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Final Four For Dwight!



THE SHOPKO HOMETOWN in Dwight is liquidating its inventory. The store is slated to close this month.

Will We Get Another Store?

Economic Alliance Confident It Can Replace Shopko

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

The closing of Dwight's Shopko Hometown was heartbreaking for many residents. You could say it was the town's Walmart, and shutting its doors means shopping for necessities, groceries, medicine, clothing, electronics and home decor may now require a trip out of town to such places as Morris, Pontiac or Kankakee, each at least a half hour away.

But members of the Dwight Economic Alliance said there is progress being made to get a replacement, and it could be sooner than you think before another shopping destination sets up shop.

"I'm confident we're going to get something in town," said Max Sulzberger, president of the DEA board.

Deb Karch, director of economic development for the DEA, said 2,000 people signed a petition to keep the store open. It was sent to Shopko executives, along with dozens of pages of documents discussing incentives and ways the DEA would work with the company to stay, Karch said.

But Shopko closing, Karch said, is simply an unfortunate event and there was nothing the town could do to keep it open. Earlier this year Shopko filed for bankruptcy, and last week the company announced the closure of an additional 139 stores. In total Shopko has closed or will be closing more than 250 stores.

Karch said they are actively shopping for another chain. She is working with one entity that is "highly considering our community," as well as two other potential stores. Because nothing has been finalized, she could not disclose any of the retailers.

Rodney Connor, who sits on the DEA board, is confident, too. Most chain stores have a specific demographic that must be met before choosing a new location, he said. The customer traffic Shopko had over the years, along with the overwhelming response to save it, "proved that Dwight can support a store like Shopko," he said. "... It showed a passion in the community."

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And that's something Karch shares with prospective businesses, big or small.

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THE DWIGHT REDBIRDS MADE IT TO THE FINAL FOUR at state Saturday in the Illinois Elementary School Association Class 2A 8th Grade Tournament. They beat Champaign St. Matthew 30-26 in the first round, but lost to Springfield Christ the King 62-31 in the semifinal round. They play Mount Sterling Brown County on Thursday at 6 p.m. for third place at Mount Pulaski High School. Good luck to these Redbirds: Back row, from left, coaches Tom Conroy and Joey Briner, Jace Kern, Trey Downen, Michael Gamble, Brayden Long, Clayton Peck, Parker Miner and coach Joe Stevenson. Front row, from left, Brady Kelleher, Reid Legner, Dawson Carr, Jace Gall and Noah Scott. Not pictured is Matthew Greer.

Photo courtesy J7 Images

National FFA Week is Feb. 16-23

A Look At How Things Have Changed

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

If there's one thing not to do in Diana Loschen's eyes, it's to call FFA as Future Farmers of America

Sure, students are involved in livestock judging, horticulture, agronomy and other types of agriculture. But there's so much more, everything from veterinary and food science to leadership training and public speaking.

"Please, do not refer to this organization as Future Farmers of America," wrote Loschen, the longtime FFA adviser at Tri-Point High School in Cullom. "In 1988 the name was changed to 'National FFA Organization' to better reflect the fact that most members do not become farmers and it is a welcoming organization to all types of students."

The letters "FFA" still stand for Future Farmers of America; the letters are a part of the organization's history and heritage, and that will never change. What has changed in the 80 years since the first club was chartered are the vast opportunities available to FFA students.

Members are future chemists, robotic engineers, biotechnologists, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields, according to FFA.org.



TRI-POINT HIGH SCHOOL'S SUCCESSFUL STATE FFA DEGREE candidates this week. From left, Rodney Billerbeck II, Kayla Dunlavey, FFA adviser Diana Loschen, Brittney Billerbeck, Cassidy Hindman and Tara Hummel.

SPECIAL SECTION

We're celebrating National FFA Week! Meet some of our FFA'ers and read more about how leaders are shaping kids' futures beginning on page 9.

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And that fact reflects its growing membership.

Since 2008, FFA has seen a nearly 32 percent increase in membership, averaging 15,000 new members each year. The number of young women entering the organization has also risen. According to feedstuffs.com, membership of

young women grew from 26 percent during the 1992-93 academic year to 44 percent during the 2015-16 academic year. Today, 46 percent of young women make up chapters nationwide.

"When I started it was much heavier in production agriculture," Loschen told *The Paper*. In fact, she was one of only three women ag teachers in the state when she started teaching more than 30 years ago. And as the school's FFA adviser, she's helped many students excel at state competitions and take their careers to new levels. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give them the tools to achieve real-world success.

Loschen, who grew up on a farm and was active in both FFA and 4-H, had even more to say about FFA when we asked her some questions. So did FFA advisors Sidney Mau of Dwight Township High School, and Larry Haigh of Herscher High School. Read more on page 9.



FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

February 1: Hudson J. Whittaker, 19, Towanda, driving 15-20 MPH above limit

February 2: Brett A. Taylor, 30, Chicago, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Kali B. Grindstaff, 26, Streator, driving/no license/permit/age, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

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

6 Written Warnings

Speeding -1; no registration plate light -3; only one headlight -1; driver's license not on person -1.

Dwight Police Blotter

January 31: 6:56 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to assist Illinois State Police (due to the heavy call volume of accidents on the highway), near mile marker 217 on I-55. A vehicle had swerved to avoid a piece of a tire on the roadway and entered the median. The vehicle was safely towed out. As the vehicle merged onto I-55 it struck a northbound semitruck. The vehicle nor semi drivers were injured.

February 2: 9:36 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of E. Mazon in reference to a customer problem. The report was sent to the States Attorney's Office for review.; 10:35 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of Karen Dr. for a "hit and run." On scene, the officer was advised by two males a GMC pickup had been damaged while parked in the 200 block of W. Seminole St. The case is pending, with an ongoing investigation.

February 3: 5:49 p.m., Dwight Police were flagged down, while on patrol, in the 100 block of Morgan. A resident advised some unknown person(s) had driven along the south side of the railroad tracks and into several residents' yards. Another resident advised a white SUV was seen earlier in their backyard.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 30: 4:36 p.m., Spencer, trauma, refusal. January 31: 2:40 p.m., Chicago, medical, refusal.

February 1: 7:13 a.m., I-55, trauma, refusal; 8:55 a.m., I-55, trauma, refusal, mutual aid from Gardner; 10:33 a.m., Northbrook, unfounded, no pt.; 11:17 a.m., Mazon, medical, no pt.; 12:07 p.m., James, trauma, refusal; 1:30 p.m., Main, medical, Morris; 11:16 p.m., North, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Mazon.

February 2: 4:35 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 11:55 a.m., Northbrook, fire, returned by fire – no pt., mutual aid – DFPD.

February 3: 3:26 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 4:20 p.m., Main, medical, Morris, mutual aid – Duffy's; 4:20 p.m., Main, medical, mutual aid – Limestone.

February 4: 11:06 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 12:27 p.m., Franklin, medical, St. James; 3:50 p.m., North, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner; 5:46 p.m., William, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Dwight Fire.

February 5: 3:01 a.m., Karen, medical, Riverside; 10:29 a.m., Watters, medical, St. James; 11:18 a.m., Chicago, assist; 12:29 p.m., North St., medical, Morris; 3:40 p.m., N. Union St., fire, returned – cancelled by fire, mutual aid from DFD.

February 6: 9:12 a.m., Watters, medical, St. James; 10:20 a.m., Lorenzo-Graaskamp, medical, no pt., mutual aid to Wilmington; 1:28 p.m., Bannon, medical, Morris; 4:46 p.m., Prairie, assist, no pt.; 9:37 p.m., Prairie, medical, Morris; 9:43 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

February 7: 7:54 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 12:42 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 1:56 p.m., Rt. 47, fire, mutual aid to Mazon.



DWIGHT EMS PARAMEDICS Sandy Kokaly and Anthony Sims, along with several other agencies, assisted Wilmington February 6 for several ice/water rescues. They were on scene for approximately five hours.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Economic Consideration of ICE Facility

Private prisons have considerable deficiencies when compared to their public counterparts

The proposed ICE facility for Dwight is a private prison that we are told will have about 280 employees and \$60,000 salaries. It has been reported in other publications that private correctional officers in 2015 "received salaries that were about \$7k lower than the average public officer's salary". The average correctional officer salary nationwide is \$44k and in Illinois is \$49k. In addition, private prisons in general hire fewer officers and "report an average of one officer per 6.9 inmate compared to one officer per 4.9 inmates in public facilities" (that would put the total at 174).

A hidden cost that most communities did not expect when contracting with these facilities is the significant increase in police force spending. When there are incidents, local police will be called and have to respond. Other communities reported not only having to train for a variety of new, and previously unexpected, situations, but also having to hire additional police officers to handle the volume.

One of the arguments for private detention facilities is that they mostly handle 'low-risk' and non-violent offenders. However, in a nationwide study published by the US Department of Justice, it was found that "assaults on guards by inmates were 49% more frequent in private prisons

than in government-run prisons. The same study revealed that assaults on fellow inmates was 65% more frequent."

A ripple effect of the shortage of staff at these facilities is that they do not handle the influx of visitors efficiently. That has led visitors to suggest 'arriving very early' causing issues with crowd and traffic control. It should be disclosed who would be responsible for handling these issues as well as paying for the inevitable traffic light.

One of the benefits of the facility is the payment of "\$1 per detainee per day, up to 75%". A 2011 report that discusses the economic effect on local communities stated, "the benefit to counties where private prisons are built and operated can be quite scant – some receive less than \$2 per prisoner per day from the private prison operator." In addition, the contract with Dwight calls for us to refund that payment until the public works projects and interest are paid.

There is one final economic point that needs to be addressed; the idea of jobs at any cost. Many have argued that the bottom line is that we have to take these jobs no matter what to save our economy. Studies on prisons by both Ohio State University and MIT concluded that the economic impacts "appear to have been rather limited."

Ryan Van Der Karr Dwight Plan Commission member

Rep. Bennett on Three House Committees

106th State Representative Tom Bennett has been named spokesperson on the Appropriations Committee dealing with Elementary and Secondary Education, and also on the Health Care Availability and Access Committee and the committee on Child Care Access and Early Childhood programs.

The spokesperson is the member charged with leading Republican efforts on each committee and negotiating with the committee's Democratic chairperson to try to arrive at bipartisan consensus wherever possible.

Bennett noted that the first step for any piece of legislation once it is filed in the House of Representatives is for it to be heard by a committee. In committee the sponsor can present the case for the bill, answer questions and call witnesses to provide additional information, and opponents may counter with winesses, questions and information of their own. The committee then reports favorably or unfavorably to the full House.

Illinois Has 11th Highest Tax Burden in the Nation

An evaluation of the tax structures of all 50 states by the nonpartisan Tax Foundation found that residents of 38 of the 50 states (including the five neighboring states) will have lower state and local per-capita tax burdens than Illinois this year.

The average Illinoisan can expect to pay \$5,654 in state and local taxes over the course of 2019. Federal taxes were not included in the study.

How Much Do We Owe?

At the time of this writing, the state of Illinois owed \$7,927,148,246 in upaid bills to state vendors. That figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated, such as the unfunded pension liability which is subject to a wide range of factors and has been estimated to be approximately \$130 billion

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Your Financial Advisor Can Do Some "Life Coaching"

Life coaches – not surprisingly – strive to improve the quality of life of their clients. And financial professionals essentially embrace the same mission. So, if you decide to hire a financial advisor, you should expect to receive some "coaching" as you work toward all your important objective.

What tips from life coaches might you also get from your financial advisor? Here are a few:

Create a plan. A life coach can help you create a plan for your future, taking into account your career aspirations, relationships, hobbies, charitable activities and so on. And a financial advisor will also take a "holistic" approach by looking at many elements – including your age, income, family responsibilities

and desired retirement lifestyle - to create a long-term investment strategy.

Identify and prioritize goals. A life coach will help you identify and prioritize your life goals, whether they are personal or professional. And your financial advisor can help you do the same with your financial goals. For example, your goal of retiring comfortably at age 65 may take precedence over your wish to purchase a vacation home. As such, you will need to focus your efforts first on the retirement goal, and then, if it appears likely that you will meet that goal, you can devote the resources necessary for your vacation home by the mountains or the sea.

Move beyond your comfort zone. A trained and experienced life coach can help you recognize your perceived limitations – and move beyond them. This same scenario could play out in your interactions with your financial advisor. If you happen to be a cautious and risk-averse person by nature, you might be inclined to bring those same traits into the investment arena. – will likely warn you that you will have trouble achieving your financial objectives if you try to avoid all risk by sticking exclusively with so-called "safe" investments. Instead, your advisor will help you incorporate your risk tolerance, along with your time horizon and your short- and long-term goals, to help shape an investment mix appropriate for you.

Whether it's self-improvement or your financial future, you can benefit from good coaching - so take full advantage of it.

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'Detention Center Fosters a Climate of Us vs. Them'

I am writing to express opposition to the proposed federal immigration prison in Dwight. This type of prison (yes the facility is definitely a prison unless the people inside can come and go freely) has already been rejected by many northern Illinois and Indiana towns including Crete, Hopkins Park, Joliet, Hobart, Roselawn, and Gary. All of these towns could use economic help, but the elected officials recognized the fishy nature of the enterprises and rightfully sent them packing.

The for-profit company ICA portrays itself as a well-intended group providing housing and resources for immigrants (sounds like summer camp!), but they are unquestionably in the business of imprisoning people. The only beneficiaries will be their shareholders. Will they provide jobs to people in Dwight? Historically, for-profit prison companies actually do not hire locally.

The people detained by ICA are people with minor civil offenses related to their

immigration status. They are not there because they committed criminal offenses. They pose no public threat. So why do this? Mass detention of immigrants is cruel and unnecessary when there are tried-and-true alternatives to detention. ICE's formal (but now terminated) alternative was called Family Case Management Program used in conjunction with their parole policy and had compliance rates of 99% with immigration requirements such as court hearings and immigration appointments.

Although I live outside the village of Dwight, I have been compelled to learn more and be involved in immigrant and refugee advocacy over the past two years. As we have seen in my own town of Kankakee, maintaining an immigration "detention center" fosters a climate of us-vs-them along with a slap in the face to a large part of our population.

Julie McDonald Kankakee

'Our Country is in Peril'

Dwight could benefit a possible one million dollars a year according to The Paper's 1/30/19 front page article, "Detention Center for Immigrants Looks Like Financial Plus for Dwight." After I read the complete article with all those dollar signs my first thought was "Where is this money coming from?" The Immigration Centers of America, the private firm interested in the 88-acre parcel to build a center, is paid by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, known as ICE. According to their website (www.ice.gov) their annual budget is about six billion dollars, our tax dollars. The agency is primarily devoted to three operational directorates, one being Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO). ERO's official "mission"

correlates directly to the ongoing invasion of illegal immigrants coming into our sovereign country. A little search on the internet will reveal the massive cost of housing and caring for illegal immigrants that is astronomical and continues to grow daily because of the ongoing influx! Do your own investigation; don't trust the anti-Trump main stream media slant that "they" want you to believe. With the push for socialism, open borders and "Push one to speak English," our country is in peril. Instead of a happy dance for a possible million dollars to Dwight we should be contacting our representatives and demanding funding for the "wall!"

Jan Jablonski Blackstone





(Shopko, continued from page 1)

"The story [of Dwight's economy] is so much bigger than the story of Shopko," she said.

It's about a community that rallies around each other in good times and bad, she said. Whenever someone needs a lending hand, there's a neighbor to help. If an organization is trying to raise funds, volunteers step up. Dwight's a small town with big hearts, she said, and because of that, it's also a community that believes in supporting its local economy.

She tells the story to all prospective businesses. "This quaint village is worth taking a look," she said.

Karch said the DEA is also working with an entrepreneur who will take the place of Pfaff's downtown bakery. which closed in late January. Owner Richard Pfaff said ever since the women's prison closed, there hasn't been enough traffic downtown to support the bakery. He said he is looking to relocate his second location somewhere where there is, such as Bloomington, about 45 minutes south of the famous flagship store in Pontiac.

She said the DEA works with regional economic development partners as well as government and tourism agencies to bring business to town. Entrepreneurs have access to start-up services, from writing a business plan and ways to raise capital to mentors and fellow business owners.

And while a large store like Shopko closing can lead people to dwell on the negative, Sulzberger believes growth in Dwight is "heading in the other direction."

Albeit in small steps.

Karch and Connor said there are young entrepreneurs stepping forward with the right business models to succeed in Dwight. This includes not only a strong online presence and social media campaign to drive people to the area, such as Route 66 fans, but also a business concept that complements a small town.

It's working for some. Station 343 downtown attracts locals and tourists. Owner Pete Meister renovated a historic building and serves upscale fare. He recently added a gorgeous new upstairs banquet room for wedding receptions, parties and events. Nearby,



SHOPKO HOMETOWN IN DWIGHT has marked its merchandise down to 70 percent off. The company filed bankruptcy earlier this year and last week the company announced the closure of an additional 139 stores. In total Shopko has closed or will be closing more than 250 stores.

Cherry Red Roasters BBQ is expanding its reception menu, and in 2017 built an amazing outdoor patio bar.

Connor also pointed to entrepreneurs like Brian Galbreath, who opened a meadery in Dwight, one of just a few in the state. Dwight now has a yoga studio, a massage center, and, in the last year, has seen an expensive renovation by Dwight Healthcare Center of Morris and a multimilliondollar new building by OSF Healthcare Dwight.

"There's a hell of a lot more good than bad," Sulzberger said.

But a town can't move forward without jobs, which brings up the immigration detention center proposed just west of the village. If the center were to be built, the economic impact would spawn new business, Sulzberger said.

"This isn't about Dwight changing immigration laws," he said. "It's about helping people's lives. ... This provides a better spot for these individuals. And that's what people need to understand."

A public hearing on the detention center will be held at 6 p.m. February 19 in the Public Services Complex Building at 209 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight. The planning commission will make its recommendation on an annexation agreement to the full board at that

LaSalle County Sheriff Announces ISA Scholarship Opportunity

\$50,000.00 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois, to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2019-20 academic year.

The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time during the 2019-20 school year (excluding summer sessiom) at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

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The Illinois Sheriffs' Association (ISA) will be awarding itations are that applicants must be permanent Illinois resi-

Applications are now available at your local Sheriff's office or on the ISA website, www.ilsherifforg.

Students must complete the application; answer the essay question; and return all documentation to the Sheriff's office in their permanent county of residence by March 15 (must be postmarked by this date).

For more information, contact your local Sheriff's office, the ISA, high school advising center, or college financial aid

Pheasants Forever Chapter Banquet

The Livingston County Chapter of Pheasants Forever is holding its annual fundraising banquet March 18 at the Pontiac Elks Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6

Doug Wessels, Livingston County chapter president, stated that the banquet is the single most important fundraising event during the year. Everyone concerned with local ringnecked pheasants and wildlife populations in general is encouraged to attend.

For more information on the banquet or Pheasants Forever, contact Dick Vaughan at 815-657-7789; Steve Weeks at 815-692-2302; Wessels at 815-657-8682; or Mike Oughton at 815-529-3306.

If you need an order form for banquet tickets, you will be able to print from their webpage at www.livingston countypheasantsforever.org. Check back often, as they also maintain their meeting schedule and other activities.





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formance at 7:00 p.m.

about this presentation by the LCCA, you may contact

Rod or Dorothy Patterson at

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Ruth Schlosser at 815-844-

To reserve a ticket, call

For further information

After this concert, there are two concerts remaining

School Auditorium.

Friday, April 26.

Suzanne Davis will take

LOPEZ AND KIMBERLY McDANIEL, Gardner-South Wilmington High School students, have been awarded the Grundy Area Vocational Center Director's Award. Mary received this award for Building Trades and Kimberly for Computer Graphics & Multimedia Design for the month of January. This is the second time Kimberly has been chosen for the award. GAVC teachers choose one exceptional student from each program to be honored with the award each month. Criteria for this selection include attendance, citizenship, leadership skills, professional attitude, ability in practicum activities and classroom assignments, safety, and teamwork. Mary and Kimberly will be presented a certificate and prize package, along with having their photograph displayed at GAVC for the remainder of the



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SINCE THE WEATHER FORCED ST. PAUL SCHOOL to cancel every day but one during Catholic Schools Week, the staff decided to have a "re-do" the following week, rescheduling all planned events so the students did not miss out on any memories. Students participated in

other fun activities and dress-up days throughout the week, also doing a service project by collecting items to send as Valentine gifts to soldiers through Operation S.O.S.



Catholic Schools Week @ St. Paul School, Odell



YOUNGER STUDENTS are paired as prayer partners with older students throughout the week, enjoying a lunch together and exchanging small gifts. Pictured are prayer partners Hannah Miller and Isla Davis.



BINGO IS A FAVORITE traditional activity of the week. Charlotte Sassenger and Brooke Armour are pictured enjoying the game.

Tyler Pugh, Nathan Weis, Tyler Frauli, and Jack Duffy.

THE OLDER STUDENTS led the school in a Living

Rosary. Those students, pictured, were Hana Bartnik,

ST. PAUL SCHOOL STUDENTS started the week wearing pajamas to school and spending the afternoon at Camp Read-a-Lot. The gym was set up with tents, comfy chairs, sleeping bags, and blankets. Students read for fun, while enjoying a juice box or pop. They also heard stories read aloud by guest readers, Cathy Grafton of the Odell Public Library and Deacon George Wagner. Pictured in one of the tents are Ruby Sturms, Gianna Giacometti, and Lilly Duffy.

Check out our Valentine Specials

- Our Famous Prime Rib
- 8 oz. Sliced Strip Steak
 w/sauteed mushrooms, mashed potatoes, and steamed broccoli
- 10 oz. Garlic Peppercorn Prime Ribeye
- 4 oz. Parmesan Baked Cod, Wild Caught Red Shrimp & Fried Scallops
- Chicken Oscar



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF GARDNER ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (MKM Oil, Inc.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Gardner Planning and Zoning Board at the Gardner Village Hall, located at 302 N. Center Street, Gardner, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. to consider a Zoning Map Amendment for the application of MKM Oil, Inc. The application requests that the property be classified as M-2 (Manufacturing District). Said Zoning Map Amendment, if approved, shall affect the following described property:

Parcel 1:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 31 North, Range 8 of the Third Principal Meridian; thence North 00° 36' 00" East along the East line of said Northwest Quarter for a distance of 248.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence due West for a distance of 247.00 feet; thence South 00° 36' 00" West for a distance of 248.00 feet to a point which falls on the South line of said Northwest Quarter; thence due West along the said South line for a distance of 500.00 feet; thence North 00° 36' 00" East for a distance of 466.50 feet; thence due East for a distance of 747 feet to a point which falls on the East line of said Northwest Quarter; thence South 00° 36' 00" West along the said East line for a distance of 218.50 feet to the point of beginning, all located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 31 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian, County of Grundy, and State of Illinois.

PIN: 12-04-100-005

The above described parcel consists of approximately 6.5 acres +/- and is commonly known as 603 N. East Street in Gardner Grundy County, Illinois.

Parcel 2:

The East 247 feet of the South 248 feet of the following described parcel: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 4 of Township 31 North, Range 8, East of the Third Principal Meridian, thence North 466 1/2 feet, thence West 747 Feet, thence South 466 1/2 feet, thence East 747 feet to the point of beginning, excepting therefrom .109 acres heretofore deeded for road purposes, situated in Grundy County, Illinois.

The above described parcel consists of approximately 1.5 acres +/- and is commonly known as 601 N. East Street in Gardner, Grundy County, Illinois.

A copy of the aforementioned application may be obtained from the Gardner Village Clerk during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Questions or comments may be submitted orally, in writing, or both.

> VILLAGE OF GARDNER PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

New TOPS® Chapter

Paves the Way to Healthy Lifestyle

City are embracing a healthier lifestyle after launching a new nonprofit weight-loss support group meeting. Weekly TOPS® meetings will be held at United Methodist Church, Mondays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

TOPS® Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®) is an affordable wellness education organization with thousands of chapters in the United States and Canada. Members learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise, motivawelcome to attend their first meeting free of charge and without obligation.

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For details, call Brenda Hemp at 815-954-8835, visit www.tops.org, or call TOPS Headquarters at 800-932-

NOTICE OF SALE of Property Owned by the Village of Braceville and Invitation to Bid Thereon

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Village Board of the Village of Braceville will receive sealed bids for the purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest in the following real property:

Lots 22, 23, 24 and 25 in Block 31 of Mitchell's Addition to Braceville, Township of Braceville, County of Grundy, State of Illinois (PIN # 09-26-285-019)

which property is generally located on the North West corner at the intersection of South Mitchell Street and State Route 129, and is currently devoted for Municipal purposes.

Bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above-described property are hereby invited and will be received by the Village Clerk at the Village Hall, 300 S. Mitchell Street, Braceville, Illinois between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. until March 6, 2019 and shall be opened at the Village Board meeting identified below, Said Proposals shall be addressed to:

Village of Braceville c/o Village Clerk 300 S. Mitchell Street Braceville, Illinois 60407

And shall bear the legend "PROPOSAL-SALE OF S. MITCHELL ST. PROPERTY" and the name and address of the bidder.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Braceville at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

A contract may be awarded to the highest bidder or any bid determined to be in the best interest of the Village of Braceville. The Village Board of the Village of Braceville reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The Village Board of the Village of Braceville further reserves the right to review and study any and all bids and make a contract award within 30 days after the bids have been opened and publicly read.

\$1,000 HCE Youth Scholarship Being Offered

Home and Community Education Association (HCE) scholarship are available from Shirley Meenen, at the Livingston Co. Extension Office, or from your school guidance counselor.

This \$1,000 scholarship is open to any student who has graduated or will graduate this May from a Livingston Co. high school, or who has resided in Livingston Co. prior to attending college. Home schooled youth are eligible.

The preferred area of study for applicants is Family and Consumer Sciences, but students from in July.

Applications for the any field of study are eligiannual Livingston County ble to apply. The applicant must be enrolled or have been accepted at an accredited two- or four-year college.

Scholarship application and requirements are available from Meenen at 25939 E. 1000 N. Rd., Forrest, IL 61741 or by calling 815-657-8385, or via the University of Illinois Livingston Co. Extension Office at 1412 S. Locust St., Pontiac, IL 61764 (phone, 815-842-1776).

Deadline for applications is May 31. Interviews are held in June. The recipient will be invited to receive the scholarship on Wednesday of the 4-H Fair

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day, by the 8th day your prayers will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude.

Anonymous

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION: ISABEL NAYELI MORENO IBARRA and PABLO MORENO IBARRA, Both Minors,

BRENDA RUIZ IBARRA a/k/a BRENDA IBARRA and FRANCISCO JAVIER RAMIREZ MACIAS, Petitioners,

JOSE VALDIVIA MORENO a/k/a JOSE RENSO MORENO, Respondent Father. Case No.: 2019-AD-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given to you, JOSE VALDIVIA MORENO, Respondent, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order terminating your parental rights and a Judgment of Adoption and for other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Livingston County, Courthouse, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, Illinois 61764 on or before the 31st day of May, 2019, a JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT may be taken against you and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the Petitioners.





CUB SCOUT PACK 4877 HOSTED their annual Pinewood Derby January 27, with scouts working with their parents to design a derby car under certain specifications. This year's derby winner was (at right) Anson Lucus. Runner-up was Mike Josefik. Third place was Tyler Drechsel, while fourth place went to fan favorite, Sora Merchen.

The Pack extended its thanks to the Odell Fire Department for the use of their track and facilities. Cub Scouts is available to all kindergarten through fifth graders. Anyone interested can contact pack4877dwight@gmail.com.

photos by Johna Bradley

Women Landowner Soil Health Learning Circle Feb. 27 in Chatsworth

The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District, with support from American Farmland Trust, is Women a hosting Landowner Soil Health Learning Circle Wednesday, February 27, in Chatsworth at the Central Illinois Connection Center, 404 E. Locust St., from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch and other refreshments will be provid-

Being discussed will be soil health principles and how you can work to improve the soil health on your farm. Abigail Peterson, Field Manager with the Soil Health Partnership, will be discussing the principles of soil health.

Soil health is defined as the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans. Just like you want to be healthy, soils need to be healthy to perform at their best. Healthy soil allows clean air and water, bountiful crops and forests, productive grazing lands, diverse wildlife, and beautiful landscapes.

will Demonstrations include a rainfall simulator and slake tests. If you would like to see how well your soil holds together, take a dry clod to run through the slake test.

RSVP by Wednesday, February 20, to Becky Taylor at 815-844-6127, ext. 3, or rebecca.m.taylor@il.na cdnet.net.



REV. ALLAN BUSS, PRESIDENT OF THE Northern District of Illinois, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, right, preached at Zion Lutheran Church-Bonfield on Sunday, February 10. The district is from the Wisconsin border to just south of Herscher, and from the Indiana border to the Iowa border, Zion is on Route 17 near Herscher Road. Pictured here are Pastor and Sandy Kiefer and Marie and Rev. Allan

Cub Scout Pack 802 Meets, Runs Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 802 held his popcorn sales. its monthly pack meeting January 27 in the Emington United Chuch of Christ basement.

Nate Bradley received a utility light and a patch for his popcorn sales. Owen Griner received a phone stand and a patch for his popcorn sales. Mitchell Woods received a patch for his popcorn sales. Jacob Oelschlager had previously received a phone stand, survival kit, and a patch for his popcorn sales. Garrett Smolkovich had also previously received a patch for

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persistance conquer

all things.

After a discussion of upcoming events, the local first place; Mitchell Woods -Pinewood Derby was run posting the following results:

Lions Den

place.

Tiger Den

Lucas Swartz – first place. Wolf Den

Luke Tompkins - first place. **Bear Den**

Jacob Oelschlager – first place; Owen Griner - second

Garrett Smolkovich second place.

Overall pack winners were Oelschlager - first place; Tompkins - second Nate Bradley - first place; Smolkovich - third place.

Open class winners were Oelschlager – first place; Tompkins – second place; Woods – third place.

The other racers in the open class, which was for anyone who wanted to race a car, were Sawyer Griner, Tucker Griner, and Audrey Donley.

Pancake and Sausage Day in Kempton February 23

Kempton Fire Depart- cakes and homemade ment is hosting its Pancake and Sausage Day Saturday, February 23, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Kempton Legion Hall.

The menu includes pan-

sausage, eggs, milk, juice or coffee. There will also be homemade sausage sold by the pound available.

A fee applies, with children receiving a discount.



SEVERAL BAGS OF HATS AND MITTENS were recently delivered to students at Dwight Grade School. The hats and mittens were donated by members of The First Congregational United Church of Christ.

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Dwight Woman's Club

Book Club Program Feb. 19 being part of a book club, don't miss this February 19 program providing informa-

tion on local book clubs.

the book study in its own unique way, and each offers different meeting times to accommodate a variety of schedules.

This program will be part of the Dwight Woman's Club's monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of Prairie Creek Library. Guests are welcome to attend. RSVP to Lisa

If you ever thought about Marsh, either in person at the library or by e-mailing 4dwightwomansclub@gmail.

All members are remind-Each group approaches ed to take items for February's charity/nonprofit, which, this month, is Mosaic Homes. There are two residences in Dwight that provide care for those who are physically or mentally disabled.

> Members with last names A-K will be taking dish soap and/or liquid hand soap. Last names M-Z should take dryer sheets and dish wash-



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> **Doreen Harlow Supervisor**

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Mazon Township Roads are hereby posted at Eight (8) Tons until further notice.

> **Ed Walker** Road Commissioner

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on January 22, 2019, 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 MINOOKA DIAGNOS-TICS & REHABILITATION, located at 158 E. MAIN ST., DWIGHT, IL 60420.

Dated this 22 day of JANUARY, 2019.

Kristy A. Masching Livingston County Clerk





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Owen Pulver Named to Millikin Dean's List

Millikin University has announced the names of undergraduates who have earned Dean's List honors for the fall 2018 semester, and Owen Pulver, Dwight, graces the list.

Students who attempt 12 History minor.

graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn this academic distinction.

Owen, a senior, is a Biology major with a

Wesley Pulver Earns Dean's List Honors at Augstana

Dwight, has been named to the fall 2018-19 term Dean's List at Augustana College.

Students who earned this academic honor Science, with a minor in have maintained a grade Mathematics.

Wesley Pulver, from point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for courses taken during the term.

Wesley is a sophomore have majoring in Computer

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Viken Graces **Millikin** Dean's List

Brandon

Mazon native, Brandon Viken, has been honored with a spot on Millikin University's Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester.

To receive this distinction, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

Brandon is a senior majoring in P.E. (Sec. Teaching K-12 and 6-12).

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Lester and Marge Hansen

Lester, Marge Hansen Celebrate 70th Anniversary

Lester and Marge Hansen's journey and seven great-grandchildren, three step-

together began on January 22, 1949.

Their wedding attendants were Rita Rose and Leo Andreasen.

They live on a farm south of Dwight, where they raised four children. They have since been blessed with six grandchildren

grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

They celebrated with a family dinner on February 3.

The couple is now retired from farming.

'To Save A Life' **Community Event** at **DTHS** February 13

STEMM Dwight is teaming up with the Dwight Police Department, Dwight Township High School, Dwight Economic Alliance, the Livingston County State's Attorney's Office, the FBI – Springfield, and IHR – Pontiac to present a program entitled, "To Save A Life," in the DTHS Auditorium from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 13.

Find out how you can save a life by noticing opiate addiction signs and symptoms of addiction.

This community event will also feature giveaways.



Rosalie and Daniel Lardi

Temps - 2019

Jan. 31 – high 5°, low -17° .08" melt/3" snow

Feb. 1 – high 27°, low 2° Feb. 2 – high 41°, low 26° Feb. 3 – high 44°, low 37° Feb. 4 – high 48°, low 23°

trace precip. Feb. 5 – high 32°, low 23° .68" precip./freezing rain high 35°, low 31°

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Daniel, Rosalie Lardi **Celebrate 50th Anniversary**

Daniel and Rosalie Lardi of South Wilmington celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, February

The couple was married in S. Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lardi have four daughters: Amy Balas, Alison Olsen, Sarah Biros, and Jennifer Bibly. They have 11 grandchildren.

The Lardis are lifelong on February 8, 1969, at St. residents of S. Wilmington Lawrence Catholic Church and enjoy spending time with their family.



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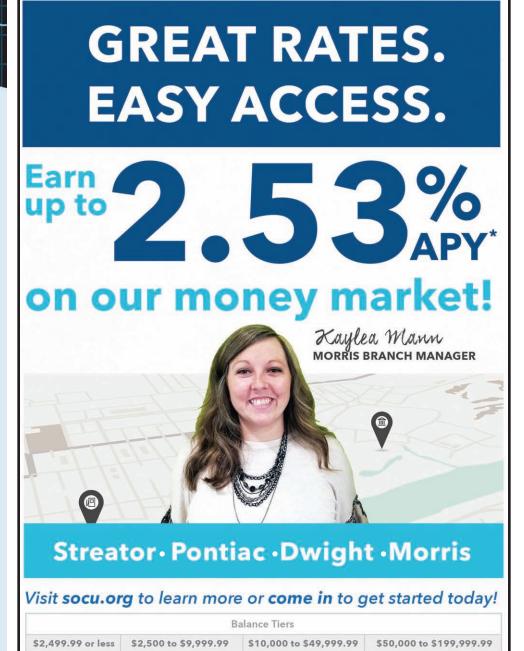
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OBITUARIES

John Scott Kline

E A S T BROOKLYN John Scott Kline ("The Colonel," "John Boy"), 59, of East Brooklyn passed away unexpectedly Friday, February 8, 2019 in Romeoville.

Memorial visitation will be at the RW Patterson Funeral Home today, Wednesday, February 13, from 5 until 7 p.m.

Cremation rites were accorded and his ashes will be spread at sea.

He was born May 17, 1959 in Joliet, son of Dorothy Lee Ballun Neitzer and Charles Kline. He graduated from Gardner South Wilmington High School in 1977 and soon after began his career with the Seafarers Union as a deckhand with material service Romeoville. He was a member for 39 years.

He was a fan of NASCAR racing, Harley Davidson motorcycles, and ships; enjoyed traveling to Florida; and hunting prairie dogs with friends in South



He also enjoyed camping, fourwheeling and building model cranes, and farming. He thoroughly enjoyed drinking Busch Light with dear

friends at Reco's, and would help anyone with anything anytime. He will be missed by all who knew and loved

Surviving are brothers: Brian "Burt" (Angi) Neitzer of Gardner and Ronald T. "Tom" (Lorraine) Neitzer of Apache Junction, AZ; niece, Jacque (Dave) Nilsen, and great-nephews, Brody and Mason Nilsen of Mesa, AZ; and goddaughter, Maranda Residori of South Wilming-

Preceding him in death were his parents; and

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to your

You may sign his online guestbook at: www.rwpatter sonfuneralhomes.com or on facebook.

Deborah Lynn McGuire

HUDSON Deborah Lynn McGuire, 59, of Hudson passed Friday, away February 8, 2019 at 12:20 a.m. at Meadows, Chenoa.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, February 13, for one hour preceding the 10 a.m. funeral services at East Lawn Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Hinthorn Cemetery, Hudson. Pastor Danny McCubbins

will officiate. Deborah was born July 19, 1959 in Kankakee, daughter of John P. and Norma Jean Cloos Roche. She married Michael James McGuire April 16, 1994. He preceded her in death on May 28, 2009.

She is survived by one stepson, Patrick (Cara) McGuire of Normal; and three step-grandkids; a sister, Karen (John) Mills of Fairbury; a brother, Jackie Roche of Kempton; two nephews: Nathan (Tecia)



and great-nephews.

death by her parents; one sister, Marsha Boma; one niece, Jennifer Boma; and one great-niece, Tess Mills.

Debbie graduated from Tri-Point High School, Cullom, in 1978, and was Homecoming Queen her senior year. She loved spending time with her dogs, Duncan and Toto (deceased)

in Cullom; McLean County Circuit Clerk (traffic division), and McLean County Emergency Management,

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Central Illinois.

Dorothy I. Christenson

DWIGHT Dorothy Christenson, 92, of Dwight passed away 4:50 a.m., Monday, February 11, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m., Friday, February 15, until the funeral service at

11 a.m., in the Dwight United Methodist Church, Dwight.

Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight, following the services.

Dorothy was born April 13, 1926 in Streator, a daughter of August and Emma Sorensen Humbert. She married Robert J. Christenson March 2, 1946. He preceded her in death in 2007.

She is survived by four children: daughter, Carol (Michael) Hutchings of Morris; sons: Donald (Darnell) Christenson and Thomas (Becky) Christenson, both of Dwight; and David (Barb) Christenson of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren: James (Audra) Christenson, Brian (Alelie) Christenson, Jason (Katie) Christenson, Kevin (Kristal) Hutchings, Christen (Kurt) Pfeifer, Kara (Josh) Ode, Blake (Beth) Christenson, Mark (Jennifer) Christenson, and Kathy (Doug) Patten.

Fifteen great-grandchildren; her sister, Jean Louis of Dwight; sister-in-law, Anna Mae Humbert of Odell; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, John Christenson; brothers: Harry Humbert, Robert Humbert and Donald Humnephew, Andy Neitzer.

favorite charity.

Mills and Matthew (Shannon) Mills of Mahomet; Heather (Pete) Pintz of Glen Ellyn and Laura (Tay) Chapman of Streamwood; and many great-nieces

She was also preceded in

and also Cricket.

She worked at Hicksgas Bloomington.

bert; sister: Edith

Jacobsgaard; brother-in-law, Vince daughter -Louis; law, Doris in sis-Christenson; ters-in-law: Helen Humbert Doretta Humbert; and granddaughter, Linda Christenson.

Dorothy worked as a head cook for the Dwight Grade School for many years. She graduated from Dwight schools; was a member of the Dwight Methodist Church and the Dwight Methodist Women's Group.

Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved to brag on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her hobbies were cooking and baking, especially for big family gatherings.

Also, she was an avid bridge player, enjoyed a game of Scrabble, working crossword puzzles, and cheering on the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bulls in their prime seasons.

Her most talented accomplishments were crafting her trademark amazing quilts for herself, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which she passed on to her daughter, Carol.

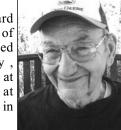
She and her husband, Bob, spent winters in Texas for 25 years, and enjoyed all of their snowbird out-ofstate friends.

Memorials in honor of Dorothy may be made to the United Methodist Church of Dwight; Heritage Health Care; and Senior Center in Dwight; or the Kankakee Valley Hospice.

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

Leonard Richard Mahler

Leonard Richard Mahler, 87, of Dwight died Thursday, February 7, 2019 at p.m. at Heritage Health in Dwight.



Cremation rites were accorded and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Inurnment will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

Leonard was born March 14, 1932 in Goodfarm Township, a son of William and Ida Balzerick Mahler. He married Mary Landers May 28, 1998 in Pontiac. She survives in Dwight.

Also surviving are two sons: Donald (Lori) Mahler of Elwood and William (Dwight Christman) of Des Moines, Iowa; two daughters: Marilyn (Steve) Beal of Carlock and Carolyn (Mike) Gloeckle of Naperville; two stepsons: Todd (Karen) Horrie of Gardner and Timothy (Valerie) Horrie of Coal City; one step-daughter, Deborah (Wayne) Wren of South Wilmington; numerous grandchildren, step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren.

Three sisters: Helen

Cressey and Lucille Lenzie: one brother. Harold Mahler; loving nieces and nephews throughout the United States and Canada also survive.

Leonard was preceded in death by six sisters: Frieda Halfaker, Gertrude Ruth Payne, Krueger, Dorothy Lind, Erma Kline and Mildred Dinelli; and one brother, Bill Mahler.

Leonard was a farmer all of his life and formed a partnership with his brother, Harold, which was called Mahler Brothers Farming. Together they farmed in Grundy and Livingston Counties for more than 50 years. He retired from farming in 1998 and moved to Dwight with his wife, Mary.

He served our country in the US Marines from 1951-1953 during the Korean Conflict.

Memorials in Leonard's name may be made to Kankakee Valley Hospice.

The guestbook may be signed at: hagermemorial.com

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

George A. Arndt

SOUTH WILMINGTON 20, 1937 in Chicago, son of - George A. Arndt, 81, of South Wilmington passed away Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, February 13, from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service at Ferrari Funeral Chapel, corner of Spring Road and Ferrari Drive, Coal City. Pastor Caleb Counterman will officiate at the service with interment and full military honors in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

George was born August

Alfred and Jeanette Welsh

He was a veteran who served his country as an EMFN in the United States Navy. He was a member of the South Wilmington Firemen's Beach Club.

He is survived by his loving dog, Buddy, and several close friends.

Memorial contributions in George's name may be made to the Hospice of the donor's choice.

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THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,) No. 18-CH-230 JOSEPH L. KIEFER, and unknown owners

NOTICE

Defendants

Notice is given you Defendant, JOSEPH L. KIEFER, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

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

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

Commonly known as: 1409 E. Elm St., Streator, IL 61364. The title holder of record to the above described real estate is JOSEPH L. KIEFER. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on July 12, 2017 and recorded on July 17, 2017 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in LaSalle County, Illinois, as document No. 2017-10487, and a Mortgage executed on July 12, 2017 and recorded on July 18, 2017 at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in LaSalle County, Illinois, as document No. 2017-10520. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK of PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 18-CH-230 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009. This case is set for Mandatory Mediation on April 5, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL

Consequently, unless you, JOSEPH L. KIEFER, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois, held in the Courthouse in the City of Ottawa, Illinois, on or before March 15, 2019, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2019. /s/ Greg Vaccaro, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, LaSalle County, Illinois





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Coach Joe and Dwight

It is basketball time everywhere, and it is most definitely basketball time in Dwight, Illinois. The 8th grade basketball team has advanced to the state tournament. cementing them as a top 4 team in the state. I just wanted to quickly give a shout out to that team and also Joe Stevenson, who is basically the Greg Popovich, Bill Belichick, you name the coach, but he's that of coaching 8th grade basketball. He's been doing it for a long time, and he's been nothing but great at it.

I just attempted to find the exact number of regional and sectional titles that Joe has won but I was having trouble navigating the site. I can assure you that he's won quite a few of them, and has won quite a few games just on their own, regionals aside. He's been a staple in the Dwight basketball community, and it means something to have stability, as that helps create great teams at the high school level too.

I feel bad that my class was not able to bring a Regional title with him as the coach, but we ran into Fieldcrest and they had a kid who was 6'4 and 200+ pounds as an 8th grader, so that made it rather difficult to beat them.

But nonetheless, congrats to this team, and congrats to "Coach Joe" on another great season, and another great addition to his forever growing great basketball coaching resume.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

TIMOTHY ROE, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,

No. 19-CH-7

NOTICE Notice is given you Defendants, 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

Parcel #2 of a Plat of the West 41 feet of Lot 6 in Block 44 in the Original Town of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as per plat of Roland C. Block, Registered Land Surveyor, No. 1847, recorded in Plat Book 9 at Page 90 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Livingston County, Illinois, said Parcel #2 being described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Lot 6, said point being 18.19 feet East of the Southwest Corner thereof. From said Point of Beginning, thence East 22.81 feet along said South line to the East line of the West 41 feet of said Lot 6, thence North 120.64 feet along said East line, said East line forming an angle to the right of 90 degrees 06 minutes with the last previously described course to the North line of said Lot 6, thence South 81.22 feet along said extension and along said centerline, said extension and said centerline forming an angle to the right of 90 degrees 12 minutes with the last previously described course to the centerline of a 12 inch East-West building wall, thence West 2.01 feet along said centerline, said centerline forming an angle to the right of 269 degrees 54 minutes with the last previously described course to the centerline of a 12 inch North-South building wall, thence South 39.43 feet along the centerline of a building wall and its Southerly extension, said wall and said extension forming an angle to the right of 89 degrees 52 minutes with the last previously described course to the Point of Beginning.

PIN: 15-22-402-014

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The title holder of record to the above described real estate is TIMOTHY ROE. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on April 1, 2014 and recorded on April 2, 2014 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 628277. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 19-CH-7 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 March 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.

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HERSCHER HIGH SCHOOL FFA chapter officers include, front row, from left, Kaylyn Bauer, historian; Becca Coffman, secretary; Andria Denault, president; and Jillian Milton, reporter. Back row, from left, FFA adviser Larry Haigh; Austin Yeast, treasurer; Bryce Overacker, parliamentarian; Adam Schott, sentinel; and Kyler Masching, vice president.



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Why FFA Matters

Agriculture Is Heading In New Directions

It's National FFA Week (Feb. 16-23) and to celebrate we asked three local National FFA Organization advisors to tell us more about the organization and how it builds the next generation of leaders.

LARRY HAIGH has been involved with FFA and agriculture for many years. This is his first year as the Herscher agriculture instructor and FFA advisor. Before coming to Herscher he was the coordinator of Iroquois County 4-H Clubs and Program and Agriculture in the Classroom for Ford and Iroquois Counties for almost four years. He was an FFA Member of the Clifton Central FFA Chapter all four years of his high school career, and after college at Illinois State University he became part of its alumni group and later took on the role as president until taking on the teaching position at Herscher. The Herscher Chapter has 60 members. His philosophy is to spark an interest in the students to surprise themselves into liking something that they did not image they would be interested in.

SIDNEY MAU is in her fourth year teaching agriculture and being an FFA adviser but her first year at Dwight Township High School. She did not grow up on a farm or have any tie to agriculture before her freshman year introduction to agriculture class. She quickly realized how much she loved FFA and agriculture through her high school career at Dwight. Her senior year she was vice president of the chapter and was given so many opportunities to grow into a better leader and communicator and this is something she strives to provide to her students. They currently have over 60 FFA students enrolled in the chapter.

DIANA LOSCHEN has been teaching for 31 years at Tri-Point High School. She is a third generation teacher. She grew up on a farm, and was very active in 4-H and FFA, so becoming an adviser was a great way to combine those passions. They have more than 50 students enrolled in their chapter. Here's what they had to say.

QUESTION: Why should kids join FFA? LOSCHEN: It is like a buffet. There are so many different things offered to them and they can take the things which appeal to them. It has a wide variety of things to offer students and is useful for all students, regardless of their background or career

HAIGH: The FFA is an amazing organization that opens the door to many opportunities. The FFA goes beyond the classroom. It is that extra step of getting our youth ready to take on the world. A lot of real-world opportunities happen through FFA. Just having "former FFA member" on a job resume is an eye catcher for employers.

MAU: It allows them to be a part of something bigger than themselves. There is something for everyone in FFA. I have seen how it can turn a shy freshman into a true leader of the chapter in just a few short years and how it can give hope to those students who may not know what they want to do after high school. FFA is so much more than cows, crops and farmers. It truly prepares students for the real world.

QUESTION: How has the National FFA Organization adapted over the years to keep up with the changing world of agriculture?

LOSCHEN: FFA has evolved into an organization that offers numerous opportunities for its students. When it began in 1928 it was strictly an organization for boys who wished to become farmers. Today there are a few of our members becoming farmers, hence the name change. Today's FFA members have the opportunity to participate in leadership development activities such as public speaking, parliamentary procedure, as well as things in the sciences, agricultural business, and all types of things which impact the food and fiber system.

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ter members are getting began in 1947 in conjunction ready to celebrate their first National FFA Week February 18-22.

Each year, FFA Chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week - a

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with George Washington's birthday. Washington is recognized due to his legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. This will be the first FFA Week that the GAVC FFA

Grundy Area FFA Chap- week-long tradition that will celebrate since they chartered their chapter in August, 2018.

There is a variety of events throughout the week that allow chapters to communicate with others and to promote the nation's largest youth organization to students, parents, teachers, and the public. Some chapters use this opportunity to recruit members, recognize FFA supporters, host teacher appreciation breakfasts, conduct "Agriculture Olympics" competitions, while others may go out into the community and perform community service projects.

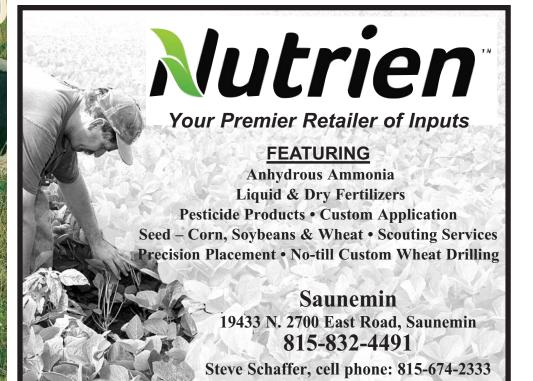
This year, the Grundy Area FFA Chapter will promote their chapter throughout the feeder schools, honor teachers through a teacher appreciation project, assist with Family Wellness Night at Coal City High School Thursday, February 21, and host a community celebration night at CCHS.



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CHRISTINA PUGH, AN FFA MEMBER at Dwight Township High School, gives a sheep an ultrasound at Joliet Junior College's Ag College Visit Day. Pugh would like a career working with animals.

(Q&A, Continued from page 9)

QUESTION: What opportunities are available to those who don't want to be farmers?

LOSCHEN: Very few of our members become farmers. People have this misconception that FFA is an organization for people who are farmers. This is simply not true! This organization provides leadership and development opportunities for today's generation who will lead not only agriculture but our world in the future. It is imperative that people understand that this great organization, which is the largest youth organization for high schoolers in the United States, is not limited to those who want to be farmers.

HAIGH: The organization is no longer called Future Farmers of America. In 1988 the Future Farmers of America became the National FFA Organization. In that name change it also changed the focus from vocational education to agriculture education. The FFA is much more than agriculture though. The FFA is not just cows and plows. There are tons of opportunities available in the program, from public speaking opportunities to being able to learn about the science of food. Leadership, communication, friendship, and compassion are just a few of the skills that are learned while

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MAU: The number of true farmers is decreasing in our country but the number of agriculture-related jobs is at a steady increase. Not everyone who wants to be a part of agriculture needs to own farmland. We are truly preparing future leaders of our communities.

QUESTION: What are some of the newest careers that relate to farming that this "next generation" of FFA students can study?

MAU: Technology and how it relates to agriculture is constantly changing. I can remember my great grandma telling me that her father used to take her to school on a horse and buggy when it was raining. Now we have equipment that can practically drive itself. It's crazy to think what other drastic changes will happen to agriculture in our lifetime

QUESTION: How has FFA adapted over its almost 80 years to keep up with the changing world of agricul-

MAU: FFA has gone through many different changes since 1928. The creed, the emblem, the name, who can join. FFA has done a nice job keeping up to date and truly making this organization open to everyone. When you go to state or national convention you just don't see farm boys walking around but you see a large variety of people with different backgrounds, interests and upbringings and I truly think that's what makes this organization so great.

QUESTION: Why would I want my son or daughter to go into an agriculture-related field?

LOSCHEN: I have confidence that the future of agriculture is bright because of the leadership and skills which are developed by all of our FFA members through the numerous opportunities given to them to participate in leadership development, career development events, and other experiences which they got through the spine organization.



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DWIGHT FFA kids show school spirit on their float during the homecoming parade last fall.

HAIGH: A lot of the career opportunities are available in the agriculture industry. Technology is ever changing, and the "next generation" will need to keep up with that. Agriculture is keeping up and sometimes advancing the race in technology. With all of these new changes, the careers are limitless in the agriculture field. If you like to eat and wear clothes you will want to encourage your child to become a part of agriculture. There is something for everyone.

MAU: My students can testify I am always trying to persuade them into going in to agriculture. There is so much job stability. If you don't like one aspect of it you're still qualified for many other options. Agriculture is not going away. In fact, it is only going to get bigger and bigger, why not be a part of something that helps feed, clothe and shelter the world? It is truly such a rewarding career.



DTHS STUDENTS TOURED the Ozark Fisheries facility while at the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis last October.

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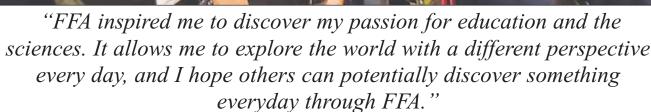
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- Gretchen Hilt, DTHS FFA student adviser



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TRI-POINT CELEBRATES FFA WEEK with a Greenhand Day and FFA Treat Day; Hawaiian Day and Truck & Tractor Day; FFA Member/Staff/ Administration appreciation luncheon; and a hypnotist assembly. There will be an FFA Fear Factor event during lunch hours, with the overall winner receiving cash. Chapter officers are, front row from left, Peyton Richie, historian; Lindsay Haren, vice president; Tara Hummel, president; and Brittney Billerbeck, reporter. Back row from left, Dakota Jonkman-Mills, treasurer; Rodney Billerbeck II, secretary; Frankie Smolkovich, sentinel; and Cassidy Hindman, parliamentarian.



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DTHS FFA MEMBERS TOOK IN A GARTH BROOKS concert during their down time at the FFA national convention this past October in Indianapolis. This week, DTHS plans to decorate the school, have dress up days – such as Case IH vs. John Deere, Ag Career Day, America Day and Blue and Gold Day. They will also be doing a duck hunt around school each day, when ag teacher Sid Mau will hide a stuffed duck and the person who finds it wins a prize. There will also be lunch activities, such as a milk chugging contest, and a Drive Your Tractor to School Day on Wednesday.





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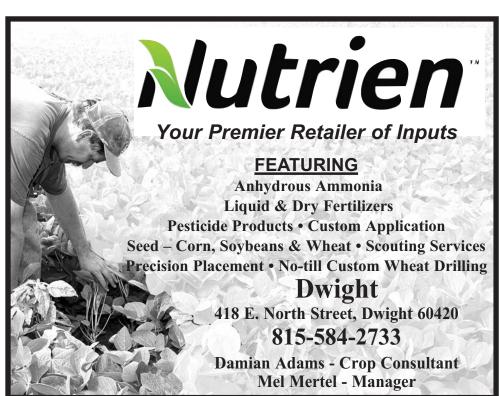
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

record claimants,

MICHAEL J. KENNEDY, and unknown owners and non-Defendants.

No. 2019CH9

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, 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:

Lot 6 in Block 22 in Fell's Second Addition to Pontiac Livingston County, Illinois.

PIN: 15-27-129-013

Commonly known as: 701 S. Vermillion St. Pontiac, IL 61764.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is MICHAEL J. KENNEDY. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on June 18, 2003 and recorded on June 23, 2003 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 546443, a modification of mortgage executed on July 26, 2013 and recorded on July 31, 2013 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 624514, a modification of mortgage executed on August 25, 2015 and recorded on September 1, 2015 at the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois as document No. 2015R-636014, and a modification of mortgage executed on July 27, 2016 and recorded on August 1, 2016 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2016R-03032. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 2019CH9 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 March 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.

DIVISION 0 - BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS Section 00 02 00 - Notice To Bidders

Sealed bids for the 2019 Roofing Work, Gardner Grade School, Gardner, Illinois for Gardner Community Consolidated Grade School District 72C, in Gardner, Grundy County, Illinois will be received by the Board of Education at Gardner Grade School, 598 N. Elm Street, Gardner, Illinois 60424 until 2:00 p.m. on February 27, 2019. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above stated time and place.

The work is to be performed in accordance with the proposed Contract Documents as prepared by Healy, Bender & Associates, Inc., Architects-Planners, 4040 Helene Avenue, Naperville, Illinois. The proposed Contract Documents may be obtained by request to the Architect.

Upon receipt of a completed Registered Plan Holder Record form and a Bidding Documents License Agreement, prospective bidders will become registered plan holders. During the bidding period, the office of the Architect will send project addenda, clarifications, and other project information to registered plan holders via the email address(es) listed on the Registered Plan Holder Record on file at the Architect's office

These proposed Contract Documents may be studied at the office of the Architect or at the following locations:

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These documents may also be viewed online at Dodge Data & Analytics internet site at www.construction.com.

Bids will be received on General Contract Work, including all

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

All bidders must attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting which will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 20, 2019 at Gardner Grade School located at 598 N. Elm Street, Gardner, Illinois 60424. The meeting will begin in a room to be designated by the Owner. Bidders are invited to tour the areas of work after the meeting. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who do not attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY

Each Bidder must satisfactorily complete the Bidder Responsibility process described in Section 01 00 00 - Bidder Responsibility Criteria of the Project Manual by providing the required Documents.

In the case of a joint venture or partnership, each joint venturer or partner must independently meet each of the requirements set forth in Paragraphs 1.02, 1.03, 1.04 and 1.05 in Section 01 00 00 - Bidder Responsibility Criteria.

The required Documents must be delivered along with the bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Responsibility Criteria Documents will be available for public review.

The Bidder Responsibility Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft, in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid and made payable to the Board of Education, Gardner Community Consolidated Grade School District 72C. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the bid opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practicable after opening and checking the bids.

Successful bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner. This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et. seq.).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Contact Mike Cornale, Gardner Grade School at 815-237-2313 to arrange visits to the site.

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Tuesday, February 5 Dwight vs. Morris Varsity -

The Trojans took a nonconference loss to Morris, 41-33, on the road February

Dakota Wahl was high scorer for Dwight with nine points, including one threepointer. Logan Graham (one three-pointer) and Lane Thompson each followed with seven points. Colton Holm hit two threes for six points, while Cole Hahn and Dane Rodosky each made a basket.

Friday, February 8 Dwight vs. Iroquois West Varsity -

It was all Trojans Friday night, as Dwight used an impressive team effort -

boasting four players in double figures – to route their SVC conference foes from Iroquois West, 88-49.

Logan Graham led all scorers with 24 points, including three treys and 4-6 shooting from the line. Dakota Wahl added 18 points, with two threes and 2-2 from the charity stripe. Brandon Ceylor hit a three – one of 11 Trojan trifectas on the night – en route to 11 points in the game. Dane Rodosky scored ten points, tallying two threes. Colton Holm had six points, followed by five from JC Santos. Cal Schultz and Tyler Masching each hit a three, while Cole Hahn, Andrew Curl, Bryson Connor, and Kevin Phillips provided two points each.

DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, February 4 Dwight vs. **Ottawa Marquette** Varsity -Regional

The Dwight Lady Trojans were beaten by Ottawa Marquette, 51-42, in the first round of the IHSA regional February 4 - ending their season.

Dwight hung with a tough Ottawa Marquette squad for three quarters trailing by just three going into the fourth quarter. But the Lady Crusaders proved

to be too much late in the contest.

Stewart Mel (10) rebounds) and Kayla Kodat (2 three-pointers, five steals) led the Lady Trojans with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Rylee Farris hit for six points, followed by four Cassie Holmes. from Danielle Carlson chipped in three points, with Rishell Galbraith adding a basket.

Dwight ends the 2018-19 season with a record of 12-



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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

DACIA E. HUDDLESTON a/k/a DACIA E. PEREZ, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC,

a Delaware Corporation, and

unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

No. 19-CH-6

NOTICE

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

Lot 9 in Block 1 in A.W. Cowan's Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.

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CH-6 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is

Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave.,

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GSW Lady Panthers Basketball

Wednesday, February 6 **GSW** vs. Earlville Varsity -Regional

In regional semi-final action February 6, the Lady Panthers came out on the winning end of a 42-29 decision against Earlville advancing to the regional championship.

"We got in foul trouble early and had to sit Kavanaugh, Beck, and Fair for much of the first half," commented Coach Leigh. "Fortunately, we were able to still keep a lead throughout the entire game – except for one time in the second half."

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh led her squad with 15 points, followed by eight and seven, respectively, from Madelyn Storm and Kennedy Fair. Abby Beck and Paige Patterson put in five and four points, respectively, while Carson Halpin hit two free throws. Emma Hennessy made good on a free throw.

Thursday, February 7 GSW vs. Wethersfield Varsity -Regional

GSW's outstanding season came to an abrupt end at the hands of Wethersfield February 7 in 1A regional play in Dwight, as the Lady Panthers fell 44-29 - wrapping up the season at 24-5 overall and 11-1 in the conference.

A dismal first half hurt GSW, as they scored just eight points in total. They would return in the second half to score nine in each of the final two quarters - but by then, the damage had already been done.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh led the Lady Panthers with ten points. Kennedy Fair put in five points, including a three, while Emma Hennessy and Madelyn Storm added four and three points, respectively. Paige Patterson and Abby Beck had two points each.



GSW Panthers Basketball points, seven boards, three

Monday, February 4 **GSW** vs. Clifton Central Varsity -

GSW held off a fourth quarter comeback by Clifton Central February 4, earning a 63-55 win.

"We beat a good team tonight on the road," stated Coach Wills. "We came out shooting well and held them off when they fought back in

Chris Bexson led with 19 points, five steals, and a rebound. Nathan Wozniak added 13 points, 11 boards, five assists, and four steals, while Chris Bement provided ten points and four rebounds.

the fourth."

Tuesday, February 5 **GSW** vs. Grant Park Varsity -

Despite an early scare, the Panthers moved to 19-8 following a 55-49 victory over conference foe, Grant Park, February 5.

"After a little slow start, we were able to bounce back to take the lead going into halftime," said Coach Wills. "Our defense played well, especially in the second and third."

Chris Bexson was top scorer with 16 points to go with seven rebounds, two assists, and two steals. Nathan Wozniak added 14

steals, and one assist. Chris Bement had nine points and eight rebounds.

Friday, February 8 GSW vs. St. Anne Varsity -

The Panthers battled a scrappy St. Anne squad February 8, coming away with a 52-50 win – their 20th of the season.

"Our defense in the third quarter won us the game tonight," stated Coach Wills after the game. "We forced some turnovers that led to some easy scores."

St. Anne took a 24-18 lead into the second half of the contest, but GSW would hold them to just two third quarter points - while they piled on 19 of their own.

The Cardinals, however, made it interesting in the fourth - outscoring the Panthers 24-15. But that stifling "D" in the third made all the difference, and GSW gets their tenth conference

"Both teams fought to the end," Wills added.

Chris Bexson had 20 points, four rebounds, and three steals to lead the Panthers. Nathan Wozniak had ten points, four boards, four steals, and two assists.



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TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL

Monday, February 4 Tri-Point vs. Grant Park Varsity -

Tri-Point stayed in control and on top for three quarters of play against Grant Park February 4, but would get outscored 26-12 in the fourth - leading to a 69-63 loss.

Conor Cardenas (2 threepointers) and Chace Cathcart (9-12 FT) led the way with 16 and 15 points, respectively. Hayden Lane followed with 13 points, while Brian Curling (1 three-pointer) and Tyler Platz provided eight and seven points, respectively. Ayden McNeill and Bobby Mogged scored two points each.

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Tri-Point vs. Beecher Varsity -

The varsity Chargers took a seven-point lead into the fourth quarter of their match-up with Beecher February 5 at home – but the Bobcats would turn it up in the final frame, ultimately winning by a score 56-51.

Brian Curling led all scorers with 17 points, nailing three threes in the contest. Chace Catchcart (one threepointer) and Hayden Lane added 11 and ten points, respectively, while Tyler Platz put in eight points. Conor Cardenas hit a three – en route to five points on the night.

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League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	<u>L</u>
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Jensens I	14	14
DeLong Ford	13	15
Willy's Pub	12	16
Cherry RR	12	16
Star Trucking	11	17
Jensen BP II	10	18

Wednesday Afternoon **Bowlers**

HSG: Kevin Holohan, 182. HSS: Kevin Holohan, 454 - Marilyn Christiansen, 500. HSG: Alley Cats, 419. HSS: Alley Cats, 1194. HHG: Lucky Strikers, 462. HHS: Lucky Strikers, 1268. League Standings Pin Pals 11 Alley Cats 9 B Double S 8 Lucky Strikers 8

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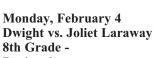


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The Dwight Redbirds were crowned regional champions after their come-frombehind victory over Joliet Laraway February 4, 39-32.

Joliet Laraway would lead throughout much of the first three quarters of the contest, but Dwight would put up 16 fourth quarter points to put their opponents away and advance to sectional play.

Brayden Long had a big game with 19 points, 11 boards, and one steal. Parker Miner (3 rebounds, 1 steal) and Clayton Peck (4 rebounds, 2 steals) added seven and six points, respectively. Reid Legner added four points, three steals, and two rebounds, while Jace Gall contributed three points, two steals, and a rebound.

Wednesday, February 6 Dwight vs. **Riverdale Washington** 8th Grade -

Sectional In the sectional championship game against Riverdale Washington February 6, a hot start for the Redbirds is what helped them earn a 52-46 win – and an Elite

After taking a 13-7 lead into the second quarter, Dwight – now 18-3 overall – would increase the pressure in the second, outscoring Riverdale Washington 18-11 – entering the half with a 31-18 lead.

That big boost early proved crucial, as their opponents would come out of the gate in the second half looking sharp and making things interesting.

However, the Redbirds were able to keep them at bay long enough to seal the

victory – and move on to state. Brayden Long went off for 26 points, to go with ten boards and two steals. Reid

Legner added eight points and four steals, with Jace Gall (2 rebounds, 1 steal) and Clayton Peck (5 rebounds, 1 steal) putting in seven and six points, respectively. Parker Miner chipped in with five points and five boards.



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Saturday, February 9 Dwight vs. Champaign St. Matthew 8th Grade -

State Quarterfinal

In state quarterfinal action February 9, the Dwight Redbirds outscored Champaign St. Matthew 16-9 in the fourth quarter to earn a come-from-behind 30-26 win and a final four berth in the state.

It was a slow start for both squads, with the score knotted at four after one quarter. Champaign St. Matthew would take an 11-8 lead into the second half, and a 17-14 lead into the final frame.

That's where the Redbirds stepped it up offensively - scoring more in the fourth than they did in the three previous quarters.

Brayden Long was high scorer with 18 points. Reid Legner and Parker Miner followed with five points each, while Clayton Peck provided two.

Dwight vs. **Springfield Christ the King** 8th Grade -

State Semifinal In their second game of the day, the Dwight Redbirds' winning run was halt-

ed – as they fell to Springfield Christ the King 62-31. The contest got ugly early, as Springfield Christ the King put up 23 first quarter points, to Dwight's six. The Redbirds would spend the remainder of the game

battling back – but the lead proved insurmountable. Brayden Long led with ten points for Dwight, while Reid Legner and Parker Miner scored seven points each. Jace Gall had three points, with Clayton Peck and Trey Downen adding two points each.

Despite the loss, the now 19-4 Redbirds will play for third place in the state Thursday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Pulaski High School against Mt. Sterling Brown County.



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Ebersohl • FEB. 13: UMW meeting, 8:30 a.m.; Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Handbell Choir, 5:30 p.m.; Kids Klub Meet, Greet & Eat. 6:30 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; Real & Ignite, 7 p.m. • FEB. 14:Daisy Scouts, 4:30 p.m.; Scouts #1906, 4:30 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. • FEB. 15: UMW Conference Retreat. • FEB. 16: UMW Conference Retreat: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell, 7 a.m.; AA meeting, 9

a.m. • FEB. 17: Early Worship, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.; Late Worship, 10:30

• FEB. 18: UMW Executive Board meeting, 9 a.m.; Scouts #4877, 6 p.m.; Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. • FEB. 19: MWDC, 7:30 a.m.; Hens Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.; Scouts #1505, 6 p.m.

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325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church 584-1291 fax

5:15 p.m., Midweek Classes; 4:45 p.m., Choir; 7 p.m., Midweek Service. • FEB. 17: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.

ball at Essex. • FEB. 20: 11 a.m., Mary/Martha; 4:00 -5:15 p.m., Midweek Classes; 4:45 p.m.,

Christian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM Pastor Dan Woodward Evening Service & Program, 7 p.m. • FEB. 17: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday

New Life Assembly of God 903 S. Old Route 66 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor 815-584-3430 • FEB. 13: 7 p.m., Puzzle of Ancient Man Study; Wise Ways to Think of Money

• FEB. 14: 7 p.m., Worship practice. • FEB. 15: 7 p.m., Couples Dinner. • FEB. 17: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kid's Church and Nursery; 2 p.m.,

Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., Xtreme Youth Group. • FEB. 18: 7 p.m., Dart ball at Mazon Congregational; 7 p.m., Prayer at Alan and

Elaine's. • FEB. 20: 7 p.m., Puzzle of Ancient Man Study; Wise Ways to

Think of Money. • FEB. 21: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office Father Chris Haake, Pastor

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• FEB. 15: 9:30 a.m., • FEB. 20: Wednesday Women's Bible Study Evening Service & in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA. King's Kids Children's

• FEB. 16: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., leadership retreat in Chenoa. • FEB. 17: 9:15 a.m.,

Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship.

• FEB. 18: Office hours, 8 a.m. - 12 noon; 7 p.m., Men's Club: Church of Hope at St. Peter's.

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 Wednesday Youth Groups: Jam & Edge, 3 p.m.; Static, 6 p.m. World Day of Prayer, March 1 at 10 a.m

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103 Division Street Rev. Grant Speece • FEB. 17: Council meeting, 8 a.m.; Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "The Promise of Eternal

> Holy Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26

• FEB. 19: Bible Study at First Congregational in Dwight, 10 a.m., weather permitting. February Food Pantry Collection: Hamburger, Chicken and Tuna

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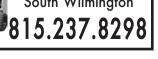
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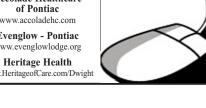
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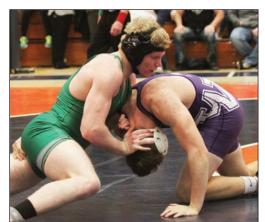
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Ransom-St. Michael Pirates Crowned Sectional Champions - Earn a Spot at State -



THE RANSOM-ST. MICHAEL PIRATES were crowned sectional champions, earning themselves a spot at State, following a 53-48 win over Rossville-Alvin. Prior to that, they defeated Saunemin 38-13 in regional play at MVK, then took out Pontiac St. Mary's 39-32 in the regional championship. Pictured, front row, are Landon Muntz, Jaydon Nambo, Zach Schultz, Denver Trainor, Keaton Yedinak; second row, Coach Ray Yanek, Coach Josh Spears, Nick Yanek, Wyatt Thompson, Cooper Spears, Austin Taylor, David Bergeson, scorekeeper Bob Taylor, Toby Wheeler, Coach Miranda Yedinak, and Coach Brandon Thompson. The Pirates would, however, have their season come to an end February 9 at Macon Meridian High School against Peoria Hills in the state quarterfinals - dropping a 35-22 decision. Wyatt Thompson led with 17 of his team's 22 points, while Jayden Nambo scored three.

107th Kankakee County Farm Bureau **Annual Meeting March 7**

Kankakee County Farm Bureau will take place March 7 at the Quality Inn, 800 N. Kinzie Ave. in Bradley.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

This year's featured speaker is Adam Nielsen, director of National Legislation and Policy Development for the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB).

Nielsen plans and executes the organization's national legislative programs, acts as a liaison with the Illinois Congressional delegation and federal agencies, and organizes the association's fly-ins to Washington, D.C. Nielsen is also responsible for the implementation of IFB's policy development program, coordinates the Illinois Agricultural Legislative Roundtable – a group of all agriculture associations and organizations within Illinois, and serves as assistant secretary

The 107th Annual Meeting of the of ACTIVATOR - IFB's political involvement committee. Nielsen joined IFB in 2000. He has also served three terms as a member of the Normal Town Council.

> During his presentation to members and guests, Nielsen will cover details of the international trade situation with China and the details of the USMCA ("NAFTA 2.0"). Nielsen will also discuss the new Farm Bill, working with the new Congress, and the importance of advocacy and opportunities for involvement.

> The evening will also include an extensive dinner of marinated grilled pork tenderloin, along with everything else to complete the meal. For tickets, contact the Kankakee Co. Farm office at 815-932-7471, stop by the office at 1605 W. Court St. in Kankakee, or see your local County Farm Bureau director. Purchase your tickets by Thursday, February 28.

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