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School, where the Dwight Village Board approved annexation and zoning agreements with criminal illegal immigrants.

A line of people protest along Franklin Street Monday as they head for Dwight Township High Immigration Centers of America, paving the way for a 1,200-bed detention center for non-

# Dwight Votes Yes to Detention Center

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie

In what was the most controversial decision officials have made in years, the Dwight Village Board approved annexation and zoning agreements with Immigration Centers of America, the first steps toward building a detention center for 1,200 illegal immigrants that would be the largest of its kind in the Midwest.

Some 200 people packed the bleachers at Dwight Township High School for Monday's meeting, and left angry, shouting "Shame on Dwight!" Village President Jared Anderson was immediately escorted from the building.

"By the Dwight village voting to approve the three proposals this will continue a partnership with ICA, which in the future could give Dwight an opportunity to be considered by [the] Department of Homeland Security," said Anderson.

Trusees Jennifer Johnson and Randy Irvin voted against the two annexation agreements and the zoning proposal. The remaining trustees, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Jim Mixen and Justin Eggenberger, as well as Anderson, all voted in favor.

Frank Cortina, the attorney representing ICA, said there are other for-profit detention centers that have given private-run facilities a negative image. But he believes the trustees approved the measures because they know they are doing business with a quality corporation by partnering with ICA.

"We were very happy the village did their due diligence and were able to have answers at hand for what the protesters were complaining about," Cortina said. "They went out to Farmville and all these horror stories they're talking about don't exist.'

What's next? Dwight's agreement with ICA ends on September 28, 2020. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement would need to issue a request for proposal (RFP), which wouldn't be until at least August 2019, according to Anderson. An RFP may never happen, but Nicole Alberico, public affairs officer in ICE's Chicago office, told The Paper on January 30 that "ICE has identified a need for an immigration detention facility within the greater-Chicago area."

The crowd was rowdy throughout the night, and a group of about a dozen protesters chanting "No more racist solutions!" were escorted out by

Gabriela Marquez-Benitez, membership director for Detention Watch Network, gave an impassioned speech, calling the proposed center "the largest immigrant cage in the Midwest." She and a group of protesters carried tombstones with the names of those who have died in ICE custody, and even claimed there has been a death at ICA's Farmville, Va., center. While Anderson has touted ICA's practices as humane and caring, she said Farmville is poorly and inefficiently run.

"There is no humanity in caging an individual," Marquez-Benitez said.

When her five minutes was up and she was cut off, the crowd began demanding, "Let her speak! Let her speak!"

The vote comes a week after Anderson and Dwight Village Administrator Kevin McNamara toured ICA's Farmville, Va., detention center, the company's only facility.

The Paper requested an interview with Anderson on March 4, the Monday after they returned, but was unsuccessful in talking to him that day. The next day, Anderson posted a lengthy Q&A about the visit on his personal Facebook page and made it public. It has since been made private. One woman who spoke at Monday's board meeting questioned why the information wasn't posted publicly. She called out Anderson's takeaway from Farmville and the positive review he posted.

In the post, Anderson wrote that detainees at Farmville are provided medical and dental attention on-site, with 38 medical staff members, including doctors, psychologists, dentists, nurses and hygienists, and X-ray tech.

Detainees are allowed four hours of recreation time daily with two soccer fields and two volleyball courts. They also have free access to weight lifting machines and stationary bikes. Dwight's center would have a larger recreation area since it would house twice as many detainees than Farmville does.

Farmville has a chapel and designated weekend services, but are free to worship during the week. They have volunteers from local churches who read scriptures and meet with detainees. They have access to musical equipment in the chapel, with ICA having spent more than \$25,000 on a drum set, keyboard and 12 guitars.

Anderson wrote that Farmville is structured in a dorm setting and the Dwight facility would house 64 detainees to a dorm. Each has a bunk and access to a common area with televisions and games. Farmville is in the process of implementing a program to allow detainees to have iPads preloaded with games, immigration law books, and direct access to the American Civil Liberties Union, Council on American-Islamic Relations and ICE to file complaints if neces-

Anderson noted the ACLU in Virginia has not had a complaint filed against ICA.

"The outcome of my visit to Farmville and meeting with the city, is that a narrative is published by outside groups that are invalid to this company," Anderson wrote. "The ICA is a well managed group with very few or no complaints, they annually meet or exceed all standards.

"I found it quite obvious they are treated very ell during the average 50 days they are de tained. Currently they are detained in a 5x8 jail cell throughout the state, or if this facility is built in Dwight, they will be treated with more compassion than they are in Kankakee, McHenry and Cook County."

- With contributions by Madelyn Fogarty

# **Gardner-South** Wilmington High **School Six-Time RVC Champions**

THE MATH TEAM FROM GARDNER-SOUTH WILM-INGTON High School competed at the RVC Math Competition at Illinois Lutheran High School March 6. The team was named RVC champions for the sixth consecutive year. Coaches Nicole Leigh and Allan Wills are very proud of the team's placements and scores at the competition and say they are looking forward to their final competition of the school year at the ICTM State Competition in Champaign. Pictured, bottom row, from left, Jaylon Sims, Kimberly Mc-Daniel, Nik States, Christian Williams, Emily Monbarren, Ava Siano, and Maddie Schuck. Second row, from left, Ambi Krahl, Melissa Traver, Easton Ashley, Ashley Frideres, Bethani Nicoletti, and Blake Huston. Third row: Aiddan Daugherty, Shelby Serena, Cole Walsh, Braeden Hirsch, Kevin Ferrari, Taylor Bartels, and Abby Beck. Fourth row: Jordan Buck-Noble, Jack James, and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh. Back row: Josh Leveille, Ashton Mejorada, Paige Patterson, Nolan Perkins, Chris Bexson, Dusty Manietta, and Ashley Holloway.





# FOR THE RECORD

## **Ticket Issued** by Dwight Police

March 3: Abel R. Martinez, 17, LaSalle, unlicensed.

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

## 3 Written Warnings

Expired sticker – 1; failure to yield at intersection -1; speeding -1.

# **Dwight Police Blotter**

March 1: 9:40 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of Wilmac. A 29year old male advised the officer the back window of his vehicle was broken out. The damage had occcurred sometime during the night.

March 2: 12:15 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 700 block of S. Old Rt. 66 for a theft. The officer was advised a portable A/C recovery unit had been stolen.

March 3: 7:44 p.m., Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 47 at Rt. 66. The male juvenile driver had taken a family vehicle without permission and did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was taken to McLean Co. Juvenile Detention Center. A male passenger, Tyler Stone, 19, of LaSalle, was issued a civil citation for cannabis. The two female juveniles were released to the custody of parents.

March 5: 10:31 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to W. Northbrook Dr. for criminal damage to a vehicle. The 33-year old male of the semi advised the passenger window was broken while he was in the

March 6: 5:48 p.m., Jeffrey Marshall, 31, of Odell, was ar-

rested by Dwight Police for an in-state warrant for failure to appear.



## Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

February 28: 6:15 p.m., Prospect, fire, no pt.; 7:03 p.m., Franklin, trauma, refusal.

March 1: 6:46 a.m., Scott, medical, St. James; 7:43 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 11:47 a.m., Mazon, medical, Pontiac; 12:11 p.m., Watters Dr., medical, Morris; 1:37 p.m., W. Taylor, medical, Morris; 6:53 p.m., Northbrook, fire, no pt.; 9:47 p.m., Spencer, fire, no pt.

March 2: 4:38 a.m., I-55, trauma, refusal; 5:50 a.m., Mazon, medical, Riverside; 8:56 a.m., St. Louis, medical,

March 3: 8:48 a.m., Columbia, medical, Morris; 2:24 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris.

March 4: 2:39 p.m. Chippewa, med., no pt.; 3:57 p.m., East St. - Gardner, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner EMS; 6:33 p.m., W. Main St., medical, Morris.

March 5: 4:22 a.m., S. St. Louis, medical, Morris; 9:18 a.m., E. 3100 North, fire, no pt.; 3:09 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. Mary's; 7:44 p.m., Spencer, fire, no pt.

March 6: 1:52 a.m., James, medical, Morris; 2:47 p.m., Lloyd, medical, refusal; 4:40 p.m., John, trauma, refusal; 5:35 p.m., 3000 N. Rd., medical, no pt.

March 7: 6:54 a.m., South, trauma, Morris; 12:23 p.m., Washington, medical, refusal; 1:00 p.m., Main, medical, Morris; 3:01 p.m., Main, medical.

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Feb. 28 - high 28°, low 13° Mar. 1 – high 39°, low 22° Mar. 2 – high 31°, low 20° Mar.  $3 - \text{high } 22^{\circ}, \text{low } -2^{\circ}$ 

trace snow Mar. 4 - high 16°, low -2° Mar. 5 – high 23°, low 7° Mar. 6 – high 32°, low 8°

One Year Ago – March 13,2018 high 39°, low 17° trace rain

# **Dwight Fire Department** Responds to 14 Incidents

The Dwight Fire Department responded to 14 total incidents between February 22 and March 8, including the following:

EMS assists – 5; mutual aid responses -2 (1 structure fire in Morris and 1 gas leak in Mazon caused by a construction incident); carbon monoxide incidents -2; downed wire scare (cable line) -1; vehicle fire - 1; structure fire - 1; motor vehicle accident - 1; natural gas leak -1.

Basic information for the structure fire: report of smoke inside a detached garage in rural Dwight on March 5. DFPD arrived on the scene with no smoke or fire showing. Fire crews discovered a fire in the wall adjacent to a HVAC unit. An aggressive overhaul and fire suppression attack was completed, stopping the spread of fire and further damage. An investigation was completed by Fire Investigator Dizonno of the DFPD. Cause was determined to be faulty HVAC equipment. The building was released back to the owner.

# **Townwide Garage Sales** in Odell **April 19-20**

Odell Townwide Garage Sales will be Friday, April 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 20, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

To add your name to the list, e-mail your name, address, and fee (which is posted at the post office in Odell) to 203 S. Morgan, no later than April 13. Lists will be available to pick up on April 17 after 4:00 p.m.

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For starters, you may decide, to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others that may now be more appropriate for your needs. If you sell some investments you've held for a year or less and realize a capital gain on the sale, the gain generally will be considered short-term and be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. But if you've held the investments for more than a year before selling, your gain will likely be considered long-term and taxed at the lower, long-term capital gains rate, which can be 0%, 15% or 20%, or a combination of those rates

On the other hand, if you sell an investment and realize a capital loss, you may be able to apply the loss to offset gains realized by selling other, more profitable investments. The questions potentially raised by investment sales – "Should I sell?" "If so, when?" "If I take some losses, how much will they benefit me at tax time?". It's a good idea for your tax and financial advisors to communicate about any investment sales you make.

Your tax and financial advisors also may want to be in touch on other issues, such as your contributions to a retirement plan. For example, if you are self-employed or own a small business, and you contribute to a SEP-IRA – which is funded with pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income - your financial advisor can report to your tax advisor (with your permission) how much you've contributed at given points in a year, and your tax advisor can then let you know how much more you might need to add to move into a lower tax bracket, or at least avoid being bumped up to a higher one. Your financial advisor will be the one to recommend the investments you use to fund your

Your financial advisor can also help you choose the investment or insurance vehicles that can fund an estate-planning arrangement, such as an irrevocable living trust. Make sure it conforms to all applicable laws. You will want to work with an attorney experienced in planning estates. Again, communication between your various advisors is essential.

These are but a few of the instances in which your financial, tax and legal professionals should talk to each other. So, do what you can to open these lines of communication - because you'll be one who ultimately benefits from this team-

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# **Missing Person Found**

Kayla McCarthy, the 16year-old who was reported missing/endangered March 1 from Livingston County, has been located. The girl was reportedly located with an adult male at the Red Roof Inn in Bloomington on March 6. Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress said tips provided by the public helped locate the runaway without further incident. Criminal charges are expected to be filed against the adult male. The girl's family posted on Facebook that she has a history of meeting men over the age of 18 on social media. The Bloomington and **Normal Police Departments** along with Livingston County State's Attorney's Office assisted in the investigation.



# Temporary Road Closure as Johnny Run Creek **Bridge Project** Begins

As of March 11, the Grand Ridge Rd. over Johnny Run Creek bridge project has begun, as the system gets a necessary upgrade.

The project limits for this work will include the segment of Grand Ridge Rd a half mile east of Route 47 in Mazon, and continuing 3/4 of a mile east of Route 47 in Mazon.

Grand Ridge Rd. will be closed to thru traffic in this area, however a posted detour will be made available for local residents and businesses.

If you have any questions, call the Grundy County Highway Department at 815-942-0546.

# Pontiac Man Sentenced to 16 Years for Drug Charges

On February 28, a Livingston County judge sentenced Cornelius D. Young, 32, of Pontiac, to 16 years to the Illinois Department of Correc-

Young pled guilty to one count of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (methamphetamine) – a class X felony, one count of possession with intent to deliver (cannabis over 5,000 grams) – a class two felony, and one count of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (methamphetamine) – a class two felony.

The Dwight Narcotics Unit, along with the Livingston Co. Pro-Active Unit, conducted this investigation on Young in September of 2018. The investigation led the police to a

search warrant at Young's residence in Pontiac. During the search, over 5,000 grams of cannabis were located, approximately 68 tablets later testing positive for methamphetamine, a .357 Smith & Wesson hand gun, electronic scales, and other drug selling equipment were located.

During the investigation, Young's girlfriend, Stephanie Larson, 32, of Pontiac, was also arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. Larson is awaiting trial.

Agencies that assisted with the investigation were the Pontiac TRT Unit, Livingston Co. Sheriff's Department, Dwight Police Dept., and the Livingston Co. States Attorney's

# Vivitrol Treatment Educational Program **Begins at Grundy County Jail**

Grundy County Sheriff Ken screenings, the administration clinical and medical staff prior office has partnered with the Family Guidance Centers, Inc. to offer a Vivitrol Treatment Program for individuals who enter the Grundy County Jail and request assistance with a heroin/opioid substance abuse addiction. Resources will also be made available to individuals entering the Grundy Co. Jail who request assistance with other forms of substance abuse.

This treatment/educational component introduced in the jail will include: information on substance abuse disorder assessments and related medical counseling provided while on Vivitrol. Family Guidance Center doctors and nurses will be providing the education and treatment.

lease formulation of naltrexone designed to be administered by intramuscular injection every four weeks or once a month for individuals abusing opiates including heroin. Upon completion of the educational component, eligible individuals will be appropriately screened by Family Guidance Centers

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> Sheriff Briley has also announced a free Spring Heroin/Opioid Forum Vivitrol is an extended re- "Heroin in Our Community," scheduled at the Coal City Library March 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For more information on the upcoming forum, or to register, contact the Coal City Library at 815-634-4552. Registration is appreciated to accommodate

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# FOOD, FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

# **Debunking Some Myths About Irish Culture**

Ireland garners significant attention each March, when people across the globe don green garb and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The day pays homage to the patron saint of Ireland and has become a day of celebration for people from all walks of

While St. Patrick's Day celebrations are all about fun, festivities may foster some misconceptions about Ireland and Irish culture. Debunking some of those myths may give people an even greater appreciation of the Emerald Isle.

1. The Irish are not enamored with leprechauns. Come St. Patrick's Day, leprechauns are purported to be mischief

makers who can rev-up the fun. But within Ireland, the only places you're liable to find leprechauns is in tourist gift shops. In fact, while the origins of leprechauns may date back to ancient Ireland, many people now believe the image of the fighting, illtempered leprechaun is offensive to the

2. Ireland is not a part of the United Kingdom. Many people mistakenly believe that Ireland is part of the United Kingdom. However, this hasn't been true since the conclusion of the Irish War of Independence. in 1921. The six counties known as Northern Ireland are still part of the UK, but the remainder of the island makes up the Republic of Ireland.

3. Ireland is a world economic power. Ireland is one of the richest nations in the European Union. The World Atlas ranks Ireland as the third richest country by GDP. Tourism and the beverage industry help solidify this ranking.

4. Ireland residents' wardrobes are not exclusively green. Known as the Emerald Isle for its awe-inspiring green countryside, Ireland has long been associated with the color green. As a result, St. Patrick's Day celebrants often wear green clothing on March 17. But the people of Ireland have more diverse sartorial tastes and are just as likely to wear various colors as they are to wear green.



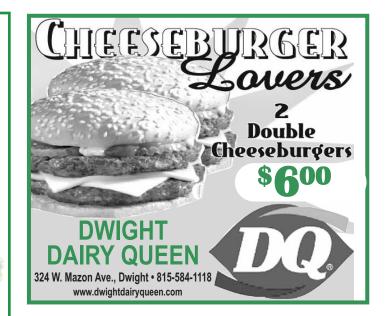
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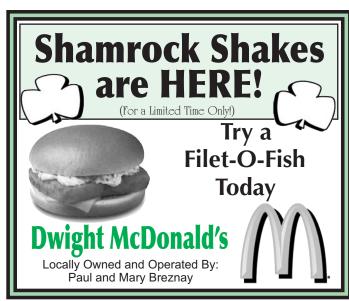
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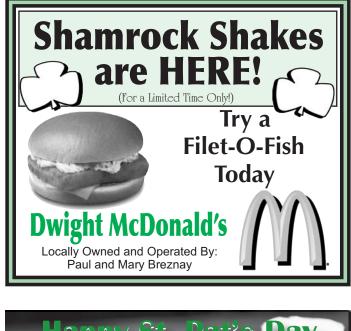
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# **Corned Beef and Cabbage** Dinner in Braidwood Mar. 17

Beef and Cabbage Dinner is set for Sunday, March 17, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. at Fr. White Hall, 110 S. School St. in Braidwood – following the "Shroud Encounter" multimedia experience.

The dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots, pota-

A St. Patrick's Day Corned toes, coffee, iced tea, green lemonade, and water. Carryouts will be available.

> Free will donations for dinner will benefit Immaculate Conception Braidwood.

To purchase tickets for Shroud Encounter, call Anita at 815-739-9767.

# 'Love Is In The Air' **Couples Contest Underway** at Harvest View

In honor of their ten-year vest View Lane, Herscher, IL anniversary celebration, and in keeping with their romantic spring theme, Harvest View is hosting a contest to showcase area couples who have been married ten years or more.

Couples are invited to send in their "love story," along with a photo – submitting their entry via e-mail to jglazar@ harvestviewliving.com, mail to Harvest View, 100 Har-

60941, or by personal delivery along with a photo, before Thursday, April 4.

Residents will choose the winning entry, with the winner receiving a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

For more information, call 815-426-2000 or send an email to the aforementioned ad-

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held before the President

and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dwight, Illinois with respect to

the Tentative Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing April 1, 2019 and ending

Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Hour of 6:15 P.M. at the Public Services Complex,

Copies of the Tentative Annual Budget are available for public inspection commencing

At the time and place of the Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget, all interested

parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a

Monday, February 18, 2019 at the Office of the Dwight Village Clerk, Public Services

Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420 during regular business

After the close of the Public Hearing, the President and Members of the Board of

above Fiscal Year, either as presented or as modified after the Public Hearing.

Kevin McNamara 209 S. Prairie Avenue

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Trustees of the Village of Dwight shall vote on the Annual Budget Ordinance for the

For further information, contact the Village Administrator as set forth above during

March 31, 2020 for the Village of Dwight. The Public Hearing shall be held on

209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

representative.

regular business hours:

# **Dwight Woman's Club Meeting March 19**

Dwight Woman's Club will feature a presentation by Pastor Victor "Randy" Randle entitled, "Celebrating Life's Little Moments, One Sketch at a Time." This talk is based on Pastor Randle's annual trips to the Czech Republic, where he has made friends over the years and become involved in the work of local churches and schools.

The public is invited to attend this event Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Prairie Creek Library, in the second floor Community Room. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow the pro-

DWC is a group of commu-

The March meeting of nity-minded women who meet monthly in the evening on the third Tuesday of the month, September through April. The meetings include a program, a business meeting, plus socializing and snacks. The group organizes community events like the Festival of Trees, raises funds for local scholarships and community projects, and provides service at area events.

> The club welcomes new members. Any woman who is interested in joining a civicminded group that offers speakers and programs is invited to join DWC.

For more information about DWC, e-mail 4dwightwomans club@gmail.com.



**DWIGHT LIONS REPRESENTATIVE GARY MARX pre**sents a check to Charles Johnson, left, for the First Congregational Church's Mission, "Feed the Children."

# Kankakee QuiltMakers **Meeting March 14**

The Kankakee QuiltMakers Calvary Bible Church, 2587 E. Guild meeting is set for Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. at

Armour Rd. in Bourbonnais.

Lisa Furleigh, from Quilting in the Valley – LaSalle, will be presenting, "What's New from the Quilt Market" – a fastpaced show and tell with the latest gadgets, along with some "how to" information using

A workshop will be held Friday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Bourbonnais Library, with Lisa teaching about a "Strip Piece Mariner's Compass."

Fees apply. New members are always welcome.

Contact Donna McGovern at 708-828-5110 for more de-

# **Herscher Students** Participate in KCC **Juried Art Exhibition**

have artwork on display at the 30th annual Kankakee Community College High School Juried Art Exhibition – including five Herscher High School students.

Students representing HHS are Gretchen Brinkman, Olivia Garcia, Bethany Johnson, Becca Reiniche, and Morgan Schnurr.

The show runs through Wednesday, March 20, in the lower level art gallery in the

More than 180 students Harold and Jean Miner Memorial Library at KCC. Gallery hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

> A reception, awards presentation, and juror's critique will be held on the final evening of the exhibit, March 20, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Awards in categories such as Painting, Color Drawing/Design, Photography/Electronic Imaging, and 3-D Design will be revealed at 7:15 p.m. KCC art faculty are the jurors.

The exhibit is sponsored by KCC's Visual Arts Department. For directions, visit kcc.edu/ directions/.

To place a social announcement, send information to: The Paper 204 E. Chippewa St., Dwight, IL 60420

Phone: 815-584-1901; Fax: 815-584-2196; Email: thepaper1901@sbcglobal.net

# **VACANCY - DTHS SCHOOL BOARD**

Dwight Township High School District #230 has a vacancy on Jancek. Dr. Richard (jancekr@dwightk12.org) by Tuesday, March 19.

the Board of Education. The person appointed will serve until the next board election in April, 2021. Interested candidates must be at least 18 years old, a registered voter and a resident of the DTHS District. An email stating your interest should be Superintendent

The Board of Education will be interviewing candidates at its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20.

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# **Odell Firemen** Fish Fry March 15

On Friday, March 15, the Odell Firemen will host their annual "all-you-can-eat" Fish Fry from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Odell Fire Station.

Kids under 12 receive a discount, while preschoolers are free. Carry-outs will be avail-

There will also be a 50/50

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## **EARLY VOTING, VOTE BY MAIL, and GRACE REGISTRATION DATES** 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.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	Hours
<b>MONDAY-FRIDAY</b>	Livingston County Clerk's Office	8:00 AM to
February 21 - April 1	112 W Madison St – Pontiac	4:30 PM
SATURDAY	Livingston County Clerk's Office	9:00 AM to
March 2, 23, & 30	112 W Madison St – Pontiac	12:00 Noor
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 Of-

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 County Clerk Kristy Masching (815-842-9313)

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

# CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON TUESDAY, April 2, 2019, at the usual polling places in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, a Consolidated Election will be held for the following units of government:

> Municipalities Park Districts Library Districts Regional Board of Schools School Districts Community Colleges School land Commissioners

In the following precincts and polling places:

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AVOCA	AVOCA TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 19115 E 1250 NORTH RD, FAIRBURY
	ONCONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - 103 DIVISION ST, EMINGTON
CHARLOTTE	
	CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY HALL, 409 E MAPLE ST, CHATSWORTH
DWIGHT 1, 2, 3 & 4	ST PATRICK PARISH HALL - 118 W MAZON AVE, DWIGHT
EPPARDS POINT	ST PATRICK PARISH HALL - 118 W MAZON AVE, DWIGHT EPPARDS POINT TOWNSHIP BUILDING -12039 N 1500 EAST RD, PONTIAC
FSMFN	FSMEN TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 23997 N 1500 FAST RD PONTIAC
BELLE PRAIRIE, FAY	ETTE & GERMANVILLEFIRE STATION – 102 WALTER, STRAWN
FORREST	FORREST VILLAGE HALL – 323 S WILLIAM ST, FORREST 3 & 4STAFFORD COMMUNITY CENTER - 708 N FIRST ST, FAIRBURY
INDIAN GROVE 1, 2,	3 & 4STAFFORD COMMUNITY CENTER - 708 N FIRST ST, FAIRBURY
LONG POINT	LONG POINT TOWNSHIP SHED - 2215 LONG POINT RD, LONG POINT
NEBRASKA	FLANAGAN COMMUNITY BUILDING - 101 E SOUTH ST, FLANAGAN
NEVADA	DWIGHT COUNTRY CLUB (PRO SHOP) 31577 N 2400 EAST RD, NEVADA TWP, DWIGHT
	NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 8583 MAIN ST, MANVILLE
ODELL	ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY - 301 E RICHARD ST, ODELL
OWEGO	PONTIAC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 18034 N 2100 EAST RD, OWEGO TWP, OWEGO
PIKE	PIKE TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 900 E 1200 NORTH RD. PONTIAC
PLEASANT RIDGE	PLEASANT RIDGE TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 27572 E 1310 NORTH RD, WING
PONTIAC 1	PONTIAC CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 115 W HOWARD ST, PONTIAC
PONTIAC 2, 7 & 10	PONTIAC CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 115 W HOWARD ST, PONTIAC
PONTIAC 3	U OF I EXTENSION – 1412 S LOCUST ST, PONTIAC
	LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPT - 310 E TORRANCE AVE, PONTIAC
	EVENGLOW INN -1200 EVENGLOW LN, PONTIAC
PONTIAC 8	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 515 N LADD ST, PONTIAC
	PONTIAC BIBLE CHURCH - 1611 W REYNOLDS, PONTIAC
READING 1	READING TOWNSHIP BUILDING -1630 S ILLINOIS ST, STREATOR
READING 2	READING TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT -1624 S VERMILLION ST, STREATOR
	ROOKS CREEK TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 215 N MAIN ST, GRAYMONT
ROUND GROVE	ROUND GROVE TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 409 LOCUST ST, CAMPUS
SULLIVAN	CULLOM VILLAGE HALL -OAK & JEFFERY ST, CULLOM
SUNBURY	SUNBURY TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 15047 E 3000 NORTH RD, BLACKSTONE
WALDO	WALDO TOWNSHIP BUILDING - 2941 E 1200 NORTH RD, GRIDLEY
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The polls of said CONSOLIDATED ELECTION will be open continuously from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April

Kristy A. Masching Livingston County Clerk Dated February 6, 2019



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dwight Township High School in January, pictured, from left, are senior Christina Gonzalez, freshman Samuel Edwards, sophomore Kayla Kodat, and junior Keirstin Prichard.



# **Prairie Creek Library Hosts Adult Craft Night** March 28

Prairie Creek Library in- pay a small deposit by Friday, vites area residents to celebrate spring with an adult craft night at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March

Guests will make a set of wood block bunnies.

To secure a spot in the class, participants must sign up and

March 22. The deposit will be reimbursed to guests that evening.

For more information or to sign up, stop by the main circulation desk of the library or call 815-584-3061.

# **Teens Invited** to Egg Hunt With a Twist **April 5**

Why should only little kids have all the fun?

This year at Prairie Creek Library, teens (grades six through 12) are invited to join for some Easter fun with an egg hunt. However, to increase the challenge, this egg hunt will happen after nightfall.

The fun begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 5. Teens should take their own flashlights. Refreshments will be served.

Then when night falls, the group will search for eggs filled with goodies.

Although this event is free, sign-up is required in order to know how many to expect. Teens wishing to participate must sign up by Tuesday, April

To register, call 815-584-3061 or stop by the main circulation desk.

# **SMILE:**)







DTHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH in February, pictured, from left, are sophomore Izzy Burkhardt, junior Bryson Connor, senior Paul Norton, and freshman Natalie Weis.

# Job Seeker Workshops in Pontiac **During March**

Livingston Workforce Services will host the following free workshops at its Pontiac location, 211 E. Madison St., Room 222:

- · Wednesday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. - "Job Search"
- Tuesday, March 26, noon - "Preparing for a Job Interview"

Call 309-268-8280 to reserve a spot. Funded by the Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board.

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Jessica Mercer and **Christopher Stewart** 

# Mercer, **Stewart Engaged to** Be Married

Jessica Mercer, of Wilmington, and Christopher Stewart, of Dwight, have announced their engagement and upcoming wedding – set for June 29, 2019.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Sarah Mercer and the late Stephen Mercer, of Kempton. The groom-to-be's parents are Denise Brown, of Emington, and James Perkins, of Oklahoma City, OK.

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Franklin Michael Reuhl

# A boy!

Chelsea and Brian Reuhl of Lake Zurich joyfully announce the birth of their son, Franklin Michael.

"Frankie" was born at 12:09 p.m., Saturday, January 26, at Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights. He weighed ten pounds, one ounce, and was 23 inches long. He is proud to share his birthday with his father.

Maternal grandparents are Joyce Weller of Vernon Hills and Brad Weller of Gurnee. Maternal great-grandparents are Robert and Beverly Weller of Dwight, and the late Richard and Dorothy Leskanich.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Betsy Reuhl of Naperville. Paternal greatgrandparents are Vivian Reuhl and the late William Reuhl of Nisswa, MN, and the late Joseph and Mary Rasmussen.

# **OBITUARY**

# Jennifer Snell

DWIGHT - Jennifer Snell, Dwight, peacefully passed away in Peoria on March 5, 2019. Her husband Stanley Snell, Jr. preceded her in death. She is survived by her four children,

Kenny Ray Greer, Earlville; by her family. There will be no Keith Greer, Dwight; Brenda

Lee, Ottawa; and Joseph Snell, Dwight. She is also survived by her 11 grandchildren and 4 greatgrandchildren.

Cremation rites were accorded. She will be greatly missed



\*\*\*\*\* VOTE **GLORIA** PICCIOLI

for Dwight Village Trustee **April 2, 2019** 

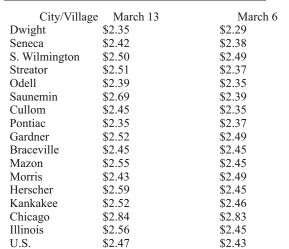
"As a Trustee of Dwight, one of my goals is to help our village grow economically and to serve the residents in all aspects."

# **Gas Prices For** This Week

Gas prices are still climbing. The highest jump in our area this week was Saunemin with a \$.30 jump.

Pontiac and Dwight were the lowest at \$2.35.

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

Gasoline price data collected by *The Paper* and brought to you by Steve's Tire.



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**Theadora Christine Parks** 

# A girl!

TJ and Paige Parks are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Theadora Christine Parks.

Thea was born January 22, 2019, at 8:28 a.m. She weighed in at five pounds, nine ounces, and was 18.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kevin and Deb Randen of Reddick.

Paternal grandparents are Tim and Cami Parks of Pon-

# **Dwight Sports Boosters BOOSTER**

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# **Matt Mogged to Coach Track** at Tri-Point Spring 2019

The Tri-Point Board of Education met Monday, February 25, when Matt Mogged was employed as High School track coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Several resignations were accepted: Ali Ifft and Sara Steinkamp, both effective at the end of this school year.

Dennis Ping's intent to retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year was accepted.

Purchasing gasoline fuel was extended at a delivered price of \$2.138 from Heritage FS for August 2019 through February of 2020.

Membership in the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools for 2019 at a cost of \$400 was approved.

A 28-minute closed session was followed by adjournment of the Board meeting.



# **PTHS Baseball to Host First** Alumni Weekend & Alumni Game

The PTHS baseball program announced over the weekend their intention to host the program's first Alumni Weekend & Alumni Game, the weekend of June 14-16, 2019. Tentative plans would include the return of many PTHS baseball alums participating in an Alumni Game on Sunday, June 16, at the conclusion of the weekend's activities. Plans would include a Home Run Derby to begin on Friday, June 14, to open the weekend, followed by a reception for alumni playing in the Sunday game. The Derby would conclude with the finals on Saturday, June 15th. Other Saturday activities would tentatively in-

clude T-Ball games involving teams from the local Boys & Girls Club, and 'Old-Timers' Softball Game for alums, followed by a Jr. Baseball/Future Indians game involving local youth players. Sunday's Alumni Game schedule would include batting practice for even-numbered year Indian grads, followed by odd-numbered year grads. IF/OF would follow the on-field batting practice for each teams. Team introductions and National Anthem, would precede the 2019 Alumni Game. More detailed information about the weekend will be coming in the next few

# **OSF HealthCare Offering** Free Cholesterol, HDL Screenings

In celebration of National Nutrition Month. OSF HealthCare is offering a day of free total cholesterol and HDL screenings at the Pontiac Red Center, 900 N. Elm St., from 7:00-11:00 a.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 27.

"Healthy Eating for a Healthy Heart," will

also feature clinical dietitian Carly Zimmer, who will be available to discuss nutrition-related questions and offer heart-healthy food samples.

No RSVP is required, nor is fasting required for the screenings.

Call 815-842-4583 for more information.

# Kankakee Community College Spring Job Fair April 4

On Thursday, April 4, Kankakee Community College will host its Annual Spring Job Fair from 9 a.m. - noon in the KCC College Center.

The event is open to the public. Veterans are encouraged to attend as well. Admission is free.

More than 50 businesses and industries will be at the Job Fair. Employers will conduct pre-screening interviews for full- and part-time positions. Manufacturers will be available to answer questions, accept applications/resumes, and to demonstrate their products.

"The Job Fair is an ideal setting for students, graduates, veterans and community members to learn more about area employers and current opportunities," said Ken Crite, Coordinator of Career Services. "We want participants to dress professionally, bring resumes and to enjoy the experience of meeting employers from throughout the area."

If participants need resumes, they are encouraged to visit KCC's Career Services



The Job Fair at KCC typically attracts at least 50 employers. Shown here are participants and employers at the Fall 2018 event.

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Information and an updated list of employers planning to attend the Job Fair are at www.kcc.edu/jobfair.

KCC's Riverfront campus is located south of downtown Kankakee, off River Road, near U.S. 45-52, or take Interstate 57 to Exit 308 and follow the

The Job Fair is sponsored by KCC's Charlton Family Foundation Career Services Center. For additional information, phone 815-802-8222 or visit www.kcc.edu/jobfair.

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JAKE'S BOYS PERFORM AT A FUNDRAISER for Saunemin United Methodist Church that was held March 9 at Saunemin Grade School. The pulled pork fundraiser helped them get closer to their goal of \$691,200 to build a new church. SUMC broke ground on August 5 for a 6,000-square-foot building and Pastor Jane Bradford hopes to have a completed sanctuary by summer. There was a live auction, bake sale, children's entertainment and more.







# For ALL The Local News - Read The Paper!!

It is with grateful hearts that we thank our family and many friends for the cards and notes of sympathy, Mass cards, kind words and time spent with our family at the visitation as we shared the loss of Doug in our lives. We are humbled by the generous gifts we received and proud to honor Doug's wishes to make donations to Dwight Operation SOS, the Dwight United Way and the Dwight Food Pantry. During this sad and difficult time, we have been blessed to have so many reach out to us in support, sympathy, friendship and

Sometimes there are no words for the feelings in our hearts. Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy that have been a source of comfort during our time of sadness. Thank you for caring and remembering us in your thoughts and prayers.

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To our Dwight Fire/EMS/Paramedic Departments, a heartfelt thank you for your responsive and dignified assistance calls over the past eight months to our home as well as the numerous hospital transports. Paul would have been humbled at the honorary tribute at his wake and funeral. Thank you to these dedicated servants to our community and their cause.

To Pastor John Mueller of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for his encouraging and uplifting visits to both our home as Paul was housebound, to minister to us at Paul's hospital stays both Morris and Joliet St. Joes, and the final weeks of Paul's courageous earthly journey at St. Joes as well as Joliet Area Community Hospice. Also to Emmanuel's Mary and Martha group for their efficient organizing of the funeral luncheon, to all our friends and neighbors of so many years.

To the caring personnel/friends with Joliet Newsome Home Health that helped make our days easier these past months. Hager Funeral Home for handling the funeral arrangements.

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# Thank Goodness for CPAs

We're closing in on the middle of March, and that means that it's just about time to file taxes. I guess at this point there's a chance that you've already filed them, and now you're just waiting upon the return, or the payment to take place.

I certainly understand the idea behind taxes in general; they take them out of your paycheck and in theory this money should go to things to improve schools, roads, the city, all that good stuff. With that being said, I don't think I'll ever really understand how or why the returns/amount owed end up the way they do.

At this point I think I've just accepted that I will never fully understand, and leave it as one of those "that's why there are people who do your taxes for you" in the world type of things, because I don't really get it.

Every onboarding job form that I've ever filled out has involved texting or asking someone if I should put 1 or 0 in the allowance claim section. To this day, and probably forever, I will not know what I'm supposed to put there without some sort of a Google search, or asking someone around me.

Then, in the event that you do get a sizeable return, maybe it will allow you a nice night out to go eat somewhere. It's still somewhat sad, because that money could have been in your pocket months sooner, but instead it has to be refunded to you sometime in late March / early April of the following year.

That nice dinner could've happened months ago! In a perfect world I would be a fan of owing no money when taxes are filed and also receiving no money, but given the aforementioned information in this column I clearly have no idea what's going on.

So thank you to anyone that prepares taxes for people. I am fairly positive I am not alone in having no idea how taxes work!

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education, Livingston County, State of Illinois, that a public hearing regarding a Resolution Waiving FY19 Limitation of Administrative Costs will be held during the regularly scheduled board meeting on March 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The location of the board meeting is 801 S. Columbia St., Dwight, IL in the library.

## **Notice of Public Hearing Gardner South Wilmington High School**

Gardner South Wilmington High School District #73 will conduct a public hearing regarding the waiving of public holidays on March 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the GSW High School Board of Education room.

Final action on the waiving of public holidays will take place at the regularly scheduled GSW High School Board meeting which immediately follows the public hearing in the GSW High School Board of Education room on March 20, 2019.

> Board of Education Gardner South Wilmington High School Carla Huston, Secretary

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

To the legal voters, residents of the Township of Vienna, in the County of Grundy, and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town **Meeting** of said Town will take place on

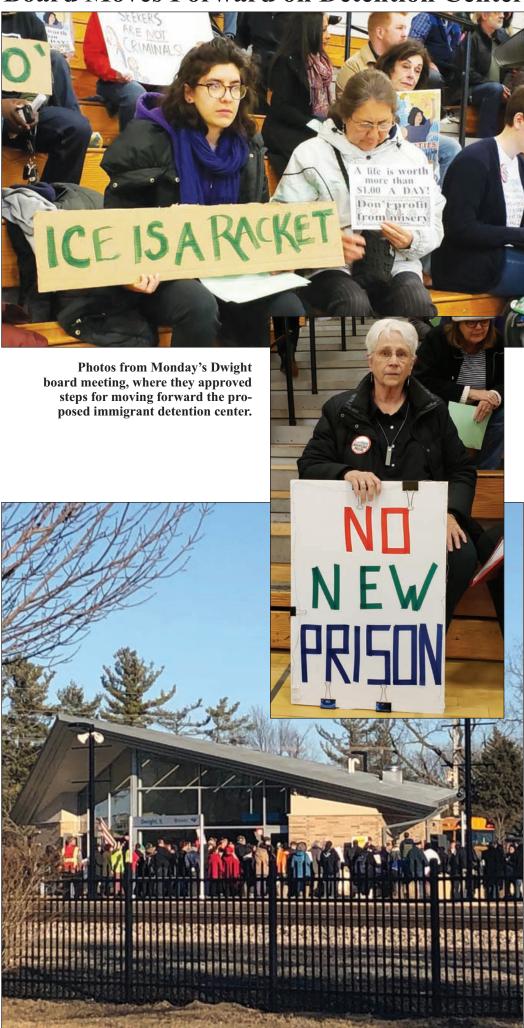
# Tuesday, April 9, 2019

being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 P.M. at

501 N. Division St., Verona, IL 60479 for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. Dated March 13, 2019.

William Walsh (Town Clerk)

# **Board Moves Forward on Detention Center**









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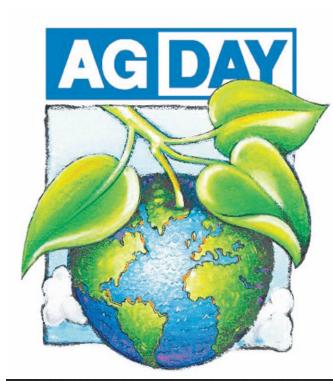
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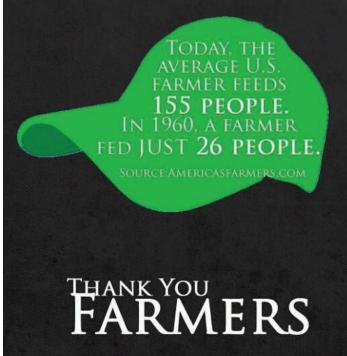
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# Oats offer a gateway to profitability

part of social circles that are mostly comprised of individuals who, for a variety of legitimate reasons, grow two-crop monocultures. However, there is ample evidence that oats are a viable crop for Illinois farms and offer farmers an opportunity to create three- to four-year crop rotations that include legumes like red clover and alfalfa. So why aren't more oats being grown?

The agronomic and economic benefits of longer, more diverse rotations are well documented, but it is important to acknowledge up front that the primary barrier to more farmers adopting diverse crop rotations is a social barrier.

Oats were more widely grown in Illinois up to the 1960s, but they have since declined to the point where only 35,000 acres were grown in Illinois in 2017. In other words, almost no farmers grow oats in Illinois anymore. Thus, a farmer who chooses to grow oats is operating outside the norms of his or her social group, which is difficult and stressful and can have serious ramifications beyond the farm.

It is human nature to value and to work to maintain connections to friends, neighbors, and community members. However, we are in a period of rapid change in agriculture, and transitions to new ways of farming are becoming easier. More and more farmers are finding success with new farming strategies. For those able to change, opportunities are revealed. And while some connections are lost, new connections are made. The process is challenging, but many who take the leap benefit from the effort. Once the dust settles, they often do not regret making a change.

Embracing change is also getting easier due to market conditions. There is a lot of uncertainty and low prices associated with the current approach to growing two-crop monocultures. Growing oats or other small grains gives farmers an opportunity to take control of their operations and to have their profitability linked with their management skills. This approach to farming fits within the framework of regenerative agriculture, and a growing number of organizations are working to ease the transition to this form of farming.

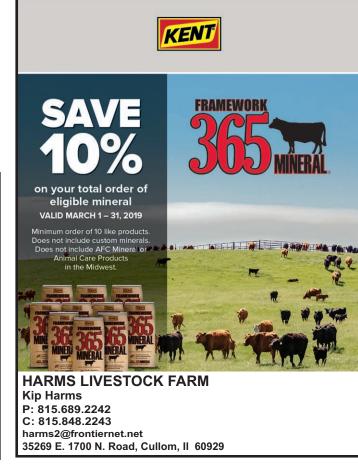
Regenerative agriculture sets out to build soil health, re-

silient farms, and net profitability for farmers by replacing inputs that are typically purchased with the management skills of the farmer. Examples of organizations involved in this effort include Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI), Grain Millers, Oatly, The Grand Prairie Grain Guild, Regenerate Illinois, The Artisan Grain Collaborative, Ograin, University of Illinois, The Land Connection, The Illinois Stewardship Alliance, Albert Lea Seed, Iowa State University, and the Idea Farm Network

The IFN is an e-mail listserv that provides farmers an opportunity to ask questions and to share information within a large network of farms in the Midwest. Farmers that have engaged in learning a new way to

and information. Everyone benefits and the nascent group gains market share and credibility through cooperation. This type of dynamic offers an opportunity to build new relationships with like-minded people.

A good way for farmers to begin to realize the benefits of diverse rotations is to connect with other farmers that are doing it, perhaps beyond your normal social circles. From there, start small, learn as you go, and scale up production as your skills and markets develop. Interestingly, many farmers that choose to grow more diverse crops end up appreciating their new level of engagement with farming. A common sentiment among this group is that "farming has become fun again."



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# Ag Day

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- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry

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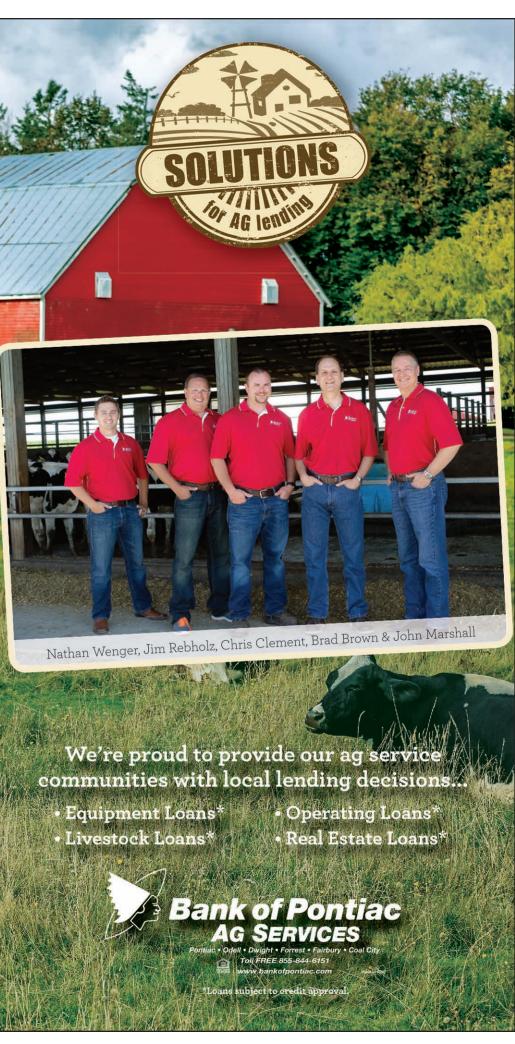


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# Pests, Diseases and Your Perennials

Kankakee County Extension Program Can Help

The University Of Illinois Extension of Kankakee County will hold a program called "Pest of Perennials" at 10 a.m. on March 25.

What is causing spots on your peony foliage? What is that white powdery fuzz on your phlox? Join Holly Froning, master gardener Coordinator, as she discusses pests, leaf spots, white fuzz and more.

Froning will review 22 diseases and nine insects that attack popular perennials often grown in home landscapes. Possible cultural controls for the flower problems will also be discussed.

The program will be held at the University of Illinois Extension, 1650 Commerce Drive, Bourbonnais.

For more information or to pre-register, contact the extension office at 815-933-8337. Pre-registration is required by March 18. There is a \$5 fee for this presentation.



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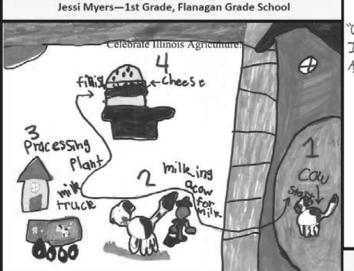
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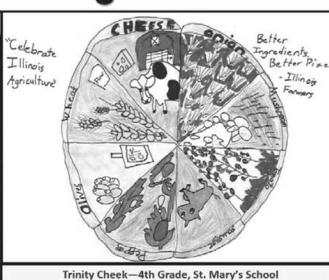
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# Watch for National Agriculture Day Placemats Area Coloring Kindergarteners Place in Top 3

Colorful placemats can be found at area restaurants and coffee shops to celebrate National Agriculture Day in the month of March. These placemats showcase the winning designs of two Livingston County students who were participants in a Placemat Design Contest that was sponsored by the Agricultural Literacy Partnership of Livingston Co.'s Soil and Water Conservation District, Farm Bureau, and University of Illinois Extension.

The theme, "Celebrate Illinois Agriculture," encouraged students in grades one

through four to recognize the many things that Illinois agriculture provides to them. Students traced familiar items (food, clothing, or fuel) back to the Illinois farm, where it begins. There were two grade divisions for judging, grades one and two and grades three and four. Awards were presented to the top three entries in each division and the first place entries now have their designs printed on full-color placemats. These Ag Day placemats will be found in area restaurants through March 16.

In a separate contest, kindergarten students received coloring sheets using the "Celebrate Illinois Agriculture" theme. Students learned that Illinois farmers grow many different crops and care for animals that become our food, fiber, and fuel. Every contest participant received the "ABC's of Illinois Agriculture" coloring book.

Area students placing in the top three were: Jaxx Hitchens, Kempton, Tri-Point Elementary, and Liam Henrichs, Odell, St. Paul School.

# Farm to Table Business is Booming

Industry Experts
Believe It's a
Permanent
Trend

Consumers' appetites for local foods are growing, and restaurants have taken notice. Today, many local businesses, including farms and restaurants, have mutually exclusive relationships that make it possible for local residents to enjoy nutritious, locally pro-

duced meals.

According to the market research firm Packaged Facts, local foods generated \$11.7 billion in sales in 2014 and will climb to \$20.2 billion by 2019. Farm-to-table remains a growing trend that benefits farmers, restaurateurs and consumers. This is evidenced by the rising number of farmers markets cropping up in neighborhoods all across the country, as well as the niche offerings by regional food purveyors. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that, in the last 20 years, the number of farmers markets has grown by more than 350 percent. Many consumers are now choosing "local" for dining at home and when dining out, and this is making a major impact on the nation's food

Foodies as well as industry experts predict that the local foods movement is a permanent and mainstream trend. In 2014, the National Restaurant Association found the desire for local foods dominated its "Top Food Trends."

The most in-demands foods include locally sourced meats and seafood as well as locally sourced produce. Consumers also are interested in farm/estate-branded foods. Some restaurants are even producing "hyper-local" food, or herbs and produce grown right on the property.

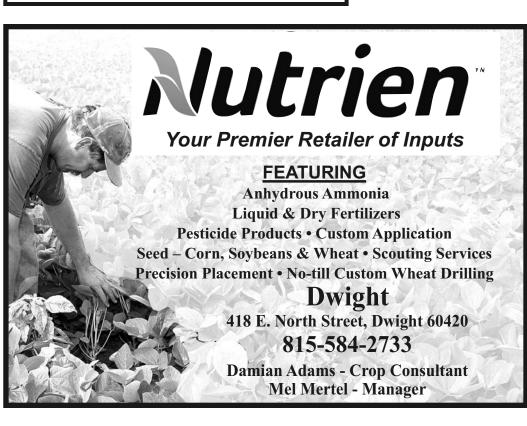
As the demand for local foods has evolved, so has the term "local foods." "Local" can be a wide-ranging term that refers to foods produced in a particular town, state or even region. The 2008 Farm Act de-

fines a "locally or regionally produced agricultural food product" as one that is marketed less than 400 miles from its origin. However, a few states have established more stringent rules that indicate "local" constitutes food produced within the borders of a state or within a small perimeter of the state.

The growing preference for locally produced foods is great news for the farmers and small food producers that have long fought for footing among the mega-importers. According to the trade publication Produce Business, even though "local" does not place limits on the size of the farm, the growing desire among consumers to go local is benefitting many small and midsized farms, as consumers are increasingly buying foods grown closer to where they live

In addition to meats, fruits and vegetables, consumers can find many locally made items that expand the potential for farm-to-table. These include, but are not limited to, artisanal cheeses, wines, beer, baked goods, milk and other dairy, and honey.

Local, sustainable foods are in demand, helping not only local restaurants and merchants, but also the small and medium farms that service these establishments.

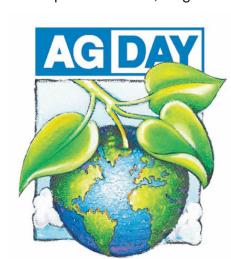








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# Day by Day Activities for Ag Week

Make a farm-to-table meal with your family.

Volunteer at your local school and plan an activity with a classroom to teach kids about the importance of agriculture. (Examples: make a compost bin for them to observe in their classroom, or do this egg shell seed growing experiment.

Share what agriculture means to you in a photo on social media - whether it's the ingredients for your dinner, a rural field, or a busy market. Use the hashtag

Contact your legislator and remind them of the importance of supporting farm initiatives.

# Thursday: National Ag Day!

Research agricultural issues affecting your region.

Throw a cook-off party with friends. Try to incorporate ingredients your state is known for, i.e. pork, apples, almonds, beef, corn, etc.

Check out local farms or dairies in your area that offer tours. Visit with friends or family, and learn how they produce, sell and market their food

# Learn How to Grow Windowsill **Microgreens**

Learn how to grow microgreens with the University Of Illinois Extension of Kankakee County.

Microgreens are fun and easy to grow at home. Requiring minimal supplies, space, and effort, microgreens let you witness the miracle of seeds coming alive and growing into a delicious and nutritious snack in just a few weeks.

Microgreens are edible crops grown in soil and harvested after the plants have had their first or second pair of true leaves. Although leafy greens and herbs are among the most popular plants to grow as microgreens, other options inamaranth, clude radish, broccoli, sunflower, and even nasturtium.

You can enjoy fresh microgreens in take-out sandwiches and salads, and watch them grow on windowsills right in your home.

The program will be held 10 a.m. March 28, led by Holly Froning and James Theuri.

You will get tips and growing ideas for windowsill microgreen gardens.

The cost is \$5 per person. It will be held at the University of Illinois Extension, Kankakee County, 1650 Drive, Bourbonnais.

To pre-register, call the Extension office at 815-933-8337. Pre-registration is required by March 21.



# **NRCS Announces Application Cutoff Dates for Special State Initiatives**

State Conservationalist Ivan Dozier has announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of Illinois will offer funding for the following Landscape Conservation Initiatives throughout the state: the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI) and the National Water Quality Initiative

area can apply for assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Using this program, they can implement a range of conservation practices that will improve water quality, decrease soil erosion, and improve wildlife habitat.

To compete for funds in the initiative project areas, producers must complete and submit an application by one of two cutoff dates – April 19 and May 17. NRCS encourages producers to apply for EQIP financial assistance at any time throughout the year, as they accept applications on a continuous basis.

Contact your local NRCS field office to obtain more details about a specific initiative and Producers who have agricultural, pasture, or to see if your land or farm is located in one of forest land in an established initiative project the project areas. To learn more about NRCS programs and services in Illinois, visit www. il.nrcs.usda.gov.

Vermilion Headwaters, which includes portions of Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, and McLean Counties and is part of the MRBI, has funding available.

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THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU held its annual Legislators' Breakfast on March 4 at the Elks' Club in Pontiac. State Sen. Jason Barickman (R-Streator) and State Rep. Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City) were in attendance. The legislators and Livingston County Board Chairman Bob Young gave brief updates on upcoming issues and a question and answer session followed. Barickman spoke about state leaders who want to tax agricultural equipment and inputs used in organic farming that are exempt.

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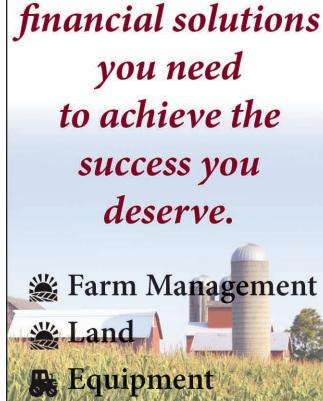
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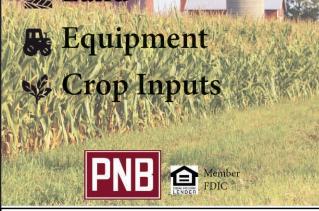
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# Illinois Soybean Association Facilitates **Sustainable Tuna Production**

The global popularity of tuna consumption has resulted in overfishing of wild tuna species, such as the Pacific bluefin tuna, which is now at just three percent of its original population. To address this challenge, a collaborative effort is developing sustainable solutions to bolster the tuna supply.

A new grant from the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) augments ongoing support from the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) checkoff program and will allow Ichthus Unlimited, LLC, to establish a hatchery in the San Diego Bay area. This will be the first tuna hatchery in North America and the third bluefin hatchery in the world.

"High global demand increases tuna value and induces overfishing of wild stocks," said Alejandro Buentello, Ph.D., president of Ichthus Unlimited. "The tuna ranching industry is constrained by a stringent quota system that limits the amount of wild tuna they can catch to stock in oceanic cages. With ISA support, we successfully developed soy-based feed that can be commercially manufactured."

Buentello will lead the hatchery project to cultivate Pacific bluefin tuna eggs, raise them to juvenile fish and distribute them to tuna farms to be raised to market maturity. This aquaculture system will improve the sustainability and quality of tuna production. It also will stimulate economic growth, as bluefin tuna species alone generate an estimated value of \$2 to \$2.5 billion per year globally.

"Now, we have the knowledge and ability to take the next step," he continues. "Closed-cycle aquaculture, combined with sustainable diets, offer the best opportunity to prevent wild tuna stocks depletion while meeting global demand."

Implementation of hatchery technology is the natural progression to supply tuna for the farming industry while reducing fishing pressure on wild tuna populations. Today, Pacific bluefin tuna are nearing placement on the endangered species list.

# CLOSING THE CYCLE WITH SUSTAINABLE FEED

The hatchery will allow tuna to be raised with sustainable feed from very early growth stages. According to Mark Albertson, director of strategic market development for ISA, the checkoff program has been funding sustainable feed research with this goal in

"To protect our oceans, it is critical new hatchery technology be coupled with sustainable feed technology," he says. "Renewable, plant-based feed begins to eliminate the mining of living ma-

For the past three years, Buentello has led ISA-funded research to develop sustainable soy-based diets for tuna. He explains that feeding large quantities of wild-caught baitfish like sardines is environmentally unsustainable. The nutritionally dense soy-based diet improves feed conversion rates, reduces waste and improves meat quality. And it is made from sustainable, renewable ingredi-

"Soy protein is a complete protein that replaces fishmeal in diets for many aquatic species and has become the top ingredient in aquaculture feed," says Albertson. "ISA filled a research gap

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in alternative protein research for tuna that existed because of the species' complexity. We've laid the foundation to use soy-based feed from early development through maturity."

The ISA-funded research tested various soy-based diets for larval Atlantic bluefin tuna in Spain, where survival rates improved at least 30 percent compared to other diets. Juvenile yellowfin tuna in Panama land-based facilities also tested formulated feed options. Building on these experiences, trials with mature, ranched Pacific bluefin tuna in ocean net pens in Mexico confirmed the viability of the soy-based diet.

The formulated diet decreases the feed conversion ratio from 28:1 with wild-caught sardines to 4:1, and reduces the amount of fishmeal and fish oil in feed by tenfold. The video "Feeding Bluefin" summarizes the research and its potential impact on protecting endangered wild tuna stocks.

"The aquaculture industry can use soy-based tuna feed to improve tuna sustainability," says Scott Gaffner, an ISA director and soybean producer from Greenville, Illinois. "That will significantly reduce the environmental impact of raising tuna and build market demand for soy protein."

The ISA checkoff program research project brought together many partners to improve tuna aquaculture sustainability. Texas A&M and Kansas State universities supported research elements and evaluations, and a San Diego-based factory produced feed for market-scale trials. Several competing feed companies contributed raw materials, key ingredients, blending facilities and other re-

'Given the growing demand for sustainable, high-quality protein like tuna, Illinois soybean producers take pride in bringing together industry leaders to develop solutions," Gaffner says.

The new hatchery will continue this trend of industry collaboration, as Ichthus Unlimited works with other tuna hatcheries, FFAR, ISA, Texas A&M University, the Spanish Institute of Oceanography and feed manufacturers.

"We have developed manageable solutions for tuna production based on strong science," says Buentello. "We are proud to work with forward-thinking leaders to develop truly sustainable hatchto-harvest tuna farming."

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) checkoff and membership programs represent more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois. For more information, visit the website www.ilsoy.org.

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# **Explore a Career in Agriculture**

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According to the employment resource AGCareers.com. more than 250 career profiles are available to people interested in a career in agriculture. And while jobs in agriculture may not be as prevalent as they were a few centuries ago, when 72 percent of the workforce was employed in farm occupations in the United States, agriculture remains a booming industry that greatly affects the

The agricultural industry nation's economy. Today, one in 12 American jobs is depends on agriculture, according to the career resource Payscale.

> The following are some potential professions for those considering careers in agricul-

•AG BUSINESS MAN-**AGER**: This person oversees the business operations of a farm by providing organization and leadership during the production process. He or she contacts creditors, selects seeds, buys new equipment, and ensures the distribution of prod-

who specialize in agriculture deal with water and environmental issues, represent agricultural labor in disputes, ensure proper marketing techniques are followed, handle real estate and land use issues, and much more.

**OFFICER**: These officers enforce local and regional laws that pertain to the treatment and care of animals. They patrol for distressed animals and ensure cruelty-free practices are adhered to.

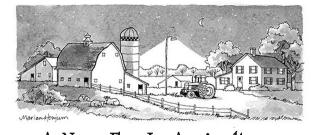
• GRAIN BUYER: Grain buyers build relationships with producers so they can purchase grain for their particular companies. They negotiate purchase agreements, source grain supplies and issue purchase or-

• POULTRY HATCHERY MANAGER: Hatchery man-

• AG LAWYER: Attorneys agers oversee all of the aspects involved in poultry hatching. These can include management of personnel, handling and sorting of eggs, maintenance of equipment, coordination of pick-ups and deliveries, and overseeing quality control.

• SOIL SCIENTIST: • ANIMAL CONTROL Among the many tasks they might perform, scientists in the field of agriculture test soil samples for minerals and contaminants. By studying the soil, scientists can recommend which crops the land can support, how much livestock can feed in an area and the implications of agriculture on the area as it pertains to managing natural resources.

A career in agriculture presents many exciting opportunities in a number of different applications. It's a vast industry that utilizes professionals with an array of skillsets.



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the end of their 2018-19 season. The team was recognized for their state runner-up finish in the Small Varsity Division of IHSA Competitive Cheer. Four special awards were also given. Sofie Swink was awarded this year's Most Valuable Player. Mary Hilt earned the award for Most Improved Player. Katy Edwards was the recipient of the Trojan TEAM award, which is given to the cheerleader exhibiting Team dedication (putting the team before themselves), Energy (always being there when needed), Attitude (always positive), and More (the extra behind-the-scenes things she does). TEAM means Together Everyone Achieves More – this person shows great pride and is always willing to help out wherever needed. Alexis Thetard received the Trojan GRIT award, which is given to the cheerleader exhibiting Growth, Resilience, Integrity, and Tradition (or spirit) throughout the year on the sideline at games, at practice, and at competitions. Pictured, from left, are Edwards, Thetard, Swink, and Hilt.



# **LADY TIGERS V**OLLEYBALL

7th Grade -

The GSWB Lady Tigers finished their regular season with a record of 13-6, defeating ICS in two sets but then coming up short on their last three matches of the season losing to R.C., Shabbona, and Coal City.

In first round regional play, GSWB faced Marseilles and was able to advance to the regional championship, following a 25-18, 26-28, 25-10 win.

The Lady Tigers came out strong in the first set against Milford in the championship, but fell just short, 25-21. They would fail to pull it together in the second to take them to three sets - bringing their season to a close.

"I am very proud of them," stated Coach Faletti, "and can't wait to see what they accomplish next year."

# 8th Grade -

GSWB ended the regular season at 16-4 overall - racking up three wins in their last four matches.

They beat ICS then went up against Reed-Custer on 8th Grade Night – playing well in front of a big crowd and walking away with a win.

They were on a roll and took home another "W" against Shabbona - but would take a tough loss to Coal City to end their regular season.

On a Team? Send us your photos or team stats! thepaper1901 @sbcglobal.net



# DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, March 5 Dwight vs. Seneca 8th Grade -Regional

Dwight was in Gardner March 5 in regional play against Seneca – falling 5-25, 13-25 and ending their season with a record of 3-11 overall.

Chevanne Condreay led with four points and three assists. Hailey Heath followed with two points and four kills, while Kira Bean (1 dig) and Erin Anderson had one point each. Addy Harms dished an assist, while Maya Green came up with one kill.





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# SPORTS



THE DWIGHT JUNIOR HIGH REDBIRD CHEERLEADERS celebrated the completion of their 2018-19 season with cake and awards March 5. Pictured, from left, holding their certificates of achievement, are Ava Kargle, Mya Blake, Kassy Kodat, Aubree Dzwonkoski, Kaitlyn Thetard, Kiah Handzus, Dori Wilson, and Madison Bailey. The Redbirds were coached by Melissa Snyder and Molly Snyder.

# Victory Lanes, Dwight League Results

**Commercial League Bowlers** 

HSG: Brian Scott, 279 -Paula Watts, 180. HSS: Bosco Gassman, 674 - Paula Watts, 527. HHG: Brian Scott, 288 -Jess Galbraith, 238. HHS: Brian Scott, 693 – Paula Watts, 662. HSG/HHG: Mike's 1097. HSS: Mike's, 2960. HHS: Victory Lanes, 2972.

League Standings	$\mathbf{W}$	L
Mike's	21	7
Pinkie's Out	$17\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$
Victory Lanes	17	11
Dwight Printing	17	11
Coleman/Son	16	12
Willy's Pub	16	12
Aly Anne's	$15\frac{1}{2}$	12½
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League Standings	$\mathbf{W}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Jensen's I	10	2
Victory Lanes	8	4
KWM Gutterman	8	4
Willy's Pub	8	4
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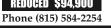
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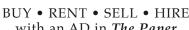
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701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Michael Ebersohl • MAR. 13: UMW

- meeting, 8:30 a.m.; 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6 p.m., Handbell Choir; 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal; Real & Ignite. • MAR. 14: Daisies Scouts, 4:30 p.m.; Scouts #1906, 4:30
- Band rehearsal. • MAR. 16: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Old Route 66, Dwight,

p.m.; 5:30 p.m., Praise

and Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting. • MAR. 17 – *St*. Patrick's Day: 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship.

• MAR. 18: 9 a.m.,

UMW Executive meeting; Scouts #4877, 6 p.m.; Kiwanis meeting, 6 p.m.; 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors Bible Study. • MAR. 19: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study; 6 p.m., Scouts #1505. • MAR. 20: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6 p.m., Handbell Choir; 7 p.m.,

**Emmanuel Lutheran** Church 325 E. Mazon Ave. 584-3433 church

Ignite.

Choir rehearsal; Real &

584-1291 fax Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor • MAR. 13: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Midweek Classes;

5 p.m., Lenten meal; 6 p.m., Lenten Service. • MAR. 17: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.

## • MAR. 20: Midweek Classes, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; 5 p.m., Lenten meal; 6 p.m., Lenten

First Baptist Church 401 N. Clinton St. Home of Dwight's Chris-

Service.

WGVD 97.3 FM Pastor Dan Woodward • MAR. 13: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

• MAR. 17: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. • MAR. 20: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's

First Congregational **United Church of** Christ

Program, 7 p.m.

200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 church Rev. Grant Speece • MAR. 13: Women's Guild meeting, 7 p.m. • MAR. 17: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title:

"Jerusalem" Holy Scripture Readings Genesis 15: 1-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13: 31-35

• MAR 19: Bible Study, 10 a.m. • MAR. 20: Trustees

meeting, 7 p.m. "March Mission of the Month" Dress an Angel "Feed the Kids" Program. Donations welcome.

New Life Assembly of God 903 S. Old Route 66 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor 815-584-3430 • MAR. 13: 7 p.m., Bible Study. • MAR. 14: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• MAR. 17: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10 a.m., Main Service; Kids Church and nurserv: 2 p.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., Worship. X-treme Youth Group.

Prayer Night.

• MAR. 20: 7 p.m., Bible Study. • MAR. 21: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• MAR. 18: 7 p.m.,

St. Patrick Catholic Church Mazon Ave at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office

Father Chris Haake, Pastor

• MAR. 16: 4:30 p.m., • MAR. 17: 10:30 a.m..

St. Peter's **Lutheran Church** 326 W. Chippewa St. 815-584-1199 Pastor Chrissy Salser email:chrissytherev@att.net · OFFICE HOURS, Monday - Thursday,

8 a.m. - 12 noon. • MAR. 13 – 6:00/7:00 p.m., Midweek Lenten Supper/Worship @ Community in Cornell. • MAR. 15: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at Cheryl Hudelson's in Pontiac;

8 p.m., AA.

• MAR. 16: Leadership and Council Retreat, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at CLC in Cornell. • MAR. 17: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development/Sonrise Service rehearsal; 10:30 a.m.,

Servants United Council meeting at Trinity Lutheran, Chenoa. • MAR. 18: 5:45 p.m., CYF (Children, Youth, Family) & Music Ministry; rehearsal for Son-

rise Service.

HC Worship; 2 p.m.,

• MAR. 19: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Salvation Army, Compassion Ministry. • MAR. 20: 6:00/7:00 p.m., Midweek Lenten Supper/Worship at American in Gibson

**BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church** 106 W. Goold St.

815-237-8512 Church 815-483-9343 Cell bracevilleumc.com Pastor Karen Fabian • 10:30 a.m., Sunday · Wednesday Youth Groups: Jam & Edge, 3 p.m.; Static, 6 p.m. • MAR. 16: Soup Supper, 4 p.m.; Talent Show, 6 p.m. • MAR. 17: Alice

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Emington Congregational **United Church** of Christ 103 Division Street

Rev. Grant Speece • MAR. 17: Church Council meeting, 8 a.m. • MAR. 17: Worship,

8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "Jerusalem" Holy Scripture Readings: Genesis 15: 1-18

Luke 13: 31-35 • MAR. 19: Bible Study, 10 a.m. at First Congregational UCC, Dwight. March Food Pantry Collection:

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Mass.

• MAR. 20: Reconciliation following 8:30 a.m.

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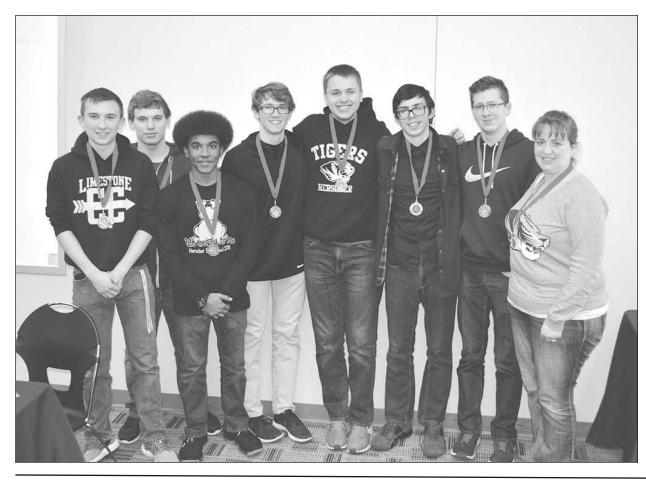
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HERSCHER HIGH SCHOOL TOOK SEC-OND PLACE at the 45th annual academic bowl competition February 22 sponsored by Kankakee Community College. Herscher defeated Donovan **High School and Bishop** McNamara Catholic HS on the way to the finals, where they fell to Kankakee HS. As runner-up, Herscher received the \$100 Match Points Scholarship. Pictured, from left, are team members Luke Whalen, Simon Walthers, Ed Welsh, Nathan Joffe, Cade Batdorf, Gavin Markoff, Josh Winterroth, and Coach Jessie Rezba.

# Survey: Illinois Teacher Shortages Still Growing

SPRINGFIELD - Four years after its debut, a new statewide study from regional school superintendents finds Illinois' serious teacher shortage continues to worsen, especially in school districts in central and southern Illinois.

The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS), representing the leaders of Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers in all 102 Illinois counties, heard from more than 500 school districts statewide this fall on teacher shortages around the state.

The survey found:

- 85 percent of districts identified a major or minor problem with teacher shortages in their schools, up from 78 percent in 2018
- More than 60 percent of districts report a serious problem with substitute teacher shortages, with only 3 percent reporting no problems with substitutes
- Superintendents say 20 percent of all open positions for 2018 – more than 1,000 positions - remain unfilled or are filled by an unqualified professional, and 225 classes are being canceled because of shortages
- 89 percent of central Illinois districts and 92 percent of southern Illinois districts have issues with staffing teaching positions with qualified candidates

In all parts of Illinois outside Chicagoland, more schools reported a serious problem with teacher shortages in 2018 than they did the year before. And the number of schools reporting the shortage of qualified applicants for teaching positions has grown significantly over the last five years increased in every part of Illinois last year.

Teacher shortages are worse in certain subject areas: school psychologists, library/media specialists, foreign language, and blind or deaf instructors lead the list. Schools are having to make tough choices to deal with the problem.

More than 80 percent of districts report either canceling classes or programs because of a shortage of qualified applicants, or converting classes to online instruction. Most schools report shifting teachers who would be prepping to teach their classes to cover for absences, redistributing students to other classrooms or even requiring administrators to teach in place of absent instruc-

In contrast, districts overwhelmingly report few problems in finding qualified administrators for their schools. Nearly 70 percent of school districts report no problems with administrator shortages, and only 5 percent consider it a prob-

The original IARSS shortage survey, conducted during the 2015-2016 school year, found 75 percent of districts reporting seeing fewer qualified candidates than in past years, and 60 percent of districts had trouble filling teaching As awareness of the statewide teacher short-

ages challenges grows, IARSS has found more schools working proactively to address it: actively recruiting new graduates from local colleges and universities (80 percent); hiring replacement teachers before teachers retire (47 percent); and increasing base salaries for starting teachers (47 percent) lead the list.

IARSS makes three key policy recommendations as lawmakers and schools work together on solutions. Improve the teacher licensing process to streamline bureaucracy, especially for retired educators who want to work again in their home district. Expand programs for developing new teachers, such as Grow Your Own Teacher. Continue to collect and evaluate meaningful shortage data like used in this study to develop solutions for educator shortages.

Mark Jontry, president of IARSS and Regional Superintendent of Schools for ROE #17 covering four counties in the Bloomington-Normal area, said the study's results show a troubling trend for districts to find qualified teachers and substitutes. But they reaffirm the commitment by many to turn around the results.

# **Limestone Library Upcoming Events**

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

• Monarch Book Club - Wednesday, March 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids in first through third grade 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. Pick-up will be Saturday, March 16.

• Homework Café - Monday, March 18, 3:30-7:00 p.m. Students in sixth through 12th grades are invited to join 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 sixmonths 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.

• Storytime - Tuesday, March 26, 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 sixmonths to five-year old children.

• Friends of the Library Pallet Painting -Tuesday, March 26, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Friends of the Limestone Township Library District invites the community to join them for a night of guided, creative painting on pallets. A fee applies per adult for this fund-raiser event. Spaces are limited, early sign-up is urged.

 Spring Wreath Craft Night – Thursday, March 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Get out for a night of crafting as a wreath is created for the spring season. All supplies are included with a small fee per person. The class is limited to 12 people. • Family Movie and Dinner Night - Friday, March 29, 4:15 p.m. Have a night out with the family at the library for a movie and dinner. Spiderman: Into the Spider-verse will be screened. There is no fee for this program.

 Optical Illusion Art – Saturday, March 30, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Led by Elena Turrell, kids in third through eighth grades will enjoy learning new tricks with their pencils and paper. There is no fee for this program and all supplies are pro-

Registration for programs is required prior to the day of the event. For more information or to register for any programs, stop in at the library, call them at 815-939-1696.

# Delta Dental Foundation Offers \$100,000 Wisdom Tooth Award

Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation, the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of Delta Dental of Illinois, is now accepting applications for its seventh annual Wisdom Tooth Award. The \$100,000 grant is available to a non-profit organization, government entity or school with a program dedicated to improving oral health in the state.

The Wisdom Tooth Award is designed to help expand or enhance an existing children's oral health program in Illinois. Eligible organizations must have a physical presence in Illinois, benefit children and have an established program that provides oral health education and/or access to oral health resources and care.

"Improving the oral health of Illinois children is crucial to their overall health and well-being," said Lora Vitek, director of philanthropy and community relations for Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation. "The prevalence of poor oral health and tooth decay among Illinois children can impact attendance at school as well as the ability to concentrate,

talk, eat and smile. The Wisdom Tooth Award allows us to support programs and organizations working to improve the health of Illinois children.'

The Macoupin County Public Health Department received the 2018 Wisdom Tooth Award. The grant is being used to add dental staff to the department's clinic and school-based oral health services, and to support a new, four-chair dental clinic to serve area children from birth to age 18. Macoupin County is recognized as a low-in-

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come Dental Health Professional Shortage Area. With no pediatric dentists in this area, the department has one of the only dental clinics serving children in rural west central Illinois.

The deadline to apply for the 2019 Wisdom Tooth Award is May 13 at 5 p.m. The recipient will be announced this summer. The organization that receives the grant has up to two years to use the funding.

The application and criteria are available at deltadentalil.com/ddilfoundation/wisdomtoothaward.

# is Friday at noon. The Paper is located at 204 E. Chippewa St..

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# St. Paul School Fund-raiser



ST. PAUL SCHOOL HELD ITS LARGEST FUND-RAISER of the year at St. Patrick's Parish Hall on March 2. Guests were provided with a dinner, games of chance, a silent auction, and a live auction. Some of the items up for grabs included various artwork and home décor, including projects made by the classrooms, seed corn and soybeans, loads of gravel, baseball and concert tickets, hotel stays, plane and limo bus rides, birthday party packages, crossbow, tools, dessert of the month, ground beef package, Cub Cadet lawn mower, Chris Janson autographed basket, and more. New to the auction this year, participants were able to bid on experiences, such as a front row pew for the St. Paul Christmas program, a one-hour farm experience with school cook Grandma Marcy, and principal for the morning. The live bidding kicked off with a \$220 bid to throw a pie in Father Chris Haake's face. A second grade student did the honors - and Father Haake was a good sport.

# **Barn Troupe Announces Second Production** of 2019

The all-new Barn III dinner theatre and event center has announced that the second production of the 2019 season will be "Nana's Naughty Knickers," opening March 21 and playing for a limited five-week engagement through Saturday, April

"Nana's" was the play that was running at the time of the storm damage to the Barn in 2015. The production had only played for three weekends at the time, but several performances for the rest of the run had been sold out. New Barn owner Abby Reel is happy to announce that the original stars of that production, Peoria's own Lana Warner, along with Mary Simon, are returning for the production.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.thebarniii.com or by phone at 309-965-2545 from the box office on Wednesdays. Prices are subject to change for holiday performances. Expanded office hours will be coming in the future. The same buffet dinner will be available, and the new Barn will offer a full service cash bar.

The Barn is now able to sell alcohol since the Village of Goodfield voted to lift the ban in November. As a result, patrons will no longer be permitted to take their own alcohol to the facility.

For more information, email info@thebarniii.com.



# **Prairie Creek Library Hosts Murder Mystery Dinner April 13**

In April, Prairie Creek Library will once mingle, ask each other questions, and share clues again host a murder mystery dinner event -"Midnight at the Masquerade," which will begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at Station 343 in Dwight.

Station 343 will serve the dinner, which is included in the price of the ticket per person. Guests are encouraged to dress as they would for a masquerade ball.

Some dinner guests randomly will be assigned roles as potential suspects. Guests will

to determine who they believe to be the murderer. A prize will be awarded to the table who best solves the mystery.

All tickets for the event will be sold at the main circulation desk of the library. A limited quantity is available, and tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door.

This event has sold out in the past, so anyone interested is encouraged to get tickets early.

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