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You've Got Mail

*Dwight Welcomes
New Postmaster*

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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There's nothing Regina Dickover would rather be doing than delivering the mail. And now, after 13 years of service with the United States Postal Service, she has worked her way to the top as Dwight's new postmaster.

She officially took office in late December, replacing longtime postmaster Misty Gaus, who now oversees the Herscher Post Office.

"I loved it," Dickover said about her early years as a rural carrier.

She never thought she'd have a career as a mail carrier. She graduated from Wilmington High School in 2003 and enrolled at Joliet Junior College to study hospitality management. She worked as an event coordinator at the Route 66 and Chicagoland Speedways through college. Then her mother told her she needed to get "a real job."

Her mother kept seeing job notices for postal carrier in the newspaper. "My mother wouldn't leave me alone," Dickover laughed.

So she tested and was hired as a rural carrier substitute in 2005 for the Manhattan Post Office. Two years later she became a regular rural carrier for Manhattan.

USPS saw a lot of potential in her. In 2012, while still delivering mail in Manhattan, she became a Rural Carrier Academy instructor. For five years, she taught new carriers the different classes of mail, accountable mail and how to collect signatures -- pretty much everything they needed to know to manage a rural route. She taught several courses a month, each was eight hours a day for four days.

In 2016, she began to take on more managerial roles. She was detailed to the New Lenox post office and later to Bradley, at both places training as a supervisor. She was called back to Manhattan as the officer in charge from June 2016 to July 2018.

She got her share of activity. Last June, a tornado touched down in Manhattan and tore part of the roof off the building. Luckily, it occurred at night and no one was in the building. All the mail had also been delivered. But she had to move operations temporarily to the Mokena office until the roof and water damage were repaired.

In July, she was transferred to Braidwood, also as officer in charge. And now, in Dwight, the 34-year-old is loving her first official title as postmaster.

One thing she's learned in her years as a manager is that people don't want to be told what to do. "I ask people to do things," she said. She wants to create a real team atmosphere at the Dwight post office, which employs 17.

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Slow and steady wins the Baja 1000

Reddick Men Conquer the Most Difficult Off-Road Race in the World



Kris Werth is shown standing on top of his UTV (left) with Brad Bynum (center) and Brandon Meredith after placing first in the the Baja 1000 Pro UTV Unlimited Class. He's surrounded by friends and family, from left, Eric Schmidt, wife Becky Werth, son Trey Werth, Hans Leunger, Carissa Tucker, Bill Langston and Jason Meckler.

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Kris Werth of Reddick has always considered himself to be a gearhead. As the owner of KWI Clutching, he's carved a niche in the off-road racing scene providing performance for both professional teams and the weekend warrior. In fact, he's one of the leaders in the field, modifying nearly 70 percent of Can Am X3s, a hugely popular side-by-side UTV that can conquer some of the roughest terrain.

He's been racing snowmobiles and motorcycles for 30 years, but never dreamed he'd claim the glory of winning the Baja 1000, the largest and most grueling off-road race known to man. But he did, leading the Dusty Cactus team to victory in 2018 after a tour of the unforgiving desert of Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

They fought a wicked course, navigating extremes of heat and cold, day and night, dry lake beds and enormous boulders, lowlands and near vertical climbs up 5,000-foot mountains, often under exhaustion and confusion. They finished 105th overall, first in their Pro UTV Unlimited Class.

It was two years in the making. "We had no idea what we were getting into," said Werth, 47, who lives with his wife, Becky.

He's spent years working on UTVs, specializing in Can-Am modifications, completing as many as 10 a week. Clutches come to him from all over the U.S., and as far away as Australia,

Russia, Ireland and even Saudi Arabia, where the vast sand dunes invite off-roading experiences for tourists and aficionados alike. In fact, Werth has been there several times for recreation.

The Baja 1000 was something he's always dreamed of, and on a whim he asked his friend Brandon Meredith, 50, also of Reddick, if he wanted to give it a try, even though Werth had never done a long-distance off-road race. Meredith didn't hesitate, and in 2017 they leased a Can-Am X3 and headed to Baja California. The race took them from Ensenada straight south to La Paz near the southern tip -- 1,134 miles.

The Baja 1000, which began in 1967, is no joy ride. Saying you've completed the race is a colossal accomplishment. Preparing for the race is a huge logistical feat that requires a support team as well as a fleet of "chasing" cars equipped with tools and parts to keep the race vehicle running at its best.

For the driver, there is no sleeping, no stopping -- only for fuel, which Werth said can be done in about 30 seconds on a 50-gallon tank. The clock is always running. A camelbak is used for hydration; they eat high-density energy bars while on the road; and wear external catheters. Sixty percent never even finish the race, and many go home without a vehicle. But Team Dusty Cactus finished 155th overall: 38:29:27.

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Why You Can't Keep Your Resolutions

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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It's January 9. Have you already hung your new year's fitness goals out to dry?

Surveys have shown that nearly half of Americans ditch their new gym memberships by the end of January. Lack of time, motivation and support often play a large part in that -- especially for those who aren't self-starters.

These are the people who need accountability and a family atmosphere the most. And if they've come to Gramling Fitness in Herscher, they've come to the right place.

Owner Mary Gramling is celebrating one year of helping people take better care of their health at Gramling Fitness, 279 W. Rt. 115, Suite B, in Herscher. She and her three other certified trainers, Beth Daverin, Chrissy Hidey and Jill Fulton, are helping some 75 members reach their health and fitness goals, once and for all.

The 3,000-square-foot facility offers classes for men, women and co-ed. They don't have an open gym or cardio equipment. Rather, they focus on strength training and circuits to build muscle and burn fat. Open six days a week, each day brings a different class, everything from Cardio Blast, Cardio Kick and Butts and Guts. Muscle building is incorporated into all classes. While muscle weighs more than fat, which may turn some people off, it burns more calories than cardio and helps break down fat faster.

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The trainers at Gramling Fitness in Herscher know what's behind your lack of motivation to get in shape this year. From left are Beth Daverin, Chrissy Hidey, owner Mary Gramling and Jill Fulton.

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
December 28: Chaz R. Dachenhaus, 29, Atlanta, GA, fail obey stop sign.
January 1: Ciro C. Ramirez, 31, Dwight, driving on revoked license.

Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
December 27: 5:50 p.m., Union, AFA; 6:57 p.m., Prairie, trauma, refusal; 10:27 p.m., Chippewa, medical, St. James; 11:04 p.m., Waupansie, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.
December 28: 12:12 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 1:39 a.m., Main, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 2:43 a.m., Northbrook, fire; 1:13 p.m., 2700 N. Rd., medical, Riverside, mutual aid to Emington-Campus; 4:05 p.m., Orchard Ln., medical, Pontiac; 4:33 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, mutual aid from Gardner.
December 29: 2:58 a.m., Chippewa, medical, Morris; 8:17 a.m., Mazon Ave., fire alarm, no patient.
December 30: 1:18 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.
December 31: 1:24 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris.
January 1: 2:58 a.m., Park and Franklin, trauma, Pontiac; 3:32 a.m., Prairie, medical, cancelled; 3:46 a.m., Prairie, trauma, refusal; 10:54 a.m., Mazon, medical, St. James; 1:41 p.m., 2500 E. Rd., fire, controlled burn; 5:06 p.m., Delaware, trauma, Morris.
January 3: 11:08 a.m., Watters Dr., medical, Morris.

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

Dwight Police Blotter
January 1: 3:14 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of S. Washington St. for a domestic battery report. The offender, Ciro C. Ramirez, 31, of Dwight, was later arrested while driving with a revoked driver's license and other pending charges; 12:21 p.m., Dwight Police spoke with the owner of a business in the 400 block of Old Rt. 66. The officer was advised an unknown person(s) had trespassed on the property, leaving empty cans and fireworks, as well as remnants of a fire.
January 2: 7:33 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook for a domestic battery victim. The victim was transported to Morris Hospital. The case is still pending investigation.



JERRY CURTIS OF LIVINGSTON MASONIC LODGE #371 presents a \$679.00 donation to the Dwight Grade School Gang Resistance Education and Training Program December 21. Gary Beier, Dwight schools resources officer, accepts the check. This is the 15th year that Livingston Masonic Lodge has sponsored this program. In the photo, front row, from left, are Kyler Starks, Andrew Schauner, Jerry Curtis, Gary Beier, Jack Groves, Ryan Hilt; back row, Briana Cuaya, Kassy Kodat, Megan Livingston, Aubree Dzwonkoski, Kylee Salamone, and Andrew Gartke.



Temps - 2018-19

Dec. 27 – high 51°, low 33° .47” precip.
Dec. 28 – high 34°, low 23° trace precip.
Dec. 29 – high 26°, low 15° trace precip.
Dec. 30 – high 37°, low 14° .27” rain
Dec. 31 – high 39°, low 15° .71” precip.
Jan. 1 – high 31°, low 28° trace precip.
Jan. 2 – high 30°, low 23° trace snow
One Year Ago – Jan. 9, 2018
high 32°, low 23°

Hang On To Your Pocketbook

by Tom Tock

Zoom. Flash. The holidays are past, and the new year stretches out ahead of us with all of its exciting possibilities and challenges.

The largest challenge, by far, will be to stop the exodus of Illinoisans to other states. Illinois' population shrank by some 45,000 residents from July 2017 to July 2018, according to data released in December of 2018, a loss only exceeded by New York.

That was the fifth year in a row that Illinois suffered a huge loss of people, “a troubling trend,” according to demographer William Frey in a 2017 *Chicago Tribune* article that noted the 2017 loss of people was “the greatest numeric loss of population of any state.”

Almost as troubling is the fact that those who remain in the Prairie State are facing a smothering load of financial debt from years of underfunded pension liability estimated at \$130-billion.

Add to that debt a pile of unpaid bills amounting to \$7,155,792,121 as of January 1, 2019, recently reported by our 106th District Representative Tom Bennett.

According to the Illinois Policy Institute, a conservative think-tank in Chicago, Governor Elect Pritzker's campaign promises would add \$13-\$18-billion to state spending and would require increasing the personal income tax rate from 4.95% to 8.51%-9.95%.

2018 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign in Dwight Collects Over \$8,000

The 2018 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign in Dwight was a success, as donations were up over \$3,000 from the previous year.

Volunteers “rang the bell” at Shopko and Route 66 Restaurant this year, along with counter kettles at Ace Hardware, at the BP Amoco, and Circle K gas stations on the north edge of Dwight.

Also, letters were sent to local businesses asking for donations – with many of them giving generously.

This year's campaign totaled \$8,106.13.

A total of 185 hours of “ringing the bell” was required to accomplish this result. Five churches from Dwight each took a weekend of getting the volunteers required to get the job done, including St. Patrick's Catholic Church, United Methodist Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, New Life Assembly of God, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church works in partnership with the Salvation Army and the money that is raised each year is used locally to help friends and neighbors in times of need.



A representative from St. Peter's serves as the person that distributes vouchers to persons asking for help each Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church.

Livingston Co. Offices Closed January 21

All Livingston County Offices will be closed Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

CCSI Offering Outreach in Cullom, Dwight in Jan.

Community Care Systems, Inc. will be available to assist area senior citizens and people under 60 with disabilities in signing up for federal, state, and local programs on the following dates:

- **Thursday, January 17:** Cullom Village Office, 119 N. Oak St. 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 23:** Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Ave. 9:00-11:00 a.m.

No appointments are necessary. Call 815-844-2272 for more information.

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Roth vs. Traditional 401(k): Which Is Right for You?

For many years, employees of companies that offered 401(k) plans only faced a couple of key decisions – how much to contribute and how to allocate their dollars among the various investment options in their plan. But in recent years, a third choice has emerged: the traditional versus Roth 401(k). Which is right for you?

To begin with, you need to understand the key difference between the two types of 401(k) plans. When you invest in a traditional 401(k), you put in pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. Your contributions and earnings grow tax-deferred until you begin taking withdrawals, which will be taxed at your ordinary tax rate. With a Roth 401(k), the situation is essentially reversed. You contribute after-tax dollars, so you won't lower your taxable income, but withdrawals of contributions and earnings are tax-free at age 59-1/2, as long as you've held the account at least five years.

So, now that you've got the basics of the two types of 401(k) plans, which should you choose? There's no one right answer for everyone. You essentially need to ask yourself these questions: When do you want to pay taxes? And what will your tax rate be in the future?

If you're just starting out in your career, and you're in a relatively low income tax bracket, but you think you might be in a higher one when you retire, you might want to consider the Roth 401(k). You'll be paying taxes now on the money you earn and contribute to your Roth account, but you'll avoid being taxed at the higher rate when you start taking withdrawals. Conversely, if you think your tax rate will be lower when you retire, you might be more inclined to go with the traditional 401(k), which allows you to avoid paying taxes on your contributions now, when your tax rate is high.

Of course, you can see the obvious problem with these choices – specifically, how can you know with any certainty if your tax bracket will be lower or higher when you retire? Many people automatically assume that once they stop working, their tax liabilities will drop, but that's not always the case. Given their sources of retirement income from investment accounts and Social Security, many people see no drop in their tax bracket once they retire.

Since you can't see into the future, your best move might be to split the difference, so to speak. Although not all businesses offer the Roth 401(k) option, many of those that do will allow employees to divide their contributions between the Roth and traditional accounts. If you chose this route, you could enjoy the benefits of both, but you still can't exceed the total annual 401(k) contribution limit, which for 2019 is \$19,000, or \$25,000 if you're 50 or older.

You may want to consult with your tax advisor before making any decisions about a Roth or traditional 401(k) – or Roth and traditional 401(k) – but in the final analysis, these are positive choices to make, because a 401(k), in whatever form, is a great way to save for retirement. Try to take full advantage of it.

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

2018 Vital Statistics Released for Kankakee Co.

Dan Hendrickson, Kankakee County Clerk, has released vital statistics for Kankakee County for 2018.

As of January 4, there were 1,416 births registered in the county for 2018 – 52 more than were registered in 2017.

The most popular name for boys was a tie between Carter, Liam, and Owen. The most popular name for girls was Harper, followed by Emma and Olivia.

More children were born in the month of July (137) in Kankakee Co. than in any other month in 2017.

The County Clerk's Office issued 648 marriage licenses in Kankakee Co. in 2018 – 32 fewer than were issued in 2017.

The oldest groom was 96 years old; the oldest bride, 83. The youngest groom was 18 years of age; the youngest bride, 16.

October was the most popular month (83) last year to get married.

There were 1,221 deaths in Kankakee Co. last year, a decrease of 48 deaths from 2017.

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New Year Brings New Illinois Laws

So your toddler has become a big boy and doesn't need those play things in front of him on the back seat or a mirror there to keep him occupied. Time to turn the car seat around and have him giggling at Mom singing silly songs.

Well just wait -- you could be breaking the law.

State law has required drivers to use a "child restraint system" for children younger than 8 years old, but it didn't specify which way the car seat had to face.

Children in 2019 will have to ride in rear-facing car seats until they're 2 years old, weigh 40 pounds or are 40 inches tall, a new law thanks to child safety advocate recommendations. So measure that big boy toddler of yours or face a \$75 fine on the first offense, or \$200 for every one after that, state police say.

There were more than 250 new laws that took effect on January 1. Here are some other ones you should be aware of.

72-HOUR WAITING PERIOD: This law creates a 72-hour waiting period on all firearms, not just handguns. The bill also eliminates the current exemption from the waiting period requirements for the sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois while at a recognized gun show. The bill retains the current 24-hour withholding period for stun guns and Tasers. A violation of this provision would be a Class 4 felony. The bill also eliminates the current statutory exemption from the waiting period requirements for the sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois while at an official gun show recognized by the state police.

FIREARMS RESTRAINING ORDER: Allows family members or law enforcement to petition the court for an ex parte order alleging the respondent poses significant dan-



Babies Need To Be In Rear-Facing Car Seats Longer

ger of causing personal injury to himself/herself or another by having in his/her custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing or receiving a firearm. The court may issue this order without notice to the respondent but a hearing must be held as soon as possible not to exceed 14 days. Allows for two types of orders: ex parte/emergency (probable cause) and six-month orders (clear and convincing). Allows the court to issue search warrants (even in cases where the petitioner is a family member) to law enforcement to seize the weapons if there is probable cause to believe the respondent possesses weapons.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWSUITS: Allows human trafficking survivors to bring a civil cause of action against traffickers under existing law. Allows family members, victim advocates, a court appointee or a government entity responsible

for enforcing the laws to bring an action on behalf of a victim.

An additional law allows trafficking victims to be eligible for compensation if they are engaged in a legal proceeding.

Another adds the following to the list of establishments required to post notice under the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act: massage establishments; public gatherings and special events conducted on property open to the public that require the issuance of a permit from the unit of local government; public and private elementary and secondary schools; and establishments registered under the Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishment Registration Act. A business or establishment that fails to comply is guilty of a petty offense, and subject to a fine of up to \$500 for each violation

BLAZE PINK: Provides that hunters may wear blaze

pink, in addition to blaze orange, during firearm deer season and upland game season.

ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL COMMISSION: Creates a 20-member Route 66 Centennial Commission to plan and coordinate commemorative events throughout the State to celebrate 100 years of Route 66.

ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES AND SHELTERS: Adds new license-renewal requirements for animal control facilities and animal shelters, including breakdowns of incoming animals (stray, left by owner, etc.) and the ultimate disposition of those animals (adopted, euthanized, etc.) in the previous calendar year. Department of Agriculture must post this intake and outcome statistics on their website for each facility.

ANIMAL PROTECTION: Provides that nothing prevents a law

enforcement officer from taking temporary custody of an animal that is being put in danger due to extreme heat or cold conditions. The officer must attempt to make contact with owner. Also, the owner is responsible of cost required for veterinary care.

RECKLESS DOG OWNER PENALTIES: Creates a "reckless dog owner" determination if the owner's dog is deemed dangerous for killing another dog and is found running at large twice within 12 months of being deemed dangerous. A "reckless dog owner" is prohibited from owning dogs for between 12 and 36 months.

CARNIVAL BACKGROUND CHECK: Allows for the revocation of a permit to operate for carnivals, amusement attractions or fairs that fail to conduct a background check of every ride operator at their permitted attraction if they are found to have violated the law three or more times. Currently a background check is required for all ride operators in Illinois but the department does not have the ability to revoke a permit for violators. Also raises fines for violations.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTS: Requires DCFS to keep all unfounded reports of child abuse or neglect in its central register for a minimum of five years (previously three years). Seeks to provide DCFS investigators more information so they may better recognize patterns of abuse or neglect.

PUBLIC LACTATION ROOM: Requires every facility that houses a circuit court to designate at least one public lactation room or area by June 1, 2019. The lactation room or area cannot be in a restroom. The

lactation room or area must include a chair, a table, an electrical outlet, and, where possible, a sink with running water.

BOOKING PHOTOGRAPH LIMITATION: Limits the publishing of booking photographs on social media with respect to civil offenses and offenses less than a Class A misdemeanor, unless the photo has been posted in order to assist in the search of a missing person or fugitive, person of interest, or in relation to a more serious crime. Also provides for the correction of errors by entities that publish criminal record information for profit.

SYNTHETIC CANNABIS, BATH SALTS, AND PIPERAZINES: Adds synthetic cannabinoids to the Controlled Substances Act.

STALKING: Provides that stalking behavior includes sending unwanted messages via social media.

DUAL CREDITS: Provides that qualified students can do the following: enroll in an unlimited number of dual credit courses; and earn an unlimited number of academic credits from dual credit courses so long as the course is taught by an Illinois instructor as provided under the Dual Credit Quality Act.

SAFETY DRILLS: Requires active shooter/threat school safety drills to be conducted within 90 days of the start of the school year.

SMOKING ENFORCEMENT: Gives the Department of Natural Resources and Illinois State Police law enforcement agencies power to enforce smoking violations under the Smoke Free Illinois Act (rather than just local law enforcement agencies).

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Dickover lives in Wilmington with her husband, Don, a cost engineer for Nanophase Technology in Romeoville, and three children: Ryan, 11, Brooke, 5 and Hailey, 2.

Outside the post office, she enjoys bowling and being involved in her children's extracurricular activities. She and her husband enjoy working on old cars; her father was a mechanic so she has been around cars her whole life. In addition to a '57 Chevy, a '36 Studebaker and a 1950 GMC pick-up, they are working on a '49 Ford.

Gaus had served as Dwight postmaster for seven years. She started as a mail carrier in Kankakee nearly 25 years ago. She also has been postmaster at Campus and Braceville. She and her husband Eric live in Herscher with their daughter Madysen, 16.



MISTY GAUS SERVED AS THE DWIGHT POSTMASTER for seven years before moving to Herscher as its postmaster. Regina Dickover, of Wilmington, takes Gaus' spot in Dwight.

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The MOVE! Weight Management Program – supported by VA’s National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NCP) – is proud to make this program available to veterans.

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What is MOVE!?! It is a weight management, health promotion program designed to improve the lives of veterans. MOVE!’s core ideas – encouraging healthy eating behavior, increasing physical activity, and promoting even small weight losses – are easy to follow and based on the latest in nutrition science. With the help of the MOVE! care team, you can reduce health risks, prevent or reverse certain diseases, improve your quality of life, and even live longer.

Do you want to learn

more about MOVE! and other weight management programs available from Hines VA Hospital?

The Hines VA Outreach Team will have information and referrals for veterans during their January clinics. You can also learn more about other services and programs available at Hines VA and the VA clinics.

For those veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care system, flu shots are also available during these clinics.

Learn more at the outreach clinic being held at Heritage Woods, 701 E. Mazon Ave. in Dwight, Monday, January 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Contact the Grundy County VAC office at 815-941-3152 to learn more about the clinics or to learn more about the variety of programs and services available.

Free Diabetes Prevention Program Coming to Grundy County

Take charge of your health this new year.

Will-Grundy Medical Clinic is launching its 2019 Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) in Grundy County, offering free training and group support, prizes and incentives, and classes proven to improve your health.

Using a program developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the DPP is proven to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes in prediabetic individuals.

The program, including eligibility screening, is free for all adults interested. To qualify as prediabetic, the clinic’s screening will assess if individuals meet the program requirements of being both overweight and having A1C (blood sugar) readings in a prediabetic range, among other risk factors.

With regular education classes, nutrition and activity tracking, and guidance from a trained lifestyle

coach, program participants take charge of their health while in a supportive group environment. In addition to adopting healthier habits, participants work toward the goal of losing 5-7% of their bodyweight throughout the year-long program, reducing their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by more than 50%.

The clinic invites any interested adults to inquire about the program and get a free eligibility screening. Screening will be held at the Grundy County Health Department on Wednesdays January 16, 23, and 30, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Program sessions will begin late February 2019, with classes held on Monday evenings at 518 West Illinois Avenue in downtown Morris, IL. Contact Alexia Ng, Community Health Associate, at ang@wgmedclinic.org with any questions. To schedule an appointment for screening, call (815) 726-3377.

DGS PTO Family Bingo Night January 18

Enjoy a free evening of family fun Friday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m., when the DGS PTO presents Family Bingo Night at Dwight Grade School.

Bingo will be played in the cafeteria, with popcorn being provided at the tables for a snack – so take a school appropriate beverage with you.

Prizes include Scholastic books and donations from local businesses.



ANDREW MYZIA, CENTER, PRESIDENT OF STEMM DWIGHT, and Owen Van Der Karr, right, Secretary, present a check for \$500.00 to Karen from Livingston County Humane Society.

Winter Carnival at Godley Park District

Get the kiddos out of the house for a fun-filled time at Godley Park District’s Winter Carnival Friday, January 18 – beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There will be inflatables, carnival games, prizes, hot dogs, popcorn and more.

An entrance fee applies, and includes 25 tickets. If registered and paid by January 17, the fee will be discounted. Additional tickets may be purchased at the event.

This event is for children ages two to 12 years old, and they must be accompanied by an adult who is 18 years or older.

Blood Drive in Herscher February 1

The American Red Cross encourages people to help meet the urgent need for blood by resolving to give blood this January – National Blood Donor Month.

There will be a blood drive at Trinity Lutheran Church, 225 E. Third in Herscher, Friday, February 1, from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by visiting RedCross Blood.org.

STEMM Dwight Announces January 22 STEMM Talk ‘To Save A Life’

STEMM Dwight is hosting a community forum, “To Save A Life,” on Tuesday, January 22, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the DTHS Auditorium.

STEMM Dwight is teaming up with the Dwight Police Department, FBI Springfield Office, DTHS, IHR – Pontiac, the Dwight Economic Alliance, and the Livingston County State’s Attorney’s Office to present a program on opiate addiction awareness. This program will enable community members to identify the signs and symptoms of loved ones and friends who need help to beat addiction, as well as learn all the options available to the community and county to help.

There will be a question and answer panel with experts to answer questions about drug addiction. All who attend will be entered in a raffle for giveaways.

Last month, STEMM Dwight hosted Dr. Angie Haag from the Dwight Veterinary Clinic and held a bake sale fund-raiser for the Livingston Co. Humane Society on December 4. STEMM Dwight raised \$500.00 for LCHS, and extended its thanks to Prairie Creek Library and Shopko for hosting the event.

For more information about STEMM Dwight or any of its events, text or call 815-545-2106.



THE ODELL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS recently sponsored an art contest for children, using the theme – “Keep Christ in Christmas.” St. Paul School had three students who won for their individual age groups at the local level. Those students are Sienna Burke – third grade; Gianna Giacometti – sixth grade; and Isla Davis – second grade. Their artwork has been forwarded to competition at the state level.

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 18-CH-31
ROSS MENNENGA, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 1811 Cardinal Court, Pontiac, IL 61764.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 22 in Fairway View, being a Resubdivision of Walden West First Subdivision and part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20 and the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, all in Township 28 North Range 5 East of the Third Principal Meridian, City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as per Plat recorded October 2, 1979, in Plat Book 10 at Page 122 as Document Number 386991.
PIN: 15-20-277-026
Commonly known as: 1811 Cardinal Court, Pontiac, IL 61764.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family 1-story residence; includes 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, plus partial basement and 2-car attached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: January 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

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DONALD R. McCLAREY,
Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

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

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

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B. The common address of the real estate is 9 Meadowview Drive, Saunemin, IL 61769.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: Lots 3 and 4 in Spafford’s Second Addition to the Village of Saunemin, Livingston County, Illinois, as per Plat recorded May 25, 1972 in Plat Book 9 at page 73 as Document Number 346330 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Livingston County, Illinois.
PIN: 17-22-130-009
Commonly known as: 9 Meadowview Drive, Saunemin, IL 61769.

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GSW Holds Public Hearing On 2018 Levy; \$25 Parent/Teacher Conference Fee Dropped

At the public hearing held December 19 by the Gardner - South Wilmington High School Board, no member of the public was present when Mr. Perrott reviewed the Levy request with the board members.

Mr. Perrott stated, “A request for an increase doesn’t mean that the district will automatically receive the levy increase. The request is made to cover potential increases in EAV that are not yet documented by the Grundy County Assessor.”

Mr. Engelman presented his report at the regular meeting on the following:

- On December 19 an Ugly Sweater Day was held, with two winners: one staff member and one student. They each received a Subway certificate and several Casey’s certificates as prizes.
- In PBIS matrix,

“Respect,” for October and November, sixty-four students were nominated by teachers.

- Several awards were given out for December’s Step-It-Up.
- GSW had seven Illinois State Scholars, the most GSW has ever had, and everyone is very proud of the students as this is a great achievement.
- The First Safety Committee meeting was held December 11. Several great ideas were discussed, and one idea will be pursued to tighten safety in the building. The administration is going to meet with Union Reps to make it work. The next meeting is January 23.
- Mr. Engelman attended a Student Assessment Conference December 18 in Paxton.

Mr. Perrott recommended there be no changes made in

FY2020 student fees, but he would like discussion on dropping the Parent/Teacher Conference fee of \$25. The board reviewed the Fees Form that GSW uses, and all approved dropping the P/T Conference fee.

The administration met with Union Leadership to review the SB7 “Categories for the purpose of Reduction in Force” list. There are no anticipated reductions in teaching staff/RIF this year.

The Gardner Area Band will perform in the Annual Christmas Parade in Nashville – a 3-day trip (December 6, 7 and 8). The Band Boosters are planning fund-raising opportunities, as the cost will be approximately \$500 per student, and they are hopeful of raising at least half of the cost per student.

Mr. Perrott reported there has been a heating

Tom Bennett Reports . . .

Illinois’ 106th District Representative

Route 66 Centennial Commission is among new laws now in effect. Historic Route 66 will mark its 100th anniversary in 2026, and Illinois will be prepared to participate in the celebration due to the creation of the Illinois Route 66 Centennial Commission.

The Commission was created by House Bill 66, which became law on January 1. The historic “Mother Road” is an important tourism resource for Illinois and for the 106th District, as it winds through Livingston County. The new 20 member commission will be responsible for coordinating planning of centennial celebration events along the Illinois portion of the highway’s route from Chicago to St. Louis.

In all, 253 new laws went into effect January 1. I have told you about some of them previously. Here are a few more. Under Senate Bill 2838, high school students will have more opportunities to take dual-credit classes at local community colleges. At the same time, the new law helps community colleges by requiring that they be offered the chance to enter into a new dual-credit partnership with area high schools before an offer can be made to an out-of-state school.

Back in session. The General Assembly is back in session in Springfield. Monday and Tuesday the members of the outgoing 100th General Assembly met to wrap up any unfinished business. At noon January 9 the new 101st General Assembly will be sworn in to start its two-year term. There will also be a brief Thursday session to start organizing the House for the upcoming spring session. (Governor Pritzker will be inaugurated January 14.)

Continuing work on flood prevention. I met with the Iroquois River Conservancy District in Indiana to continue the conversation around the huge watershed that covers Iroquois, Kankakee, and Will Counties. and several counties in Indiana. This is a huge watershed that extends into both states. Flooding rarely affects just one community, it often strikes a very wide area. When it is river flooding it can extend for many miles as the high water works its way down the river. We need to look at the bigger picture when trying to address flooding issues. I am glad to have so much cooperation from local and state governments on both sides of the state line as we tackle a challenge that affects us all.

January 4 was the birthday of Illinois’ U.S. Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, a World War I veteran who rose to be the Senate Republican Leader during the 1960s. Dirksen was a key player in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, saying, “Stronger than all armies is an idea whose time has come.” He is also remembered for a quip about the federal budget: “A billion here and a billion there, and pretty soon you’re talking about real money!” Senator Dirksen died in 1969.

St. Peter’s Church Delivers 90 Christmas Day Dinners

On December 25, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Dwight, held their annual free Christmas Day Dinner program, in which an all-time high of 90 carry-out dinners were delivered.

Each dinner contained turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, a dinner roll, and a piece of pie.

Approximately 30 volunteers from the Dwight area gathered at 8:30 a.m. to start preparations for the noon deliveries. It takes all these helpers to set up, prepare, serve, deliver, and clean up when completed.

St. Peter’s extended a “thank you” to everyone

who had a part in this annual project. The monetary donations helped purchase items that were not donated by members of St. Peter’s.

Another “thank you” went to Lake Shore Communications for donating ten turkeys. Also, to the four local financial institutions (Midland States Bank, Dwight Bank, People’s Bank, and Streator Onized Credit Union), who all donated money towards the purchase of additional turkeys. It also took many volunteers the preceding week to cook these turkeys and prepare the birds for serving.

Five File for Three Seats as Dwight Trustees

Five have filed petitions for three four-year terms on the Dwight Village Council. They are: Gloria Piccioli, Charles Butterbrodt, Randall Irvin, Bernie Baldauf, and

Marla Kinkade.

Terms are expiring for Council members Irvin, Kinkade and James Mixen.

The election is April 2, 2019.

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Unit 122 Community Fund of Sullivan Twp. Receives \$3,840 in Donations

The 2018 Unit 122 Community Fund of Sullivan Township, a project sponsored by Skinner Trost Auxiliary Unit 122 – a 501c3 charitable organization, has received donations totaling \$3,840.00.

The organizations benefiting from these donations are: Livingston County Heart Fund, American Red Cross Blood Bank, Livingston County Cancer Fund,

IHR, American Red Cross, The Salvation Army – Pontiac, MS, Cullom Senior Citizens, SHOW Bus, Cullom Food Pantry, Cullom Historical Society, and Cullom Beckman Memorial Library.

Fund chairmen Meri Knapp and Marsha Haag extended their thanks to everyone for their generosity.

DID YOU KNOW?

BRIEF BREAKS DURING THE WORK DAY can dramatically improve one’s ability to focus on a task. A 2011 study published in the journal Cognition found that brief mental breaks can improve focus on a prolonged task. The study’s authors tested participants’ ability to focus on a repetitive computerized task for 50 minutes under various conditions. The control group performed the task without breaks or diversions. The switch group and non-switch group memorized four digits before performing the task and were directed to respond if they saw one of the digits on the screen while performing the task. The switch group was the only group to be presented with the digits twice during the experiment, and both groups were tested on

their memory of the digits at the end of the task. Most participants’ performance declined considerably over the course of the 50-minute task. However, the performance of those in the switch group did not decline at all, as the two brief breaks to respond to the digits allowed them to maintain their focus throughout the experiment. The researchers behind the study concluded that the switch group’s performance was steady because the brain is built to detect and respond to change, and its performance will actually suffer if it must maintain prolonged attention on a single task without taking a break. Professionals with a lot on their plates may see their performance improve by taking frequent mental breaks throughout the workday.

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Sincerely,
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OBITUARIES

Patricia M. Havel

DWIGHT — Patricia M. Havel, 78, of Dwight and formerly of Wheaton, passed away Monday, December 31, 2018 in Morris.



According to Patricia's wishes cremation rites were accorded.

Patricia was born December 17, 1940 in Chicago, a daughter of Robert Warren and Marie Burtscher Richardson. She married Charles W. Havel Jr. October 10, 1964 in Wheaton. He passed away December 5, 2016.

Surviving are daughters: Ann-Marie Hundley of Verona; Lisa Marie Havel of Commercial Point, Ohio; son, Peter (Audi) Havel of Minooka; brother, Robert (Patricia) Richardson of St. Charles; sister, Janet (Daniel) Crommett of Texas; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She helped Charles as they owned and operated a service station in Villa Park for many years. She was a member of the United States Power Squadron. She enjoyed boating, spending time with her family, and attending her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's events.

She will be dearly missed by all those she leaves behind.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 8, in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, by Father David Richardson.

Burial followed in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

Memorials in her name may be left to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

The guestbook may be signed at www.hagermemorial.com

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

Alveta E. Riber

DWIGHT — Alveta E. "Allie" Riber, 94, of Dwight passed away Monday, December 31, 2018 at Heritage Health in Dwight surrounded by her family.



Allie was born September 26, 1924 in Dwight, a daughter of Harold and Florence Ralph Rhode. She married Elmer Larson Riber April 19, 1952 in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight. He passed away December 10, 1986.

She is survived by her children: Paul (Patsy) Riber and Mark (Jane) Riber, both of Dwight; David (Luanne) Riber of Peoria; daughter-in-law, Lill Riber of Jacksonville, Florida; sibling, Margaret (Jewel) Carlson of Dwight; grandchildren: Seth, Emily, McKenna,

Amy, Erin, Jeff, Blake, Devon, Krista, Chase, Logan, and Bennett; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Jeff Riber; sister, Bernadine Burns; and brothers, Floyd Rhode and Robert Rhode.

Her funeral service was at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 5, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

Burial: Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Visitation was held from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Memorials in honor of Allie may be made to the Bill Rice Ranch or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be left at www.hagermemorial.com

Daryl L. Crater

SOUTH WILMINGTON — Daryl L. Crater, 55, of South Wilmington, passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer Monday, December 31, 2018 at Morris Hospital.



He was born September 3, 1963 in Morris.

Daryl retired from the Laborers Union, Local #75, in Crest Hill. He was a member of the Fireman's Beach Club in South Wilmington and the South Wilmington Sportsman's Club in Essex. Daryl loved fishing, hunting, kayaking, and was a skilled chef, especially when it came to grilling.

He was also an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Surviving are his daughter, Samantha (fiance, Brandon Jordanov) Crater of Morris; mother, Viola Domagala Crater of South Wilmington; brother, Donald Crater, Jr. of South

Wilmington, and his children, Chad (Betsy Elberts) Crater and Carissa (Kyle Miller) Crater; brother, Robert (Cheryl) Crater of South Wilmington, and their children, Christina (Jason) Ashburn and Benjamin (Megan) Crater; three great-nephews, Hunter and Peyton Welsh and Brayden Crater; and his lifelong best friend, Ray Sinkular.

Preceding him in death was his father, Donald Dale Crater, Sr. in 2009.

Per Daryl's wishes, cremation rites were accorded and there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to the family to be dispersed to his favorite charities.

To sign his online guestbook, log on to www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook.

Jack Kutches

MORRIS — Jack Kutches, 89, of Morris passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Morris Hospital.

John Thomas was born July 20, 1929 in Streator, son of John and Susan Brezny Kutches. He was raised in Streator.

On September 6, 1950, Jack married Marianne Coughlin. He served honorably in the US Army, with the Third Infantry Division during the Korean War (1951-52).

Jack and Marianne moved to Morris in 1955. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. He was known for his love of sports.

Survivors include his five children; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as his special friend of many years, Helen Baker of Verona.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marianne; and six siblings.

It was Jack's wish that his body be donated for scientific study.

A memorial visitation and celebration of Jack's life was held from 4 until 8 p.m., January 4, at Reeves Funeral Home, Morris.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Ed Howe, CR Saturday in Immaculate Conception Church, Morris. Military honors were conducted by the Morris Color Guard at the end of Mass.

Jack will be inurned in Mt. Carmel Cemetery at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made in Jack's memory to I CARE International, 880 Bedford Rd., Morris, 60450, or to Immaculate Conception School Endowment Fund, 505 E. North St., Morris.

The guestbook may be signed, photographs uploaded, or Jack's memorial page shared at: www.ReevesFuneral.com/notices/Jack-Kutches

Lois Donegan

CUSTER PARK — Lois Marie Donegan, 93, of Custer Park passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville.

Lois was born January 5, 1925 in Dunlap, Iowa, daughter of Carl and Jennie Kessler Fischer. She was previously a member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church in Essex.

She enjoyed gardening, but most of all loved spending time with her family.

Surviving are her daughter, Debra (Bruce) Nier of Plainfield; three grandchildren: Devin (Teresa) Nier,

Sean Donegan and Billy (Jenny) Donegan; two great-grandchildren: Cody Nier and Kaylee Donegan; daughter-in-law, Joyce Donegan; and nephew, Dave (Cheryl) Donars.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Lester Donegan; and two sons, William and Marty Donegan.

Per her wishes, cremation rites were accorded and there will be no services.

To sign her online guestbook, log on to www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook.

John E. Erickson

PONTIAC — John E. Erickson, 66, of Pontiac passed away Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 2:18 p.m. at his home.



John was born February 22, 1952 in Pontiac, son of Arthur and Rita Pellouchoud Erickson.

He is survived by his siblings: Gerald (Rose Mary) Erickson and Benjamin (LeeAnn) Erickson, both of Pontiac; Diane (Jim) Schott of Venice, Florida; Linda (Maynard) Erickson of Sarasota, Florida; Mary Jo (Terry) Norgaard of Emington; Michael (Kathy) Erickson and Dan (Lori) Erickson, both of Pontiac; and his twin, Jim (Sandy) Erickson of Odell; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Judith Roberts.

John was a graduate of Odell Community High School, class of 1971. He was a longtime employee of

Morton Printing Company and later for RR Donnelley.

He was an active member of the Central States Thresherman's Reunion and served on its Board of Directors.

John was a devoted son, uncle, and brother, who was always willing to help someone who needed it.

His funeral service was held Tuesday, January 8, at 11 a.m. at Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac.

Burial: Rowe Cemetery, Rowe.

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

Memorials may be made to the Central States Thresherman's Reunion, P.O. Box 293, Pontiac, IL 61764.

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



Filming

Over this past week I was able to add something interesting to the resume. I can now say that I was an extra in a Netflix original show. Over the past few years Netflix has really dug deep into developing their own material, and have joined the likes of the major networks such as Fox, CBS, NBC, and ABC in that regard.

They spend millions and millions of dollars each year in developing their own content. This was another one in that line of developing their own content. This show is called Rhythm and Flow, which is a spinoff of shows like The Voice and American Idol, but this one is aimed primarily at hip-hop artists as opposed to the traditional singing format.

It was really interesting to see how all the camera crews operated, and how a few times they would remind us that we were indeed filming a TV show, although it felt that we were at a concert and there would be times when they would tell roughly 150 people to lower their volume so they could record audio or video better dependent upon what the given shot was for.

When each of the judges came out, which were Chance The Rapper, Twista, and Royce Da 5'9, there would be a time for the video where they would come out. Then there would be a second shot, but this time it would just be the audio, so we would have to recreate the noise that was used when they actually came out to judge.

The judging seemed authentic, and not scripted, although there were points in between where someone from the show would talk to the judges, but I think it was more to work on the delivery of the reviews of the artists, and not scripting what to actually say about each of the performances. It seemed authentic and genuine.

There was a lot of standing around throughout the day, which was a downside, but as a whole the experience was a lot of fun, and I can now say that I was an extra in a Netflix TV show.

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PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK OF KEWANEE, an Illinois Association, Successor in Interest to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DWIGHT, a National Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.
JENNIFER M. ANDERSON, STEVEN K. TAKACS, CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING, LLC., a Delaware Corporation, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, a Delaware Banking Corporation, d/b/a Christiana Trust, as owner trustee for WF 19 Grantor Trust, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.
2018CH72

NOTICE

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

Lots 3 and 4 in Block 19 in Blackstone, Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 03-07-180-002

Commonly known as: 31588 N. 1239 E. Rd., Blackstone, IL 61313.

The title holders of record to the above described real estate are JENNIFER M. ANDERSON and STEVEN K. TAKACS. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on December 28, 2006 and recorded on January 26, 2007 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 577021. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK OF KEWANEE, an Illinois Association, Successor in Interest to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DWIGHT, a National Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-72 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before February 8, 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.

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

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

To everyone who has supported us following the death of our Father/Grandfather Arthur P. Donnelly Sr., we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation.
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Public Notice is hereby given that on December 13, 2018, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as The Tractor Shop, LLC, located at 26958 N. 2800 East Road, Dwight, Illinois.
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(Baja 1000, continued from Page 1)

Awestruck, it put the wheels in motion for the 2018 race, this time in a custom-built Can-Am X3. Werth had never built a car from the ground up, but he, Meredith and other builders set off to construct a two-seater with the very best components, one that was tough and durable for the terrain ahead. It took 12 hours a day, two to three days a week, for 12 months, costing more than \$100,000. They named it “1899.”

“What you don’t realize is every little bolt and part takes hours to make,” Werth said. “... It’s an overwhelming amount of time and detail.”

They had no idea how much that would pay off.

This year’s 51st annual race was held in November, an 806-mile loop from Ensenada, east to the Sea of Cortez, down the peninsula and back up the west coast. Some racers will drive the entire course themselves, but Dusty Cactus had three sets of drivers and co-drivers: Werth with Bill Langston, of Las Vegas, who drove first; Hans Leunger, of Cincinnati, and Jason Meckler, of Las Vegas, who drove the second leg; and Brandon Meredith and Bradley Bynum, of Las Vegas, which took Dusty Cactus to the finish line.

“We wanted to have a fresh set of people driving the car,” Werth said, each driving for about 280 miles, or 10 to 11 hours. Driving the distance solo can lead to fatigue, which can lead to time-sensitive -- and sometimes fatal -- mistakes.

“It’s incredibly danger-

ous,” Werth said.

“We went down knowing full well [the UTV] could come back in a dump truck.”

Werth said many drivers think speed will give them the advantage. But oftentimes they get stuck, they crash, high speeds tax the engine or they break down. But slow and steady proved to win the race.

It began as Werth watched many cars pass them by, but in time Dusty Cactus would be the one passing cars as their careful, deliberate tactics paid off with time gaining on their side, even through the impossible.

With two-way radio, GPS and off-road navigation, they lumbered over jagged rocks, flashed through a forest fire that licked at the vehicle, and trudged through 200 miles of “whoops” -- waves of sand 2 to 6 feet tall and 12 feet apart.

At marker 570 they changed the seat, the steering wheel and the driver -- Meredith would take the final miles. But shortly after he got in the car the drive shaft sheared off, leaving him with only two-wheel drive. Ahead was a 1,000-foot silt hill that driver after driver struggled to climb.

Meredith was able to climb the hill on two wheels, with the closest driver 35 minutes behind, trying to play catch-up. Werth gave him just one piece of advice: Only 180 miles to go. Just keep the car going.

Dusty Cactus finished in 28 hours, 22 minutes and 17 seconds, 105th overall among 285 cars and 40 classes. And aside from that drive shaft, the 1899 came home totally raceable.

They brought back a tro-



TEAM DUSTY CACTUS ON THE RUN in the 806-mile race around the Baja Peninsula. Three drivers split the distance in this Can-Am X3, custom-made by Kris Werth and Brandon Meredith, both of Reddick.

phy and plaques, a checkered flag and a bottle of tequila, but not much of a purse when you factored in the entry fee. In the end, they lost \$16.23.

But that didn’t matter. It was more like winning an Olympic gold medal. The amount of credibility and respect one gets from finishing, let alone winning, the Baja 1000 is worth more than gold.

“It never has been about the money,” Werth said.

There were many who sponsored the team including Dockside Marina, of Wilmington, where the car is on display for another week. Then it’s back to the shop for some upgrades, including spikes on the wheels. Werth plans on doing the Iceman 500 in Balsam Lake next month, trading sand and desert for Wisconsin’s snow and ice.



KRIS WERTH, RIGHT, OF REDDICK, gets ready to start the Baja 1000 with co-driver Bill Langston, of Las Vegas.

(Resolutions, continued from Page 1)

Gramling never thought she’d be in the fitness industry but when her mom, the late Judy Boudreau, was diagnosed with brain cancer Mary played an important role in her physical therapy. That’s when she decided to open a fitness center. “I love helping people,” she said.

Faith, family and fitness is their motto, but faith is only a component to help clients realize their hopes and dreams are possible. Gramling Fitness’ logo is a kettle bell with 4:13 in the middle. It stands for Philippians 4:13 -- "I can do All things through Him who gives me strength."

That gives her strength to help people get their lives back again.

Her methods are working. Many clients have gone off medicine. One woman lost 100 pounds. Another built up strength and endurance before her knee replacement and was back in the gym three weeks after surgery.

So why is it so hard for people to stick to their new year’s resolution of reaching their goals to lose weight? Here’s what Gramling has to say.

IT TAKES TIME. The first week is going to suck. And so is the second week. But it WILL get easier with time. Your body needs time to adjust to the 180 you just threw it, and your psyche needs time to come to the realization that you aren’t going to drop 20 pounds in two weeks. Most experts say that 2 to 3 pounds a week is a safe spot. Your mind also needs to get used to the new routine and not dread it. “The whole point is for you to feel comfortable. I want them to love it and like it and want it, and we’re going to be there for you,” Gramling said.

LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY. At Gramling Fitness, Gramling holds people

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accountable, and so do the members. The family atmosphere creates a supportive environment that most need.

“People check on each other. We are family,” she said.

YOUR CRUMMY MINDSET. I’m tired of feeling tired, but I don’t want to do anything about it. I’m not comfortable in the gym. I’m not strong enough. Everyone will look at me because I can’t get off the floor.

That’s fine, so Gramling isn’t the type to push a lengthy membership on anyone. “Just do a drop-in class and see how you like it,” she says. Most times, that’s all it takes to start feeling motivated Those who roller-coaster need additional support. She starts by telling them not to worry about losing weight. “Let’s focus on getting them back into [an exercise] schedule.”

She never pushes a full membership on them. You don’t have to pay for a full month. Just do a drop-in class and see how you like it. Most times, people will feel better after the first time and go back. For those who struggle, she starts by telling people not to worry about losing weight. Focus more on getting them back into an exercise schedule.

CONSTANTLY TALKING DOWN TO YOURSELF. We are our worst critic. But: You. Can. Do. It. All those negative thoughts that run through our heads only end up affecting our feelings and our behavior. Instead of calling yourself a failure because you ate too much ice cream, remind yourself that it’s a journey and you’re going to have setbacks -- and it’s OK. Do something to counteract that thought, like going

on a walk after you ate that half tub of Moose Tracks, or hide the ice cream in the back of the freezer and pick up a couple of soup cans and work in some curls during TV commercials. Surround yourself with positive people and ditch those who bring you down. (Weed out those whiny, negative Facebook friends, too.) Make an effort every day to be nice to yourself.

REFUSING TO ACCEPT THAT YOU WILL HAVE UPS AND DOWNS. Almost everyone hits a plateaux in their weight loss journey. “We push through those,” Gramling said. It’s not easy, and, yes, you’ll have to work harder, but pushing through creates confidence, and challenges your body. This is especially important for the non-starters. It’s also good for those who don’t move away from their daily exercise routine or don’t know how to. These are the people who need that support system the most.

YOU DON’T SAY ‘THANK YOU.’ Gramling compliments often. “Wow! Your tank top looks bigger,” she might say. The response? A shoulder shrug. Rejoice in small accomplishments and relish those who notice with a smile and “thank you.”

YOU DON’T CELEBRATE FAILURE. There will come a time when you simply can’t do one more push up. That’s OK, Gramling said. It’s not laziness. It means you’ve worked your muscles as far as they can go, and it will soon pay off.

YOU COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS. Simply put, this is self-sabotage. “In this world today we compare ourselves to everyone else,” Gramling said. And it happens a lot in the gym. Accept the fact

that everyone’s bodies are different. Taller people will weigh more. A size 12 might be the perfect weight for one woman, whereas a 6 fits another woman’s body just fine. You may have gained a few pounds because you gained muscle, which weighs more than fat, while the lady next to you dropped three pounds this week. Stay focused on your goals. That’s why Gramling takes a before photo of every person, to show them how far they’ve come when the going gets tough.

YOU THINK DIETING WILL HELP YOU LOSE WEIGHT. On the contrary. Please ... EAT! What Gramling sees most is people not eating enough or eating the wrong things. Consuming several small meals throughout the day will level out your blood sugar so you aren’t ravenous when you walk through the door after work. It’s also important to have a protein-rich snack after a workout to replace lost fuel.

She said it’s most important to eat within the first hour of waking up, then eat two to three more times with a snack in between. And instead of thinking of breakfast, lunch and dinner, think of it as meal one, two and three. That way, if you don’t like breakfast foods like eggs, you can get just as much nutrition - and joy - out of eating a low-carb turkey sandwich, for instance.

YOU’RE OBSESSED WITH THE SCALE. Get off it. It’s self destructive. Stop focusing on a number and instead how your body feels, how you’ve changed from that before picture, how your pants are looser, how you’ve dropped a dress size, how you can walk up the stairs without gasping for air, or how you can finally ditch your blood pressure medicine.

YOU’RE STILL ON THE COUCH READING THIS ARTICLE. Just do it. “The first step is always the hardest,” Gramling said.

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THE DWIGHT TROJAN WRESTLING TEAM traveled to Fairbury January 5 to compete in the Prairie Central Hawk Invite – taking home a third place trophy. Although the team placed well in the tournament, and there were some outstanding individual performances, the Dwight coaches and wrestlers both identified opportunities to continue improving as the season progresses towards the IHSA regionals next month. The Trojans had six wrestlers place in the tournament, led by junior Cade Enerson's dominating performance – finishing first with a 5-0 record and pinning all five opponents. Senior Cameron Klingler, freshman Dillon Sarff, and junior Daniel Gutierrez each earned second place finishes, with Malaki Slaughter and junior Logan Hatfield placing third and fourth, respectively. Pictured, front row, from left, are Sarff, Emmett Emmons, Gabe Potter, Kyle Spalliero; back row, Slaughter, Gutierrez, Klingler, Enerson, Samuel Edwards, Wilton Jackman, Will Bergstrom, and Hatfield.

GSW Staves Off Tri-Point in Cullom

Friday, January 4
GSW vs. Tri-Point
Varsity -

After a great start to begin the game, the GSW Panthers found themselves in a battle with a tough Tri-Point team on the road January 4 – but did just enough to pull off a 66-65 win.

The Panthers started the contest on a 19-2 run, but after the Chargers outscored them in the second quarter – it would be 33-30 T-P at the half.

The Chargers would

build on that lead in the third, entering the final frame with a 52-46 advantage.

It was then, however, that GSW woke up and showed – coming from behind and capturing its 11th victory of the season.

Nathan Wozniak led all scorers with 22 points to go with four steals, three rebounds, and two assists. Chris Bexson added 16 points, eight boards, three assists, and three steals, while Nate Wise provided 13 points, eight rebounds,

one assist, and a steal. Michael Ashley contributed seven points and four boards, with Joey Morales (2 rebounds, 1 steal) and Dylan Hill (2 rebounds, 1 assist) adding four and three points, respectively.

For Tri-Point, Chace Cathcart led with 21 points, followed by 17 from Brian Curling. Conor Cardenas chipped in with 16, while Tyler Platz and Hayden Lane had seven and four points, respectively.

The Panthers topped Tri-Point 24-19 in the JV game.



Victory Lanes, Dwight League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Brandon Petry, 265.
HSS: Kevin Oelschlager, Sr., 692. HHG: Collin Joyce, 297. HHS: Kevin Oelschlager, Sr., 716. HSG: Victory Lanes, 937. HSS: Victory Lanes, 2756. HHG: Jeremy's Barber, 978. HHS: Jeremy's Barber, 2822.

League Standings	W	L
Jeremy's Barber	9	3
Cherry RR	8	4
Victory Lanes	7	5
Willy's Pub	7	5
Rury's Tap	7	5
Star Trucking	6	6
KWM Gutterman	5	7
DeLong Ford	5	7
Jensen's I	3	9
Jensen's BP II	3	9

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: Jeff Behning, Jr., 267 – Sheri Colebank, 189. HSS: Jeff Behning, Jr., 659 – Carrie Smith, 515. HHG: Jeff Behning, Jr., 267 – Kim Robertson, 251. HHS: Larry Woodcock, 685 – Carrie Smith, 689. HSG/HHG: Mike's, 994. HSS/HHS: Mike's, 2855.

League Standings	W	L
Mike's	25	7
Coleman/Sons	22	10
Victory Lanes	21	11
Dwight Printing	19	13
Willy's Pub	18	14
A&S Exteriors	18	14
Pinkie's Out	17	15
You Can't Hang	14	18
DQueens	14	18
Aly Anne's	13	19
MMS Ent.	6	26



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 3
Dwight vs. Momence
Varsity -

The Dwight Lady Trojans were defeated by SVC foes, Momence, 39-33, in basketball action January 3 on the road.

Cold shooting in the fourth quarter was the difference in the game, as Dwight

was outscored 16-2.

Mel Stewart led the way for Dwight with 22 points, 14 rebounds, and five steals. Kayla Kodat added seven points, while Butterbrodt and Carlson each put in two points.

The Lady Trojans fall to 8-9 overall and 1-2 in the conference.

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Taylor takes Week 17 in Paper Bowl

Winner of Paper Bowl XVIII week 17 is Dana Taylor of Dwight. Dana is a three time winner, also taking home a gift certificate in both week 7 and week 10.

Four players tied at the top spot with 12 correct, but Dana came closest to the total points tie-breaker. Congratulations!

This week we will move into the second round of playoffs so be sure to check out the questions in the Paper Bowl ad and turn in your selections. Good luck to everyone.

**DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL**

**Friday, January 4
Dwight vs. Central
Varsity -**

The Trojans had a 23-22 lead over Clifton on the road January 4, but would get shut out in the third quarter—ultimately resulting in a 43-30 loss.

Dane Rodosky led Dwight with seven points,

including one three. Cal Schultz connected on two three-pointers, while Dakota Wahl added four points. Logan Graham, Brandon Ceylor, and Colton Holm each made a trey, with Bryson Connor and Lane Thompson adding two points each.

Paper Bowl XVIII

Sponsor Challenge Results Week 17

SOCU (9-5) over Ace (default)
PNB - Kewanee (11-3) over DQ (10-4)
Aly Anne's (default) over McDonalds (default)
Dwight Country Club (default) over Victory Lanes (default)
LPL Steve Tock (12-2) over Bank of Pontiac (10-4)
Danko's State Farm (default) over Jensen's BP (default)
Old World Liquor (default) over Berkot's (default)

****Coin toss determines winner if both teams default**

Congratulations to Dairy Queen and PNB-Kewanee for winning their divisions. They will take on Victory Lanes and Danko State Farm in the playoffs.



Odell and Saunemin Go Head-to-Head to Help Raise Funds for Special Olympics

On Thursday, January 10, the Odell Rams and RamGals will take on the Saunemin Eagles and Lady Eagles in both volleyball and boys basketball.

In between games, both the eighth grade boys basketball teams will play against the PTHS Unified Special Olympics Team.

This special night is being held to raise money for the Unified Special Olympics Team.

There will also be raffle items, a 50/50, and a bake sale.

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How To Properly Pack a Car Emergency Kit

After home and work, the next most common place people spend their time is in their vehicles. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety says the average American spends 17,600 minutes driving each year. Statistics Canada indicates that most of the Canadian population averages 1.2 hours per day behind the wheel.

Because they spend so much time behind the wheel, drivers need to be prepared for breakdowns. Packing an emergency kit in the car can help people make the best of such situations.

A car emergency kit can help drivers get back on the road promptly. Without such kits, drivers may be stranded for hours after a breakdown.

Emergency kits also come in handy during weather-related events that can sideline cars until roads become passable. Getting caught in a vehicle during a snowstorm and failing to have the proper gear can be a life-threatening scenario under extreme conditions.

It is always wise to plan for the worst and hope for the best. The Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Homeland Security note that these key items should always be included in a car emergency kit.

- durable bags or crates to store supplies
- complete first aid kit
- small fire extinguisher
- jumper cables
- rain ponchos



- plastic tarp
 - flashlights and extra batteries
 - bottled water
 - small cache of nonperishable foods
 - wrench and pliers
 - local maps
 - rags
 - duct tape
 - multipurpose tool
- ice scraper
 - automotive fluids
 - blankets/warm clothing
 - cat litter for slick roads
 - tire-changing equipment
 - spare tire
 - road flares or caution reflectors
 - empty, refillable gas canister
- cash for gas
 - phone charger cable

Being prepared can make a difference when vehicles are sidelined.

In addition to an emergency kit, cars and trucks should be regularly maintained to prevent breakdowns. This includes ensuring
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- Drive slowly. Slow down on winter roads. Allow a greater distance for stopping than for dry conditions. Slippery conditions can make it more challenging to stop, and excessive speeds can make the situation worse.
- Shift into low gear. On hills, rely on low gears to maximize traction to travel up and down hills. This can minimize skids or sliding.
- Get the vehicle a tuneup. In addition to tires, be sure the braking system, battery and other major components of the vehicle are in good working order.
- Replace windshield wipers. Reduced visibility can compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers. Replace windshield wiper blades before winter arrives. Consider purchasing winter-rated windshield blades.
- Know how to recover from a skid. When skids occur on black ice or slush, drivers should take their feet off of the pedals and steer gently in the direction they want to go. As the vehicle regains traction, only then should the brakes or accelerator be applied.

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SAUNEMIN EAGLES BASKETBALL

Wednesday, January 2
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7th Grade -
Vermilion Conference
Tournament

Saunemin's seventh grade Eagles knocked off Grand Ridge in the opening round of the Vermilion Conference Tournament in Cornell, 34-23.

Isaiah Barera scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Eagles. James Durham tossed in nine, with Timmy Logan hitting for three. Noah Maloney added two points.


Thursday, January 3
Saunemin vs. Grand Ridge
8th Grade -
Vermilion Conference

Tournament

The Eagles' eighth graders moved on in Vermilion Conference Tournament play at Cornell January 3, following a 36-18 win over Grand Ridge.

Saunemin took a 19-11 lead into the half, before the Mohawks closed to 23-16 after three. The Eagles would go on a 13-2 run in the fourth to close the game out.

Tyson Cramer and Austin Burkhardt reached double figures with 12 and ten points, respectively. Timmy Logan added six, with Preston Jama scoring four. Hayden White and Isaiah Barera each had two points.



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Friday, January 4
Seneca vs. Putnam County Varsity -


Though the Fighting Irish were short-handed against Putnam County January 4, they managed to pull together and pull out a 62-40 victory.

Seneca's big men found themselves in foul trouble all night and played very little, but their teammates came up big in the win.

Nate Ambrust led the now 9-6 Irish with 14 points,

including two threes. Owen Burnett had 11 points. Connor Greve and Brody Baudino added eight and seven points, respectively, while Riley Punke put in six. Cruz Pena and Cody Corey each made a three-pointer, followed by two points each from Creighton O'Boyle, Sam Grushkin, Ben Krause, Trey Thorsen, and Tommy Cahill.

Seneca's JV was upset 42-41, falling to 8-5 overall.



Ryan Beier of Dwight held a six-team round robin dodgeball tournament December 22 to raise funds for the Dwight Ministerial Association. The event was held in St. Patrick Parish Hall, Dwight, raising \$225. Winning the tournament are, from left, Alex Pampinella, Luke Spatford, Zach Lee, Trimi Asllani, Nick Pampinella and Michael Doran.

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Winter can be an unforgiving season. Freezing temperatures coupled with snow and ice can take its toll on people who live in climates where cold weather is a fact of winter life.

While winter can test people's patience, it also can be harsh on cars and trucks. Understanding what components of a vehicle can be compromised by dropping temperatures and snowy roads can help drivers take action to safeguard their automotive investments.

While the Canadian Automobile Association notes that winter can wreak havoc on just about every part of a vehicle, there are some parts that seem to bear the brunt of Old Man Winter's abuse. Properly servicing and caring for a car or truck can help.

Drivers should take their vehicles for a tuneup and inspection before wintry weather arrives. A mechanic will examine the car battery and check antifreeze levels and make sure that the thermostat, defroster, brakes, and even wiper blades are working effectively. Have the tires inspected for adequate tread, which can make navigating roads safer. If the treads are worn, replace the tires.

In addition to visiting their mechanics, drivers can perform some inspections and fixes themselves.

- Check that all of the vehicle's lights are operational so your car can be easily seen during inclement weather. Exchange your existing windshield washer fluid with one that will not freeze in cold conditions. Check the nozzles on the windshield-washer system routinely and clear out any blockages of ice or debris. While addressing windshield washer fluid, also replace worn out windshield wiper blades with ones that can withstand snow and icy weather.
- A new coating of wax can serve as a shield against road salt, snow, sleet, and rain. Try a polymer wax to protect the paint. Whenever possible, rinse off salt and grime so it does not dry on the car and gradually wear away at the paint. Some drivers mistakenly believe that salt stops being a problem once it dries simply because moisture is the active ingredient for a corrosive reaction. But humidity in the air is enough to keep the salt eating away at the car's paint, and that can contribute to rust. Be sure to rinse off the undercarriage of the vehicle as well.
- Have your tires' alignment checked toward the end of winter or early spring. A season of traveling over pothole-ridden roads or hitting curbs buried under snow drifts can affect the alignment. Get everything back on track. Similarly, inspect tires routinely, as weather changes can affect tire pressure and strength.
- Use a soft snow brush or a foam brush to clear snow off of the car. Avoid hard plastic scrapers you might use on your windshield, as they can scratch painted surfaces.
- Try to park the vehicle in a garage or under a car port, each of which can protect cars and trucks from the often harsh elements of winter.



SCRAPERS SHOULD ONLY BE USED on windows and not on the body of the car.

Safely Avoid Winter Hazards

Winter can be a beautiful time of year, but is also a time fraught with potential peril. The same winter weather that makes landscapes so pristine can make roads and walkways — and even being outside — dangerous. Here are some common winter activities and how to avoid getting hurt when engaging in them.

SNOW REMOVAL: Shoveling or removing snow by various methods can be strenuous work, taking even those who feel they are in good shape by surprise. Lower back injuries, falls, injuries to the arms and hands and cardiac-related injuries account for many of the incidents sustained while removing snow. Plows and bobcat-type devices can cause serious injury. Exercise caution when operating such machines.

ROOF SNOW REMOVAL: Always use the appropriate equipment, which includes telescoping poles, rather than climbing on slippery roofs. This may be a job best left for a professional, who will have fall-arrest systems and nonslip safety boots.

DRESSING FOR CONDITIONS: The Mayo Clinic says hypothermia is a medical emergency that occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, causing a dangerously low body temperature. Wear appropriate clothing to prevent hypothermia, which may not produce any initial symptoms. If shivering stops or confusion or slurred speech set in, severe hypothermia is in effect and a person should be moved indoors and gently warmed. Mild hypothermia is also possible indoors, typically when the elderly spend several hours in poorly

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Alpha Beta Chapter and Beta Chapter of Illinois (Lambda State)

Alpha Beta Chapter and Beta Chapter of Illinois (Lambda State), of DKG Society International, recently were awarded \$1,000. The stipend, whose application was submitted by Alpha Beta member Louann Harms (Fairbury) and Beta member Suzy Perkins (Bloomington), will fund Backpacks and Books for Mom and Me Camp.

This project will provide backpacks full of school supplies and books for 50 children who will be participants in the Mom and Me Camp (summer 2019). This camp is for children whose moms are in prison, and it allows them time to visit their moms and also have a camp experience. These backpacks will enhance and support these children and caregivers in having a positive start to their school year even though their moms are in prison.

Also, in May 2018, Louann Harms, Alpha Beta, was awarded \$750 by the Foundation. The stipend funded the books for the project Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My, that is designed to help second grade students at Prairie Central Elementary School, Fairbury, learn about nonfiction and research by working in collaborative teams to research different ecosystems. Maps and zoo designs show information such as where and what animals would be found in the habitat. As a culmination project of this research they design a zoo habitat based upon their research of plant and animal life in their chosen habitat.

The Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies awards stipends to chapters and individuals who are members of the Society. Its mission is to support projects related to the improvement of education in Illinois. Applications can be found on the state website (www.deltakapagamma.org/IL/). Deadlines for applications are May 1 and November 1 of each year.

DKG Society International is an honor society that promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The Society has chapters in 17 countries and serves over 70,000 members by providing stipends for educational projects, scholarships, leadership training, mentoring, and global networking opportunities. For more information visit www.dkg.org.

Incubation, Embryology Training in Bourbonnais March 7

University of Illinois Extension Kankakee County is offering their signature Incubation and Embryology Development program again this year.

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Course content will be oriented to train educators to conduct classroom incubation and embryonic development projects. Detailed information on the stages of embryonic development and the preservation of embryos will be included. Instructional methods will include lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and visual aids. Suggestions on how to use classroom incubation and embryonic development projects to enhance programs in science, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and art will be offered.

The training class is being held at 4:00 p.m. on March 7 at the Extension Office. Reservations for the class are required by March 1. Teachers who have previously attended the training within the last three years are not required to attend, but many find that a yearly refresher is helpful.

There is a fee for the class. Fertile eggs only are available for educators not requiring training this year for a fee per dozen. You may register for the class and fertile eggs at: web.extension.illinois.edu/gkw.

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4. Who will win in FOOTBALL?
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B. Los Angeles (Rams)

5. Who will win in NCAA BASKETBALL?
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B. Florida State

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A. San Antonio at
B. Oklahoma City

7. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?
A. Chicago at
B. Utah

8. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?
A. Golden State at
B. Dallas

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A. Vegas at
B. Chicago

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White House Promises Tax Refunds Will Be Paid

But Will They Be Late?

The White House on Monday promised that tax refunds will be paid if the government shutdown continues, but whether or not they will be delayed is anyone’s guess. Only about 12 percent of IRS staff is expected to continue working through a shutdown, according to published reports. That means it could take a lot longer for returns to go out. There will also be fewer staff to attend to daily functions such as answering taxpayer questions.

There is growing concerns that tax refunds might be delayed as 800,000 federal workers are either furloughed or working without pay as President Donald Trump and Congress continue a standoff over funding for a southern border wall.

Russell T. Vought, acting director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, told reporters about the development in a briefing.

"Tax refunds will go out," Vought said. Last year, the agency started the tax filing season on Jan. 29. No date has been announced for this season yet.

In all, the IRS received 154.4 million returns by Nov. 23 of last year and issued an average refund of \$2,899.

The IRS is still working on contingencies if the shutdown continues, according to media reports.

"The processing of returns and customer service — most of those employees have been furloughed," Nicole Kaeding, director of federal projects at the Tax Foundation, told cnbc.com.

"How will they bring those employees back, and will they be compensated while they're working?" she asked. "Those are some large questions that haven't been answered, even though they said refunds would be processed."

All this creates a lot of stress for accountants — and their clients. "The October 2013 shutdown caused a lot of angst for practitioners," said Edward Karl, vice president of

"The processing of returns and customer service — most of those employees have been furloughed."

- Nicole Kaeding, director of federal projects at the Tax Foundation

taxation at the American Institute of CPAs.

"If there were some issue and you needed to contact the IRS, you couldn't get them," Karl said. "There were many folks concerned about that."

Filing taxes might be a bit more difficult under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act — an overhaul of the tax code that went into effect at the beginning of 2018.

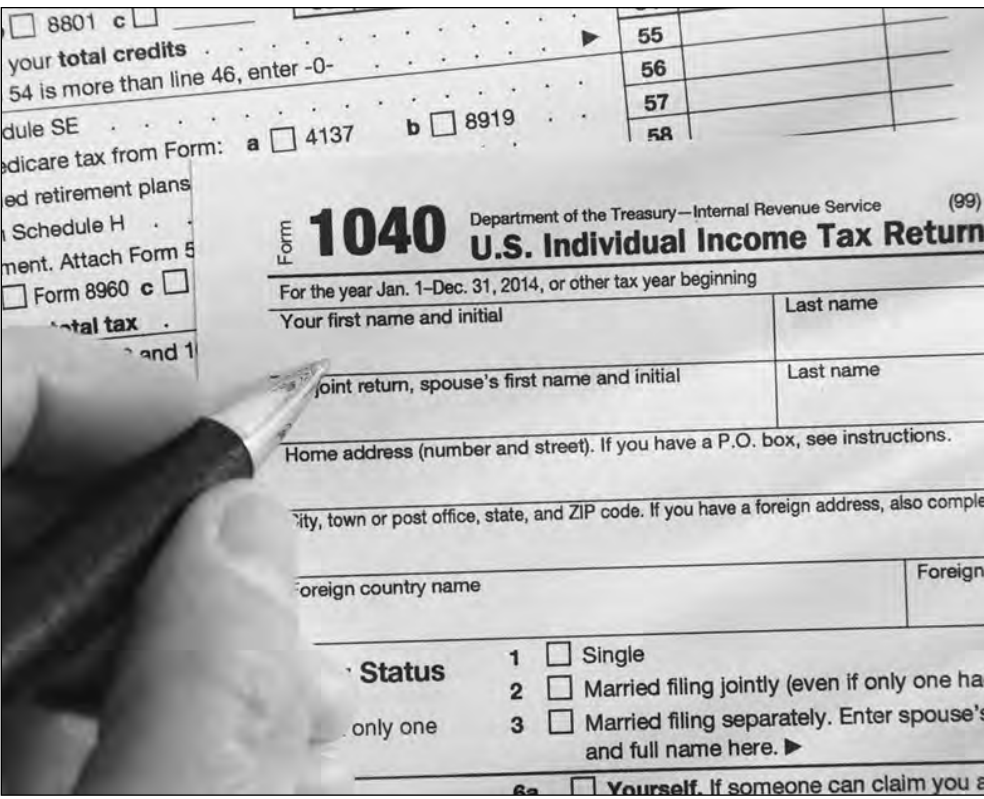
Last year, the new tax code roughly doubled the standard deduction to \$12,000 for singles and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly. The law also limited a number of itemized deductions, including placing a \$10,000 limit on the amount of state and local taxes filers can deduct.

Taxpayers will also be dealing with new tax forms, as the Form 1040 is now smaller -- about the size of a postcard. It replaces the previous two-page version of the 1040, as well as the Form 1040EZ and Form 1040A, which were for taxpayers with simpler financial situations.

In 2018, the IRS started the filing season on Jan. 29.

By Feb. 2 — the end of that week — the agency received 18.3 million returns and processed 6.1 million refunds, with an average refund check of \$2,035.

In all, the IRS received 154.4 million returns by Nov. 23 of last year, the most recent date available.



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City of Secrets – Victoria Thompson
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Upcoming Events at Limestone Library

Limestone Township Library District will host the following upcoming events in January:

• **Monarch Book Club – Wednesday, January 9 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Kids in first-third grade have their own book club. Being read will be the award-winning or nominated book at the gathering time and have a crafting session.

• **Adult Zentangle Thursday, January 10 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Discover fun and easy drawing with patterns. Learn how to draw animals or landscapes and fill them with patterns. There is no fee for this program, all supplies are provided.

• **Homework Café Monday, January 14 3:30-7:00 p.m. 6th-12th Grade**

Go to the Library with your friends to study in the meeting room. Use various resources at the Library for class projects. Library staff will be on hand to give assistance.

• **Storytime Tuesday, January 15 10:15-11:00 a.m.**

Enjoy the mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. Parents and guardians can take their six-months to five-year old children.

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• **Evening Storytime Tuesday, January 15 6:15-7:00 p.m.**

Go during an early evening program to enjoy the mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. Parents and guardians can take their six-months to five-year old children. PJ's encouraged.

• **Canvas and Cookies Wednesday, January 16 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Adults Join for a night of direct-ed painting as we work on a painting of a cow. Take a plate of cookies to share with others. There is a program fee – all supplies are provided.

• **Pizza Making Saturday, January 19 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Kids in first thru sixth grade, come and learn how to make pizza. There is no fee for this program, all supplies are provided.

• **Storytime Tuesday, January 22 10:15-11:00 a.m.**

Enjoy the mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. Parents and guardians can take their six-months to five-year old children.

• **Family Movie and Dinner Night**

Thursday, January 24 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Have a fun night out with the family and join the library for a movie and dinner. Hotel Transylvania 3 will be viewed. There is no fee for this program.

The Library will be closed on the following days: Monday, January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance; Saturday, January 26 - Staff Development Day.

Registration for programs is required prior to the day of the event.

For more information or to register for any programs, stop in at the Library at 2701 W. Tower Road, call them at 815-939-1696. or visit www.limestonelibrary.org to see a listing of all programming.

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Indiana \$2.08

City/Village	January 9	January 2
Dwight	\$2.03	\$2.08
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S. Wilmington	\$2.01	\$2.09
Streator	\$1.99	\$2.16
Odell	\$2.03	\$2.08
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Cullom	\$2.09	\$2.09
Pontiac	\$1.99	\$2.03
Gardner	\$2.01	\$2.09
Braceville	\$1.99	\$2.12
Mazon	\$1.99	\$2.09
Morris	\$1.99	\$2.07
Herschel	\$1.99	\$2.09
Kankakee	\$1.98	\$2.08
Chicago	\$2.44	\$2.85
Illinois	\$2.13	\$2.11
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 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Consolidated School District Number 74, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 17th day of January, 2019, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. The hearing will be held in the South Wilmington Grade School, 375 Fifth Avenue, South Wilmington, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$135,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Consolidated School District Number 74, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois.

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Builder Brothers Big Plans by Jonathan and Drew Scott
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Ick’s Bleh Day by Wiley Blevins
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Do Robots Get Space Sick? by Theo Baker
Peter Powers and the Rowdy Robot Raiders by Kent Clark
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Louisiana’s Way Home by Kate DiCamillo
Hoops: Out of Bounds by Elena Delle Donne
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House of Robots: Robot Revolution by James Patterson
Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Happy Birthday by Rachel Renee Russell
Otherearth by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller
Grim Lovelies by Megan Shepherd
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Fiction

Evergreen Tidings from the Baumgartners by Gretchen Anthony*
Heads You Win by Jeffrey Archer*
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Long Road to Mercy by David Baldacci*
Are You Sleeping by Kathleen Barber*
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Sofia the First: Holiday in Enchancia
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When Love is Not Enough: The Lois Wilson Story
Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year

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Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Michael Ebersohl
• JAN. 9: UMW Meeting, 8:30 a.m.; Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Handbell choir, 5:30 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; Real & Ignite, 7 p.m.
• JAN. 10: Praise Band rehearsal, 6 p.m.
• JAN. 12: Men’s Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.; AA meeting, 9 a.m.
• JAN. 13: Early Worship, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.; Late Worship, 10:30 a.m.
• JAN. 14: Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
• JAN. 15: Hens Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
• JAN. 16: Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Handbell Choir, 5:30 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; Real & Ignite, 7 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
Rev. John F. Mueller,

Wed., Jan. 9: Ravioli w/meat sauce, broccoli, corn, whole grain wheat (1), banana.
Thurs., Jan. 10: Meatloaf, Delmon-ico potatoes, spinach, dinner roll, cranberry apple salad.
Fri., Jan. 11:

Tuna noodle casse- role, peas and carrots, bean medley, whole grain wheat (1), gelatin with 1/2C fruit.
Mon., Jan. 14: Chili Mac, tossed salad w/dressing, dinner roll, warm cinnamon peaches.
Tues., Jan. 15:

Turkey pot roast with baby carrots and celery, broccoli cauliflower bake, dinner roll, tropical fruit.
Wed., Jan. 16: Chicken casserole, peas and carrots, seasoned green beans w/pimentos, whole grain wheat

(1), chunky apple-sauce.
Thurs., Jan. 17: Roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage-tomato au gratin, dinner roll, overnight fruit salad.
Milk served each day.

Dwight Peace Meals

At the Churches

Pastor
• JAN. 9: 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., Midweek Classes; 7 p.m., Midweek Service with Holy Communion.
• JAN. 11: 6:30 p.m., Adult Instruction Class.
• JAN. 12: 8:30 a.m., Take down Christmas decorations.
• JAN. 13: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
• JAN. 16: 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., Midweek Classes; 7 p.m., Midweek Service with Holy Communion.
• JAN. 18: 6:30 p.m., Adult Instruction Class.
First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Home of Dwight’s Christian Radio Station WGYD 97.3 FM
Pastor Dan Woodward
• JAN. 9: Wednesday Evening Service & King’s Kids
Children’s Program, 7 p.m.
• JAN. 13: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• JAN. 16: Wednesday Evening Service &

King’s Kids
Children’s Program, 7 p.m.
First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Rev. Grant Speece
• JAN. 9: Women’s Guild Meeting, 7 p.m.
• JAN. 13: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: “Jesus’ Baptism”
Holy Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7 Acts 8: 14-17
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
• JAN. 16: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
• JAN. 20: Annual Church Meeting and Potluck Dinner.
“January Mission of the Month”
Outdoor Ministries/ Pilgrim Park Tower Hill
“Feed the Kids” Program. Donations welcome.
New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
815-584-3430
• JAN. 9: 7 p.m., Picking up the Mantel Study.
• JAN. 10: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• JAN. 13: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10

a.m., Main Service; Kids Church and Nursery; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
• JAN. 14: Prayer at Mortensen’s home.
• JAN. 15: 7 p.m., Stampin’ Up Group.
• JAN. 16: 7 p.m., Picking up the Mantel Study.
• JAN. 17: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St.
Pastor’s email: pastorchrisssytherev@att.net
• JAN. 9: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, office hours.
• JAN. 10: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, office hours.
• JAN. 11: 8 p.m., AA meeting.
• JAN. 13: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship; 2 p.m., Worship at Heritage Health; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Confirmation in Gibson City.
• JAN. 14: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, office hours.
• JAN. 15: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, office hours; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries.
• JAN. 16: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, church office hours; 4 p.m., Worship Team meeting.

BRACEVILLE
Braceville United Methodist Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Rev. Grant Speece
• JAN. 13: Annual Church Meeting, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: “Jesus’ Baptism”
Holy Scripture Readings” Isaiah 43: 1-7 Acts 8: 14-17
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
January Food Pantry Collection: Cereal.





THE RECENT WARM WEATHER over the Holiday break allowed the youth of Dwight to get out and play some basketball with their friends.



2019 Conservation Cropping Seminars Scheduled in Jan.

Using cover crops and improving soil health remained hot topics in 2018 and the trend is not fading.

In fact, the go-getters have already seeded their cover crops.

What's stopping you?

If you still need more information, start making plans now to attend a 2019 Conservation Cropping Seminar.

Upcoming events include two powerful speakers you do not want to miss. Soil sustainability author David Montgomery and soil health rock star Ray Archuleta will wow crowds with information and demonstrations.

Register to attend any seminar: January 22 in Mendota; January 23 in Springfield; or January 24 in O'Fallon, IL – at the Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District website, www.ccswd.com.

Two keynote speakers for the 2019 event are David Montgomery, author of A Growing Revolution-Bringing Our Soil Back To Life, and the energetic and inspirational retired NRCS agronomist and spokesman for USDA-NRCS's Unlock the Secrets of the Soil campaign, Ray Archuleta.

Montgomery combines ancient wisdom and modern science for a powerful look at agriculture changes we face today.

Each event will feature both Montgomery and Archuleta, as well as research and local farmer testimonials and discussions where you can ask the questions you need answered.

Each seminar costs, payable by check or credit card, and it includes lunch. The 2019 events start early and end before 4:00 pm.

Illinois farmers, ag retailers and advisors are growing more interested in taking steps to increase conservation and improve water quality.

Five soil and water management credits are also available for Certified Crop Advisors.

- **January 22** - Mendota Civic Center, 2205 North Main St. - Contact: Joe (815) 787-5480.
- **January 23** - The Crowne Plaza, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy. in Springfield - Contact: Marty (309) 738-7227.
- **January 24** - Regency Hotel, 400 Regency Park in O'Fallon - Contact: Gary (618) 980-0117.

To learn more and to register, visit their website. Local businesses and organizations can exhibit, serve as sponsors, and reach local and new clients.



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12/29 - Jane Anderson, Dwight.....	\$25
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12/31 - Jeff & Jackie Froelich, Dwight.....	\$100
1/01 - Jim Pam Siedentop, Ransom.....	\$100
1/02 - Julie Moranville, Dwight.....	\$20
1/03 - Studio 134, Dwight.....	\$30
1/04- Elaine Metzke, Dwight.....	\$50
1/05 - Michael Henderson, Dwight.....	\$20

**** 2019 Cash Calendars ON SALE ****
Dwight Economic Alliance Office, 119 W. Main, Dwight
(815) 584-1830

Check our website www.dwightalliance.org Follow us on Facebook

Price of Stamps Going Up

The United States Postal Service has approved a price change effective January 27, which will affect all mail classes and special services.

The price of a single stamp, previously \$0.50, will increase to \$0.55.

A complete list of the price changes are noted in the Notice 123 – <https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index>.

The implementation of Dimensional weight pricing to all zones for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, and Parcel Select has been deferred and will become effective June 23, 2019. Balloon rate pricing for Priority Mail and Parcel Select has been eliminated, effective January 27.

The price change applies to all hard-copy postage statements, and electronic file submissions, including Shipping Services Files (SSF), mail.dat and mail.XML.

Refer to the January 2019 Release Overview 48.0.0.0 for a complete list of changes: <https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release>.

The USPS filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) for price changes to take effect January 27. In addition to price changes, the notice includes structure changes, postage statement updates, and technical specification updates.

First-Class Package Services (FCPS)

On January 27, FCPS will change from a weight-based pricing structure to a zone and weight-based pricing structure.

Postal zones are based on the distance a package travels from origin to destination. A listing of zone locations by entry location can be found at <https://postalpro.usps.com/DomesticZoneChart>.

The price change will result in corresponding changes to both hardcopy postage statements and electronic file submissions. Hardcopy statement changes include changes to pricing cells in support of zone-based pricing for FCPS.

Shipping Services Files (SSF) will require Entry Facility Zip Code, Destination Zip Code, and Domestic Zone information.

Changes to Mail.dat and Mail.XML include eDoc to require Zone value to map to correct prices.

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Seagram's
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Ad Prices Effective 1-9-19 through 1-15-19
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