in Dwight by Dwight the Police Department, and transported to the Livingston Co. Jail. Cassani is currently being held at the Livingston Co. Jail, in lieu of \$50,000 bond -10% to apply.

Agencies who assisted with the investigation were the DPD, Livingston Co. Sheriff's Department, and the Livingston Co. States Attorney's Office.

4 Arrested in Odell **After Heroin Bust**

Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress advised that on December 11, an ongoing narcotics investigation led the Livingston Co. Proactive Unit to arrest four people in Odell following a traffic stop.

Sheriff Childress advised that Terry Lee Blair, Gilman; Michelle Harris, Chatsworth; Tina Harris, Chatsworth; and Troy D. Harris, Gilman, were arrested for possession of controlled substances (heroin) with intent to deliver. Troy Harris was also charged with obstructing justice. Childress advised there were also outstanding warrants located during the stop.

During the investigation, approximately ten grams of raw heroin and drug paraphernalia were seized as evidence. All four were arrested and taken to the Livingston Co. Jail for additional processing.

Childress advised that agencies involved in the investigation were the Livingston Co. Proactive Unit, the Dwight Drug Unit, the Chicago DEA Heroin Task Force, Livingston Co. State's Attorney's Office, and Sheriff's Police and Pontiac Patrol Units.

November Video Gaming

by TomTock

Dwight, during November, \$666,989 was gambled in the village's 48 video gaming terminals.

The village share was \$7,925, while the state collected \$39,626 from the Net

Terminal Income in Dwight. Statewide in November, the number of video gaming terminals increased 339 to a total of 30,735 in 6,795 establishments, 168 more locations than were operating in October.

NOV. F	unds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Anne's	\$55,564	40,938	14,625	3,656	731
Cherry Red	's 20,972	18,332	2,639	660	132
JT's Saloon	56,396	42,668	13,727	3,432	686
Lila Mae's	99,907	76,539	23,367	5,841	1,168
Love's	146,359	105,720	40,638	10,159	2,031
Mac's	69,166	55,767	13,398	3,349	669
Pete's	60,507	47,117	13,389	3,347	669
VFW	50,715	36,951	13,763	3,440	688
Vic. Lanes	12,833	10,395	2,437	609	121
Virbapa	20,317	13,430	6,886	1,721	344
Willy's	<u>74,253</u>	<u>60,624</u>	<u>13,628</u>	3,407	<u>681</u>
TOTALS:	\$666,989	508,484	158,504	39,626	7,925

Gardner's November VGTs

NOV.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	<u>Gardner</u>
Marks (4)	34,491	22,619	11,871	2,967	593
TA Op. (5)	60,063	<u>37,804</u>	22,258	<u>5,564</u>	<u>1,112</u>
TOTALS	\$94,554	60,423	34.130	8.532	1.706

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

Judge Sentences Dwight Man to 20 Years

Livingston County judge sentenced Brian K. Kobiela, 34, of Dwight, to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Kobiela was sentenced after being found guilty at his jury trial of four counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (heroin/fentanyl).

The Dwight Narcotics Unit, along with the Livingston Co. Pro-Active Unit, conducted a narcotics investigation on Kobiela that led to a search warrant of Kobiela's residence in rural Dwight. During the search warrant, multiple baggies with suspected heroin residue, drug paraphernalia, scales, and other drugs were located in the residence. Also found in the residence was "Dormin," an agent

On December 4, a used to cut the heroin to increase the sale of the narcotic.

> It was later found that after Kobiela's arrest in Livingston Co., he was arrested two more times for similar offenses in Cook and Will Counties. Kobiela is still awaiting trial on his Cook County charges, and has since pled guilty on his Will Co. charge, and is currently serving six years on that charge in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Agencies who assisted with the investigation were the Dwight Police Department, Livingston Co. Sheriff's Department, Pontiac Police Department, Braidwood Police Department, Fairbury Police Department, and the Livingston Co. States Attorney's Office.

DPD Assists in Capturing **Cell Phone Burglars**

On December 10, at approximately 1:30 a.m., the Dwight Police Department assisted the Bloomington Police Department with the arrest of two juveniles who were wanted in connection with cell phone store burglaries in Urbana, Bloomington, and Normal.

Dwight Police spotted the stolen vehicle east on Mazon Ave. at Union St. The juveniles tried to escape the police and later drove their stolen vehicle into the creek just off Bannon Dr. The juveniles gathered some of their stolen possessions and took off on foot.

Dwight Police were able to get information through Law Enforcement resources, which indicated the two juveniles were somewhere in the neighborhood of Renfrew Park and N. Franklin St. K-9 Officer Watson McKee and his K-9 partner, Spike, were able to track these juveniles to the alley between North and Waupansie St., where the juveniles were found hiding in an unlocked vehicle. Both juveniles were transferred to the custody of the Bloomington Police Dept.

During this arrest, Chief Henson was injured in a fall, but expects to have a full recovery.

Departments assisting the DPD included Bloomington Police, Illinois State Police, Livingston County Sheriff's Police, Grundy County Sheriff's Police, Normal Police, Fairbury Police, and Pontiac Police.

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THE WILKEY HOME AT 301 N. FRANKLIN ST. tied for first in the Dwight Economic Alliance's Light Up Dwight decorating contest.

Light Up Dwight Winners Announced

Come 5 o'clock, when the sun goes down and the moon starts to rise, Dwight, like so many other communities, comes alive in the spirit of Christmas. Houses are dressed with white lights twinkle-wrapped around front porches; red, blue and green lights dance from the eaves, and blow-up Santas and Christmas trees tickle both young and old.

The Dwight Economic Alliance wanted to showcase Dwight's magic with their first ever Light Up Dwight decorating contest. The idea is to get homeowners to decorate their homes in hopes that out-of-towners will come drive through town and visit local businesses, said Jane Anderson, coordinator of the Alliance.

Thirteen homes were nominated by friends and neighbors this year, and only one point separated the top two favorites. Tied for first place were the Benzik home at 203 S. Chicago St. and the Wilkey home at 301 N. Franklin St.

The alliance also named a Griswold Christmas winner, a home that had a different type of whimsey Clark himself would rave about. That prize went to the Johnson family at 305 E. William St.

The best decorated business goes to the West Main Street Corner consisting of Jeremy's Barbershop, Edward Jones, Blackbird Yoga and A Touch of Destiny.

Honorable mention went to the Bradley house at 816 Sunset Dr.

All the winners receive \$50 in Dwight Economic Alliance bucks, Anderson said. "It seemed like a success," she said, and the tradition is likely to go on.

Said Anderson, "Please take time to drive around Dwight and look at the hard work that was put into Lighting Up Dwight!"

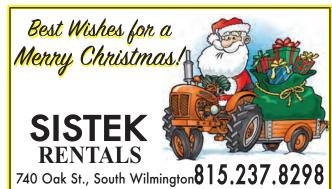


THE BENZIK HOME at 203 S. Chicago St. tied for first place.



Early Deadline for Dec. 26 edition of The Paper Thursday at 5:30 is deadline for All News and Advertising











Temps - 2018

Dec. 6 - high 30°, low 14° Dec. 7 - high 26°, low 13° Dec. 8 - high 25°, low 11° Dec. 9 - high 32°, low 10° Dec. 10 - high 32°, low 10° Dec. 11 – high 41°, low 24° Dec. 12 – high 41°, low 23° One Year Ago - Dec. 19, 2017 high 47°, low 36°

Dwight Permits Issued

10/09/18 - Morris Hospital, Prairie Ave. 101 S Commercial Remodel, Plumbing & Electrical; Phillip & Dawn Clark, 206 W Chippewa Street, Demo & New Garage, Electrical; Randall Farris, 209 Scott Drive, Fence.

10/11/18 – Harlan Olson, 302 Taylor Street, Detached Garage & Electrical.

10/24/18 - Bob Crane, 220 Chippewa Street, Electrical.

11/06/18 Osborne/Kelly Krug, 200 W North Street, Shed; Kimberly Larson/Finale Studio; 108 S Franklin Street, Sign.

11/07/18 – Lori Schade, 100-A Karen Drive. Sunroom



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Village of Dwight Tax Levy Approved

2019 Meeting Dates Set /December 10 Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees approved the 2018 Tax Levy when it met on December 10.

The Board approved \$820,400 as the revenue amount to be collected from taxable property within corporate limits of the village subject to taxation for Year 2018. The 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance reflects total receipts and cash, other than the tax levy, at \$10,998,997; expenses \$11,819,397; with the difference (Levy) being \$820,400.

Levy was

The 2017

\$747,290. The estimated Livingston Co. and Grundy County total EAV is projected to be \$68,366,616, reflecting an increase of 9.7933 percent over last year with Livingston County projecting the bulk of the EAV increase. The 2017 actual rate setting EAV was \$61,662,245. While holding the tax rate of 1.2 percent, due to the increased EAV a home valued at \$150,000 can expect to see an approximate \$60 increase in property taxes.

In other business, the Dwight Village Board's 2019 meeting schedule was approved. Dwight's Village Board of Trustees will meet on second and fourth Mondays of each month in 2019 with a few noted exceptions. Due to holidays, the months of May and December in 2019 will have only one meeting scheduled as May 13 and December 9. Also, due to the second Monday in October 2019 being Columbus Day, that meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 15, 2019; due to the second Monday in November 2019 being Veterans Day, that meeting will be moved to Tuesday,

November 12, 2019. Plan The 2019 Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule was also approved as the third Tuesday of each month with the October meeting moved Wednesday, October 16, due to Columbus Day. Plan Commission meetings begin at 6 p.m. while Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are set for 6:30 p.m.

In reports to the board, Mayor Jared Anderson thanked the Dwight Economic Alliance for the recent Christmas Parade and Breakfast with Santa events. Chief of Police Tim Henson reported on a chase of a stolen vehicle that ended in Dwight with two juvenile suspects apprehended on foot near Franklin and North Streets. Village Administrator Kevin McNamara reported that Colt Aldrich has been hired as a new Basic EMT.

The board also approved: · Payment of bills totaling \$107,948.50.

· Payment of year end bills.

approved General Obligation Waterworks Bond Tax Abatement Series 2016A Ordinance

· approved a General Obligation Tax Increment Bond Abatement Series 2016B Ordinance

• approved a General Obligation Sales Tax Bond Abatement Series 2016C Ordinance

Present at the December 10 session were Mayor Jared Anderson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade and Jennifer Johnson. Absent were Trustees Jim Mixen and Justin Eggenberger.

Due to the holidays, this was the final regular board session for 2018. The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board will be Monday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Services



Christmas Gala Provides Holiday Cheer

A CHRISTMAS GALA took place on December 11 at the Dwight United Methodist Church where dinner was served to guests at tables elaborately decorated for the season. Pictured are Tammy Pulver, above, and Lisa Hillman, below, with their beautiful

GLCEDC, STEM **Collaboration a Success**

One of the greatest nearly rewards in economic development is to see collaboration - which delivers meaningful results.

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\$225,000. the GLCEDC – through local school districts - has helped to enhance the education of over 4,000 students throughout Livingston County.

Also, the STEM program has resulted in additional opportunities for employers to share thoughts on curriculum, make classroom presentations, and offer STEMrelated internships.

Visit www.GLCEDC.org

Saunemin Grade School 1st Trimester Honor Roll

High Honors

Sixth Grade: Issy Bunting, Brooke Burger, Dylan Crouch, Anthony Demarco, Brieaunna Duck, Michelle Stevenson.

Seventh Grade:

Lucy Jackson. Eighth Grade: Jaedyn Casares, Tyson Cramer, Bailey Dransfeldt, Payge Heffelfinger, Doralyn Lee, Lilly Logan, Addi Mauser.

Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Kilah Barera, Myles Gilliam, Timmy Logan.

Seventh Grade: Noah Maloney.

Eighth Grade: Alyssa Nichols, Trent Rork.



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January 8, 2019 February 5, 2019 March 5, 2019 April 2, 2019 April 9, 2019 – Annual

Town Meeting

May 7, 2019 June 4, 2019 July 2, 2019 August 6, 2019 September 3, 2019 October 1, 2019 November 5, 2019 December 3, 2019

All regularly-scheduled meetings are held in the Dwight Township Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.





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Dwight Grade School District Approves Tax Levy

Air Conditioning Project Moves Closer to Reality

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education approved its 2018 Tax Levy when it met on December 12.

As reported last month, Assessors for Livingston and Grundy County are estimating the 2018 EAV for the Dwight Grade School District at \$118,530,439, which is an approximate \$8 million (7.75 percent) increase over last year. This increase is largely due to increased assessed valuations in Livingston County with its projected EAV up 9.47 percent while Grundy projects a 1.11 percent County increase.

Taking into account the increased 2018 EAV, the board approved the 2018 tax rate to be set at 3.2743 and with an extension of \$3,881,001. While this reflects an 11 cent tax abatement of the overall 2017 actual rate of 3.3890, the extension is projected to increase by approximately \$146,140 or 3.91 percent due to the increased EAV. According to Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek, this action would keep all funds at healthy balances.

While the board could not exceed a tax rate of five percent without a truth in taxation hearing, board member Cathy Ferguson presented a cautious approach urging fellow board members

to consider raising the tax rate to 4.99 percent citing unknown impacts of recent changes in Illinois government and calling attention to recent past financial struggles of the district.

After discussion, the board elected to move forward with the lowered tax rate of 3.2743 with Marc Ellis, Bo Partney, Nick Stipanovich, Michael Cornale, Eugene Mortensen voting in favor and Ferguson opposing the

In another matter, the board, by consensus, gave Dr. Jancek direction to move forward with the next step of a proposed air conditioning project which features a rooftop cooling solution allowing the cooling of four classroom sections at a time. The preliminary estimated cost for this type of cooling solution for the building is \$700,000. Other options that have been discussed include individual classroom window air units at an estimated cost of \$350,000, while a whole building system is estimated at \$2 million. In this next phase, Dr. Jancek will begin to work with an engineering firm to put together specifications for the rooftop solution so a bid package can be put together for review and discussion in January. If the board elects to move forward with the project, it is hoped to be completed during the summer of 2019. No final decision with regard to air conditioning has been made or approved by the BOE.

In other business, the board received a crop and income report on the nine acres of farm ground leased out by the district. The district's net income from the 2018 corn crop was \$1968.78 which goes into the Student Activity account.

The new ISBE definition of an instructional day, with regard to requirements for a minimum number of instruction hours or minutes for a day to be considered a day of student attendance and what that might mean for the district, was discussed noting that the changes create flexibility for

The BOE also:

- approved Kara Krupinski, Substitute Teacher.
- approved Charles Herman, Substitute Teacher.
- · discussed the November 26 snow day be made up on May 28.
- · Learned that the current ECE through 8th Grade student enrollment
- heard a letter of support for a proposed Streator Enterprise Zone.
- · approved payment of bills as pre-

The next meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, in the DGS Library. Meetings are open to



DTHS Students Light Up D.C.

BUBBA SCHULTZ, DWIGHT and a freshman at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., took this photo of the National Christmas Tree in D.C. Twenty-seven students at Dwight Township High School helped decorate the tree, sending 24 uniquely adorned ornaments to the White House. More than 1.500 students from across the U.S. participated in this year's project.

Bank of Pontiac and PNB Celebrate



The Bank of Pontiac held an open house at six of its locations -- Main, West, Odell, Dwight and the two Bluestem locations. They also had homemade goodies and punch for customers who dropped by.



The Bank of Pontiac (left photo) and Peoples National Bank of Kewanee (right) both held open houses on Friday, Dec. 14. PNB held their celebration at the Dwight Banking Center with cookies, punch,

hot cider and free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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NOTICE OF MEETING **CHANGE**

The January Dwight Township Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Dwight Township Hall, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

Dated this December 13, 2018 Janice Masching Dwight Township Clerk

ered or you can make a reservation to eat at the church following deliveries.

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Merry Christmas

We wish you and your family a happy and safe Holiday Season.

We will be open until Noon Monday, December 24.

We will not be open on Tuesday, December 25.



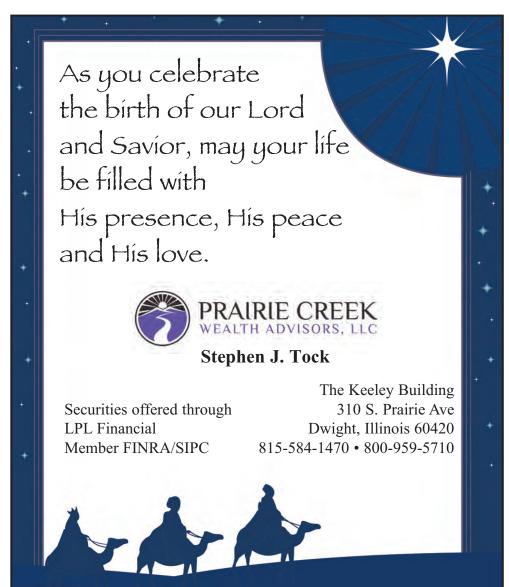


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RANSOM ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Junior Choir members are practicing and preparing for Advent services and Christmas Eve Mass. Ransom students, pictured, front, from left, are Kane Burton, Joey Studnicki; back, Nolan Coughlin, Denver Trainor, Trevor Talty, Madisyn Trainor, and Colin Byers. Not pictured: Caitlyn Talty and Brandon Talty.





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Don Maynard Wins Red Fez **Shrine Club** Raffle

The Red Fez Shrine Club had their annual raffle December 12, and Dwight resident Don Maynard won first prize.

The second and third place winners were Pontiac residents.

The Club does an annual donation to the Shriners Hospital for needy children under 18 years of age.

John and Rachael Javed Preaching Service at New Life Church Jan. 8

On Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m., John and Rachael Javed, of Consuming Fire Ministries of Pakistan, will be at New Life Church, 903 S. Old Route 66, Dwight, for an evening of Informational Preaching.

As servants of God, they travel to the poorest of areas to be lighthouses - leading lost souls to Christ.

Their love for Christ and their connection to the people of Pakistan, have motivated them to serve God.

Commissioned by God, they hold weekly healing, deliverance and prayer meetings, crusades, and conferences to bring the truth of the Gospel into the hearts of God's people.

Known for the anointing God has placed upon their life, they have reached thousands of lost souls.

Together they founded Consuming Fire Church and Peshitta Miracle Faith Children's Center, a branch of Peshitta Ministries Global Outreach, in Pakistan.

> Peace on Earth!



Janet and Fred Drake

Fred and Janet Drake to Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick vided education to numerous Drake are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21.

Frederick Dean Drake II married Janet Jo Cook on December 21, 1968, at the First Christian Church in Aurora. The couple has lived in Dwight for 49 years.

Together, they have pro-

students and their children in both the Dwight and Goodfarm areas.

Janet retired from Dwight Grade School in 2005 and Fred retired from Illinois State University in 2007.

The couple resides in both Dwight and Estero, FL.



VFW AUXILIARY POST 2608, Dwight, sponsored the Patriot's Pen again this year, with 45 students from Mrs. Schultz's eighth grade class writing essays on the theme, "Why I Honor the American Flag." Winners, pictured, from left, are Lola Furbee, first, \$25.00; Dylan Ramsey, second, \$15.00; and Ava Kargle, third, \$10.00. Furbee's essay was submitted to VFW District 7 to compete at the District level. She will be notified by the District if she wins at the District level. Thanks, and a \$50.00 donation, were given to Mrs. Schultz Dwight Grade School, for conducting the program. In previous years, she has purchased a book about the military and the wars that have occurred over the years while the students study the sub-



Peoples National Bank of Kewanee will observe the following holiday hours:

Lobby Drive Up Monday, December 24 Close at Noon Close at Noon CLOSED **CLOSED** Tuesday, December 25 Monday, December 31 Close at Noon Close at Noon Tuesday, January 1 CLOSED CLOSED

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OBITUARIES

Connie Burkhardt

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DWIGHT Connie Burkhardt, 62, of Dwight died unexpectedly Monday, December 10, 2018 at Morris Hospital.

Connie was born November 5, 1956 in Streator, daughter of Richard and Burkhardt.

She graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1974. She married Gary Baggett May 9, 1977 and had two beautiful twin daughters. Connie and Gary had since divorced, however remaining lifelong friends.

Connie worked at William W. Fox Developmental Center for 25 years, retiring in 2016. She was a passionate caretaker of the residents for many, many years.

Connie was given the gift of life, and now had to give it back. This is hard. Everyone who was lucky enough to know her knew that she led a lucky existence, and for this everyone is grateful. Her interests included family, cheering her grandsons on in sports, babysitting her youngest grandson, shopping trips, and playing slots with friends.

She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to family members, including her mother and father. Despite her hectic

schedule, family and friends Connie's passion and delight.

> Connie is survived by her mother and father of Dwight; two daughters: Amie (Michael) Graham and Angela Baggett,

both of Dwight; one brother, Tom (Sandy) Burkhardt of Dwight; and three grandsons, Blake and Logan Graham and Lennox Baggett, all of Dwight.

Also surviving are two nieces, Faith Christensen of Braidwood; and Katie (Pete) Stanton of Chicago; one nephew, Justin (Shelly) Burkhardt of Emington; three great-nieces, Payton and Sydney Christensen of Braidwood; Claire Stanton of Chicago; great-nephews, Austin, Lane and Waylon Burkhardt of Emington; and Owen Stanton of Chicago.

She had two very dear friends, Nancy and Diane, who were like sisters to her.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayer, and support in many heartfelt forms.

Visitation was held Monday, December 17, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to W.W. Fox Center or the American Heart Association.

Katherine Alice Davis

GARDNER Katherine Alice "Kate" Davis, 89, of Gardner and formerly of East Liverpool, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, December 2018 at Heritage Woods in Dwight.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be at the Church of Hope in Gardner Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 12 noon until 1 p.m.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Pastor Jan Chandler will officiate.

She was born February 27. 1929 in Duncan Wood, Ohio, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth B. Wagner Spoonemore. She married Kenneth James Davis March 26, 1948 and was a homemaker.

Kate attended the Church of Hope in Gardner and enjoyed boating, water skiing, bowling, playing cards, bingo, horseback riding, golfing, crosswords, puzzles, reading and writing poetry and chalk art por-

She loved to sing and was an avid collector of dolls, as well as being very involved with 4-H for many years.

Surviving are four daughters: Donna Kirkpatrick Reddick; Bonnie (James) Nelson of Gardner; Penny (Mike) Barron and Holly (Tim) Meadors, both Hurricane Mills, Tennessee; 21 grandchil-

dren; 39 great-grandchildren, with another one on the way; one great-greatgrandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her husband; parents;

granddaughter, Heather Mueller; one greatgrandson; special niece, Carol; brothers: Bud Spoonemore, Jim Spoonemore and Danny Spoonemore; and sisters: Clare Tullis and Mary Ellen Albin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the Church of Hope in Gardner or the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance.

To sign her guestbook online log on to: www.rwpat tersonfuneralhomes.com or on facebook.

Letters to the Editor

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate

) No.18-P-127 of

PERRY W. CERMAK, Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of PERRY W. CERMAK, whose place of residence at the time of his death was Heritage Health, 300 E. Mazon Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420, and died intestate on October 30, 2018.

Letters of Office as Independent Administrator of the Estate of PERRY W. CERMAK were issued on November 26, 2018 to, DON-ALD KIRCHNER, 8101 Bluestem Avenue, Joliet, IL 60431, and whose attorney is Donald R. 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 first date of publication of this notice is December 5,

Any claim not filed on or before the above determined dates is

Claims against the estate may be filed in 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-127 or with the Independent Administrator or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and the administrator's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

DONALD R. McCLAREY Attorney for the Independent Administrator of the Estaet of PERRY W. CERMAK, Deceased 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, IL 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525

Patricia Ann Johnson

CULLOM were Patricia Ann "Pat" Johnson, 82, of Cullom passed away 1:24 Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Luther 1 Oaks in Bloomington.



Pat was born in Onarga September 16,1936, daughter of Lowell "Wayne" and Ruth Vandaline Austin Skates. She married Donald Lee Johnson August 1, 1959. He preceded her in death on April 23, 2012.

Surviving are two sons: Karl Leon (Gina Ehler) Johnson of Columbus, Ohio; and Michael Leon (Cindi) Johnson of Normal; two granddaughters: Emily Johnson and Kayla Johnson; a grandson, Patrick Alexander Ehler; two brothers: Dennis (Kay) Skates of Watseka and Richard (Judy) Skates of Rock Falls.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Pat graduated from Onarga High School and Illinois State University. She taught school in various country schools and many years at Tri-Point Schools, many of those years as a



Pat was a proud mother and grandmother, and she was a treasured friend to many. She enjoyed quilting for church and family, loved to read, do crossword

puzzles and enjoyed traveling with family and friends.

The world was a better place for her being in it. She will be dearly missed by

Her funeral was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 18, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cullom with Pastor Mauricio Vieira officiating.

Burial followed in Mona Township Cemetery, rural Kempton.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m., Monday, at the Memorial contributions

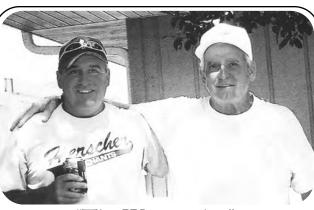
in her name may be made to Cullom Beckman Memorial Library. The guestbook may be

signed at:

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Home in Cullom was in charge of arrangements.

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



"The Wepprechts" John & Brad Dec. 25, 2018

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We're writing this from Heaven, where we dwell with God above. We are resting with the angels who surround us now with Love.

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Merry Christmas



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

STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.) No. 18-CH-65 JAMES A. SPRANDEL, LISA E. SPRANDEL, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,

NOTICE

Defendants.

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:

The West Half of Lot 6 in Block 1 in Cleary's Second Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, EXCEPT all coal and other minerals underlying the surface of the land.

PIN: 15-22-216-008

Commonly known as: 211 W. Cleary, Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are JAMES A. SPRANDEL and LISA E. SPRAN-DEL. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on June 19, 2006 and recorded on June 20, 2006 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 572432. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-65 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 nonrecord 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 January 15, 2019, 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 26th day of November, 2018.

LeAnn Dixon Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial

Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

Minutes





Trivia

For this week's column, I am coming with the interesting facts, all the facts. If I were to ask you what the number one selling single of all time is, do you think you would know the answer?

Someone asked me recently, and my guesses ranged from Michael Jackson, to The Beatles, The Eagles and all the other bands that are named after animals.

As I came to discover, the song was something that I probably would have never guessed, unless given countless numbers of hints to direct me towards the correct answer.

The number one selling single of all time is.... White Christmas by Bing Crosby. Charts weren't tracked until 1950 and the song was released in 1942, but it's estimated that it has sold more than 50 million copies worldwide. 50, million. The next closest is Elton John's "Candle in the Wind 1997"/"Something About the Way You Look Tonight" which comes in at around 33 million singles sold.

What is also somewhat interesting is that of songs that have sold more than 15 million copies, of which there are 13, 3 of them are Christmas songs. Three of the biggest songs ever belong to the season of Christmas.

While it's obvious that Christmas music seemingly takes over the world for a month or so every year it's tough to imagine songs from a holiday centric genre growing to this magnitude. The most recent Christmas song that has sold more than 15 million copies is Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You" which was released in 1994. She earns 3 million dollars annually from that song alone. It took her 30 minutes to write

What does all of this mean? I'm not sure of an answer for that, but what I do know, is that people really really truly love Christmas music. It's a tough market to break into, most Christmas music that gets released by current day artists are usually renditions of past songs, Mariah's was one of the few to break through as one that was an original and not a remake. I would bet it will be a while before we see another one as big

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Graduate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, No. 18-CH-230 JOSEPH L. KIEFER, 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 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lots 9 and 10 in Block 3 in Broadway Second Addition to Streator, except coal and minerals and the right to mine and remove the same.

SITUATED IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PIN: 34-30-307-004 and 34-30-307-005

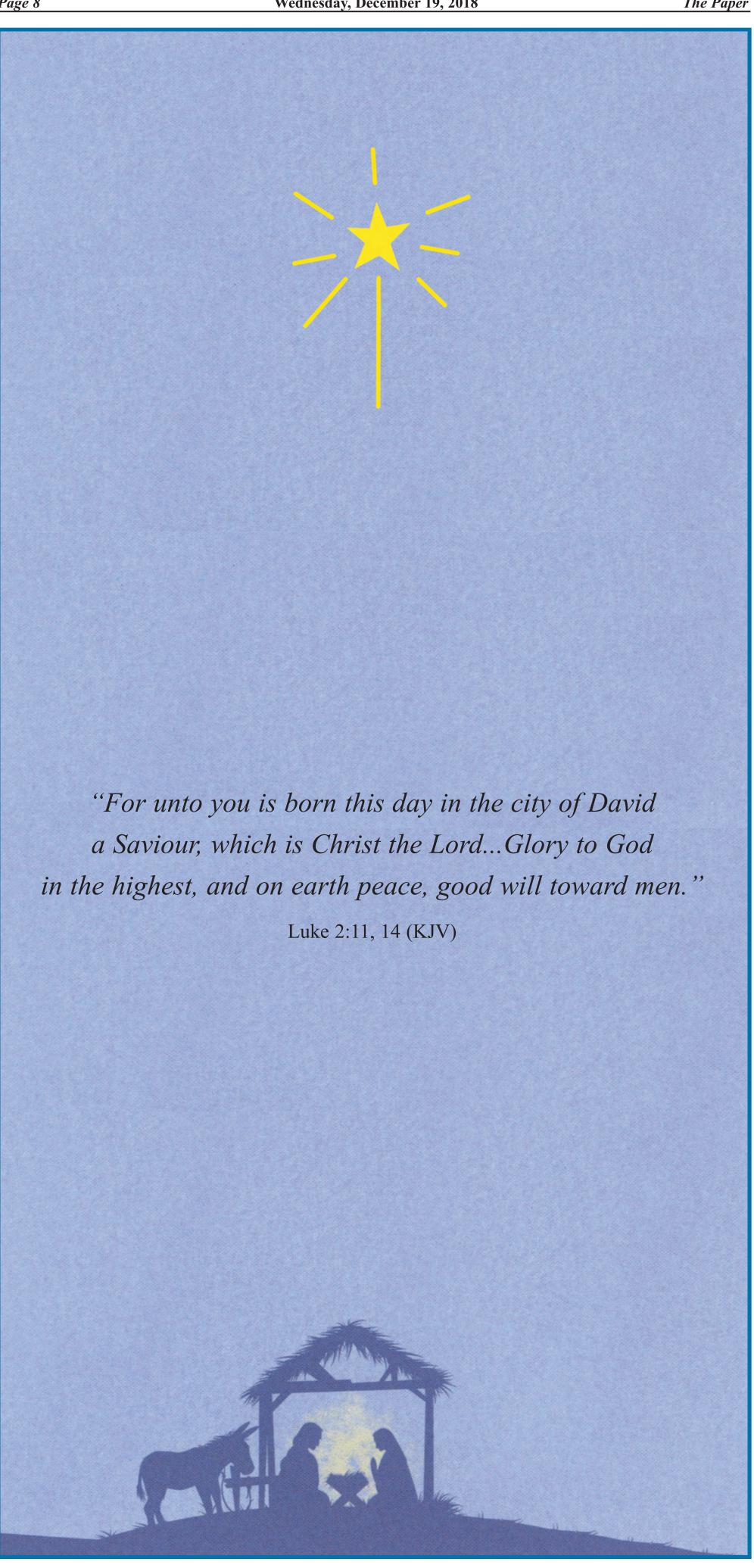
Commonly known as: 1409 E. Elm St., Streator, IL 61364

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is JOSEPH L. KIEFER. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on July 12, 2017 and recorded on July 17, 2017 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in LaSalle County, Illinois, as document No. 2017-10487, and a Mortgage executed on July 12, 2017 and recorded on July 18, 2017 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in LaSalle County, Ilinois, as document No. 2017-10520. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-230 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 nonrecord claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois, held in the Courthouse in the City of Ottawa, Illinois, on or before January 30, 2019, 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 30th day of November, 2018.

Greg Vaccaro, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois



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GSW MICHAEL ASHLEY looks for a teammate to pass to as Dwight's Cal Schultz defends in the Dwight-Gardner match-up December 14.

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Trojans Win Rivalry Match-Up With GSW

Friday, December 14 Dwight vs. GSW Varsity -

Dwight traveled to Gardner December 14 to take on its rival, Gardner-South Wilmington, earning a 45-41 victory.

The Trojans, who led almost the entire game, sealed the win with a pair of Cal Schultz free throws down the stretch and dealing the Panthers their fourth loss of the season.

"We dug ourselves in a respectively. Dakota Wahl

hole early," admitted GSW head coach Allan Wills, "but never gave up."

At one point in the fourth quarter, the Panthers took a brief lead - but Dwight would answer with a big three to regain the lead, and for good.

Trojans Logan Graham and Colton Holm each connected on four three-pointers in the contest, ending up with 14 and 12 points,

came up with six points, followed by four each from Schultz and Lane Thompson. Brandon Ceylor drilled a trey, with Dane Rodosky adding a bucket.

GSW, Nathan For Wozniak led with 16 points, nine rebounds, and four assists. Chris Bexson chipped in nine points, followed by Nate Wise (4 rebounds) and Jaylon Sims (4 rebounds) with seven and six points, respectively.

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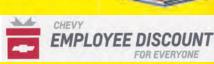
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each making a free throw.

Thursday, December 13

Dwight was dealt a 69-50

Dakota Wahl had 15

loss at the hands of Newark

points to lead the Trojans'

offense. Dane Rodosky and

Colton Holm each scored

eight points. Brandon Ceylor

and Lane Thompson each

added seven points. Cal

Schultz made a three, with

Tyler Masching adding a

Dwight vs. Newark

DTHS Trojans Basketball

Varsity -

bucket.

December 13.

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Week 14 of Paper Bowl XVIII brought us our first three-peat winner as Tim Humbert of Braceville picked 10 correct and edged out 3 other entrants with the same score. Tim's prize for week 14 is a \$50 sponsor gift certificate. Congratula-

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Dwight Senior Citizens Duplicate

Duplicate Bridge was

1. Glenda Kutos/Judy Cashmer, Janyce Gross/Nancy Evers, Mary Anne McNamara/Darlene Drechsel three-way tie

1. Delores Slattery/Evelyn

2. Norma Rodosky/Mary Goley

The next duplicate bridge

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6-8

4-10

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3-11

1-13

13-1

11-3

11-3

11-3

10-4

3-11

6-8

Varsity -

The Chargers took a tough "L" to Woodland, 72-69, on December 11.

Tuesday, December 11

11, Dwight fell 68-49.

In non-conference action

Cal Schultz led the

against Seneca December

Trojans with 12 points – all

coming from three-pointers.

Dakota Wahl added ten

points, with Colton Holm

connecting on three treys.

Lane Thompson scored

seven points, while Dane

Rodosky contributed five

points. Bryson Connor had

four points, with Randall

Phillips and Tyler Masching

Dwight vs. Seneca

Varsity -

Tri-Point was up 38-34 at the half, but Woodland would come out strong in the second half, coming from behind to get the win.

Conor Cardenas led the Chargers with 23 points. Brian Curling added 16 points, including three threepointers. Chace Cathcart and Tyler Platz each scored 11 points, with Hayden Lane and Bobby Mogged scoring four points each.

Tri-Point fell in the JV

match-up, 72-69.

GSW Panthers Basketball

Seneca Lady Irish Basketball

Tuesday, December 11 **GSW vs. Wilmington** Varsity -

The Panthers pulled off a 46-34 win over Wilmington December 11 – despite an ugly start.

"It was a sloppy first half," admitted Coach Wills, "but our defense played well in the second half – especially in the fourth quarter. Woz played well, both on the offensive side and grabbing boards." Nathan Wozniak ended

up with 26 points and 11 rebounds. Nate Wise put up seven points and two boards, while Chris Bexson scored six points and snagged five rebounds.

GSW is 6-3 overall and 1-0 in the conference.



Monday, December 10 Seneca vs. Somonauk

Varsity -

Seneca swooped up a 45-20 win over Somonauk December 10 - going up early and keeping it that way throughout the contest.

Lexi Greve led with 12 followed points. Brooklyn Giertz and Rita Jashari with nine and six points, respectively.

The Lady Irish are now 8-2 on the season.



Bridge Results

played December 6 at Prairie Creek Library. North/South:

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3. Joan Francis/Evelyn

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MEL STEWART AND KAYLA KODAT, Dwight Lady Trojans basketball players, were named to the Iroquois West Holiday Tournament All-Tournament Team.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, December 10 Dwight vs. Herscher Varsity -Raider Holiday **Tournament**

Some cold shooting led to a 51-23 loss to Herscher for the Lady Trojans on December 10 - part of the Raider Holiday Tournament at Iroquois West.

Mel Stewart led with seven points, followed by four from Galbraith. Kayla Kodat, Farris, Carlson, Airgood, Weissmann, and Holmes had two points each.

Tuesday, December 11 Dwight vs. Reed-Custer Varsity -

Dwight was on the road December 11 taking on Reed-Custer, and were defeated by a score of 68-37.

Leading the Lady Trojans was Mel Stewart with 18 points and five boards. Kodat and Butterbrodt each added five points, while Galbraith scored four. Farris chipped in three points, with Weissmann scoring two.

Wednesday, December 12 Dwight vs. Manteno Varsity -Raider Holiday **Tournament**

Dwight got back to their winning ways with a 54-29 victory over Manteno in Raider Holiday Tournament play December 12.

Chloe Butterbrodt led the Lady Trojans with 16 points, including five threes and a free throw. Mel Stewart added 15 points and 12 boards, while Kayla Kodat chipped in with ten points, six steals, and five assists. Holmes had six points, while Carlson contributed three. Galbraith and Weissmann each scored two points.

Stewart and Kodat were each named to the All-Tournament team.

Thursday, December 13 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central** Varsity -

Dwight finished a sixgames-in-six-days run with a conference "W" over Clifton Central, 53-42, on December 13.

It was a tale of two halves, as the Lady Trojans dominated in the first half – taking a 32-9 lead into halftime. Only to be outscored 33-21 in the second half – but they would hold on and prevail for their first home and conference win of the

Mel Stewart was huge in the contest, scoring 28 points and grabbing six boards. Kodat contributed 16 points, with Butterbrodt adding five. Galbraith and Holmes both had two points.

Dwight is now 5-6 overall and 1-1 in the SVC.

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Saunemin Eagles Basketball

Monday, December 10 Saunemin vs. Cornell 7th Grade -

Eagles topped Cornell 27-21 on December

Isaiah Barera led with a game-high 17 points. Timmy Logan hit for six points in the victory, while James Durham and Brandon Taylor each scored two.

8th Grade -

Saunemin won 29-24 in the nightcap over the Cougars.

Tyson Cramer scored 13 to lead all scorers. Austin Burkhardt chipped in with seven, while Preston Jama and Isaiah Barera added six and three points, respective-

Tuesday, December 11 Saunemin vs. Flanagan 7th Grade -

In seventh grade action December 11, the Eagles were dealt a 39-11 loss dropping to 7-5 on the sea-

Myles Gilliam, Timmy Logan, and Isaiah Barera each scored three points, with James Durham scoring two.

8th Grade -

DTHS LADY

TROJAN, Chloe

Butterbrodt, at

right, goes for a

bucket in one of

the girls played

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the six games

in six days.

Preston Jama hit a three with 30 seconds left – then hit a baseline jumper with

less than two seconds left to give Saunemin a 26-25 conference win over Flanagan.

frame, the Eagles pulled into the half with an 11-10 lead. visiting Falcons grabbed a 19-18 lead after three quarters, and held a decided to take matters into his own hands and score all of his five points when it mattered most.

Tyson Cramer led all three. Austin Burkhardt provided two points.

The victory Saunemin a 7-7 record.

Thursday, December 13 Saunemin vs. Woodland 5th/6th Grade -

In game one, the Eagles knocked off the Warriors fifth graders, 21-13.

Seth Maloney, Timmy Logan, and Brandon Taylor each scored six points, with Myles Gilliam tossing in three.

The Warriors ran past the Eagles in game two, 39-6.

Logan scored three, while Gilliam had two. Taylor made a free throw.

Monday, December 10 **GSW** vs. Milford

Varsity -The Lady Panthers had a After a 6-6 opening dominating third quarter Milford against December 10, holding them to just two points and taking a ten-point advantage into the fourth – however, four-point lead when Jama Milford would put up 22 in the final frame and put down GSW, 48-47.

Abby Beck scored 13 points, while Kennedy Fair added ten. Scoring seven scorers with 11 points. each were Madelyn Storm Isaiah Barera tossed in five, and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh. with Timmy Logan scoring Emma Hennessy had four points, followed by three from Paige Patterson. Kylie Hawks chipped in two points. Carson Halpin had one point.

Wednesday, December 12 **GSW** vs. Hoopeston Varsity -Raiders Holiday **Tournament**

GSW handed Hoopeston a 61-31 loss on December 12, taking second place overall in the Iroquois West Raider Holiday Hoops

Tournament.

GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh led with 14 points. Kennedy Fair added ten, while Emma Hennessy scored nine points. Paige Patterson and Madelyn Storm each scored eight points. Abby Beck put in four points, with Carson Halpin, Hannah Muzzarelli, Shelby Serena, and Kylie Hawks scoring two points each.

Thursday, December 13 GSW vs. St. Anne Varsity -

The Lady Panthers upped their record to 10-4 overall and 3-1 in the RVC following a 60-33 victory over St. Anne.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh went off for 24 points in the game. Kennedy Fair added ten, with Madelyn Storm scoring five. Paige Patterson, Emma Hennessy, and Kylie Hawks had four points each, Muzzarelli scored three. Carson Halpin, Abby Beck, and Shelby Serena each had two points.





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GSWB VARSITY CLUB HAD MATT HINES speak recently. Hines attended Coal City High School, where he helped the Coalers to a school record 28-win season before falling in the Super Sectional in basketball. However, after high school, Hines would find success on the baseball field, as he went on a baseball scholarship to Illinois State University. Hines noted the importance of academics while in high school and college, along with attending class. In 2002, Hines was drafted in the 20th round by the Chicago Cubs. While talking to the members of Varsity Club, he described the daily life and requirements of a professional baseball player. "Students really enjoyed hearing about Hines' experience and interactions with other professional athletes in the dugout, bus rides, clubhouse, etc.," commented Gardner Grade School AD Austin McDowell. "Now being an educator and coach, he told the student-athletes there is always something you can do more to improve or better yourself each day. You can challenge yourself mentally and physically."



THE TROJAN VARSITY COMPETITIVE cheerleaders were back in action on Sunday, December 16th. They placed 2nd at the West Cheer Fest Invite at Joliet West High School. Pictured below left to right are: Back row-Ella Kargle, Josie Snyder, Reece Mortensen, Meghan Scott, Lauryn Hoegger, Mary Hilt, Alexis Thetard, and Addi Bean. Front row-Katie Edwards, Jordan Schultz, Abby Rodosky, Riley Connolly, Sofie Swink, Emma Legner, and Gabby Cassani.

DTHS Trojans Wrestling

The Dwight Trojan Wrestling Team ran its overall record on the season to 8-4 after a challenging week with six duals against very tough competition. The week started slowly for the Trojans, but the team rebounded and finished the week strong against 3A competition.

Tuesday, December 11

The Trojan Wrestlers traveled to Pontiac for tough match-ups against Wilmington and Pontiac.

The Trojans dropped the first dual to Wilmington, 18-57. Dwight victories came from Cameron Klingler (Sr.), Cade Enerson (Jr.), and Logan Hatfield (Jr.).

In the second dual, the Trojans lost to a tough Pontiac squad, 18-59.

(Fr.), Dillon Sarff Camden Beier (So.), and Kyle Spalleiro (So.) put up the Dwight wins against Pontiac.

Wednesday, December 12

The Wrestling Trojans rebounded quickly from defeat in Pontiac with a victory in their home opener against a tough El Paso-Gridley squad – winning 39-

All of the matches were competitive, making for an exciting evening. But the headline match-up was between Dwight's Dillon Sarff (Fr.) – last year's IESA State Champ at 95 lbs. trying

to make a statement in High School, against an experienced Monte Gregory (Sr.), defending IHSA State Champ at 106 lbs. The two grappled for three periods to a 1-1 tie, and then in overtime - Gregory prevailed with a takedown on Sarff for a 3-1 victory.

Dwight victories on the mat came from Daniel Gutierrez (Jr.), Cade Enerson (Jr.), and Cameron Klingler (Sr.).

Saturday, December 15

Dwight's wrestlers traveled north to McHenry for a quad against 3A competition.

In the first dual, the Trojans defeated South Elgin, 28-24, with victories on the mat from Kyle Spalliero (So.), Cade Enerson (Jr.), and Cameron Klingler (Sr.).

In the second dual, Dwight fought to victory over Proviso East, 36-25.

In a very tough, wellwrestled third dual, the Trojans fell to McHenry, 21-

Despite the team loss, Dwight was able to celebrate their Senior Leader, Cameron Klingler, who scored an impressive pin for his 100th career win in High School.

The other Trojan victories came from Dillon Sarff (Fr.), Cade Enerson (Jr.), and Logan Hatfield (Jr.).

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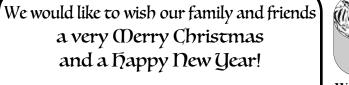
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Dr. Mike Cichon



Wednesday, December 12 GSWB vs. Saratoga 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Tigers lost to Saratoga 41-32 on December 12.

GSWB jumped out to an early 12-3 lead at the end of one, but would find themselves trailing 22-20 at the half. In the second half, Saratoga would take over.

Cale Halpin (6 steals) and Gabe McHugh each had nine points. Bennett Grant added six points and ten boards, while Cree Croy scored four points. Adam Krob put in two points, with Logan Conger making a free throw. 8th Grade -

In the eighth grade game, the Tigers would get as close as five down in the second half, but would end up falling short - 41-24.

Chris Cvitanovich led with six points, followed by five from Brody Fatlan. Ryan Cacello, Cale Halpin, Braxton Johnson, and Gabe McHugh each scored three points. Cade Croy finished with a free throw and nine boards.



Monday, December 10 Dwight vs. Bishop Mac 7th Grade -

Dwight beat Bishop Mac 30-28, following a Jack Groves steal and assist to Conner Telford – who hit the game-winning shot with just ten seconds remaining in the

Telford led the team with 13 points, six rebounds, and two steals. Groves (2 rebounds, 3 steals) and Terry Wilkey (8 rebounds, 4 steals) each scored four points, while Tristen Chambers had three points. Ryan Hilt, Reid Gall (1 rebound), and Andrew Gartke each added two points.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade Redbirds narrowly defeated Bishop Mac, 43-41.

Dwight would hold Bishop Mac scoreless in the third quarter, but would have to hold off a comeback attempt in the fourth for the

Brayden Long led with 25 points, eight rebounds, and two steals. Parker Miner (3 steals) and Jace Gall (2 steals) scored seven points each. Reid Legner added four points. Clayton Peck

grabbed eight boards.

Tuesday, December 11

Dwight vs. Elwood 6th Grade -The sixth grade Redbirds

beat Elwood 28-13 on December 11.

Tristan Larkin led all scorers with 16 points to go along with 18 rebounds and two steals. Luke Gallet had six points, three boards, and two steals, while Owen Dunlap provided two points, four steals, and two rebounds. Drew Anderson also had two points. "B" -

In "B" game action, Dwight won 18-5.

Owen Woods led with six points, four rebounds, and a steal. Braden Jensen had four points, one steal, with Caden Nelson contributing two points, six rebounds, and five steals. Anthony Crutchfield added two points, eight boards, and three steals. Wyatt Statler came up with two points, four steals, and four rebounds. Cole Boucher had two points and three boards.

Both squads are now 8-2 overall. 7th Grade -

The Redbirds got a big

win over Elwood, 40-17, on December 11 – improving to 8-4 on the season and 4-1 in the IVC.

"After a sluggish first half, the young Redbirds turned up the defensive pressure," stated Coach Conroy.

Jack Groves led with 18 points, including three trifectas. Conner Telford added 16 points, also connecting on three threes. Tyler Cox (3 rebounds, 1 steal), Evan Sandeno, and Terry Wilkey (5 rebounds) each scored two points. Reid Gall added three boards and a steal.

8th Grade -Dwight moved to 9-3 overall with an impressive 49-27 win over Elwood.

Brayden Long led with 14 points, seven steals, and five rebounds, followed by Parker Miner with ten points, five boards, and two steals. Dawson Carr contributed six points, two steals, with Clayton Peck adding five points, five boards, and a steal. Reid Legner (3 steals), Matt Greer, and Trey Downen (5 rebounds, 2 steals) each scored four points. Jace Gall had two points, two steals, and a rebound.





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Love, Eastin

Dear Santa.

How many cookies do you eat? Thank you for the big nerf gun last year. I want for you to bring me another big nerf gun and a boom-arang. I need tall socks and a dark red hair brush.

Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,

Do you have real magic? Thank you for the bike you got me last year. I want a toy nerf gun. I need a new ball. Don't crash in to any hous-

Love, Owen

Dear Santa.

Santa, how do you know my name? Thank you for the basketball hoop. I want a water proof phone for Christmas. I need a kids nerf gun. Do not skip any homes, Santa.

Love, Brody

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolph real? Thank you for the Hatchimals you gave me last year. I want a new watch this year. I need new socks. Santa, be safe! Love, Belle

Dear Santa,

How much time does it take to go around the world? Thank you for the spy goggles last year. I want a laptop. I need some markers. Santa, don't go fast after eating all those cookies.

Love, Joey

Second Grade

Dear Santa.

I want to keep Skyler at our house! She is so funny and really nice. I tried to be good this year. Please bring me sparkly silver fluffy slime and mini stuffed ani-

Love, Reagan

Dear Santa,

I tried to make good choices this year. I work really hard in school and helped out at my house and my grandpa's house. Lizard skinned Jordans are what I really want for Christmas. If you could bring a few other things too, that would be

Love, Maddox

Third Grade

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be good, so I think I deserve LOL Dolls, \$12,000, and a computer. I deserve LOL Dolls necause I cleaned the house. I would play with them right when I get them. If you don't get me LoL Dolls I will be very very sad. I deserve \$12,000

because I listen to my mom sometimes when she says "go take the dog out!" I'll spend it on a car for my mom. The car will have a tv in it, when I go in it. I want to buy a car with a tv in it because it will keep me distracted. I deserve a computer because I've been very good. I also need to look up all kinds of things, like the words that Mrs. Starner gives me. I really hope that you get me these things. If

you do I will be so happy. Sincerely, Malea

Dear Santa,

I have worked so hard this year to be good, so I think I deserve an xbox game, nintendo switch, and money. I want an xbox game. I don't have that much. Some aren't that fun. I want a nintendo switch. They look cool. I see people with them. I also want money. so I can buy stuff. I could buy myself chocolate. But I don't know how much I will get. I want all that stuff because I don't have it. I help my mom and dad so I think I deserve my presents. Your friend, Evan

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be good, so I think I deserve a Jurassic Park Arcade Machine, a Spitter Alien, and a T-rex statue. The Jurassic Park Arcade Machine is my favorite arcade game. It has a T-Rex Boss Battle. I saw a T-Rex beat a Spinosaurus. I want a Spitter Alien as my second wish. It spits "acid" at people. I will pretend it spits acid, but it doesn't spit anything. The last thing I want for Christmas is a T-Rex statue because it has its mouth open. It looks like it's roaring at a Triceratops. I would put my T-Rex statue on my shelf so my sister won't break it. I hope you bring me the stuff or I'll be sad and upset.

Love, Parker

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be nice, so I think I deserve a new real car, a trip to Hawaii, and a new room design. If I got a new, real, car for Christmas I would go to the airport and fly away to the Phillippines. In the Phillippines I will play with my friends and improve the house a little bit. After I leave in the airplane I will do nothing. If Santa took me to Hawaii I'd love it there I'd go to a beach house and live there. When I get settled in I will build a sand castle. I will start a collection seashells it will be beautiful. I really want a new room design because my room is very ugly. My walls are pictures of acorns. My mom puts everything in my room and I already have one freezer in my room by my mom wants to put five more freezers in my room. I feel proud that I can get these things for Christmas so is my family.

From, Hannah

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my laundry and the dishes. Can I please have it? I'll use it to print stuff on the 3D printer. Please get me what I deserve!

Signed: Justin M.

Dear Santa, I have worked hard all year to be nice, so I think I deserve stuff for my locker, and a ticket for six flags. I wish I could have stuff for my locker because... I want my locker to be like Maleas. Her locker is cool! I wish I could be like her. I'm not trying to be mean... but I want my locker better than her'. I wish my papa can be here for Christmas because I

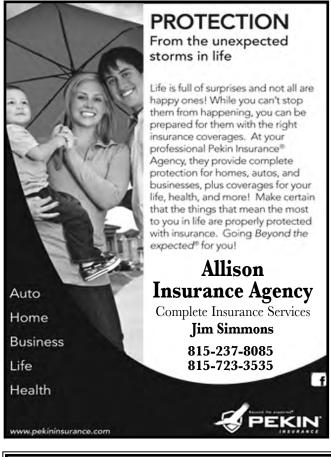
miss my papa so much. I hope you have that power. But please I want my papa back!!! My 3rd wish is a ticket to 6 flags. I like 6 flags is the best spot. I have never been to 6 flags. We were going to go but it rain. So we to not go. I feel amazing that I'm witten to Santa. I love SANTA!!!

From, Maddy

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be nice, so I think I deserve a phone, a \$100 bill, and a phone case. I want a phone. I take baths and clean my room. I am nice too. I would love a phone because I can call my friends and play games on it. I won't need my mom's phone anymore. I would also like a \$100 bill. I listen to my mom when I have to take my dog, Star, out. I save my money by letting my dad hold on to it. I need a phone case to protect it and other things. I always ask politely and don't scream when I'm told no. Plus, I don't break stuff when I'm mad. I love Christmas because of the presents and it makes every-

From, Kylie





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7:30 a.m. • DEC. 22: Men's Bible Study at Route 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.; AA meeting, 9 a.m. • DEC. 23: Early Worship, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Praise Team

a.m.; Heritage Health, 2:00 p.m. • DEC. 24: Christmas Service, 5:00 p.m.; Christmas Service, 7:00 p.m.

rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.;

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584-1260 church Rev. Grant Speece • DEC. 19: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m. • DEC. 21: Blue Christmas Church Service at Emington, 5 p.m.

10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "The Promise of Bethlehem" Holy Scripture Readings

• DEC. 23: Worship,

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Christmas Eve Service at Trinity Lutheran Scheduled for 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church Goodfarm will have a 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Communion, Carols, Candle Lighting and Music.

Rev. William Mitschke, Pastor, will give the sermon, "The Light of Christmas."

Wilton Jackman will serve as lector and narrator. Joan

Mitschke will be the soloist.

Barb Morphey and Brenda Sigler, duet, will sing "Hallelujah Christmas."

For the conclusion of the service, the sanctuary will be darkened for the lighting of candles and singing of familiar





Wreath donated by Panoptic

Wreath Auction Benefits Feed the Kids

Heritage Woods of Dwight held its annual Festival of Wreaths this month, raising \$470 for Dwight's Feed the Kids program.

Seventeen local businesses and individuals created beautiful and unique wreaths that were auctioned off over Facebook. The silent auction began December 6 and ended December 14.

Donating wreaths were:

DeLong Ford, AHW LLC, Dr. Maulin Shah, At Home Ouality Care, Good Samaritan Home, ATI of Dwight, Vita Hilmer, Newsome, Dwight Economic Alliance, Panoptic, Grace Spires, marketing director for Heritage Woods, Dwight Banking Center, Accolade Healthcare, Vitas Hospice, David's Food & Spirits, Mark and Joy Dinelli, and one anonymous donor.



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CHRISTMAS services

Area Church Services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell Monday, December 24, 4 p.m. Mass

Dwight United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Services, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

New Life Assembly of God, Dwight Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Campus Midnight Mass Tuesday, December 25

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight Christmas Eve Mass, 6 p.m. Christmas Day Mass, 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight

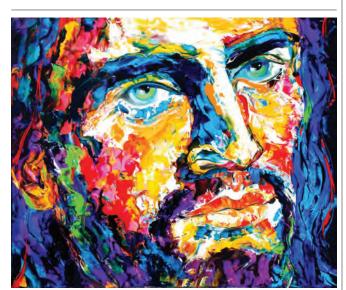
Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion, 7 p.m. Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion, 9 a.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Dwight Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion, 4 p.m.

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion, 7 p.m.

> St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight Christmas Eve Family Worship, 5:30 p.m. Free Christmas Day dinners delivered.

Trinity Lutheran Church Goodfarm Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.



Dwight artist Cat Clausen's "Abide with Jesus" formed a friendship based on art.

Year in Review

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie, rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

Christmas is right around the corner, and soon we'll be

singing "auld lang syne" and toasting to 2019. As 2018 draws to a close, The Paper will revisit the newsmakers and stories that made headlines.

We'll look back on the people who made a difference, like Lindsey Jensen, a Dwight Township High School teacher who was named 2018 Teacher of the Year, and the school's art students who created decorative eggs for the White House Easter Egg Roll and ornaments for the National

Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. Renown Dwight artist Cat Clausen unexpectedly found herself bringing art, and spirituality, to hundreds of men and women through a unique program in Chicago. Brian Galbreath chose Dwight for his new business, Unpossible Mead, one of only a handful of meaderies (honey wine) in

Illinois. There were also plenty of events that defined 2018 in the Dwight area. We celebrated the anniversaries of R.R. Donnelley plant in Dwight (50 years), Dwight Heritage Health (50 years) and 150 years of faith at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight.

Business expanded locally. For one, OSF HealthCare built a new \$2.8 million, 7,800-square-foot medical facility.

But there was also tragedy. Who could forget the Dwight fire that claimed the life of two men and displaced a family of three. But there were also tears of triumph when the Dwight Township High School Football team secured its first playoff berth since 2006.

We'll remember it all, and more, beginning with a special series on Dec. 26.

Dreaming of Toys This Christmas



Brynna and Cole visit with Santa at Cullom's Christmas on Main Street, which also featured horse and carriage rides, kids' crafts and vendors. More photos on Page 14.

Santa's Elves Busy Making Orbees Squishies

What could be more magical for a child than dreams of the housetop and with a click, click, click, down through the chimney comes good Saint Nick with his bag full of pres-

The North Pole may be thousands of miles away, but thousands of girls and boys have put together their Christmas lists and mailed them off to postal code H0H 0H0. Ransom Grade School students wrote their holiday wishes down. Here are a few favorites. Find the rest on Page 13.

I hope you are having a good day. I was a really good boy this year. Please bring me a remote control car. I would drive it all around if you brought me one.

Love, Zachary, second grade

Dear Santa,

Fred is the best elf. Thank you for sending him to us. I was mostly bad this year, but a little good. Please bring a new pair of work boots that match my dad's shoes.

Love, Logan, second grade

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be nice, so I think I deserve a phone, a \$100 bill, and a phone case. I want a phone. I take

baths and clean my room. I am nice too. I would love a phone because I can call my friends and play games on it. I won't need my mom's phone anymore. I would also like a \$100 bill. I listen to my mom when I have to take my dog, Star, out. I save my money by letting my dad hold on to it. I need a phone case to protect it and other things. I always ask politely and don't scream when I'm told no. Plus, I don't break stuff when I'm mad. I love Christmas because of the presents and it makes everybody happy.

From, Kylie, third grade

Dear Santa,

Santa, how do you eat all the cookies? Thank you for the beany baby you gave me last year. I want a new beany baby. I need some magic. Santa, take a blanket with you on the sleigh if it's cold.

Love, Carly, first grade

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be awesome, so I think I deserve a chromebook, GIANT orbeez squishy, and a DIY unicorn slime kit. I pick my brother's toys up even when he can do it. I will do school games like Edutyping, Reading eggs, and type myself notes. I want a GIANT orbeez squishy. I do the dishes. I want it so so soooooooooo bad and I won't get stressed out. I want a DIY unicorn slime kit. I put my clothes away. If I am somewhere far away from my house I can play with it because I will take my purse.

Sincerely, Kinslee, third grade

7 State Scholars at Gardner-South Wilmington



GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL is pleased to announce that seven of its students from the graduating class of 2019 have been recognized as Illinois State **Scholars. Congratulations** go to these students, front row, from left: Madison Asbridge, Emily Monbarren and Ava Siano; and back row, from left, Kimberly McDaniel, Madyson Schuck, Michael Wilson and Christian Williams. Principal John Engelman said, "I am so proud of these students. This is one of the highest honors a student can receive." Illinois State **Scholars represent** approximately the top 10 percent of high school seniors from 765 high schools across the state based on exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank.



FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

December 8: Martin A. Meredith, 46, Streator, speeding 26-34 MPH over limit.

December 9: Sydny M. Quint, 21, Bourbonnais, driving 15-20 MPH above

December 11: Deborah M. Hitt, 35, Marseilles, driving during suspension.

December 12: Robin L. Willis, 36, Flanagan, driving on revoked license, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

No Written Warnings

Dwight Police Blotter

December 8: 4:58 p.m., Dwight Police were called to 15 E. Northbrook. The owner advised a customer would not vacate the room at checkout time. The offender, Francesca Bouquet, 35, of Chicago, had been removed from the Amtrak the previous day for disruption.

December 9: Dwight Police were called to the 100 block of E. Main St. for a subject removal from a store. Francesca Bouquet was arrested for Resisting a Officer and Obstruction of Identification. She was taken to Livingston Co. Jail.; 1:30 a.m., Dwight Police assisted Bloomington Police Department in the apprehension of two juvenile suspects, wanted in connection with a burglary Bloomington/Normal. Grundy Co., Illinois State Fairbury

Livingston Co. Sheriff Dept. also assisted.; 3:41 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Waupansie to check the well-being of a dog who had been left outside.

December 11: 4:42 p.m., Carl Hathorn, 37, of Dwight, was arrested on an In-State Warrant. The required bond was posted and he was given a new court date.

Accident Report

Wednesday, December 12, 11:15 a.m., an accident was reported on Rt. 17 at Franklin involving Vernon Krueger, Reddick, the driver of a 2016 Chevy Utility, who rear-ended a 2016 Nissan TTN, driven by Daniel Woodward, Dwight, while the two vehicles were stopped at the railroad crossing at Mazon and Franklin.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 6: 10:52 p.m., Spencer, medical, St. James. December 7: 2:01 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

December 8: 2:51 p.m., South, medical, Morris.

December 10: 10:23 a.m., Rt. 17, trauma, Morris; 1:51 p.m., Prairie, medical, Morris; 3:36 p.m., Waupansie, medical, Morris.

December 11: 4:17 a.m., Union St., trauma, refusal; 6:30 p.m., I-55, trauma, refusal; 6:34 p.m., W. Main St., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Duffy's.

December 12: p.m., W. Delaware, medical, Morris; 2:13 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

December 13: 7:09 a.m., E. James, medical, refusal; 9:46 a.m., Rt. 66 at Rt. 47, fire assist.

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Consider Some New Year's Financial Resolutions

As the year winds down, you may want to look ahead to see which areas of your life you can improve in 2019. Perhaps you'll decide to exercise more, eat healthier foods, reconnect with old friends or volunteer at a school or charitable organization. All these goals are certainly worthwhile - but you also may want to add some New Year's financial resolutions to your list.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

Boost contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. Good news! Contribution limits will be increasing for many employer-sponsored retirement plans.

For 2019, you can contribute up to \$19,000 (up from \$18,500 in 2018), or \$25,000 (up from \$24,500 in 2018) if you're 50 or older to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while any earnings growth is tax-deferred. (Keep in mind that taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2019, you can put in up to \$6,000 in a traditional or Roth IRA (up from \$5,500 in 2018), or \$7,000 (up from \$6,500) if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and any earnings growth is tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings growth can be withdrawn taxfree, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59 ½ and you've had your account at least five years. You can put most types of investments - stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on – into an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping in to your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair.

Control your debts. Do what you can to keep your debts under control. Ultimately, the less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

Don't overreact to financial market volatility. In 2018 – especially the last few months of the year - we saw considerable market volatility, with huge drops and big gains in rapid succession. What will 2019 bring? It's always difficult – and usually futile – trying to forecast the market's performance over the course of an entire year. But, in any case, try not to overreact to whatever ups and downs we may experience. Instead, continue pursuing an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Following these suggestions can help you become a better

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Dwight Food Pantry for 2019

January 23, 2019 February 27, 2019 March 27, 2019 April 24, 2019 May 22, 2019 June 26, 2019 July 24, 2019 August 28, 2019 September 25, 2019 October 23, 2019

November 20, 2019 (The week before Thanksgiving) December - No Food Pantry (Love Boxes are dis-

tributed)

December.

The Dwight Food Pantry is held at the Old Town Hall, the Gothic Church, at 201 N. Franklin St. from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday. Love Boxes distributes food in



BROWNIE TROOP #1906 VISITED DWIGHT EMS. Pictured is Dwight Paramedic Jenny Kasper with the Brownies. Kasper gave them a tour of the Dwight EMS quarters and ambulances. Everyone was able to climb inside and see where the paramedics care for patients. The Brownies were able to see all the equipment that the paramedics use when patients need lifesaving help.

Dwight Man Arrested on Cocaine Charges

Unit and the Livingston County Pro-Active Unit conducted a narcotics investigation that resulted in the arrest of Angelo E. Cassani, 41, of Dwight, on December

The investigation resulted in three counts of Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (cocaine).

Cassani faces two class two felonies and one class one felony. He was arrested

The Dwight Narcotics at his residence in Dwight by Dwight the Police Department, and transported to the Livingston Co. Jail. Cassani is currently being held at the Livingston Co. Jail, in lieu of \$50,000 bond -10% to apply.

Agencies who assisted with the investigation were the DPD, Livingston Co. Sheriff's Department, and the Livingston Co. States Attorney's Office.

4 Arrested in Odell **After Heroin Bust**

Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress advised that on December 11, an ongoing narcotics investigation led the Livingston Co. Proactive Unit to arrest four people in Odell following a traffic stop.

Sheriff Childress advised that Terry Lee Blair, Gilman; Michelle Harris, Chatsworth; Tina Harris, Chatsworth; and Troy D. Harris, Gilman, were arrested for possession of controlled substances (heroin) with intent to deliver. Troy Harris was also charged with obstructing justice. Childress advised there were also outstanding warrants located during the stop.

During the investigation, approximately ten grams of raw heroin and drug paraphernalia were seized as evidence. All four were arrested and taken to the Livingston Co. Jail for additional processing.

Childress advised that agencies involved in the investigation were the Livingston Co. Proactive Unit, the Dwight Drug Unit, the Chicago DEA Heroin Task Force, Livingston Co. State's Attorney's Office, and Sheriff's Police and Pontiac Patrol Units.

November Video Gaming

by TomTock

Dwight, during November, \$666,989 was gambled in the village's 48 video gaming terminals.

The village share was \$7,925, while the state collected \$39,626 from the Net

Terminal Income in Dwight. Statewide in November, the number of video gaming terminals increased 339 to a total of 30,735 in 6,795 establishments, 168 more locations than were operating in October.

NOV. F	unds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Anne's	\$55,564	40,938	14,625	3,656	731
Cherry Red	's 20,972	18,332	2,639	660	132
JT's Saloon	56,396	42,668	13,727	3,432	686
Lila Mae's	99,907	76,539	23,367	5,841	1,168
Love's	146,359	105,720	40,638	10,159	2,031
Mac's	69,166	55,767	13,398	3,349	669
Pete's	60,507	47,117	13,389	3,347	669
VFW	50,715	36,951	13,763	3,440	688
Vic. Lanes	12,833	10,395	2,437	609	121
Virbapa	20,317	13,430	6,886	1,721	344
Willy's	<u>74,253</u>	<u>60,624</u>	<u>13,628</u>	3,407	<u>681</u>
TOTALS:	\$666,989	508,484	158,504	39,626	7,925

Gardner's November VGTs

NOV.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	<u>Gardner</u>
Marks (4)	34,491	22,619	11,871	2,967	593
TA Op. (5)	60,063	<u>37,804</u>	22,258	<u>5,564</u>	<u>1,112</u>
TOTALS	\$94,554	60,423	34,130	8.532	1.706

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

Judge Sentences Dwight Man to 20 Years

Livingston County judge sentenced Brian K. Kobiela, 34, of Dwight, to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Kobiela was sentenced after being found guilty at his jury trial of four counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (heroin/fentanyl).

The Dwight Narcotics Unit, along with the Livingston Co. Pro-Active Unit, conducted a narcotics investigation on Kobiela that led to a search warrant of Kobiela's residence in rural Dwight. During the search warrant, multiple baggies with suspected heroin residue, drug paraphernalia, scales, and other drugs were located in the residence. Also found in the residence was "Dormin," an agent

On December 4, a used to cut the heroin to increase the sale of the narcotic.

> It was later found that after Kobiela's arrest in Livingston Co., he was arrested two more times for similar offenses in Cook and Will Counties. Kobiela is still awaiting trial on his Cook County charges, and has since pled guilty on his Will Co. charge, and is currently serving six years on that charge in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Agencies who assisted with the investigation were the Dwight Police Department, Livingston Co. Sheriff's Department, Pontiac Police Department, Braidwood Police Department, Fairbury Police Department, and the Livingston Co. States Attorney's Office.

DPD Assists in Capturing **Cell Phone Burglars**

On December 10, at approximately 1:30 a.m., the Dwight Police Department assisted the Bloomington Police Department with the arrest of two juveniles who were wanted in connection with cell phone store burglaries in Urbana, Bloomington, and Normal.

Dwight Police spotted the stolen vehicle east on Mazon Ave. at Union St. The juveniles tried to escape the police and later drove their stolen vehicle into the creek just off Bannon Dr. The juveniles gathered some of their stolen possessions and took off on foot.

Dwight Police were able to get information through Law Enforcement resources, which indicated the two juveniles were somewhere in the neighborhood of Renfrew Park and N. Franklin St. K-9 Officer Watson McKee and his K-9 partner, Spike, were able to track these juveniles to the alley between North and Waupansie St., where the juveniles were found hiding in an unlocked vehicle. Both juveniles were transferred to the custody of the Bloomington Police Dept.

During this arrest, Chief Henson was injured in a fall, but expects to have a full recovery.

Departments assisting the DPD included Bloomington Police, Illinois State Police, Livingston County Sheriff's Police, Grundy County Sheriff's Police, Normal Police, Fairbury Police, and Pontiac Police.

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THE WILKEY HOME AT 301 N. FRANKLIN ST. tied for first in the Dwight Economic Alliance's Light Up Dwight decorating contest.

Light Up Dwight Winners Announced

Come 5 o'clock, when the sun goes down and the moon starts to rise, Dwight, like so many other communities, comes alive in the spirit of Christmas. Houses are dressed with white lights twinkle-wrapped around front porches; red, blue and green lights dance from the eaves, and blow-up Santas and Christmas trees tickle both young and old.

The Dwight Economic Alliance wanted to showcase Dwight's magic with their first ever Light Up Dwight decorating contest. The idea is to get homeowners to decorate their homes in hopes that out-of-towners will come drive through town and visit local businesses, said Jane Anderson, coordinator of the Alliance.

Thirteen homes were nominated by friends and neighbors this year, and only one point separated the top two favorites. Tied for first place were the Benzik home at 203 S. Chicago St. and the Wilkey home at 301 N. Franklin St.

The alliance also named a Griswold Christmas winner, a home that had a different type of whimsey Clark himself would rave about. That prize went to the Johnson family at 305 E. William St.

The best decorated business goes to the West Main Street Corner consisting of Jeremy's Barbershop, Edward Jones, Blackbird Yoga and A Touch of Destiny.

Honorable mention went to the Bradley house at 816 Sunset Dr.

All the winners receive \$50 in Dwight Economic Alliance bucks, Anderson said. "It seemed like a success," she said, and the tradition is likely to go on.

Said Anderson, "Please take time to drive around Dwight and look at the hard work that was put into Lighting Up Dwight!"

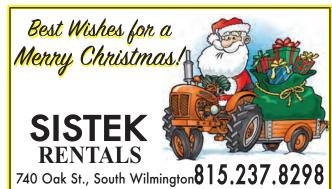


THE BENZIK HOME at 203 S. Chicago St. tied for first place.



Early Deadline for Dec. 26 edition of The Paper Thursday at 5:30 is deadline for All News and Advertising











Temps - 2018

Dec. 6 - high 30°, low 14° Dec. 7 - high 26°, low 13° Dec. 8 - high 25°, low 11° Dec. 9 - high 32°, low 10° Dec. 10 - high 32°, low 10° Dec. 11 – high 41°, low 24° Dec. 12 – high 41°, low 23° One Year Ago - Dec. 19, 2017 high 47°, low 36°

Dwight Permits Issued

10/09/18 - Morris Hospital, Prairie Ave. 101 S Commercial Remodel, Plumbing & Electrical; Phillip & Dawn Clark, 206 W Chippewa Street, Demo & New Garage, Electrical; Randall Farris, 209 Scott Drive, Fence.

10/11/18 – Harlan Olson, 302 Taylor Street, Detached Garage & Electrical.

10/24/18 - Bob Crane, 220 Chippewa Street, Electrical.

11/06/18 Osborne/Kelly Krug, 200 W North Street, Shed; Kimberly Larson/Finale Studio; 108 S Franklin Street, Sign.

11/07/18 – Lori Schade, 100-A Karen Drive. Sunroom



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Village of Dwight Tax Levy Approved

2019 Meeting Dates Set /December 10 Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees approved the 2018 Tax Levy when it met on December 10.

The Board approved \$820,400 as the revenue amount to be collected from taxable property within corporate limits of the village subject to taxation for Year 2018. The 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance reflects total receipts and cash, other than the tax levy, at \$10,998,997; expenses \$11,819,397; with the difference (Levy) being \$820,400.

Levy was

The 2017

\$747,290. The estimated Livingston Co. and Grundy County total EAV is projected to be \$68,366,616, reflecting an increase of 9.7933 percent over last year with Livingston County projecting the bulk of the EAV increase. The 2017 actual rate setting EAV was \$61,662,245. While holding the tax rate of 1.2 percent, due to the increased EAV a home valued at \$150,000 can expect to see an approximate \$60 increase in property taxes.

In other business, the Dwight Village Board's 2019 meeting schedule was approved. Dwight's Village Board of Trustees will meet on second and fourth Mondays of each month in 2019 with a few noted exceptions. Due to holidays, the months of May and December in 2019 will have only one meeting scheduled as May 13 and December 9. Also, due to the second Monday in October 2019 being Columbus Day, that meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 15, 2019; due to the second Monday in November 2019 being Veterans Day, that meeting will be moved to Tuesday,

November 12, 2019. Plan The 2019 Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule was also approved as the third Tuesday of each month with the October meeting moved Wednesday, October 16, due to Columbus Day. Plan Commission meetings begin at 6 p.m. while Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are set for 6:30 p.m.

In reports to the board, Mayor Jared Anderson thanked the Dwight Economic Alliance for the recent Christmas Parade and Breakfast with Santa events. Chief of Police Tim Henson reported on a chase of a stolen vehicle that ended in Dwight with two juvenile suspects apprehended on foot near Franklin and North Streets. Village Administrator Kevin McNamara reported that Colt Aldrich has been hired as a new Basic EMT.

The board also approved: · Payment of bills totaling \$107,948.50.

· Payment of year end bills.

approved General Obligation Waterworks Bond Tax Abatement Series 2016A Ordinance

· approved a General Obligation Tax Increment Bond Abatement Series 2016B Ordinance

• approved a General Obligation Sales Tax Bond Abatement Series 2016C Ordinance

Present at the December 10 session were Mayor Jared Anderson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade and Jennifer Johnson. Absent were Trustees Jim Mixen and Justin Eggenberger.

Due to the holidays, this was the final regular board session for 2018. The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board will be Monday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Services



Christmas Gala Provides Holiday Cheer

A CHRISTMAS GALA took place on December 11 at the Dwight United Methodist Church where dinner was served to guests at tables elaborately decorated for the season. Pictured are Tammy Pulver, above, and Lisa Hillman, below, with their beautiful

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Honor Roll

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Early Deadline for The Paper

All News and Advertising needs to be in by Thursday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 P.M. for the Wednesday, Dec. 26 edition.

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DWIGHT TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING DATES - 2019

January 8, 2019 February 5, 2019 March 5, 2019 April 2, 2019 April 9, 2019 – Annual Town Meeting

May 7, 2019 June 4, 2019 July 2, 2019 August 6, 2019 September 3, 2019 October 1, 2019 November 5, 2019 December 3, 2019

All regularly-scheduled meetings are held in the Dwight Township Hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.





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Dwight Grade School District Approves Tax Levy

Air Conditioning Project Moves Closer to Reality

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education approved its 2018 Tax Levy when it met on December 12.

As reported last month, Assessors for Livingston and Grundy County are estimating the 2018 EAV for the Dwight Grade School District at \$118,530,439, which is an approximate \$8 million (7.75 percent) increase over last year. This increase is largely due to increased assessed valuations in Livingston County with its projected EAV up 9.47 percent while Grundy projects a 1.11 percent County increase.

Taking into account the increased 2018 EAV, the board approved the 2018 tax rate to be set at 3.2743 and with an extension of \$3,881,001. While this reflects an 11 cent tax abatement of the overall 2017 actual rate of 3.3890, the extension is projected to increase by approximately \$146,140 or 3.91 percent due to the increased EAV. According to Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek, this action would keep all funds at healthy balances.

While the board could not exceed a tax rate of five percent without a truth in taxation hearing, board member Cathy Ferguson presented a cautious approach urging fellow board members

to consider raising the tax rate to 4.99 percent citing unknown impacts of recent changes in Illinois government and calling attention to recent past financial struggles of the district.

After discussion, the board elected to move forward with the lowered tax rate of 3.2743 with Marc Ellis, Bo Partney, Nick Stipanovich, Michael Cornale, Eugene Mortensen voting in favor and Ferguson opposing the

In another matter, the board, by consensus, gave Dr. Jancek direction to move forward with the next step of a proposed air conditioning project which features a rooftop cooling solution allowing the cooling of four classroom sections at a time. The preliminary estimated cost for this type of cooling solution for the building is \$700,000. Other options that have been discussed include individual classroom window air units at an estimated cost of \$350,000, while a whole building system is estimated at \$2 million. In this next phase, Dr. Jancek will begin to work with an engineering firm to put together specifications for the rooftop solution so a bid package can be put together for review and discussion in January. If the board elects to move forward with the project, it is hoped to be completed during the summer of 2019. No final decision with regard to air conditioning has been made or approved by the BOE.

In other business, the board received a crop and income report on the nine acres of farm ground leased out by the district. The district's net income from the 2018 corn crop was \$1968.78 which goes into the Student Activity account.

The new ISBE definition of an instructional day, with regard to requirements for a minimum number of instruction hours or minutes for a day to be considered a day of student attendance and what that might mean for the district, was discussed noting that the changes create flexibility for

The BOE also:

- approved Kara Krupinski, Substitute Teacher.
- approved Charles Herman, Substitute Teacher.
- · discussed the November 26 snow day be made up on May 28.
- · Learned that the current ECE through 8th Grade student enrollment
- heard a letter of support for a proposed Streator Enterprise Zone.
- · approved payment of bills as pre-

The next meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, in the DGS Library. Meetings are open to



DTHS Students Light Up D.C.

BUBBA SCHULTZ, DWIGHT and a freshman at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., took this photo of the National Christmas Tree in D.C. Twenty-seven students at Dwight Township High School helped decorate the tree, sending 24 uniquely adorned ornaments to the White House. More than 1.500 students from across the U.S. participated in this year's project.

Bank of Pontiac and PNB Celebrate



The Bank of Pontiac held an open house at six of its locations -- Main, West, Odell, Dwight and the two Bluestem locations. They also had homemade goodies and punch for customers who dropped by.



The Bank of Pontiac (left photo) and Peoples National Bank of Kewanee (right) both held open houses on Friday, Dec. 14. PNB held their celebration at the Dwight Banking Center with cookies, punch,

hot cider and free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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NOTICE OF MEETING **CHANGE**

The January Dwight Township Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Dwight Township Hall, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

Dated this December 13, 2018 Janice Masching Dwight Township Clerk

ered or you can make a reservation to eat at the church following deliveries.

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We will be open until Noon Monday, December 24.

We will not be open on Tuesday, December 25.



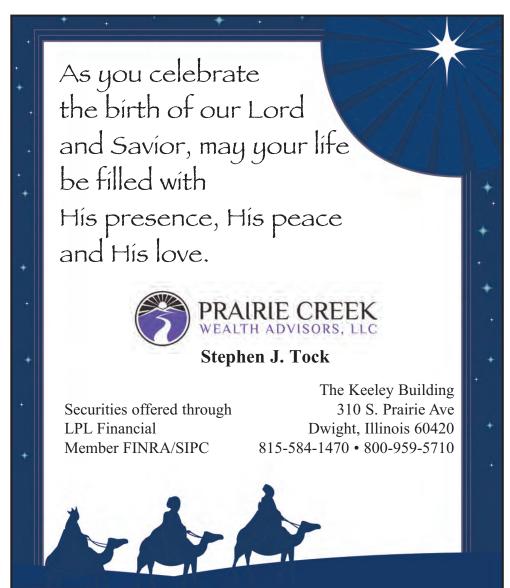


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RANSOM ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Junior Choir members are practicing and preparing for Advent services and Christmas Eve Mass. Ransom students, pictured, front, from left, are Kane Burton, Joey Studnicki; back, Nolan Coughlin, Denver Trainor, Trevor Talty, Madisyn Trainor, and Colin Byers. Not pictured: Caitlyn Talty and Brandon Talty.





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Don Maynard Wins Red Fez **Shrine Club** Raffle

The Red Fez Shrine Club had their annual raffle December 12, and Dwight resident Don Maynard won first prize.

The second and third place winners were Pontiac residents.

The Club does an annual donation to the Shriners Hospital for needy children under 18 years of age.

John and Rachael Javed Preaching Service at New Life Church Jan. 8

On Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m., John and Rachael Javed, of Consuming Fire Ministries of Pakistan, will be at New Life Church, 903 S. Old Route 66, Dwight, for an evening of Informational Preaching.

As servants of God, they travel to the poorest of areas to be lighthouses - leading lost souls to Christ.

Their love for Christ and their connection to the people of Pakistan, have motivated them to serve God.

Commissioned by God, they hold weekly healing, deliverance and prayer meetings, crusades, and conferences to bring the truth of the Gospel into the hearts of God's people.

Known for the anointing God has placed upon their life, they have reached thousands of lost souls.

Together they founded Consuming Fire Church and Peshitta Miracle Faith Children's Center, a branch of Peshitta Ministries Global Outreach, in Pakistan.

Peace on Earth!



Janet and Fred Drake

Fred and Janet Drake to Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

Drake are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21.

Frederick Dean Drake II married Janet Jo Cook on December 21, 1968, at the First Christian Church in Aurora. The couple has lived in Dwight for 49 years.

Together, they have pro-

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick vided education to numerous students and their children in both the Dwight and Goodfarm areas.

> Janet retired from Dwight Grade School in 2005 and Fred retired from Illinois State University in 2007.

The couple resides in both Dwight and Estero, FL.



VFW AUXILIARY POST 2608, Dwight, sponsored the Patriot's Pen again this year, with 45 students from Mrs. Schultz's eighth grade class writing essays on the theme, "Why I Honor the American Flag." Winners, pictured, from left, are Lola Furbee, first, \$25.00; Dylan Ramsey, second, \$15.00; and Ava Kargle, third, \$10.00. Furbee's essay was submitted to VFW District 7 to compete at the District level. She will be notified by the District if she wins at the District level. Thanks, and a \$50.00 donation, were given to Mrs. Schultz Dwight Grade School, for conducting the program. In previous years, she has purchased a book about the military and the wars that have occurred over the years while the students study the sub-



Peoples National Bank of Kewanee will observe the following holiday hours:

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PNB will reopen with normal business hours on Wednesday, December 26th and Wednesday, January 2nd.

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OBITUARIES

Connie Burkhardt

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DWIGHT Connie Burkhardt, 62, of Dwight died unexpectedly Monday, December 10, 2018 at Morris Hospital.

Connie was born November 5, 1956 in Streator, daughter of Richard and Burkhardt.

She graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1974. She married Gary Baggett May 9, 1977 and had two beautiful twin daughters. Connie and Gary had since divorced, however remaining lifelong friends.

Connie worked at William W. Fox Developmental Center for 25 years, retiring in 2016. She was a passionate caretaker of the residents for many, many years.

Connie was given the gift of life, and now had to give it back. This is hard. Everyone who was lucky enough to know her knew that she led a lucky existence, and for this everyone is grateful. Her interests included family, cheering her grandsons on in sports, babysitting her youngest grandson, shopping trips, and playing slots with friends.

She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to family members, including her mother and father. Despite her hectic

schedule, family and friends Connie's passion

> Connie is survived by her mother and father of Dwight; two daughters: Amie (Michael) Graham and Angela Baggett,

both of Dwight; one brother, Tom (Sandy) Burkhardt of Dwight; and three grandsons, Blake and Logan Graham and Lennox Baggett, all of Dwight.

and delight.

Also surviving are two nieces, Faith Christensen of Braidwood; and Katie (Pete) Stanton of Chicago; one nephew, Justin (Shelly) Burkhardt of Emington; three great-nieces, Payton and Sydney Christensen of Braidwood; Claire Stanton of Chicago; great-nephews, Austin, Lane and Waylon Burkhardt of Emington; and Owen Stanton of Chicago.

She had two very dear friends, Nancy and Diane, who were like sisters to her.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayer, and support in many heartfelt forms.

Visitation was held Monday, December 17, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to W.W. Fox Center or the American Heart Association.

Katherine Alice Davis GARDNER Katherine Alice "Kate" Davis, 89, of Gardner and formerly of East Liverpool, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, December 2018 at Heritage Woods in Dwight.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be at the Church of Hope in Gardner Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 12 noon until 1 p.m.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Pastor Jan Chandler will officiate.

She was born February 27. 1929 in Duncan Wood, Ohio, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth B. Wagner Spoonemore. She married Kenneth James Davis March 26, 1948 and was a homemaker.

Kate attended the Church of Hope in Gardner and enjoyed boating, water skiing, bowling, playing cards, bingo, horseback riding, golfing, crosswords, puzzles, reading and writing poetry and chalk art por-

She loved to sing and was an avid collector of dolls, as well as being very involved with 4-H for many years.

Surviving are four daughters: Donna Kirkpatrick Reddick; Bonnie (James) Nelson of Gardner; Penny (Mike) Barron and Holly (Tim) Meadors, both Hurricane Mills,

Tennessee; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren, with another one on the way; one great-greatgrandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband; parents; granddaughter, Heather Mueller; one greatgrandson; special niece, Carol; brothers: Bud Spoonemore, Jim Spoonemore and Danny Spoonemore; and sisters: Clare Tullis and Mary Ellen Albin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the Church of Hope in Gardner or the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance.

To sign her guestbook online log on to: www.rwpat tersonfuneralhomes.com or on facebook.

Letters to the Editor

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate

) No.18-P-127 of PERRY W. CERMAK, Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of PERRY W.

CERMAK, whose place of residence at the time of his death was Heritage Health, 300 E. Mazon Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420, and died intestate on October 30, 2018. Letters of Office as Independent Administrator of the Estate of

PERRY W. CERMAK were issued on November 26, 2018 to, DON-ALD KIRCHNER, 8101 Bluestem Avenue, Joliet, IL 60431, and whose attorney is Donald R. 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 first date of publication of this notice is December 5,

Any claim not filed on or before the above determined dates is

Claims against the estate may be filed in 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-127 or with the Independent Administrator or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and the administrator's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

DONALD R. McCLAREY Attorney for the Independent Administrator of the Estaet of PERRY W. CERMAK, Deceased 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9 Dwight, IL 60420-0009 (815) 584-1525

Patricia Ann Johnson

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

CULLOM were Patricia Ann "Pat" Johnson, 82, of Cullom passed away 1:24 Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Luther 1 Oaks in Bloomington.



Pat was born in Onarga September 16,1936, daughter of Lowell "Wayne" and Ruth Vandaline Austin Skates. She married Donald Lee Johnson August 1, 1959. He preceded her in death on April 23, 2012.

Surviving are two sons: Karl Leon (Gina Ehler) Johnson of Columbus, Ohio; and Michael Leon (Cindi) Johnson of Normal; two granddaughters: Emily Johnson and Kayla Johnson; a grandson, Patrick Alexander Ehler; two brothers: Dennis (Kay) Skates of Watseka and Richard (Judy) Skates of Rock Falls.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Pat graduated from Onarga High School and Illinois State University. She taught school in various country schools and many years at Tri-Point Schools, many of those years as a



Pat was a proud mother and grandmother, and she was a treasured friend to many. She enjoyed quilting for church and family, loved to read, do crossword

puzzles and enjoyed traveling with family and friends.

The world was a better place for her being in it. She will be dearly missed by

Her funeral was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 18, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cullom with Pastor Mauricio Vieira officiating.

Burial followed in Mona Township Cemetery, rural Kempton.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m., Monday, at the

Memorial contributions

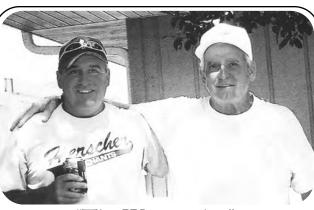
in her name may be made to Cullom Beckman Memorial Library. The guestbook may be

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www.calvertmemorial.com Calvert & Martin Funeral

Home in Cullom was in charge of arrangements.

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



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"Until We Meet Again"

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Merry Christmas



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

STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.) No. 18-CH-65 JAMES A. SPRANDEL, LISA E. SPRANDEL, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 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:

The West Half of Lot 6 in Block 1 in Cleary's Second Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, EXCEPT all coal and other minerals underlying the surface of the land.

PIN: 15-22-216-008

Commonly known as: 211 W. Cleary, Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are JAMES A. SPRANDEL and LISA E. SPRAN-DEL. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on June 19, 2006 and recorded on June 20, 2006 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 572432. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-65 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 nonrecord 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 January 15, 2019, 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 26th day of November, 2018.

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





Trivia

For this week's column, I am coming with the interesting facts, all the facts. If I were to ask you what the number one selling single of all time is, do you think you would know the answer?

Someone asked me recently, and my guesses ranged from Michael Jackson, to The Beatles, The Eagles and all the other bands that are named after animals.

As I came to discover, the song was something that I probably would have never guessed, unless given countless numbers of hints to direct me towards the correct answer.

The number one selling single of all time is.... White Christmas by Bing Crosby. Charts weren't tracked until 1950 and the song was released in 1942, but it's estimated that it has sold more than 50 million copies worldwide. 50, million. The next closest is Elton John's "Candle in the Wind 1997"/"Something About the Way You Look Tonight" which comes in at around 33 million singles sold.

What is also somewhat interesting is that of songs that have sold more than 15 million copies, of which there are 13, 3 of them are Christmas songs. Three of the biggest songs ever belong to the season of Christmas.

While it's obvious that Christmas music seemingly takes over the world for a month or so every year it's tough to imagine songs from a holiday centric genre growing to this magnitude. The most recent Christmas song that has sold more than 15 million copies is Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You" which was released in 1994. She earns 3 million dollars annually from that song alone. It took her 30 minutes to write

What does all of this mean? I'm not sure of an answer for that, but what I do know, is that people really really truly love Christmas music. It's a tough market to break into, most Christmas music that gets released by current day artists are usually renditions of past songs, Mariah's was one of the few to break through as one that was an original and not a remake. I would bet it will be a while before we see another one as big

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Graduate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, No. 18-CH-230 JOSEPH L. KIEFER, 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 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

Lots 9 and 10 in Block 3 in Broadway Second Addition to Streator, except coal and minerals and the right to mine and remove the same.

SITUATED IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PIN: 34-30-307-004 and 34-30-307-005

Commonly known as: 1409 E. Elm St., Streator, IL 61364

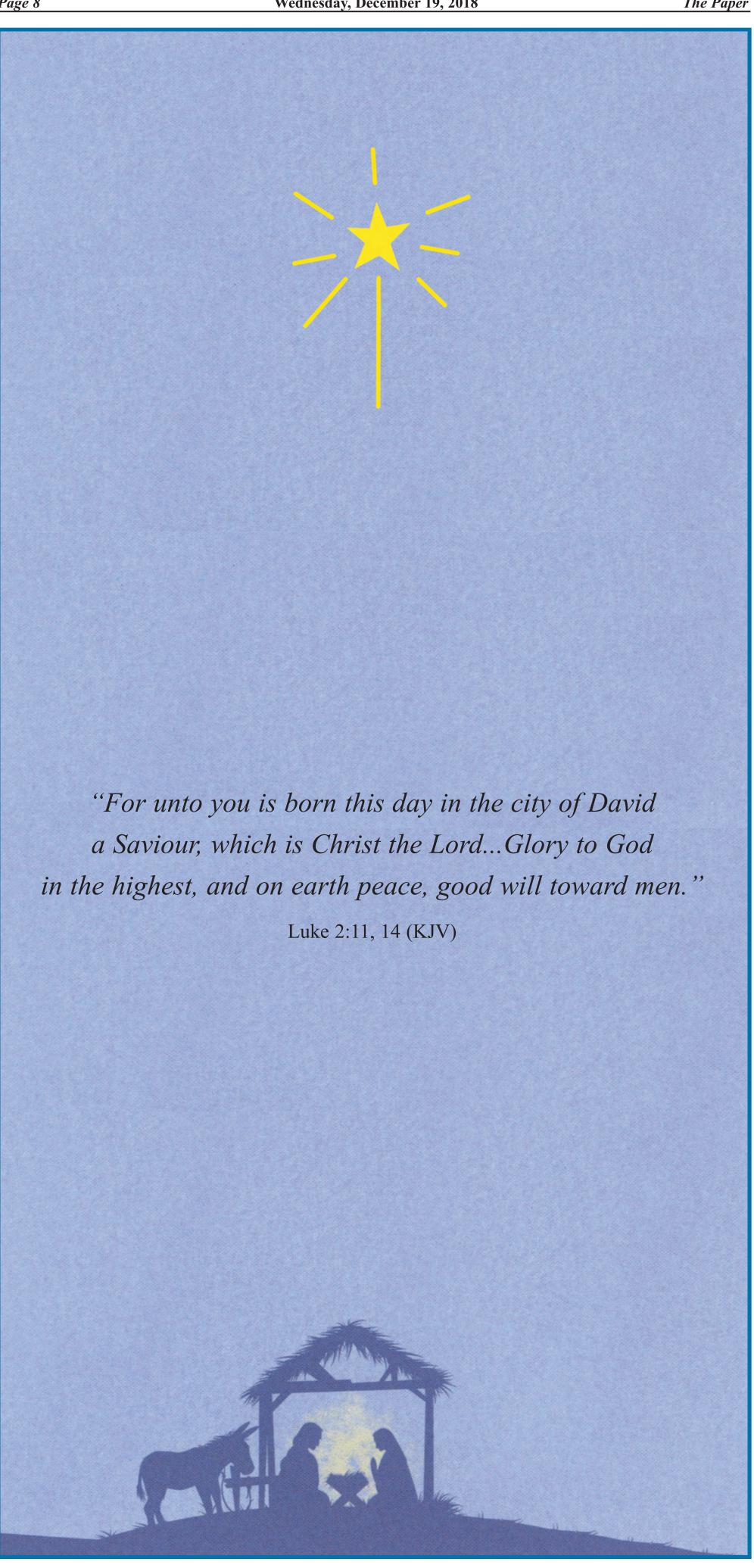
The title holder of record to the above described real

estate is JOSEPH L. KIEFER. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on July 12, 2017 and recorded on July 17, 2017 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in LaSalle County, Illinois, as document No. 2017-10487, and a Mortgage executed on July 12, 2017 and recorded on July 18, 2017 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in LaSalle County, Ilinois, as document No. 2017-10520. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-230 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 nonrecord claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois, held in the Courthouse in the City of Ottawa, Illinois, on or before January 30, 2019, 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 30th day of November, 2018.

Greg Vaccaro, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois



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GSW MICHAEL ASHLEY looks for a teammate to pass to as Dwight's Cal Schultz defends in the Dwight-Gardner match-up December 14.

J7 Images

Trojans Win Rivalry Match-Up With GSW

Friday, December 14 Dwight vs. GSW Varsity -

Dwight traveled to Gardner December 14 to take on its rival, Gardner-South Wilmington, earning a 45-41 victory.

The Trojans, who led almost the entire game, sealed the win with a pair of Cal Schultz free throws down the stretch and dealing the Panthers their fourth loss of the season.

"We dug ourselves in a respectively. Dakota Wahl

hole early," admitted GSW head coach Allan Wills, "but never gave up."

At one point in the fourth quarter, the Panthers took a brief lead - but Dwight would answer with a big three to regain the lead, and for good.

Trojans Logan Graham and Colton Holm each connected on four three-pointers in the contest, ending up with 14 and 12 points,

came up with six points, followed by four each from Schultz and Lane Thompson. Brandon Ceylor drilled a trey, with Dane Rodosky adding a bucket.

GSW, Nathan For Wozniak led with 16 points, nine rebounds, and four assists. Chris Bexson chipped in nine points, followed by Nate Wise (4 rebounds) and Jaylon Sims (4 rebounds) with seven and six points, respectively.

More Basketball Inside!!



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each making a free throw.

Thursday, December 13

Dwight was dealt a 69-50

Dakota Wahl had 15

loss at the hands of Newark

points to lead the Trojans'

offense. Dane Rodosky and

Colton Holm each scored

eight points. Brandon Ceylor

and Lane Thompson each

added seven points. Cal

Schultz made a three, with

Tyler Masching adding a

Dwight vs. Newark

DTHS Trojans Basketball

Varsity -

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December 13.

3-Peat for Humbert in Paper Bowl XVIII

Week 14 of Paper Bowl XVIII brought us our first three-peat winner as Tim Humbert of Braceville picked 10 correct and edged out 3 other entrants with the same score. Tim's prize for week 14 is a \$50 sponsor gift certificate. Congratula-

tions, Tim!

One of the games needed to be disqualified from week 14 because the game was listed incorrectly on the print form. If you are scoring your card from this week, toss out the Pittsburgh vs. Oakland

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Dwight Senior Citizens Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate Bridge was played December 6 at Prairie Creek Library. North/South:

1. Glenda Kutos/Judy Cashmer, Janyce Gross/Nancy Evers, Mary Anne McNamara/Darlene Drechsel three-way tie East/West:

1. Delores Slattery/Evelyn Neuhalfen

2. Norma Rodosky/Mary Goley 3. Joan Francis/Evelyn

The next duplicate bridge play will be December 20.

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TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL Tuesday, December 11 Standings after Week 14 Tri-Point vs. Woodland

6-8

4-10

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11-3

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6-8

Varsity -

The Chargers took a tough "L" to Woodland, 72-69, on December 11.

Tuesday, December 11

11, Dwight fell 68-49.

In non-conference action

Cal Schultz led the

against Seneca December

Trojans with 12 points – all

coming from three-pointers.

Dakota Wahl added ten

points, with Colton Holm

connecting on three treys.

Lane Thompson scored

seven points, while Dane

Rodosky contributed five

points. Bryson Connor had

four points, with Randall

Phillips and Tyler Masching

Dwight vs. Seneca

Varsity -

Tri-Point was up 38-34 at the half, but Woodland would come out strong in the second half, coming from behind to get the win.

Conor Cardenas led the Chargers with 23 points. Brian Curling added 16 points, including three threepointers. Chace Cathcart and Tyler Platz each scored 11 points, with Hayden Lane and Bobby Mogged scoring four points each.

Tri-Point fell in the JV

match-up, 72-69.

GSW Panthers Basketball

Tuesday, December 11 **GSW vs. Wilmington** Varsity -

The Panthers pulled off a 46-34 win over Wilmington December 11 – despite an ugly start.

"It was a sloppy first half," admitted Coach Wills, "but our defense played well in the second half – especially in the fourth quarter. Woz played well, both on the offensive side and grabbing boards." Nathan Wozniak ended

up with 26 points and 11 rebounds. Nate Wise put up seven points and two boards, while Chris Bexson scored six points and snagged five rebounds.

GSW is 6-3 overall and 1-0 in the conference.



Seneca Lady Irish Basketball

Monday, December 10 Seneca vs. Somonauk Varsity -

Seneca swooped up a 45-20 win over Somonauk December 10 - going up early and keeping it that way throughout the contest.

Lexi Greve led with 12 followed points. Brooklyn Giertz and Rita Jashari with nine and six points, respectively.

The Lady Irish are now 8-2 on the season.

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MEL STEWART AND KAYLA KODAT, Dwight Lady Trojans basketball players, were named to the Iroquois West Holiday Tournament All-Tournament Team.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, December 10 Dwight vs. Herscher Varsity -Raider Holiday **Tournament**

Some cold shooting led to a 51-23 loss to Herscher for the Lady Trojans on December 10 - part of the Raider Holiday Tournament at Iroquois West.

Mel Stewart led with seven points, followed by four from Galbraith. Kayla Kodat, Farris, Carlson, Airgood, Weissmann, and Holmes had two points each.

Tuesday, December 11 Dwight vs. Reed-Custer Varsity -

Dwight was on the road December 11 taking on Reed-Custer, and were defeated by a score of 68-37.

Leading the Lady Trojans was Mel Stewart with 18 points and five boards. Kodat and Butterbrodt each added five points, while Galbraith scored four. Farris chipped in three points, with Weissmann scoring two.

Wednesday, December 12 Dwight vs. Manteno Varsity -Raider Holiday **Tournament**

Dwight got back to their winning ways with a 54-29 victory over Manteno in Raider Holiday Tournament play December 12.

Chloe Butterbrodt led the Lady Trojans with 16 points, including five threes and a free throw. Mel Stewart added 15 points and 12 boards, while Kayla Kodat chipped in with ten points, six steals, and five assists. Holmes had six points, while Carlson contributed three. Galbraith and Weissmann each scored two points.

Stewart and Kodat were each named to the All-Tournament team.

Thursday, December 13 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central** Varsity -

Dwight finished a sixgames-in-six-days run with a conference "W" over Clifton Central, 53-42, on December 13.

It was a tale of two halves, as the Lady Trojans dominated in the first half – taking a 32-9 lead into halftime. Only to be outscored 33-21 in the second half – but they would hold on and prevail for their first home and conference win of the

Mel Stewart was huge in the contest, scoring 28 points and grabbing six boards. Kodat contributed 16 points, with Butterbrodt adding five. Galbraith and Holmes both had two points.

Dwight is now 5-6 overall and 1-1 in the SVC.

Saunemin Eagles Basketball

Monday, December 10 Saunemin vs. Cornell 7th Grade -

Eagles topped Cornell 27-21 on December

Isaiah Barera led with a game-high 17 points. Timmy Logan hit for six points in the victory, while James Durham and Brandon Taylor each scored two.

8th Grade -

Saunemin won 29-24 in the nightcap over the Cougars.

Tyson Cramer scored 13 to lead all scorers. Austin Burkhardt chipped in with seven, while Preston Jama and Isaiah Barera added six and three points, respective-

Tuesday, December 11 Saunemin vs. Flanagan 7th Grade -

In seventh grade action December 11, the Eagles were dealt a 39-11 loss dropping to 7-5 on the sea-

Myles Gilliam, Timmy Logan, and Isaiah Barera each scored three points, with James Durham scoring two.

8th Grade -

DTHS LADY

TROJAN, Chloe

Butterbrodt, at

right, goes for a

bucket in one of

the girls played

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the six games

in six days.

Preston Jama hit a three with 30 seconds left – then hit a baseline jumper with

less than two seconds left to give Saunemin a 26-25 conference win over Flanagan.

frame, the Eagles pulled into the half with an 11-10 lead. visiting Falcons grabbed a 19-18 lead after three quarters, and held a decided to take matters into his own hands and score all of his five points when it mattered most.

Tyson Cramer led all three. Austin Burkhardt provided two points.

The victory Saunemin a 7-7 record.

Thursday, December 13 Saunemin vs. Woodland 5th/6th Grade -

In game one, the Eagles knocked off the Warriors fifth graders, 21-13.

Seth Maloney, Timmy Logan, and Brandon Taylor each scored six points, with Myles Gilliam tossing in three.

The Warriors ran past the Eagles in game two, 39-6.

Logan scored three, while Gilliam had two. Taylor made a free throw.

GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Monday, December 10 **GSW** vs. Milford Varsity -

The Lady Panthers had a After a 6-6 opening dominating third quarter Milford against December 10, holding them to just two points and taking a ten-point advantage into the fourth – however, four-point lead when Jama Milford would put up 22 in the final frame and put down GSW, 48-47.

Abby Beck scored 13 points, while Kennedy Fair added ten. Scoring seven scorers with 11 points. each were Madelyn Storm Isaiah Barera tossed in five, and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh. with Timmy Logan scoring Emma Hennessy had four points, followed by three from Paige Patterson. Kylie Hawks chipped in two points. Carson Halpin had one point.

Wednesday, December 12 **GSW** vs. Hoopeston Varsity -Raiders Holiday

Tournament GSW handed Hoopeston a 61-31 loss on December 12, taking second place overall in the Iroquois West Raider Holiday Hoops

Tournament.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh led with 14 points. Kennedy Fair added ten, while Emma Hennessy scored nine points. Paige Patterson and Madelyn Storm each scored eight points. Abby Beck put in four points, with Carson Halpin, Hannah Muzzarelli, Shelby Serena, and Kylie Hawks scoring two points each.

Thursday, December 13 GSW vs. St. Anne Varsity -

The Lady Panthers upped their record to 10-4 overall and 3-1 in the RVC following a 60-33 victory over St. Anne.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh went off for 24 points in the game. Kennedy Fair added ten, with Madelyn Storm scoring five. Paige Patterson, Emma Hennessy, and Kylie Hawks had four points each, Muzzarelli scored three. Carson Halpin, Abby Beck, and Shelby Serena each had two points.





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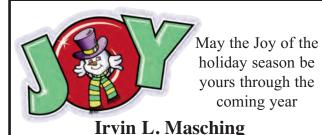
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GSWB VARSITY CLUB HAD MATT HINES speak recently. Hines attended Coal City High School, where he helped the Coalers to a school record 28-win season before falling in the Super Sectional in basketball. However, after high school, Hines would find success on the baseball field, as he went on a baseball scholarship to Illinois State University. Hines noted the importance of academics while in high school and college, along with attending class. In 2002, Hines was drafted in the 20th round by the Chicago Cubs. While talking to the members of Varsity Club, he described the daily life and requirements of a professional baseball player. "Students really enjoyed hearing about Hines' experience and interactions with other professional athletes in the dugout, bus rides, clubhouse, etc.," commented Gardner Grade School AD Austin McDowell. "Now being an educator and coach, he told the student-athletes there is always something you can do more to improve or better yourself each day. You can challenge yourself mentally and physically."



THE TROJAN VARSITY COMPETITIVE cheerleaders were back in action on Sunday, December 16th. They placed 2nd at the West Cheer Fest Invite at Joliet West High School. Pictured below left to right are: Back row-Ella Kargle, Josie Snyder, Reece Mortensen, Meghan Scott, Lauryn Hoegger, Mary Hilt, Alexis Thetard, and Addi Bean. Front row-Katie Edwards, Jordan Schultz, Abby Rodosky, Riley Connolly, Sofie Swink, Emma Legner, and Gabby Cassani.

DTHS Trojans Wrestling

The Dwight Trojan Wrestling Team ran its overall record on the season to 8-4 after a challenging week with six duals against very tough competition. The week started slowly for the Trojans, but the team rebounded and finished the week strong against 3A competition.

Tuesday, December 11

The Trojan Wrestlers traveled to Pontiac for tough match-ups against Wilmington and Pontiac.

The Trojans dropped the first dual to Wilmington, 18-57. Dwight victories came from Cameron Klingler (Sr.), Cade Enerson (Jr.), and Logan Hatfield (Jr.).

In the second dual, the Trojans lost to a tough Pontiac squad, 18-59.

(Fr.), Dillon Sarff Camden Beier (So.), and Kyle Spalleiro (So.) put up the Dwight wins against Pontiac.

Wednesday, December 12

The Wrestling Trojans rebounded quickly from defeat in Pontiac with a victory in their home opener against a tough El Paso-Gridley squad – winning 39-

All of the matches were competitive, making for an exciting evening. But the headline match-up was between Dwight's Dillon Sarff (Fr.) – last year's IESA State Champ at 95 lbs. trying

to make a statement in High School, against an experienced Monte Gregory (Sr.), defending IHSA State Champ at 106 lbs. The two grappled for three periods to a 1-1 tie, and then in overtime - Gregory prevailed with a takedown on Sarff for a 3-1 victory.

Dwight victories on the mat came from Daniel Gutierrez (Jr.), Cade Enerson (Jr.), and Cameron Klingler (Sr.).

Saturday, December 15

Dwight's wrestlers traveled north to McHenry for a quad against 3A competition.

In the first dual, the Trojans defeated South Elgin, 28-24, with victories on the mat from Kyle Spalliero (So.), Cade Enerson (Jr.), and Cameron Klingler (Sr.).

In the second dual, Dwight fought to victory over Proviso East, 36-25.

In a very tough, wellwrestled third dual, the Trojans fell to McHenry, 21-

Despite the team loss, Dwight was able to celebrate their Senior Leader, Cameron Klingler, who scored an impressive pin for his 100th career win in High School.

The other Trojan victories came from Dillon Sarff (Fr.), Cade Enerson (Jr.), and Logan Hatfield (Jr.).

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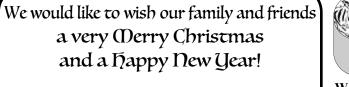
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Wednesday, December 12 GSWB vs. Saratoga 7th Grade -

The seventh grade Tigers lost to Saratoga 41-32 on December 12.

GSWB jumped out to an early 12-3 lead at the end of one, but would find themselves trailing 22-20 at the half. In the second half, Saratoga would take over.

Cale Halpin (6 steals) and Gabe McHugh each had nine points. Bennett Grant added six points and ten boards, while Cree Croy scored four points. Adam Krob put in two points, with Logan Conger making a free throw. 8th Grade -

In the eighth grade game, the Tigers would get as close as five down in the second half, but would end up falling short - 41-24.

Chris Cvitanovich led with six points, followed by five from Brody Fatlan. Ryan Cacello, Cale Halpin, Braxton Johnson, and Gabe McHugh each scored three points. Cade Croy finished with a free throw and nine boards.



Monday, December 10 Dwight vs. Bishop Mac 7th Grade -

Dwight beat Bishop Mac 30-28, following a Jack Groves steal and assist to Conner Telford – who hit the game-winning shot with just ten seconds remaining in the

Telford led the team with 13 points, six rebounds, and two steals. Groves (2 rebounds, 3 steals) and Terry Wilkey (8 rebounds, 4 steals) each scored four points, while Tristen Chambers had three points. Ryan Hilt, Reid Gall (1 rebound), and Andrew Gartke each added two

points. 8th Grade -

The eighth grade Redbirds narrowly defeated Bishop Mac, 43-41.

Dwight would hold Bishop Mac scoreless in the third quarter, but would have to hold off a comeback attempt in the fourth for the

Brayden Long led with 25 points, eight rebounds, and two steals. Parker Miner (3 steals) and Jace Gall (2 steals) scored seven points each. Reid Legner added four points. Clayton Peck

grabbed eight boards.

Tuesday, December 11 Dwight vs. Elwood 6th Grade -

The sixth grade Redbirds beat Elwood 28-13 on December 11.

Tristan Larkin led all scorers with 16 points to go along with 18 rebounds and two steals. Luke Gallet had six points, three boards, and two steals, while Owen Dunlap provided two points, four steals, and two rebounds. Drew Anderson also had two points. "B" -

In "B" game action, Dwight won 18-5.

Owen Woods led with six points, four rebounds, and a steal. Braden Jensen had four points, one steal, with Caden Nelson contributing two points, six rebounds, and five steals. Anthony Crutchfield added two points, eight boards, and three steals. Wyatt Statler came up with two points, four steals, and four rebounds. Cole Boucher had two points and three boards.

Both squads are now 8-2 overall. 7th Grade -

The Redbirds got a big

win over Elwood, 40-17, on December 11 – improving to 8-4 on the season and 4-1 in the IVC.

"After a sluggish first half, the young Redbirds turned up the defensive pressure," stated Coach Conroy.

Jack Groves led with 18 points, including three trifectas. Conner Telford added 16 points, also connecting on three threes. Tyler Cox (3 rebounds, 1 steal), Evan Sandeno, and Terry Wilkey (5 rebounds) each scored two points. Reid Gall added three boards and a steal.

8th Grade -Dwight moved to 9-3 overall with an impressive 49-27 win over Elwood.

Brayden Long led with 14 points, seven steals, and five rebounds, followed by Parker Miner with ten points, five boards, and two steals. Dawson Carr contributed six points, two steals, with Clayton Peck adding five points, five boards, and a steal. Reid Legner (3 steals), Matt Greer, and Trey Downen (5 rebounds, 2 steals) each scored four points. Jace Gall had two points, two steals, and a rebound.





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Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,

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Love, Owen

Dear Santa.

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Love, Brody

Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

How much time does it take to go around the world? Thank you for the spy goggles last year. I want a laptop. I need some markers. Santa, don't go fast after eating all those cookies.

Love, Joey

Second Grade

Dear Santa.

I want to keep Skyler at our house! She is so funny and really nice. I tried to be good this year. Please bring me sparkly silver fluffy slime and mini stuffed ani-

Love, Reagan

Dear Santa,

I tried to make good choices this year. I work really hard in school and helped out at my house and my grandpa's house. Lizard skinned Jordans are what I really want for Christmas. If you could bring a few other things too, that would be

Love, Maddox

Third Grade

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be good, so I think I deserve LOL Dolls, \$12,000, and a computer. I deserve LOL Dolls necause I cleaned the house. I would play with them right when I get them. If you don't get me LoL Dolls I will be very very sad. I deserve \$12,000

because I listen to my mom sometimes when she says "go take the dog out!" I'll spend it on a car for my mom. The car will have a tv in it, when I go in it. I want to buy a car with a tv in it because it will keep me distracted. I deserve a computer because I've been very good. I also need to look up all kinds of things, like the words that Mrs. Starner gives me. I really hope that you get me these things. If

you do I will be so happy. Sincerely, Malea

Dear Santa,

I have worked so hard this year to be good, so I think I deserve an xbox game, nintendo switch, and money. I want an xbox game. I don't have that much. Some aren't that fun. I want a nintendo switch. They look cool. I see people with them. I also want money. so I can buy stuff. I could buy myself chocolate. But I don't know how much I will get. I want all that stuff because I don't have it. I help my mom and dad so I think I deserve my presents. Your friend, Evan

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be good, so I think I deserve a Jurassic Park Arcade Machine, a Spitter Alien, and a T-rex statue. The Jurassic Park Arcade Machine is my favorite arcade game. It has a T-Rex Boss Battle. I saw a T-Rex beat a Spinosaurus. I want a Spitter Alien as my second wish. It spits "acid" at people. I will pretend it spits acid, but it doesn't spit anything. The last thing I want for Christmas is a T-Rex statue because it has its mouth open. It looks like it's roaring at a Triceratops. I would put my T-Rex statue on my shelf so my sister won't break it. I hope you bring me the stuff or I'll be sad and upset.

Love, Parker

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be nice, so I think I deserve a new real car, a trip to Hawaii, and a new room design. If I got a new, real, car for Christmas I would go to the airport and fly away to the Phillippines. In the Phillippines I will play with my friends and improve the house a little bit. After I leave in the airplane I will do nothing. If Santa took me to Hawaii I'd love it there I'd go to a beach house and live there. When I get settled in I will build a sand castle. I will start a collection seashells it will be beautiful. I really want a new room design because my room is very ugly. My walls are pictures of acorns. My mom puts everything in my room and I already have one freezer in my room by my mom wants to put five more freezers in my room. I feel proud that I can get these things for Christmas so is my family.

From, Hannah

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my laundry and the dishes. Can I please have it? I'll use it to print stuff on the 3D printer. Please get me what I deserve!

Signed: Justin M.

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be nice, so I think I deserve stuff for my locker, and a ticket for six flags. I wish I could have stuff for my locker because... I want my locker to be like Maleas. Her locker is cool! I wish I could be like her. I'm not trying to be mean... but I want my locker better than her'. I wish my papa can be here for Christmas because I

miss my papa so much. I hope you have that power. But please I want my papa back!!! My 3rd wish is a ticket to 6 flags. I like 6 flags is the best spot. I have never been to 6 flags. We were going to go but it rain. So we to not go. I feel amazing that I'm witten to Santa. I love SANTA!!!

From, Maddy

Dear Santa,

I have worked hard all year to be nice, so I think I deserve a phone, a \$100 bill, and a phone case. I want a phone. I take baths and clean my room. I am nice too. I would love a phone because I can call my friends and play games on it. I won't need my mom's phone anymore. I would also like a \$100 bill. I listen to my mom when I have to take my dog, Star, out. I save my money by letting my dad hold on to it. I need a phone case to protect it and other things. I always ask politely and don't scream when I'm told no. Plus, I don't break stuff when I'm mad. I love Christmas because of the presents and it makes everybody happy.

From, Kylie



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Besides the popular horse and carriage rides, business open houses, vendors and crafts, and free games, prizes were enjoyed by all. A highlight was the announcement of the Home Decorating Contest winners. They

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• DEC. 20: Praise

Kiwanis Dinner,

• DEC. 22: Men's

7:30 a.m.

• DEC. 21: MWDC,

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110, Odell, 7 a.m.;

AA meeting, 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15

rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.;

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10:45 a.m.; Sunday

• DEC. 26: Wednesday

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• DEC. 21: Blue

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• DEC. 20: 8 a.m. - 12

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• DEC. 19: 8 a.m. - 12

• DEC. 23: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all rehearsal; 10:30 a.m.,

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Christmas Eve Service at Trinity Lutheran Scheduled for 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church Goodfarm will have a 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Communion, Carols, Candle Lighting and Music.

Rev. William Mitschke, Pastor, will give the sermon, "The Light of Christmas."

Wilton Jackman will serve as lector and narrator. Joan

Mitschke will be the soloist.

Barb Morphey and Brenda Sigler, duet, will sing "Hallelujah Christmas."

For the conclusion of the service, the sanctuary will be darkened for the lighting of candles and singing of familiar





Wreath donated by Panoptic

Wreath Auction Benefits Feed the Kids

Heritage Woods Dwight held its annual Festival of Wreaths this month, raising \$470 for Dwight's Feed the Kids program.

Seventeen local businesses and individuals created beautiful and unique wreaths that were auctioned off over Facebook. The silent auction began December 6 and ended December 14.

Donating wreaths were:

DeLong Ford, AHW LLC, Dr. Maulin Shah, At Home Quality Care, Good Samaritan Home, ATI of Dwight, Vita Hilmer, Newsome, Dwight Economic Alliance, Panoptic, Grace Spires, marketing director for Heritage Woods, Dwight Banking Center, Accolade Healthcare, Vitas Hospice, David's Food & Spirits, Mark and Joy Dinelli, and one anonymous donor.



Wreath by Good Samaritan Home



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