Protesters Come Out in Force Against Detention Center

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Approximately 120 people gathered at last week's public hearing in which the Dwight Plan Commission approved annexation and zoning that could pave the way for Immigration Centers of America to build a facility to hold 1,200 male illegal immigrants, which would be the largest in the Midwest, according to a civil rights group based in Chicago.

This week, Mayor Jared Anderson and Village Administrator Kevin McNamara head to Farmville, Va., home to ICA's only illegal immigrant detention center, where they will meet with ICA officials and tour the facility

ahead of the March 11 meeting where the full Dwight board will vote on the annexation measures.

Anderson said the board will be voting on an annexation agreement that will be revised following their visit that would include assurances on "a lot of things." One of them is a more detailed wage scale, and assurances the that property remains in ICA's hands for a certain amount of

Anderson would also like reassurances that ICA will house only non-criminals at the Dwight facility. According to ICA, detainees are being held for a variety of reasons, and each detainee undergoes a thorough

risk classification assessment before being transferred to a detention facility. Detainees would not be held at the facility for criminal offenses. They're being held for a civil charge of being in the U.S. illegally.

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Officer Duane Ragsdale.

The Dwight facility would house twice as many detainees as Farmville, and would be structured similar to that facility. But according to the National Immigration Justice Center, which is headquartered in Chicago, ICA may not get a say in who is housed there. The problem, said Mark Fleming, associate director of litigation for National Immigration Justice Center, is that local communities and



Last week's Dwight Plan Commission hearing brought dozens of protesters from around the state. During public comment, more people spoke out against having a detention center for illegal immigrants. Photo/The Paper

companies like ICA have no control over what individuals are brought into the facility. "ICE is not making any prom-

Fleming did explain that the majority of detainees brought into ICE facilities are non-violent asylum seekers whose only crime was to cross the border illegally.

The NIJC released a comprehensive report on the nation's detention centers, which it compiled from a Freedom of Information Act request. The report showed that, in Fiscal Year 2018, ICA's Farmville facility had an Average Daily Population (ADP) of 719 detainees. Of those, 241 were classified as non-criminal, while the remaining 478 were classified as criminals, with 170 of those 478 classified as Level 1. Level 1 is the lowest threat level category, typically involving non-violent criminal convictions.

Anderson said he was aware of the report and would seek assurances that a Dwight facility would not house any type of criminals.

The NIJC, which FOIA'd a copy of the annexation agreement, also questioned whether Dwight would have a "voluntary work program" that Farmville has. The program pays detainees up to \$1 a day for food service, cleaning, janitorial services, which in turn cuts costs and the number of promised jobs to a community. In their experience, Fleming said, private companies end up paying less than promised.

NIJC also questioned a sewer project that is part of the agreement. ICA needs approximately two miles of 18-inch sewer main built from the facility to the northeast side of Dwight, where the sewer plant is located. ICA will pay \$500,000 toward the project, but Anderson said the total cost could be as much as \$1.2 million. The village will then reimburse ICA costs in excess of the initial \$500,000 by refunding ICA its \$1-per-day-per detainee.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

That could take more than a year and a half to pay off, but Anderson said it's a win-win for the village, which hasn't had the funding to extend the sewer line to potential growth areas such as the northeast and west sections of town.

Opposition to ICA has come out in recent weeks concerning another facility it wanted to build, a \$35 million illegal immigration detention center in a state prison near Ionia, Mich. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer had the authority to cancel the sale because it was proposed in a former state prison, and according to published reports, Whitmore shut the plan down because ICA couldn't guarantee the facility "would not be used to detain adults who had been separated from their children or other family members," among other concerns. The move drew both praise and criticism.

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker also came out against the Dwight prison. But that's not a deterrent, Anderson said. "I don't care one bit about J.P. Pritzker," he said.

Joan Bullard Named Business Person of the Year

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Immigration

America

Joan Bullard became a Realtor and broker 20 years ago, and today, at age 69, she hasn't slowed down.

That hard work has been recognized by the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce, which Bullard named the 2019 Business Person of the Year on February 15. Bullard will be honored at a banquet at the Elks Lodge on March 7.

Bullard owns Joan Bullard Realty in Odell and she and her staff serve Livingston, Grundy, and McLean counties. She has four



Joan Bullard

grown children, one of whom, Melissa Schultz, works as her secretarv.

Bullard grew up in Missouri and attended Vincennes University, never finished. She moved to Odell in 1980 with her husband Bob. Together they built and oper-

ated US Co-Tronics Coil Factory in 1985, but eventually sold the business in 2000.

That was around the time her husband was diagnosed with diabetes, heart disease and later, Alzheimer's. He passed away in 2008, but she took care of him for many years while he was sick. But as the family breadwinner, she had to find a way to support him and take care of him at the same time.

Bullard and her husband had several rental properties at the time and were using other Realtors, so she thought, why not get her own license and do it herself.



Joan Bullard Realty in Odell helped Dylan and Tiffany Ward purchase the home at 861 S. Locust St. in Pontiac from Charlene Franco, right. Joan Bullard, of Odell, was named 2019 Business Person of the Year by the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I said, 'I should do this," she said.

So she did, and took Bob with her on the job every day. "He loved going," she said.

Today, she is one of the busiest real estate agents in the county. In 20 years, she's gained not only clients -- they sold 87 houses in 2018 -- but a family. She goes to clients' graduations, baptisms and weddings. At work, she encourages staff to bring their children to work. She even has a playpen in another room. And although she has 12 grandkids of her own, she does this because she needs that "baby fix;" she adores seeing

staff raise families. Two full-time and four part-time Realtors work as independent contractors for the business.

"My team really is a family," she said. "Joan brings so many years of wonderful

business experience to Pontiac and Livingston County. Plus, she is very civic and community driven. She is just an amazing woman," said Mindi Terrell, executive director of the Pontiac Chamber.

"Joan truly cares about her employees, especially giving women a helping hand. She had 40 plus female employees at the coil factory and worked with them daily, helping them achieve their goals," said Terrell. "And now as part of her real estate office, she has six individuals that she coaches on matters of real estate."

Bullard said she does a lot of VA loans, and one story particular warmed her heart. She helped a 23-year-old woman who was hurt in combat and uses a wheelchair purchase a home that had been built fully handicapped. The only thing they had to do was put in a new sink.

She serves on the board of directors for the Pontiac Chamber and is intricately involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County. She has served as Republican Precinct Committee Person and as a member of the Republican Central Committee. She has served on the Livingston County Board and is also very involved with St. Paul's Church and School along with St. Jude Appreciation Award.

As if she wasn't busy enough, Bullard went back to school to finish her bachelor's degree in business. She's attending Heartland Community College.

'This is on my bucket list," she said. "I love the camaraderie with other students."

And as the March 7 banquet approaches, Bullard continues to receive congratulations for her award being named 2019 Business Person of the Year. During an interview with The Paper, while Bullard was waiting in the parking lot of the grocery store, she had to pause as one more person ran into her and congratulated her.

"I'm so humbled by it," she said. "It's the best job I've ever had. I love it and I just thank God every day.'

For reservations or information about the banquet, contact the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce office at 815-844-5131.



FOR THE RECORD

Dwight Police Blotter

February 15: 2:08 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to 801 N. Union. The officer was advised a semi with CSX on it, struck a parked trailer. He drove off. Witnesses supplied DPD with information to track down the offending semi company. The driver returned and was discovered he had also struck a post and damaged his own truck and trailer. The report was sent to Livingston Co. State's Attorney to review.

February 20: 10:04 a.m., a resident from the 300 block of E. South St. came into DPD. The homeowner advised a family member, who had been staying with them, had taken items belonging to the homeowner. The items were taken, when the family member was told they were no longer welcome to stay. The report was sent to the Livingston Co. State's Attorney to review.

Accident Report

Monday, February 18, 5:16 p.m., an accident was reported at Northbrook Dr. involving Dexter J. Ray, of Georgia, the driver of a 2019 Freight, who struck a parked, driverless 2018 Pete while attempting to back up.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS February 15: 4:58 a.m., S.

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Prairie, medical, refusal; 8:28 a.m., Chippewa, trauma, refusal; 1:57 p.m., Watters, medical, Riverside; 4:27 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; 5:39 p.m., Waupansie, medical, Morris; 9:24 p.m., Scott, medical, Pontiac.

February 16: 5:58 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 4:16 p.m., Mazon, trauma, mutual aid from Dwight/Gardner; 7:25 p.m., Union, fire, mutual aid to Dwight Fire; 9:13 South, medical, refusal; 10:50 p.m., 2700 E. Rd., trauma, St. James, mutual aid to Saunemin.

February 17: 4:28 p.m., S. Prairie, medical, Morris; 5:39 p.m., 3300 E. 2700 N., trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Emington/Campus; 9:43 p.m., Northbrook, medical, Morris.

February 18: 10:51 a.m., Mazon Ave., fire, cancelled; 11:18 a.m., Washington, medical, Morris; 1:08 p.m., Watters Dr., medical, Morris; 2:35 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

February 19: 12:59, Watters, medical, refusal.

February 20: 12:45 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 6:46 a.m., Union, fire; 8:00 a.m., S I-55, MM217, fire/trauma, mutual aid to Dwight Fire; 9:27 a.m., Northbrook, medical, refusal; 3:43 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris; 5:34 p.m., John, medical, Morris.

February 21: 12:27 a.m., W. Northbrook, medical, Morris; 12:27 p.m., Union, medical, Morris.

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Dwight Fire Incidents Report

Dwight Protection District responded to 29 incidents between February 1 and 22, including the following:

11 EMS assists; five motor vehicle accident; four automatic fire alarms; two citizen assists; two diesel spills; one structure fire; one special incident/station coverage; one mutual aid; one fire investigation; and one water problem - assisted business.

Free Food to be **Distributed** February 27

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, February 27, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin, Dwight.

The pantry is provided by the Dwight Ministerial Association and Dwight Township.



Temps - 2019

Feb. 14 – high 48°, low 9° Feb. 15 – high 20°, low 9° Feb. 16 – high 30°, low 16° Feb. 17 – high 27°, low 20°

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Feb. 19 - high 33°, low 15° trace snow Mar. 20 - high 37°, low 28°

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Should Dwight's Legacy Be?

Citizens of Dwight,

I resisted the urge to attend the meeting regarding the proposed Dwight Detention Center last week for a number of reasons. A video of an individual yelling, "They don't belong here! They should all be deported!" confirmed what I anticipated, as well as my decision to stay home.

After reading all that has been released since last week's meeting regarding the proposed Dwight Detention Center, I am grappling with a series of tough questions, but the one I keep revisiting is this: What do we want the legacy of Dwight to be?

One of things that attracted me to Dwight 11 years ago was its rich history. The Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, The Country Mansion, The Windmill, and The Keeley Building, to name a few. Once an outsider, Dwight welcomed me with open arms and it changed my life for the better. This expansive history, as well as Dwight's willingness to welcome me, has affected my lens in cultivating an opinion about this detention cen-

Bottom line: We have to be cognizant of how we make money. Doing so on the backs

of immigrants -- with no criminal record -seeking a better life brings an undeniable element of controversy to our town, one that links us to a history of exploiting and capitalizing off of other human lives.

Some will insist this is completely legal. Some will argue that these immigrants will be treated "really well." These same people will rationalize, "Someone is going to make money off of this detention center! So why not Dwight?" Yet, if the extent of our morality is based on whether or not something is legal, then we'll find excuses to justify some truly horrific scenarios for the sake of jobs. There are countless examples of this in our nation's history.

Ultimately, I question whether or not this is something that we, as a community, will be proud to be associated with 20, 30, 40, or 50 years from now. I would implore those responsible for the next vote to put a considerable amount of thought into what's at stake. Our history depends on it.

> **Lindsey Jensen Dwight**

Where Were You On the Night of February 19?

Where were Dwight residents Tuesday night, February 19? I know where you weren't - the annexation meeting! The turnout from our residents at the Annexation Meeting was very disappointing. Maybe Dwight citizens feel that this is already a done deal and therefore, didn't attend. I don't know, but the proposed detention center should be of interest to us all.

Instead, the majority of attendees at the annexation meeting came from Chicago, Rockford, Peoria, Bloomington, and Kankakee. Their main purpose for attending our meeting was to protest ICE and immigration laws. These people don't live in our town or care about our town and this was not the forum to pursue their agenda for changing federal immigration laws, but they were here anyway. They have valid concerns that need to be addressed to government officials that can make changes to the laws, not at a local annexation meeting. Personally, I wasn't thrilled with the outsiders monopolizing the meeting. However, if the facility is constructed in Dwight, I hope that all of those out-of-town protestors continue their mission by coming to the facility and being advocates for the detainees.

Only a few of our residents spoke at the meeting, of which I was one of them. A question I asked was how long would the ICE contract be if it is awarded to Immigration Centers of America? The representatives stated it would be for 10 years. The following are a few additional questions I have and am interested in learning the

Who currently owns property? In reading the Petition for Annexation it appears that Immigration Centers of America (ICA) and Butterfield Ridge No. 2 own the property.

What is Butterfield Ridge No. 2 and how does it fit in with ICA?

What is the timeframe in which a contract from ICE might be awarded to ICA?

The village will have to reimburse ICA any amount over \$500,000 for the sewer construction. Do we have an estimate for how much above \$500,000 this will cost? And, how long will it take the village to reimburse ICA?

Average salary was stated by ICA as \$73,500. This salary amount might be skewed by the higher salaries of directors and upper-management. What would the average salary be for those not in manage-

Would construction of the facility be awarded to local contractors or out-of-state contractors?

What is the expected timeframe for construction of the facility?

What is the plan for the facility if ICE pulls out of the contract or the government changes direction with holding detainees?

If the facility is built in Dwight, will there be an open house held in which the residents can tour the building?

It might be beneficial to all Dwight residents to learn the answers to these questions.

The proposed facility may not necessarily be good for immigrants but is it good for Dwight? If so, may our elected officials do the right thing and vote to let this happen. The decisions made regarding the construction of this facility in our town shouldn't be influenced by outsiders. We, as residents, need to be involved and have OUR opinions

Leslie Gingery

Community Care Systems Outreach

available to assist senior citizens and people the Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 S. under 60 with disabilities in signing up for Prairie Ave. No appointment necessary. Call federal, state, and local programs 815-844-2272 for information.

Community Care Systems, Inc., will be Wednesday, February 27, from 9-11 a.m. at

Tuberculosis Board

Meetings for the Tuberculosis Board and the Board of Health for the Livingston County Public Health Department are scheduled for Monday, March 11, in the Conference Room of the Health and Education Building, 310 E. Torrance Ave. in Pontiac. The Tuberculosis Board meeting is at 5:45 p.m. and the Board of Health meeting is at 6 p.m.

CORRECTION

A story that appeared on A1 of the February 20 edition incorrectly stated that Exelon filed with the Securities & Exchange Commission to close its Braidwood and Dresden nuclear plants. Exelon filed its quarterly report, and in it issued a warning about a potential "early retirement" of the plants. Exelon spokeswoman Sara Peters said the company has not made any announcements to close plants. Peters said ongoing economic distress within the nuclear industry, as a whole, represents the need for energy market reform. Exelon continues to work with Illinois lawmakers and other stakeholders on solutions to maintain the state's environmental progress and achieve the governor's call for a clean energy future in Illinois, while also supporting broader regional and federal reforms, Peters said. The Paper regrets the



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Women May Need to Make Extra Financial Moves

International Women's Day will be observed on March 8. Around the world, special events will celebrate the cultural, social, political and economic achievements of women. However, this last area - economic progress - is one that still causes concern, and rightfully so, because women still face gender-related challenges. How can you deal with them?

To begin with, you need to recognize these challenges.

Gender wage gap - It's still around, despite some progress toward equality. The U.S. Census Bureau has found that full-time, year-round working women earn about 80% of what their male counterparts earn. Other studies show a slightly smaller gap.

Caregiving responsibilities - Women typically take more time away from the workforce than men, both to raise children and then, later in life, to take care of aging parents. These absences can result in lost wages, lower Social Security benefits and fewer contributions to 401(k) and similar retirement plans. What can you do to improve your own financial outlook?

Increase your contributions to your retirement plan. Every time your salary goes up, increase the amount you contribute to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan.

Invest for growth. Some studies show that men may invest more aggressively than women - though not necessarily more successfully. Consider including a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments in your retirement and other investment accounts.

Look for income even while serving as caregiver. If it's possible, you could seek to go part-time at your current job, or request some type of telecommuting arrangement. And as long as you have some earned income,

Manage retirement plan withdrawals carefully. Once you're retired, possibly to become a full-time caregiver, you can take penalty-free - though still taxable - withdrawals from your 401(k) as early as age 55, provided you meet certain conditions. Once you're 59-1/2, you can take penalty-free withdrawals from a traditional IRA, though the money will be taxable. While you can withdraw contributions you made to a Roth IRA at any time, tax- and penalty-free, you'll have to wait until 59-1/2 to take out your earnings free of taxes and penalties. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Tuesday's public hearing.

Plan Commission Public Hearing



Frank Cortina, attorney representing Immigrant The Plan Commission hearing on the proposed detention center last Tuesday drew so many people the meeting Detention Centers of America, speaks during last had to be moved from the village hall to St. Patrick's Parish hall.

Photos/The Paper

Co-op Sports Generate More Discussion DTHS February Board Actions

By Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

Co-op sports with Gardner was again a topic of discussion when the Dwight Township High School Board of Education met on February 20.

Gardner-South Wilmington High School has requested that DTHS become the host school for the cross-country co-op. In the past, cross-country has been a sport offered by Gardner, and Dwight was the co-op school. However, cross-country interest has dwindled at Gardner and Dwight's participant numbers have now exceeded Gardner's. Next fall, it is anticipated that there will be five Dwight runners and one GSW cross-country athlete. In addition, it was noted that long time cross-country coach, Larry Lane, has retired from the position. DTHS Athletic Director Andrew Pittenger questioned the BOE on whether taking on cross-country, and keeping the sport as an offering, was something they wanted to pursue.

"I think if there is a need and an interest, we should do it," said board member Kim

It was noted that cross-country is currently being offered at Gardner Grade School after being dropped for a few years. Rekindling that interest at the grade school level is expected to bolster numbers at the high school level in coming years. Dwight currently does not offer cross-country at the grade school level.

The board approved the request to become the cross-country host school for a co-op with Gardner. By agreeing to take on the cross-county co-op, DTHS will be entering a two-year commitment under new IHSA guidelines.

In another co-op related discussion, the board heard appeals from Gardner parents and football athletes as an IHSA change threatens to eliminate Dwight's longtime football co-op with Gardner-South Wilmington High School. Last month, Athletic Director Andrew Pittenger notified the board of the recent passing of an IHSA districting proposal that requires all co-ops be renewed at the conclusion of this year across all school districts in an effort to get all co-ops for all sports on the same twoyear cycle. Once a co-op agreement has been reached, it cannot be broken for the two year period. In the new IHSA football

districting proposal, conferences will no longer exist. Districts will be determined by average enrollment and geography with district enrollment run in two-year cycles. The new format will still have eight classes. However, at this time, the enrollment cutoff for the class designation has not been

With IHSA football districting to begin in 2021, enrollments from 2019 and 2020 will be used to determine 2021 districting. If Dwight were to renew its football co-op agreement with GSW, the total enrollment of both districts would be combined and used for the new districting designation. With no information yet presented by the IHSA on where the enrollment cutoff will occur, best guesses indicate that by taking on the GSW enrollment, Trojan football would likely be pushed into a Class 3A District similar to the former Interstate 8 Conference. Mr. Pittenger feels this would be detrimental to Dwight's football pro-

"I greatly appreciate all the players that we did get from Gardner, and even though it wasn't very many, the camaraderie that the kids build is something that is tremendous," stated Pittenger. "But, what we are facing is just really an unfortunate situation with how the IHSA decided to create these districts."

"When I got here we had decent Gardner numbers, we were in the Interstate 8, and we had had success in the early 2000s in the Interstate 8," said Pittenger. "But, as enrollment declined so did our football numbers and when that happened we started being not competitive."

At one time, the decline in numbers saw the Trojan football team had to play Sandwich with just 16 players and scoreboards showing losses by 50 points.

"The reason we made the move to get away from the I-8 was to save the football program," said Pittenger stating he believes it would have dissolved otherwise. "To go out every week knowing that you have no chance to win the game, even though the coach is telling you you have a chance to win the game; and then to get physically beat and beat and beat; it took its toll.'

Pittenger said they have worked hard to rebuild the program and, with the move away from the I-8, the team is now compet-

"The unfortunate thing is we would be right back in the Interstate 8 when this district thing happens if we go 3A," Pittenger told the group.

Currently, there are expected to be just two returning GSW football players next season. It was acknowledged that the co-op can be revisited every two years should interest by Gardner increase bringing about a significant number of players.

But supporters of the football co-op feel it is important for many reasons and urged Dwight to keep the co-op.

"I have been in education for way too many years not to know that things like football and cross-county are what makes students value their education," said Cindy Christensen, Superintendent of South Wilmington Grade School. "They learn lifelong skills through those types of sports and the dedication that they give to them."

GSW Junior Wilton Jackman received the Trojan award for football. Having played for the Dwight Trojans all through high school, he is now facing the possibility of not getting to finish his senior year playing with the Trojan teammates he called "fami-

"I just can't explain how it would make me feel if I couldn't play football next year, and \boldsymbol{I} just hope that $\bar{\boldsymbol{I}}$ am given the opportunity to play for Dwight," Jackman told the board.

"Dwight is home for us when it comes to football," said Janelle Biros of Gardner. "We are bringing over kids that are beneficial to the program." Biros noted a few Gardner players over the years that have moved forward on football scholarships. She also expressed concerns for the Dwight Youth Football program if the co-op is dissolved.

"I feel the youth program will also be at risk because our [Gardner] kids are going to want to go where they are going to play football in high school to build that team morale with those kids," said Biros.

No action regarding the football co-op was taken. By late April, the IHSA will require co-op decisions to be made. The DTHS BOE will review and likely take action at its March 20 meeting.

In other business, school policy with regard to holding practices and activities on days when school has been cancelled due to weather was discussed with concerns raised regarding safety and liability. It was noted that when school is cancelled, communication regarding activities is made later with the reason being that school cancellations

must be made very early. However, decisions can change if conditions change, and often by afternoon conditions allow for travel. It was suggested that policy be revised to state that such practices are optional and students are held harmless if unable to attend.

E-learning days recently utilized by Dwight schools presented many challenges at the high school. Remote learning, also called E-learning, came into play recently as the State of Illinois made significant changes to its expectation regarding cancelled school days. Per the new direction, cancelled school days can be counted without being made up provided there is assigned work and learning taking place at home on the cancelled day. Dwight schools utilized the new opportunity and designated remote learning days for five emergency days used late January when extended severe weather set in.

Dr. Jancek said, at this time, it has been decided that no more E-learning days will be used this year indicating that this was an experimental pilot trial with "lessons learned." With State laws on the matter expected to change again, Dwight school will come back in the future to establish Elearning policies.

The board approved a final proposal presented by District Office Assistant Jill Haacke which will eliminate student driven product sales as the primary method used for extracurricular funding. The only fundraisers now allowed will be service or entertainment based. Increased participation fees and additional financial support from the district will also help fund activities.

Discussion around establishing a permanent teacher substitute position was tabled while impacts of recent minimum wage changes are reviewed along with collective bargaining agreements.

The BOE also:

- · accepted the resignation of Aidan Connolly, JV Softball Coach.
- · accepted the resignation of Robby Smith, Bus Driver.
- · approved Jordan Hoffman, Volunteer
- Assistant Baseball Coach. · approved Mitch Thompson, Assistant
- Track Coach. reviewed board policy as it related to
- travel expenses.

The next meeting is 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, in the DTHS Board Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Voter Registration Deadline for Consolidated Election is March 5

The in-person and mail-in registration deadline for the April 2 Livingston County Consolidated Election is Tuesday, March 5, which includes new registrations as well as changes of address or name.

Livingston County Clerk Kristy Masching will have her office open Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, for in-person voter registration.

In order to register to vote: You must be a U.S. citizen; must have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day and at least 18 by Election

Know the facts about voter registration:

• All voters must be registered to the correct

physical address before casting a ballot (this includes changing apartments in the same

- If a voter has not cast a ballot at the last two Federal Elections, his/her registration could be inactivated.
- If you have changed your name and moved, your voter registration will need to be transferred.
- · Livingston County voters needing to register to vote or change registration on Election Day, can only do so at the Livingston Co. Clerk's office. Voter registration is not available at any Livingston Co. polling

To register to vote or update your address or name online through Sunday,

- March 17:
- Must have a driver's license or state ID
- with current address. • Go to www.elections.il.gov
- · Click the "Voter" icon at the top of the • To begin, click "Online Voter Registration"
- and follow the instructions. • When completed, the Illinois State Board of Elections will electronically submit your

application to the County Clerk's office.

Questions or no internet access? Contact them for other methods to register to vote before Election Day.

Avoid Election Day Lines with Vote by Mail, available February 21-March 28:

- Go to www.livingstoncounty.il.gov
- · Click on the following tabs: County Services, County Clerk, Elections, Emailable Vote by Mail Ballot Application Request form.
- Ballots will mail out beginning February

The County Clerk's office is located in the Historic Courthouse at 112 W. Madison St. in Pontiac. For further details, contact Kristy Masching at 815-842-9313 or Elections Deputy Gail Smythe at 815-842-9318. Visit their website for sample ballots and additional election information and

THANK YOU to everyone we have worked with the past seven years at the Kankakee Daily Journal. Special thanks to the press crew and Mike Steele. You have all been great.

Mark and Mary Boma and The Paper staff

MVK Seniors Meet

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St. Patrick Church, Seneca, **Announces Lenten Mass** Schedule, Special Services

LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Proposals to Acquire

Village Owned Real Estate

Village of Gardner, Grundy County, Illinois

The Village of Gardner, Grundy County, Illinois (hereinafter

the "Village") owns a parcel of real estate located at the

Northwest Corner of Illinois Rte 129 and County Hwy 29,

Gardner, Illinois (PIN #12-04-351-002) (the "Property")

(legal description of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A")

which is within the corporate boundaries of the Village and

located in of the Village of Gardner Tax Increment Financing

The Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act

(hereinafter the "TIF Act") authorizes the conveyance of

municipal owned real estate in a manner and at such price as

the municipality determines is reasonable and necessary to

achieve the objectives of the TIF Redevelopment Plan and

The TIF Act further provides that said conveyance may be

made only after approval of an ordinance by the corporate

authorities and after public disclosure of the terms of such

disposition and all bids and proposals received in response to

Therefore, it is authorized by the Village President and

Board of Trustees of the Village of Gardner, Grundy County,

1. The Village intends to convey the Property (as described

in Exhibit "A" attached hereto) for the purpose of com-

mercial development and is hereby accepting proposals

from any party interested in acquiring the Property for the

purpose of constructing a commercial building thereon.

Any conveyance of such real estate is subject to approval

shall submit a written proposal for said acquisition to

Pat Malinowski, Gardner Village Clerk, Village Hall,

302 N. Center Street, PO Box 545, Gardner, Illinois

60424. Any such proposal must be submitted on

3. Proposals shall be in writing and contain: an offered

price, proposed terms of acquisition, type of commercial

development to be constructed thereon, approximate

square footage of the building to be constructed on the

Property, approximate total project cost, a site plan for the

commercial project and any other information relevant to

all proposals submitted in response to this request for

proposals at its regularly-scheduled Board of Trustees

development including a fuel station with attached restau-

rant and convenience store and that will generate sub-

stantial new and additional revenue streams for the

6. The Village retains the right to select any Proposal

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Township 31 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal

Meridian; thence due north along the west section line of

said Section 4 for a distance of 105.10 feet; thence South 83°

24' 00" East for a distance of 332.70 feet to the POINT OF

BEGINNING; thence North 22° 18' 00" East for a distance

of 600 feet; thence South 83° 24' 00" East for a distance of

400 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of State

Route 129; thence South 22° 18' 00" West along the said westerly right-of-way line of State Route 129 for a distance

of 600 feet; thence North 83° 24' 00" West along the norther-

ly right-of-way line of State Aid Route 29 for a distance of

400 feet to the point of beginning, located in the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4, Township 31 North, Range 8, East of the Third Principal Meridian, County of Grundy, Illinois.

Township 31 North, Range 8, East of the Third Principal

Meridian; thence due north along the west section line of

said Section 4, for a distance of 105.10 feet, to the POINT

OF BEGINNING; thence continuing north along the west

section line of said Section 4, for a distance of 30 feet to a

point; thence South 83° 24' 00" East for a distance of 100

feet; thence South parallel with the said West section line of

Section 4 for a distance of 30 feet; thence North 83° 24' 00"

West along the northerly right-of-way line of State Aid

Route 29, for a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning,

located in the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4, Township

31 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian,

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 4,

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 4,

received in accordance with the requirements of the TIF

Act, to waive any requirements or formalities, and further

By order of the Village of Gardner, Illinois

Pat Malinowski, Village Clerk

February 14, 2019

4. The Village Board of Trustees will consider any and

5. The Village Board of Trustees will give preference to those proposals that include a multi-use commercial

Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019.

to reject any or all Proposals received.

or before Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

2. Any party that is interested in acquiring the Property

(TIF) District (hereinafter the "TIF District").

Project (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4).

the Village's Request for Proposals.

Illinois, as follows:

of the Village Council.

Church in Seneca has announed their Lenten schedule of masses and special services, and it is as fol-

Masses for Ash Wednesday will be March 6 at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., with the distribution of ashes at both masses. During the Lenten season, the Stations of the Cross will be observed on Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Confession will be available prior to the Stations of the Cross, and always by appointment.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month begins after the morning 8:00 a.m. mass, and closes at 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

There was a silent prayer St. Patrick has regular for their ill and deceased weekend masses members, the military, Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and police, the President, and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. state and world leaders, and also for the victims of the

Café

Community

Network.

A sympathy card was signed for Helen Griffiths on the loss of her sister-in-law. Get-well cards were signed for Lou Witt and Marlene Claypool. Members sang

"Happy Birthday" to Paul

Aurora mass shooting.

February 19 at the American

Legion Hall in Mazon for a

catered lunch from Weits

through

President Rita Mills

called the meeting to order

and gave the Pledge. She

thanked Pam for serving the

meal and their many volun-

teers who helped.

The MVK Seniors met McIntosh. A thank-you card was also signed for the Mazon American Legion for their generous donation.

> President Rita read a poem "Remember Me?" about the grand old flag. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Door prizes went to Carla Vacca, Pat Starks, and Dorothy Rolando.

> Frank Sereno made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Helen Griffiths seconded.

> The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, with euchre starting at 10:30 a.m. and bingo following the business meeting.

Anyone 60 and older is invited to join for a small donation. Be sure to call 815-941-1590 at CNN and make a reservation.

Dwight Woman's Club Holds February Meeting



JULIENNE COULTER, CAROL COULTER, AND PATTI DRECHSEL presented an entertaining and informative program to Dwight Woman's Club members on two different book clubs currently meeting in Dwight.

The Dwight Woman's Club February 19 meeting featured a presentation on book clubs in Dwight.

Julienne Coulter and Carol Coulter provided snippets from some favorite titles that have been discussed by their group at gatherings on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the library's community room.

This group has been meeting since May 2008 and has shared hundreds of books with one another.

Patti Drechsel represented the Making It Reel bookto-movie club, which also meets at Prairie Creek Library, but on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The library helps track down enough copies of books and DVDs for both groups to share.

Following the program, which included lively conversation on books from all attendees, refreshments were served, and a short business meeting commenced.

The criteria and amounts for future DWC-awarded scholarships were discussed. The upcoming Dwight Garden Walk on June 9 was also a topic of discussion. Club president Lisa Marsh encouraged members to submit ideas for local gardens to be included in the 2019 Walk. Profits from this event will support the DWC scholarship fund.

The next meeting of DWC will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Prairie Creek Library. The featured speaker will be Pastor Victor Randle, who will share his experiences with mission work in the Czech Republic. The public is welcome to attend this meeting.

DWC meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through April, and welcomes new members at any time.

Gardner Lions Club Breakfast March 10

The Gardner Lions Club five eating for free. will serve breakfast at the Gardner American Legion Hall Sunday, March 10, from 7:00 a.m. until noon.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice, and milk.

A fee applies, with kids ages five to ten receiving a discount and children under

Proceeds will benefit **GSW Summer** Youth Baseball, visually and hearing impaired, and any other community projects funded by the Gardner Lions. A donation of canned goods for the local Food Pantry are

also accepted, in addition to

donations of eye glasses,

hearing aids, and cell

OSF Saint James Recognized as a Top 100 Rural, Community Hospital

phones.

OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac has announced it has been named one of the Top 100 & Community Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

Regarded as one of the industry's most significant designations of performance excellence, the annual Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals award is based upon the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® iVantage Health Analytics.

Only four hospitals in Illinois were named to the

Top 100 facility scored in the top 100 among all rural and community hospitals nationally. Now in its ninth

year, the INDEX leverages 50 rural-relevant indicators across eight pillars of hospital strength (i.e. Inpatient Market Share, Outpatient Market Share, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspective, and Financial Stability) to determine an overall score for each hospital. Each of the INDEX's 50 indicators is culled from publicly-available sources.

The Top 100 list, as well as the 2019 INDEX methodology, can be found at www. ivantageindex.com/top-per forming-hospitals.

Chartis Center or to speak Hospitals recognized as a with someone regarding the INDEX and the 2019 Top 100, e-mail Billy Balfour at wbalfour@ivantagehealth.

Lutheran Seminarians, College Students Invited to Apply for Bethesda Aux. Scholarships

in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Communities, is offering \$30,000 in student scholarships for the 2019-20 school year, for undergraduate- or graduate-level students, including seminari-

The deadline to apply is pursuing visit www.bethesdalc.org/getinvolved/scholarships/.

Five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to a

Hours

The Bethesda Auxiliary, Lutheran seminarian or postgraduate displaying interest in service to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a congregational setting.

In addition, five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to junior and senior students undergraduate To learn more about The May 17, with results to be degrees in any academic announced by July 1. To area that will prepare them download an application, to serve and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

> For more information, visit www.bethesdalc.org.

> > GGS

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March 2 • 4-10 p.m.

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EARLY VOTING, VOTE BY MAIL, and GRACE REGISTRATION DATES Consolidated Election - April 2, 2019

dates prior to the April 2, Consolidated General Election.

*See the Livingston County Website for additional registration and voting deadlines information.

MONDAY-FRIDAY Livingston County Clerk's Office 8:00 AM to 112 W Madison St - Pontiac 4:30 PM February 21 - April 1 Livingston County Clerk's Office 9:00 AM to 112 W Madison St - Pontiac 12:00 Noon Livingston County Clerk's Office 8AM-6PM 112 W Madison St - Pontiac Livingston County Clerk's Office 6:00 AM to

process allows any registered voter in Livingston County to use the above location to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Early voters must be registered Livingston County voters. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply.

28, 2019. A person may request a Vote by Mail ballot by USPS no later than March 28 without specifying a reason. In order to be counted, the ballot must be postmarked by midnight or returned in person by 7 PM to the County Clerk's Office on April 2.

new registrants and those who have transferred or moved and did not update their voter registration before March 5. Voting takes place at the same time registration is made in the County Clerk's Office.

Additional election information, as well as Applications for Ballots and Sample Ballots may be obtained from the Livingston County website at: www.livingstoncountyil.gov (Click on

If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact County Clerk Kristy Masching (815-842-9313)

County of Grundy and State of Illinois.

PIN: 12-04-351-002

PARCEL I:

PARCEL II:

Property is vacant and located at the Northwest Corner Of Illinois Route 129 and County Highway 29 in Grundy County, Illinois

Ph. (815) 844-2006 Fax: (815) 842-1844

Early Voting, Vote by Mail, and Grace Registration will be conducted on the following Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Location

SATURDAY March 2, 23, & 30 WEDNESDAY March 20 (Extended Hours Voting) **TUESDAY** 112 W Madison St - Pontiac April 2 7:00 PM (Grace Registration Only)

What is Early Voting? Early Voting starts February 21 and ends April 1, 2019. This Vote by Mail Voting: Starts Thursday, February 21 and continues through Thursday, March

Grace Registration and Voting begins March 6 and continues through April 2. This is for

"County Services", "County Clerk", and "Elections").

or Election Deputy Gail Smythe (815-842-9318)

Easterseals Jump Start First Recipient of CFGC 20th Anniversary Grant



DEVAN GAGLIARDO AND JULIE BUCK of the Community Foundation of Grundy County present a grant for \$1,000 to Easterseals Jump Start - in honor of Liliana Sanchez-Salinas, one of the parent educators with Jump Start. Also pictured are Christine Sparks, Director of Jump Start, and Deb Condotti, CEO of Easterseals.

Easterseals Jump Start is the first recipient of a \$1,000 grant celebrating the 20th of anniversary Community Foundation of Grundy County.

A willingness to help is the key reason parent educator Liliana Sanchez-Salinas and Easterseals Jump Start were nominated.

As a part of the Community Foundation's anniversary year, 20 \$1,000 grants will be awarded to nonprofits serving Grundy County as nominated by the community.

Nominations, such as the grant to Easterseals Jump Start, can be in honor of an employee or volunteer who

has exhibited great value to a nonprofit. The Community Foundation welcomes nominations from anyone in the community who wants to celebrate and honor the work of a friend, neighbor, relacolleague. or Nominations can also be for a nonprofit in general whose work is impacting the quality of life in Grundy Co.

Nomination forms are online at cfgrundycounty.com or available for pick up at 520 W. Illinois Ave. in Morris. Call 815-941-0852 for questions.

Nominations are accepted at any time and grants will awarded throughout

St. Paul School to Hold Spaghetti Dinner, Auction March 2

St. Paul School will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction Saturday, March 2, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight, with doors opening at 4:00 p.m. for item viewing, silent auction bidding, and basket raffle tickets. Dinner will be served from 5:30-8:00 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The menu includes spaghetti, chicken, green beans, salad, garlic bread, drink, and dessert.

Ticket fees apply, with children eight and under receiving a discount. Carryouts will be available.

Dinner purchase is not necessary to participate in the auction and raffle.

More items are arriving each day for the auction. Participants will bid on items as diverse as seed corn, concert tickets, hotel giveaways, tools, autographed memorabilia, and a truckload of gravel. The



event will also include a wine pull.

New this year, people will be able to bid on silent auction items through their phones and can do so even if they cannot be present for the event. Information on the silent auction and a full listing of items are available at www.biddingowl.com/stpaul

All proceeds benefit St. Paul School students.

Herscher United Methodist Men's Club M "Herscher Style" BBQ Chicken Dinner Saturday, March 2 4:30 - 7 p.m. 1/2 Chicken Dinner - \$10 1/4 Chicken Dinner - \$8 Serving at the Legion Community Center 102 South Oak St., Herscher **Eat in or Carry Out Available**

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Coach Lane to Say 'Good-bye' to Cross Country at GSW



Nicholas Heller

Nicholas Heller **Completes PhD**

Nicholas Heller, the grandson of John and Betty Telford, celebrated the completion of his PhD during the winter ceremony at the University of Illinois.

This fall, he joined the faculty at ISU. He teaches agronomy, breeding, and statistics courses in the Department of Agriculture, and utilizes the Research Farm in Lexington for improving the farming sys-

Dr. Heller is a student focused professor with a goal of preparing his students for their best opportunities after ISU.

Nicholas is the son of Lori (Telford) and Kent Heller of Mattoon.

Becker, **Swisher Make EIU** Dean's List

Eastern University in Charleston recently recognized students earning Dean's List honors, and they included Holly M. Swisher, of Braceville, and Daniel D. Becker, of Essex.

Students who make the Dean's List earned a grade point average between 3.8

When the Gardner -South Wilmington High School Board met Wednesday, February 20, one of the action items was accepting the resignation of Larry Lane, longtime cross country coach.

Mr. Engelman's principal's report told of Josh Jahn speaking to the GSW high school students, eighth grade students from GSW and Braceville, a few Coal City SADD group students with their sponsor, and community members. Mr. Jahn related how his family was killed by a drunk driver. His presentation was impactful and powerful.

The high school spring play will be held April 13 and 14, with 12 students involved in the cast and

Dismissal for students was at 11:30 Wednesday, February 13, with the afternoon spent on Professional Development for teachers. In the morning, students attended College & Career Day, going to different stations throughout the building to hear speakers. Thirty tables were set up in the gym area with colleges, work force, local businesses, etc. for the students to visit. In the afternoon, teachers attended diabetes training, "Special Ed 101" training and SAT testing discussion.

HONORS: The girls basketball team was RVC co-Conference champ with Beecher; Boys basketball team is the RVC Champion; Wrestler Cameron Klingler won 5th place in the IHSA State Finals; the Spiritline team attended both IDTA State where they brought home 3rd place in Jazz, 2nd place in Poms, and 2nd place overall. The Pantherettes competed in the IHSA State Finals.

Seventeen students, some from each of the four classes, took a Natural Helpers overnight trip February 16 and 17, with four adults, to a workshop to teach the students how to be better equipped to help their

friends with problems. Mr. Perrott made a recommendation to extend the school's milk contract with Clover Leaf Farms for one year with an increase of 1¢ per half pint. The board approved the contract.

After discussion regarding next year's calendar, it was decided the final school calendar will be approved in March. Mr. Engelman tried to make first and second semester even days, matching up to previous years with just a few changes. For the 2019-20 school year, one more day needed to be added, a Teachers Institute Day. With input from the teachers, Casimir Pulaski Day in March was selected.

Mr. Perrott will prepare the necessary paperwork in order to waive the holiday. That will be an action item at the next board meeting.

If a make-up day is necessary because of weather, then Pulaski Day will be as a Student Attendance Day and the T.I. will be moved to the end of the school year.

The Spring Parent/ Teacher Conferences have been removed, after contacting numerous area schools and finding only two that are holding spring conferences. However, the fall Parent-Teacher conferences are still being planned.

The Financial Software Program currently used by GSW will no longer be by the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Perrott said they are

working quickly to explore new software. Williamson, tech director, and Sherri Garrett, district bookkeeper, are working with the company to discuss switching over to their web - based system vs. other software packages available. Yearly fees and data transition fees were reviewed, and Mr. Perrott will keep the board informed of the progress and final plan.

Mr. Perrott presented a prepared spreadsheet from Mrs. Wills, containing current library goals. The board reviewed and discussed.

The Bookmobile will be at GSW high school twice a month from noon until 1 p.m. Students may go out to the Bookmobile and browse during 5th hour, which is Learning Lab/Lunch hours.

The School Safety Administrative Committee will hold its second meeting Thursday, February 28, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the board room.

Action items in addition to accepting Mr. Lane's resignation and the milk contract included:

- \$60 approved for JV officials pay
- Athletic fan suspension as discussed in closed session
- and cancellation of the February 27 meeting

Mr. Perrott reported on FOIA requests; Economic Interest Surveys that are coming out and must be filled out and returned even if board members are leaving the board; and a Saturday, April 6 band trip to Peoria, where they will play the National Anthem before the start of the Peoria Rivermen hockey game. This is the fourth year in a row they will perform there.

Blood Drive in Herscher March 8

The American Red Cross has a severe shortage of type O blood and urges type O donors – as well as eligible blood donors of all blood types – to give now to ensure lifesaving patient care isn't

impacted this winter. On Friday, March 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Herscher High School, 501 N. Main, will offer a blood donation opportunity.

As part of a partnership with HBO, those donating blood or platelets between March 7-12 will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of five trips to the season eight world premiere

of Game of Thrones – now in its final season. For more information, visit: RedCrossBlood.org/HBO

GameofThrones. Additionally, those who

donate during this promotional period will also receive exclusive GOT swag, including a t-shirt, stickers to unlock a unique Snapchat filter and other items, while supplies last.

To make an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fish Fry in Cabery March 8

Cabery Fire Department will host its Fish Fry Friday, March 8, beginning at 5:00

Kids 12 and under receive a discount, with children under five eating for free.

For more information, call 815-949-1688.

World Day of Prayer Service March 1

The World Day of Prayer celebration will be held Friday, March 1, at Dwight Congregational Church, 200 W. Delaware St., at 12:10 p.m.

Women of the area churches will host the program, with refreshments to

Gas Prices For This Week

Gas prices have risen an average of six cents over the past week. Prices are higher than last month, but we are still \$.19 lower than last year's prices.

City/Village	February 27	February 20
Dwight	\$2.20	\$2.12
Seneca	\$2.33	\$2.18
S. Wilmington	\$2.39	\$2.29
Streator	\$2.23	\$2.18
Odell	\$2.35	\$2.23
Saunemin	\$2.20	\$2.19
Cullom	\$2.35	\$2.29
Pontiac	\$2.35	\$2.19
Gardner	\$2.49	\$2.29
Braceville	\$2.35	\$2.25
Mazon	\$2.35	\$2.11
Morris	\$2.25	\$2.13
Herscher	\$2.35	\$2.29
Kankakee	\$2.33	\$2.32
Chicago	\$2.63	\$2.89
Illinois	\$2.45	\$2.33
U.S.	\$2.38	\$2.29

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



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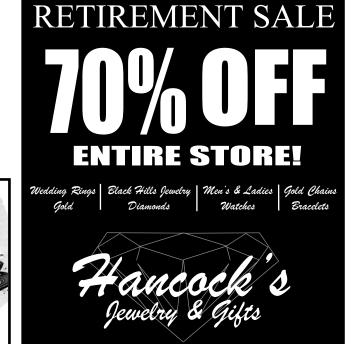
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Doreen Harlow Supervisor



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Dwight Lions Club

Providing Service to the Community for Over 70 Years

Dwight Lions Club, a faction of Lions Club International Foundation, was established in 1947 servicing the community and providing grant funding for local efforts, while helping eradicate blindness, supporting youth, providing disaster relief, and addressing humanitarian needs.

The Lions also volunteer for many different kinds of projects - caring for the environment, feeding the hungry, and aiding seniors and the disabled. All the while sharing their core belif - "community is what we make it."

Dwight Lions Club projects include, but are not limited to Lions Lake - which was a property originally purchased by the Village of Dwight from the State of Illinois for \$1.00. After being transferred to the Dwight Lions Club, they would use their heavy equipment to dredge out the borrow pit to create a usable lake. The Club improved it with a walking path, parking lot, shelter, and fishing docks, then turned the park over to the Village, with the stipulation that it be called Dwight Lions Lake - and an entrance sign was installed.

For many years, the Lions supported a fishing derby at the lake and stocked it with fish. Trees were planted, honoring deceased members, as well as stones with name plaques.

The Dwight Lions built a shelter on the west side of



DWIGHT LIONS CLUB serving at a recent Pancake Breakfast.

Renfrew Park in 1982, then renovated it in 2017. They planted trees to replace dead oak trees, and to honor deceased Lions members.

They purchased street signs for all streets in the Village, and provided a \$1,000 Lions Scholarship and a \$500 Lion Lauritzen Memorial Fund Scholarship for Dwight students.

They have an Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Party for the youth each year, in addition to sponsoring the Dwight Boy Scouts and installing a bench at the Dwight Country Club – honoring Dwight Lion Governor Maeder.

In 1982, the Club sponsored a new Lions Club in

Dwight Lions Club paid for eye examinations and glasses for many needing assistance (278 between October 1998 and February 2018). They also purchased a magnifying machine, talking clocks, watches, a large print bible, canes, and assisted a special needs person to receive medical attention at Chicago University.

They provide mobile screening for hearing and sight, and collect eye glasses and hearing aids for people in other countries - an estimated 4,368 pairs of glasses since 2007. The Club also assisted with providing a Leader Dog for a Dwight resident.

The Laurie Stitzer Estate left approximately \$34,000 to the Dwight Lions for children and the parks. The interest from this investment is donated to the Christmas for Kids project.

The Lions also donates to the 4th of July fireworks, 911, Camp Project Graduation, Habitat for Humanity, Lions Camp, Show Bus, and the local Food Pantry.

Dwight Lions Club welcomes new members to join them in growing personally and professionally by helping the community, making an impact in people's lives, learning to be a leader, networking with business men and women in the communitv, and energizing your life.

If you are interested in joining the Lions Club, visit "Becoming a Lion" at www. lionsclub.org or use the "Club Locator" to find information about clubs in your area.

If you have questions, contact Lions International Headquarters at newmemberinquiry@lions club.org, or talk to your local Dwight Lions Club members.

'Nite in Italy' in Herscher March 21

Catholic Church, 207 E. 5th St. in Herscher, will sponsor a "Nite in Italy" Thursday, March 21, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church hall (may use the elevator).

The menu includes lasagna, spaghetti (with or without meatballs), salad, garlic bread, dessert, and

Blood Drive at Morris Hosp. March 18

Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., is hosting a blood drive in cooperation with Heartland Blood Centers Monday, March 18, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in Whitman

Assembly Room 1. In order to donate blood, potential donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and feeling well on the day of donation, and be at least 17 years old. In Illinois, 16-year olds may donate with written approval

from a parent or guardian. The entire process for donating blood takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Donors should take a photo ID with proof of age. Those planning to donate should eat within four hours preceding the donation.

Appointments are recommended by calling Morris Hospital at 815-705-7370 or visiting www.heartlandbc.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

St. Margaret Mary drinks. Carry-outs will be available.

Proceeds from free will donations will go toward Catholic Charities and Birthright.

Cancer **Support Programs**

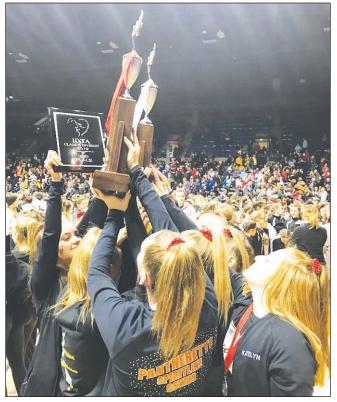
The Radiation Therapy Center of Morris Hospital, 1600 W. U.S. Rt. 6, has announced its schedule of cancer support programs for March.

The "I Can Cope" cancer support group for individuals with any type of cancer will be held Thursday, March 14, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This month's focus is cancer treatment.

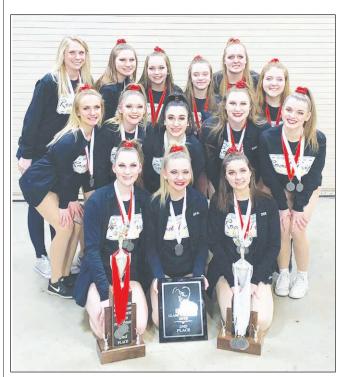
The Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC) support group will meet Monday, March 18, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. SPOHNC Morris chapter meets monthly and is lead by a speech pathologist and registered nurse from Morris Hospital's Radiation Therapy Center.

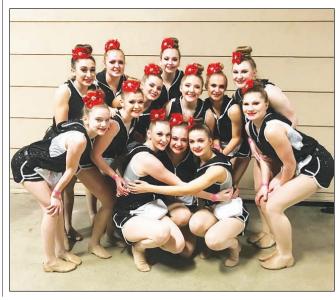
Both cancer support programs are free. To register, go to www.morrishospital. org/events or call the Radiation Therapy Center of Morris Hospital at 815-364-8915. Registration is not needed for the SPOHNC support group.

Congratulations to the GSW Pantherette Spiritline!



THE PANTHERETTE SPIRITLINE competed at the IDTA (Illinois Drill Team Association) State Contest in Springfield February 9, ending on a high note with a fantastic final performance of the season that Coach Nicole Leigh was extremely proud of. The girls placed second in the Pom Category and third in the Jazz Category. They also won the second place overall grand champion award, which is for teams that qualify two routines for the state competition. Their scores get added together and then placements are given out to the three highest scoring teams in their division. "Overall, this was a wonderful way to end the season," Coach Leigh stated. This group of girls has worked extremely hard this past season and the results of this final competition reflect all their hard work, dedication, and talent."







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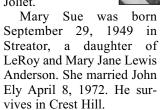
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OBITUARIES

Mary Sue Ely

CREST HILL -Mary Sue Ely, 69, of Crest Hill and formerly of Dwight, passed away at 12:16 p.m., Monday, February 18, 2019 at Presence St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet.



She is also survived by a daughter, Amy Ely of Crest Hill, and a son, Eric (Christy) Ely of Knoxville, Tennessee; two grandchildren: Addy Ely and Harper Ely; brothers: Jim (Donna) Anderson, Lee (Mary) Anderson and Tom (Molly) Anderson, all of Dwight; sisters: Connie Kinkade of Malden and Janice (David) Murphy of Dwight; brotherin-law, Ron (Carol) Ely of Humble, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Brian John Ely; sister, Martha Hooker; brother, Kenny Anderson; and broth-

Jim ers-in-law, Hooker and Brad Douglas J. Neville Kinkade.

Mary Sue worked at the Fox Center over the years as an aide and also worked at the Dime Store in Dwight. She was a member of the First

Congregational United Church of Christ in Dwight and the Danish Brotherhood.

Mary Sue enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Her hobbies included baking with her granddaughters, vacationing in Florida, and playing on her kindle.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 23, at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight. Burial in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight, followed services.

Visitation was Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the Funeral Home.

Memorials in honor of Mary Sue may be made to American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be made at:

www.hagermemorial.com

Anita M. Drendel

SANDWICH Anita M. Drendel, 85, of Sandwich passed away Thursday, February 21, 2019 at her home.

Her funeral service will be held at 10:30

a.m., Wednesday, February 27, at RW Patterson Funeral Home in Braidwood, with Pastor Chris Schoon officiating.

Burial will follow in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Cullom.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the Funeral Home.

Anita was born January 21, 1934 in Kankakee, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Coda Hansen. She married LaVerne Residori in 1951 and later married Fred Drendel in 1983.

Anita recently attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Somonauk and formerly St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington. She spent most of her life living in the Gardner-South Wilmington-Cullom area, where she worked at various bookkeeping positions, most recently at AHW John Deere

and MKM Oil, retiring at age 80.

Anita enjoyed socializing with her many friends, playing cards, and planning and cooking for family gatherings. She was also a lifelong avid Cubs fan.

She was absolutely devoted to her family and treasured the time spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter, Toni (Jerry) Lundeen of Sandwich; two step-sons, David Drendel of Springfield and Scott (Lisa) Drendel of Pontiac; a stepdaughter, Laura Miller of Gardner; 18 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ronald Hansen of Gardner; numerous beloved nieces and nephews; and a large loving extended fami-

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; a son, Larry Residori; and a sister, Jean

Memorials may be directed to Fox Valley Older Adult Services in Sandwich.

To sign her online guestbook, go to www.EighnerFu neralHomes.com

Joseph L. Klowas, Sr.

CULLOM - Joseph L. Klowas, Sr., 69, of Cullom died Friday, February 22, 2019 at 3:10 a.m. at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Cremation rites were accorded and no services will be held.

Joseph was born December 1, 1949 in Chicago, son of Julius and Louise Virginia Degan Klowas. He married Betty Ann Grubb.

Survivors include one daughter, Arlene Virginia Mennig (David) of Northport, Alabama; one son, Joseph L. Klowas, Jr. (Angee Swinford) of Thornville, Ohio; one stepson, Timothy Rogers of

Cabery; five grandchildren; one step-grandson, Devon McIntosh; and six greatgrandchildren.

Joseph was preceded in death by his brother, Bruce; sister, Audrey; and beloved Patricia Rogers of over 30

Joseph was a carpet layer and mechanic with his father for many years.

Memorials in Joseph's name may be made to Cullom Food Pantry or OSF.

The guestbook may be signed at www.calvertmemo rial.com

Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Cullom, handled arrangements.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the township of Odell, in the county of Livingston, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019, and ending March 31, 2020 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment at the Odell Township Supervisor's office, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois from and after 8:00 o'clock A.M., Friday, March 8, 2019.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:15 o'clock P.M., Monday, April 8, 2019 in this Odell Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken by the board of town trustees at a meeting to be held at the Odell Township meeting room, 208 E. Elk Street, Odell, Illinois at 7:15 o'clock P.M., Monday, April 8, 2019.

SUSAN LA BORENCE, CLERK ROBERT LEGNER, SUPERVISOR

Douglas J. Neville

DWIGHT passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

Doug was born January 7, 1943 in Morris, son of William and

Patricia Bannon Neville. He married Lynn Bertino March 2, 1984 in Dwight. She survives.

He is also survived by his son, John, and daughter-inlaw, Kim; his two beloved grandchildren, Sara and Connor; his brothers and their wives: Don and Ginger Neville, Gary and Janet Neville; and Paul and Kathy Neville; his father-in-law, Raymond Bertino; sistersin-law, Cynthia Brown and Lori (Dennis) House; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law, David and Ann Neville; and his mother-in-law, Dolores Bertino.

Doug was raised in Dwight and as a young boy worked along with his father and brothers on the family farm in Goodfarm Town-

Doug was a proud veteran, having served in the Security Service of The United States Air Force from 1963-1967. He earned his pilot's license and was selected for specialized training as an Airborne Voice Intercept Specialist. He was stationed at Eielson AFB in Alaska with Top Secret-Crypto security clear-

He completed the twoyear Institute of Aviation program at the University of Illinois in 1969, earning his commercial pilot and Flight Instructor licenses. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Engineering from Western Michigan University in 1970 and was then employed as the Chief Flight Instructor for Flint Air Inc. at Bishop Airport in Flint, Michigan.

Doug earned his MBA in





Finance from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan in 1976. Doug returned to

Dwight in 1976 and began development of Neville Subdivision on the eastern boundary

of the Village, affiliating with the Ron Wilder Agency as a Real Estate Salesman and Broker. He was an active community member, serving on the Dwight Industrial Development Plan Advisory Committee in 1985 and then as Secretary of the original Dwight Economic Development Commission.

He represented the Village of Dwight on the Central Illinois Corridor Council while serving with the EDC. Doug was a member and served on the Board of Directors of the Dwight Area Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission and was a Director of the Bank of Dwight.

Doug will be remembered for his courage, strength of character, integrity, fairness, generosity, his love of flying and his love of family. His greatest joy was to be able to own and share the legacy and beauty of Neville Valley Farm with his grandchildren and the entire Neville fami-

Graveside services with military rites were held at 9:30 a.m., Monday, February 25, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

Visitation was from 1:30 until 4 p..m., Sunday, February 24, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, with a brief service at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be left to the United Way of Dwight, Dwight Food Pantry, or Dwight Operation SOS.

His guestbook may be signed at: www.hagermemorialhome.com

Martin R. Dragovan IV

BRACEVILLE - M a r i s s a Martin R. "Marty Dragovan IV, 45, Braceville passed away sud-Tuesday, denly February 19, 2019

at his home. He was born October 2, 1973 in Joliet, son of

Martin III and Doretta Golat Dragovan. He married Melissa Gibson in 1998 and they made their home and raised their children in Braceville.

He was a devoted employee of Ecolab for the past 16 years. Marty enjoyed riding his motorcycle, going to concerts, and was a H.O.G. member and a proud Tennessee Squire.

Surviving are his wife, Melissa Dragovan; son, Nathan Dragovan; daughter,



Dragovan; parents, Martin III and Doretta Dragovan; sisters: Marlo Clark and Melissa Dragovan; broth-Steve Dragovan; parents-in-law, Dave

and Robbi Gibson: sister-inlaw, Carrie (Eric) Doescher; as well as many friends.

Funeral services were at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home Sunday, February 24, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Joe Pospischil officiating.

Visitation was Saturday, February 23, from 4 until 8 p.m. and at 11 a.m. Sunday.

To visit his online guestbook, log on to www.rwpatt ersonfuneralhomes.com or on facebook.

More obituaries on page 11.

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:

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fax: 815-584-2196 email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

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SUSAN LA BORENCE, CLERK ROBERT LEGNER, SUPERVISOR





The Oscars

The 2019 Oscars took place last night, (I'm writing this on Monday, February 25th,) and I would like to give some feedback to an event I watched.

For starters, I really only watched some of it, but I did a little reading today on some of the winners, and how the night went, but my initial thought was that it seems like every year a movie wins that I have not seen.

By no means am I claiming to be a big movie buff, I would say during a given year, I'm catching maybe 20 or so movies that came out during that calendar year. This doesn't necessarily mean I have seen it in theatre, could've been through a streaming service after the fact, but in a given year it's around 20.

I also get that the best movies aren't always the most popular, I 100% understand that concept, but year after year, for someone like me who is a casual viewer, for a movie to win that I haven't seen, starts to make me think that I'm doing something wrong, but also makes me lose some interest in the Oscars as a whole.

With that being said, I don't think they should cater to some random person who casually watches movies, but maybe it would make it more exciting for them, I don't know.

My second take away, there was no host, there was much made about this fact leading into the show, it was originally supposed to be Kevin Hart, he was relieved of his duties after a controversy surfaced surrounding comments he had made in the past.

My thoughts on the no host side of it is that it went great and I think it would be cool to see more award shows go to this model of not having a host all togeth-

Half of the awards end up being presented by someone other than the host, so it didn't really impact the flow of the show, and if I didn't know there was no host, or even a controversy surrounding it.

All in all, it was very entertaining and I will probably keep watching next year even if they give the award of best picture to a movie I have never seen.

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Graduate

Letters to the Editor

in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words. Letters must be signed when submitted and received by Friday noon prior to Wednesday publication.

Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household.

Political letters will not run the week prior to an election. We welcome your thoughts.

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Notice - Spring Cleanup **Braceville - Gardner Cemetery**

All grave decorations must be removed by March 15 or they will be discarded. Also, during the year, all wilted, faded and broken grave decorations will be removed. Also reminding everyone that all benches, borders and rocks must be removed.

Do not replace decorations until cleanup is completed. During the year, please use garbage cans by Maintenance Building. Do not throw weeds and plants on road. You brought it, Clean it up!

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery Association Board of Directors 7295 W. Braceville Rd., P.O. Box 246, Braceville, IL 60407

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NOTICE TO BID

Saunemin Township is accepting bids for the 2019-2020 Spring mowing and trimming for 5- Mile Cemetery and Sunny Slope Cemetery. Send bid by March 13 to:

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Dwight Drama Dept. Presents Oklahoma! March 8-10



The Dwight Township High School Drama Department is presenting Rodgers & Hammerstein's first collaboration, Oklahoma!, as their spring musical.

Set in Western Indian Territory just after the turn of the century, "Oklahoma!," is the story of Curly McClain and Laurey Williams. The high-spirited rivalry between local farmers and cowboys provides the background against which they play out their love story. Though the road is hard, there is no doubt that they will succeed in making a new life in a brand new state.

The cast and crew of 31 students includes seniors Tim Western, Gretchen Hilt, Andrew Myzia, Hunter Sulaica, Miranda Holte,



Gabby Mascolo, Amber Gajda, and Max Bean. The show is under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Stewart, with music direction by Mr. Justin Gund.

Performances will be Friday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the DTHS auditorium.

Ticket prices are discounted for students and senior citizens, and are on sale now in the DTHS office between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tickets will also be sold at the door, starting 30 minutes prior to each show.

Prairie Singers to Celebrate 31st Year With Spring Concert April 14

their 31st year of music making with their spring concert in April entitled, "Fill the World With Love."

The Singers invite the community to the Morris Country Club, 2615 W. Rt. 6, Sunday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m.

The luncheon concert will feature selections from Broadway and movie hits, country, sacred, and a patriotic salute. This year's concert features a medley of Carpenter hits

The Prairie Singers will be celebrating that follows the theme of the concert.

A fee applies. For further ticket information, call 815-287-9806 or contact a local Prairie Singer. Deadline for reserved tickets will be April 9. Reservations are required, as seating is limited.

The Singers are a chamber ensemble from the LaSalle, Grundy, Livingston, and Kendall Counties, founded in the fall of 1988. They perform a wide variety of literature and styles.



The March 2019 Gallery Show at the Pontiac Community Art Center is opening in the Joe Bailey Gallery and will run through the end of the month.

It features the work of local artist Robert McCoy, and the show will hold its opening reception Saturday, March 2, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

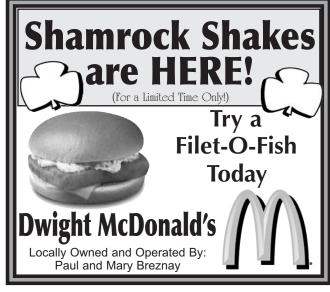
Enjoy the Work of Robert McCoy at Pontiac Art Center

> The Pontiac Community Art Center and Gallery is located at 209 W. Madison St., and is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

There is no admission fee and the public

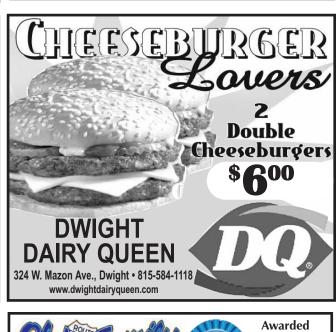
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DWIGHT TROJAN WRESTLERS Emmett Emmons, pictured, left, and Samuel Edwards, right, both freshmen, are advancing to their sectional tournament March 3 in the IWCOA Fresh/Soph State Series. After some entertaining and grueling bouts against 1A, 2A, and 3A wrestlers, both Edwards and Emmons earned third place medals at their regional tourney in Tinley Park February 24 - with Edwards wrestling to a 3-1 performance, and Emmons going 2-1 on the day.

Blood Drive at DTHS March 6

A blood drive, sponsored by FCCLA, is set for Wednesday, March 6, from noon to 4:00 p.m., in the cafeteria of Dwight Township High School, 801 S. Franklin St.

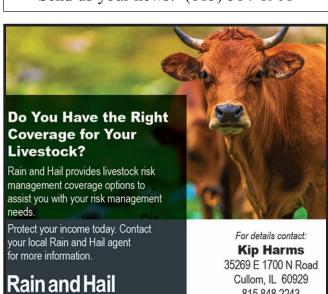
For an appointment, contact Kathy Patten at 815-584-6210 or e-mail pattenk@ dwightk12.org.

Students need to take either a driver's license or two other forms of ID (with one that has proof of age).

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass. Visit redcrossblood.org/Rapid

Pass for more information. By donating at this blood drive, participants are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship.

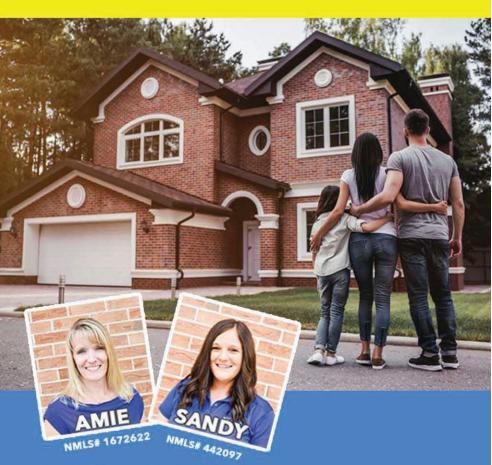
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GSW Defeats Dwight, St. Anne En Route to Regional Title

Wednesday, February 20 GSW vs. Dwight Varsity -

Regional In a regional rivalry Dwight match-up in February 20, the GSW Panthers handed the Trojans their final loss of the season – earning a 61-48 semifinal "W."

"We beat a very good team in their gym tonight," stated GSW head coach Allan Wills. "Our kids fought hard and did a great job getting rebounds on both ends."

It was a fairly closely contested game in the first half – with the Panthers taking a 32-23 lead into half-

The Trojans would edge out GSW 14-13 in the third quarter, but the Panthers held out in the fourth long

enough to secure the victory. Leading GSW was Chris

Bement with 14 points, three boards, and a block. Nate Wise followed with 13 points, ten rebounds, and five assists. Nathan Wozniak (4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals) and Chris Bexson (4 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals) each scored 12 points.

Friday, February 22 GSW vs. St. Anne Varsity -Regional

GSW held off a late game St. Anne surge to win the regional championship, 58-51, and advance to sectional

"We built a nice lead and needed every bit of it," commented Coach Wills after the game. "St. Anne never gave up and fought us to the end. This was a great game between two teams that always battle until the end."

After the Panthers took a 15-12 lead into the second quarter, they would dominate in the second – securing a 37-22 halftime lead.

St. Anne would keep it close in the third quarter, but would heat up in the final frame – outscoring GSW 19-8 – but it was too little, too

Nathan Wozniak was high scorer with 22 points to go with six rebounds, five assists, and four steals. Jaylon Sims added ten points, five boards, and 1 steal, while Chris Bement put up eight points, six rebounds, and a steal. Chris Bexson (3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals) and Connor Steichen (2 rebounds, 1 assist) had six points each.

The Panthers are now 23-9 overall after the win.

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DTHS Trojans Basketball

Monday, February 18 Dwight vs. Woodland Varsity -Regional

Dwight was at home February 18, hosting the first round of the IHSA regional and going up against Streator Woodland, who they defeated 64-56 - earning their fifth straight victo-

The Trojans led by as many as 20 points in the second half, after a dominant first half in which threepointers rained down for the home team – connecting on nine threes in the first two frames.

Woodland would crack

down a bit in the last two quarters, but it was too little, too late. Dwight advanced to the semifinals to take on their rivals from Gardner-South Wilmington.

Leading the Trojans in scoring was Brandon Ceylor who had 20 points, including five threes. Dakota Wahl (2 three-pointers) and Colton Holm (3 three-pointers) added 11 and ten points, respectively, while Cal Schultz (1 three-pointer) put in nine. Lane Thompson chipped in with seven points, followed by three from Logan Graham. JC Santos and Bryson Connor each added a bucket.



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Wednesday, February 20 Seneca vs. Reed-Custer Varsity -

Regional In regional semifinal action February 20, the Fighting Irish looked good early against a tough Reed-Custer team.

Seneca would hold a fivepoint lead at the half, stretching it to ten midway through the third.

But then the wheels came

A six-minute stretch of nervous shots and bad passes allowed the Comets to

come back and take a 44-40 lead with under 40 seconds remaining.

However, the Irish would execute well down the stretch - capped by a Sam Grushkin lay-up at the buzzer to send the contest to

In OT, Seneca was able to make good on some crucial free throws to earn the win their 18th of the season.

Brody Baudino led with 17 points, followed by Grushkin with 13. Connor Greve added 11 points.

Tri-Point NHS to Host 5K Run/2 Mile Walk for **Pediatric Foundation**

The School National Honor Society will be hosting a 5K money for the National Pediatric Cancer Founda-

The race will take place at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Cullom Park Pavilion.

Early registration ends on April 15, and a fee applies (a shirt is guaranteed). You can register after this date until the time of the race, but the

Tri-Point High fee increases and no shirt is guaranteed.

Race registration on May run and 2-mile walk to raise 5 will be from 1:00-1:45 p.m. at the pavilion (look for signs on Rt. 116).

To print a registration form, visit tripointschools. org and click on the "National Honor Society"

For more information or questions, contact Alison Buckley at 815-689-2110.

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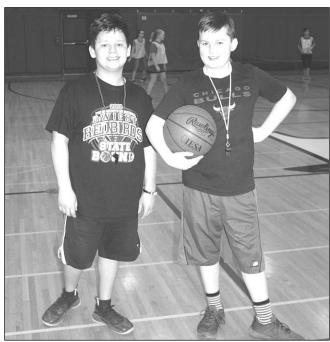


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CLASS Basketball was back in action February 23 in the DGS Gymnasium. Referees Dylan Ramsey, left, and Evan Sandeno are set to start the games.



Mikayla Chambers moves the ball down the floor.



Madison Franklin goes for the basket.

Wilkerson Assists Vikings in Taking 2nd at CCIW Championships

The Augustana Vikings took part in the two-day Illinois & Wisconsin Men's Indoor Track & Field Championships in Naperville February 22-23, taking second overall with some help from senior Brandon Wilkerson (Tri-

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On day one, Wilkerson College Conference of took sixth in the 5000 with a Fe time of 15:10.92, while placing fourth in the 3000 on day two, with a time of 8:45.72.

Augustana is in action at St. the Wartburg Invitational March 2 in Waverly, IA, at 11:00 a.m.

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DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, February 19

Dwight vs. Elwood 6th Grade/"B" -

Dwight defeated Elwood 25-12, 25-12 on February 19, with the "B" team winning 25-22, 25-17.

The Lady Redbirds posted the following stats:

Makayla Wahl had 18 points, with five aces. Maci Johnson had 11 points, including five aces, while Leah Larson added ten points and one ace. Kiah Handzus chipped in with seven points, including two aces, with Taylor Heath contributing five points, with three aces. Brynn Connor and Sophie Buck (1 kill) had three points each. Ella Legner and Sarah Parker provided two points each. Taylor Frobish added one point. Samantha Harsh had two kills.

Tuesday, February 19 Dwight vs. **Streator Woodland** 7th Grade -

Dwight was defeated by Woodland in three intense sets February 19, 20-25, 25-18, 28-30.

As a team, the Lady Redbirds served with 91% accuracy in the contest.

Kassy Kodat had 21 points, with six aces, 12 digs, and five kills. Megan Livingston added eight points, three kills, and a block. Briana Cuaya had seven points, including two aces, followed by six points, with two aces, from Claire Robison. Sophie Crutchfield and Avery Scheuer provided four and three kills, respectively. 8th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds lost to Streator Woodland, 16-25, 19-25, dropping to 3-9 on

Mikalah Bregin led with eight points, including five aces and a kill. Kira Bean (1 ace, 2 digs) and Erin Anderson (2 aces, 2 digs) each scored four points, followed by two points, two kills, and two assists from Cheyanne Condreay. Emelia Eitenmiller scored an ace, with Maya Green contributing two kills and two digs.

Thursday, February 21 Dwight vs. Odell 7th Grade -

The Dwight Ladv Redbirds fell to Odell 27-29, 20-25 on February 21.

Kassy Kodat led with 14 points, including nine aces and three kills. Sophie Crutchfield added five points, with four aces and four kills, while Megan Livingston put up three points, with one ace. Avery Scheuer and Katy Parker each scored two points, while Briana Cuaya, Kylle Salamone, and Olivia Folkers each scored a point. 8th Grade -

In their final regular season game, Dwight lost to Odell, 18-25, 22-25.

Erin Anderson led the team with six points, including five aces, four digs, and a kill. Cheyanne Condreay followed with five points and one dig, with Skylar Horrie chipping in with four points, with three aces. Emelia Eitenmiller (3 aces, 2 digs) and Maya Green (2 digs) had three points each, while Addy Harms had two points, including an ace and an assist. Kira Bean provided an ace and a dig.

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds end the regular season with a record of 3-10 overall.



IVC Tournament The Lady Tigers beat Dwight in their first match of the IVC Tournament at GGS

February 4. "We played Dwight two times previously, so we knew we would have to play well to come out on top," stated Coach

Faletti. Wednesday, February 6 GSWB vs. Elwood 7th Grade -

After advancing to the championship, GSWB took on Elwood February 6 – following a postponement the night before due to inclement weather.

Elwood beat the Lady Tigers in three sets.

"Missed serves continue to be a struggle for us," admitted Coach Faletti, "and was definitely a contributing factor in this loss.

Thursday, February 7 GSWB vs. MVK

Dwight Cong.

8th Grade -

IVC Tournament GSWB was at MVK February 7, defeating the hosts 25-21, 25-6 in the first match-

Makenzi Hahn and Colby Grieff combined for 16 kills and the team collectively racked up 14 aces to help their cause.

Friday, February 8 GSWB vs. Saratoga 8th Grade -

IVC Tournament In a meeting with Saratoga

February 8, the Lady Tigers 21-25, 23-25 in the final two

Hannah Frescura was on fire at the serving line, tallying 15 aces. Grieff and Hahn had 16 kills, collectively, but it still wasn't enough to take home the

hardware. "When you have 12 serving errors and 11 hitting errors against a good team, you will rarely find yourself on top,' Coach Faletti stated. "This was

a very exciting match against two good teams.

Church Dartball League

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Dwight Meth.	3	0	Mazon Cong.	8	19
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OBITUARIES

Agnes Starks

BRAIDWOOD - Agnes Starks, 91, of Braidwood passed away peacefully to her heavenly Father on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Agnes was born July 2, 1927 in Custer Park, daughter of Lyle and Willma Patterson Crater. She married Glenn Starks. He preceded her in death on November 5, 1992.

Agnes enjoyed church, her dogs and cooking. She was an avid sports fan and her favorite team was the Chicago Cubs.

Surviving are her son, Terry (Genie McAvoy) Starks; daughter, Tonya (Bruce) VanAken; sister, Jean Girot; brother, James Crater; and grandchildren: Sarah Catlin, Sheri Caine and B.J. VanAken, Jr.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; grandson, Jesse Starks; sisters: Janet Larsen, Patricia Albright and Hellen brother, McKnight; and William Crater.

A gravesite service was held Tuesday, February 26, at 11 a.m. in Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

To sign her online guestbook, log on to: www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or on facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Roger Birch

CABERY Roger Birch, 54, of Cabery passed Thursday, February 21, 2019 Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Roger was born l November 9, 1964 in Fairbury, son of Benton and Mabel Clemons Birch. He married Jill Grotevant July 8, 1982.

Roger was a hard-working farmer in the Cabery area. He enjoyed growing his crops and taking care of the land. He strived for perfection in everything he did. He was a seed dealer since 1984 as well as Rogers Township Supervisor for 23 years.

Roger lived to farm, but also enjoyed traveling especially to Florida in the winter. He enjoyed going to National Farm Machinery shows in Louisville. He liked to play cards, go out to eat and have a few beers with his friends and family, but most importantly he loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Roger was a caring and

giving person and was always quick help when someone needed it. He will be greatly missed. He is sur-

vived by his wife,

Jill Birch Cabery; one son, Jake Birch (Kim Burns) Buckingham; one daughter, Ashley (Justin) Fritz of Reddick; and two grandchildren: Liam Fritz and Adalyn

He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service was Tuesday, February 26, at 11 a.m. at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Burial followed the service in Mount Hope Cemetery, Cabery.

Visitation was Monday from 4 until 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home, and for one hour preceding the service on Tuesday.

Memorials may be made to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation or Kankakee Hospice of Valley.

You may sign his guestbook at: www.schrefflerfun eralhomes.com

More obituaries on page 7.

Ronald R. Guest

REDDICK Ronald R. Guest, 89, of Reddick passed away Monday, February 25, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Visitation for one hour will precede the 11 a.m. funeral service Saturday, March 2, at the Reddick United Methodist Church. Pastor Kevin Boesen will officiate at the

Interment will follow in Round Grove Cemetery, Campus.

service.

Born August 18, 1929 in Kankakee, Ronald was the son of Clifford and Lola Rieke Guest. He married Emadee Huber May 1, 1948 in Essex. She preceded him in death on March 26, 2014.

He enjoyed taking care of his home, yard and vehicles. He also enjoyed playing softball in his church league and hunting, as well as growing tomatoes.

Surviving are his sons: Larry (Karen) Guest of Coal

airmail pilot flying the St.

On at least three occa-

sions Lindbergh crashed his

World War I-era biplane in Illinois, but walked away

unscathed and still managed

to make his delivery.

cities in between.



City and Alan (Cindy) Guest of Hudson; grandchildren: Jessica Guest, Samuel (Erin) Guest, Alexander Guest, Jacob Guest, Samara (Dave)

Anderson, Amanda (Dave) Brown, and Jennifer (Shane) Cannon.

Also surviving are eight great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; sons, Rieke Lee Guest and Tommy William Guest; and daughters, Kathleen Dee Fennell and Dena Loughlin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Reddick United Methodist Church.

For more information and to sign his online guestbook, log on to www.rwpattersonf uneralhomes.com or facebook.

The Morris Hospital Diabetes Education Center is hosting 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Education Room 1 on the lower level at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St.

Carb Counting Class

a free Carbohydrate Counting class Tuesday, March 12, from

Register online at morrishospital.org or call 815-705-

Support Groups Being Offered at Morris Hospital in March

Support for Lung Disease

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is offfering two programs in March for individuals with chronic lung disease, including COPD, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, and pulmonary fibrosis.

The Breathers' Support

Group will meet Friday, March 15, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital, 100 Gore Rd., Suite H, Morris. During the support group portion of the meeting, participants will have an opportunity to participate in general discussions about ways to manage their condition, gain emotional support, and share their experiences with others. An educational topic is presented at each meeting, with this month's topic focusing on "Exercise and Physical Conditioning."

In addition, Morris Hospital offers a free Harmonica Group every Thursday from 11:00-11:30 a.m. at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center. Harmonica playing is beneficial for individuals with lung disease by encouraging deep breathing, promoting pursed lip breathing exercise, strengthening the diaphragm and other breathing muscles, and increasing oxygen intake. Prior harmonica playing experience is not required. Light snacks will be provided.

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For more information, call Morris Hospital's Pulmonary Rehabilitation department at 815-705-7837.

Stroke Support Group

Morris Hospital is hosting a Stroke and Aphasia Support Group Tuesday, March 19, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Whitman Assembly Room 2 at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St. The support group facilitator is a speech pathologist from Morris Hospital.

The Stroke Support Group is for individuals who have experienced loss of physical function or communication due to a stroke or other neurological event. Caregivers, spouses, and loved ones are also encouraged to attend.

Reservations are not required. Anyone with questions can call Morris Hospital's Speech Therapy Department at 815-705-7411.

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Hockey Hall of Fame





Dwight Township High School graduate Mike Oughton, second from left, was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame at Illinois State University the weekend of February 16. Oughton was a leading scorer and MVP at ISU before becoming head coach who lead the Redbirds to its first hockey championship in the 1978-79 season against University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Oughton, 64, now of Channahon, and other inductees, were honored at the official ceremony following that weekend's game -another face-off with U of I, ISU's longtime rival. This time, U of I beat ISU 4-2. But that didn't stop Oughton and the others inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame from smiling. The Hall of Fame celebrated ISU's 50th year of having a hockey team.

ICA Answers Questions on Detention Center

The Paper received a copy of this question and answer pamphlet written by Immigration Centers of America, the private firm looking to build a federal immigration detention center in Dwight. The Plan Commission approved an annexation agreement at its public hearing on Tuesday, February 19. The village board can override that recommendation when it votes on the agreement at its Monday, February 11 regular board meeting.

Officials from ICA were at the February 19 meeting to answer questions from the public and the commission. To help answer some of those questions for those who weren't there, here is ICA's pamphlet that given to the commission and village board members, unedited. The full version can be found on our website, thepaper1901.com.

Who is ICA?

Immigration Centers of America (ICA) is a private company that provides facilities to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to humanely house male detainees.

ICA has successfully operated a facility in Farmville, VA since 2010. ICA's mission is to provide safety, integrity, security, compassion and respect in every facet of our operations.

ICA provides a safe and secure facility for detainees, offering superior health care, recreation and visitation rights. ICA consistently operates at the highest standards.

Is ICA a government agency?

No, ICA is a private entity which provides a needed service to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security while individuals are awaiting processing in the immigration court system.

Does ICA profit from detaining individuals?

The federal government contracts with private corporations to provide detention services because contracted detention facilities are more cost effective than facilities owned and operated by ICE, thus saving taxpayer dollars.

The cost of providing these services is strictly negotiated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and, as with any business arrangement, there are both profits and losses.

How do you compare the ICA to a traditional for-profit prison?

ICA is a company that focuses solely on providing exceptional detention and transportation services for ICE. ICA is required to meet much more rigorous standards than local or state corrections departments, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, or the U. S. Marshall services.

ICA has a proven track record of providing innovative solutions in the areas of visitation, recreation, and programming that greatly enhance the quality of life of the individuals in our custody. We have demonstrated our ability to create a culture that puts the health, safety, and well-being of those in our custody as the highest priority and to operate the facility at the highest standard levels set by ICE, the American Correctional Association, and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. We have been certified and re-certified by both Associations, as well as receiving grades of 100% compliance with all ICE standards on our annual audits for the last 4 years.

How is ICA regarded in the corrections/detainment industry?

ICA is highly respected and proud of our strong track record of providing safe, secure and compassionate services to the populations we serve.

In fact, ICA's facility is accredited by the American Correctional Association, a designation held by less than 8 percent of the approximately 3,300 jails and detention centers in the

Additionally, we're certified by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, a designation held by less than 7 percent of detention and correctional facilities. Very few facilities have both designations.

Many of the leadership and executive staff hold national certifications in the industry, serve on industry related boards and committees, and are called upon to give workshops and presentations at professional development conferences at the national level on issues affecting detention.

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE PROPOSED DETENTION CENTER?

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Does ICA house children who were separated from their families at the border?

It is anticipated that this facility will hold only adult male detainees. ICA has never held immigrant children that have been separated from their parents at the border. ICA facilities will never house families or separated children.

Is ICA involved in arresting or individuals to be detained?

Absolutely not. ICA is a holding facility and has no enforcement authority whatsoever. We simply hold individuals that have been lawfully arrested and ordered detained by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency or a judge while they proceed through the immigration court system.

Do detainees receive medical treatment at the facilities?

Yes. ICA facilities provide medical, mental health and dental care for detainees. We anticipate a medical staff which includes two full-time doctors and dentists, a psychiatrist and multiple mental health (2-3) providers, a radiology technician and numerous members of the nursing staff. We expect a total medical staff complement of approximately 50 individuals. All staffing plans will be based on Immigration Health Services Corps (IHSC) requirements and approval.

The medical department has been accredited by the National Commission of Correctional Health Care, a designation held by less than 7 percent of detention and correctional facilities in the United States.

What type of mental health services do you offer to detainees?

We take a holistic approach to mental health and view it as an essential part of the healthcare of our detainees. Detainees have access to licensed professional counselors, psychiatrists, life-skill support groups, anger management classes, and substance-abuse support groups.

What type of legal help do detainees get?

Detainees have a right to legal representation. ICA has a law library on site for detainees to use, as well as law library computers in every housing unit. ICA also makes meeting space available for detainees to receive legal counsel and provides video conferencing technology for remote court appearances, if needed.

We currently cooperate with the Capital Area Immigrants Rights group who make monthly presentations to detainees on their rights and assist them through their legal process. We plan to partner with a similar local group to provide this service in Dwight. Legal visitation is available seven days a week, 365 days a year.

What type of recreation opportunities are available to detainees?

This is another area where ICA really separates itself. Detainees have access to state-of-the-art equipment for recreation and are even able to exercise during night hours, if they desire. They have a multimedia library at their disposal.

Detainees are afforded four hours of outdoor recreation every day, weather permitting. During one of those four hours, the detainees can choose to use an indoor gym for an hour. The gym is outfitted with treadmills, stationary bikes, elliptical machines, weight machines, and body station exercise machines. The indoor gym is also available to them to use overnight.

When can they see friends or family?

At ICA, detainees can have visitors 365 days a year. They have access to email and also to equipment for video conferencing. This is much more expansive and flexible than provided in other types of detainment and detention facilities.

Standard visitation is available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with no limit on how long family and friends can stay unless there is a waiting line. After-hours visitation is also available from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. with 24-hours advance notice.

What is the average number of visitors per week to the facility?

ICA's visitation program is unique in that they offer visitation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In 2017 ICA averaged 161 social visits per week consisting of 413 visitors. Last year (2018), the ICA Farmville, VA facility had more than 27,000 visitors logged.

Will the facility be a burden on local EMS/ambulance services?

Over the last three years emergency medical services have responded to ICA's facility an average of 15 times a year, or 1.2 times a month.

How are meals for detainees provided?

ICA's food service menu is reviewed and approved by a registered dietician. ICA's food service operation will be fully licensed by the local authority and will be subject to unannounced health department inspections like any other restaurant. ICA has a five-week cycle menu, serves three meals a day, and averages a caloric intake of 2700-2800 calories per day.

How long does the average detainee stay at the facility?

Our current detainee length of stay is approximately 52 days although this will vary from location to location.

How do you ensure the safety of detainees?

Every area of the facility is operated under direct supervision. Detainees are never left alone and are always under the supervision of staff. This model of supervision coupled with frequent and random unannounced rounds by management and executive staff contribute greatly to providing a safe atmosphere for detainees. This has also contributed to the fact that ICA has never had a major disturbance in our facility.

What accommodations do you make for religious preferences and worship?

Facility chaplains are trained to handle a variety of religions. One of their main duties is to ensure accommodation of the major religions. Standard services will be provided for Christians, Catholics, Muslims, and Jewish detainees. Typically, there are also adherents of Jehovah's Witness, Mormons, Buddhists, and Hindu religions. In those instances, we look for clergy resources in and around the geographic area to support them. At a minimum, the facility purchases religious texts for all religions and any required materials for a detainee to practice their faith.

Are detainees released into the local community?

When a detainee is released their families or friends are given the opportunity to come and pick them up from the facility first. If they cannot obtain transportation, the facility will transport the detainee to the nearest major transportation hub and release them there. Detainees would never be released from the facility with no transportation directly to the local community.

Are detainees released from the facility or at immigration court?

Court will most likely take place in the facility in person or via video teleconference. When a detainee is granted release or bond from the immigration court, they are held at the facility until all release paperwork is completed by ICE.

Is this type of development right for our community?

ICA represents a significant economic impact. Not only does this create jobs, but it also increases our community's tax base, which

will ultimately help fund social services, police and fire, education, infrastructure and more. ICA's mission of providing humane, safe, secure and compassionate services to the individuals in our care makes us a good fit for any community.

At the Churches

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Worship practice.
• MAR. 1: 10 a.m., Heritage Health Ministry.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office

Father Chris Haake, Pastor

• MAR. 2: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.

MAR. 3: 10:30 a.m., Mass.
MAR. 6 – Ash Wednesday: 6:15 p.m., Mass.

St. Peter's

Lutheran Church 326 W. Chippewa St.

815-584-1199 Pastor Chrissy Salser

email:chrissytherev@att.net
• FEB. 27 and 28: Office hours: 8

a.m. - 12 noon.
• MAR. 1: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at

Cheryl Hudelson's in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA.

• MAR. 3: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., Worship/HC with Pastor rota-

• MAR. 4: Office hours, 8 a.m. - 12 noon; 9 a.m., Quilting; 5:45 p.m., CYF (Children, Youth, Family &

Music Ministry)
• MAR. 5: Office hours, 8 a.m. - 12 noon; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Salvation

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• MAR. 6: Office hours, 8 a.m. - 12

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Church 106 W. Goold St.

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Pastor Karen Fabian

10:30 a.m., Sunday Worship.
Wednesday Youth Groups: Jam & Edge, 3 p.m.; Static, 6 p.m.

World Day of Prayer, March 1 at 10

Alice Creech's 90th Birthday Celebration, March 17, 12 noon.

EMINGTON Emington

Congregational United Church of Christ 103 Division Street

Rev. Grant Speece

• MAR 3: Worsh

• MAR. 3: Worship/ Communion, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title:

"The Glory of the Lord"

Holy Scripture Readings:

Exodus 34: 29-35 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4:2

Luke 9: 28-36
• MAR. 5: Bible Study, 10 a.m. at First Congregational UCC, Dwight

• MAR. 6: Ash Wednesday Service at First Congregational, Dwight, 7 p.m. *March Food Pantry Collection:* Boxed potatoes

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Mazon United Methodist Church

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<u>ODELL</u>

St. Paul Catholic Church 200 S. West St.

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• MAR. 3: 8:00 a.m., Mass.
• MAP. 6: Ash Wadnesday. 10:

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7 p.m., Choir rehearsal,

Klub/Real Kids; 6

p.m., Handbell Choir;

• FEB. 28: 4:30 p.m.,

Daisies Scouts; Scouts

Praise Band rehearsal.

• MAR. 1: World Day

of Prayer Service, 1

p.m. at First

Church.

Congregational

• MAR. 2: 7 a.m.,

Men's Bible Study at

and Cafe 110, Odell;

9 a.m., AA meeting.

Early Worship; 9:15

a.m., Sunday School;

rehearsal; 10:30 a.m.,

Late Worship.

Bible Study.

• MAR. 4: 6 p.m.,

Kiwanis meeting;

Scouts #4877; 6:30

p.m., Bible Warriors

• MAR. 5: 8:30 a.m.,

Hens Bible Study; 6

p.m., Scouts #1505.

Wednesday: 2 p.m.

Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6

• MAR. 6 – Ash

9:30 a.m., Praise Band

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Readings

Exodus 34: 29-35

2 Corinthians 3: 12

Luke 9: 28-36

• MAR 5: Bible Study,

Christ

10 a.m.

• MAR. 6: Ash

Forgiveness"

Wednesday Service,

7 p.m. Sermon title:

"The Season to Ask

Isaiah 58: 1-12

2 Corinthians 5: 20

- 6:10

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

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• MAR. 6: Wednesday

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Rodney Connor left, a member of the Dwight Economic Alliance board, presents Randy Irvin with a plaque as being named **DEA's Volunteer** of the Year.

Community Raises \$20,000 for Fire **Department**

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

The Dwight Economic Alliance held its annual dinner auction February 23 at Station 343 in downtown Dwight, and community members raised \$20,000 for the Dwight Fire Protection District to purchase new equipment.

"It was awesome," said Fire Chief Paul Johnson. "It was so cool to see the community come out."

The money will be used to purchase a pair of extrication tools commonly called the "jaws of life." They will replace a 20-year-old pair the department currently uses.

More than \$15,000 was raised for new battery-operated equipment that is stronger, lighter and faster. Cordless models allow firefighters to go into fields and embankments or other hard-to-reach places where victims need help.

Because more than \$15,000 was raised, the department will be able to buy another piece of equipment, Johnson said. He is getting estimates for another, smaller extrication tool.

"It was kind of humbling," Johnson said.

The new equipment was the DEA's Fund A Need project. How much money was raised on the live and silent auctions was not available. A call to Deb Karch, director of Economic Development, was not returned by presstime. The Paper will have an update in next week's edition.



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