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Overwhelming Support for Pontiac Walmart Greeter

*‘We Support Nathan’
in National Spotlight*

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After a week of bad publicity over its decision to change the job titles of its greeters at 1,000 stores, Walmart’s CEO announced the company would make “every effort” to find a role for disabled workers who had been threatened with job loss.

But one man who has captured the hearts of those near and far has yet to hear whether he will keep his job at the Pontiac Wal-mart.

Nathan Joerndt, of Pontiac, has worked at Walmart since he was a teen. He’s now 35 years old, and after 18 years of service, was told February 19 that his job title was changing to “customer host,” a position requiring greeters to take on additional duties that people with physical or mental disabilities and seniors -- most of Walmart’s greeters -- are unable to perform.

“I was mad, I was upset, I was devastated,” Nathan said. “I just couldn’t believe it.”

Nathan is diagnosed with Williams Syndrome, which affects many parts of the body. It causes cognitive disabilities, depth perception and physical disabilities.

“That job is his life. He lives to get up and go to Walmart every day,” said Peggy Boldt, of Pontiac, one of Nathan’s good friends whom he met at Walmart and who created the Facebook group “We Support Nathan Joerndt To Keep His Job As A Walmart Greeter.” “People say they go [to the Pontiac Walmart] because they’re going to get a ‘Nathan hug.’”

Nathan’s story has been featured on Channel 25 News out of Peoria, NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt and NPR Radio, which ran a story on Friday, March 1. Within hours of publication, the reporter received an email from Walmart

saying there would be an announcement made about Nathan’s job status that weekend, said his mother Vickie Fogarty. As of presstime, they have heard nothing.

“This is not about money,” said Fogarty, who noted that her son makes \$14 an hour. “It’s about him having a purpose and doing something he loves.”

Walmart has gotten backlash at the national and local level. Boldt started the Facebook group on February 22, three days after Nathan found out about changes in his job title. In a week and a half, it had more than 7,500 members.

One member of the group from Professional Counseling Associates pledged to pay two weeks of Nathan’s salary if Walmart let him keep his position. Other members have simply decided to take their business elsewhere in support of Nathan. Fogarty said the community has offered him other job opportunities, including work at a grocery store and a morning greeter at a local school. But those jobs won’t give him the hours he needs to stay engaged, she explained. He was working at Wal-mart about 36 hours a week.

Bolt said Nathan is also involved with the Rotary Club and Special Olympics. He loves to sing and has performed the National Anthem at Relay For Life, Children’s Miracle Network and other events. He was a grand marshal at the Pontiac Threshermen’s Association parade. He’s also involved with Speak Up and Speak Out, an advocacy summit through the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.



CRYSTAL STADEL, of Pontiac, shares a hug with Nathan Joerndt, of Pontiac, one of thousands of special needs greeters at Walmart who were recently told their jobs were in jeopardy.



COACH LARRY LANE POSES with the 2018-19 Gardner South Wilmington-Dwight Township High School co-op cross country team: Back row, from left, Carter Butterbrodt, Jack James, Rylie Bond, Bryce Lucas and Alexis Brook. Front row, from left, Joey Fedele, J.C. Santos and Shawn Romanetto. Coach Lane is retiring from cross country after nearly five decades, but will continue to coach GSW and Dwight Township high schools’ track teams.

Life in the Fast Lane

*After 50 Years, Coach Larry Lane
Retiring from Cross Country*

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After nearly 50 years as a running coach, Larry Lane, of Reddick, is retiring from cross country at Dwight Township and Gardner South Wilmington High Schools. It’s taken him three years, but he physically and mentally decided it was time.

But his career isn’t quite over. Lane, 71, will continue coaching track.

“You find out that [running] is not as hard as you think. It’s challenging, there’s no doubt about that,” Lane said. “When you get through, you feel good about yourself. Kids like that.”

It’s a career that has brought him great joy seeing many state qualifiers and state medalists, including the 1995 girls’ team that placed fifth at state. He’s had valedictorians and salutatorians on his teams, and has seen kids succeed after high school thanks to running, which takes self-discipline, endurance and strength -- all things that help them succeed in their lives and careers.

Lane graduated from Effingham High School in 1966 and then earned his degree at Northern Illinois University. He was a basketball and running coach the entire time he served as a Dwight Grade School physical education teacher. He retired in 2003 but continued to coach the Dwight and GSW co-op.

He got the “running bug” in college, where he ran a couple of miles a day. That turned into distance running, with many marathons under his belt. Lane, a longtime resident of Reddick, would run 25 miles a week in the country.

“I enjoy the feeling of putting yourself through something physical,” he said. If he had a bad day, running cleared his head. When he went through a divorce, running became therapy.

He spent eight years trying to qualify for the Boston marathon and finally did in 1989. That weekend he wasn’t feeling well and did his “personal worst” but finished. He’s completed the Chicago marathon a handful of times, in 1988 finishing in 2:59:30.

“I like to play,” he laughed. Ever since he was a child he loved being outside as opposed to sitting at a desk. “Coaching cross country was a natural progression.”

He coached at the junior high level from the early 1970s until 1996, when he started coaching high school cross country and track. The best years averaged 20 runners on a team, but numbers have dwindled.

“Back then, kids just liked to be active. Back in the ‘70s there weren’t all those electronic games,” he said.

Dwight Township and Gardner South Wilmington high schools participate in a co-op for cross country and track. Dwight kids run under Gardner for cross country; and Gardner kids run under Dwight for track.

This year there were eight members on the team. There hasn’t been a young woman from Gardner South Wilmington High School since 2013, Lane said. GSW hasn’t had a junior high cross country team for several years, but the program is being resurrected this fall, which Lane hopes will help boost numbers.

Over the years kids who play other sports such as basketball or volleyball would join cross country and track so they can get in shape before their seasons start. But it’s not an easy sport. Lane said they run in rain, wind, sleet and snow. They sweat through 90-degree temperatures and fight the freezing cold.

But he has always tried to create teams that have a family-like bond. And what he’s learned over the years is not to over-train, something he said likely contributed to his knee and achilles issues. In his 30s his training regimen was running 4 miles before school and 4-8 afterward. Looking back, he realized he might have been overdoing it. That’s why he doesn’t run the kids more than 30-50 miles a week.

Lane still runs, albeit slower and not for competition. He enjoys a couple of races a year, as well as the 5k turkey trot in Oglesby each year on Thanksgiving Day.

Between high school basketball, cross country and track, Lane said he’s coached 11 months out of the year for the past 25 years. He said it’s time now to slow it down.

He will continue to coach track for the foreseeable future and referee basketball, which he’s done for 30 years. A new cross country coach has not been announced but Lane said there are several people interested.

He has enjoyed watching his students stay healthy, but even more so juggling extracurricular activities with high grades. Kids on his team have always averaged a 3.5 GPA. Every year they hold a contest: If the team members can each keep their grades at 3.21 or above, he’ll buy them pizza.

The kids have never lost that bet.

Information Session Saturday on Dwight Detention Center

An informational session sponsored by the Dwight Ministerial Alliance is planned for Saturday, March 9 to address the Immigration Centers of America proposal for a detention center to house 1,200 illegal immigrants in Dwight. The session is geared toward Dwight residents and aims to present all sides of the issue.

A vote by the village board determining the matter will be

held Monday, March 11.

WHAT: Informational session on proposed Dwight detention center

WHEN: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday March 9

WHERE: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church Parish Hall, 118 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
February 21: Christopher A. Duffy, 40, Morris, fail to obey stop sign; Luc W. Carpenter, 20, Dwight, speeding 26-34 MPH over limit.
February 22: Brian J. Hoffeditz, 23, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Madison R. Gamble, 17, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Michael Griffin, 55, Campus, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.
February 23: Robert M. Kaminecki, 30, Tinley Park, driving 11-14 MPH above limit.
February 26: Carrera N. Watkins, 28, Marshalltown, IA, fail to obey stop sign.
Persons in the police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.
4 Written Warnings
Speeding – 2; no visible registration – 1; only one headlamp – 1.

Accident Report
Friday, February 22, 3:29 a.m., an accident was reported on the 500 block of S. Franklin at James St. involving a Ford F-150, driven by Logan Graham, of Dwight, who struck a Kia Carryall, driven by Avery Ohlendorf of Dwight.
Sunday, February 24, 3:38 p.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported on Rt. 17 involving a Ford F-150, driven by Brandon Sheldon, whose vehicle was damaged while crossing the railroad tracks – the gate came down due to extreme wind conditions and previous damage the same day. There was no train.
Wednesday, February 27, 2:02 p.m., an accident was reported at 401 E. Mazon Ave. involving Kathleen Gettiner, who was backing in a school and struck a parked and unoccupied Chevy 4S.

Dwight Police Blotter
February 23: 12:20 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 400 block of W. South St. for damage to property. On arrival, Dwight Police were advised a subject had broken the door into an apartment. The offender fled the scene. The offender, Edgar Cardoso, 21, of Crystal Lake, was apprehended and charged with resisting arrest and criminal damage to property. He had two outstanding in-state warrants as well. Cardoso was taken to Livingston Co. Jail.
February 24: 3:38 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of W. Mazon Ave. On scene, Dwight Police were shown a vehicle owned by a 20-year old female. The victim advised some unknown person(s) had punctured her vehicle's tires during the night.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
February 22: 11:06 a.m., Center St., medical, mutual aid to MVK.
February 23: 12:54 a.m., Mazon, fire; 2:13 p.m., Prairie Ave., trauma, refusal; 10:54 p.m., Main St., medical, Morris.
February 24: 4:53 a.m., Bannon, medical, refusal; 8:44 p.m., Old Rt. 66, fire, no pt.
February 26: 4:33 a.m., North St., medical, refusal; 11:15 a.m., North St., trauma, refusal.
February 27: 6:42 a.m., Lincoln St. – Gardner, medical, Provena – St. Joseph Joliet, mutual aid to Gardner; 8:34 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris.
February 28: 12:59 p.m., Main St., medical, refusal; 1:09 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 3:24 p.m., Seminole, medical, no transport.

Pontiac Man Gets 16 Years for Selling Drugs

Cornelius D. Young, 32, of Pontiac, was sentenced to 16 years in prison on February 28 after he pled guilty to one count possession of methamphetamine with the intent to deliver, a class X felony; one count possession of more than 5,000 grams marijuana with intent to deliver, a class 2 felony; and one count possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (methamphetamine), a class two felony, according to the Livingston County Sheriff's office.

The Dwight narcotics unit, along with the Livingston County Pro-Active unit conducted this investigation on Young in September 2018. The investigation led police to a search warrant at Young's Pontiac residence. They found more than 5,000 grams of pot, 68 methamphetamine tablets, a .357 Smith & Wesson handgun, electronic scales, and other drug selling equipment.
Young's girlfriend, Stephanie Larson, 32, of Pontiac, was also arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. She is awaiting trial.

Temps - 2019

Feb. 21 – high 33°, low 21°
Feb. 22 – high 41°, low 22°
Feb. 23 – high 48°, low 29°
 .87" rain
Feb. 24 – high 29°, low 8°
Feb. 25 – high 24°, low 8°
Feb. 26 – high 30°, low 19°
Feb. 27 – high 29°, low 13°
One Year Ago – March 6, 2018
high 40°, low 27°, .05" rain

Herscher Fire Fish Fry March 15

Herscher Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry is set for Friday, March 15, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Herscher Legion Community Center.
The meal is all-you-can-eat and carry-outs will be available.
Children ages five to 12 receive a discount.



Gardner business Rüb Ford, a fixture for 32 years, closed for business on February 15. Owner Ray Rüb did not return phone calls from The Paper.

Photo/The Paper

Rüb Ford in Gardner Closes Its Doors

Town's Largest Source of Sales Tax Vanishes

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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Gardner's main source of tax revenue has shriveled up. Rüb Ford has closed.
"I think it caught a lot of people off guard," said Gardner Mayor Mike Serena. "We certainly hate to have that happen to the downtown area."
The dealership, which was at 219 Liberty St. and had been in business for 32 years, closed February 15. Serena said it was the village's largest source of sales tax.
It's unclear why the business has closed. Numerous calls to owner Ray Rüb were not returned.
Serena called it a loss but said the dealership's closing is not going to put them in a poor situation. He is confident the building will find a new owner.
Rüb Ford always had a place in the Gardner community, he mentioned. Ray always donated

to community organizations, including free oil changes and sporting tickets to fundraisers and financial assistance to school sports. He said Ray had a "no-nonsense" approach to sales that made them successful for so many years.
When the dealership publicly disclosed it had closed on Facebook February 21, customers were surprised but also shared memories of having bought multiple vehicles from the dealership.

In that February 21 Facebook post, the dealership posted a lengthy homage.
"On behalf of my dad, Ray Rüb, the Employees and the whole Rüb family we would like to thank everyone for their business over the last 32 years. It has been quite a journey doing business in the great small town of Gardner, Illinois.
"... We will always be grateful for these last 32 years in business. Rüb Ford, no games, just great deals! -Grace Rüb Bourg With love, the Rüb Ford Family"

Three Pontiac Guards Arrested for Allegedly Beating Inmate

Three Illinois Department of Corrections guards -- including one from Odell -- were arrested over a two-day period February 24-25 after they allegedly beat an inmate at the Pontiac maximum security prison.

According to the Illinois State Police, criminal charges were filed against correctional officers Giovanni Rodriguez, 21, of Normal; Sergeant Jason Cremer, 45, of Odell; and Lieutenant James Fike, 31, of Bloomington. They were each charged with one count of felony official misconduct and one count of misdemeanor battery.
They are alleged to have knowingly caused



From left, correctional officer Giovanni Rodriguez, Sgt. Jason Cremer and Lt. James Fike.

Facebook/Illinois State Police Investigations

bodily harm to Asante Brown, an incarcerated inmate, on February 3 while on official duty. Brown is reportedly serving a two-year sentence for a Champaign County criminal sexual abuse conviction. It's unclear what condition he is in.
The officers are due in court later this month.

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Protesters Bring Detention Center Concerns to Dwight Village Board

VCOM 911 Warning System Signup
February 25 Board Actions

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Protesters have remained diligent in their opposition to a proposed immigrant detention center in Dwight and many were present at the meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees on February 25 to ensure their voices are heard as more than 20 individuals addressed the board speaking with fervent disapproval.

“They make it sound like it is the best thing for your community and the detainees, but it is really just a lie. The real truth is, it’s all about the profit,” said Concetta Smart, of Crete IL, where an immigrant detention center was turned down in 2012 after a year of deliberation by its city council. “They fill up the beds with as many people as they can catch. They don’t care a hoot about the community, let alone the immigrants and asylum seekers that they imprison. There are many good alternatives to solving the immigration issues...that are much more humane. For-profit prisons are not one of the alternatives that is a good one.”

“I know it comes down to jobs. Everyone knows how tough things are, especially in smaller places that don’t have the resources; all they have is their people. Please don’t take the bait of several measly jobs,” Lawrence Maushard of Peoria implored. “Is it worth it? Is it worth it for the reputation of Dwight to be associated with all of the negative horrors of ICE detention centers, privately run, that you have heard? All you have to do is ask yourself, ‘Do I want to sell the soul of my community for this many dollars?’ How much is it worth to have a place where you can be proud of? And even if you lose those jobs, you will not have lost your morality, your soul, and your commitment to the betterment of the community.”

When they build this facility, they are going to change the character of all of our communities, not just Dwight,” said Tom Cullen, president of the Central Illinois Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. “It’s going to affect Bloomington, it’s going to affect Peoria, it’s going to affect Champaign, and the greater Chicago area because there is



Tom Cullen, president of the Central Illinois Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

going to be more impetus for those departments to become agents of the federal government.”

On February 19, the Dwight Plan Commission, by majority vote, approved three measures including a Petition for Annexation of Property, a Zoning request, and Annexation Agreement, thereby sending the proposed immigrant detention center matter to the Dwight Village Board for further consideration. Mayor Jared Anderson and the Dwight Village Board of Trustees continue to review the matter, with Mayor Anderson and Village Administrator Kevin McNamara taking a trip to Farmville, Va., last week to tour the only other illegal immigrant detention center operated by Immigration Centers of America (ICA). The Dwight Village Board is expected to vote on the proposed detention center at its March 11 meeting.

In other business, Randy Wittenberg, Director of Vermillion Valley Dispatch, gave an annual report on Vermillion Valley Regional Emergency Communications (VCOM 911) to the board. According to Wittenberg, VCOM has a 2019 operating budget of nearly \$1.5 million, of which Dwight contributed \$53,292 in 2018 and \$54,358 in 2019, an approximate two percent increase. Wittenberg spoke about the many services provided by VCOM 911 and about Nixel, an early warning alert system for residents of Livingston County. Residents are urged to be put into the early warning system and receive public alerts.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘...the risk of such a venture is too great.’

We are opposed to the construction of a privately-owned immigrant detention center in Dwight. Having attended the plan commission hearing, the village board meeting and having researched immigration reform and ICA, we are convinced that the risk of such a venture is too great.

ICA is owned by Virginia real estate investors. Their goal is to make money. To profit from the incarceration of some of the most needy, desperate men in our society is unconscionable.

Immigration is a huge problem with no easy solutions. There are other options that are less expensive and more humane than detention centers. Immigration policies, determined at the whim of the President, are subject to change at any time.

If we allow a company to build here, we are part of the problem not part of the solution. This company will need to keep the beds full. Owners of private detention centers lobby Congress and support legislators who will continue to keep money in their pockets. If a private detention facility exists in Dwight, we too might feel the need to keep it going regardless

of what that does to the immigrants who are incarcerated.

How many of the promised jobs will be available for local residents, and what will those jobs pay? Reviews from former ICA employees include the following comments: no teamwork, no union, nothing to secure your position, termination without warning or reason; looking to save money at the cost of officer security and training. No promotion opportunities, dramatically understaffed, mandatory overtime.

Immigration is a hot button topic. We have already seen the number and passion of activists who are willing to come to Dwight. We have learned from them as they have raised issues and questions that Dwight needs to address before ever consenting to have this facility in our town.

We urge the village board members to consider all of the implications and ramifications of being home to a for-profit detention center and not be blinded by the promise of easy money and big paying jobs, both of which may be as elusive as that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Bill and Mary Flott

For-profit Prison?

The Village of Dwight’s new roads over the last couple years upgraded the quality of life in Dwight. It seemed like the projects were well managed judging by the results, a good use of taxpayer money.

A group of investors seeing an opportunity to make a profit in the growing for-profit prison industry look at Dwight and see a rural location within 80 miles of Chicago that has an Amtrak station for easy access, cheap land, a non-union labor force and a Village Board willing to spend tax dollars to build an 18 inch sewer line to connect their thousand-bed facility to our sewer plant so we can process 25% extra sewage every day and supply 25% more of our

water for their facility. Is this the best deal Dwight can get? Does the math really work out here?

Any delay that would be caused if Dwight were to put the question to a citizens’ vote is unlikely to cause the investors to decide on another location. I don’t see other municipalities clamoring for it.

Come south on 66 through Dwight, enjoy the roadside attractions and restaurants, and drive past a for-profit prison on the way out of town. I agree with Ms. Jensen who last week pointed out that’s not a good look for Dwight. Let’s vote on it.

Peter Broeksmit

Order. Not Chaos

If nothing else, the question of an illegal immigrant detention center in Dwight has somewhat aroused a sleepy, insulated population.

Detention centers are everywhere. I had no idea how many there are until recent months. Even existing jails and prisons have become detention centers where people await a verdict on whether they, as illegal immigrants, can stay or must leave. Brutal decisions.

Necessary decisions? No one seems to have a much better plan and “without order you have chaos.”

For decades, Dwight was a compassionate companion to the former reformatory for women west of Dwight. I believe the community could still exhibit that compassion to detainees and visitors at an immigrant detention center here.

Some worry about the perception of Dwight if it again becomes a “prison town.” What’s the perception now -- fifty little blinking casinos floating on a sea of alcohol?

Wouldn’t it behoove us to volunteer to make our detention center the best one of hundreds in this country until order is re-established to our immigration system?

It’s interesting that Mexico is in recovery mode. They have a new President, and immigration from Mexico into the U.S. has decreased significantly in recent years. Still, a backlog of hundreds of thousands of illegal immigration cases await hearings in U.S. courts.

Dwight should pursue an illegal immigrant detention center. Order. Not chaos.

Tom Tock

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PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK announced that area students Gretchen Hilt, above, and Isaac Brockman, at left, are two of this year's PNB of Kewanee local CBAI Scholarship winners. Each received \$250 in cash contributions from PNB and entry in the statewide Community Bankers Association of Illinois Scholarship competition. Hilt is accepting the contribution from Brian Craft of the Dwight Banking Center of PNB of Kewanee.

PNB Announces 2019 Scholarship Winners

Peoples National Bank of Kewanee has announced that area students Isaac Brockman, of Seneca High School, and Gretchen Hilt of Dwight Township High School are two of this year's PNB of Kewanee local CBAI Scholarship winners.

As local contest winners, the students each receive \$250 cash contributions from PNB and entry in the statewide Community Bankers Association of Illinois' scholarship competition. They now have the chance to win \$1,000 per year for up to four years of higher education.

To enter the local scholarship contest, senior students

were invited to write essays about the impact and importance of community banking in the community. In their essays, the winners each displayed an understanding and appreciation for community banks and the benefits they provide. Each winner maintained the overall theme and made excellent points about the contributions of community banks to the local community, businesses, and individuals.

PNB has now sponsored and submitted the winning essays in the statewide CBAI scholarship competition. Winners for the statewide competition are announced in May.

Protesters Bring — — —

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cess code VCOM to 888777.

The texter will then receive a message asking for their zip code. Registered residents will receive updates such as national weather service alerts and road closures. Zip code 60420 residents will receive alerts for both Livingston and Grundy counties. Wittenberg also said the robust system has a reverse 911 capability if needed and an anonymous tip line as part of its crime stoppers program. It was noted that the current Code Red system used by the Village of Dwight will be eliminated.

“Our goal is real simple,” said Wittenberg. “We just want to provide a high quality service to the citizens of Livingston County and I think we are improving on that daily.”

Plans for Dwight's Harvest Days celebration are taking place with 2019 marking the 40th Anniversary for the annual fall celebration. Randy Irvin stepped out of his role as village trustee and brought requests before the board as the President of Dwight Harvest Days. Irvin abstained from all votes associated with the Harvest Days requests.

A Harvest Days request to bring back wrist bands to allow drinking alcohol in public was approved by the board. The wristbands will be offered at several locations along East Main Street and South Franklin Street for a fee. Only persons who purchase a wristband will be allowed to carry alcoholic beverages outside in the public areas with the beverage in an approved plastic cup container. Assigned volunteer monitors, identifiable by T-shirts, will ensure the drinking will remain in the designated areas. Wristband/public drinking times will be from 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21 on East Main Street from JT's to Franklin Street, at the corner of Franklin and Delaware allowing entrance / exit to Cherry Reds Garage property. On Saturday, September 21, from noon – 5 p.m. there will be a public drinking area on Franklin Street from Willy's Pub to Cherry Red Roasters to allow for alcoholic beverages during the scheduled bags tournament.

Street closures beginning on Wednesday, September 18, through Monday, September 23, were also approved to allow for downtown activities during the entire Harvest Days weekend and the Sunday parade. The various street closures are unchanged from 2018 and the Harvest Days parade will also use the same parade route as last year.

Dwight Harvest Days 2019 is slated to run from September 19 - September 22.

Minutes from a February 18 Administration Committee meeting were presented to the board. Among highlights of that meeting include a review of sanitary/storm sewer plans for James Street. Also reviewed were downtown construction plans which include new curb, gutter, sidewalks and concrete pavement. It was discussed having a base bid which includes all of East Main Street and Franklin from Delaware to East Main, with the additional aspects of the project being alternate bids. Cost estimates were requested. The village will have a meeting for all affected businesses once bids are received.

Also at the February 18 Administration meeting, the proposed FY20 budget was presented. Capital outlay items were discussed. In the proposed budget, there is a \$50,000 surplus with \$200,000 of requests. The board will discuss and make recommendations. A public hearing with regard to the budget will be held on March 11 with passage of the budget expected at the March 25 meeting.

An Ordinance amending Chapter Ten, Traffic, of the Municipal Code of the Village of Dwight was approved with the definition of Dwight's Central Business District amended to read “Delaware Street from Gooseberry Creek to Franklin Street” and “Chippewa Street from Gooseberry Creek to Prairie Avenue”.

Regarding parking rules and snow removal, the ordinance was amended to clarify its applicability to residential streets reading: “It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any residential street in the Village at any time within twelve hours after a snowfall of two (2) inches or more has occurred or until such snowfall has been removed by the Department of Public Works. Any vehicle so parked shall be ticketed and towed as specified in 10.506.”

The board also approved:

- the payment of bills totaling \$121,164.95.
- the January 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented.
- a VFW Post 2608 Bucket Brigade Poppy Day request from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. on May 3 and May 4 at the intersection of Rt. 17 and Rt. 47.
- a fund transfer of \$60,000 from the Sewer Fund to Sewer Reserve Fund for loan payment and engineering services.
- a fund transfer of 50,913.51 from the Water Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for FY 19 construction projects.
- a fund transfer of 30,143.66 from the Sewer Fund to the Water Fund for vehicle repair.

Absent from the February 25 meeting were Trustees Jim Mixen and Jerry Curtis.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, in the Public Services Complex.

Alice Gray Creech Celebrating 90th Birthday on March 17

A 90th birthday celebration for Alice Gray Creech will be held Sunday, March 17, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Braceville United Methodist Church (106 W. Goid St.).

All friends, family, and former students are invited to attend.

Miss Alice is a lifelong resident of Braceville, retired school teacher, and her church's beloved historian.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to send a card, it may be addressed to her c/o Braceville United Methodist Church, PO Box 46, Braceville, IL 60407.



Alice Creech

Scott Schultz Named to George Washington U. Dean's List

Scott A. “Bubba” Schultz, of Dwight, was named to the Dean's List of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences at The George Washington University for the fall 2018 semester.

Students earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the term are recognized by the Office of the Dean.

A freshman majoring in Chemistry at GW, Bubba is the son of Scott and Mary Schultz of Dwight. He is a Midshipman 4th class of the Capital Battalion Naval ROTC, and credits his success to his eighth grade science teacher.

Ashley Fox Makes ISU Dean's List

Ashley Fox of Emington was named to the fall 2018 Dean's List in The College of Education at Illinois State University – placing her among the top ten percent of those students majoring within the college.

Ashley, who is majoring in Early Childhood Education at ISU, is the daughter of Susan and Aaron Fox of Emington.

Tom Desch to Speak in Herscher March 24

Herscher Area Historical Society will present documentary producer Tom Desch – speaking about Local Stories That Touch The Nation - Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the Anderson House Museum, 161 W. Myrtle in Herscher.

Tom will discuss a film documentary – from research, story writing, photography to editing.

The son of Carl and Carol Desch of Herscher, Tom's award-winning films have been shown on PBS and at numerous film showings around the country.



Tom Desch

Join to learn about the local stories that Tom's work has told to people all over the nation.



Misty Gaus, Shirley Zeedyk and Regina Dickover above. Zeedyk, at right, worked her last day as a Dwight Mail Carrier Friday. The Dwight Post Office employees hosted a retirement party at the facility. Enjoy your retirement, Shirley Girly! See you on the street.



We would like to congratulate Cindy DeLong on her retirement from nursing. Cindy has been helping the public as a nurse for the past 43 years. She began her career as a LPN before returning to school to get her RN degree while raising two young boys with a daughter on the way.

Early in her career, Cindy worked at the Continental Manor, the Fox Center and the Streator Hospital. She was a nurse for many years for Dr. Cichon before spending 10 years doing home health for the Livingston County Health Department. Cindy has spent the past 18 years as a nurse at OSF Hospital in Pontiac.

Along the way, she worked with countless patients, doctors, and other medical professionals. She will miss caring for her patients and all those she has worked so closely with over the many years. Cindy looks forward to being a full time grandma and lots of traveling.

Congratulations on your retirement, you've certainly earned it!

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In drawing up your estate plan, you will need to work with an attorney. And for guidance on the investments that can help fund your estate planning arrangements, you can draw on the help of a financial advisor. You also may want to connect with a trust company, which can help facilitate your estate plans and coordinate the activities of your legal and financial professionals.

Of course, you might think that only the very wealthy need a trust company. But that's not really the case – people of many income levels have long used these companies. As long as you have a reasonable amount of financial assets, you likely can benefit from the various services provided by a trust organization.

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Gaining Protection – Trust companies assume fiduciary responsibility for your financial well-being. You can choose from among a variety of trust companies, large and small. As you move toward that time of your life when estate planning becomes more essential, talk to your attorney, tax advisor and financial professional about whether using the services of a trust company might be right for you.

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OBITUARIES

Wayne Fields

REDDICK – Wayne Fields, 59, of Reddick and formerly of Braceville, Chicago, and Norton, VA passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee, surrounded by family.

Wayne was born July 18, 1959 in Norton, Virginia, son of Carrie Bell Fields. He was raised and educated in Norton and graduated from Norton High School in 1977.

He worked as a truck driver his entire life, locally and over the road. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, going fishing, working on and riding his motorcycles, and fixing mechanical problems.

Wayne also had a love for horses and took pride in training and caring for them, but his most treasured times were spent with family.

Surviving are his wife, Katie Ragain Fields; four children: Carrie and Ronald Bech-



tol and Cheyenne and Cody Fields; five grandchildren: David, Danny, Jorge, Vickie and Kari; brother, Greg Bell; sister, Anita Jennings; uncle, Oscar Bell; sister and brother-in-law, Robbie and Carl Day; mother- and father-in-law, Doris and George Ragain; numerous nieces and nephews; and dear friends, Don “Smitty” and Bev Smith.

Wayne was preceded in death by his mother, Carrie, and sister, Michelle.

Per Wayne’s wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

A video tribute and memorial visitation was held Friday, March 1, at Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington from 4 until the time of the memorial service, 6 p.m.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, or share Wayne’s memorial page by logging on to: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com

Duane M. Rhodes

DWIGHT – Duane M. Rhodes, 75, of Dwight passed away Thursday, February 28, 2019 in his home in Dwight.

Visitation will be Friday, March 8, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m., also at Hager Memorial Home, with Pastor Daniel Woodward officiating.

According to Duane’s wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

Private family burial will take place in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Duane was born January 23, 1944 in Akron, Ohio, a son of Merle and Bessie Smith Rhodes. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by daughters: Lucinda (Rick) Steinke of Limestone; Jane (Jesse) Colvin of Dwight; son, Bill (Sherrie)



Rhodes of Dwight; brother, Daniel (Linda) Rhodes of Cornell; grandchildren: Harmony Barney, Ren Rippy, Aislyn Rippy, Allison Rhodes, Katie Rhodes, Allison Colvin, Laura Colvin, Weston Colvin; and great-grandchildren: Archer Barney, Kynlee Barney, and Landon Baker.

Duane proudly served in the United States Army and was always willing to give to veterans charities. He loved his family and enjoyed attending his grandchildren’s sporting events. He also enjoyed spending time with his son in the garage working on the hot rod. Duane will be dearly missed by all his friends and family.

Memorials in honor of Duane may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project and online condolences may be made at www.hagermemorial.com

Samuel H. Haley

ODELL – Samuel H. Haley, 74, of Odell passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 12:35 a.m. at Accolade Healthcare of Pontiac.

Sam was born May 15, 1944 in Mt. Vernon, son of Samuel F. and Leona Mamer Haley. He married Gloria J. Madis June 9, 1963 in Bloomington. She survives in Odell.

Also surviving are his children: John E. (Kenna) Haley of Pontiac and James E. (Sue) Haley of Odell; brothers: Bill (Paula) Haley and Mike (Chris) Haley, both of Ohio; grandchildren: John (Carrie) Haley of Springfield; Graham (Sarah Stalter) Haley and Ashleigh (Josh Anderson) Haley, both of Pontiac; and one great-grandchild on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ronald Haley.

Sam was a graduate of



Dwight Township High School in 1962. He worked as an Engineer at Caterpillar in Joliet for more than 30 years until his retirement. He was a member of Authentic Church in Pontiac and the Central States Threshemen’s Reunion.

His service was held Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac with Pastor Don Leonard and Pastor Shawn Jensen officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded with burial at a later date.

Visitation was from 3 until 6 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to CAMP (Central America Mission Projects), c/o Jack Moser, P.O. Box 382, Tremont, Illinois 61568.

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

Victoria Ann Roeder

DWIGHT – Victoria Ann “Vickie” Roeder, 61, of Dwight passed away at the University of Chicago Medical Center Monday, February 25, 2019.

Vickie was born September 13, 1957 in Champaign, daughter of Robert and Mary Talbot Bechmann. She married Robert Roeder January 14, 1984 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Goodfarm. He survives in Dwight.

She is also survived by daughter, Jessica Roeder of Normal; son, Josh Roeder of Dwight; sister, Tracy (Ted) Wolf of Normal; nine nieces and nephews.

Vickie was preceded in death by her parents, and a niece, Sara Roeder.

Vickie taught elementary school in the Dwight area for 35 years, beginning her career at Goodfarm Consolidated School, teaching first and second grade in a one-room schoolhouse. Upon Goodfarm’s closure, she continued her career at Dwight Elementary School, where she taught



first grade until her retirement.

Her hobbies included gardening, fishing and playing with her grand-dog, Reggie. She also enjoyed playing euchre and watching Chicagoland sports. She was especially fond of helping her husband on the family farm.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Goodfarm, and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 2, in Trinity Lutheran Church in Goodfarm.

Burial will be in Goodfarm Cemetery at a later date. According to Victoria’s wishes, cremation rites were accorded.

Visitation was Friday from 4 until 7 p.m. in the church.

Memorials in honor of Vickie may be made to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer’s Association.

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

Hager Memorial Home in Dwight was in charge of arrangements.

Louise Jensen

CARBON HILL – Louise Jensen, 85, of Carbon Hill passed away peacefully Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the home of her daughter in Coal City.

The family will receive friends Friday, March 8, from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 80 N. Garfield Street in Coal City. Rev. Dr. Roy Backus will officiate.

Burial will follow in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery. Bob Born, Nick Born, Logan Pierard, Dave Hibbard, Erik Julson, Clay Lister and Tom Uerkwitz will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be: Jeanine Hibbard, Erica Julson, Brooke Lister, Talya Pierard, Ariana Majic, Skyler Hibbard and Eden Julson.

Louise was born December 9, 1933 in Annetta, Kentucky, a daughter of Fount and Blanche Ashley Decker. She was raised and educated in Coal City and Carbon Hill and graduated from Coal City High School in 1953.

On May 15, 1954 Louise married John T. Jensen in New Hope Presbyterian Church. They made their home and raised their children in Carbon Hill.

Louise began her career with the First National Bank in Coal City in 1966 and continued to work in the bank for the following 30 years until retiring in 1996. She was a dedicated member of New Hope



Presbyterian Church and was proud to be active with the Carbon Hill Historical Society and Museum. She took great pleasure in sewing and gardening. No hobby was greater, however, than her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her two children: Paula “Suzie” (Bob) Born of Coal City and Eric (Linda) Jensen of Morris; four grandchildren: Jeanine (Dave) Hibbard and Nick Born of Coal City; Erica (Erik) Julson of Verona, Wisconsin; and Brooke (Clay) Lister of Peoria; five great-grandchildren: Logan Pierard, Talya Pierard, Ariana Majic, Skyler Hibbard, and Eden Julson; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law: Mary Decker, JoAnn Decker, Walter Bradley, and Thora (the late Richard) Lohmar; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, John, in 2008; sisters: Joyce (Charles) Sumner and Linda Bradley; and two brothers, Boyd Decker and Kenneth Decker.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Louise’s memory to New Hope Presbyterian Church or to the Carbon Hill Museum.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share Louise’s memorial page online at: www.ReevesFuneral.com/notices/Louise-Jensen

Fr. Ronald E. Dodd

LACON – Fr. Ronald E. Dodd, 74, of Lacon passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Father Dodd was ordained a Priest May 28, 2005. He served as Parochial Vicar at four Streator churches; was named administrator and pastor at St. Paul, Odell, and Sacred Heart, Campus (2011-2012). He achieved senior status in the

Diocese of Peoria in 2015.

A Funeral Mass was officiated by Most Reverend Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. at 12 noon, Tuesday, February 19, in St. Bernard’s Catholic Church, Peoria.

Entombment followed in Resurrection Mausoleum.

Memorials in Father’s name may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project – wounded-warriorproject.org

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Cubs 2019 Prediction

Alright, it’s prediction time, sometimes when I struggle with a topic idea. I usually end up reverting back to sports as kind of my cop-out for not having an idea.

Well, I struggled for one this week and I’m doing it again, I’m dedicating this one to the prediction of the 2019 Chicago Cubs baseball season.

So here we go, I would like to start with that I am just shocked that I have seen a few predictions come out with the Cubs as low as 4th place in the division. 4th place!

This team won 90 games last year, and everyone is back, everyone who contributed to that 90 win team is back. Not to mention that key members such as Yu Darvish and Kris Bryant seem to be back and fully healthy. They were also without Brandon Morrow, the relief pitcher who they signed to take over the closer role who missed much of last season with injuries.

Assuming all of these guys are back and healthy I see no reason in the world why this team won’t win at least 90 games again, I just can’t comprehend how they possibly wouldn’t. There’s definitely an argument to be made that the division has gotten a lot better over the off-season. The Cardinals and Reds both improved a fair amount over the course of the off-season, and the Brewers ultimately won the division last year and will be back and ready to go at it again.

So I guess it’s time for the official prediction. I think the Cubs will win 97 games, and they will win the National League Central Division, I’m not sure who, but one of their pitchers will end up in the top 5 in Cy Young voting, my early guesses would be Kyle Hendricks and Darvish. I also think that Kris Bryant will round back into form and finish top 5 in MVP voting.

I think this will be a business as usual year. They will be back in the play-offs, and will be a serious contender to win the world series yet again. Go, Cubs.

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The Bricker Family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to friends and family for the many cards, flowers, generosity and prayers following Dave’s passing. A special thank you to Pastor Mueller and Maureen and Tom Lenzie for all your help before and after his passing. It was a great comfort to us. Again you all have our most sincere appreciation for all your love and support.

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I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,
Until the day comes and we’re together once again.”

Author Unknown

Your first heavenly birthday!
Happy 90th! We love you, Mom!

Donna Kay, Bonnie
Penny, Holly



Lainy and Livi

Lainy and Livi Reach Their 1,000 Book Goal at Prairie Creek Library

Lainy and Livi are a part of the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program held at Prairie Creek Public Library District, Dwight. They also attend Toddler Time every Wednesday from 10:30-11:00 a.m., in which newborns to four-year olds enjoy stories, activities, crafts, and special guests. Prairie Creek Library joined the national 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program in January of 2017. Locally, there have been 35 children signed up since that time, with 29 children still participating. The families are encouraged to read to their children. They may read library books, in addition to books they have at home. The love of reading is

instilled early and it has been proven to help a child be more prepared when starting school. At each 100 book level, the child receives a gift such as a book, gift card, or game. Many children have reached the smaller goals. Lainy and Livi are the first to reach 1,000 books. They received a book, a doll, and gift card with which they may purchase more books. If you are interested in Toddler Time or the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program, you may contact Miss Karen, Toddler Time Coordinator, Ms. Sherrie Rhodes, Library Director, or any other staff member at the library, 815-584-3061.

Fine Arts Scholarships for Kankakee County Students

The Community Arts Council of Kankakee County is accepting applications for the 2019 James F. Carlson Fine Arts Scholarship program. At least one student from Kankakee Co. will be awarded a \$300 scholarship to attend an arts-related summer camp. To receive an application, Kankakee Co. junior high and high school students may contact their school's guidance office. Scholarship applications may also be obtained by phoning the scholarship committee at 815-939-0987 or by downloading an application from communityartscouncil.org. The deadline for application is March 22. Funding for these scholarships comes from many organizations, businesses, and individuals. The mission of the Community Arts Council is to serve as a central body to promote, develop, stimulate, and encourage Arts Organizations, Artists, and Arts participation in Kankakee Co.



ST. PAUL SCHOOL'S THIRD ANNUAL DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE was held February 9 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight. With 200 in attendance, everyone enjoyed a night of eating, dancing, and playing games. Dinner included fried chicken made fresh from the St. Pat's Knights of Columbus, mostaccioli donated by Rentz's of Odell, salad, corn, green beans, apple-sauce, and an ice cream and cookie bar to top it off. The photo booth was also a big hit, and many memories were made throughout the night.

Mykala Cockerham Named to Indiana U. Dean's List

Mykala Cockerham, of Dwight, earned Executive Dean's List honors in the College of Arts & Sciences at Indiana University Bloomington for the fall 2018 semester. Mykala is the daughter of Keith and Martha Cockerham, Dwight.



Chili Supper in Odell March 10

United Church of Odell will host its annual Chili Supper Sunday, March 10, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Odell Fire Station. The dinner will feature homemade chili, relishes, crackers, homemade pies, coffee, and punch. Donations apply for adults and children ten and under. Hot dogs will also be available.

GGs Kindergarten Pre-Registration March 12

Gardner Grade School will be holding its Kindergarten Pre-Registration Tuesday, March 12, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. You will need to take in three proofs of residency and your child's birth certificate to register. They must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2019. If you are unable to make it to registration, call the GGS office to make an appointment at 815-237-2313. A fee applies. If you register on this day, however, you will receive a 10% discount.

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SPORTS



THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON PANTHERS lit up the V for Victory sign February 22 – as the varsity boys basketball team triumphantly placed first in the Class 1A Regional tournament held in Dwight, following a 58-51 win over St. Anne. The team, Coach Allan Wills, and Assistant Coaches Trevor Sampson and Chris Halpin, succeeded in taking home the trophy for the first time since 1994 – ending a 25-year drought. The Panthers did, however, fall to Judah Christian 65-53 in the Colfax Ridgeview Sectional February 26 – finishing the season with a 23-10 record overall, and an 11-1 conference showing. Story on page 8.

Statebound

TWO DWIGHT TROJAN WRESTLERS QUALIFIED for the IWCOA Fresh/Soph State Finals to be held in Springfield March 9-10. Both wrestlers fought their way to a 2-2 record against some outstanding competition across Class A, 2A, and 3A competition at the Thornton Township Sectional March 3. Freshmen Samuel Edwards, left, and Emmett Emmons both finished fourth in their respective weight class.



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GSW Ousted in Sectional

Tuesday, February 26
GSW vs. Judah Christian
Varsity -
Sectional

In Colfax Ridgeview Sectional play February 26, the Gardner-South Wilmington Panthers allowed a scrappy Judah Christian team an opportunity to come back late – and they took it – defeating GSW 65-53.

The Panthers had an 18-10 lead going into the second quarter, but the Tribe came roaring back to outscore GSW 16-6 in the frame – entering halftime with a 26-24 advantage.

The Panthers would find themselves with a 41-40 lead after three quarters – but that’s when it got ugly. J.C. would put up 25 points to GSW’s 12 – putting the game, and the Panther’s 2018-19 campaign – out of commission.

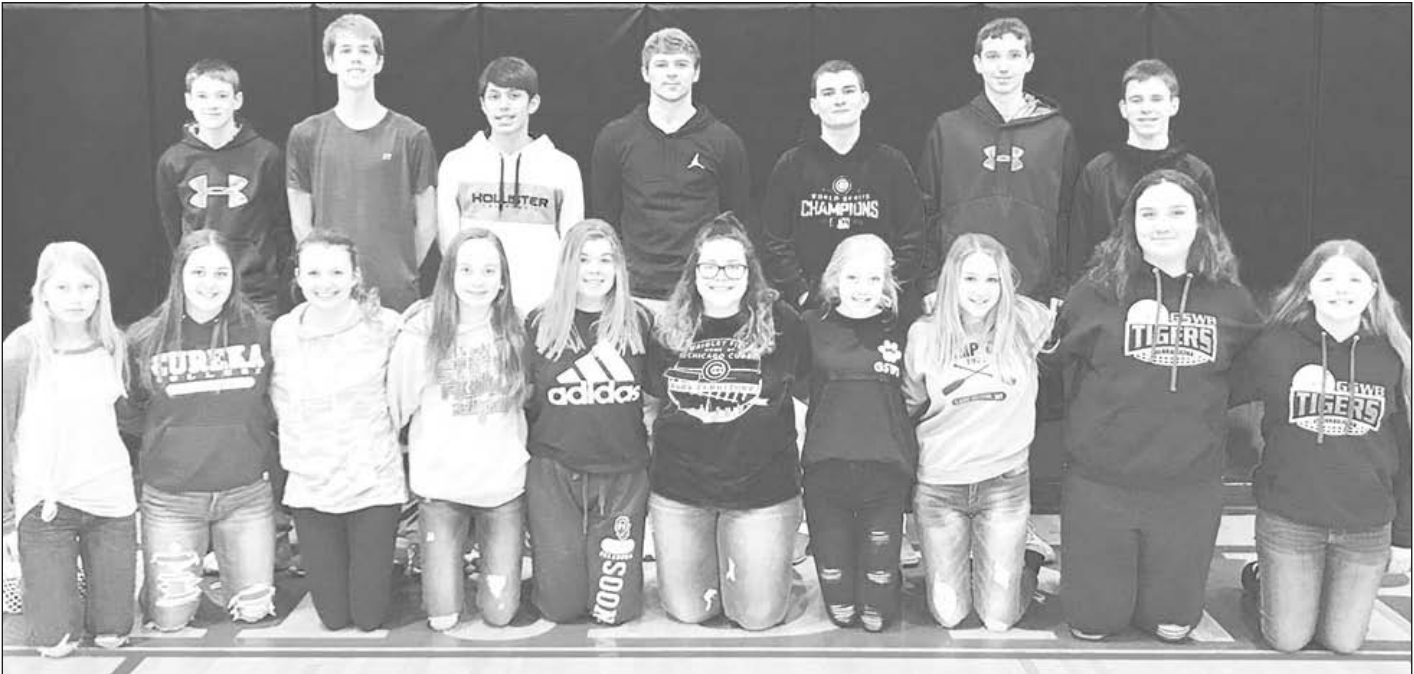
“Our great season sadly

came to an end,” stated Coach Wills. “I am very proud of this team for everything we accomplished this season. Unfortunately, we didn’t hit our shots tonight. And they did – especially in the fourth quarter.”

Normally a sharp-shooting squad behind the three-point line, the Panthers were just 3-26 from beyond the arc.

Nathan Wozniak (8 rebounds, 1 steal) and Nate Wise (4 rebounds, 3 steals) each had ten points to lead GSW. Chris Bement (5 rebounds, 1 block) and Jaylon Sims (4 rebounds) scored nine points each, while Chris Bexson put up eight points, six boards, and three assists. Michael Ashley added four points, two rebounds, and two steals, with Jake Chaparro scoring three points.

GSW ends the season with an overall record of 23-10 and an RVC record of 11-1.



GSWB VARSITY CLUB HAD Coal City high school student, and University of Illinois baseball recruit, Payton Hutchings, back row center, speak to them recently. Hutchings, a junior at Coal City HS, is also the son of Dan Hutchings – AD and head football coach at Coal City. While giving advice to GSWB eighth grade students, he first noted academics were most important. He noted it takes commitment to be a student-athlete, and the need to have good study habits. Aside from the classroom, Payton mentioned daily practices and games after school, along with getting to school at 6:15 a.m., to spend time in the weight room. On top of playing three sports, he is also a member of a few clubs available to students. Hutchings talked about his recruiting trail and some factors that influenced his decision. One thing he did mention was about social media and other important decisions you need to make once in high school. In closing, Payton left the students saying not to be scared and to take chances. He always makes sure of having fun and never giving up. “It is not easy being a coach’s kid, and a lot of pressure comes with it,” stated GGS AD Austin McDowell. “But Payton is coachable and a student of the game who has the accolades to back it up.” He earned all-area and all-conference honors in basketball/football. In baseball, he has earned all-area, all-conference, and all-state honors – all before his junior season. Entering his junior year for baseball this spring, he is a pre-season All-American. As an eighth grader, Hutchings pitched 54 innings without allowing a run, while leading his team to a state title. Last spring as a sophomore, Hutchings struck out all 21 batters he faced at Beecher – in dominating fashion.

DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, February 25
Dwight vs. St. Anne
7th Grade -
Regional

Dwight’s seventh grade volleyball team advanced to round two of regional action, following a 25-13, 25-11 victory over St. Anne.

Kassy Kodat led with 16 points, including seven aces and two kills. Megan Livingston had ten points, with four aces and two kills, while Sophia Crutchfield scored seven points, with four aces and a kill. Claire Robison added two points, one dig, with Avery Scheuer providing a point and two kills. Milana Bradley had one dig.

Wednesday, February 27
Dwight vs. Milford
7th Grade -
Regional

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds had their season ended February 27, after dropping a regional decision to Milford.

Sophie Crutchfield led with five points, including three aces and a kill. Avery Scheuer followed with three points, with one ace and three digs. Kassy Kodat chipped in with two points and two kills, while Megan Livingston added two kills. Claire Robison and Milana Bradley had a dig each.

Dwight ends the season with a record of 5-13.

Victory Lanes, Dwight League Results

Wednesday Afternoon Bowlers	Willy’s Pub	4	4
HSG: Ron Gosteli, 132 – Kris Cornale, 182. HSS: Ron Gosteli, 381 – Linda Thomas, 473. HHG: Ron Gosteli, 207 – Peggy Greene, 243. HHS: Ron Gosteli, 606 – Peggy Greene, 652.	Rury’s Tap	3	5
League Standings	DeLong Ford	3	5
W L	Jeremy’s Barber	2	6
Pin Pals 18 10	Cherry RR	2	6
Foxy Ladies 14½ 13½	Star Trucking	1	7
B Double S 14½ 13½			
Alley Cats 14 14			
Splitters 11½ 16½			
Lucky Strikers 11½ 16½			

Sportsman League Bowlers	Commercial League Bowlers
HSG: Rodney LeRoy, 257. HHG: Rodney LeRoy, 285. HSS: Brandon Petry, 707. HHS: Brian Mack, 749. HSG: Victory Lanes, 1036. HHG: Willy’s Pub, 1059. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 2959.	HSG: Jeff Behning, Jr., 248 – Paula Watts, 189. HHG: Jacob Wardell, 290 – Stephanie Coleman, 237. HSS: Jeff Behning, Jr., 670 – Paula Watts, 498. HHS: Scot Banks, 711 – Paula Watts, 636. HSG/HHG: Mike’s, 984. HSS/HHS: Mike’s, 2832.
League Standings	League Standings
W L	W L
Victory Lanes 7 1	Mike’s 20 4
Jensen’s I 7 1	Willy’s Pub 16 8
Jensen BP II 6 2	Dwight Printing 16 8
KWM Gutterman 5 3	Pinkie’s Out 14½ 9½
	Victory Lanes 14 10
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CLASS Basketball
Dwight Teachers Take Over
Class Basketball Operations

by Jessica Legner (DGS Teacher)

Sarah Jones, Chelsey Stacy, and myself, Jessica Legner, all teachers from Dwight Common School, decided to take on Class Basketball this year. It wasn't an easy decision for us because we are all so busy balancing school responsibilities and life outside of school, but we knew that the Class Basketball Program is something we hated to see go. After a few weeks of talking each other in and out of it, we met with our principal, Julie Schultz, and then our superintendent, Dr. Jancek. Both helped put us a little more at ease about taking on the responsibility.

For me, this decision was a little more personal because I grew up in Dwight and played Class Basketball as a child. I've also helped coach Class Basketball for the last 15 years between my younger brothers, nephew, and now my own son. Dwight Class Basketball is a program that I looked forward to all year long. I have watched multiple family members and students eagerly await the time for Class Basketball to begin. So here we are!

We have only had one practice and game so far for the season. With us getting a late start, we will only be having four weeks of Wednesday night practices and four weeks of Saturday morning/afternoon games. We are hoping our short season goes well and to continue this program into years to come, improving and growing.

So far everything has gone great, with some minor hiccups due to our lack of experience in scheduling and planning in these areas! The two ladies and I are very happy to be working together more and helping our community out. We also have been super impressed with the amount of positivity and appreciation we have received for taking on the Class Basketball Program. It feels really good to know that we are keeping something going that's important to so many people in our community! We've also had a lot of help and support from parents volunteering as coaches, students as refs, and audience members just asking us what they can do to help between taking down and putting up chairs, tables, and basketball hoops. Our community really has some amazing people!

Notice of Public Hearing
Braceville Elementary School District 75

Braceville Elementary School District 75 will conduct a public hearing regarding the waiving of public holidays on March 13, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Braceville Elementary School library.

Final action on the waiving of public holidays will take place at the regularly scheduled Braceville Elementary School Board meeting which immediately follows the public hearing in the Braceville Elementary School library on March 13, 2019.

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Gretchen Hilt Honored With President's Volunteer Service Award



Gretchen Hilt

Gretchen Hilt, a student at Dwight Township High School, has been honored for her exemplary service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

Mr. Dan Kaiser, principal at DTHS, nominated Gretchen for national honors this fall in recognition of her remarkable commitment to volunteer service.

Kaiser stated, "Gretchen contributes her time to countless school and community service organizations. Her active involvement in such school organizations as Student Council, FCCLA, FFA, Friends of Rachel, and Adopt A Highway are extraordinary. Gretchen has put in several hours over the past three years at OSF St. James Hospital through their Student Volunteer

Program. While there, she was involved with patient transport and various duties within the Medical/Surgical Unit. For her efforts, she was recently recognized by HOBY ILCS for delivering 100+ service hours to her community. This challenge was delivered to each student at last year's HOBY leadership seminar. Gretchen surpassed the goal by delivering a total of 172 hours in less than 12 months."

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award application details were distributed nationwide last September through middle level and high schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and Affiliates of Points of Light's Hands on Network. These schools and officially-designated local organizations nominated Local Honorees, whose applications were advanced for state-level judging. In addition to granting President's Volunteer Service Awards, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards selected State Honorees, Distinguished Finalists, and Certificate of Excellence recipients. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria including initiative, effort, impact, and personal growth.



THE DWIGHT LADY TROJAN BASKETBALL TEAM held their annual Awards Night February 26. The team finished the season with a 12-13 overall record and an SVC showing of 2-3. They were consolation champions in the SVC and Iroquois West Tournaments, and placed third in the Earlville Christmas Tourney. Mel Stewart was named MVP, with Kayla Kodat earning MIP honors. The seniors on the squad this season were Stewart, Danielle Carlson, Chloe Butterbrodt, Rishell Galbraith, and Cassie Holmes. "The girls did an outstanding job the whole season," commented Coach Jeff Froelich.



Melissa Stewart and Kayla Kodat were named SVC All-Conference First Team. Chloe Butterbrodt was named Honorable Mention All-Conference. Melissa and Chloe will compete in the SVC vs. HOI All-Star game presented by WGCY at Gibson City on Saturday, March 16. Pictured: Left to right, Chloe Butterbrodt, Melissa Stewart, and Kayla Kodat



Early Voting for April 2 Consolidated Election

Dan Hendrickson, Kankakee County Clerk, has announced that early voters may cast a ballot for the Consolidated Election prior to April 2. For the April Consolidated Election, early voting ends April 1.

Grace period registration and voting is also available. Grace period registration and voting is for persons who failed to register or update their address prior to the March 5 close of registration. Persons wishing to register to vote must be 18 years old by Election Day, present two forms of identification – one of which must have their current address. Individu-

als who register or update their address through grace period registration must vote at that time.

Early and grace period voting will be conducted at the office of the County Clerk at 189 E. Court St., Kankakee. Office dates and hours are: Monday-Friday, through April 1, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional early and grace voting hours at this location are: Saturdays, March 23 and 30, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information about early and grace period voting, contact the County Clerk's office at 937-2990 or visit www.kankakeecountyclerk.com.

Dwight Senior Citizen Center Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate Bridge was played February 28 at Prairie Creek Public Library.

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2. Judy Cashmer/Janet Kresl
3. Darlene Drechsel/Mary Ann McNamara

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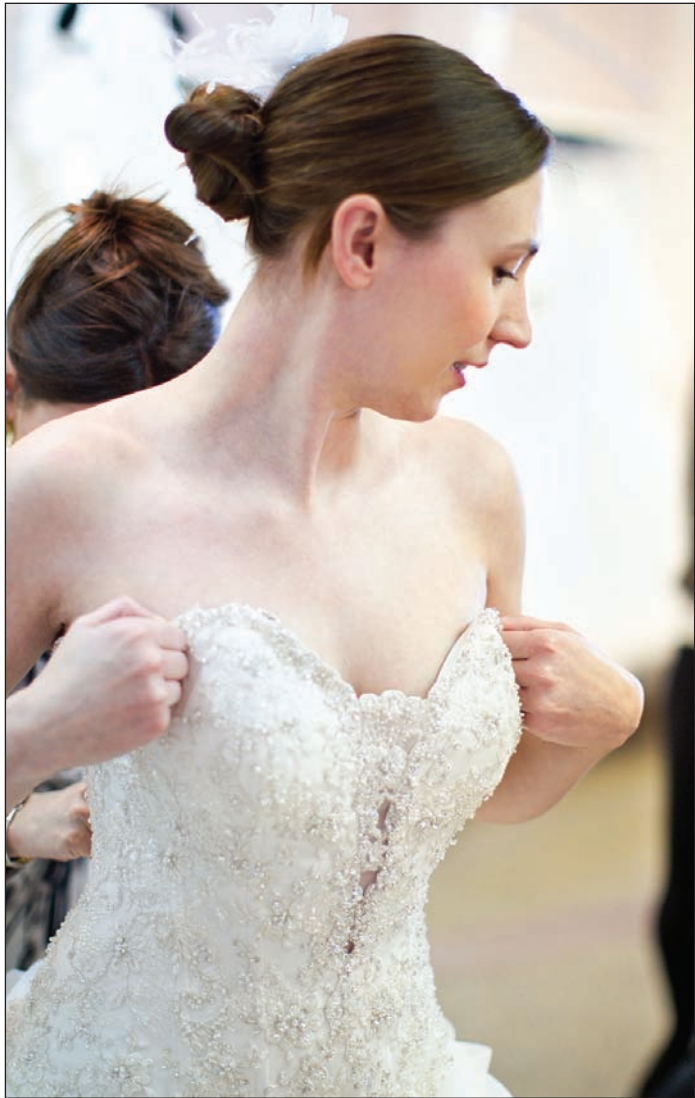
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Wedding Dress Fitting Guide



Because ready-to-wear clothing is so readily available, the average person may be unfamiliar with custom-made or tailored items. In fact, a couples' wedding may be the only instance in their lives when they require the services of a seamstress or tailor. Fittings are a part of wedding planning, and here's how brides-to-be can navigate the process of finding and being fitted for a dress.

- **TRY ON SAMPLE GOWNS.** The first step is to make your rounds to various gown shops and try on the samples they have available. Most sample sizes will not be the size you wear every day, so expect them to be ill-fitting. Do not be discouraged. Once a gown is chosen, the dress shop will take your measurements and order the gown according to the manufacturer's sizing guide. Again, this can be shocking, since the size will likely be larger than what you wear in street clothes. Some shops will also order a little larger to allow for adequate tailoring.
- **SCHEDULE THE FIRST FITTING.** The first fitting should be anywhere from eight to 12 weeks before the wedding date, according to experts at WeddingWire, an online wedding information provider. This is the time it takes to complete most standard alterations. Complex customizations can take even longer. Brides should also budget a minimum of \$500 for alterations, which may or may not be included in the price of the dress.
- **BRING SHOES AND UNDERGARMENTS.** Remember to bring along the exact shoes and undergarments you will wear with your gown. A change in shoes or bra/corset can result in the alterations fitting poorly the next time. Bring these items along to all subsequent fittings.
- **SPEAK UP.** Martha Stewart Weddings suggests speaking up at fittings if anything is uncomfortable or needs tweaking. Seamstresses are masters at their crafts, but only if they understand the desires of the bride.
- **CHECK THE DETAILS.** The second fitting is designed to check that all issues from the first fitting have been addressed, the gown is comfortable and you can move freely. At the last fitting, ask the maid of honor to come along so that she understands how to bustle or help you handle complicated straps or closures. Open communication with a seamstress and bridal shop can ensure brides-to-be get a dress that fits like a glove.

How to Handle Rain on Your Wedding Day

Brides and grooms fear the prospects of rainy wedding days. But even couples who have contended with everything from a few drops to an all-out deluge on their wedding days look back fondly on the ceremonies and receptions. Don't let rain on a wedding day become a drag. With preparation and perspective, couples can handle rainy wedding days.

- **HAVE A RAINY DAY GAME PLAN.** Rain affects outdoor weddings more than any other type of ceremony or reception. If the goal is to exchange vows outdoors, work with the venue to make this possible with a tent or gazebo. However, if the weather is especially foul and windy, move it indoors.
- **INVEST IN GOLF UMBRELLAS.** Couples who live in notoriously damp climates can purchase golf umbrellas, which tend to be larger than the average umbrella, and keep them stationed in decorated stands to ease transitions between wedding sites and keep everyone as dry as possible.
- **WEAR WATER-PROOF COSMETICS.** Women in the bridal party, including the bride, can ask their makeup artists to use durable, waterproof products. This can help salvage beautifully composed looks should some drops begin to fall.
- **KNOW VENDORS' RAIN POLICIES.** Some live musicians will not play in damp weather. Florists may need to make accommodations for arrangements blowing in the wind. Couples need to understand what they're responsible for and what may be covered if a weather event occurs. Wedding insurance may help cover the costs of nonrefundable cancellations.
- **MOVE PAST IT QUICKLY.** It is okay to get upset if the weather turns for the worse. But don't dwell on it. Guests will sense negative energy, and couples should set the tone of sticking it through despite a little adversity — which can be a good lesson for the marriage as well.
- **EMBRACE THE RAIN.** While a couple probably won't wish for rain, there are some benefits to overcast skies, say the wedding professionals at Brides magazine. Flowers are less likely to wilt in rainy conditions. In the absence of bright sunlight, outdoor photographs can really pop. Rain is romantic and may compel couples and their guests to cuddle close.

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• **OPAL:** Opals represents love, passion, creativity, spontaneity, and inspiration. Those traits seem tailor-made for surprise proposals.

• **SAPPHIRE:** While sapphire stones often are blue, they can also be yellow, green, pink, and white. Sapphires are the third hardest mineral. A white sapphire can be the perfect diamond replacement.

• **GARNET OR RUBY:** Red is the definitive color of love. A Valentine's Day proposal can be made even more special by presenting a ring with a red gemstone.

• **MOISSANITE:** It is remarkably similar to a diamond in appearance and strength. Moissanite also has heightened brilliance, with a refractive index higher than that of a diamond.

So You Want Fido in Your Wedding?

In its 2016 American Wedding Study, Brides magazine found that 8 percent of wedding ceremonies included pets. While the couples of yesteryear might have left Fido at home, many of today's couples want their four-legged friends to be there on their big day.

Though no studies to date have examined which animals are most likely to make an appearance at couples' nuptials, it's fair to assume that dogs, which tend to get out of the house more than most other types of pets, are the most common furry bridesmaids, groomsmen or ring bearers.

Before including dogs in their wedding plans, couples may want to consider a few factors to ensure asking Fido to be there come the big day is what's best for couples, their guests and, of course, their beloved pooches.

ELIGIBILITY

Some venues do not allow pets that are not documented assistance animals on the premises. Confirm a venue's pet policy before purchasing any wedding day attire for your dog. Couples who are intent on including their pets in their wedding ceremonies should only consider pet-friendly facilities, which may be hard to find. Couples who plan to take a limousine to and from their wedding also should confirm that the cars allow pets before booking.

PERSONALITY

No two dogs are the same. Some dogs might love people and attention, while others might

prefer one-on-one time with their owners. Dogs that are sociable and unaggressive may make perfect additions to wedding ceremonies, while animals that exhibit anxiety around strangers or seem uncomfortable in noisy settings should be kept out of the ceremony.

HEALTH

Dog owners also must consider their pets' health when deciding whether or not to include them in the wedding ceremony. Couples who bonded over a love of their dog may really hope to include their furry friend in the festivities, but should not do so at the expense of the animal's health. Outdoor wedding ceremonies under sunny skies may produce potentially unhealthy conditions for certain breeds or older dogs. Dogs that have difficulty getting around may need a red wagon (and attendant) to make the rounds at the wedding.

ASSISTANCE

Couples will be busy on their wedding days, so they may need to arrange for a caretaker to look after their dog during and after the ceremony. Asking a guest or guests to play this role may be asking too much, as guests will no doubt want to celebrate without having to take care of a dog. A professional pet sitter might work, but that can be costly, as couples must pay for the sitter and will likely need to pay for the sitter to have a seat and a meal during the reception.



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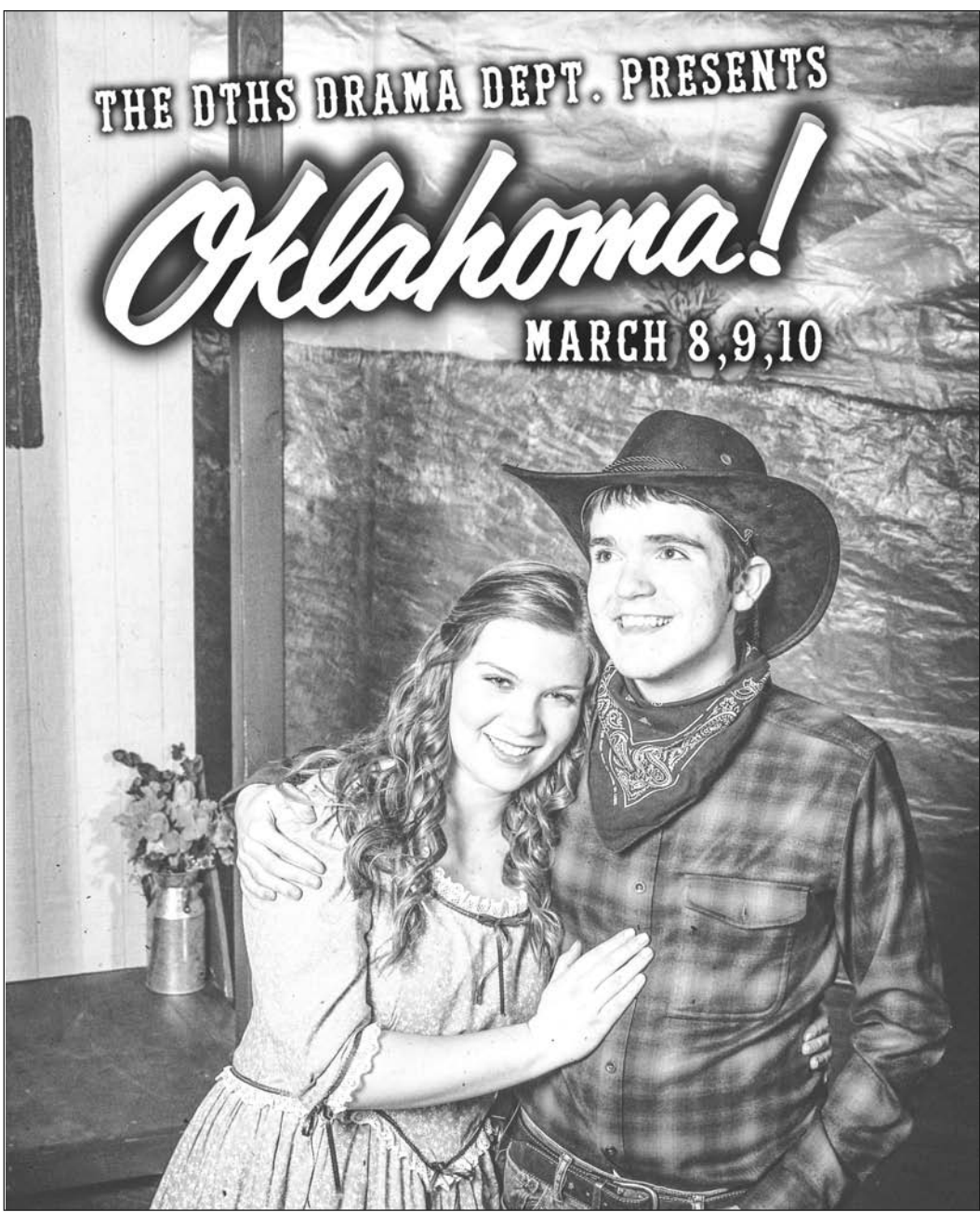
Upcoming Events at Limestone Library

Limestone Township Library District, 2701 W. Tower Rd. in Kankakee, will host the following upcoming events:

- **Senior Yoga with Julia McDonald – Monday, March 11, 11:00 a.m. to noon.** Wear something easy to move in and grab your tennis shoes, you are going to do yoga. Instructor Julia McDonald is going to teach meditation techniques and breathing awareness by using gentle movement to increase mobility of the spine, shoulders, and hips. Leave feeling refreshed and renewed.
- **Storytime – Tuesday, March 12, 10:15-11:00 a.m.** Enjoy the mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. Parents and guardians can take their six-months to five-year old children.
- **Monarch Book Club – Wednesday, March 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Kids in first through third grades have their own book club, which will read the award-winning or -nominated book at their gathering time and have a crafting session.
- **How to Catch a Leprechaun – Thursday, March 14, 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can make their very own Leprechaun Trap to capture the quick-footed fellow and his pot of gold. All supplies are provided and there is no fee for this program.
- **Homework Café – Monday, March 18, 3:30-7:00 p.m.** Students in sixth through 12th grade can go to the library with their friends to study in the meeting room. Use the resources at the library for class projects. Library staff will be on hand to give assistance.
- **Storytime – Tuesday, March 19, 10:15-11:00 a.m.** Enjoy the mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. Parents and guardians can take their six-months to five-year old children.
- **Evening Storytime – Tuesday, March 19, 6:15-7:00 p.m.** Visit during an early evening program to enjoy the mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. Parents and guardians can take their six-months to five-year old children. PJ's encouraged.

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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 Sulai, Miranda Holte, Gabby Mascolo, Amber Gajda, and Max Bean. It's directed by Kathy Stewart, with music direction by Justin Gund. Performances will be Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 10, at 2 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.

With a heavy heart it was decided that Sacred Heart Campus, will not provide their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner in 2019.

Our church is now a chapel of ease and a regular scheduled Mass will not occur that weekend.

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HCE 'Super Saturday' at Pontiac Bible Church

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At 10 a.m., participants will choose from three presentations: "Edible Landscaping," with emphasis on container gardening, presented by Livingston County Master Gardener Connie Kostelc; "Wills and Trusts," presented by Bloomington Attorney Chad Ritchie; or "Modern Food Trends" by Jenna Smith, Food and Nutrition Specialist with the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

The program will conclude at 11 a.m. There is no cost to attend.

To pre-register, call 815-842-1776 or 309-663-8306.

Rep. Kinzinger Announces 2019 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) recently announced the official start of the 2019 Congressional Art Competition and will now be accepting submissions from all high school students that live in the 16th Congressional District.

Now in its 38th year, the U.S. House of Representatives offers talented young artists from across the country an opportunity to showcase their artistic abilities. The first place artwork will be displayed in a year-long exhibit spanning along the walls of the Cannon Tunnel, which leads to the U.S. Capitol Building. And the three runner-up pieces will be displayed in the Congressman's district offices.

In addition to having their art displayed, the first place winner will be awarded two tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend the official art show opening and a subsequent reception hosted by the Congressional Institute.

The submission deadline for the Art Competition is Friday, May 3, at 5:00 p.m. in the Ottawa District Office.

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The main presentation will be from the National Weather Service on how to spot severe weather, such as tornadoes.

This seminar is open to the public. Admission is free. Pre-registration is encouraged, which can be done by contacting Iroquois Co. EMA at 815-432-6997 or by e-mail at ema@co.iroquois.il.us.

Gas Prices For This Week

Gas prices have risen again. The highest price in the area outside of Chicago is South Wilmington, Gardner and Morris at \$2.49.

Dwight is the lowest with an average of \$2.29.

City/Village	March 6	February 27
Dwight	\$2.29	\$2.20
Seneca	\$2.38	\$2.33
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Streator	\$2.37	\$2.23
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Kankakee	\$2.46	\$2.33
Chicago	\$2.83	\$2.63
Illinois	\$2.45	\$2.45
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Who are we?’

I applaud Lindsey Jensen for her letter to the editor last week. She raised what I believe to be the fundamental issue regarding this proposed for-profit, private detention center: Who are we? The people of the U.S. have a history of welcoming those seeking safety from instability, violence, and persecution in their home countries. Do we really want to be complicit in penalizing those seeking our protection?

Who will be the detainees housed in this facility? We are told there will be only men and no children. Will there nevertheless be fathers whose children have been separated from them at the border? Will there be fathers who have been in the U.S. for some time and are the primary breadwinners for their families? What will be the min-

imum age of the detainees?

We are told the detainees will have access to medical care, mental health care, education, recreation, and legal assistance. Who will provide these services? It is unlikely that the primary language of the detainees will be English. How will the service providers communicate with the detainees? Will interpreters be provided? What benefits will be available for the service providers?

In the end, it will be our taxpayer dollars that pay for all of this. I would much prefer that my tax contributions go toward direct support for immigrants and their families than to a private, for-profit corporation and its investors.

Judith C. Meckley
Dwight

Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccinations

From the Illinois Department of Public Health, January 1 to February 19, 2019, 159 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 10 states with many states experiencing outbreaks. In Illinois, five recent cases of measles have been diagnosed. The Grundy County Health Department reminds all residents to make sure they’re up to date on their Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus, transmitted by direct contact with infectious droplets or by airborne spread when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. Measles virus can remain infectious on surfaces and in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area. Typically, measles starts with a fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat, and is followed by a rash that spreads all over the body, most often starting on the head. The symptoms of measles generally appear seven to 14 days after a person is exposed but can appear up to 21 days after exposure.

The measles vaccine is very effective. One dose of measles vaccine is about 93% effective at preventing measles if exposed to the virus. Two doses are about 97% effective. It is

important for all individuals, especially those that work in the healthcare field, to have appropriate records on hand to verify immune status of any vaccine-preventable diseases (vaccination records, laboratory proof of prior disease or immunity). An individual can attempt to locate their vaccination records through their healthcare providers or through any educational facility they have attended (e.g. high school, college/university).

Immunity to measles is defined as:

- 1) Being born before 1957
- 2) Having two documented doses of measles containing vaccines given in K-12 or college students or adults in settings that pose a high risk for measles transmission (e.g. health care workers)
- 3) Having one documented dose of measles-containing vaccine for preschool-aged children and adults not in high-risk settings for measles (e.g. professors)
- 4) Past laboratory-confirmed measles diagnoses
- 5) Laboratory evidence of measles immunity

If you are in need of an MMR vaccine, call the Grundy Co. Health Dept. at 815-941-3404 to schedule an appointment or speak with a nurse.

Paul A. Hosier

DWIGHT – Anne Murray’s “Could I Have This Dance?” held a special place in the heart of Paul A. Hosier, 77, of Dwight and formerly of Flanagan. After 39 years of marriage to his wife, Joyce Beaver Hosier, Paul ended his earthly waltz at 4:59 a.m., February 26, 2019 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice in Joliet, surrounded by his family and his favorite Cubs blanket.

Paul was born December 14, 1941 in Streator, a son of Rolland and Selma Thorson Hosier. He married Joyce May 24, 1980 in Kankakee. She survives in Dwight.

Paul relished his time with his children who survive him: Peggy (Mike) Forney, Graymont; Shelley (Jonathan “Rocky”) Hagloch, Naperville; Monica (Bryan) Urish, Green Valley; Rhonda (Rick) Clayton, Perrysburg, Ohio; Kathryn (James Keller) Sutton, Braidwood; James (Dawn) Sutton, Dwight; Brent (Laura) Sutton, Oswego; and Mary Alice (Jeff) Kane, Flanagan.

A sister, Sandra Schafer; sister-in-law, Sally Hosier; first wife and mother of his five children, Mary (Jenkins) Miles, also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Don Hosier, Bobby Hosier, Joanne Sims, and Lloyd Hosier; brothers-in-law: George Schafer, Frank Sims, Roger Beaver, and William Beaver; sister-in-law, Marra Hosier; daughter, Melody Hosier; and grandson, Michael Sutton.

He was known as “Grandpa Trouble” to his 25 grandchildren: Jenise, Sean, Cody, Jacob, Meganne, Daniel, Samantha, Chelsea, Ryan, Nicholas, Joseph, Keegan, Blake, Jessica, Paige, Matthew, Haven, Madison, Douglas, Emily, Benjamin, Elise, Ethan,



Elena, and Daniel; and 11 great-grandchildren: Zachary, Jordan, Benjamin, Samuel, Bella, Colton, Eli, Levi, Luke, Isabella and Haven; and “Uncle Trouble” to his nieces and nephews.

Since graduating from DTHS in 1959, he has held an array of jobs, including being a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Dwight, a bookkeeper for the bank, painter, carpenter and lawncare. He retired from the Illinois DOC with more than 30 years of service, adding a couple more years with IDOT. He was a member of the Flanagan and Dwight Lions Clubs and the Moose Lodge.

His 77 years were blessed and fulfilling. He loved music and traveling the United States, wintering in Arizona for the past 21 years. He was a lieutenant during the Pontiac prison riot of 1978, organized DTHS’s first skip day, and was very proud to see the Cubs win the World Series.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 2, in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight, at 11:00 a.m.

Burial: Round Grove Cemetery, rural Campus.

Visitation was held Friday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. An additional visitation was at the church Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorials in his honor may be left to Shriner’s Hospital, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, Lions Club, Joliet Area Community Hospice, or Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where he was baptized, confirmed and a member.

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

OBITUARIES

Jean E. Leranger



COAL CITY – Jean E. Leranger, 70, of Coal City passed away Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home. Per Jean’s wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will receive friends for a memorial visitation and celebration of life at Baskerville Funeral Home, Wilmington, Thursday, March 7, from 3 until the time of the 6 p.m. service. Pastors Jeff Whittum and Rodney Chapell will officiate at the service.

A private family inurnment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

Jean was born February 28, 1949 in Morris, daughter of Lois Finch Hall and Ellwin Duane “Fats” Hall. She was raised in Braceville and graduated from Braceville - Gardner High School in 1967.

She managed the Paramount Skating Arena in Ottawa for 30 years, and was a dedicated member of Phelan Acres Bible Church, where she loved to serve. She had many hobbies, including reading,

bird watching, and china painting. She also enjoyed traveling and dearly loved music, but her biggest joy in life was spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her two children: Dana (Melissa) Leranger and Stacy (Greg) Nelson, both of Coal City; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; her mother, Lois Hall of Custer Park; a brother, Rick (Pam) Hall of Custer Park; two sisters: Deb (Frank) Halpin of Gardner and Donna Buza of Braidwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jean was preceded in death by her father and one sister, Bonnie Weatherhead.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Jean’s memory to Phelan Acres Bible Church, 26009 Willow Lane, Wilmington, IL 60481.

You may sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, or share Jean’s memorial page at: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com/notices/Jean-Leranger

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Consolidated Election - April 2, 2019

Early Voting, Vote by Mail, and Grace Registration will be conducted on the following dates prior to the April 2, Consolidated General Election.
Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.
*See the Livingston County Website for additional registration and voting deadlines information.

Dates	Location	Hours
MONDAY-FRIDAY February 21 - April 1	Livingston County Clerk’s Office 112 W Madison St – Pontiac	8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
SATURDAY March 2, 23, & 30	Livingston County Clerk’s Office 112 W Madison St – Pontiac	9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
WEDNESDAY March 20 (Extended Hours Voting)	Livingston County Clerk’s Office 112 W Madison St – Pontiac	8AM-6PM
TUESDAY April 2 (Grace Registration Only)	Livingston County Clerk’s Office 112 W Madison St – Pontiac	6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

What is Early Voting? Early Voting starts February 21 and ends April 1, 2019. This 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.

Vote by Mail Voting: Starts Thursday, February 21 and continues through Thursday, March 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.

Grace Registration and Voting begins March 6 and continues through April 2. This is for 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 “County Services”, “County Clerk”, and “Elections”).

If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact
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or Election Deputy Gail Smythe (815-842-9318)

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The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff; Love in Bloom by Sheila Roberts; A Man's Heart by Debbie Macomber; Need to Know by Fern Michaels; The Next Best Thing by Kristan Higgins; On a Clear Day by Debbie Macomber; One Tough Cowboy by Lora Leigh; Out of the Dark by Gregg Hurwitz; The Road to Love by Debbie Macomber; Secrets at Cedar Cabin by Colleen Coble; The Silhouette Girl by V.C. Andrews; Southern Comforts by JoAnn Ross; Starting Over on Blackberry Lane by Sheila Roberts; The Tea Shop on Lavender Lane by Sheila Roberts; Texas Rich by Fern Michaels; Trading Places by Fern Michaels; Vengeance Road by Christine Feehan; What Doesn't Kill Her by Christina Dodd; What She Wants by Sheila Roberts; What the Duke Desires by Sabrina Jeffires; Woodrose Mountain by RaeAnne Thayne.

DVD

The Americans, Seasons 1-6; Bad Times at the El Royale; Black '47; Bohemian Rhapsody; The Bookshop; The Bounty; Boy Erased; Castle Rock; Celebrating Mickey; Christopher Robin; Cleopatra; First Man; The Girl in the Spider's Web; Goosebumps 2; The Grinch; Halloween; The Hate You Give; Hidden: Series 1; Night School; Overlord; P.J. Masks: Butterfly Brigade; A Private War; Sinking Cities; Speed Kills; A Star Is Born; Trouble; Venom; What They Had; William the Conqueror; WW II: Behind the Front Lines.

Large Print

One Tase Too Many by Debra H. Goldstein; Wine & Punishment by Sarah Fox.

Adult Nonfiction

Be Fearless by Jean Case; The Feather Thief

by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

Easy/Juvenile

Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings; Ducks Away! by Mem Fox; The Flooded Earth by Mardi McConnochie; How to Charm a Llama by Make Believe Ideas; I Survived the Battle of D-Day, 1944 by Lauren Tarshis; Imagine! by Raul Colon; Sea Bear by Lindsay Moore; Sun!: One in a Billion by Stacy McAnulty; A Tear in the Ocean by H.M. Bouwman.



At the Churches

<p><u>DWIGHT</u> Dwight United Methodist Church 701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Michael Ebersohl</p> <p>• MAR. 6 – Ash Wednesday: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6 p.m., Handbell Choir; 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal; Real & Ignite.</p> <p>• MAR. 7: 5 p.m., Scouts #4877; 5:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.</p> <p>• MAR. 9: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Old Route 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting.</p> <p>• MAR. 10 – <i>Daylight Saving Time</i>: 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m.,</p>	<p>Late Worship.</p> <p>• MAR. 11: 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors Bible Study.</p> <p>• MAR. 12: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.</p> <p>• MAR. 13: 8:30 a.m., UMW meeting; 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6 p.m., Handbell Choir; 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal; Real & Ignite.</p> <p>Emmanuel Lutheran Church 325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church 584-1291 fax Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor</p> <p>• MAR. 6 – Ash Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Midweek Classes; 5 p.m., Lenten meal; 6 p.m., Lenten Service.</p> <p>• MAR. 9: 9 a.m., LWML Spring Board meeting at St. Paul Luth., 348 E. Merchant St., Kankakee.</p>	<p>• MAR. 10: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.</p> <p>• MAR. 13: Midweek Classes, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; 5 p.m., Lenten meal; 6 p.m., Lenten Service.</p> <p>First Baptist Church 401 N. Clinton St. 815-584-3182 <i>Home of Dwight's Christian Radio Station</i> <i>WGVD 97.3 FM</i> Pastor Dan Woodward</p> <p>• MAR. 6: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.</p> <p>• MAR. 10: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.</p> <p>• MAR. 13: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's</p>	<p>Program, 7 p.m.</p> <p>First Congregational United Church of Christ 200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 church Rev. Grant Speece</p> <p>• MAR. 6: Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Sermon title: "The Season to Ask Forgiveness" Isaiah 58: 1-12 2 Corinthians 5: 20 - 6:10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21</p> <p>• MAR. 10: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: "No Distinction" Holy Scripture Readings Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13</p> <p>• MAR. 12: Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p> <p>• MAR. 13: Women's Guild meeting, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>• MAR. 20: Trustees meeting, 7 p.m. "March Mission of the Month" Dress an Angel "Feed the Kids" Program. <i>Donations welcome.</i></p> <p>New Life Assembly of God 903 S. Old Route 66 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor 815-584-3430</p> <p>• MAR. 6: 7 p.m., Bible Study Group.</p> <p>• MAR. 7: 7 p.m., Worship practice.</p> <p>• MAR. 10: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Church and nursery; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.</p> <p>• MAR. 11: 7 p.m., Prayer Night.</p> <p>• MAR. 13: 7 p.m., Bible Study.</p> <p>• MAR. 14: 7 p.m., Worship practice.</p>	<p><u>EMINGTON</u> Emington Congregational United Church of Christ 103 Division Street Rev. Grant Speece</p> <p>• MAR. 10: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "No Distinction" Holy Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13</p> <p>Department meetings after Church Service.</p> <p>• MAR. 12: Bible Study, 10 a.m. at First Congregational UCC, Dwight.</p> <p>• MAR. 17: Church Council meeting, 8 a.m.</p> <p><i>March Food Pantry Collection:</i> Boxed potatoes <i>March "Mission of the Month"</i> – One Great Hour of Sharing/ OGHs</p>	<p><u>MAZON</u> Mazon United Methodist Church 509 7th St. 815-448-5677 Church 815-483-9343 Cell mazonmethodist.com Pastor Karen Fabian</p> <p>• Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.</p> <p><u>KEMPTON</u> Kempton United Methodist Church 305 W. Main Street Pastor Evan Sherar 815-647-9072</p> <p>• Sundays: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.</p> <p>Kempton Church of the Nazarene 105 E. Main St. 815-253-6250 Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor</p> <p>• Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Methodist Church 35900 E 3200 N Road Pastor Kevin Boesen 815-426-6169</p> <p>• 9:30 a.m., Sunday Service</p> <p>Zoar Community Church 18172 W. Route 17 P.O. Box 87 Reddick, IL 60961 Phone: 815-365-4291</p> <p>• SUNDAY: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Morning Worship.</p> <p>St. Mary's Catholic Church Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor</p> <p>• Saturdays: 5:30 p.m., Mass.</p>
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Wednesday: 6:15 p.m., Mass.

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

• MAR. 10: 10:30 a.m., Mass.

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

ODELL
St. Paul Catholic Church
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• MAR. 6: Ash Wednesday – 10:30 a.m., Mass

• MAR. 10: 8:00 a.m., Mass.

• MAR. 13: Reconciliation following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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