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## SNOWMOBILES

The season's first major snowfall this past weekend dumped 8 inches of snow on Dwight, turning streets into snowdrifts, backyards into winter wonderlands and cars into "snow-mobiles." And we may be getting more. According to the Weather Channel, a potential winter storm could bring gusty winds and snow up to 3 inches on Saturday. Chance of snow is 70 percent.

## Can You Say BACON!

*Blackstone Farmer  
Will Raise 5,000 Hogs  
a Year in New Barn*

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie  
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Livingston County has two new pork producers, Kevin and Tabitha Defenbaugh of Blackstone.

The Defenbaughs, the Illinois Pork Producers Association and the Illinois Livestock Development Group hosted an open house on Jan. 8 for 175 people.

The Defenbaughs recently invested \$800,000 for a new 20,000-square-foot Hog Slat building sitting on 10 acres. Hog Slat is the largest contractor and manufacturer of hog equipment in the United States.

The building can hold 2,496 heads of hog, Kevin said. There are 24 pens; each can hold about 100 pigs.

Visitors had a chance to tour the modern pig barn before the animals move in later this month. The barn features curtain-sided tunnel ventilation and other new technology. There are automatic fans, access to feed and water around the clock, and a controlled environment to create a safe living condition for pigs.

The barn was constructed with strict standards by the Livestock Management Facility Act, governed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Manure will be managed by storing it in an 8-foot-deep concrete pit and then be used as fertilizer for their green crops.

Kevin said he and his wife Tabitha both graduated from Woodland High School and have been farming corn, soybeans and wheat for many years, and recently began raising cattle. They thought it would be a good time to expand their livestock by raising hog.

Kevin is a sixth generation farmer, but is the first in his family to raise livestock.

He and Tabitha will both work full-time raising the pigs and complete certified livestock management certification. Tabitha also works as the secretary for Reading Township and Kevin works part-time driving a truck.

The hogs come weaned from Lehmann Brothers, farmers in Strawn. They are brought in at about 21 days old and the Defenbaughs will care for the animals until they are ready for butcher at six months. They will be raising some 5,000 pigs each year for Lehmann Brothers.

Art Lehmann and his brother, Ken, farm 1,600 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat along with 4,800 sows. They operate in 11 counties and have 21 contract growers. They market approximately 120,000 hogs a year.

Lehmann said the hogs are sold to Rantoul Foods. Some of the meat is sent overseas to Japan, but most ends up in supermarkets. The Defenbaughs' farm will produce more than 320,000 5- to 7-ounce pork chops and more than 5 million slices of bacon.

"We're glad to get them involved and watch them grow," Lehmann said.

The Defenbaughs have two children, ages 3 and 6, and built the barn to better prepare their farm for the future. Adding pigs will bring diversity and farm experience. The kids will also get a chance to grow up around livestock.

"It's definitely a fun job," Kevin said. "It's a job you can take your kids with you."

Agriculture plays a vital role in Livingston County, according to the IPPA. The livestock sector alone provides \$144.7 million to the economy and more than 515 jobs. Statewide, the pork industry contributes \$1.8 billion to the state's economy, generates more than \$170 million in taxes and provides more than 10,500 jobs.



Kevin and Tabitha Defenbaugh, shown with their two children, cut the ribbon during their open house of a new 20,000-square-foot hog barn on their property in Blackstone. With enough room to raise 5,000 pigs each year, the Defenbaughs will produce more than 5 million slices of bacon.



Spyke, Dwight's police K9, is handled by Officer Watson McKee.

Photo Courtesy Shayla Loring Photography

## Ready to Take a Bite Out of Crime

*Meet Spyke: Dwight's New Police K9*

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie  
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Two young men were recently arrested following an alleged burglary spree of cell phone stores in the Bloomington, Normal and Urbana areas thanks in part to a quick-witted canine named Spyke.

The suspects had made their way north and Dwight police were called to assist other police agencies in locating them. Just after midnight on Dec. 10, police closed in on an area around 311 N. Franklin, near Renfrew Park, according to a Dwight police report.

Two doors down, two phones were located in the yard near the alley. Spyke picked up a scent from the phones and tracked through the yard, back to the alley, then westbound and northwest to a car parked in a driveway. The report said he made contact with the car and backed away.

Two juveniles matching the description of the suspects were hiding inside the car Spyke had tracked. Bloomington police, who assisted in the search, arrested them and found they were in possession of stolen property as well as a vehicle reported stolen by the Hazel Crest Police Department. Eleven cell phones were recovered from the car, according to the police report.

It was a proud moment for Officer Watson McKee, Spyke's handler. Spyke, Dwight's new K9, appears to be off and running in his career helping men and women in uniform catch the bad guys.

Spyke, a Belgian Malinois, was born on Oct. 20, 2016, in Europe and came to Dwight at the end of April, soon after

beloved K9 Katscho, a German Shepherd, was euthanized because of an inoperable tumor. Over his eight years of service, Katscho was responsible for or assisted in more than 200 drug arrests, in addition to helping with burglaries, robberies and other crimes.

Belgian Malinois are quickly becoming the breed of choice for K9 programs. One of the most energetic dog breeds, they are known for being hard working and easy to train, due to their high prey drive. In fact, the United States Secret Service uses Belgian Malinois to guard the grounds at the White House.

"Officer McKee and his K9 partner, Spyke are instrumental in helping make our community a better and safer place to live," said Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson. "Having a police canine is a must."

The program began in 2010 after Henson saw the value of having a police dog on the force, but he didn't have many officers interested in being a handler. McKee, 34, initially turned Henson down after seeing military dogs while serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"I knew how much work it was," McKee said.

But he changed his mind and got Katscho, who became his sidekick as well as partner in crime. It wasn't easy putting him down, but "it was time," McKee said.

Katscho came to the department mostly trained. Spyke was completely "green" when he arrived, meaning there would be a lot of work ahead for him and McKee.

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**Written Warnings**

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**Dwight Police Blotter**

January 2: 12:15 p.m., Dwight Police had a subject walk in to advise there may have been a violation to an Order of Protection.

January 8: 3:50 p.m., Dwight Police had a subject walk in to advise someone had opened a credit card using their name and identifiers; 5:35 p.m., Dwight Police were called to the 100 block of W. Seminole for Criminal Damage to Property. An unknown person had driven through their yard, leaving damage to the lawn.

**Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

January 3: 3:55 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 5:50 p.m., Pollard St., medical, St. James – Pontiac.

January 4: 6:36 a.m., I-

55, medical, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; 3:14 p.m., John, medical, Morris; 8:55 p.m., Rt. 17, trauma, refusal; 9:33 p.m., Bannon, medical, St. James.

January 5: 1:40 p.m., Columbia, medical, refusal; 3:59 p.m., Union, medical, Morris; 5:19 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 8:12 p.m., Seminole, medical, St. James.

January 6: 12:17 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 6:48 a.m., Mazon, trauma, refusal; 10:29 a.m., E. 3300 N., medical, cancelled, mutual aid to Allen Township.

January 7: 6:59 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; 12:28 p.m., Watters Dr., medical, Morris; 1:11 p.m., Bannon Dr., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

January 8: 10:01 a.m., Mazon, medical, Riverside; 12:06 p.m., Spencer, medical, refusal; 3:36 p.m., 600 S. East St., fire, mutual aid to Gardner.

January 9: 10:41 p.m., S. John St., medical, Morris; 10:53 p.m., W. Main, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.



DWIGHT PARADEMICS HOSTED TWO K-12 HEARTSAVER CPR classes for the Dwight Township High School teachers. The American Heart Association class instructs attendees how to perform CPR on adults, children, and infants. The course also includes the use of AEDs and clearing the airway of people who are choking. Dwight EMS instructed 30 teachers in two classes of 15, and thanked Principal Dan Kaiser for his assistance in setting up the classes. Dwight EMS instructors were Jenny Kasper, Sandy Kokaly, Jake Lindberg, and Al Metzke.

Dwight Fire Department December Statistics

The Dwight Fire Department responded to 365 emergency incidents throughout 2018, with December accounting for 24 of those incidents, including:

Medical aid/assist Dwight EMS – 7; motor vehicle accidents – 5; mutual aid to neighboring departments – 3; automatic fire alarms – 3; reports of gas leaks – 2; power line down – 1; Hazmat incident – 1; carbon monoxide alarm – 1; dispatched and canceled while en route – 1.



**Temps - 2019**

Jan. 3 – high 39°, low 23°  
Jan. 4 – high 49°, low 30°  
Jan. 5 – high 53°, low 30°  
Jan. 6 – high 45°, low 31° trace precip.  
Jan. 7 – high 56°, low 35° .18” precip.  
Jan. 8 – high 45°, low 18°  
Jan. 9 – high 22°, low 12°  
**One Year Ago – Jan. 16, 2018**  
high 22°, low -3° trace snow

Early Voting for Consolidated Primary Election in Kankakee Co.

Kankakee County Clerk Dan Hendrickson has announced that early voters may cast a ballot for the Consolidated Primary Election prior to February 26.

For the February Primary election, early voting begins Thursday, January 17, and will end Monday, February 25.

Early voting will be conducted at the office of the County Clerk at 189 E. Court St. in Kankakee Monday-Friday, January 17-February 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office will be closed Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King’s birthday; Tuesday, February 12, in observance of Lincoln’s birthday; and Monday, February 18, in observance of President’s Day.

Additional early voting hours at this location will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 23.

The Consolidated Primary Election will nominate Democratic candidates for alderman in wards 1, 2, and 6, in the City of Kankakee, and Republican candidates for alderman in the 6th ward of the City of Kankakee.

For more information, contact the County Clerk’s office at 815-937-2990 or visit: [www.kankakeecountyclerk.com](http://www.kankakeecountyclerk.com)

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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 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.*

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.



Thank You, S.O.S.

Dear S.O.S.,

Thank you very much for the care packages I have received since I have joined the Army. It is so nice to hear from home and I appreciate the support of your group of volunteers and the town of Dwight very much.

Also, thank you for the CD and generous gift of money that was given to me at Christmas.

Andy Froelich

Dear S.O.S.,

Thank you for your generous gifts, and your support throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
Jackson Gettinger

Dwight Sales Tax Continues to Show Growth

by Tom Tock

It takes about three months for the Illinois Department of Revenue to release quarterly sales tax results. This time our publication of third quarter 2018 sales tax figures was also delayed by IDOR changing its web page that furnishes such information. An involved search was necessary to discover the new formula for gaining access to the numbers.

Anyway, third quarter 2018 sales tax figures are shown for a number of area communities, comparing results from 2018 with those from the same quarter of 2017.

Vermillion Valley ETSB Jan. Meeting Cancelled

The Vermillion Valley ETSB meeting originally scheduled for January 16 has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled Wednesday, February 13, meeting.

Dwight had \$297,252 in total sales tax receipts for the third quarter, July, August, September of 2018, collected from both the Grundy and Livingston County parts of Dwight. The third quarter in 2017 produced \$288,064 for the Village of Dwight.

The first and second quarters of 2018 had Dwight sales tax figures of \$265,616 and \$296,461, respectively.

The numbers above include the non home rule additional sales tax of 1¢ that was added to certain Dwight sales after July 1 of 2016. The 1¢ tax was worth \$119,135 in the third quarter of 2018. It is earmarked for infrastructure improvements.

Dwight had 153 taxpayers in 2018’s third quarter, 145 in 2017.

The largest sales category in the 2018 third quarter

report was *Automotive & Filling Stations*, \$95,394. The comparable figure in 2017 was \$87,950.

*Drinking & Eating Places* in Dwight, (both Grundy and Livingston) earned the village \$39,327 in sales tax revenue, third quarter 2018, compared to \$42,998 in third quarter 2017.

3rd Quarter Municipal Sales Tax		
	2017	2018
Dwight	\$288,064	\$297,252
Fairbury	148,553	148,889
Pontiac	608,762	649,449
Odell	13,204	12,021
Saunemin	4,652	4,813
Gardner	82,192	83,864
Mazon	16,935	19,089
Morris	1,469,531	1,788,051
So. Wil.	13,069	15,104
Herschler	84,012	74,249

New Program at Morris Hospital Focuses on Healthy Meal Planning

Morris Hospital is offering a new, eight-week program called Eat Real for anyone who wants to eat healthier and improve their health. Classes will meet Thursdays, February 7 - March 28, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Education Rooms 2 & 3 on the hospital’s lower level, 150 W. High Street, Morris.

Seating is limited. A Fee is required. Reservations can be made online at [morrishospital.org/events](http://morrishospital.org/events) or by calling 815-705-7364.

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Margie Bellot

### Margie Bellot to Celebrate 90th Birthday

Margie Bellot will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house Saturday, January 26. All friends and relatives are invited to call from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus in Odell. No gifts – just your presence.

### RR Donnelley Retiree Breakfast January 18

It's that time again – for the RR Donnelley Retiree Breakfast, which will be held Friday, January 18, at Chippers restaurant in Streator, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

### Odell Firemen to Host Breakfast January 20

On Sunday, January 20, the Odell Firemen will hold their annual Pancake and Sausage – Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Odell Fire Station. A fee applies for the all-you-can-eat breakfast, with kids under 12 receiving a discount, and preschoolers eating for free. Carry-outs will be available. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

### Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Business Meeting January 19

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight (LLHF) of Springfield Illinois has announced that its upcoming Annual Business Meeting will be held Saturday, January 19, at Lakeside Christian Church located at 226 Toronto Road (I-55, Exit 90 west) in Springfield. Beginning at 1:00 p.m., this meeting is open to the general public, including veterans, guardian escorts, volunteers and supporters of LLHF. A complete recap of the 2018 flight season, which consisted of six flights, will be included along with operating costs and statistics of veterans served. There will also be announcements of upcoming plans and dates for the planned six 2019 flights, upcoming events, and salutes to LLHF's partners and donors. Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is currently serving Veterans from World War II, the Korean War era and the Vietnam War era. Veteran applications continue to be accepted with flight priority given in the following order: World War II (person enlisted by 12/31/1946), then Korean War Era (01/01/1947 to 12/31/1957), followed by the Vietnam War Era (01/01/1958 to 05/07/1975). Veteran and Guardian Applications and additional information may be obtained at [www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org](http://www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org) or by contacting Joan Bortolon, Board President, at 217-585-1219, 217-652-4719 or at JMB4604@aol.com.

### Reddick Firefighters Hosting Prime Rib Dinner, Sock Hop February 16

On Saturday, February 16, the Reddick Firefighters' Association will present a Prime Rib Dinner, prepared by Fire Chief Andrew Kelson, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Reddick Community Fire Protection District – 210 E. Main St. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and a cash bar will be available. The dinner includes prime rib, mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, roll, and a dessert choice. Ticket fees apply, with couple and children under ten receiving a discount. Tickets are available by pre-sale only through the Reddick Firefighters' Association membership, and allow free admission to the Sock Hop that follows the dinner. Call 815-922-0062 or see any member for tickets or more information. The Sock Hop will run from 7:00-11:00 p.m. in the Reddick Community Fire Protection District Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend the event – a fee applies. There will be snacks, desserts, alcoholic beverages, non-alcoholic beverages, and other goodies, in addition to dancers and costumes, games, prizes, silent auction items, 50/50 drawings, and door prizes. Song requests will also be available through the DJ – provided by Denny Case of WVLL. Proceeds will pay for training and emergency equipment for the Reddick Community FPD.

### Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees have announced that applications for the 15th annual Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships are now being accepted, and are available at Odell Public Library, Odell Bank, Dwight Township High School, and Pontiac Township High School. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must live in the area currently served by the Odell Fire Protection District, Odell Public Library District, or the Odell Grade School District. Completed applications are due on March 1. The scholarship was established by Marjorie J. Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and a teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years, who died March 31, 2004. She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking continued education at an accredited college or university in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business, or engineering. In 2018, the trustees awarded \$47,000 to 22 students from Odell. Scholarships were awarded in recognition of academic and extracurricular excellence.

### We're Here Women's March in Pontiac January 19

We're Here is sponsoring a Women's March, in conjunction with the national Women's March – the Women's Wave, on Saturday, January 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Livingston County Court House in Pontiac. Sara Dady will be a featured speaker, with Mahlon Simmons providing musical entertainment. All are welcome to join the national movement to support women's and human rights, to encourage people to participate in their governance, and to find fellowship with those who support these ideologies.



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### 3-Hour Vigil for Life January 23 at Saint Patrick Church, Dwight

The Sacramental Life Committee and Stewardship & Justice Committee of Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, invite all who are interested to the annual Vigil for Life on Wednesday, January 23.

The Vigil begins at 4 p.m. and concludes at 7 o'clock. It is a time for public and private prayer, music and song. Reconciliation will be available at various times throughout the Vigil.

### Livingston County 8th Grade Career Fair in Saunemin May 10

Saunemin Elementary School is formally inviting your business to attend its 2nd Annual 8th Grade Career Fair. The event will be held on Friday, May 10th in the Saunemin gymnasium, and will be split into two sessions in order to accommodate all students comfortably. Session 1 will be held from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and Session 2 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for business representatives between sessions. SGS has recently added a required Eighth Grade Career Readiness Course. To conclude the class, they are hosting the career fair sponsored by the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce. They hope to have more than 30 local businesses with booths set up for students to explore career options and begin goal setting earlier in life. This is a county-wide invitation.

**Schedule:**  
**Friday, May 10, in the Saunemin Elementary School Gymnasium**

- 8:00-8:30 – Businesses Arrive and Set Up Station (Table and Chairs Provided)
- 8:30-9:45 – Saunemin 8th Grade Career Fair
- 9:45-10:00 – Break
- 10:00-11:30 – Session 1
- 11:30-12:15 – Lunch Break
- 12:15-12:30 Reorganize
- 12:30-2:00 Session 2
- 2:00-3:00 Clean Up

**Schools: Blue=Session 1 (morning) Red=Session 2 (afternoon)**

1. Saunemin Elementary School
2. Prairie Central Junior High School
3. Tri-Point Elementary School
4. Flanagan Elementary School
5. Cornell Elementary School
6. Graymont Elementary School
7. Woodland Junior High School
8. Dwight Grade School
9. Odell Grade School
10. St. Paul Catholic School
11. Pontiac Christian School
12. St. Mary's Catholic School
13. Pontiac Junior High School
14. Grace Christian School

If you are able to join, following are some suggestions on what to have prepared for the day:

- Provide students with a pamphlet/brochure about your business/field
- Have candy, pencils, post-it notes, etc. to pass out
- Take a sign/banner with business name/logo on it for display
- Prepare a short activity/game/demonstration that the kids can participate in related to your field
- OR
- Take a Show and Tell Item (Ex: take a police car they can check out, Farming Equipment to climb in/look at, etc.)
- \*Keep in mind the possible weather in May\*
- Be prepared to answer questions such as: who you are, what you do on a daily basis, qualifications for the job, how you got into your chosen field, etc.

What will be provided for you: tables, table cloths (if needed), chairs, water bottles, lunch, and an article about the event will be submitted to the newspaper.

If you are able to send a business representative on your behalf, RSVP by calling Saunemin Elementary School at 815-832-4421 or e-mailing Brittany Masching at [maschingb@saunemin.org](mailto:maschingb@saunemin.org). RSVP at your soonest convenience, but no later than April 5.

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# Graymont School Back on Track

## Amtrak Finally Delivers Refund From Field Trip

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucic  
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It took a police report, fruitless calls to the Illinois Attorney General’s office, a state senator’s compassion and some sharp scissors to cut through a mess of metaphoric red tape, but Dwight resident Todd Bean and superintendent of Rooks Creek School District in Graymont finally received the remaining \$73 owed to the school by Amtrak.

Bean said Graymont School’s first-through fourth-grade students were supposed to take a trip from Pontiac to Bloomington to visit the zoo as their spring field trip in 2017. The highlight for the 22 students and five adults was the train ride to Bloomington and back, an adventure for any kid, let alone one living in the rural farm community of Graymont, population 224.

The Amtrak tickets cost about \$100 but the train was running late so they were given E tickets to be used at a later date. The school rescheduled the trip on May 23 2018, but Amtrak wouldn’t honor them on that date. The school proposed two alternative

dates, but Amtrak couldn’t accept the group on those days either, saying there wouldn’t be enough room if they had to accommodate a larger group traveling from California.

Amtrak came up with a final offer: We’ll shuttle you down to Bloomington if you break the kids up into two groups and pay an additional \$36. For Bean, that was the last straw.

State Senator Jason Barickman (R-District 53) was following the story and called Amtrak to resolve the issue. The company agreed to refund the full amount -- a whopping \$111.

But even getting the full refund was a headache. Bean said they sent an initial \$38 check in September last year, and another two months later for the rest. But, alas, he received the remaining \$73 in November.

“Part of the problem was they kind of got caught up in their own policy,” Bean said. “It cost me time.”

The students did get to take their field trip to the Bloomington Zoo -- by bus, no comparison to a modern locomotive barreling down the tracks at 110 mph. The money will go back into the school’s funds and Bean said they will plan a 2019 spring field trip. It likely won’t, however, involve Amtrak, he said.

# Dwight ESDA’s Stop the Bleed



DWIGHT EMERGENCY SERVICES DISASTER AGENCY members Colleen Fogarty-Metzke, Rodney Leroy, J. Alex McWilliams, and John Price attended the “Stop the Bleed” training class their the monthly meeting, which is offered by FEMA and trains first responders to stop life-threatening bleeding. The course instructs attendees how to use a tourniquet, blood-clotting dressings, military dressings, and how to pack an open wound. Dwight ESDA members received a small response kit for emergencies.

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(Spyke, continued from Page 1)

But he’s eager to learn. Every time Spyke is greeted by McKee in uniform, he jumps around knowing it’s time for him to go to work as a police dog.

McKee led Spyke through 12 weeks of immersion training. They did work in narcotics, odor recognition, tracking, search and rescue, and more. Continuing training happens twice a month, and Spyke trains every day while at work. And while he’s still young, McKee sees a lot of potential in him. “He’s only going to get better.”

“We’ve built a good strong relationship. He’s very close to me,” he said.

That was evident one afternoon when McKee opened the door to his squad car. Spyke was inside and planted a slobbery kiss on the officer’s face the moment he saw him. Playing around with a ball and practicing some commands, you can see how devoted Spyke is to McKee. And vice versa.

McKee sees great things for Spyke. He is working with him on bite work and live gunfire training, so Spyke doesn’t get frightened by the loud bang and turn aggressive toward his handler or another police officer. He’s getting used to the noises at the firing range while McKee practices obedience training.

K9 work, McKee says, is “tough on them. It’s tough on their body.” They can become easily stressed if not properly trained. There are a lot of things in a K9’s environment that can cause stress, such as crowds, flashing police lights and sirens. Some of these things are still new to Spyke as the 2-year-old continues to learn.

The Dwight K9 program is funded through donations from private donors in and outside of the community, business partners and law enforcement partners. Dwight Veterinary Clinic pro-

vides for Spyke’s care, free of charge. After Katscho died, the community raised nearly \$46,000 for a new K9 as part of Dwight Economic Alliance’s “Fund A Need” program.

Henson said polic K9s, with their keen intuition and incredible sense of smell, are instrumental when it comes to the war on drugs. Many times officers are working the streets themselves. Spyke serves as a back-up, one who also can track criminals, conduct building checks, find lost or stolen articles, search for missing persons and help defend officers against malicious criminals.

Said Henson: “The community answered our plea in providing the funding for the Police Canine Program and Katscho and Spyke have already proven their worth to the police department and the community in which they serve.”

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## 2019 Livingston Co. SWCD Annual Meeting Jan. 24

The 2019 Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, January 24, at the Elks Club in Pontiac – beginning with a breakfast buffet at 8:00 a.m.

This year, they’ve announced that Mr. Jonathan Coppess from the University of Illinois will be the featured speaker. Mr. Coppess was the Administrator and Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs for the Farm Service Agency from 2009-2011. He is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor of Law and Policy at the University of Illinois.

His presentation will be “Reviewing the 2018 Farm Bill.” Tickets for this year’s event can be ordered and purchased by contacting the Livingston Co. SWCD office at 815-844-6127, ext. 3, or by e-mailing [livingstoncountyswcd@gmail.com](mailto:livingstoncountyswcd@gmail.com).

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OBITUARIES

David Paul Munger

PALM HARBOR, FL – David Paul Munger of Palm Harbor, Florida and formerly of Dwight, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 13, 2019.

He was born April 7, 1938 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Paul and Helen Munger. He graduated from Plymouth, Indiana High School and Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

He married Marilyn Joan Carlile June 14, 1959.

He was the best dad to Marcia (Steve) Janssen of Dwight; Melanie (Stephen) Miller of Palm Harbor, Florida; and Mark (Judy) Munger of Hubert, North Carolina.

He was grandpa to Jason (Shannon) Janssen, Gridley; Abby Munger, Louisville, Kentucky; Kyle (Kayla) Miller of Palm Harbor, Florida; and Jenna and Carson Munger of Hubert, North Carolina. His great-grandchildren are Nicholas



and Nathaniel Janssen of Gridley and Cameron Miller of Palm Harbor. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Michael David Janssen.

Dave retired from Dwight Grade School in 1999 after 23 years as band director. He also taught in Indiana and Tolono, Illinois prior to coming to Dwight. He made a great impression on all of his students.

He was a member of Dwight United Methodist Church before moving to Florida. He will be remembered for his love of Marilyn, Faith in God's love, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He instilled in each of them that they can accomplish anything and to never give up.

Cremation rites were accorded, and there will be no services.

Larry A. Shelby

CULLOM – Larry A. Shelby, 60, of Cullom passed away at 10:21 p.m., Sunday, January 6, 2019 at his sister's home in Fairbury.

Larry was born May 30, 1958 in Pontiac, son of Irvin and Birdell Larson Shelby.

He is survived by his children: Shawn Shelby of Davenport, Iowa and Amy Henson of Cabery; four sisters: Betty (Charles) Spler of Bonfield; Pauline Turner of Flanagan; Kay (Dan) Groskreutz of Fairbury; and Connie Shelby of Goreville.

Also surviving are three brothers: Richard (Lois) Shelby of Pontiac; Gary (Joann) Shelby of Saunemin; Ron (Rachel) Shelby of Kempton; five grandchildren; and good friend, Diane Kempke of



Cullom.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers: Howard, Chuck, Paul, Roger and Dale.

Larry loved to fish and watch the Dallas Cowboys and Nascar.

His funeral was Friday, January 11, at 11 a.m. at Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Cullom with Candy Godbee officiating.

Burial followed in Mt. Hope Cemetery, rural Cabery.

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

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

David M. Bricker

DWIGHT – A memorial service for David A. Bricker will be held Saturday, January 19, 2019 in Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

Dwight, at 11 a.m.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

Stacie M. Ellis

DWIGHT – Stacie M. Ellis, 51, of Dwight passed away Saturday, January 12, 2019 at St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date in Mt. Sterling.

Stacie was born November 25, 1967 in Macomb, a daughter of Tyler R. Rensch and Linda A. Barrett Rensch Raines. She was formerly married to Joseph McCarthy. She then married Marc Ellis on January 3, 1997 in Fish Hook, Illinois. He survives in Dwight.

Survivors include her mother, Linda (Glenn) Raines of Mt. Sterling; mother-in-law, Vivienne Ellis of Quincy; daughter, Lindie (Sam) Alsdorf of Pontiac; sons: Thomas (Samantha Smith) Rensch of Wilmington; Pierson Ellis and Timothy Ellis, both at home; step-daughter, Megan Ellis of North Carolina; and brothers: Christian Rensch of Rushville and James (Darcy) Rensch of Mt. Sterling.

Also surviving are her brother-in-law, John Ellis of Quincy; sister-in-law, Gena (Andy) Kittel of Germany; uncle, Tom (Shirley) Barrett and aunt, Peggy



Southerland, both of Brooklyn, Illinois; nephews: Tyler Rensch of Littleton, Wesley Rensch of Rushville, and Regan Rensch of Mt. Sterling, all in Illinois; grandchildren: Boston

Alsdorf and Wyatt Rensch, and one who is yet to arrive; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; father, Tyler Rensch; father-in-law, Gene Ellis; many aunts and uncles, especially Jurl Southerland and Jim and Nellie Greenwell.

Stacie was a member of the Disciples of Christ Church in Mt. Sterling. She was part owner of Tony's Old Place in Quincy. She completed her bachelor's degree at Quincy College, and enjoyed substitute teaching in the Life Skills room at Dwight Township High School.

She loved the Chiefs, Bears, Cubs, gardening, shopping for antiques and 4-wheeling in the woods.

Above all else, Stacie loved her family and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Her guestbook may be signed at [www.hagermemorial.com](http://www.hagermemorial.com)

Memorials in her name may be left to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Shriners Hospitals for Children, or the Special Olympics.

Janice Tambling

GARDNER – Janice LaVaun Tambling, 91, of Morris and formerly of Gardner, passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Morris Hospital.

She was born October 5, 1927, daughter of Charles B. and Pearl M. Uerkwitz Cryder in Morris.

She married Morgan Winslow Tambling September 21, 1947 in Gardner and they made their home and raised their family in Gardner. Her husband died June 7, 2003.

She was a graduate of Morris Hospital School of Nursing and before retirement had been employed at Morris Hospital, Fox Developmental Center, Dwight Heritage Manor, and in home health care.

She was in the red hat society and enjoyed working in her yard as well as feeding birds and animals.

Janice was a very kind and caring person. She took her career of nursing very seriously. She served people with her caring heart in so many ways. After retiring from her job, she took friends to doctor appointments, for groceries, or whatever needs may have been. Back in the day, she picked up hitch hikers. Her heart was very giving.

Surviving are one son, Tom (Maureen) Tambling of Morris; four daughters: Villa Jean (John) Tjelle of Gardner; LaVaun (Bob) Tira of Coal City; Susan (Bill)



McDaniel of Gardner; and Tami (Matt) Finn of South Wilmington.

Twelve grandchildren: Dean (fiance Nikki) Tambling, Jod (Jim) Lombardi, Tracy (Alan) Patterson, AJ Tjelle, Kortni (Jeff) Emerson, Kara (Ronnie) Housman, Krystle (Joel) Carpenter, Scott (Sonia) Dinelli, Amanda (Troy) Wallace, Brian (Kelsey) Finn, Michael (Jeanna) Finn and Mallory (Mitchell) Sistek; 24 great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty (Bill) Ferguson of Morris; a sister-in-law, Shirley Cryder; and her very dear friend, Allie Lardi Olson, also survive.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brothers, Larry Cryder and Jim Cryder; great-granddaughter, Tea Morgan Patterson in 1999; and step-grandson, Scott McDaniel in 2000.

Visitation was Sunday, January 13, from 1 until 7 p.m. at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home.

Cremation rites were accorded following the visitation.

Funeral services were at the Funeral Home Monday at 10 a.m. with Pastor Jan Chandler officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the Church of Hope in Gardner or family wishes.

To visit her online guestbook, log on to: [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or on facebook.

Edna Luella Christensen

GARDNER – Edna Luella Christensen, 94, of Gardner passed away Monday, January 7, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

She was born February 7, 1924 in Gardner, daughter of Louis Hansen and Edna Harrop Holm.

Luella was previously employed at Fox Developmental Center in Dwight. She had a passion for playing the organ and piano. She played at the United Methodist Church in South Wilmington for 60 years, and also played at many weddings and the Patterson Funeral Home for funerals.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School and was the Superintendent.

Luella was also a member of the STAR Club at church and Women of Moose in Kankakee. She enjoyed ballroom dancing, shopping trips, bird watching, crocheting, and most importantly spending time with her family.

Surviving are her three children: Ronald (Jocelyn) Christensen of Gardner;



Patricia (Donald) Lardi of South Wilmington; and Wendy (Michael) Martin of Cape Coral, Florida; a sister, Mildred (the late Frank) Hibler of Kankakee; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Earl Christensen, who she married December 4, 1941 in Morris; four brothers: Carl (Delores) Holm, Ruben (Edith) Olroyd, Wilbur (Eileen) Olroyd, and Wesley Holm; and one sister, Margary (Dale) Patchett.

Funeral services were in the South Wilmington United Methodist Church Thursday, January 10, at 11 a.m.

Interment: Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

Visitation was for two hours preceding the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the United Methodist Church.

To sign her online guestbook, log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or on facebook.



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While I didn't think I would be in either of those professions for the long run, they did both provide me with a very valuable real life experience. The mortgage stints provided me with a background of financial and housing that I can now carry with me for the rest of my life, and provided me with information about a subject that I knew nothing about, I didn't even know the word mortgage had a T in it.

Then with recruiting, I learned the ins and outs of what goes into applying for and working toward getting a job, what employers look for on a resume to eventually bring people in for interviews. There is a lot that goes on in the background that the person applying doesn't necessarily see in terms of screening the candidate.

And now? Now I'm on an operations team for a secondary market ticket company. Just like with the aforementioned jobs and industries, there is so much more that happens behind the scenes when you purchase a ticket on a secondary market. All this time I just thought that you would hit purchase, and you were buying it from someone who was unable to attend the event, but there are a million moving parts that as the consumer you are just unable to see.

I am looking forward to this new opportunity, and I've already learned a lot just in my first week being there, and I am looking forward to learning more. Even if this job doesn't take me to the end of my career I plan on sucking-up every bit of knowledge I can to take with me to the next chapter of my life.

Aaron J. Boma  
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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:

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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

Another Obituary appears on page 13 today.



# Pfaff’s Bakery, Pour Farmer’s Pub Set to Close

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie  
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Two long-standing and loved establishments will be closing their doors this month: The Pour Farmer’s Pub in Odell and Pfaff’s Bakery in downtown Dwight.

Richard Pfaff, who owns the bakery, said the shop will be open regular business hours until January 26.

The Pfaff family has owned the flagship bakery in Pontiac, which will remain open, for more than half a century. His father, Julius, opened the business in 1954 and it became a hometown sensation. Everything is still made the old-fashioned way -- from scratch.

Pfaff learned how to bake from his father, and now his three children help run the bakery, serving donuts, pastries, biscotti and cakes as well as seasonal items such as Valentine’s Day cookies, pączki, baklava and special occasion cakes.

He opened the second location, in Dwight, 12 years ago and goodies were brought up from Pontiac every morning. He said they were busy for many years but people have gotten into more of a habit of grabbing a morning donut or pastry from a gas station or convenience store on their way to work. This meant less people coming downtown, especially after the Dwight Prison closed.

The Pontiac bakery isn’t going anywhere.

Pfaff said you can still order anything from the menu and pick it up in Pontiac.

“It was nice to be in Dwight. I gave it a shot. There are a lot of nice people in Dwight. It just wasn’t working out,” Pfaff said.

People around the area will also be saddened to hear the long-standing Pour Farmer’s Pub in Odell is closing. The restaurant had been owned for years by Richard and Iris Thorne, of Odell. The pub and restaurant changed hands in September 2017 under the new name.

Pete Meister, who owns the restaurant, would not comment about the closing. But he wrote a heartfelt letter to customers that was posted on the Pour Farmer’s Facebook page on January 8.

“Since we opened the Pour Farmer’s Pub in September of 2017, we’ve met a lot of good people and become friends with many of them. With our children getting older and time flying past, however, we’ve made the very difficult but necessary decision to close the Pour Farmer’s Pub at the end of January. We’ve always believed in family and community first. Unfortunately in this case, closing the business is best for our family. We’ve been honored to have a dedicated staff and supportive customers since opening, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

Meister also owns the popular Station 343 in downtown Dwight.



**PFAFF’S BAKERY IN DOWNTOWN DWIGHT** will close January 26, the owner citing a lack of business. Another popular venue, **The Pour Farmer’s Pub in Odell**, is also set to close at the end of the month.

# Shopko Petition Fruitless as Company Prepares for Bankruptcy

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie  
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The Dwight Economic Alliance got 623 people to sign a petition on Change.org to keep the Shopko Hometown store open in Dwight, but it appears little can be done now that the company could be filing bankruptcy as early as this week.

McKesson Corp., a pharmaceutical drug supplier to Shopko, reportedly said it supplied Shopko with \$67 million in drugs since Nov. 11 but has not been paid since early December.

McKesson last week asked a judge for a restraining order to keep Shopko from selling the medications it has supplied. Jeff Garfinkle, an attorney for McKesson, said during a court hearing that Shopko is expected to file for bankruptcy protection on January 15.

The Dwight Economic Alliance is among several communities that petitioned the company to reconsider closing its hometown

store. The signatures noted Dwight is the only Shopko store in the state that was slated to close.


The petition by the Economic Alliance requested that Shopko, Inc. reconsider its recent decision to close the local Shopko-Hometown store. “Shopko-Hometown, Dwight, IL is vital to our local economy,” the request read on Change.org.

Deb Karch, director of the Economic Alliance, was not available for comment.

There were dozens of comments left on the website from those who signed the petition.

“Shopko is my go-to store for EVERYTHING: housewares, clothing, toiletries, OTC medication, shoes, accessories, etc. Our local Shopko is NEEDED in our community!” one comment read.

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DWIGHT'S EIGHTH GRADE Redbirds, pictured above, claimed the IVC Championship, defeating Saratoga 41-20. Below, the Redbird Cheerleaders in action and Clayton Peck moves the ball for the 8th grade team.

The Dwight Seventh Grade Redbirds defeated Saratoga 35-30 in their IVC Conference title match, also claiming the 7th Grade title.

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7th, 8th Grade Redbirds Each Claim IVC Championship Over Saratoga

**Thursday, January 10  
Dwight vs. Saratoga  
7th Grade -**

Dwight's seventh grade Redbirds came from behind to defeat Saratoga 35-30 for the IVC Tournament title January 10.

It was knotted up at 16-16 heading into the second half, when Saratoga gained a slight four-point advantage after three quarters.

Dwight trailed by six with under four minutes remaining in the game – but pressure defense and 10-14 shooting from the free throw line in the final frame helped the Redbirds secure the win, and the championship.

“We only shot 16% from

the field on two-point shots,” admitted coach Conroy, “but this team doesn't quit!”

Conner Telford led the now 12-4 Redbirds with 17 points, five steals, four rebounds, and two assists. Jack Groves added eight points, three boards, and three steals. Terry Wilkey put up five points, three rebounds, and a steal, while Ryan Hilt provided three points, a steal, and a rebound. Jacob Weissmann made a bucket to go with six boards and three steals. Andrew Gartke had four rebounds and a steal.

**8th Grade -**

In the eighth grade meet-

ing with Saratoga, Dwight jumped out to an early lead and never took a look back – winning the IVC Tournament championship 41-20.

Brayden Long led the Redbirds with 16 points, nine boards, and four steals. Parker Miner put in eight points, grabbed 11 rebounds, and had one steal. Reid Legner (5 steals, 3 rebounds), Jace Gall (4 steals, 1 rebound), and Clayton Peck (6 rebounds, 1 steal) all contributed four points. Trey Downen had three points, two boards, and a steal, followed by two points, two rebounds, and two steals from Dawson Carr.



DGS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, January 8  
Dwight vs. Ransom  
6th Grade -**

The sixth grade Redbirds traveled to Ransom January 8, taking home a 25-11 victory.

Tracer Brown led Dwight with nine points and three steals. Owen Dunlap added six points to go with three steals, followed by four each from Drew Anderson and Tristan Larkin (4 rebounds). Owen Woods scored two. Luke Gallet led the team in rebounds with six.

**“B” -**

In the “B” game, Dwight lost 16-6.

Owen Woods led with four points, while Anthony Crutchfield had two. Frank Lasser and Wyatt Statler had four and two rebounds, respectively.

**Wednesday, January 9  
Dwight vs. GSWB  
7th Grade -  
IVC Tournament**

Dwight's seventh grade Redbirds took on their rivals from GSWB in the IVC Tournament January 9, prevailing 43-39 – advancing to the championship against Saratoga.

“Quite a game!” exclaimed Coach Conroy afterwards. “Gardner made seven three-pointers in the contest, but we were able to hold on for the win.”

Jack Groves (4 rebounds, 3 steals) and Conner Telford (5 rebounds, 5 steals) led with 14 points each, followed by nine points, two boards from Tyler Cox.

Terry Wilkey put up three points and five rebounds, while Jacob Weissmann added three points, four rebounds, and a steal.

For the Tigers, Gabe McHugh led all scorers with 21 points, with Cale Halpin following with 12. Bennett Grant had three points, 11 boards, and five steals, with Cole Hampson adding a bucket. Logan Conger made a free throw.

“This was a game that could have gone either way,” commented Angie Tjelle.

Dwight is now 11-4 on the season. GSWB moves on to play Seneca in a battle for third place.

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Another way to give back is to help your elderly neighbors who may not be as independent as they once were. Such men and women may have physical limitations that compromise their ability to perform everyday tasks. People in the prime of their life take their ability to perform such tasks for granted. And while these gestures might seem simple, helping your elderly neighbors with their everyday tasks can have a profound impact on their lives.

Ask if a neighbor needs anything from the grocery store. Everyone forgets to buy something at the grocery store from time to time. That's a minor inconvenience to most people, but it can have a much bigger impact on elderly people who have mobility issues. Before taking trips to the grocery store, make it a habit to call an elderly neighbor and ask if he or she needs anything.

- Invite seniors over for dinner or other gatherings. Many seniors deal with social isolation, which occurs when they lack opportunities to interact with other people. Recent data from the Administration on Aging indicates that 35 percent of women over the age of 65 were widows and almost half of women 75 and older live alone. Inviting elderly neighbors who live alone over for dinners, movie nights or game watches once per week is a great way to help them avoid social isolation and give them something to look forward to.

- Help with some weekly chores. Seniors living on fixed incomes may find it difficult to maintain their homes. Relatively simple tasks like mowing the lawn, taking out the garbage and even vacuuming can be difficult for seniors with physical limitations. Pitching in to help with such chores once or



twice a week won't require much time on your part and can have a significant impact on the lives of your aging neighbors.

- Drive seniors to religious services. Attending religious services is important to many seniors, but those who can no longer drive themselves to weekly services may not be attending them as much as they would like. Whether you attend such services or not, offer to drive an elderly neighbor on Sunday mornings (or whenever weekly services are held). Religious services can help seniors stay connected to their faith and their communities, and driving an elderly neighbor to and from houses of worship once per week won't require a significant commitment of your time.

Helping your elderly neighbors is a great and often simple way to give back to your community.

## Become a Hospice Volunteer: Touch a Life with Your Hobbies

Every hospice volunteer brings unique experiences and talents to the table. Some bring them directly to patients; some prefer to help in the office, with grief programs, or behind the scenes. In any case, Hospice of Kankakee Valley is looking for skills and interests you probably already have.

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**A great listener?** Why not become a bereavement

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**Tech Savvy/Computer Literate?** If you are comfortable with a PC, there are multiple roles you could help with – IT, tracking, auditing files, data management, etc.

**The Life of the Party?** Visit patients on their birthdays and help them feel special and celebrated

**A Retired Health Care Worker?** (clinical or office) Help with chart audits and compliance.

**A Night Owl?** Occasionally, nighttime volunteers are needed – why not you?

**A Veteran?** Volunteer to be a source of support for fellow veterans in hospice care, and to help with veteran related events and bereavement.

**An Artist or Retired Art Teacher?** Get involved as a volunteer with art therapy programs.

**A plant/garden guru?**


Help around our grounds, or with patients who might enjoy container gardening.

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**A Dog Lover?** Why not become a Tails of Joy Pet Companion? They'll train you and your pup to provide pet therapy services to our patients.

Hospice of Kankakee Valley will host its next volunteer training on Saturdays, February 9 and 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hospice of Kankakee Valley office located at 482 Main St. NW in Bourbonnais. Participants must attend both sessions of training.

Everyone has something to offer as a Hospice of Kankakee Valley volunteer – either directly with patients, or behind the scenes. For more information, call 815-939-4141 or visit <http://www.hkvcare.org/make-a-difference/volunteer-opportunities>.




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**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> • Circa' 21 Dinner Playhouse • Rock Island, IL**  
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# Senior Lifestyles

## Seniors Becoming More Tech-Savvy

Technology is the future, and digital communication has opened many doors for people around the world. Although younger generations have grown up with technology at their fingertips, Baby Boomers and older adults did not. But in spite of that, studies show that growing numbers of seniors are open to the idea of technology and even seeking ways to further their use and knowledge.

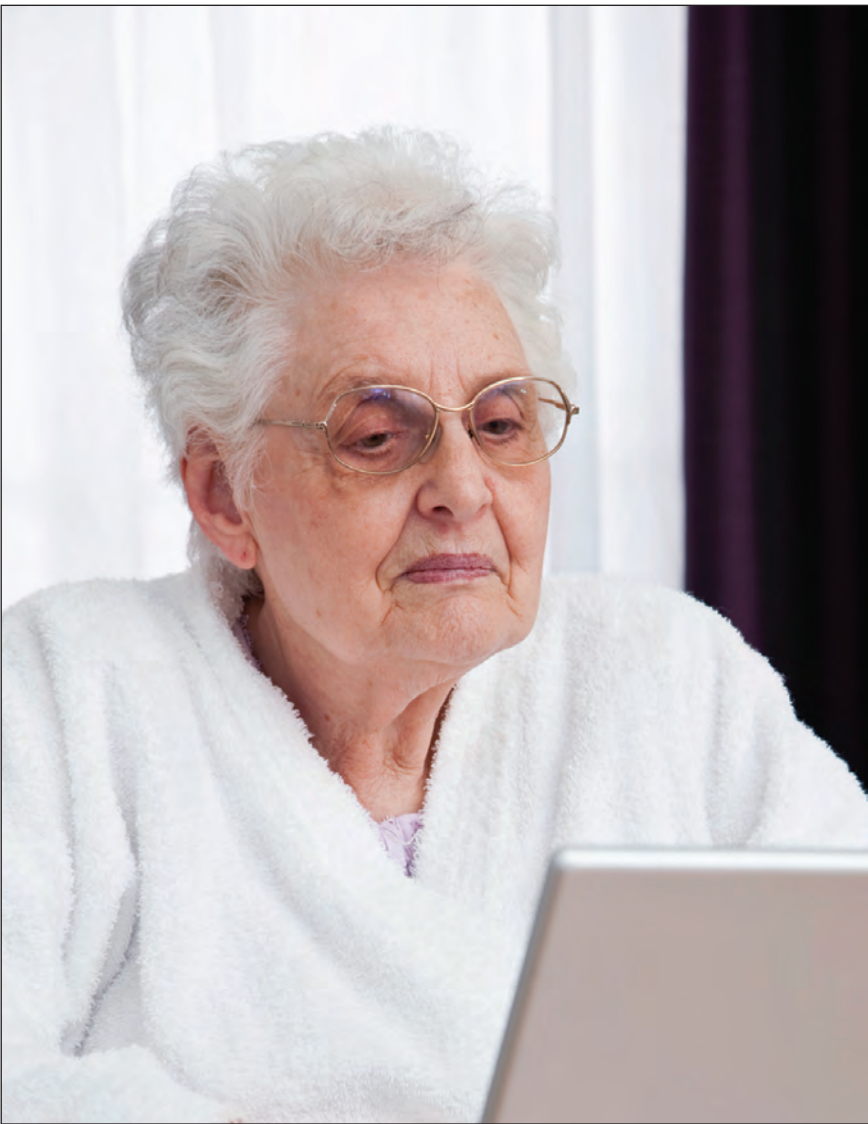
According to a 2014 study by Pew Research Center, 59 percent of seniors regularly use the internet — a 6 percent increase from the previous study conducted in 2012. Today, 67 percent of adults age 65 and older say they go online.

Pew also says that, although seniors consistently have lower rates of technology adoption than the general public, four in 10 seniors now own smartphones, which is more than double the number who did in 2013. Seniors in Australia are especially tech savvy, as Deloitte’s mobile consumer survey found 78 percent of Australian seniors aged 65 to 75 own a smartphone, up from 69 percent in 2016.

While stereotypes have long painted seniors as technologically inept, seniors are actually more socially and digitally engaged than ever before. Seniors use technology in many different ways. Some use mobile apps to manage medications and doctor’s appointments and monitor their fitness regimens.

Some families employ 24/7 alert systems or smarthome technology to keep seniors comfortable and safe at home for as long as possible. Noninvasive, “smart” technology can analyze factors such as whether or not doors are left open, if there has been movement in a home, or whether appliances/lights are on or off. This represents a great way for families to stay informed and provide assistance even if they are not nearby.

SilverSurfers, a senior-based information website, says other tech that seniors are embracing includes online dating; audio and digital books; online shopping, which is especially valuable



*Fifty-nine percent of seniors regularly use the internet, according to the Pew Research Center.*

to seniors who have mobility issues; and social media, which can keep seniors connected to others and feeling less lonely.

A study conducted by researchers from the University of California, San Francisco found 18 percent of American seniors live alone, and 43 percent report feeling lonely on a regular basis. Loneliness can increase death

risk. Social media and internet connectivity can be an important tool in helping seniors feel like active members of society.

Technology is no longer just for teenagers or active workers. Seniors are increasingly embracing technology and becoming a fast-growing demographic for tech usage.

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The CDC recommends that men and women age 65 or older who are generally fit and have no limiting health conditions need at least two hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity, such as brisk walking, each week.

They should also perform strength-training activities that work all major muscle groups at least two days per week.

Those able to push themselves a little further can opt for 75 minutes per week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity combined with the same strength-training regimen.

Before beginning a new exercise regimen, men and women should consult with their physicians.

## Blood Drive at OSF Saint James Feb. 15

OSF HealthCare Saint James — Medical Center, Pontiac, will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, February 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the ground floor conference rooms, and welcomes all eligible donors.

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# A Taylor Dynasty

## PaperBowl XVIII Playoffs Week One

If there is any resemblance to a sports dynasty in Paper Bowl, Dana Taylor of Dwight has captured it.

Dana guessed 11 correct in the first weekend of play-offs for Paper Bowl XVIII and is the winner again, surpassing all other entrants. Dana adds this award to his previous wins in weeks 7, 10 and 17. Taking home a fourth win out of 18 tries reasonably assures he can be categorized as a "dynasty". At least for 2018-2019 anyhow. Congratulations to Dana.

The odds say that Dana will not win a fifth or sixth time, so everyone's odds are that much better. Be encouraged and turn in your slips by this Friday.

For our sponsors that play along, their playoffs will begin this week with the North Division pitting Dairy Queen (11-6) against Victory Lanes (10-7). The winner of that contest will take on either PNB-Kewanee (14-3) or Jerry Danko State Farm (14-3) from the South Division.

Good luck to everyone and thanks for having a little fun with us.



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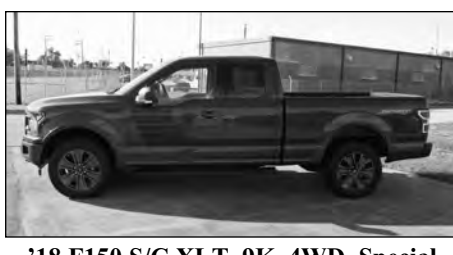
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'00 Navigator, 163K, 4WD	\$900

# GSWB TIGERS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, January 8**  
**GSWB vs. MVK**  
**7th Grade - IVC Tournament**

In IVC Tourney action in Seneca January 8, the Tigers defeated MVK in the first round, 43-20.

Cale Halpin led all scorers with 19, followed by Gabe McHugh who had ten points to go with five steals. Bennett Grant added four points, seven boards, while Quinn Walsh chipped in with four. Logan Conger hit a three, with Cole Hampson scoring two. Jaydon Talbot made a free throw.

**7th Grade - 3rd Place IVC Tournament**

The 7th grade GSWB Tigers took third place in the IVC Tournament, following a 45-40 win over Seneca. The Raiders were up 11-5 at the end of one, but the Tigers would battle back to tie the game at 15-15 at halftime. The third quarter would close out knotted at 25 each. Cree Croy made a bucket late in the game to tie it, then Bennett Grant would be fouled on a three-point attempt – sinking two of three to push GSWB ahead. Key free throws by Cale Halpin and a basket and a free throw from Gabe McHugh would seal the victory. Halpin finished with 17, while McHugh added 11 points, eight boards, five steals, and four assists. Grant contributed six points, six rebounds, with Cole Hampson adding five points. Croy grabbed seven boards to go with three points. Quinn Walsh had two points, with Adam Akron making a free throw.

**Wilkerson Victorious in Augustana Opener**

Augustana's men's track and field team, now under the guidance of head coach Jake Shaver following the retirement of Paul Olsen, took second place at the Fighting Bee Opener January 11 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA.

The Vikings scored 128 points, with three seniors securing victories in individual events on the day.

One of those was Brandon Wilkerson (Tri-Point HS/Stelle), who claimed the 3000 – a big point event – in 8:55.44.

Augustana will be in action again Saturday, January 19, at the Midwest Invitational in Monmouth.

# DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, January 8**  
**Dwight vs. Streator Woodland**  
**Varsity -**

Dwight won a non-conference contest against Streator Woodland, 47-35, on January 8.

Leading the Trojans in scoring was Colton Holm (3 three-pointers) and Dakota Wahl, each scoring 11 points. Bryson Connor and Logan Graham each pitched in with nine points, while Cal Schultz added a three-ball. Rodosky and Phillips both scored two points.

**Friday, January 11**  
**Dwight vs. Momen**  
**Varsity -**

The Friday night match-



**Church Dart Ball League**

The Church Dart Ball League results from the January 7 match-ups are as follows:

	W	L
Church of Hope	1	2
Dwight Cong.	2	1

New Life		
Assembly/God	0	3
Essex	3	0

Emmanuel Luth.	0	3
Dwight Meth.	3	0

Trinity Luth.	2	1
St. Peter's Luth.	1	2

Herscher Luth.	3	0
Mazon Cong.	0	3

Emmanuel Luth.	12	6
New Life		
Assembly/God	11	7
Church of Hope	11	7
Herscher Luth.	11	7
Essex	10	8
Trinity Luth.	7	11
Mazon Cong.	6	12
Dwight Cong.	5	13
St. Peter's Luth.	4	15

**Schedule for January 21, at 7:00 p.m.**

- Mazon Congregational at Church of Hope
- Dwight Congregational at St. Peter's Lutheran
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Seneca	\$1.98	\$2.08
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Streator	\$1.95	\$1.99
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Kankakee	\$2.12	\$1.98
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# Tri-Point CHARGERS BASKETBALL

**Friday, January 11**  
**Tri-Point vs. Lexington**  
**Varsity -**

The Chargers sailed to a 61-41 win over Lexington January 11.

Leading the team was Conor Cardenas with 17 points, including three three-pointers. Tyler Platz put in 15 points, followed by Brian Curling and Chace Cathcart with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Hayden Lane chipped in four points.

Tri-Point's JV boys fell to Lexington 36-22.

# Victory Lanes, Dwight League Results

**Sportsman League Bowlers**

HSG: Brandon Petry, 280.  
HSS: Troy Behning, 763.  
HHG: Brian Mack, 299.  
HHS: Brandon Petry, 710.  
HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1129. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 3131.

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	11	5
Rury's Tap	11	5
Jeremy's Barber	10	6
KWM Gutterman	9	7
Cherry RR	8	8
DeLong Ford	8	8
Willy's Pub	7	9
Star Trucking	7	9
Jensen's I	6	10
Jensen's BP II	3	13

**Commercial League Bowlers**

HSG: Jeff Behning, Jr., 268 – Carrie Smith, 216.  
HSS: Jeff Behning, Jr., 637 – Carrie Smith – 533. HHG: Lenny Tryner, Sr., 282 – Carrie Smith – 271. HHS: Lenny Tryner, Sr., 698 – Carrie Smith, 698.  
HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1010. HSS: Mike's, 2779. HHS: Coleman and Son, 2818.

League Standings	W	L
Mike's	27	9
Victory Lanes	25	11
Coleman/Sons	24	12
A&S Exteriors	21	15
Pinkie's Out	19	17
Dwight Printing	19	17
Willy's Pub	19	17
Aly Anne's	17	19
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MMS Ent.	10	26

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**The Mule (R) Thu: 3:30, 6:30**

**Glass (PG-13) Thu: 7:20 PM**

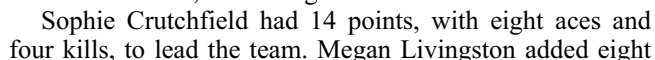
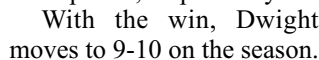
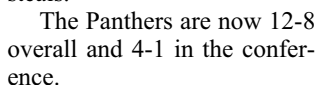
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Dwight Grade School  
One Step Closer to Cooling Project  
*January BOE Actions*

by Madelyn Fogarty  
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The 2018-19 teacher seniority list was approved as presented. Dwight Common School District #232 currently has 35 teachers with nine teachers having served DGS for 20 years or more. Tenure status (five or more years in the district) is held by 25 teachers.

The next meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, in the DGS Library. Meetings are open to the



# DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

points, including four aces and one assist. Avery Scheuer had eight points, with two aces, while Claire Robison scored five points, with two aces. Kassy Kodat came up with five points and two assists.

### 8th Grade -

In the eighth grade meeting, Dwight lost 17-25, 13-25 – dropping their first game of the season.

Erin Anderson led with five points, including three aces, three digs, and two kills. Hailey Heath followed with four points, including an ace, two kills, and a dig. Maya Green chipped in three points, with Mikalah Bregin providing two points, with an ace and a dig. Cheyanne Condreay had a point and dished two assists. Addy Harms had two assists and a kill.

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1. Who will win in FOOTBALL?  
A. New England at  
B. Kansas City
2. Who will win in FOOTBALL?  
A. Los Angeles (R) at  
B. New Orleans
3. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?  
A. Oklahoma City at  
B. Philadelphia
4. Who will win in NBA Basketball?  
A. Miami at  
B. Chicago
5. Who will win in NCAA BASKETBALL?  
A. Michigan at  
B. Wisconsin
6. Who will win in NCAA BASKETBALL?  
A. Indiana at  
B. Purdue
7. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?  
A. Milwaukee at  
B. Orlando
8. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?  
A. Boston at  
B. Atlanta
9. Who will win in HOCKEY?  
A. New York at  
B. Boston
10. Who will win in HOCKEY?  
A. Pittsburgh at  
B. Vegas

11. Which conference will score more points?  
A. NFC B. AFC
12. Which QB will have a better rating?  
A. Tom Brady  
B. Drew Brees
13. Will Kansas City's final score be...  
A. Even B. Odd
14. Who will score more points?  
A. Markkannen vs. Miami  
B. LaVine vs. Miami

**Tie Breaker 1 -**  
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**Tie Breaker 2 -**  
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1 .....	6 .....	11 ..... <b>Tie Breaker 1</b> (total NFL points)
2 .....	7 .....	12 .....
3 .....	8 .....	13 .....
4 .....	9 .....	14 ..... <b>Tie Breaker 2</b> (total NBA points)
5 .....	10 .....	.....

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Unit School District Number 6-J, Livingston, Ford, Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 28th day of January, 2019, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The hearing will be held in the Board of Education Room, 101 East Main Street, Kempton, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$4,900,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 6-J, Livingston, Ford, Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, Illinois.

Dated the 17th day of December, 2018.

Trisha Haag  
 Secretary, Board of Education,  
 Community Unit School District  
 Number 6-J,  
 Livingston, Ford, Kankakee and  
 Iroquois Counties, Illinois

COMMENTARY

It's Time to Build a Border Wall

By Sheriff Tony Childress

I support President Trump's address to the American people regarding the need for the immediate funding and construction of a border wall and I call on my members of Congress from the state of Illinois to support funding and construction of the wall.

We have a growing humanitarian and security crisis at our Southern border.

- Americans are hurt by uncontrolled, illegal migration.
- It strains public resources and drives down jobs and wages.
- It is a pipeline for vast quantities of illegal drugs – including meth, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl.
- Each week, 300 of our citizens are killed by heroin alone – 90 percent of which floods across from our Southern Border and is produced by Mexico.

- More Americans will die from drugs this year than were killed in the entire Vietnam War.
- In the last two years, ICE officers made 266,000 arrests of aliens with criminal records – including those charged or convicted of: 100,000 assaults; 30,000 sex crimes; and 4,000 violent killings.
- Thousands of Americans have been brutally killed by those who illegally entered our country, and thousands more lives will be lost if we don't act right now.

President Trump has presented Congress with a detailed proposal to secure the border and stop the criminal gangs, drug smugglers, and human traffickers. The proposal was developed by law enforcement professionals and border agents at the Department of Homeland Security. The proposal for Homeland Security includes cutting-edge technology for detecting drugs, weapons,

illegal contraband.

A border wall will quickly pay for itself. The cost of illegal drugs exceeds \$500 billion dollars a year – far more than the \$5.7 billion that is requested from Congress.

To every member of Congress: Pass a bill which is productive and will help to end the continued flow of illegal migration, drugs, and human trafficking into our country which then takes root in my local community.

To every citizen: Call Congress and tell them to finally – after all of these decades – secure our border and stop the devastation to our local communities with drugs and criminality.

This is a choice between right and wrong, justice and injustice. This is about fulfilling our sacred and sworn duty to American citizens and legal immigrants and the office we hold.

OBITUARY

Linda Marie Zimmer



**REDDICK** – Linda Marie Zimmer, 78, of Reddick passed away Sunday, January 13, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home Thursday, January 17, from 4 until 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be in the Reddick United Methodist Church Friday, January 18, at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning one hour before the service. Pastor Kevin Boesen will officiate.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Private inurnment will be at a later date in Grand Prairie Cemetery.

Linda was born March 19, 1940, daughter of Vernon and Alice Curl Bossert in Morris.

She attended Reddick High School and graduated with the class of 1958. She attended Illinois State University and graduated in 1962 with a major in Home Economics. Right after college she taught Home Economics at Reddick High School for five years and then she was a kindergarten aide for twelve years as well as a substitute teacher.

Linda married Arnold Edwin Zimmer August 20, 1961 at Zoar EUB Church in Reddick. She was a very big part of the Reddick United Methodist Church and together with her husband was

a youth leader for more than 20 years. They took youth on many work projects all over the country. She taught many Sunday School classes, organized and led many Vacation Bible Schools each summer, and organized many family and church dinners and events at the church.

She was a 4-H and HEA member and leader from 1967 until 2001. Linda was a very good cook and seamstress and judged many food and clothing competitions at county fairs. She also loved to grow flowers and gardening.

Surviving are her husband; children: Jason D. (Dianna) Zimmer of Reddick; Regena (Daniel) Crompt of Braidwood; and Rodney (Lora) Zimmer of Tuscola; eight grandchildren: Tara, Eron, Justin, Kate, Drew, Kyle, Casey and Emma; one great-grandchild, Ellie; a brother, Michael (Kitty) Bossert of Kankakee; a sister, Kay (Neil) Deupree of Janesville, Wisconsin; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and daughter, Lucinda M. Zimmer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the Reddick United Methodist Church or Parkinson's Disease re-search.

To sign her online guestbook, log on to: [www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpatersonfuneralhomes.com) or on facebook.

More Obituaries appear on Page 5

Livingston County 8th Grade Career Fair in Saunemin

Saunemin Elementary School is formally inviting your business to attend its second annual Eighth Grade Career Fair. The event will be held on May 10 in the Saunemin gymnasium, and will be split into two sessions.

Session 1 will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. and Session 2 from 12:30-2 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for business representatives between sessions.

SGS has recently added a required Eighth Grade Career Readiness Course. To conclude the class, they are hosting the career fair sponsored by the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce. They hope to have more than 30 local businesses with booths set up for students to explore career options and begin goal setting

earlier in life. This is a county-wide invitation.

**Schedule:**

- 8-8:30 a.m. – Businesses Arrive and Set Up Station (Table and Chairs Provided)
- 8:30-9:45 a.m. – Saunemin 8th Grade Career Fair
- 9:45-10 a.m. – Break
- 10-11:30 a.m. – Session 1
- 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Lunch Break
- 12:15-12:30 p.m. – Reorganize
- 12:30-2 p.m. – Session 2
- 2-3 p.m. – Clean-up

If you are able to join, below are some suggestions on what to have prepared for the day:

- Provide students with a pamphlet/brochure about your business/field

- Have candy, pencils, post-it notes, etc. to pass out
- Take a sign/banner with business name/logo on it for display
- Prepare a short activity/game/demonstration that the kids can participate in related to your field OR
- Take a Show and Tell Item (Ex: take a police car they can check out, farming equipment to climb in/look at, etc.)
- Be prepared to answer questions such as: who you are, what you do on a daily basis, qualifications for the job, how you got into your chosen field, etc.

What will be provided for you: tables, table cloths (if needed), chairs, water bottles, lunch, and an article about the event will be submitted to the newspaper.

If you are able to send a business representative on your behalf, RSVP by calling Saunemin Elementary School at 815-832-4421 or e-mailing Brittany Masching at [maschingb@saunemin.org](mailto:maschingb@saunemin.org). RSVP at your soonest convenience, but no later than April 5.

Livingston County Humane Society Fundraiser a Sweet Success

The Livingston County Humane Society would like to thank Dwight Veterinary Clinic for hosting our Light A Bulb Tree and all of the Dwight area for the tremendous support of the program.

A special thank you to the Dwight Grade School students and teachers for making the shapes and Dwight Ace for having our Light A Bulb Tree in their store.

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Wed., Jan. 16: Chicken casserole, peas and carrots, seasoned green beans w/pimentos, whole grain wheat (1), chunky applesauce.

Thurs., Jan. 17: Roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage-tomato au gratin, dinner roll, overnight fruit salad.

Fri., Jan. 18: Ham loaf, frosted sweet potatoes, Midori blend veggies, whole grain wheat (1), fresh fruit.

Mon., Jan. 21: Beef tips in gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans

w/tomato, onion and bacon; whole grain wheat (1), Mandarin oranges.

Tues., Jan. 22: Ham and beans, pickled beets, cornbread, peaches.

Wed., Jan. 23: Beef stew w/potatoes, carrots, and onions; seasoned greens, biscuits, pears.

Thurs., Jan. 24: Salisbury beef pattie, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, banana bread w/ cream cheese.

Milk served each day. Reservation: 815-374-0411 or 1-800-543-1770; Information call the 800 number.

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[Dwightumc.org](http://Dwightumc.org)  
Pastor: Michael Ebersohl

• JAN. 16: Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; Real & Ignite, 7 p.m.

• JAN. 17: Daisies Scouts, Scouts #1906, 4:30 p.m.; Scouts #4877, 5 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsal, 6 p.m.

• JAN. 18: MWDC, 7:30 a.m.

• JAN. 19: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.; AA meeting, 9 a.m.

• JAN. 20: 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. 21: UMW Executive Board meeting, 9 a.m.; Scouts #4877, 6 p.m.; Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Dartball vs. Herscher Lutheran (home), 7 p.m.

• JAN. 22: Hens Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.; Scouts #1505, 6 p.m.

• JAN. 23: Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; Real & Ignite, 7 p.m.

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• JAN. 16: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

• JAN. 20: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.

• JAN. 23: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
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Rev. Grant Speece

• JAN. 16: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.

• JAN. 20: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "Different Gifts"

Holy Scripture Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11

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584-3433 church  
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Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor

• 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.

• JAN. 20: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.

• JAN. 21: 7 p.m., Dartball - here vs. New Life Assembly.

• JAN. 23: 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., Midweek Classes; 7 p.m., Midweek Service with Holy Communion.

• JAN. 25: 6:30 p.m., Adult Instruction Class.

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
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Father Chris Haake, Pastor

• JAN. 19: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.

• JAN. 20: 10:30 a.m., Mass.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
326 W. Chippewa St.  
Pastor's email: [pastorchrisssytherev@att.net](mailto:pastorchrisssytherev@att.net)

• JAN. 16: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, office hours; 4 p.m., Worship Team meeting.

• JAN. 17: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, office hours.

• JAN. 18: 10 a.m., Bible Study at Pastor Ed Hudelson's in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA meeting.

• JAN. 20: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship.

• JAN. 21: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, office hours; 7 p.m., Men's Club - Dwight Congregational at St. Peter's.

• JAN. 22: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, office hours; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Assistance Ministries.

• JAN. 23: 8 a.m. - 12

• JAN. 16: 7 p.m., Picking up the Mantel Study.

• JAN. 17: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• JAN. 20: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10 a.m., Main Service with Tom Stammen; Kids Church and Nursery; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., Xtreme Youth Group.

• JAN. 21: 7 p.m., Dartball at Emmanuel Lutheran; Prayer at Mortensen's home.

• JAN. 23: 7 p.m., Picking up the Mantel Study.

• JAN. 24: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

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• JAN. 20: Council meeting, 8 a.m.; Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "Different Gifts"

Holy Scripture Readings  
Isaiah 62: 1-5  
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
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January Food Pantry Collection: Cereal.

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• Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

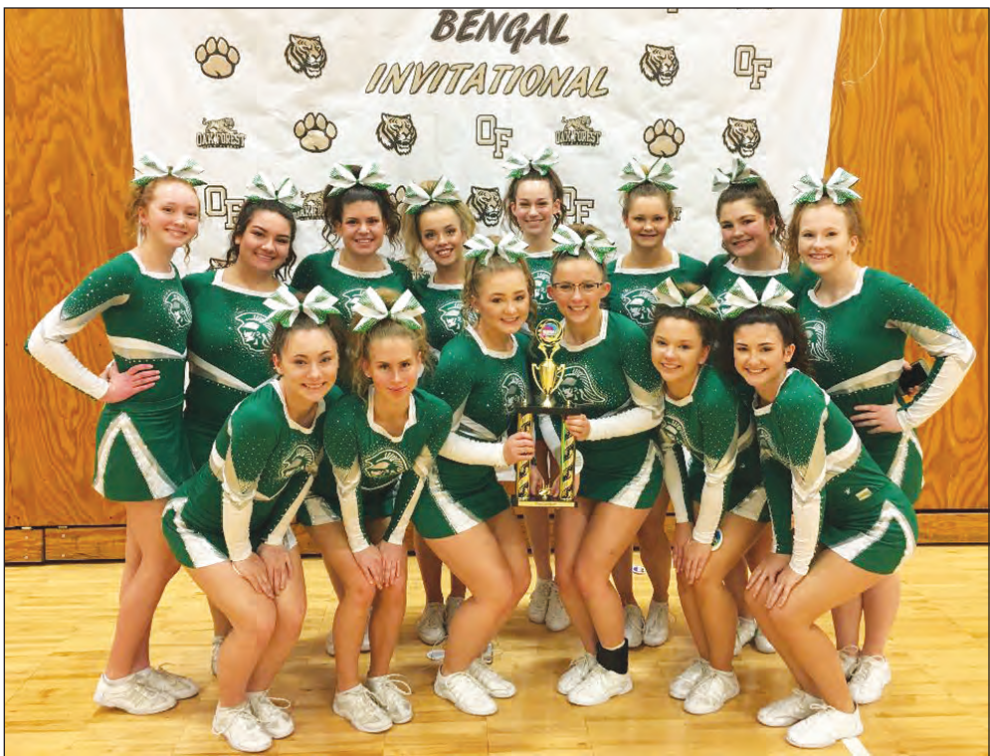
**ODELL St. Paul Catholic Church**  
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• JAN. 16: Reconciliation following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

• JAN. 20: 8 a.m., Mass.

• JAN. 23: Reconciliation following 8:30 a.m. Mass

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THE DWIGHT VARSITY CHEERLEADERS placed first at the Oak Forest Bengal Invitational January 13. They will compete again Sunday, January 20, in Huntley. Pictured, front row, from left, are Meghan Scott, Emma Legner, Sofie Swink, Reece Mortensen, Jordan Schultz, Abby Rodosky; back, Ella Kargle, Gabby Cassani, Katie Edwards, Lauryn Hoegger, Mary Hilt, Alexis Thetard, Addi Bean, and Josie Snyder. Not pictured is Riley Connolly.



GSWB VARSITY CLUB HAD COAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL standout Kirsten Verdun speak on January 10. Verdun was the 2010 Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year, while leading her team to a softball state title – going 40-0 in the circle with a .30 ERA. After her high school days, she took her talents to DePaul and was Big East Rookie of the Year in 2011 – earning All-Conference honors all four seasons, along with being named an All-American twice. As a Blue Demon, Verdun set many records and gained many accomplishments. She then played professional softball for two seasons with the Chicago Bandits, one in which they won the championship. She is now an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin in her fourth season. While talking to the group, she stressed the importance of grades, as college recruiters look at them heavily. As a recruiter, she also encourages student-athletes to play many sports while in junior high and high school. She also said it is big for students to be open and look at many schools when being recruited or even looking at going to school – “it is important to find the right one for you.” Kirsten also discussed social media and the impact it has on you. “College coaches look at this and students do not realize the impact it may have on them.” Lastly, she discussed her next month as her players return to campus, and what their days will consist of before opening their season.



SEVERAL ST. PAUL SCHOOL student-athletes were honored at Odell Grade School’s 8th Grade Night – which was part of a special event with the Pontiac unified hoops squad. The event recognized boys basketball players and cheerleaders. St. Paul students honored were, from the left, Nathan Weis, Tyler Pugh, and Natalie Davis – all of Blackstone; and Tyler Frauli and Jack Duffy – both of Dwight.

## Trojan Wrestlers Move to 16-8

The Dwight Trojan Wrestling Team ran its overall record on the season to 16-8 after dual victories over Herscher and Kaneland.

The Trojans wrapped up a winning week by bringing home the second place trophy from the 17-team Reed Custer Invite in Braidwood.

**Wednesday, January 9**

Dwight Trojan Wrestlers traveled to Herscher and secured their 15th dual victory, 60-23, with some outstanding performances on the mat.

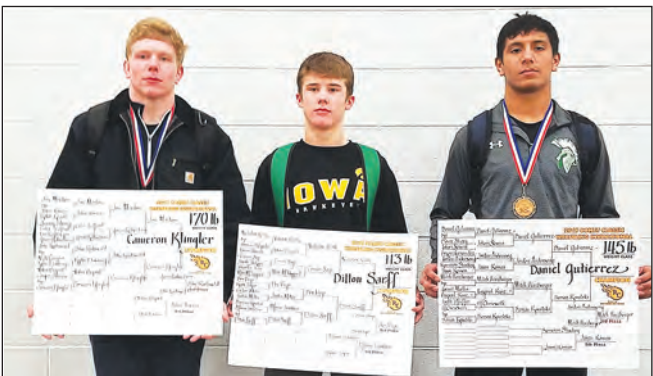
As a team the Trojans pinned their opponent eight of the nine matches that were wrestled. Pins went to Dillon Sarff, Emmett Emmons, Samuel Edwards, Kyle Spalliero, Daniel Gutierrez, Wilton Jackman, Cameron Klingler, and Cade Enerson with his 15th consecutive pin.

Malaki Slaughter and Logan Hatfield won by forfeit.

**Thursday, January 10**

Dwight earned its 16th dual victory of the season when the team traveled to Morris and defeated Kaneland H.S., 60-24.

The Trojans won five of the six matches wrestled,



THREE DWIGHT TROJANS were crowned champions following the conclusion of the Reed-Custer Comet Invite January 12. Pictured, from left, are senior Cameron Klingler, freshman Dillon Sarff, and junior Daniel Gutierrez.

with four of the victories coming by pin. The victories by pin came from Samuel Edwards, Kyle Spalliero, Daniel Gutierrez, and Cade Enerson – who ran his consecutive pin streak to an impressive 16 pins.

Cameron Klingler secured his win when his opponent could not continue due to injury, and Malaki Slaughter, Logan Hatfield, Dillon Sarff, Emmett Emmons, and Gabe Potter won by forfeit.

**Saturday, January 12**

The Trojans traveled to Braidwood to take on some tough competition at the 17-team Reed Custer Comet Invite. Fueled by some out-

standing performances throughout the day, Dwight took the second place plaque back home – finishing five points behind an outstanding performance by Seneca H.S.

The Trojans had seven wrestlers medal at the tournament. Cameron Klingler, Daniel Gutierrez, and Dillon Sarff stood at the top of the podium as champions of their weight class.

Cade Enerson and Logan Hatfield each took home a second place medal. Malaki Slaughter and Kyle Spalliero each earned a fifth place medal. Wilton Jackman and Emmett Emmon fell just short of medaling with sixth place finishes.

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