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‘We’re Going to Disney World!’

*Dwight High School Band and Choir
Chosen to Perform for Crowds*

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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Dwight Township High School musicians are headed this week to one of the most magical places on earth -- Disney World -- for the first time in recent memory.

The high school's concert band and choir were chosen to entertain thousands of visitors from around the world next week in sunny Florida, and director Justin Gund couldn't be more proud.

"This is a great way to take our program out," he said.

The school was notified in the spring of 2018 after an application process that took months. They had to send in recordings of the groups to demonstrate their talent, along with group photos.

Thirty-two students, freshman through senior class, and 11 chaperones, fly out Saturday, March 23 and return Thursday, March 28. They are to perform Tuesday, March 26.

The students include those in band and choir, with some students involved in both programs, said Gund, who has taught at the high school for six years.

Each performance will be for about half an hour, and song selections were based on suggestions by Disney staff.

"They actually suggest you don't play a lot of Disney songs," Gund said, since there is so much of that everywhere tourists go.

The concert band will play at Disney Springs, an outdoor shopping, dining, and entertainment complex at the Walt Disney World Resort in Bay Lake, Florida, near Orlando. The popular tourist destination gets a lot of traffic, and the band will be playing on a stage that faces The World of Disney, the largest Disney store in the world.

They will be performing five songs, including selections from "Jurassic Park," a medley from "Aladdin," which is timely with the live action movie coming out in May, a Beatles medley.

The choir will sing nine selections near the Seven Seas Lagoon, also part of Disney Springs. They will perform "Africa," "American Folk Rhapsody," and "Seize the Day," among others.

All of the choices are upbeat and entertaining, Gund said.

"You're trying to draw a crowd," he explained.

The students held four fundraisers to offset cost of the trip, which is about \$1,000 per student.

Vocal, instrumental and dance ensembles from all around the world apply to perform each year as part of Disney Performing Arts at both Disneyland Resort and Walt Disney World Resort. Once selected, they are given the opportunity to perform at Disney among an international audience of theme park guests. Millions of performers have graced the stages of Disney Parks since the Disney Performing Arts program was launched more than 25 years ago.

Excitement is at its peak, particularly now that they are in single digits of their countdown. Gund said the students created a light board to help them count down the days until they leave.

"Playing in the band in Disney is pretty cool," said senior Gretchen Hilt after morning practice.

It will be equally exciting for Gund. He taught band at Morris and Marengo high schools, and his students at Marengo were chosen to perform at Disney, but he was unable to join them after switching jobs. This will be his first trip to Disney directing his musicians.

DTHS band and choir have been busy ever since winter finals. In fact, they've had a performance of some kind nearly every two weeks. They just finished the spring musical "Oklahoma," were preparing for the Disney performance at the same time, and once they return from Florida, the kids will be gearing up for IHSA contests.

Come next week, they'll get a bit of a reprieve. Florida provides them with a performance of a lifetime for the high-schoolers, but they'll also have some fun visiting Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, Epcot and Hollywood Studios.

Senior Timothy Western, a senior, couldn't contain his excitement, not only to perform but also because it's his first time going to Disney. In fact, it's his first time going to Florida.

"I'm going to need sunscreen," he quipped.



DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL band and choir members have counted down the days until they leave for Disney World in Florida, where they will play for the public on March 26. Pictured are, front row, from left, seniors Gretchen Hilt, left, Miranda Holte and Reece Mortensen; and back row, from left, Timothy Western, Hunter Sulaica and Joseph Scott.

Photo/The Paper



EMMA EGGENBERGER, a second-grader at St. Paul Catholic school in Odell, got to be principal for the day last Tuesday.

Tiny Odell Catholic School Raises \$37,000 at Annual Auction

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie
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More than \$37,000 was raised March 2 at a fundraising auction for St. Paul Catholic School in Odell, home to some five dozen kids.

It was an exciting night for parents, teachers and organizers since it raised about \$3,000 more than last year's auction. But it also helped raise money for a particularly important cause -- a new bus, said Kim Frauli, who works in the school office and has an eighth-grade son enrolled at the school. She helped with the fundraiser alongside chair Amy Turner.

Most of the money raised will help offset general school expenses and salaries. But Frauli said \$8,000 was raised for this year's Fund a Need to purchase a new bus in the near future.

There are 63 students enrolled at St.

Paul in pre-K through eighth grade. They come from eight different school districts.

Currently, they have two busses that are nearing capacity. Frauli said enrollment has increased every year for the past five years, and they are on track for even more growth next year.

The event included a live and silent auction, roulette wheel, basket raffle and wine pull. Dinner included spaghetti from Station 343, the Knights of Columbus donated chicken, and there were plenty of sides and salad. PK Uncorked from Pontiac had a wine tasting and shared part of the profits with the school.

Part of the success, Frauli said, can be attributed to offering online bidding, the first time they've used technology for the fundraiser, now in its seventh year. People who couldn't attend could still bid on auction items through a phone app.

The live auction included airline vouch-

ers, hotel stays, country music tickets, Sox and Cubs tickets, and artwork created by students. It also included some unusual big ticket items that bidders and organizers always joke about. One is "The 12 Days of Seed Corn" that farmers bid high for; this year it brought in \$3,000. A truckload of gravel given annually by Bunting Brothers and Jim Abry is the other. It brought in several thousand dollars. Who couldn't use some gravel for their spring yard projects?

There were also experiences, such as being a page in Springfield for State Rep. Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City). Emma Eggenberger, a second grader, won the bid to be principal for a day.

Perhaps the best was the winning bidder who paid \$220 to throw a pie in the face of Father Chris Haake, of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight and St. Paul, Odell. An experience indeed!

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
March 8: Vicki L. Anderson, 37, Bourbonnais, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Grace A. Markley, 19, Chillicothe, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Ruby A. Lepper, 47, Minonk, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.
March 12: Christian L. Haymond, 39, Springfield, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

1 Written Warning
Speeding – 1.
Dwight Police Blotter
March 10: 4:22 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to 12 W. Northbrook Dr. On arrival, Dwight Police met with a 26-year old female advising she had been battered. Dwight Police and Livingston Co. Sheriff deputies searched the area and located the offender. Arrested was 25-year old Esteban Garcia of Chicago, for Domestic Battery and Violation of Order of Protection. Garcia was transported to Grundy Co. Jail.

DFPD Incidents
The Dwight Fire Department responded to five emergency incidents between March 8-15, including:
Assists with Dwight EMS, 2nd ambulance calls in progress – 3; mutual aid to Mazon, false alarm, smoke alarm at the grade school – 1; false alarm activation – 1.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
March 7: 7:03 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris.
March 8: 5:09 p.m., Prairie, medical, Morris; 7:34 p.m., James, medical, Morris.
March 9: 9:05 a.m., St. Louis, medical, Morris; 9:43 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 11:13 a.m., Jefferson, medical, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; 6:12 p.m., Delaware, medical, St. James.
March 10: 3:07 a.m., Franklin, medical, refusal; 7:56 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 11:21 a.m., Julie, trauma, refusal; 1:57 p.m., Goodfarm Rd., trauma, St. Mary's - Kankakee; 3:57 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.
March 11: 9:43 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 1:37 p.m., Dewitt, COQ, mutual aid to Coal City; 10:40 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.
March 12: 8:40 a.m., Waters, medical, St. James; 12:47 p.m., 3000 E. Rd., medical, Morris, mutual aid to Emington.
March 13: 12:11 a.m., Prairie, medical, Morris; 1:17 p.m., W. Main St., medical, Morris; 5:30 p.m., Mazon, medical, St. James; 7:28 p.m., Union, medical, Morris.

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Medicare Scams

Telephone scammers have apparently been at work in *The Paper's* circulation area, asking people for personal information while pretending to be Medicare representatives. The callers may offer new plasticized Medicare cards, though the real cards are always paper. The scammers may also claim that there is a fee to pay for one's new Medicare card (there isn't), or there is a problem with one's card and they need bank or Social Security information. The Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information Division offers these tips:
— Don't give personal information to get your new Medicare card. If someone calls claiming to be from Medicare, asking for your Social Security number, bank information, or other information to get your new card, that's a scam. Hang up.
— Don't pay for your new card. It's yours for free. If anyone calls and says you need to pay for it, that's a scam. Hang up.

Temps - 2019
Mar. 7 – high 29°, low 15°
Mar. 8 – high 43°, low 25°
Mar. 9 – high 45°, low 30° .68" rain
Mar. 10 –high 39°, low 28°
Mar. 11 – high 41°, low 25°
Mar. 12 –high 45°, low 25° .16" rain
Mar. 13 – high 56°, low 39° .34" rain
One Year Ago – March 20, 2018
high 39°, low 24°

Emington Boy Scouts Host Fish Fry March 29
Emington Boy Scout Troop #87 will be holding their 54th Annual Fish Fry Friday, March 29, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the basement of Emington Church. A small fee applies for the event.



NATHAN JOERNDT poses with Sheryl Hovel, right, and her daughter Heather Hovel at the Pontiac Walmart.
Photo courtesy Sheryl Hovel

Pontiac Walmart Greeter Gets a Second Chance

"Team Nathan" is 7,600-member strong, and that love and support for a mentally handicapped Walmart greeter in Pontiac has paid off. Nathan Joerndt, of Pontiac, one of thousands of mostly disabled and senior Walmart greeters who may lose their jobs, is getting a second chance. According to a Facebook group that has rallied to his cause, Joerndt was offered a position as a self checkout host. He's several days into a trial period where he is testing out the job to see if it's a good fit for him before he officially accepts it. He said his first day in his new role was a "pretty darn good day." "Thank you all for all the love and support you have given me during the last few weeks!" Joerndt wrote on the group page. "Really means

a lot to me!" His story was shared on news channels across the nation. Joerndt, of Pontiac, has worked at Walmart since he was a teen. He's now 35 years old, and has given Walmart 18 years of service. He was told February 19 that his job title was changing to "customer host," a position requiring greeters to take on additional duties that people with physical or mental disabilities and seniors -- most of Walmart's greeters -- are unable to perform. Walmart immediately caught fire when it announced its greeters would be required to take on new roles. It has since reversed course. Walmart's CEO announced the company would make "every effort" to find a role for disabled workers who had been threatened with job loss.

Free Food to be Distributed March 27

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, March 27, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin, Dwight. The pantry is provided by the Dwight Ministerial Association and Dwight Township.

Community Care Systems Offering Outreach in March

Community Care Systems, Inc. will be available to assist senior citizens and people under the age of 60 with disabilities in signing up for federal, state, and local programs on the following dates:
• **Thursday, March 21. 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Cullom Village Office, 119 N. Oak St. • Wednesday, March 27, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Ave.**
No appointments are necessary. Call 815-844-2272 for more information.

ISP Merit Board Accepting State Trooper Applications

The Illinois State Police (ISP) Merit Board is currently processing applications for Cadet Class 130, which is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2019. In order to be considered for Cadet Class 130, the ISP Merit Board must receive your completed application and required documentation by May 31. Anyone interested in joining the ranks of the ISP is encouraged to visit the ISP Merit Board website at www.illinoistrooper.com for application information. Upon graduation from the ISP Academy, Troopers are assigned to one of the 21 patrol districts across the state; however, Troopers have the opportunity to transition to one of the many specialty functions within the ISP. These specialty functions include, but are not limited to, Crime Scene Services, the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Investigations, Internal Investigations, SWAT, Air Operations, K-9 Handler, Motorcycle Unit, Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau, Executive Protection, and Academy Instructor. If you have questions about being an ISP Trooper, contact Master Sergeant Hector Alejandro at 708-522-4946 or Hector_Alejandro@isp.state.il.us, Sergeant Jarran Riley at 217-558-4902 or Jarran_Riley@isp.state.il.us, or Trooper Aldo Schumann at 708-710-1424 or Aldo_Schumann@isp.state.il.us.

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What Should You Do With an Inheritance?

If you were to receive a sizable inheritance, what should you do with it? This money could help you achieve some of your important financial goals – so you'll want to think carefully about your choices. Here are a few suggestions that may be useful:

Pay off some debts. You may want to consider paying off some, if not all, of your debts. You might even consider paying off your mortgage, but you may not want to, as you might be able to get a better return on your money by investing it. If all your money is tied up in a house, you'll typically have less liquidity than you would get from your investments.

Contribute more to your retirement accounts. You may now be able to afford to contribute more to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, as well as to your IRA.

Save for college. If you have children, or grandchildren, whom you would like to someday send to college, you might want to put some of your inheritance into a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, which provides tax benefits and gives you great flexibility in distributing the money.

Build an emergency fund. If you haven't already built an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you may be able to do so now. Keep the money in a liquid, low-risk account, so that it's readily available to pay for unexpected costs.

Above all else, you may want to get some help. A financial professional can recommend ways of using the money to help you meet your goals. You could further diversify your investments, which is important, because diversification can help reduce the effects of market volatility on your portfolio. And a financial professional can help you determine how much your plans could change due to the inheritance. You'll also need to consult with your tax advisor, because some inherited assets, such as an IRA, could have tax implications.

Your loved ones worked hard, and probably invested for many years, to leave a legacy for you. So, to honor their memory, do whatever you can to handle your inheritance wisely.

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DWIGHT TOWNSHIP CONCERT BAND members practice Monday morning for their performance next week at Disney World. From left are Reece Mortensen, Natalie Cuaya and Faith McNerney. Read the full story on Page 1.

Cullom Brush Pick-Up Service Resumes April 5-October 25

The Village of Cullom, “Brush and Branch” pick-up program will resume service April 5 through October 25, with Friday being the designated day for pick-up from residences.

Items should be placed out prior to 6:00 a.m. and requirements for pick-up are as follows:

All branches that have been cut, pruned, and/or trimmed must be cut in lengths less than eight feet and placed in piles not higher than three feet, stacked in one direction with thicker ends facing the street. Do not cross stack branches.

No stumps, root balls, potted plants, and containers will be picked up.

All grass clippings, leaves, corn husks, evergreen clippings, vines, and small twigs must be placed in manageable bags (33 gallons or less) or small containers (14 gallons or less).

All containers used must have holes in them for water drainage. No items placed in large garbage cans will be picked up. Garden waste, including vegetables, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, etc. will not be picked up. Walnuts must be placed in containers no larger than a five gallon bucket.

No boards, fence posts, or construction material will be picked up.

Branches, leaves, and other yard waste generated by a private contractor, or individuals hired by residents or property owners do not qualify for the pick-up program. Branches, leaves, and other yard waste of this type must be properly disposed of by said private contractor, or other private service, and disposed in their own method.

Bagged leaves only, will be picked up through November 22.

Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington March 25

On Monday, March 25, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities’ Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Catholic Church (135 Rice Rd. in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (rain or shine).

Participants are asked to take bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and

grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency.

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Another Million-Dollar Year of Sales Tax for Dwight

By Tom Tock
Once again, the Village of Dwight has chalked up a calendar year of sales tax income exceeding one-million dollars. January through December of 2018 sales tax receipts in the village totaled \$1,131,995.

The total in calendar year 2017 was \$1,074,494.

2017 and 2018 sales tax figures were increased rather dramatically with the addition of the non-home-rule sales tax of 1% applied in July of 2016. That 1% is earmarked for infrastructure projects.

The Grundy County part of Dwight furnished \$340,356 of Dwight’s 2018 total sales tax, or 30.06%.

Sales tax earned from the category of *Automotive & Filling Stations* during 2018 was

\$354,095 compared to \$309,671 in calendar year 2017.
Dwight sales tax from *Drinking & Eating Places* shrank in 2018 (\$144,222) from 2017 (\$160,883).

(The sales tax figures in this story do not reflect the 1.5% “administration fee” levied by the state on the non-home-rule sales tax total.)

Total Fourth Quarter 2018 sales tax revenue saw Dwight collecting \$4,808 more than was received in the October, November, December quarter of 2017.

The sales tax category of *Drinking and Eating Places* slumped \$4,909 (\$33,650) from the fourth quarter of 2017 (\$38,559), while *Automotive and Filling Stations* increased \$7,421 (\$89,729/\$82,308).

FULL YEAR		
	2018	2017
Dwight	1,131,995	1,074,494
Fairbury	601,909	593,043
Pontiac	2,595,701	2,489,575
Odell	45,385	45,809
Saunemin	18,006	17,779
Gardner	302,933	319,890
Mazon	66,754	64,433
Morris	7,043,935	5,796,548
S. Wilms.	51,454	55,270
Herschler	317,283	323,184

4TH QUARTER		
	2018	2017
Dwight	272,661	267,853
Fairbury	141,272	140,032
Pontiac	632,093	620,010
Odell	11,120	12,861
Saunemin	4,168	4,893
Gardner	75,429	99,270
Mazon	14,096	20,179
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Herschler	72,268	80,686

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Trivia Night Gives Community a Chance to Save Lives, Celebrate Lives and Fight Back

The American Cancer Society of Livingston County is hosting a trivia night on Saturday, April 27, to raise money in the fight against cancer. The third annual event will be held at the Dwight VFW, located at 506 S. Old Route 66. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

This event welcomes everyone. Trivia-goers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older. Snacks will be provided. Drinks are available at an additional charge. Each table will be set up for teams of eight participants. A team fee applies. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register early. Partial teams can join together to form a full team of eight at the event. Registration forms can be found at relayforlife.org/livingston and at facebook.com/LivingstonCountyACS. Registration forms can be mailed to the American Cancer Society of Livingston County at 4234 N. Knoxville Ave., Suite B, Peoria, IL 61614.

Trivia Night benefits Livingston County Days of Hope, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society. ACS provides funding for cancer research along with programs and services for cancer patients and their families in the Livingston Co. area. Over the last 23 years, Livingston Co. resi-

dents have raised more than \$2 million in the fight against cancer. Money raised through fund-raising events have also provided local residents with free rides to and from treatment, free wigs, and lodging when needing to travel away from home for treatments.

"Events such as trivia night give our community a fun, relaxing way to give back to an organization that has done so much for residents of Livingston County," said Ashley Carroll, Co-Chair of the American Cancer Society of Livingston County Executive Board. "Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in 2019 in the fight against cancer through our Days of Hope events. We are excited to refresh our events which includes a new location of our Relay For Life event."

"I have been a part of Relay For Life for over 20 years and started volunteering with the American Cancer Society nine years ago in remembrance of my grandma that we lost too soon to this terrible disease," said Megan Barton, Co-Chair of the American Cancer Society of Livingston County Executive Board. "I believe in the mission of the American Cancer Society and am excited to be a part of something that is going to change the future. We hope you will join us in kicking off an exciting year at Trivia Night!"



Blacksmithing Tools and Techniques Program in Morris March 26

John V. Hanson will present "Blacksmithing Tools and Techniques" on Tuesday, March 26, at the Grundy County Historical Museum, 510 W. Illinois Ave. in Morris.

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is free to the public.

John V. Hanson is a local attorney who developed an interest in blacksmithing in the 1980's because he wanted to be a part of something that is going to change the future. We hope you will join us in kicking off an exciting year at Trivia Night!"

plain, demonstrate, and describe uses of the various tools at the Tool Shed in the Museum.

John's work includes knife making, tool making, flower pot hangers and stands, and a hanging pot rack that graces his kitchen that has a 14-foot high ceiling.

John will discuss tools and fixtures commonly used by blacksmiths to shape hot metal, and some examples of his work.

Explore Antarctica at Prairie Creek Family Program April 6

Prairie Creek Library, Dwight, will host "An Antarctica Expedition with Wayne Brown" at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 6.

Brown is an expert on Antarctica, with years of experience as a small ship expedition guide. He will share a wealth of information that only comes from actually working in the Antarctic for months at a time. He and his wife, Karen, have been featured nationally and internationally in all forms of media.

He will share personal stories of what it is like to live and work in the most remote and harshest location on Earth. He

will discuss the dangers and difficulties, rules that must be followed to take tourists to Antarctica, how to have safe and responsible encounters with Antarctic wildlife – from whales to penguins, and how they work to prevent non-native species of plants and animals from contaminating the environment.

Guests will learn about animal encounters from dangerous to delightful, discover the secret lives of penguins, and learn about one tiny animal that supports the entire Antarctic food chain.

This program is free and open to the public.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'This Will Be a Stain in Our Story'

On Monday night, as I left the auditorium of the high school I have fond memories in, in the town where I was raised, I couldn't help but feel a sense of shame and disappointment in my community and elected officials. I was raised in Dwight; I went to school from pre-k to high school graduation in Dwight. My moral compass was calibrated by the people in and from this community, at the schools I went to, the extra-curricular activities I participated in, the churches I went to, and in the businesses of Dwight where I have worked. This calibration led me to one of my proudest and largest accomplishments, which was joining the United States Marine Corps. I have always been proud to say that I am from Dwight, "the friendliest town in the whole U.S.A." I chose to come back to this town and raise my children here. My fiancé and I purchased a home here because of my confidence in the stability and goodness of this community and its people. Now, I'm not sure if I made the right choice. Not only is having

this for-profit detention center ethically and morally questionable (at best) but it does nothing for the future of Dwight. It will hurt the businesses in Dwight, and the growth of our town. People who are morally opposed to ICE and/or ICA and for-profit prisons and detention centers, are going to avoid our town. They will not move here; they will not shop and eat here; and they surely won't go out of their way to visit our community and learn what the citizens REALLY care about. Or they will come here to protest and shine a light on our darkest moment for all to see. For people who are not opposed to this facility; they aren't going to go out of their way to support our growth as a community and demoralize the population. We will not go down in the history books as a beautiful town with a rich history. This will be a stain in our story. People are leaving Illinois in droves already. This is just another reason for central Illinoisans to join the multitudes headed to other states.

Madison Herlan

Walk With Jesus Easter Event at Dwight UMC April 10

The public is invited to Dwight United Methodist Church Wednesday, April 10, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. – beginning with a spaghetti dinner.

Then, journey through the last week of Jesus's life by going through five interactive and engaging stations with your family. Travel to Jerusalem for Palm Sunday. Sit down for the Lord's Supper.

Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Discover the sacrifice of Good Friday. Lastly, celebrate the freedom of Easter Morning.

There is no cost to attend this event. To ensure enough food and supplies, RSVP by April 9 by registering online at vbspro.events/p/ad68f6 or by calling Dwight UMC at 815-584-3420.

Whole Hog Sausage Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 31

Trinity Lutheran Church (Goodfarm) will host its annual Whole Hog Sausage Dinner Sunday, March 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Church, 515 E. Stonewall Rd. in Dwight (look for the pig at Rt. 47 and E. Stonewall).

The menu includes whole hog sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce, bread,

drinks, and assorted desserts. Carry-outs will be available.

A fee applies, with kids ages five to 12 receiving a discount and children under five eating for free.

Tickets for a raffle will also be available to purchase.

All are welcome to the Church Service at 10:00 a.m. that morning.

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commentary

A week later . . .

Well, that’s over. At least for a while.

Dwight was the center of both good and bad publicity in its recent past, and deserves a time-out from the matter of a detention center for illegal immigrants.

Organized protestors may very well return, but at least they should have learned that intimidation does not seem to be a good weapon for changing minds in Dwight.

The Paper has been printed in a new press-room up north the past two weeks. Our printing deadline is now 8 p.m. on Monday, but last week an extra couple of hours were begged from the printers so writers Rachael Reynolds-Soucie and Madelyn Fogarty could report the outcome of the important village council vote on the immigrant detention center.

Good job, Rachael and Madelyn, and thank you, printers.

In more mundane matters, the red-winged blackbirds and robins have returned to Dwight. The red-wings can be seen staking out their territories in the prairie at the north end of Burbeck Drive, and probably south of the grade school along Gooseberry Creek, too, a good sign that Spring is still scheduled.

The red-wings spend the winter months about 800 miles south of here, having learned, like the robins, that life can be lived better where it is warmer. Crows, starlings, ruff-legged hawks, sparrows, tough it out up north in the ice and snow. Why?

According to a Doctor Somveille on the internet, the response of migration/migratory species is complex and has to do with “energy optimisation.” Now you know.

Peace. Tom Tock

Candidates for April 2 Consolidated Election

The Consolidated Election is April 2. Here’s a look at your local candidates in Livingston County. For the full list, see page 13. Find Grundy’s sample ballot as an insert inside today’s Paper.

DWIGHT

Village Trustee incumbents Randall Irvin and Marla Kinkade face challengers Gloria Piccioli, Charles Butterbrodt and Bernie Baldauf. Three seats are open.

Dwight Common School Board: Cathy Ferguson, running unopposed for a two-year term. For a four-year term, three seats are open: Eric Scheuer, Mark Christenson, Marc Ellis, Michael Cornale and Eugene Mortensen.

Dwight Township High School Board of Education: Betty Gantzert runs unopposed for the only open two-year term. Three seats are open for four-year-terms but only two are running, Paul Warner and Kevin Berta.

CAMPUS

Matthew Galeaz is running for village president. Village trustee candidates are Jason Simmons, JR Elling and Timothy Turner. Three seats are open.

CULLOM

Cullom village trustee: Three four-year seats are open; running are Richard Mills, Brad Wallrich, Lindsey Pickman and Carl Krause III. Jeff Meister is unopposed for the only two-year term.

ODELL

Brian “Bubba” Mills was appointed village president and now running unopposed for a two-year term. Three village trustee seats are open and Brian Verdun faces Rodney Morris and Thomas Russell II are running.

Odell Community Consolidated School District Board of Education: Kate Noles for the only 2-year term; and for the four open 4-year seats Jacob NeGray, Kimberly Verdun and Chad A. Gragert, with one write-in spot.

Odell Park District Commissioner: James Rebholz runs unopposed.

Odell Public Library District Trustee contenders: Margaret Doran, Lynne Verdun and Sandra Erickson. Three open seats.

VILLAGE OF REDDICK

Donald A. Schultz is running for village trustee.

SAUNEMIN

In Saunemin, there are three seats open for village trustees. Running are David R. Todino, Cynthia Brackney and J Alan Arnolts.

Saunemin School District 438 Board of Education has Helen Brown, Mary Ludwig and William Stevenson running for three open seats.

HERSCHER

Board of Education: Sally Sullivan, David Emling, Jason Hastings and Jacqueline Reick for three open seats.

TRI-POINT

Board of Education: Theodore Conkling, Kristine Haag and Sharon Mogged for three open seats.

GARDNER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Donald Pfeifer Jr. is running for trustee.

BRACEVILLE

David Wright is running unopposed for mayor.

Village commissioners, four seats open: Erik Brock, Karen Arndt and William Sebrell.

BRACEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

For a four-year term, four seats open: Jill Hook, Beth Fatlan, Charles Ozee and a write-in option.

GARDNER

Three are running for mayor: Patricia Parks, Michael Serena (incumbent) and James Riley

Four seats are open for village commissioner: Timothy Hill, Erik Smith, Dick Hileman, Robert Wolf, Terry Jensen.

GARDNER GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Jamie Wilkey, Gerald Olsen for four-year terms; four open seats so there are two write-in options.

KINSMAN

There is a write-in spot for mayor. Ralph Gilbertson running for trustee; there are three seats open so there are two write-in spots.

MAZON

There are three, four-year term seats open for village trustee: Jeffrey Marques, Diane Punke, Jackie Johnson, James Matteson, Donna Lee, James Hintze. For a two-year term, David Hammen running unopposed for the one open seat.

SOUTH WILMINGTON

Richard Alderson is running unopposed for mayor.

For village trustee, three open seats: Wayne Wren, William Simms, David Simms, Jr.

South Wilmington Grade School Board, four open seats: Christopher Jett, Michael Dinelli, Terry Schultz, Eric Conger

GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

For four-year terms, three open seats: Katy Wepprecht, Pamela Brooks, Jennifer Smykowski, Kori Speed

VERONA

Dennis Finch running unopposed for mayor. Running unopposed village clerk: Colleen Lawrence. Trustees for four-year term, three open seats: Larry Turner, Keith Johnson, Larry Panti. For two-year term, three open seats: Eric Leake and Robert Schaffnit

MAZON-VERONA-KINSMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD

Running for two-year term, one open seat: Nicholas Weber. For four-year term, three open seats: Bob Wagner, Keith Pfeifer, Bryan Baker.

DGS Sets Eighth Grade Graduation Date

March Board of Education Actions

By Madelyn Fogarty
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With spring in the air, the close of the school year is rapidly approaching. On March 13, Dwight Common School District #232 Board of Education set the date for graduation and reviewed a proposed end-of-year calendar.

DGS 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the DTHS gymnasium. This time is in keeping with the tradition of having DGS graduation the day before DTHS holds its senior graduation ceremony and, thereby, being able to utilize the set-up of the high school facility. With school still in session for all other grade levels, Eighth Grade teachers will be used in the capacity of teacher substitute during the remaining final days of school following graduation. Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek also noted that the updated 2018-19 school calendar has been submitted to the Regional Office for approval. If approved, it would call for May 30th as the final day of the school year with 2 p.m. dismissals on May 28, 29 and 30.

In financial reports, Dr. Jancek noted that an error by the county clerk’s office regarding the EAV will result in the district being short this fiscal year \$42,039 of what the extension request was versus what will be received. To correct, a prior year adjustment will be given for next year and additional money will be received for the year 2019-20. In other financial reporting it was noted that the State of Illinois currently owes the district \$52,136.56.

In maintenance, Dr. Jancek reported that, weather permitting, roof repairs from damage sustained due to wind and subsequent rain will begin this week. Also, anHVAC pre-bid meeting was held on March 6 with regard to this summer’s planned air conditioning project. Bids will be opened on March 20 and awarding of the contract will take place following board approval.

In other business, impacts of the new minimum wage law were discussed, with Dr. Jancek demonstrating some of that impact as the current minimum wage will increase annually until reaching \$15.00 per hour on January 1, 2025. Dr. Jancek told the board that the district will not be compliant with state law by the year 2022-23 as new hires begin making the same wage as longer term employees. Dr. Jancek recommended that they begin reviewing support staff and work classifications and start looking at ways to create respectful salary gaps as part of a five to eight year plan that is

consistent and sustainable. Dr. Jancek also suggested that the new minimum wage law may impact teacher substitute dynamics which was a topic of discussion last month. Further discussion on teacher substitute hourly and daily rates, along with the new minimum wage law, was tabled and will resume at a future joint session with the Dwight Township High School Board of Education.

Principal Mr. Brandon Owens outlined upcoming testing dates. On April 4, 3rd-8th grade students will begin IAR testing, formerly known as PARCC. On April 17, 8th-grade students will be taking TIMSS (Trends in Mathematics and Science Study). On April 25, 8th graders will take the Illinois Science Assessment.

In Public comment, resident Cy Dunlap questioned policy with regard to moving players up levels in sports. In particular, Mr. Dunlap was referring to this year’s 8th grade state tournament in which he felt there were 7th grade players that, if moved up, could have positively impacted the team’s final standing in the tournament.

“So my question is, why didn’t we have our best team on the floor?” asked Dunlap.

Athletic Director Julie Schultz explained that there is a 7th Grade State Series and an 8th Grade State Series and, while the IESA has its rules about moving players up, the school also has its own policy which dictates that when there are enough players of the appropriate grade level to fill a team, players of a lower grade level are not allowed to be pulled up and push players out of their positions.

“At this level we are playing competitively to a point,” stated Mrs. Schultz. “But we are also trying to cultivate teamwork, what it means to be a good sport, and give those 8th graders their spots on that team.”

Board member Cathy Ferguson noted that this was a board decision and one that allows building a kid’s sense of confidence.

“When they are here at the grade school, give them an opportunity to learn and be coached as a team with their peers,” said Ferguson. “It’s not all about the win. It’s about teaching, and learning, and giving everyone the same benefit. High School is a different ball game.”

“We are hurting for numbers and when you push kids out of the program at this age level, they come over to the high school and they are not participating,” said Ferguson.

“We believe this is the time for our students to grow within themselves,” said BOE member Nick Stepanovich. “To have unique experiences, learning how to win and learning how to lose. And, they have the rest of their life, from freshman year on, to be able to play up to the highest heights of their dreams.”

Following a Public Hearing discussion, the board approved a resolution waiving FY2019 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The need arose following a shift of money from the Risk Management Plan (Tort Fund) to the Education Fund triggering an actual FY18 to budget FY19 discrepancy.

The BOE also:

- accepted a retirement notice from Linda Wargo, Teacher.
- accepted the resignation of Michael Machetta, Teacher.
- accepted the resignation of Melissa Synder, Cheerleading Coach.
- approved employment of Brittani Dahlman, Cheerleading Coach.
- approved board policy 5:60 with regard to travel expenses, increasing registration fees from \$500 to \$550.
- reviewed Board Policy update recommendations, first reading.
- discontinued an Intergovernmental agreement with Gardner Grade School with regard to the shared music teacher (BOE member Michael Cornale abstained).
- employed all tenured and non-tenured teachers for 2019-20 as presented.


The next meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, in the DGS Library. Meetings are open to the public.



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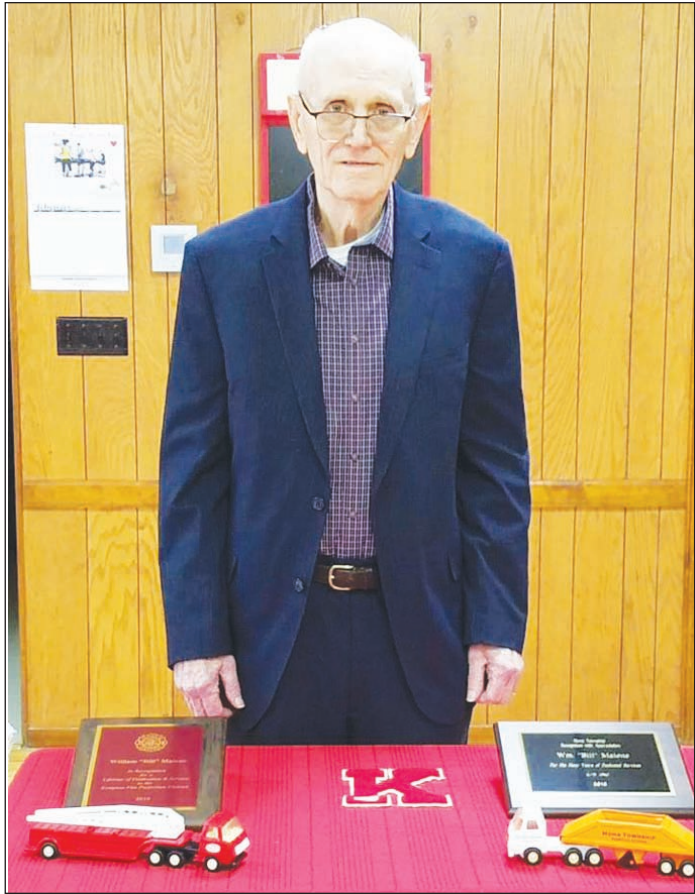
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Ross Bressner and Carli Grieff

Bressner, Grieff to Marry in May

Ross Bressner and Carli Grieff of Pontiac are happy to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding date on May 4 at St. Paul Church in Odell.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Richard and Deborah Grieff. The groom-to-be's parents are Roger and Debbie Bressner.

Ross and Carli are both 2017 graduates of Illinois State University, Bressner receiving a degree in Industrial Technology and Grieff earning an Information Systems degree.

Both work at State Farm in Bloomington.



DWIGHT RESIDENT JACK DUFFY recently was a recipient of the 2018-19 Scholastic Achievement Award – presented by the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce. Jack was honored, along with other top students in the area, with a dinner and presentation at the Elks Club in Pontiac. Jack is an eighth grade student at St. Paul School in Odell.



Marjory Ogg

Marjory Ogg Turning 100

Marjory Ogg will celebrate her 100th birthday Tuesday, March 26.

Marjory has two sons, Kurt (Darlene) of Bourbonnais, and Bill of Dwight. She has two

daughters, Carol (Don) Sobotta, of Alton, and Pam (Dale) Coughlin, of Dwight.

She has ten grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

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Dwight Senior Citizen Duplicate Bridge Results

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- 3. Norma Rodosky/Mary Goley

EAST/WEST:

- 1. Sharon Nelson/Thelma Webber
- 2. Evelyn Lydigsen/Joan Francis
- 3. Peg Watters/Evelyn Neuhalfen

The next duplicate play will be Thursday, March 28.



ANDREW FROELICH, A 2014 GRADUATE of Dwight Township High School, recently completed the Ranger Assessment Selection Program (RASP) and is now a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment in the United States Army. The graduation ceremony took place March 8 at Fort Benning, GA.

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91-Year Old Essex Man Honored as Morris Hospital's Fire Starter

With 629 “likes” and “loves,” 146 comments, and a reach of over 12,400 – the Facebook post announcing Morris Hospital's February Fire Starter of the Month may be their most popular yet.

Not surprising, considering the honoree was Morris Hospital Environmental Services Associate Howard Burton, an individual who is loved by everyone who knows him.

What makes Burton so lovable? In the words of his co-workers, he's joyful, has a great attitude, and never complains. He greets everyone with a friendly hello and is a blessing to work with. And at age 91, he sets an incredible example for what it means to be a hard worker.

“Howard brightens everyone's day with his friendly personality, compassion, outgoing personality, and smile,” wrote Morris Hospital employee Jaise Reed in nominating Burton as Fire Starter of the Month. “He is more than willing to help others when it comes to easing their workload and is always willing to help without hesitation. His work ethic is beyond anything I have ever seen. He is someone I strive to be like as I progress in my career.”

Burton's work ethic is pretty amazing. A World War II veteran, he had already worked 35



Howard Burton

years as a farmer and 16 years as a drill operator at Caterpillar when he joined the Morris Hospital team in 1988. A full time Environmental Services Associate on the afternoon shift, he makes his rounds throughout the hospital collecting dirty linen and trash.

“As his manager, I see Howard exemplifying the hard worker of his generation, doing the job properly and to completion,” says Cindy Stubler, Manager of Environmental Services at Morris Hospital. “He sets such an example for his department and the hospital with this strong work ethic. Howard also is the perfect gentleman, respectful and dignified. He is the ambassador of Environmental Services.”

Indeed, nothing seems to stop Burton from reporting to work. He says he hasn't missed a day in years and he's never late. And that's driving 30 miles from his home in Essex.

“I like to be doing something all the time,” Burton admits. “If I'm off work for two days, I'm anxious to get back.”

“I also like everyone I work with, and they seem to like me,” he says, adding that he has no intention of retiring. “I like to ask if everyone's happy and give a smile.”

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OBITUARIES

Cathie Huston

GARDNER — Cathie Huston, 71, of rural Gardner, passed away Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood.

Born June 21, 1947 in Decatur, Cathie Lee was a daughter of Leroy and Jessica Berta Brandt. She was raised and educated in Gardner; graduated from Gardner - South Wilmington High School in 1965; and went on to attend Illinois State University, where she received a Bachelor’s Degree in Education.

On June 6, 1970, Cathie married David Wayne Huston in Gardner in the Church of Hope.

Cathie taught for two years in McLean High School before gaining employment with the Wilmington High School, where she taught Business and Spanish from 1970 until 1980. After teaching, Cathie and David owned and operated Huston’s Ace Hardware in Gardner until their retirement. When Cathie wasn’t at the store, she and David could be found hiking or biking at many of the state forest preserves, with their favorites being Starved Rock and Mathiessen State Park.

Cathie enjoyed all types of cinema, especially film Noir, and participated in the Beyond Normal Film Club that celebrated French and German foreign films. She loved listening to jazz and blues music, playing the guitar, and looked forward to attending the Illinois Symphony Orchestra in Bloomington.



Survivors include her husband of 48 years, David Huston of Gardner; one sister, Connie (Gary) Huston of Buckeye, Arizona; sister-in-law, Pat (the late Dennis) Huston of Gardner; brother-in-law, Dick (Susan) Dinelli of Skiatook, Oklahoma; one niece and six nephews: Colleen (Tim) Perkins, Eric Huston, Tony (Kim) Dinelli, Dave (Dierdra) Dinelli, Joel (Esther) Huston, Jeremy (Stephanie) Huston, and Jon Huston (Steve Carroll); as well as great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Betty and Chester Huston; a sister-in-law, Lynn Dinelli; her beloved dog, Duffy; and cats, Sid and Toonce.

Per Cathie’s wishes, cremation rites were accorded. The family received friends for memorial visitation Thursday, March 14, at Reeves Funeral Home, Gardner, from 4 until 8 p.m.

A memorial service followed on Friday, March 15, in the funeral home at 10 a.m. Rev. Jan Chandler officiated.

Inurnment in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery followed the service.

Preferred memorials may be made in Cathie’s memory to the Church of Hope or Gardner Fire Protection District.

You may sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, or share Cathie’s memorial page by logging on to: www.ReevesFuneral.com/notices/Cathie-Huston

Jim Sterba

MAZON — Jim Sterba, 72, of Mazon passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood.

Born April 19, 1946 in Chicago, James Charles was a son of Charles and Ruth Sanders Sterba. He was raised in rural Morris, attended Immaculate Conception School, and went on to Mazon High School before joining the United States Navy. Jim honorably served on the USS Thuban.

Jim worked for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Joliet for more than 30 years until his retirement. He then went back to school to gain his Certified Nursing Assistant certification and gained employment with Walnut Grove in Morris as a CNA.

He served as a fireman with the Mazon Fire Protection District, where he continued to sit on the board; was the Commander of the Mazon American Legion Post #352; was an active member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church in Coal City, where he served as a Eucharistic Minister; and he belonged to the Knights of Columbus Braidwood Council #1574.

One who always remained active, Jim volunteered for the Community Nutrition Network, enjoyed calling bingo, and traveling. He was his grandkids’ biggest fan, and enjoyed following them in their various activities.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley (nee Kern), who he married May 3, 2014; children: Barry (Molly) Sterba of Coal City; Dennis (Linda) Turner of Morris; and Jeffery (Emily) Turner of Rankin; stepkids: Susan (Ron) Thompson and



Sheila Dearth, both of Morris; and Jason (Kelly) Dearth and Eva (Dave) Black, both of Coal City; grandchildren: Isaac, Diana, Samuel, Maggie, Aiden and Audrey Sterba; Ashley, Ryan and Allison Turner; and Chelsea and Cody O’Neil; as well as numerous step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren: Renner and Keziah; two brothers: Phillip (Mary) Sterba of LaSalle and Charles Sterba of New Mexico; and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Dianna Lynn (Hintze) in 1997; son David William Sterba (2007); second wife, Catherine Susan (nee Biros) in 2013; one brother, Robert Sterba; and one sister, Alice (Don) Holcomb.

The family received friends Monday, March 18, 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., at Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Robert Noesen Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Coal City.

Burial: Mazon Brookside Cemetery with full military honors. Pallbearers: Luke Hintze, Micah Hintze, Dave Black, Jason Dearth, Daniel Tondini and Christopher Tondini. Zachary Hintze acted as honorary pallbearer.

Preferred memorials may be made to the family for their distribution to local charities of their choosing.

You may sign the online guestbook, upload photographs, or share Jim’s memorial page at:

www.ReevesFuneral.com/notices/Jim-Sterba

Barbara Bogert

Barbara Bogert, 69, of Dwight, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Christ Medical Center in Oaklawn, surrounded by her family.

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

Barbara was born on March 16, 1949 in Pekin, IL, a daughter of Carl and Vera (Hawkins) Schaffnit. She married Jon Bogert on April 27, 2000 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. He survives in Dwight.

She is also survived by son, Cally (Crystal) Stein of Canton, IL; grandchildren, Tabitha Stein, Dakota Cheek, Jeremy Skinner, Brett Skinner and



Cally Stein Jr. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, William and James France; sisters, Betty (Schoemer) Johnson and Loretta (Schoemer) Garreltts. Over the years she was an agent with an airline company and worked for Heritage Enterprises for many years. She was also a one time member of the Farmington, IL Moose Lodge.

Memorials in honor of Barbara may be made to First Congregational United Church of Christ or the Livingston County Humane Society and online condolences may be made at www.hagermemorial.com.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal residents of the Town of Dwight in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:00 o’clock P.M. on said day at the Dwight Town hall, 201 North Franklin Street, Dwight, Illinois and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuant of law, come before the meeting.

DATED at Dwight, Illinois, this 20th day of March, 2019.

Janice M. Masching
Dwight Township Clerk

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Tourney Time



It’s tournament time. Over the next month we will embark on watching the best sports tournament set-up in sports right now.

The NCAA Division 1 basketball tournament, which starts with 68 teams and whittles it all the way down to one in the span of a month, will be starting this week.

With this comes the filling out of brackets. For some reason, even though it’s incredibly hard, and borderline impossible to correctly predict what’s going to happen, it’s still very fun to fill out and take a guess at who’s going to advance in the tournament.

I think the odds of correctly filling it out are one-in-some-number that I’ve never heard of but it’s still very fun. There’s just no real explanation. I think it’s because there’s a chance that it could possibly be the year the bracket isn’t completely busted in the first few minutes of the tournament, but that’s never the case, it’s always busted.

After filling out a bracket I have the real bold pick of thinking the best team all year is going to win the tournament: I think the Duke Blue Devils are going to win the NCAA tournament.

If you’re looking for a sleeper pick to make a deep run, (I would consider a sleeper five-seed or lower). My three teams that I really like are the winner of Marquette/Murray State, Iowa State and Belmont.

I think all three, maybe four of these teams all have a chance to make a Sweet 16 run. I will probably be completely wrong, but initially I really like those three teams.

Best of luck with your bracket and any pools you may be in, may the odds be ever in your favor.

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vs.) No. 18-CH-31
ROSS MENNENGA, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 1811 Cardinal Court, Pontiac, IL 61764.

C. The legal description of the real estate is:
Lot 22 in Fairway View, being a Resubdivision of Walden West First Subdivision and part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20 and the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, all in Township 28 North Range 5 East of the Third Principal Meridian, City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, as per Plat recorded October 2, 1979, in Plat Book 10 at Page 122 as Document Number 386991.

PIN: 15-20-277-026

Commonly known as: 1811 Cardinal Court, Pontiac, IL 61764.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family 1-story residence; includes 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, plus partial basement and 2-car attached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: April 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

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Tips for writing an obituary

Coping with the death of a loved one is never easy. Even those comforted by the acknowledgment that a recently deceased friend or family member lived a full life may still struggle with the sense of loss that comes with the passing of a loved one.

Upon the passing of a loved one, an individual is often tasked with writing an obituary. Some people may find writing an obituary is cathartic, providing an opportunity to tell a loved one's life story and indicate how unique the deceased was. Because writing an obituary is not something people are asked to do every day, it's understandable if many men and women don't know where to begin. Obituaries do not necessarily have to follow a formula, but the following tips can help people compose an obituary that conveys who their deceased loved one was and how much this person meant to friends and family.

- Contact your local newspaper. Some newspapers may have obituary guidelines that govern things like writing style and obituary length. Before writing an obituary, contact your local newspaper to determine if they have any such rules in place. Some newspapers may only publish obituaries written by their own staff members.
- Do not feel obliged to include cause of death. While acquaintances who first learn of a person's death via an obituary may be curious about cause of death, loved ones of the deceased do not have to include such information if they are uncomfortable doing so. Many obituaries never include such information, so readers likely won't expect it. Those who are comfortable including such

information in the obituary may find it helps them avoid having to answer numerous inquiries about the loved one's demise at the ensuing visitation and funeral services.

- Include some biographical information. Obituaries are typically more than simple announcements of death. Some simple biological information can shed light on who the deceased was and his or her personal and professional accomplishments. Avoid getting too detailed, as newspapers may not accept obituaries that are very lengthy. But biographical information like full name, place of birth, family (i.e., spouse, children, grandchildren, etc.), military service, place of employment, charity work, and hobbies can give readers an accurate idea of the life your loved one lived.
- Include donation information. Well-wishers who read the obituary may want to send flowers or make donations to express their condolences. Include the family preference regarding flowers or donations in the obituary. When requesting donations be made to the deceased's favorite charity, include the charity's full name and contact information or a website in the obituary.
- Include visitation and funeral information. Be sure to include the day, location and visitation hours for viewings. If the funeral will be public, include the day and time of the funeral as well.
- Have the obituary ready one to two days before the services are scheduled. Publishing the obituary a couple of days in advance of visitation hours gives loved ones of the deceased time to arrange to visit and pay their respects.

The benefits of pre-planning your funeral

To remove the burden and stress associated with funeral planning, many adults pre-plan their funerals. Adults can be as specific as they prefer to be when pre-planning their funerals, and doing so gives relatives peace of mind knowing that their loved ones' funeral services were conducted in accordance to their own wishes.

Pre-planning a funeral may sound morbid, as few people want to think about their deaths or discuss dying with their families. But there are numerous benefits to pre-planning funerals.

- Pre-planning provides time to make the best decisions. Men and women who pre-plan their funerals have ample time to decide just what they want their memorial services to be like and how they want to fund those services. Men and women trusted to make those decisions upon the death of a loved one will need to make those decisions more quickly and likely won't be in the correct frame of mind to make decisions that will honor their loved one's legacy.
- Pre-planning ensures your wishes are honored. Men and women who formalize their funeral plans will ensure their wishes are honored. That can give men and women peace of mind and will provide peace of mind to the loved ones they leave behind, who can attend funeral services knowing those services are being conducted in adherence to their loved one's wishes. Even men and women who discuss their wishes for their funerals with loved ones may not have those wishes honored if they are not put in writing.
- Pre-planning can help control costs. Pre-planning often includes men and women setting aside money for their funerals before they pass away. Knowing that a funeral, which can be expensive, is already paid for can provide additional peace of mind. Instead of worrying that their relatives will be forced to handle the burden of financing their



funerals, men and women who pre-plan can rest easy knowing their insurance money and life's savings will be going to their surviving loved ones and not toward paying for funeral expenses.

- Pre-planning protects families faced with sudden death. Few people want to think about their deaths, and fewer still want to think about dying suddenly and/or dying young. Pre-planning a funeral and setting money aside early can protect and help families faced with sudden deaths. That can be especially important for young parents, who won't want to leave their spouses and children financially destitute should they suddenly pass away.

Pre-planning a funeral may not be something to look forward to, but doing so can protect families and provide men and women with some peace of mind.

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SPORTS

Aidan Scholwin Earns 3rd at State

Dwight Junior High seventh grade wrestler Aidan Scholwin placed third at IESA State in the 65 lb. weight class.

Scholwin, one of four Dwight Jr. High students to co-op with Pontiac in wrestling this year, took first at regionals and third at sectionals prior to March 8-9 – where he went 5-1 at the state level.

He would earn a 13-0 decision, and take a 1-0 loss, on day one.

Aidan would then win by fall in 3:38 in the quarterfinals, and then by injury default in the semis, to make it to the third place match.

In his finale, Scholwin was defeated by Jacob Mosier of Colfax (Ridgeview).

He finished the season with an impressive 30-2 record.



Aidan Scholwin, right, placed third at IESA State in the 65 lb. weight class. photo by Kris Casillas

Baudino Takes 1st in North Central Regional Hoop Shoot Finals



Colton Baudino placed first in Iowa City basketball shootout.

Colton Baudino, a third grader at MVK, placed first in the North Central Regional Hoop Shoot – which was held in Iowa City, IA, on March 9.

Colton (one of the 24 best shooters from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) competed in his respective age group for the chance to advance to the National Hoop Shoot contest

to be held in Chicago April 27.

Last fall, Colton joined thousands of eight to 13 year olds across the country who competed in the 2018-19 Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest. He advanced through the local, district, and state levels of competition – sinking an average of 23 out of 25 free throws.

Representing Pontiac Lodge #1019, Baudino was a standout in the field of more than nearly 500,000 boys and girls, ages eight to 13, who have participated in the contest of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Chicago, to be among 72 top youngsters vying for the chance to claim one of six national trophies awarded at the Elks Hoop Shoot National Free Throw Contest. A great showing in the national championship will not only earn the champs a place in the Elks Hoop Shoot history, but also land their names on a plaque in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Massachusetts.

Colton is the son of Eric and Kelli Baudino, and the grandson of David and Barb Baudino and Mike and Laura Vigna. He is the great-grandson of Marijayne Baudino and John and Phyllis Geschwind.



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The location for this year's games is GCMS High School in Gibson City, with the girls game tipping off at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a dunk contest held between the games, between the best dunkers in the SVC and HOIC.

Gracing the roster from Dwight will be Lady Trojans Chloe Butterbrodt and Melissa Stewart. Trojans Logan Graham and Dakota Wahl will be on the floor in the boys contest.

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Meet the Teams

DWIGHT'S YOUTH BASKETBALL GORILLAS, consisting of fourth and fifth graders, pictured, from left, are Coach Steven Snyder, Madison Franklin, Lauren Snyder, Kit Connor, Joey Groves, and Coach Jeremy Connor.

THE EAGLES, first and second graders in Dwight's Youth Basketball League, pictured, front row, from left, are Delilah Bowman, Clara Flott; middle, AJ Trujillo, Oliver Snyder, Nash Miner, Ace Eggenberger, Eli Jensen, Cara Wilson, Natalie Heikkila, Tayden Hooper; back row, Coaches Shem Hooper, Nicole Dzwonkoski, and Shannon Peterson.

DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Saturday, March 16
Dwight at Comet Classic
The Trojans were at Reed-Custer over the weekend, taking part in the Comet Classic competition Saturday, March 16.

The meet was a nine-team invitational with some strong teams and impressive individuals for Dwight to challenge themselves on the oval.

"Our teams showed much improvement in the last ten days," stated Coach Larry Lane, "and the athletes turned some outstanding personal bests."

The girl's squad scored 44 points, finishing in sixth place, while their male teammates ended up in eighth place, tallying 23 points.

"The coaches were pleased and proud of the steps going forward the athletes took in this meet," Lane added.

Scoring for the girls were:
Nellie Rieke: shot put, 5th, 26'4".
Koli Croy: high jump, 2nd, 4'6"; 400m, 3rd, 1:08.01;

4x400, 3rd, 4:50.74.
Abigail Cash: 60m, 3rd, 8.82; 400m, 1st, 1:06.01; 4x400, 3rd, 4:50.74.
Alexis Brooke: 800m, 5th, 2:53.97; 1600m, 4th, 6:23.0; 4x400, 3rd, 4:50.74.
Chloe Butterbrodt: 4x400, 3rd, 4:50.74.
Scorers on the boy's squad were:
Garrett Severson: shot put, 6th, 38'1½".
Dusty Manietta: long jump, 4th, 18'11".
Will Bergstrom: 60m, 5th, 7.67; 400m, 4th, 57.58.
Christian Williams: 60hh, 4th, 9.80.
J.C. Santos: 800m, 5th, 2:18.56.
4x800: Carter Butterbrodt, Braxton Brassard, Shawn Romanetto, Daniel Petree, 6th, 10:56.0.
4x200: Anthony Rodriguez, Randall Phillips, Manietta, Blake Hill, 6th, 1:45.19.
4x400: Hill, Williams, Bryson Connor, Santos, 4th, 4:00.89.

**Victory Lanes,
Dwight
League
Results**

Sportsman League Bowlers
HSG: Chris Cook, 256.
HHG: Brian Jensen, 273. HSS: Jeff Gallup, 647. HHS: Kent Jensen, 703. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1015. HSS: Victory Lanes, 2910. HHS: KWM Gutterman, 2917.

League Standings	W	L
Jensen's I	11	5
KWM Gutterman	11	5
Victory Lanes	9	7
Jensen BP II	9	7
Willy's Pub	9	7
Rury's Tap	9	7
DeLong Ford	9	7
Jeremy's Barber	5	11
Star Trucking	4	12
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GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL has implemented the PBIS program this year, which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Systems. The school improvement team created a matrix that highlights the word PRIDE. Each letter in the word PRIDE represents an area of focus throughout the school year. Students are encouraged to make positive choices, and GSW HS has set a standard for students to strive to meet the expectations of the faculty, staff, and administration. The “P” stands for purpose; “R” for re-

spect; “I” for integrity; “D” for dependable; “E” for empower. For the last two months, the focus has been on Integrity. In the classroom, are they using electronic devices as instructed? Are they refraining from copying and sharing work? Are they using appropriate and non-offensive language? Students were nominated by staff based on those questions. In total, 62 students were nominated and one lucky winner will receive a gift card.

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Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral (PG-13) Thu: 4:30
How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG) Thu: 3:50, 6:30
They Shall Not Grow Old (R) Thu: 4:40, 7:30
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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.

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

What is Early Voting? Early Voting starts February 21 and ends April 1, 2019. This process allows any registered voter in Livingston County to use the above location to cast their ballot prior to Election Day. Early voters must be registered Livingston County voters. No excuse or reason is necessary to apply.

Vote by Mail Voting: Starts Thursday, February 21 and continues through Thursday, March 28, 2019. A person may request a Vote by Mail ballot by USPS no later than March 28 without specifying a reason. In order to be counted, the ballot must be postmarked by midnight or returned in person by 7 PM to the County Clerk's Office on April 2.

Grace Registration and Voting begins March 6 and continues through April 2. This is for new registrants and those who have transferred or moved and did not update their voter registration before March 5. Voting takes place at the same time registration is made in the County Clerk's Office.

Additional election information, as well as Applications for Ballots and Sample Ballots may be obtained from the Livingston County website at: www.livingstoncountylil.gov (Click on "County Services", "County Clerk", and "Elections").

If you have any questions regarding voter registration, or the above information, contact
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GARDNER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Treasurer's Annual Financial Report		
Assets		
Cash	\$	47,641
Capital Assets:		
Land	\$	75,000
Buildings	\$	1,406,647
Equipment and vehicles	\$	908,866
Accumulated Depreciation	\$	(1,306,744)
Total assets	\$	1,131,410
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Payroll liabilities	\$	4,470
Line of credit payable	\$	35,075
Short-term loan payable	\$	45,000
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	\$	48,179
Due in more than one year	\$	215,075
Total Liabilities	\$	347,799
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	\$	820,515
Unrestricted net position	\$	(41,747)
Restricted net position	\$	4,842
Total net position	\$	783,611
CORPORATE RECEIPTS		
Property Taxes	\$	74,247
TIF	\$	32,608
Grants	\$	7,638
Donation	\$	2,258
Replacement Tax	\$	1,699
Foreign Fire Tax	\$	2,526
Fire / accident recovery fees	\$	9,881
Facility Rental	\$	812
Other Income	\$	89
Fundraising	\$	2,738
Total Receipts	\$	134,496
DISBURSEMENTS		
Meals & Entertainment	\$	101
Employee Salaries	\$	63,017
Health Insurance	\$	2,141
Property & Casualty Ins.	\$	8,436
Legal Services	\$	198
Dispatching Services	\$	5,316
Firefighter Training	\$	968
Printing & Publications	\$	425
Postage	\$	126
Dues and subscriptions	\$	356
Office supplies	\$	722
Office Capital Equipment	\$	600
Office Software	\$	720
Hose testing/replacement	\$	2,294
Equipment - small tool repair & replacement	\$	5,336
Fire Clothing	\$	657
Uniforms/station wear	\$	740
Fuel/oil	\$	2,611
Radio/pager repair	\$	45
Facility repair/maintenance	\$	5,479
Fire Extinguishers test/repair/replace	\$	110
Vehicle capital payments	\$	42,421
Vehicle maintenance & repairs	\$	10,617
Natural gas	\$	1,614
Electric	\$	3,248
Phone/internet/cable	\$	911
Sewer/water/refuse	\$	289
Facility Capital	\$	5,746
Facility supplies (sundries)	\$	610
Facility loan payment	\$	9,602
Contingency	\$	1,051
Fundraising	\$	998
Total Disbursements	\$	177,505
AMBULANCE RECEIPTS		
Property Taxes	\$	74,247
TIF	\$	32,608
EMS-Medic Training	\$	7,500
Grants	\$	7,638
Donation	\$	2,258
Replacement Tax	\$	1,699
Public Education	\$	722
Resident Services	\$	116,351
Non-Resident Services	\$	8,477
Facility Rental	\$	813
Other Income	\$	21,509
Fundraising	\$	4,738
Total Receipts	\$	276,560
DISBURSEMENTS		
Employee Salaries	\$	189,051
Health Insurance	\$	2,141
Property & Casualty Ins.	\$	8,436
Legal Services	\$	390
Dispatching Services	\$	5,316
Audit & Accounting - EMS Billing	\$	2,750
EMS Training	\$	1,746
Public Education - EMS	\$	160
Printing & Publications	\$	283
Postage	\$	126
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	356
Office Supplies	\$	764
Office Capital Equipment	\$	762
Office Software	\$	720
Equipment - small tool repairs & replacemen	\$	1,397
Medical supplies/Oxygen	\$	2,428
Uniforms/station wear	\$	824
Fuel/oil	\$	7,130
Radio/pager repair	\$	45
Vehicle maintenance & repair	\$	10,677
Natural Gas	\$	1,614
Electric	\$	3,248
Phone/internet/cable	\$	1,393
Sewer/water/refuse	\$	289
Facility repair/maintenance	\$	5,479
Facility supplies (sundries)	\$	655
Facility loan payment	\$	9,602
Vehicle loan payment	\$	10,000
Replace Cardiac Monitor	\$	13,387
Contingency	\$	2,499
Fundraising expense	\$	998
Total Disbursements	\$	284,666

Junior American Citizen Contest Winners

A total of 159 students from the three county school systems participated in this year's Junior American Citizen (JAC) contest sponsored by the local Governor Thomas Ford Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

There were 16 winners chosen at the local chapter level. Winners were then advanced for judging at successive state, division, and national levels. Entries in art and creative expression were judged by grade and category.





Chapter Regent and JAC Chairman Pamela Bork of rural Thawville said that any higher-level winners will be announced at the chapter's annual Youth Day recognition, to be held April 7 at First Presbyterian Church in Gibson City. Parents and school staff are involved for the presentations and reception.

The contest is an annual event with a different theme each year that promotes good citizenship and interest in history. This year's theme involved exploration and technology related to the 1969 lunar landing.

Students enter the JAC contest in one or more of four contest areas – poster design, stamp design, photo essay, and poem composition.

Local-level poster winners in the poster contest from Tri-Point included Frankie Tuttila and Rosmond Prisock (sixth grade), Drake Condon (seventh grade), and Katelyn Poe (eighth grade).

Award certificates are given at the chapter, state, and division levels, with award medals given at the national level.



Frankie

Rosmond

Drake

Katelyn

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Nevada Road District, Livingston County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 23243 E. 2900 N. Rd., Odell, IL 60460. Call 815-992-2697 to schedule a meeting.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:15 p.m. on April 9, 2019 at 19147 E. 2700 N. Rd., Odell, IL 60460 and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2019.

P. Douglas Abry
Supervisor

Patricia Ribordy
Clerk

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal residents of the Town of Odell in the County of Livingston and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

being the second Tuesday of said month. The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m. on said Tuesday at 208 E. Elk St., Odell, Illinois and 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; and especially to consider and decide the following: presentation of the Supervisor's Annual Financial Reports for all funds, Authorize the sale of old and unused equipment and buildings, set the time of the next Annual Town Meeting, and any other business that comes before the electors.

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Gardner Fire Protection District Treasurer's Annual Financial Report Continued		
TORT IMMUNITY		
RECEIPTS		
Taxes received during this fiscal year		\$37,135
Total Receipts		\$ 37,135
DISBURSEMENTS		
Workers compensation insurance	\$	20,099
Liability insurance	\$	16,872
Unemployment Taxes	\$	5,498
Total Disbursements	\$	42,469
AUDIT		
RECEIPTS		
Taxes received during this fiscal year		\$ 1,237
Total Receipts		\$ 1,237
DISBURSEMENTS		
Total Disbursements	\$	-
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE		
RECEIPTS		
Social security taxes received during this fiscal year	\$	13,018
Medicare taxes received during this fiscal year	\$	3,047
Total Receipts		\$ 16,065
DISBURSEMENTS		
Social security tax expense	\$	13,018
Medicare tax epense	\$	3,047
Total Disbursements		\$ 16,065



Purse Auction Raises Funds for Alpha Beta Chapter Projects

On March 14 in Chenoa, members of Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society took part in an auction of new or slightly used purses and raised \$636 for chapter projects and grants.

Karen Harms, of Fairbury, served as the lively auctioneer. Each purse also contained a gift card or gifts worth \$10, which added to the enjoyment of purchasing a purse.

President Nancy Wier, of Eureka, conducted a brief business meeting before the auction. She announced that the state Creative Arts Retreat will be at Allerton Park in Monticello June 28-30. Registration deadline is May 18.

Treasurer Janet Kilgus, of Fairbury, reported that the wells in Malawi are now \$450 each and the chapter is collecting donations to purchase a ninth well. The chapter received thank you notes for the many projects Alpha Beta sup-

ports. Because of a change in the DKG fiscal year, dues are now due by July 1.

Ten members plan to attend the DKG-Illinois State Convention April 26-28 at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. Vases of gift cards from members will be raffled at the convention Chapter Mart.

Gretchen Hilt, a senior from Dwight Township High School who plans to be a teacher, has been selected to receive an Alpha Beta grant of \$200 at the June meeting. Early Educator grants of \$100 will also be awarded.

Jan Masching, of Dwight, literacy chair, announced that board books are being collected for the Aunt Mary's Storybook Project. The next meeting will be held Saturday, June 8, at Edinger's Filling Station in Pontiac.

For more information, visit www.dkg.org or contact Carol Hughes at chughes@mtco.com.

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

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Tuesday, April 9, 2019

being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:15 o'clock p.m. at 19147 E. 2700 N. Rd., Odell, IL 60460.

Dated March 14, 2019

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Dated this 14th day of March, 2019

P. Douglas Abry
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. ALEC C. DUROUSSEAU, VENUS R. DUROUSSEAU, FINANCIAL RECOVERY SERVICES, INC., a Dissolved Illinois Corporation, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

No. 18-CH-41

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 801 N. Mill St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: The East Half of Lot 6 in Block 1 in Cleary's Second Addition to Pontiac, in Livingston County, Illinois. PIN: 15-22-216-009 Commonly known as: 801 N. Mill St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family 1-story residence; includes 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 bathrooms, plus partial basement and driveway.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: April 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

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Attorney for Bank of Pontiac

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Member Leann Wilcoxon of Peru sent bookmarks recognizing Bacone College, one of the two colleges supported by the American Indians Committee of the NSDAR.

The next meeting will be the group's annual Youth Day at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Gibson City. A program will be given on the history of Illinois flags by Carol Castellon.

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• MAR. 21: Scouts #4877, 5 p.m.; 5:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 7 p.m., Ad Council meeting.

• MAR. 23: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Old Route 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting.

• MAR. 24: 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Service.

• MAR. 25: 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors Bible Study; 7 p.m., UMM meeting.

• MAR. 26: 7:30 a.m., MWDC; 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study.

• MAR. 27: 6 p.m., Handbell Choir; 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., Mid Lent Service at St. Peter's Lutheran.

• MAR. 28: 7 p.m., Men's Bible Study at Old Route 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting.

• MAR. 29: 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Service.

• MAR. 30: 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors Bible Study; 7 p.m., UMM meeting.

• MAR. 31: Deacons meeting, 11:30 a.m. "March Mission of the Month" Dress an Angel "Feed the Kids" Program. *Donations welcome.*

• MAR. 1: 7 p.m., Wor-

ship practice.

• MAR. 2: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10 a.m., Main Service and Brunch; Kids Church and nursery; 5 p.m., Xtreme Youth Group.

• MAR. 3: 7 p.m., Prayer Night.

• MAR. 4: 7 p.m., Stampin' Up Group.

• MAR. 5: 7 p.m., Mid-Lenten Service at St. Peter's. No Bible study.

• MAR. 6: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

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Father Chris Haake, Pastor

• MAR. 23: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.

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• MAR. 11: 7 p.m., Mid-Lenten Service at St. Peter's. No Bible study.

• MAR. 12: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• MAR. 13: 7 p.m., Mid-Lenten Service at St. Peter's. No Bible study.

• MAR. 14: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• MAR. 15: 7 p.m., Mid-Lenten Service at St. Peter's. No Bible study.

• MAR. 16: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• MAR. 17: 7 p.m., Mid-Lenten Service at St. Peter's. No Bible study.

• MAR. 18: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

• MAR. 19: 7 p.m., Mid-Lenten Service at St. Peter's. No Bible study.

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Crowd Speaks Out to Dwight Village Board

Proposed Detention Center Moves One Step Forward

By Madelyn Fogarty
madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees held its March 11 session at the Dwight High School gymnasium to accommodate the large crowd wanting to make their voices heard as the board prepared to vote on recommendations from Dwight’s Plan Commission with regard to a proposed illegal immigrant detention facility.

On February 19 following a public hearing, the Dwight Plan Commission sent recommendations to the Dwight Village Board of Trustees for a proposed Petition for Annexation; an Application to Establish Zoning under a P-1 Planned Industrial District classification; and an Annexation Agreement between the Village of Dwight and ICA-Illinois, LLC and Butterfield Ridge No. 2, Inc. on the proposed use of specified property for a Federal Detention Facility.

Since the February public hearing, opposition to the privately run Federal detention facility has been strong with protesters from across the state coming to Dwight. For last week’s meeting, protesters arrived by buses and more than 30 individuals addressed the village board speaking both for, and against, the proposed facility.

Expressing a strong opposing view of the detention facility was Gabriela Marquez-Benitez, membership director for Detention Watch Network.

“ICA, Immigration Centers of America, proudly boasts themselves as one of the most humane immigrant detention companies. But let me tell you there is no humanity in caging an individual. There is no humanity is separating them from their families

“We live in a state that is suffering economically and to bring in 300 well-paying jobs with good benefits into a rural town cannot be dismissed. ... Dwight may not see an opportunity like this for a very, very long time.”

- Max Sulzberger, Dwight

and separating them from their community members and collaborating with immigration customs enforcement in this state,” said Marquez-Benitez. “If you vote yes today, you will allow for the largest immigrant cage in the Midwest to be built in your town and that is what you will be known for.”

Many others spoke out calling detention facilities inhumane, prisons, and a “reflection of hatred.”

“We know you are in a situation where you need help – you need help with your economy,” said Sara Holthaus of Normal. “You cannot let yourself be duped by corporations... This is merely an ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] storage locker for human trafficking. Please do not accept this blood money.”

Among those speaking in favor of the proposed facility was Max Sulzberger of Dwight.

“By saying yes to this facility, you are absolutely not saying that you agree with immigration law in its entirety today. I would say that, likely, you agree that our current immigration process needs some significant changes,” said Sulzberger. “What we are saying today, with a yes vote, is we

believe our town could provide a significantly better option for these individuals during the 60 to 90 day time-frame than their current residency, primarily county jails.”

Sulzberger continued, “Dwight will always be a place where we put our morals and ethics ahead of financial gain. And, by saying yes tonight to this facility, we continue to keep our high moral and ethical standards because we know what a caring facility we will create for these people in this time of need.”

He also added that the economic needs of Dwight cannot be ignored.

“We live in a state that is suffering economically and to bring in 300 well-paying jobs with good benefits into a rural town cannot be dismissed,” Sulzberger told the board. “I also want you to think about the other opportunities that this could potentially create for future endeavors because of the improved infrastructure that this facility creates. Dwight may not see an opportunity like this for a very, very long time.”

By a majority vote, the board approved three proposals with regard to the 88.62 acres of land cited for use by ICA for the proposed detention facility

as presented including an annexation agreement, a petition for annexation, and zoning as a P-1 Zoning District. This passage now lays the ground work for Immigration Centers of America to move forward with seeking Federal Government approval to locate a detention facility in Dwight. Voting in favor were Mayor Jared Anderson and Trustees Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Jim Mixen and Justin Eggenberger. Opposed to all three measures were Trustees Jennifer Johnson and Randy Irvin.

Attorney Frank Cortina representing ICA, the private operation which would operate the Dwight facility, spoke with *The Paper* following the meeting.

“We were very happy that the village did their due diligence and were able to have had answers at hand for most of what the protesters were complaining about,” said Cortina. “They went out to Farmville, and all of these horror stories they are talking about don’t exist. The Farmville administration as well as the Farmville facility met every single thing that we had bragged about...that we say we do different. The village officials went out and confirmed that’s the case and that’s why I think they passed it; because they know they are doing business with a quality corporation, unlike many of the others in the country unfortunately,” said Cortina who called some other for-profit prison operators a “disgrace.”

“It is a shame they exist because it makes it so much harder when you represent a quality corporation,” Cortina told *The Paper*. “They make it very, very difficult because there are those terrible entities out there.”

According to Cortina, the next step will be to wait for the federal government to issue a request for a proposal to determine if it will be sited in Dwight. Cortina indicated it could take up to two years before there is a decision.

“We have been working on this for some time, we just didn’t come to the conclusion overnight,” village trustee Jerry Curtis told *The Paper* following the meeting. “I think it’s going to work out fine.”

In other business, the board approved an Administration Committee recommendation to put this summer’s downtown street project out for bid with a bid opening date of April 1. The plan will be bid as the East Main-Franklin-Delaware bid package with Alternates. The alternates would include Park Street and Chippewa Street and decorative lighting. The project includes new curb, gutter, sidewalks, and concrete pavement. No finishes are included at this time. August 15 is the completion deadline for the East Main section.

Mayor Anderson also reminded Dwight residents that there is a new alert system. To register using a smart phone, simply text the access code VCOM to 888777.

The board also approved:

- payment of bills totaling \$127,241.48.
- MFT Pay Request #2 and Final totaling \$16,084.85.
- 2016 Street Maintenance Pay Request #6 and Final totaling \$137,079.06.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board will be Monday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Services Complex.

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Wed., Mar. 20: Beef stew w/potatoes, carrots and onions, seasoned greens, biscuits, pears.

Thurs., Mar. 21: Salisbury beef pattie, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, banana bread w/ cream cheese.

Fri., Mar. 22: Whitefish burger w/ sauce pkt., baked beans, fruit juice, bun, scalloped pineapple.

Mon., Mar. 25: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, whole grain wheat (1), apricots.

Tues., Mar. 26: Shepherd’s Pie w/ veggies, creamy coleslaw, dinner roll, warm fruit cup.

Wed., Mar. 27: Pork chop sandwich, buttered baby baker potatoes, Mexi corn, bun, fruit juice.

Thurs., Mar. 28: Beefy vegetable and lentil soup, sliced pears, peanut butter cup, crackers, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Fri., Mar. 29: Salmon burger with sauce packet, potato casserole, Venetian blend vegetables, dinner roll, fresh fruit.

Milk served each day.

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A Short History of Emington

Taken from the Emington School News May 1955

In 1880 the Wabash Railroad came through what then was Mr. Marvins farm. With this Mr. George Schutz was encouraged to build a store just west of Conroy’s Store now.

Emington’s first name was Marvin but later was changed to Emington after Emma Marvin. The first residents of Emington were from Odell and around Emington.

George Schutz, who built the first store, lived in the kitchen of what is now Rieck’s house. After the first store was built many others soon began to spring up. Some of these places were the general store, the hardware store, drugstore, blacksmith shop, butcher shop, bank, confectionary, millinery, undertaker, bowling allies, grain office, skating rink, theatre, shoe maker, lumber office, two hotels, Gleaner Hall, bakery and restaurant, 2 barber shops, printing office, tavern, doctor’s office and the jail or callaboose, as it was called.

In 1890, a two room school house was built. Calvin Mitchell and Mrs. Herb were two of the first teachers in the school.

In 1893, there was a freight train wreck but

no one was hurt. But in the same year several men were hurt and some killed when they were drilling a well in front of Mrs. Crouch’s when the dynamite exploded above ground.

For entertainment there was a park where Herbs, Allens and Roches live now. There were also dances in the Gleaner Hall and church socials.

In 1917 on December 10th the west side of the uptown business district burned to the ground. Later on Fred Greene built the bank which is now the Taylor State Bank.

In 1918 the Emington Bank was robbed. The crooks took only bonds that were not registered and were never caught.

In the same year the boys came home from the war and Governor Small gave a speech at the celebration in the hall in Emington.

In 1926 the grade school burned. Two years later in 1928, the Catholic Church, Gleaner Hall and Schutz’s house also burned down.

Here are some items out of an old Joker: “A new fad is of interest now, the act of coloring and enlarging photos.”

“Bob Close is stepping high because he stuck Spike on a hog deal.”

“Since James Telford saw “Carrie Nation” in Pontiac he thinks she is all OK.”

“Tonight the ‘Lightning Rod Agent’, in the Lycium’s Tent. A play full of snap and ginger. You laugh! You scream! You roar! The Lightning Rod Agent never disappears. See it now!”

In 1931 Emington had a big lighted ball field and a tennis court. It was called “the Biggest Little Town in the State”. Consequently there weren’t enough people to keep them going so they were made into fields. For entertainment a few years ago, we had free shows but some people didn’t care for them so they quit having them.

In the earlier part of this year Conroy’s store was robbed of a few dollars and a few other articles. Then a few weeks ago Leonard Henson pulled out of his alley in his car and was hit by Speck Call. No one was hurt but Henson’s car door was bashed in.

There you have the History of Emington. What will the next years be like?

Hospice of Kankakee Valley to Open Community Grief Center

In 1982, Hospice of Kankakee Valley (HKV) was formed when a need for hospice care was discovered in the community.

Since then, HKV has grown significantly – providing care for over 1,200 patients a year in the six counties they now serve.

Thanks to the continuous support and generosity from these communities, HKV has announced they are expanding their services again to fulfill another great need in the community by opening a Community Grief Center.

Grief support has always been a part of the continuum of care at HKV and is offered to the community absolutely free of charge, whether or not your loved one was on hospice care. The dedicated grief counselors at HKV serve hundreds of clients each year, providing individual counseling,

grief support groups – including their annual family grief camp, and provide support to other organizations in the community such as schools, long term care facilities, and more.

As the program continued to grow over the years, the need for additional resources became clear.

The recent purchase of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd off of Career Center Rd. in Bourbonnais will now allow those services to continue to grow. An extensive remodel of the building is next on the agenda, with hopes of having it complete by late summer.

The vision includes utilizing the entire property. The outdoor space provides a generous amount of room for garden pathways and sitting areas to be used for reflecting and healing. The interior will feature meet-

ing spaces for groups of all ages with areas specifically designed for children and teens, quiet spaces for individual counseling, and a conference suite for hosting larger events. The conference suite will also be used for educational events for the community and other area health care providers.

HKV provided workshops to over 1,000 people in 2018.

Grief support is currently offered at HKV’s office location, 482 Main St. NW in Bourbonnais, where it will continue during the construction of the center. The HKV business office will remain at the Main St. location once the center is operational.

For more information about the full range of services offered by HKV, including their grief support programs, call the office at 815-939-4141 or visit hkvcare.org.

Gas Prices For This Week

If that weekend trip is calling your name now that the spring is near, here are some state prices: Indiana \$2.45, Michigan \$2.58, Wisconsin \$2.53, Iowa \$2.53, Missouri \$2.32, and Kentucky \$2.48.

City/Village	March 20	March 13
Dwight	\$2.49	\$2.35
Seneca	\$2.50	\$2.42
S. Wilmington	\$2.69	\$2.50
Streator	\$2.49	\$2.51
Odell	\$2.49	\$2.39
Saunemin	\$2.49	\$2.69
Cullom	\$2.49	\$2.45
Pontiac	\$2.46	\$2.35
Gardner	\$2.59	\$2.52
Braceville	\$2.55	\$2.45
Mazon	\$2.55	\$2.55
Morris	\$2.51	\$2.43
Hansch	\$2.64	\$2.59
Kankakee	\$2.51	\$2.52
Chicago	\$2.93	\$2.84
Illinois	\$2.62	\$2.56
U.S.	\$2.55	\$2.47

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

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GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL inducted 10 students into the Athena Chapter of the National Honor Society on March 13. Pictured, front row, are Abby Beck, Avery Lenzie, Marissa Dragovan, Grace Halpin, Abigail Ozee; back row, Hannah Muzzarelli, Christian Ferrari, Grant Olsen, Riley Morris, and Koli Croy. The NHS advisor at GSW HS is Terese Kukman.

Sons Of Serendip in Pontiac April 13

Sons Of Serendip – a musical group of four friends, who through a series of serendipitous events, came together in graduate school at Boston University and formed this musical quartet – will be in Pontiac Saturday, April 13, to perform in the auditorium at Pontiac Township High School at 7:00 p.m. as one of the current series of concerts provided by the Livingston County Concert Association.

Many have seen them perform in January, when they were invited to return to America’s Got Talent Champions.

Tenor Micah Christian was a teacher, keyboardist Cordaro Rodriguez was an attorney, cellist Kendall Ramseur was a cello instructor, and harpist Mason Morton was a teacher.

In 2014, serendipity gave them the chance to perform on America’s Got Talent, and they were finalists (fourth place) in the ninth season of AGT – and that launched their career.

Their concert program focuses on fairly con-

temporary music, some with a fresh twist, and some familiar pop tunes from Motown. All will feature Micah’s tenor voice and the playing of Cordaro, Kendall (also the backup singer), and Mason.

They have been playing their instruments since childhood.

Members of the group have hopes that their singing will inspire others to follow their dreams, to pursue their love for music, to spread love and build a better world, and create an experience one will never forget.

For information about this quartet and how to get your membership so you can enjoy this show, contact Rod or Dorothy Patterson at 815-844-7833 or rod.hjemme@gmail.com.

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