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Local Family's Remarkable Journey to George Washington's Estate

Dwight Native Donates Private Tour of Mount Vernon

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie

"We're a family of history buffs," quipped Jennifer Connor, of Dwight. But never did she imagine the history lesson she'd get during a recent trip to Virginia.

Last month, she and her husband, Jeremy, along with their kids, Bryson, 17, Cru, 12, and Kit, 10, got a six-hour private tour of Mount Vernon, the estate of George Washington, our nation's first president and commander in the Revolutionary War that declared independence for the United States of America from Britain.

But it was no ordinary tour. It was led by Tom Smith, a historian at Mount Vernon who hails from Dwight. He is retired and lives near Washington's estate, offering his extensive knowledge of the historic site as a guide three days a week, said Jane Anderson, coordinator of economic development for the Dwight Economic Alliance.

Anderson is Jennifer's mother and was part of the tour. Smith donated the private tour for this year's DEA auction and the Connors were the high bid-

"[He's] such an interesting and kind man," Anderson

Connor said it was a trip of a lifetime. "It was really amazing," she said.

She and Bryson had visited Mount Vernon once before, but a private tour unlocked areas of the estate few people get to see -- including his library and

vault, where they were able to see private letters Washington wrote to his wife Martha.

Connor said she was awestruck not only by the beautiful breathtakingly grounds, but by how much she learned about Washington. The estate was built in 1734 by his father and he resided there for 45 years from 1754 until his death in 1799.

They visited the mansion, the gardens and pioneer farm, where Washington farmed 3,000 acres along the Potomac River. They also visited the slave quarters, where two to three men shared small wooden beds after long days in the blacksmith areas, smokehouse, spinning house, stable and distillery, which are all on display. More than 50 men and women were enslaved at Mount Vernon, skilled in specific trades. Slaves made tools and textiles, cared for livestock, processed food, and constructed and repaired many of Mount Vernon's buildings, including the mansion itself, according to the site's website.

The slaves are buried in unmarked graves approximately 50 yards southwest of George and Martha Washington's tomb, on a bluff above the Potomac River. The Connors were able to witness the archaeological project in progress that was launched in 2014 to learn more about the slave cemetery. The goal is to create a map that shows exactly where individuals are interred and document each location.

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of a lifetime that included viewing letters Washington wrote to his wife, Martha, shown at left. Bryson Connor, from left, and his sisters Kit and Cru, laid the wreath during the daily ceremony at George and Martha's tomb.

Photos courtesy Jennifer Connor

COMING NEXT WEEK:

Meet Tom Smith, formerly of Dwight and a historian at Washington's Mount Vernon

Trinity Lutheran Church to Celebrate 165th Anniversary August 25

On Sunday, August 25, Trinity Lutheran Church of Goodfarm Township, 515 E. Stonewall Road, will observe its 165th anniversary with a celebration service, beginning

A banner with the theme "Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever" was made by Ruth Ann Fulton. Organists Barb Morphey and Janis Tischer will accompany the singing. The choir anthem is "Family of Christ." Young soloist Kaycee Thorson will sing "Jesus Loves Me." "The Open Narrow Door" will be the theme for Pastor William Mitschke's sermon for the anniversary service.

The service will be followed by a celebration meal in the fellowship hall. A special ceremony is planned for the lighting of the cake made by Barb Anderson. A few unusual and interesting stories from the congregation's history will be shared along with some old pictures. The meal is provided by the congregation and all are welcome.

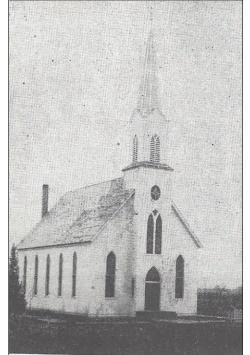
The establishment of Trinity Lutheran Church goes back to the early 1850s, when pioneer settlers went to Goodfarm Township from the Lutheran land of Franconia, a part of Bavaria, Germany via New York and Chicago.

They met Henry Wunder, the young 24-year-old pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Chicago. Wunder was no stranger to these German Lutheran settlers from Bavaria; they were members of the same

congregation in Franconia. Wunder is credited with having told them there was good farm land in Illinois. Since there was no railroad yet, they traveled by ox cart to settle in Goodfarm Township. In fact, some of them were members of the crew that helped build the Old Chicago and Mississippi Railroad, which in turn, put Dwight on the map 165 years

Wunder went to Goodfarm by the newly built railroad to hold services once every two months for the newly established congregation. The first services were held in August, 1854, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Fruewirth.

The first resident pastor was Rev. Lorenz Kaehler. He was installed March 26, 1857. The first "structure" for the congregation was used for lodging for the pastor, school during the week, and worship on Sunday. The original site was along what is now Illinois Route 47



and Stonewall Road. It was then known as the Racher

In 1861, Philip Kraft sold two acres of his land, across the street from the Goodfarm Township Cemetery to his congregation, which has served as the site for Trinity Lutheran to this day. In 1864, the congregation constructed its first church building.

The parsonage fire of 1884

member records. However, there are entries made into Trinity's church record book which was started immediately after the fire and the church also had access to official records by Pastor Wunder. The first infant baptized was Eva Barbara Burger, daughter of George and Eva Burger, on October 30, 1854.

The biggest project was the erection of the new church in

the congregation.

Left, Trinity Lutheran in 1899, and, above, today.

The Rev. Paul Danker, 1917-1935, was the first American-born pastor. During his pastorate the transition was made from German to English

After almost 50 years, there were some improvements. New church stained glass windows were installed in 1948 and 1949. In 1949, the church received a complete rehabilitadestroyed original charter 1899. The building still serves tion, inside and outside. The

project was completed between 1952 and 1954, with a separate Sunday school and parish hall.

On April 14, 1991, the current fellowship hall-Sunday school building was dedicated.

In September 16, 2012, the Rev. William Mitschke was installed as the 29th pastor of the congregation.

In the past few years, the church's pipe organ, which was silent for 25 years, has been restored.



FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

August 8: David J. Lythberg, 45, Bourbonnais, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

August 9: Donna R. Bufford, 26, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

August 10: Karl L. Kuchenmeister, 54, Kouts, IN, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Sarah J. Clay, 38, Streator, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Edmonda M. Wilder, 68, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Noreen A. McGraw, 71, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle, no valid regis/1st and 2nd.

August 11: Edwin J. Salvador, 60, Bourbonnais, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Nhieu V. Nguyen, 49, Bloomington, driving 15-20 MPH above limit, driving/no license/permit/age.

August 12: Elizabeth A. Weber, 47, Bradley, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Markus D. Haygood, 30, Beaverville, speeding.

August 13: Thomas L. Hack, 26, Pontiac, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Mary C. Henry, 58, Grant Park, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

August 14: Benjamin M. Gusciora, 49, Goodfield, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Tanner J. Frickey, 22, Dwight, unlicensed, improper traffic lane usage, operate uninsured motor vehicle, driving under influence of alcohol.

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

Things happen you don't expect-

22 Written Warnings

Speeding - 4; no registration plate light -6; only one headlamp – 6; disobey stop sign - 6.

Dwight Police Blotter

August 9: 7:40 a.m., Dwight Police were called to East Main St. for damage to a vehicle. The female vehicle owner advised when leaving for work she noticed damage to the windshield and roof of her car.

August 10: 11:35 p.m., Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop. Arrested was Noreen McGraw, 71, of Dwight. McGraw was cited for Unlawful Possession of an Illinois Vehicle Registration and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. The vehicle was towed and Ms. McGraw was transported to DPD for processing and given a court date.

August 11: 2:24 p.m., Dwight Police responded to the 300 block of W. Waupansie for a custody exchange issue.

August 14: 2:44 a.m., arrested was Tanner J. Frickey, 22, of Dwight. Frickey was arrested for DUI, No Valid Driver's License, Driving In the Wrong Lane and Uninsured Vehicle. Frickey was transported to Livingston Co. Jail and the vehicle was towed; 12:35 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Seminole. A resident advised some unknown person had removed the license plate from their utility trailer.

August 15: 9:49 a.m, Dwight Police were called to the 400 block of N. Clinton. A resident advised wires had been ris. cut on his utility trailer and an

Accident Report

stolen.

electronic connector had been

Friday, August 9, 12:32 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving a 1996 Mack, driven by Terry Prashuk, Chicago Heights, which backed into a 2020 Frei., driven by Ritchie Hart, Rock Island.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

August 9: 7:56 a.m., Delaware, medical Morris; 10:47 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 11:32 a.m., Rt. 47, MVC, refusal x 3, mutual aid to MVK; 2:43 p.m., Center St. -Union Hill, fire; 5:13 p.m., Clinton St., trauma, St. Mary's Kankakee; 6:38 p.m., 3300 E. Rd., trauma, refusals, mutual aid from Duffy; 7:50 p.m., Old Rt. 66, medical, Morris.

August 10: 10:10 a.m., Waupansie, medical, Morris.

August 11: 7:14 a.m., Cambridge, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner; 7:57 a.m., Mazon Ave., fire alarm, no patient; 9:23 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; 1:05 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; 7:34 p.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

August 12: 6:41 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 8:49 a.m., Union, trauma, Riverside; 9:17 a.m., Seminole, medical, Mor-

August 14: 12:37 a.m., Spencer, medical, Morris; 3:36 a.m., Main St., medical, Riverside.

August 15: 8:49 a.m., Odell, medical, no pt., mutual aid to Gardner.



on their honeymoon and stopped in Dwight on August 15 as they headed towards California



DFPD Hosting Fire Prevention Open House September 26

The Dwight Fire Protection District is holding a Fire Prevention Open House from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 26, at the Dwight Fire Department - 111 S. Prairie

Captain Steve Bradley says the event will include activities for children, including a ride on the fire engine, a splash house, and a visit with Smokey Bear.

There will be more information soon.

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on Tuesday, August 27, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the Dwight Fire Department Conference Room, 111 S. Prairie Ave.

For an appointment, contact Steve Bradley at 815-584-2373 or sbradley@dwightfire.org.

blood donor card, or two other information.

15 minutes when you donate blood using RapidPass. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

In addition, Amazon is thanking donors with a gift card through August 29. Visit Take a photo ID or your rcblood.org/together for more

July Video Gaming

Last month the Funds In column for Dwight video gaming totaled only \$594,121, a decline of \$118,095 from May. That was then. Gamblers reopened their wallets to the tune of \$621,455 during July.

The State of Illinois added 281 more terminals in 52 additional places during July, now having 32,314 terminals in 7,044 locations.

Dwight July results below:

<u>JULY</u>	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Anne's	\$64,901	50,665	14,235	3,985	711
Cherry Red	s 8,747	7,179	1,567	438	78
JT's Saloon	34,770	23,861	10,908	3,054	545
Lila Mae's	100,924	74,252	26,671	7,468	1,333
Love's	147,663	109,423	38,239	10,706	1,911
Mac's	91,154	67,519	23,634	6,617	1,181
Pete's	24,447	17,275	7,171	2,007	358
VFW	68,882	55,143	13,738	3,846	686
Vic. Lanes	4,847	2,995	1,851	518	92
Virbapa	9,878	8,386	1,491	417	74
Willy's	65,242	<u>51,057</u>	14,184	<u>3,971</u>	_709
TOTALS:	\$621,455	467,760	153,694	43,034	7,684

Gardner's July VGTs

<u>JULY</u>	<u>Funds In</u>	Funds Out	NTI*	State	<u>Gardner</u>
Buddies (3)	817	855	(38)	(10)	(1)
Marks (4)	32,573	21,706	10,866	3,042	543
TA Op. (5)	<u>59,424</u>	43,867	<u>15,556</u>	4,355	<u>777</u>
TOTALS	\$92,814	66,428	26,385	7,387	1,319

*The State of Illinois and Villages receive a total of 33% of the Net Terminal Income monthly (State 28%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 67%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.

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Be Alert for Opportunities When Preparing for College Costs

When children are young, your logistics for the new academic year may involve little more than a trip to buy school supplies. But if you'd like to send your kids (or grandkids) to college someday, you need to plan far ahead to meet the financial demands. You also need to be on the lookout for all opportunities to help pay those sizable college bills. Specifically, you'll need to be ready to take action in these areas:

Financial aid - You should start thinking about financial aid at least a year before your child heads off to college. For example, you can begin submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Oct. 1, 2019, for the 2020-21 academic year. And if the past is any guide, you'll always need to remember that Oct. 1 date for the next school year. The FAFSA helps colleges and the U.S. Department of Education evaluate your financial need and determine how much financial support your child requires. And since a lot of financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, it's a good idea to submit your forms as soon as possible once the application period opens.

Scholarships – Colleges and universities offer their own scholarships, but you're not limited to them. In fact, you might be surprised at the number and variety of college scholarships available to your child or grandchild - but to find them, you may need to do some digging. Ask the high school guidance office for information. Your own employer might even offer small scholarships. You can find more information on scholarships on the U.S. Department of Education's website.

College-specific investments - You might also want to consider an investment designed to help you save for college. You have several options available, each with different contribution limits, rules and tax treatments, so you'll want to consult with a financial professional to choose an investment that's appropriate for your situation.

Community colleges – Not every bachelor's degree needs to begin and end at an expensive four-year college or university. Many students now fulfill some of their "general" education requirements at affordable community colleges before transferring to a four-year school.

The 2018-19 academic year, average annual cost (tuition, fees, and room and board) was \$21,370 for instate students at a four-year college or university; for four-year private schools, the expense was \$48,510 College costs will likely continue to rise. Be proactive, have a plan in place.

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Aug. 13 – high 82°, low 62° Aug. 14 – high 81°, low 59°

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Mount Vernon

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The Connors also visited the tomb where George and Martha have their final resting place.

But what surprised Connor so much was learning from Smith about the man behind the uniform. They visited the gristmill and distillery, where Washington produced flour and cornmeal and, of course, whiskey. He operated a commercial distillery, run by slaves, that was America's largest at one point.

Smith brought them down to Washington's private library, where they were able to see many of his original books displayed on shelves. They saw Martha's cookbooks and her prayer books, as well as Washington's many books on farming and agriculture.

Washington's gardens and farm were very advanced at the time. He began experimenting with agriculture, she learned, growing certain crops vertically on tiers, for instance.

"He considered himself a farmer before president or general," she said. "In his mind he was a farmer."

But the most eye-opening part of their tour was what they saw from the library's vault that day. The vault is rarely open, but on this day historians had taken some of Washington's belongings out and laid them on a table. Among them were two letters written by Washington, preserved in plastic, one to Martha and another to a friend, talking about the distillery and discussing going to war.

Smith told Connor that even he had never seen these papers and they wouldn't come back out for another few years. Smith and the Connor family



The Connor family of Dwight was able to see George Washington's private library during their trip to Mount Vernon. Right: A memorial for the slaves who worked on the plantation.

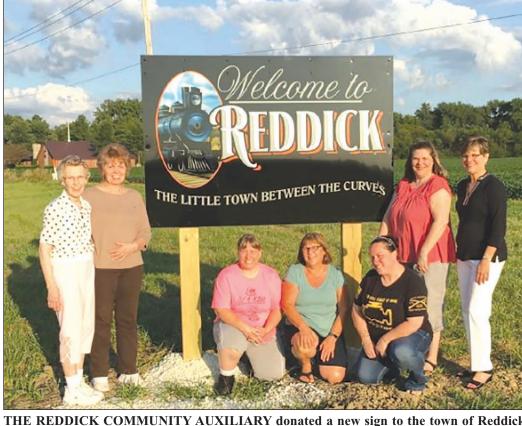
were looking at artifacts more than 250 years old, worth tens of millions of dollars.

"The whole experience was really amazing," Connor said.

Her children were also inspired by the visit. Mount Vernon welcomes those who wish to pay their respect to the father of our country by participating in a daily brief wreath-laying ceremony at the Washingtons' tomb. Bryson was the one who laid the wreath that day.

"They loved it," Connor





THE REDDICK COMMUNITY AUXILIARY donated a new sign to the town of Reddick. Pictured left to right are: Rosemary Brooks, Kathy Curl, Donna Swartz, Gail Joyce, Crystal Sheridan, Sue Bergan, Jane Arends.

New Town Sign Donated by Reddick Community Auxiliary

The Reddick Community Auxiliary donated a new sign to the town of Reddick.

The project, which took a great deal of organizing, was started a number of years ago when the group was the Reddick Lioness. Josephine "Jo" Murphy suggested the motto, "the little town between the curves," as this was often how the town was referred to in the

As a charter member of the Reddick Lioness, the town sign project held a special place in sign with his son, Connor.

Barbara DeWaard

fine art ·-

her heart. Upon her passing, Jo's family donated part of her memorial money toward the project. Over the next several years, Lioness club members chose to add to Jo's memorial in her honor.

Before becoming the Reddick Community Auxiliary, the Lioness' final act was completion of the sign project.

The Auxiliary extended its thanks to Reddick's Mayor, Bill O'Brien, for helping with paperwork and erection of the

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DTHS BOE Takes Actions Against Tenured **Teacher**

The Dwight Township High School Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting on August 8. After a long closed session meeting, the Board voted to approve a Motion: "Consideration and Action upon a Resolution Containing Specific Charges Against Kathryn Patten, a Tenured Teacher, and Initiating Dismissal Proceedings Against Said Teacher."

The Board also approved Tamara Frichtnitch to a one year long-term substitute teacher position to serve in the open FACS position as well as FCCLA Advisor.

Both items were approved 4-0. Board Members present at the meeting were Brian Perschnick, Kevin Berta, Betty Gantzert, and Paul Warner. Absent from the meeting were Tim Henson, Anne Rodosky, and Max Sulzberger.

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The Do's and Don'ts of Proposals

Marriage proposals inside restaurants are popular ways to pop the question. Many couples find proposing over a candlelit meal is a romantic way to get engaged, providing a perfect setting to begin a life together.

Even though restaurant proposals have been popularized by television sitcoms and movies on the big screen, those taking this route should do some homework before sitting down to eat. As with all components of wedding planning, it's essential to get the proposal right to create lasting, positive memories.

DO choose a place with the right ambience. If you do not have a favorite restaurant in mind, go online and do some research for picturesque or romantic establishments. Many online reviews now include images, which can help you find the right setting.

DO make a reservation. An engagement should not be left to chance. Call ahead and speak with a manager and mention that you will be orchestrating a proposal. Find out if the restaurant will help you make it extra special. Some may decorate your table with favorite flowers or provide a specific champagne once the proposal has been accepted.

DON'T propose at the beginning of the meal. Set the scene with conversation and start to enjoy as much of the food as possible.

DON'T forget the ring. The ring is its own spectacle, but there are ways to present it in an even more glorious light. Plan ahead so that the ring is tied to an exquisite tea cup brought out during dessert service. Or, if you're worried about putting the ring in the hands of others, bring along a hand-painted plate that asks "Will You Marry Me?" The wait staff can cover the question with the entreé or a dessert. As your partner eats, the message will become clear



Take your proposal inside to an incredible restaurant.

DO expect a scene. Proposing marriage in a restaurant is bound to cause a big reaction — tears included. If you're not comfortable with public displays, you may want to reconsider popping the question in such a public setting.

DO consider a weeknight. Restaurants are less busy on weeknights than weekends, so you can expect a more intimate setting.

Alternatives to Diamond Engagement Rings

Those seeking something unique can embrace these engagement ring options.

- Amethyst: This vibrant, lavender-hued stone can be breathtaking when cut the correct way. Purple shades have long been associated with royalty, making an amethyst fitting for such an occasion as special as an engagement. Because amethysts, which are less expensive than diamonds, are a seven on the Mohs scale for gemstone hardness, they can be very durable.
- Knot rings: These rings do not have a center stone. Rather, they're designed to be a tied knot or infinity symbol. These rings can be particularly sentimental as they represent true, unbroken love.
- Opal: Gemstones, like flowers, have been assigned certain meanings. Tying the engagement ring to one of them can infuse more symbolism into the relationship. Opal, for example, represents love, passion, creativity, spontaneity, and inspiration. Those traits seem tailor-made for surprise proposals.
- Sapphire: While sapphire stones often are blue, they can also be yellow, green, pink, and white. Sapphires are the third hardest mineral. A white sapphire can be the perfect diamond replacement.
- Garnet or ruby: Red is the definitive color of love. A Valentine's Day proposal can be made even more special by presenting an engagement ring with a red gemstone.
- Moissanite: The jewelry source Brilliant Earth says moissanite is a gemstone first discovered in 1893 by Henri Moissan in a meteorite that fell to earth. It is remarkably similar to a diamond in appearance and strength. Moissanite also has heightened brilliance, with a refractive index higher than that of a diamond.





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In fact, trials are a must to ensure that a chosen style will work with your hair texture.

If you plan to get your hair colored, professionals recommend doing so about three weeks in advance of the big day so it looks natural and any potential snafus can be remedied beforehand.

Your stylist may suggest a light trim prior to the wedding so that the ends are fresh and healthy. And since you're putting your faith in a qualified stylist, trust their expertise and vision. Keep an open mind to their suggestions. You may fall in love with one of the options you hadn't considered.

Wedding Insurance Can Ease Nerves

Couples spend thousands of dollars on their wedding ceremony and celebrations. The cost of a wedding varies depending on geographic location, but according to the business and financial resource Business Insider and The Knot 2017 Real Weddings Study, the average wedding in the United States costs \$31,391.

Insurance policies can help couples protect their wedding investment. Special event insurance provides coverage for various scenarios, including extreme weather, damaged gifts, lost jewelry, vendor cancellations or no-shows, venues closing before the wedding, and canceled weddings, according to Travelers Insurance. Insurance also may cover other unforseen scenarios, such as unexpected expenses from injuries during the wedding or spoiled food.

Policies will pay directly for any damage or injuries that occur, or reimburse the couple if the wedding is postponed or canceled. If weddings occur at home, some people's home insurance or umbrella policies may cover certain wedding liabilities. Most wedding venues carry their own liability insurance, so couples may not have to overlap there. However, for those who desire extra protection for vendor mishaps, it is wise to speak with an insurance professional about special wedding coverage.

Prices for wedding insurance policies can start at around \$100 to \$200 for minimum coverage and reach \$1,000 for more expensive ceremonies, according to the financial advisement website

Speak with an insurance agent and read policies carefully before purchasing one. Non-covered issues typically include theft or loss of an engagement ring; rainy days that do not classify as extreme weather; switching vendors after a deposit is made; and risky entertainment, such as fireworks or live animals.

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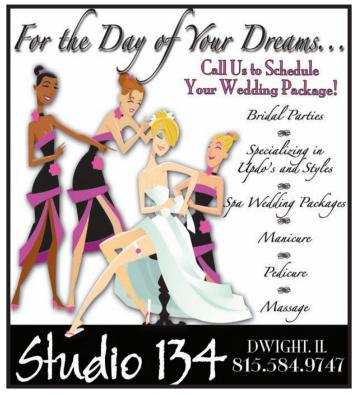
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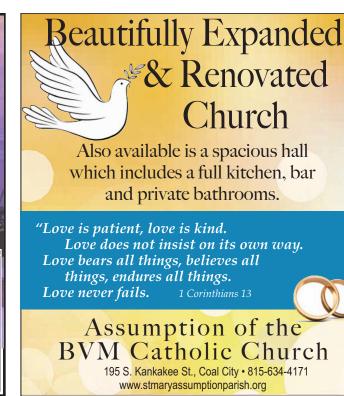
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Livingston County Mental Health Board Open House August 28

from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the conference room in the Health & Education Building, 310 E.

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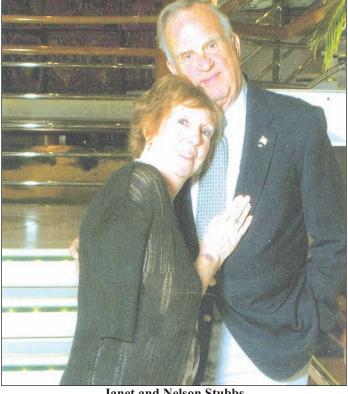
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ties, and substance abuse.

Executive director of the Livingston Co. Mental Health Board, Chris Myers, states that the event is to celebrate the county residents who made it possible to offer their services.

Old reports, newspaper articles, and displays make up the memorabilia that will be fea-

These services are needed more than ever, says Myers. Livingston Co. is the fourth largest county in the state, by land area, so reaching those in need and offering services to them is important.



Janet and Nelson Stubbs

Nelson and Janet Stubbs Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Nelson and Janet Stubbs in education, while Janet was a celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 1.

Nelson and Janet Ostermeier were married August 1, 1959, in Chicago, with Neil Householder as their best man; and Barbara (Ostermeier) Mudd as their made of honor.

Nelson – a native of Dwight and the grandson of Martin N. Nelson and nephew of M.T. Nelson – and Janet have lived in Henry 50-plus years. Nelson was Henry High School's band director – retiring with 30 years nurse in Peoria – retiring as an

The couple has four children: Debbie (Joe) Parian of Henry, Doug (Julie) Stubbs of Toluca, David (Debbie Hass) Stubbs of Oshkosh, WI, and Darin (Lori) Stubbs of Memphis, TN. They have seven grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren, with another on the way.

The Stubbs enjoy traveling and spending time with their



Sarah Wright and David Behrends

Wright, Behrends to be Wed Sept. 1

Steven and Nancy Wright of Kempton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Wright of Kempton, to David Behrends of Chebanse.

David is the son of Duane and Monica Behrends of Chebanse.

The couple plans to marry September 1, 2019, on their

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JUDY MILLER, RIGHT, LONGTIME VOLUNTEER AT MORRIS THEATRE GUILD, receives a \$1,000 grant from Devan Gagliardo - Program Director at Community Foundation of Grundy County.

Morris Theatre Guild Receives \$1,000 Grant from Community Foundation of Grundy County

Morris Theatre Guild has been chosen as the 11th recipient of a \$1,000 grant celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Community Foundation of Grundy County. Morris Theatre Guild has been promoting community theatre in the Illinois River Valley area since 1973.

516 W. Illinois Ave., Morris, IL 60450. For more information on this organization, visit http://morristheatreguild.org/.

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

The Community Foundation welcomes nominations from anyone in the community who wants to celebrate and honor the work of a friend, neighbor,

relative, or colleague. Nominations can also be for a nonprofit in general whose work is impacting the quality of life in Grundy Co.

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

Nominations are accepted at any time and grants will be awarded throughout 2019.





OBITUARIES

Barbara D. Wilson

DWIGHT - Barbara D. Wilson, 80, of Dwight passed away at 12:35 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2019 at Morris Hospital.

Barbara was born September 1, 1938 in Fairbury, daughter of Philip

and Louise Ulrich Smith. She married Claude Wilson, Jr. June 1, 1958. He survives in Dwight.

Also surviving are their daughters: Debra (Alan) Fletcher of Hopkinton, MA; Kathy (Rodney) Weinzierl of Stanford, Illinois; and Sharri (Marvin) Hilti of Cullom; eight grandchildren: Clint (Gina) Cherco, Cassandra (Francis) Shea, Catlin (David) Linforth, Gracie, Hannah, and Claire Weinzierl, Jessica (Robb Davis) Rich, and Evan (Megan Klotz) Rich.

Five great-grandchildren; two sisters: Jean (James) Reed of The Villages, FL; and Connie (Henry) Ehlers of Arizona; two brothers: LeRoy (Sandra) Smith of Pontiac and Grant Smith of California; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Barbara was educated in Emington Grade School and graduated from Dwight High School. She farmed with her husband all of their lives in the Dwight area.

She was a member of Dwight United Methodist Church, various church organizations: United Methodist Women and Willing Workers Circle; and multiple bridge and pinochle groups.

Barbara touched many lives as a 4-H Leader, serving at the local and county level. She also was on the Livingston County Fair Board and the Livingston County Association for Home and Community Education.

Barb was a loving wife, grandma, greatgrandma, sister, aunt, and friend who will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 20, at 11 a.m. in the Dwight United Methodist Church with Rev. Mike Ebersohl officiating.

Burial: Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m., Monday, at the church and for one hour preceding the

Memorial gifts may be made to the Dwight United Methodist Church or Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.

The guestbook may be signed at www.hagermemorial

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

Rosie M. Pierce

COAL CITY -Rosie M. Pierce, 85, of Coal City passed away Thursday, August 15, 2019 at Park Pointe Healthcare in Morris.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visi-

tation will be in the Coal City United Methodist Church Wednesday, August 21, from 5 p.m. until the 6 p.m. memorial service, with Rev. Brad Shumaker officiating.

Inurnment is planned for October in Davenport Memorial Park.

Rosie Maria was born April 21, 1934 in Minatare, Nebraska, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Adolph Meter. Raised in Nebraska, on October 5, 1951, she married Earl W. Pierce in San Diego, City, is in charge of arrange-California.



Rosie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl, in 1998; grandson, Dennis Smith; four sisters; four brothers: and one half-brother.

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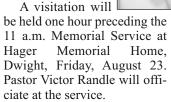
Special thanks to the staff at Heritage Health for their great care, Rev. Michael Ebersohl for his kind words at the service, the DUMC women for their usual outstanding job serving the lunch and to Steve Snyder at Hager Memorial home for all his help and guidance during this difficult time.

The family of Dorothy Mae Weller

Nancy E. Woods

DWIGHT Elizabeth Nancy 84, Woods, of Dwight passed away Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 5:40 a.m. at Wynscape Nursing Center in Wheaton.

Cremation rites have been accorded.



Burial will be in McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight, following the services.

Nancy was born February 1, 1935 in Davenport, Iowa, daughter of William and Marie Schneider Kruse. She married Carlie Whitson in 1954 in Davenport. He passed away in 1977. She then married August "Augie" Woods on March 23, 1979. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children: Christopher (Carol) Whitson of Glen Ellyn; David (Karen) Whitson of Wauconda; and Michael Whitson of Las Vegas, Nevada; her step-children: Debra (Gary) Thorson,



Michael "Woody" Woods, (Jeana) Kathy Woods, and Carolyn Woods, all of Dwight; grandchildren: Matthew, Zachary, Allyson and Bryan Whitson; Stephanie Vargas, Woods, Michael

Beth Ann Thorson and Emily Devore; many great-grandchildren; brother, Robert (Carole) Kruse of Rockford; niece, Trisha Kasper; and nephews: Brad and Greg Kruse; and their fam-

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Nancy graduated from Davenport High School in 1952 and from the Kankakee School of Practical Nursing. She spent several years working at St. James Hospital in Pontiac, Continental Nursing Home in Dwight, and retired from the Dwight Correctional Center after 25 years.

Memorials may be made to VFW Women's Auxiliary, 506 S. Old Route 66, Dwight, IL 60420.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: hagermemorial.com

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For people with diabetes, managing daily selection and preparation of meals that are low in sugar and starch can be a tremendous challenge. To help meet this challenge, the University of Illinois Extension will offer a program called *I on Diabetes*.

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The program provides information on diabetic treatment goals and self-monitoring. Also

carbohydrates, sodium, and fat portions, planning meals, reading food labels, and using artificial sweeteners and herbs and spices.

I on Diabetes will meet on the following dates: September 13, 20, 27, and October 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each of those days at the Kankakee County Extension Office, at 1650 Commerce Dr., Bourbonnais. There is a fee, which will cover all four sessions. This fee is for the purchase of food and supplies.

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Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Mazon-Verona-Kinsman School District 2C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, will be on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent, 1013 North Street, Mazon, Illinois, in this School District from and after 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 23rd day of August,

Notice is further given that at 6:45 p.m. a public hearing on said budget will be held prior to final action hereon at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman School District 2C at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, September 23, at the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Middle School Library, 1013 North Street, Mazon, Illinois.

Board of Education of Mazon-Verona-Kinsman ESD 2C, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois.

Keith Pfeifer **Board Secretary**



Podcasts Often times growing up there would be talk radio in

was usually some sort of talk on the radio.

When I first got a car that was the last thing I would have on. At any given time there would be a 99.99% chance that I had music playing if something was coming through the speakers.

the car. Whether it was sports, politics, both, there

I never really quite grasped the novelty of it. Radio has been a thing now for more or less a 100 years, but I just never really got its appeal.

As do most things in life, turns out you can change. I still don't listen to a lot of talk radio in the car, but I do find myself listening to copious amounts of podcasts. To summarize podcasts in a nutshell, they are the radio for millenials. (I'm kidding, kind of.)

I'm sure there's already been a piece written in the New York Times about how people my age have ruined the standard radio system. But we have given rise to just a slightly different form of it. Podcast stands for "Play on demand - cast." Had no idea until recently that it was half an acronym.

Point being though, I can't get enough of them. Largely the sports centric, but I'll listen to podcasts on TV shows, movies, food, pretty much anything and everything.

I think the major appeal of these is that they can be played at anytime, whereas radio you have to catch when it's live or you miss it. I did not expect to find myself listening to these as much as I do. If you told younger me that I would be I don't think he would've believed it. But here we are.

My three favorite podcasts at the moment are:

The Bill Simmons Podcast The Watch House of Carbs

Go, Cubs.

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

Letters to the Editor

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

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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 bid-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: 1409 E. Elm

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C. The legal description of the real estate is: Lots 9 and 10 in Block 3 in Broadway Second Addition to Streator, except coal and minerals and the right to mine and remove the same.

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Commonly known as: 1409 E. Elm St., Streator, IL 61364. D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family 1-story residence, includes 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, plus crawl space and 2-car detached garage.}

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale. F. The date, time and place of the sale are: September 18, 2019 at 10:15 a.m., in the lobby of the LaSalle County Govern-

mental Complex, 707 Etna Rd., Ottawa, IL 61350. 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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Note: Registration form must be filled out at registration tent day of. If any team member is under the age of 18 a parent must sign registration form at registration.



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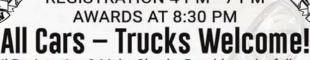
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SPORTS preview





DTHS Trojans Football

The Trojans take the field in 2019 ready to taste victory once again – following up a 6-4 effort last season – and return to the playoffs.

"We have a tough schedule," admits Head Coach Luke Standiford (2nd season), "but this team has the talent to have a winning season."

Standiford says Dwight's defense will be its biggest strength this season. "We are solid up front and our secondary has some speed to defend the passing game."

The Trojans, traditionally, have been a team that runs the football. And though the offense will still be run-heavy

this year, Dwight will need to improve the passing game in order to compete with heavy hitters like Clifton Central – who will return the bulk of its roster after winning the conference last season.

"We finally have some speed on the field," Standiford states, "and need to use those players out in space."

Behind Clifton Central, the rest of the conference appears to be evenly matched. So the Trojans will need to find a way to win close games against the rest of these teams in order to put themselves in position to earn a playoff berth again.



DTHS Trojans Golf

The Dwight Township High School golf team returns four of last year's top six varsity golfers in 2019. However, it will be hard to replace last year's team MVP and All-Conference performer, Andrew

The Trojans will need to see some improvement from last year's returnees – who helped Dwight reach a record of 8-6 overall in 2018 – falling just short of advancing to sectionals

The team will welcome six freshmen to the team this season – all pretty new to the game of golf, but all willing to put in the work to become fu-

ture varsity golfers, according to their coaches – former Trojan golfers from the class of 1977, Head Coach Joe Bloxam (12th season) and Assistant Coach Randy Thomas (6th season). The newcomers include Jace Gall, Noah Scott, Dawson Sulaica, and Wyatt Thompson from DTHS, and Dane Halpin and Noah Wise coming over from Gardner-South Wilmington

The Trojans will compete in the Tri-Valley Conference, and once again it appears their toughest competition will come from Beecher and Wat-



DTHS Lady Trojans Golf

For the past two seasons, the Lady Trojans' golf team has advanced to the IHSA sectionals as a team – and once again in 2019, Dwight has its eyes set on returning to sectional play.

Kelly Deterding and Isabelle Schultz are in their third year of golf, while Kendahl Weller and Darian Guyer are in their second season. "Their experience," says Coach Julie Jensen, "will help us be more successful as a team."

In regards to areas needing improvement, Jensen says her Lady Trojans "need to work on

our short game around the green. This will be important in lowering our scores this year."

In addition to their goal of winning their conference meet this season, Dwight also hopes to have at least three finishers in the top ten of that tournament.

"We are also looking to place higher in tournaments," Jensen adds, "and lastly – we want to qualify for sectionals."

In a tough conference, topheavy with talented teams from Beecher and Watseka – the Lady Trojans' aim is to be in the top three in the conference when it's all said and done.

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SPORTS review



HERSCHER LADY TIGERS VOLLEYBALL

Joel Huizenga will once again spearhead Herscher's Lady Tigers' volleyball program in 2019, and will be coaching a team loaded with talent - with many of the squad's starters from last year's team returning. And they are

"We are going to do everything it takes to put ourselves in a position to take a giant leap forward." states Coach Huizenga. "We want to win the first conference title ever for the ICE conference, and be in a position to end our postseason in a place Herscher volleyball

Despite losing a setter who had over 60 aces and 400 assists, the Lady Tigers look to battle it out with teams like Manteno and Coal City for the conference title - and avenge their disappointing regional final loss to Minonk-Fieldcrest last year.

TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS VOLLEYBALL

Jay Bennett has taken over the coaching duties for Tri-Point's Lady Chargers volleyball program, and he is ready and eager to improve on the team's 8-25 record from a

"The early enthusiasm has been outstanding," Bennett states, "and my hope is to have that carry over into the season."

upperclassman-heavy team, Tri-Point returns multiple starters and contributors in

"Our setters should be a team strength," says Bennett, as they return Brittany Billerbeck, who has played the position for four years, and Sierra Hummel, who returns to the position after receiving a 1st Team All-Conference nod as a right side hitter – which she will still play.

"We have a group of very versatile hitters that can play multiple positions," adds Bennett, "that should allow our offense to really click, especially

has never been before.'

with Brittany and Sierra putting the ball where they need

Bennett sees his squad's biggest need as a simple one more game experience for those hitters at positions that may be new to them this year, as some may have played out of position last year.

"I would like to see our front row become more aggressive blockers as well," states Bennett, "which has been a focus of practice. Our young middles will have to learn early the importance of the middle block at the varsity level."

The Lady Chargers are set to have a breakout season, and Coach Bennett looks forward to seeing his team improve throughout the year.

"I would like to see our girls play with a high intensity each and every match.'

In a conference ripe with worthy opponents, these Tri-Point girls will have to do just

GSW LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL

Gardner-South Wilmington returns to the court in 2019, on a mission to continue its winning ways and build on a 23-10

showing in 2018. "Our team strength is definitely our chemistry," commented Head Coach Amber Eisha. "This group has played together since grade school, so they play together well. They also have the ability to pull

themselves out of a slump.' cial, as this team will have to such as Beecher and Grant improve on their shutting down Park to do so.

of hitters with blocks or

'We don't have much height," Eisha admits, "so we need to work on our verticals to shut teams down."

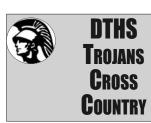
Having set a team goal of taking the regional and conference titles in their 2019 campaign, as well as topping their 23 wins from last year, the Lady Panthers will have to take That chemistry will be cru- on the likes of tough teams

TRI-POINT **CHARGERS CROSS COUNTRY**

The Chargers from Tri-Point are ready for Cross Country action in 2019 – under the helm of Coach Brendan Elens – who believes his squad is comprised of some strong individual runners.

"Our goal is to work to improve," Elens says.

The team roster includes Jose Amador, Ayden McNeill, Connor Cardenas, Faith Mc-Dermott, Jasmine Clark, Katelyn Poe, and Mikaayla English all of whom have set a personal goal to consistently compete at every meet.



Anna Oelschlager has taken over as Head Coach of the Dwight Trojans' Cross Country team, and she is looking forward to a successful 2019 campaign.

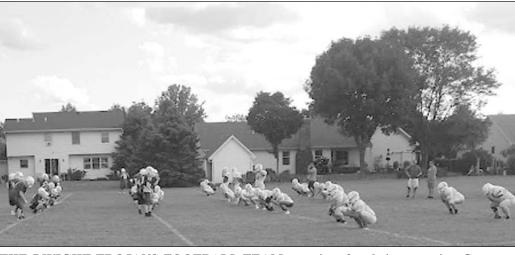
'We have a very tight-knit team this year," Oelschlager says. "They all get along great and encourage each other and genuinely want their teammates to do well. They are also so passionate about their sport, they all want to be here – it's really special to see."

One downside, Coach Oelschlager admits, is her squad's size.

"We're a small team, so it's more individualized," states Oelschlager. "Everyone has something they are working on and working towards for this season."

In addition to everyone working for personal records, Dwight's head coach says improving each week and having everyone's times and performances be the best they can give at each meet is the Trojans' main objective in 2019.

Sport a winning attitude!



THE DWIGHT TROJANS FOOTBALL TEAM practices for their upcoming Green and White game - set for 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 23, at Oughton Athletic Field.



MVK Tops Dwight, 12-3, in Softball Action

Tuesday, August 13 MVK vs. Dwight

The Lady Mavericks have begun their 2019 season red hot – and that did not change August 13 against Dwight – as they won, decisively, 12-

Tessa Krull tossed a complete game, striking out 14 batters and allowing just three earned runs on three hits and four walks.

For the Lady Redbirds, Taylor Heath took the "L," giving up four earned runs on four walks – striking out one. Samantha Harsh went five-plus innings, allowing six earned runs on seven hits and seven walks – fanning four. Njomza Asllani run.

pitched one inning, walking one. MVK's offense was led by Krull (1-5) and

Sam Vande Velde (2 triples, BB, SB) with two RBI each. Audry McNabb (2-3, BB, 2 SB) and Stasie Farcus (2 BB) each added an RBI. Lexi Buis singled, walked once, and scored a run. Katie Arnold walked twice and scored twice, while Faith Baker walked twice and scored once.

Leading Dwight at the plate was Avery Jury, who doubled in two runs. Murphy Connolly knocked in their only other run on a single. Heath walked twice, stole three bags, and scored once. Mia Buck singled, walked, and scored a

Lady Mavs Top GSWB

Thursday, August 15 MVK vs. GSWB

MVK's Lady Mavericks defeated the GSWB Lady Tigers, 6-4, when they met August 15.

Tessa Krull got the win in the circle for MVK, striking out 13 while allowing two earned runs on nine hits.

GSWB's Addy Serena gave up five earned runs on six hits and eight walks, fanning two in

On offense, Faith Baker (2-4, triple, SB) and Lexi Buis (2-2, BB) each batted in two runs to lead the Lady Mavs. Sam Vande Velde was 2-2 with a solo home run, two walks, and two stolen season."

bases. Audry McNabb walked twice, stole a base, and scored twice.

For GSWB, Aspen Lardi (3-4), Bella Vyce (HR), and Hannah Balkom (2-3) each had one RBI. Mikaila McDaniel and Madelyn Olsen each singled.

"We played great defense behind Addy," stated GSWB's head coach Cassi Bexson, "but a couple errors in the fifth inning caused MVK to score three runs and take the lead. Offensively, we started off strong. I am very proud of how the girls played. We've had a big week of softball and I'm very pleased with how we've started the

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MVK Lady Mavericks Softball

Wednesday, August 7 MVK vs. Seneca

The Lady Mavs shut out Seneca, 7-0, in softball action August 7.

Tessa Krull struck out 15 and allowed just one hit and two walks to record the win in the circle.

Offensively, Faith Baker was 1-2 with a walk and two RBI. Krull (single), Audry McNabb (double), and Skyler Conley (2 singles) each had one RBI. Katie Arnold went 2-4 with three stolen bases. Sam Vande Velde tripled, walked, was hit by a pitch, and scored three times. Peyton Enerson and Lauren Cronkrite each had a single. Gracie Steffes was hit by a pitch and swiped a base. Stasie Farcus was hit by a pitch and later scored.

Saturday, August 10 MVK vs. Saratoga

MVK played two games August 10, defeating Saratoga in game one by a score of 8-1.

Earning another win was Tessa Krull, who hurled 16 strikeouts, giving up just three hits and one earned run, in seven innings.

Audry McNabb led the offense, going 3-4 with three RBI. Krull added two RBI on a double, followed by Katie Arnold, Sam Vande Velde (3-4, 2 triples, BB, SB), and Faith Baker (single) with an RBI each. Stasie Farcus singled twice and stole a base, while Peyton Enerson added a single.

MVK vs. Grand Ridge

In game two, the Lady Mavericks sailed to a 17-1 victory.

Vande Velde tossed eight strikeouts in four innings, allowing just one earned run on seven walks – no hits.

At the plate, Arnold (2 BB, SB) and Vande Velde (2-2, HR, 2 BB, 3 SB) led with three RBI each. McNabb (2-4, HR, SB), Lexi Buis (1-3, BB, SB), and Enerson (1-2, BB, SB) each had two RBI. Baker (double, 2 BB, HBP, SB) and Skyler Conley (1-3) added an RBI each. Krull singled, walked three times, and stole two bases. Lauren Cronkrite walked, stole a base, and scored a run.

Wednesday, August 14 MVK vs. Streator St. Michael's

The Lady Mavs continued their hot streak August 14, taking out Streator St. Michael's 15-

2 in six innings of play.

Sam Vande Velde went six innings, giving up two earned runs on just one hit and five walks. She would also knock in three runs on a 2-3 day that included a home run, a walk, a hit by pitch, and two stolen bases to lead the offense.

Katie Arnold (1-4, BB, 2 SB), Audry McNabb (2 doubles, BB), and Gracie Steffes (2-2) added two RBI each in the win, while Tessa Krull (4-5, double, 2 SB), Faith Baker (1-4, SB), and Lexi Buis (1-4) each had one RBI. Peyton Enerson added a single, with Lauren Cronkrite walking twice, stealing two bases, and scoring twice.



DCS LADY REDBIRDS SOFTBALL

Saturday, August 10 Dwight vs. Pontiac

Dwight faced off against Pontiac in double-header action August 10, splitting the decisions.

In game one, the Lady Redbirds fell 9-7.

Samantha Harsh suffered the loss, giving up five earned runs on nine hits and six walks, striking out four in seven innings.

Dwight's offense was led by Kassy Kodat, who went 2-4 with two stolen bases and four RBI. Taylor Heath (double) and Harsh (2-3, double) had an RBI each. Megan Livingston had three hits on the day, including two doubles, while Murphy Connolly added a double of her own.

"We started rusty," admitted Coach Trainor, but finished with fight. For our first game, Samantha Harsh pitched well."

Game two saw the Lady Redbirds cruise to a 16-3 victory – led by a stellar outing in the circle by Heath, who went five strong innings, allowing three earned runs on just one hit and six walks, striking out six.

Mia Buck (double) and Avery Jury (2-3) each had three RBI in the game, while Livingston (home run, SB) and Kodat (2-4) added two RBI each. Heath (3 BB, SB) and Brynn Connor each chipped in with one RBI. Connolly, Madison Ely, and Avery Scheuer each walked once and scored a run.

"We had a first inning fury – with everyone scoring," Coach Trainor stated. "Taylor Heath pitched a good game."

Tuesday, August 13 Dwight vs. MVK

The Lady Redbirds fell on

the wrong side of a 12-3 decision against MVK August 13.

Taylor Heath was tagged with the loss, giving up four earned runs on four walks – striking out one. She allowed no hits, however. Samantha Harsh pitched the bulk of the innings, tossing four strikeouts while allowing six earned runs on seven hits and seven walks. Njomza Asllani threw one inning – walking one.

"We struggled to throw strikes in this game," said Coach Trainor afterwards. "Mazon has a very good team."

Dwight's offense was led by Avery Jury, who doubled and knocked in a pair of runs. Murphy Connolly singled in a run. Heath was walked twice and stole three bases, with Mia Buck walking once and later scoring.

Dwight's "B" team defeated MVK, 16-15, in the conference opener August 13.

Kiah Handzus led at the plate, going 4-4 with a triple. Sophie Buck was 3-4 on the day, while Lily Walkup went 2-3 with a triple. Dori Wilson singled.

Handzus earned the "W" on the mound, giving up only three hits and striking out four.

Wednesday, August 14 Dwight vs. Saratoga

In a high scoring affair with Saratoga August 14, Dwight came out on top – 19-15.

Avery Jury got the win, allowing five earned runs on four hits and nine walks, fanning five in four-plus innings of work. Samantha Harsh walked two batters and recorded an out, while Njomza Asllani threw two innings, giving up two earned runs on two hits and five walks, striking out

two

Mia Buck knocked in five runs on the day, going 4-4 with three doubles, a walk, and three stolen bases. Kassy Kodat tripled, walked, stole two bases, and batted in four runs, followed by Asllani and Maci Johnson (triple, BB, SB) with two RBI each. Jury (double, BB, SB), Murphy Connolly (single, HBP, BB, SB), and Harsh (double) each had one RBI. Taylor Heath doubled, walked, was hit by a pitch, stole a base, and scored twice, with Avery Scheuer walking twice and scoring once. Brynn Connor drew a walk and later scored.

"We hit the ball well," Coach Trainor said in the postgame, "with Kassy Kodat and Mia Buck leading the way. We still have a lot of work to do to learn their positions."

"R"

In "B" game play, the two conference foes would walk away tied at 14-14.

Lily Walkup led the offense, going 2-3 with a single and a three-run homer. Brook Johnson was 2-2, while Sophie Buck went 2-3. Dori Wilson and Luna Hermoine each added a hit.

Friday, August 16 Dwight vs. GSWB "B" -

The "B" team from Dwight fell to GSWB 13-11 on August

Kiah Handzus led the offense, going 4-4 and scoring three runs. Lily Walkup was 2-3, scoring twice, while Sophie Buck and Milana Bradley each went 2-4 – scoring two runs each. Brooke Johnson was 1-2 with a run scored.



GSWB LADY TIGERS SOFTBALL

GSWB Lions Baseball

during his appearance.

Christians each walked once.

Saturday, August 10 GSWB vs. Grace Christian

The Lady Tigers got a big 15-0 victory over Grace Christian August 10.

Addy Serena pitched two innings, striking out three and not allowing a single hit. Madison Buck tossed one inning, giving up one hit and striking out one.

At the plate, Aspen Lardi singled.

"Addy did a great job on the mound," stated Coach Bexson, "and Madison threw a great final inning to close out the game."

Tuesday, August 13 GSWB vs. Seneca

Thursday, August 15

1 in their first contest of 2019.

GSWB vs. Morris

In a match-up with Seneca August 13, GSWB picked up a 13-7 win.

Addy Serena struck out eight, walked one,

The GSWB Lions were beaten by Morris 18-

Bennett Grant took the loss for GSWB, al-

lowing four earned runs on five hits and three

walks – striking out two. Tony Vyce pitched an

inning in relief, tallying one strikeout while giv-

and allowed just one hit in four innings of work.
Rianna Platt pitched three innings, giving up a
story over hit and striking out two.

Makaila McDaniel-Mrowicki singled and doubled, while Aspen Lardi added four hits and an RBI. Bella Vyce contributed two hits, including a home run and three RBI. Serena would triple and knock in two, with Platt doubling and adding an RBI. Hannah Balcom had two hits and a run batted in. Addi Fair singled.

"This was a great team win for us," Coach Bexson said afterwards, "as everyone on the team contributed. We ran the bases well and played great defense. Aspen Lardi made a great double play, and Grace Wright did a great job in left field backing up a play and making an awesome throw home to get the runner out."

ing up six earned runs on six hits and a walk.

Owen Vitko walked one and gave up four hits

Grant collected his team's only hit on the day,

with Tony Vyce drawing a walk, stealing a base,

and scoring a run. Tyler Wilkey and Ayden



DCS REDBIRDS BASEBALL

Wednesday, August 14 Dwight vs. Streator

The Redbirds earned a big win over Streator, 22-12, on August 14.

Terry Wilkey did a superb job on the mound—limiting the runs of the hot Streator bats. He went three innings, allowing just one earned run on four hits—striking out three. William Trainor pitched two innings in relief, giving up three earned runs on four hits and six walks, fanning three. Tyler Cox walked one and struck out one in an inning of relief work, while Drew Anderson allowed three earned runs after walking three

At the plate, Luke Gallet went off for five RBI, going 3-4 with a double, a sacrifice, two stolen bases, and he was hit by a pitch. Anderson was 2-2, walking four times, stealing four bases, and batting in three runs. Owen Dunlap (1-3, walk), T. Wilkey (3-5), T. Cox (2-5), and Kyler Starks (double, walk) each had two RBI in the contest. Evan Sandeno walked once and batted in a run. Noah Kelleher collected two hits and walked once, with Jake Wilkey singling and being hit by a pitch. Joey Starks was hit by a pitch and scored a run, while Tracer Brown (SB) and Evan Cox each walked once and scored a run.

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02-9040 Sewer/Water/Refuse 02-9110 Facility Repair & Exp	63.70 0.00		546.21 1,261.62	
02-9130 Facilities Supplies 02-9233 Building Loan	0.00 -3,684.86		1,975.71 4,231.95	
02-9630 Health Insurance 03-6000 Insurance Expense	-1,284.99 0.00	1,315.94 -1,284.99	249.35 21,649.81	125,275.33 21,899.16
03-6030 Workers Comp Insurance 04-4001 Fund Raiser Supplies	5,568.00 0.00	5,568.00	27,913.00 25.00	27,938.00
04-4705 Chili Supper 60400 Bank Service Charges	0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00	2,116.56 -35.00	2,081.56
66000 Payroll Expenses	18,714.56 28,616.25	7,331.71 10,911.85	251,345.20 524,485.12	273,638.63 524,485.12
Total Expense Net Ordinary Income Net Income	<u>-10,372.69</u> -10,372.69	10,911.85	<u>-17,452.83</u> -17,452.83	524,485.12

Net Income

Gardner Village Board Meets

in regular session August 12, with commissioner Dick Hileman serving as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Mike Serena. Hileman noted two errors on the Treasurer's report related to payments to Brant Excavating. The report was approved with correction of the two errors.

During public comment, the board heard from Ashleigh Tarman, who commented on tree trimming along the village right-of-way adjoining rental property she owns in the village. The board also heard from Ismet Bakii of the Gardner Restaurant, who addressed the village board regarding a liquor license. Hileman noted to have a license to serve liquor under the current code, the business must have an owner or manager living in the village limits. Hileman noted the ordinance had been on the books longer than he has been on the board, but

The Gardner Village Board met did not rule out a change. He also noted there were no available licenses, but more could be added by the village.

> Resident Victoria Webster addressed the board on the agenda regarding a dead tree on the village property on her property along Main St. Webster noted she has been told by both the village and the county that it is the other's responsibility. Webster commented she will follow up with the county and village to get it taken down before it falls and causes damage. Hileman stated the village will contact the county and provide an update.

Hileman noted the audit indicated the village payroll tax reports from the county combine the IMRF and Social Security, which should be corrected before the next statement. The village lien against the Rub Ford bankruptcy estate will appear in court.

GSW High School Seeking Nominations for Distinguished **Panther Hall of Fame**

Gardner-South Wilmington High School is seeking nominations for the GSW Distinguished Panther Hall of Fame.

According to the board of education approved bylaws, "The Gardner-South Wilmington High School Panther Hall of Fame exists to honor outstanding alumni of GSWHS or persons that gave distinguished service to our school. This award is for a Panther that made a significant contribution to society, GSWHS, or the GSW community. This induction recognizes individuals who bring honor to Gardner-South Wilmington High School through their accomplishments. These Panthers inspire future generations to excel and serve our school and community.'

The selection committee is now seeking nominations for potential inductees. The committee will consider candidates whose achievements and/or contributions are outstanding, leaving no question as to the individual's potential inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

Criteria for nominees:

1. A person who has graduated from GSW no less than five years before their year of induction or

1a. A person who has given distinguished service to GSW and has not the last five years prior to their induction. Example: teacher.

2. A person whose actions demonstrate outstanding character.

3. A person whose outstanding citizenship has achieved international, national, or local recognition.

4. A person whose leadership can inspire students in the pursuit of excellence.

5. A person whose accomplishments are outstanding or whose leadership is considered exceptional.

6. Posthumous nominations will be accepted.

Nomination forms for the GSW Panther Hall of Fame may be submitted by:

a. Citizens who live within the GSWHS District #73 boundaries. b. Current or former GSWHS staff

members. c. GSWHS graduates no longer liv-

ing in the school district. d. Family members of the nominee.

Nomination forms must be received at GSW by October 1. Forms can be found on the school website at https://www. gswhs73.org/ or picked up at the

GSW office.

Forms may be mailed to: GSW High School, Panther Hall of Fame, 500 East Main St., Gardner, IL 60424, or e-mailed to John Engelbeen employed at the school within man at jengelman@gswhs73.org.

PRAIRIE CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019

Beginning account balances as of July 1, 2018: \$62,009.48

Receipts: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 Real Estate Taxes: \$205,418.50 Grants (Per Capita): \$8,256.25

Internet Fees: \$93.00 Fax Fees: \$501.50 Non-Resident Fees: \$539.00 Book Fines: \$540.85 Video Fines \$454.10 New Card Fees: \$54.00

Book Lost Fees: \$304.70 Interest Income: \$434.12 Memorials & Gifts: \$1,281.85 Room Rental: \$100.00 Miscellaneous \$2,746.70 Hubert Trust \$295.20

Total Cash Receipts: \$221,019.77

Disbursements: (Minimum: \$2,500.00)

Amazon: \$4,094.52 AT&T: \$3,816.81 ComEd: \$6,980.00 Christine Churnovic: \$2,970.00 Demco: \$5,017.05 Edelman Electric: \$6,294.57 Gale/Cengage: \$6,143.07 Gumdrop Books: \$3,558.22 IHLS-CCIC: \$2,895.20 MicroMarketing: \$8,507.94 Social Security: \$6,056.63 TrueTech, Inc.: \$3,915.00 Weller-Hooker Agency \$5,539.00

Expenses:

Audiobooks: \$227.33 Audit: \$1,270.00 Bookkeeping: \$1,205.42 Books: \$9,382.21 Building/Maintenance: \$9,992.21 Community Relations: \$709.02 Dues: \$2,065.00 Electronic Media: \$599.00 Equipment: \$1,374.76 Janitorial Supplies: \$856.58 Landscaping: \$1,268.00 Legal Services: \$480.00 Medicare: \$1,416.47 Memorial Expenses: \$600.00 Miscellaneous Expenses: \$1,416.61 Payroll Taxes: \$326.37 Per Capita: \$3,824.14 Periodicals: \$2,240.55 Postage \$349.50 Printing: \$140.75 Programming: \$5,374.49 Publishing: \$1,567.45 RAILS Grant: \$700.98 Security Monitoring: 632.46 Supplies: \$1,451.85 System Software: \$1,680.03 Training: \$152.00 Treasurer's Bond: \$205.00 Utilities: \$3,829.89 Videos: \$344.17 Website/Computer Maintenance: \$795.88.

Payroll Distribution: \$97,687.42

(Under \$25,000.00)

Sharon Dial; Stefanie Dolan; Kimberlee Frauli; Karen Palmer; Katie Rhodes: Joan Walsh-Elling (\$25,000.00 to \$49,999.00) Lisa Marsh; Sherrie Rhodes

Total Disbursements: \$223,992.97

Total Revenue: \$283,029.25 Total Disbursements: \$223,992.97 Cash on Hand June 30, 2019: \$59,036.28

Prepared by: Sherrie Rhodes, Library Director Certified by: Barbara Wilkinson, Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of August, A.D.

Jennifer M. Tjelle, Notary Public

Village of Dwight Approves Smoke Free Parks

August 12 Board Actions

smoking and vaping in certain Village of Dwight Parks was approved when the Dwight Village Board of Trustees met on August 12.

Effective October 1, Garrett Park, Stevenson Pool and Spencer Park will be smoke and vape free areas. In other Village of Dwight parks, including Renfrew Park and Lions Lake, smoking and vaping will be restricted to designated areas.

Teens Terminating Tobacco initiated the move as part of its DTHS health class studies by advocating for parks that are healthier and safer for children, their families, and wildlife. The group made their initial presentation to the board in May led by DTHS Health Teacher Mitch Thompson and Livingston County Health Education and Marketing Director Erin Fogarty.

Initially receiving push back from Dwight's Ordinance Committee, the movement gained support by local lawmakers, school officials, and other officials and community members with most board members coming to agree that banning smoking and vaping in places where organized youth activities occur was in the best interest of the children these areas serve. In all other Village of Dwight parks, smoking and the use of vape products will be restricted to designated areas, yet to be determined.

"I think it is our duty to protect those areas of high concen-

An ordinance banning tration," said Trustee Justin adjacent Eggenberger at the board's July 22 session. "We have to be respectful of everyone but, where there are high concentrations of youth, we need to protect them."

Voting in favor of the ordinance change were Mayor Pro-Tem Justin Eggenberger, Trustees Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbrodt, and Jenny Johnson. Trustee Randy Irvin opposed. Mayor Jared Anderson was not pres-

In other business, the board authorized the sale of excess village property. The property, a vacant lot located at 115 E. Chippewa Street, will be put out for bid with a minimum bid set at \$20,000. Once the bidding process is complete, submitted bids will be open on September 23.

Also regarding excess village property, the board discussed options for moving forward with five pieces of village owned property that had previously been put out for bid. These five tracts of property include 1201 S Union Street; 221 E Waupansie Street; 300 Odell Road; 305 E Delaware Street; and 411 W Delaware Street. While no formal action was taken, after discussion, it is anticipated that at the August 26 Village Board session bids previously received on the five tracts will be rejected and the for re-bid with a minimum bid requirement.

An ordinance to vacate an alley and transfer ownership to

Jonathon DeLong, was approved by the board. The approximate 10 x 40-foot piece of village property is located behind the Masons' building at 108 S Franklin Street, immediately west and abutting said alley. While DeLong is the property owner immediately east, Livingston Lodge No. 371 is the owner of the property immediately west. Livingston Lodge 371 agreed to decline ownership allowing the passing of the property to DeLong. All Trustees present approved the motion with the exception of Trustee Jerry Curtis who abstained.

In reports to the board, Dwight's Chief of Police Tim Henson reported that Officer Alex Butts is completing nine weeks of field training and will be released for solo duty by the end of the month.

Engineer for the village, Ryan Hansen, reported that the downtown street repair project is coming along well and looking positive for completion prior to the Dwight Harvest Days celebration. Harvest Days runs September 20 - 22.

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara noted that August 18 was scheduled to be the last open day of Dwight's Stevenson Pool before closing for the

Dwight DEA representative five properties will be put out Jane Anderson reported that ticket sales for the DEA/Harvest Days/Guardian Angel Bassett Rescue split 50/50 drawings are going well with

over \$4,000 in early bird sales. Early bird drawings could net winners \$500, with the final prize a guaranteed \$10,000. Tickets are available for purchase through various sources and on line at www.dwightraffle.com.

Mrs. Anderson reported that the recent Shop Local campaign, where store receipts were turned in for prize drawings, has now ended. She also noted that feedback from downtown business owners on the new sidewalks and streets has been very good. A question was raised regarding parking spaces and it was confirmed that no parking spaces were lost with the new street design and, actually, more downtown parking is now available.

In other business, the board approved:

• an IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Compliance review.

 a Knights of Columbus Bucket Brigade request for September 13 from 7 a.m. -5p.m. and September 14, 7 a.m. - Noon, at the intersection of Illinois Rt. 17 and Rt. 47.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 26, in the lower level of the Public Services Complex. Meetings are open to the public.

Gas Prices For This Week

Labor Day weekend is fast approaching. Area states gas prices include: Îndiana \$2.59, Kentucky \$2.42, Missouri \$2.37, Iowa \$2.48, Wisconsin \$2.62 and Michigan

Have a great week and remember watch out for bikes and students.

City/Village	August 21	August 14
Dwight	\$2.67	\$2.67
Kankakee	\$2.76	\$2.62
S. Wilmington	\$2.76	\$2.81
Streator	\$2.52	\$2.51
Odell	\$2.69	\$2.69
Pontiac	\$2.63	\$2.64
Gardner	\$2.74	\$2.74
Braceville	\$2.94	\$2.94
Morris	\$2.67	\$2.73
Herscher	\$2.69	\$2.54
Chicago	\$3.52	\$3.09
Illinois	\$2.82	\$2.84
U.S.	\$2.64	\$2.67

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

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



Herscher Labor Day Celebration to Feature Firebox Performance



Herscher's 99th Labor Day Celebration will feature a performance by Firebox in Village Park at 2:30 p.m. Monday, September 2.

Founded in 2008, Firebox specializes in the traditional bluegrass sound, styled after the bands of the late 1940's, 50's, and 60's.

Based out of Effingham, Firebox currently performs in the local and regional area to introduce bluegrass to a new generation and preserve this sound that is slowly being lost to more modern genres. Firebox has also appeared on local television programs, as well as appearing on RFD-TV this August.

The band prides themselves in the professional attitude they take towards the music and their performance, wearing suits and ties just as they would have done in Bill Monroe's Blue-

grass Boys. Each show has a variety of songs to showcase each member's talents. Exciting solos, three- and four-part harmonies, and a little bit of bluegrass history make for an entertaining and enjoyable performance. Musical influences include greats such as Jimmy Martin, The Stanley Brothers, Bill Monroe, Reno & Smiley, J.D. Crowe, Jim & Jesse, Flatt and Scruggs, and many more.

Band members include Tyson Tolliver on banjo, Nick Poe on guitar, Caleb Gerber on Mandolin, and Bill Sanguinetti on bass.

Upcoming shows and information can be found at www.fireboxbluegrass.com or facebook.com/fireboxbluegrass. Videos of the band can be found at youtube.com/user/ fireboxbluegrass.

Vern 'N' Vern Returns for Herscher **Labor Day Celebration**



are slated to return and perform during the 99th Herscher Labor Day Celebration, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 2, on stage at Village Park.

Vern 'N' Vern's band members are: Vern A Denault (grandpa), 81-years young, Vern W. (dad/son), 51 – who first performed for an audience at the Herscher Labor Day Talent Show in the 1970s, and Neil Denault (son/grandson), age

Vern 'N' Vern was named Best Acoustic Group at the 2019 Kankakee Area Music Awards. They sing classic country, classic rock,

After being rained out in 2018, Vern 'N' Vern folk, and novelty songs you won't hear anywhere else. They play acoustic guitar and add a little percussion. Neil also plays electric guitar and mandolin.

> You can hear Vern 'N' Vern every other Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Crazy Joe's Diner, 907 S. Washington in Kankakee, and every other Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at The Office Bar & Grill, 5986 E. Rt. 17, Kankakee. You can find the Vern 'N' Vern page at www.

> facebook.com/VernandVern. E-mail Vern at vnvmusic3@ protonmail.com.

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NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF BIDS BY VILLAGE OF DWIGHT FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Dwight is hereby soliciting bids for the sale of certain real estate, hereinafter described, pursuant to Ordinance #1423 passed by the President and Board of Trustees (Corporate Authorities) of the Village of Dwight at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Corporate Authorities held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The real estate for which bids are being solicited is as follows:

Tract 1:

115 E. Chippewa Street, Dwight, IL 60420

Lots 6, 7, and 8 in Block 23 of the Original Town of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois.

P.I.N.: 05-09-208-025

Zoning: B1

Current Use: Vacant Lot used for miscellaneous Village of

Dwight activities.

Dimensions: 150' x 225'

The real estate as described above is unimproved real estate and is located within the corporate limits of the Village of Dwight. This Tract is subject to the Village of Dwight Zoning and Use Restrictions within the zoning district in which the Tract lot is located, being a B-1 zoning district.

No survey of the Tract being offered for sale will be provided. This Tract is being sold "As Is," subject to any EPA testing that a proposed Buyer may require, in the sole discretion, initiative and cost of the proposed Buyer. Documents with respect to prior environmental testing and remediation performed by the Village of Dwight are available for public inspection.

The Village shall provide evidence of merchantable title by a Commitment for Title Insurance, prior to closing, and the issuance of an Owner's Policy of Title Insurance to the successful bidder by means of an Owner's Policy of Title Insurance issued in the amount of the successful bid after closing.

A copy of the Commitment for Title Insurance as issued, as well as documents with respect to prior environmental testing and remediation shall be available at the Dwight Public Services Complex Building located at 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420, for inspection by prospective bidders during regular business hours.

Bidding Procedure

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and indicating on the bid envelope that the bid is for the premises commonly known as 115 E. Chippewa Street, Dwight, Illinois, together with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder. The amount of the bid should not be shown on the bid envelope, but only on the bid to be placed within the sealed bid envelope. The sealed bid envelope should then be delivered to the Village of Dwight at the Public Services Complex Building located at 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420 during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If mailed, the bid envelope containing the bid should be placed in a separate envelope for mailing the bid envelope containing the bid and send to the Village of Dwight, Public Services Complex Building, 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420.

Bids must be received by September 23, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dwight Public Services Complex Building located at 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420. All bids must be physically received on or before the above date and time to be considered. Bids that are not received prior to the above date and time will not be considered, including any bids that were mailed by, but not received on or before the above date and time. A minimum bid of \$20,000.00 is required to be considered.

Bids shall be opened at the regular meeting of the President and Village Board of Trustees on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Services Complex Building located at 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420. The meeting is held in the council room in the basement of the Public Services Complex Building at 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, IL.

The Corporate Authorities may accept the highest bid, or any other bid determined to be in the best interests of the Village of Dwight, by a three-quarters vote of the Corporate Authorities then holding office with respect to each Tract. By a majority vote, the Corporate Authorities may reject any and all bids, regardless of amount, including any bid in or above the minimum amount of \$20,000.00. Prior to making a decision as to whether or not the Corporate Authorities will accept a particular bid, the Corporate Authorities may request a proposal by bidder(s) as to the proposed use/utilization that a proposed bidder intends to make of the premises being offered to consider as to which bid is in the best interest of the Village of Dwight. The Corporate Authorities may table the matter for further consideration and/or consideration of the proposed use to which the property may be utilized by the successful bidder. After consideration by the Corporate Authorities, whether at the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees set for September 23, 2019, or at a subsequent regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, final action will be taken as to whether or not a particular bid should be accepted, and/or the rejection of any and all bids.

Closing Procedure

After a bid has been approved by a 3/4ths vote of the Corporate Authorities with respect to the Tract being offered at a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, then closing shall be within 30 days after acceptance of such bid, or on the second business day after the 30th day, if the 30th day after acceptance of the bid is not during a regular business day or is a Village holiday. Closing may also be extended in the sole discretion of the Village of Dwight if reasonably required to properly close the transaction. Closing will be either at the title insurance company issuing the Commitment for Title Insurance, or at the office of the Seller's attorney, as determined by the Village of Dwight.

At closing, the successful bidder shall pay the bid price, less any credits that may be applicable, by a cashier's check payable to the Village of Dwight. Buyer will also pay any costs that are normal and usual and payable by Buyers of real estate.

After closing and recording of the Deed of conveyance, an Owner's Policy of Title Insurance insuring merchantable title to the premises purchased will be issued and delivered to the successful bidder in the amount of the purchase price, in the name of the Buyer, subject to any exceptions or liens that may be on record against the Buyer.

For further details, please contact the following:

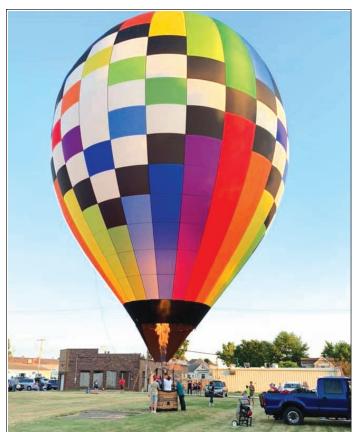
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CULLOM CELEBRATION





CULLOM'S ANNUAL HOT AIR BALLOON ASCENSION lifted off August 8 to open the 2019 Cullom Homecoming Celebration. It went southeast of Cullom – landing along the ditch bank north of John Penicook's residence, north of Piper City.



THE 2019 BEST OF CLASS WINNERS in Jr. Domestic Arts, Sr. Domestic Arts, and the Flower Show at the Cullom Junior Fair, held August 9 and 10 at the Cullom Community Building, included, right to left: Junior Class: Bryce Rock – Best of Class in Foods; Reagan Groskruetz – Best of Class in Handicrafts, Arts and Collections; Adult Class: Jane Gaulke – Best of Class in Handicrafts; Rita Mills – Best of Class in Foods; Flowers: Meri Knapp – Best of Class in Specimens; Carlene Essington – Best of Class in Potted Plants; Catherine Schultz – Best of Class in Arrangements (she was not present at picture time).



THE 2019 CULLOM BECKMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY Quilt Raffle winner is Pat Fagan of Cullom. This quilt was made by Joan Haren and Nancy Groskreutz. Pat Johnson worked on this quilt before she became ill and could no longer help. Pat Johnson was instrumental in the making of the library quilts for raffles over the years. This quilt was the last one she started to work on. This quilt is in her memory.



of the Cullom celebration. American Legion Junior Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit 122 of Cullom members and leaders arrived at 9:00 a.m. August 9 and 10 to pick up litter and empty trash containers. On day one, they had Myah Mettille – Cullom, Atlanta Eichen – Carlinville, Ashley Burnside – Monroe, LA, and hiding – Ayden Eichen, who also helped but was camera shy. Day two's clean-up crew was Gabby Spangler, Sophia Billerbeck, and Myah Mettille. Senior member Ana Reynolds went back and helped Saturday with her sister Sophia.

The Paper Deadline is Friday at noon.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rt. 66 Licks visits

Dwight Heritage Woods

HERITAGE WOODS of Dwight enjoyed ice cream from 66

Licks, Odell, August 15. Pictured above, L to R, Wanda Lou

Ellis, Doris Wroblewski and Evelyn Zielinski. Serving ice

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cream below are Kelly Harris and Sue Grieff.

'Colonel' Smith

The Paper had a very good article about Dwight's early baseball teams. I would like to add a bit to the Frank L. Smith story.

in the military. He was given the honorary title by Governor John Tanner as a reward for political work.

Smith ran for office numerous times and lost numerous times. After about 20 years, he finally was elected to a twoyear term in Congress in 1918.

He was a crony of Governor Len Small, the most crooked politician in Illinois history. Small appointed Smith head of the Illinois Commerce Commission, where he shook down the heads of the utilities he was

supposed to be regulating. Rates were allowed to go up after they paid off Smith.

Smith used that money to run for the U.S. Senate in 1926. "Colonel" Smith never was He spent, and he won. But the U.S. Senate would not admit him because of his crooked campaign contributions that bought the office. Small was told to appoint someone else. Small appointed Smith, and again the Senate rejected him.

Smith is the only person in Illinois history to win a Senate seat and be refused admittance. Nevertheless, he still called himself Senator and Colonel his whole life.

> Jim Ridings Herscher

Students and teachers at Dwight Grade School looking forward to a cooler start to the school year didn't get exactly what they were expecting as this summer's over \$900,000 HVAC project to provide air conditioned classrooms in the over 50-year-old building was not completed as planned. At the August 14 session, Board of Education members were given a building tour to view all proj-

ect work which took place at

the school over the summer and

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by Madelyn Fogarty

some still underway. The air conditioning project features rooftop mounted variable refrigerant flow units. These VRF units will allow the cooling of several classroom sections at a time. Electrical and transformer upgrades necessary for the new system are still underway with the HVAC project not expected to complete for approximately four weeks. However, the contractor has temporarily supplied each room with a portable cooling unit to help alleviate the heat until the project completes.

In other matters, an intergovernmental agreement between the school district and the Village of Dwight regarding Student Resource Officer Services was approved. According to information provided, 67 percent of Detective Gary Beier's time is spent in the school or preparing lessons for programs in the school. Detective Beier is the school's SRO. The board approved a three-year proposal as presented. Per the agreement, the district will pay for SRO services as follows: Yr1, \$15,000; Yr2, 18,000; Yr3, \$21,000. Additional monies for SRO supplies/expenses will also be budgeted.

Dr. Jancek called the SRO agreement a "win-win."

"It's good for everybody." said Dr. Jancek. "It is especially good for kids - safety, security and a relationship with the police."

Dwight's Chief of Police Tim Henson thanked the district for its support of the SRO program.

"Detective Beier is a huge asset to the school, the kids, and the administration" said Chief Henson regarding the partnership which began in 1987 with the Officer Friendly program before moving to a School Resource Officer in 1994. "You are getting a great resource. Thank you for partnering with us, and we promise to continue that relationship and do our best."

In financial business, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek reported to the Board that at the end of FY19 (June 30, 2019) all funds were in a positive fund balance. The FY19 Education Fund end balance is \$1,165,707 with an end balance across all funds of \$3,705,757 with revenues ex-

ceeding expenditures by \$243,966. The actual budget did fall short of the proposed budget by \$185,586. The shortfall came from two areas with one being a Grundy Co assessment issue resulting in a prior year adjustment and the other being a decision to move forward with the HVAC project and initial payments made toward the project. Overall, Dr. Jancek indicated District #232 finances are looking good.

"The grade school finances are healthy and getting healthier all the time," stated Dr. Jancek.

Dr. Jancek presented the first reading of the 2019-2020 (FY20) budget. Proposed revenues across all funds are \$6,355,295 with proposed expenditures in all funds totaling \$6,499,517, which is a negative difference of \$144,222 largely due to the current HVAC project. The overall budget will be reviewed and adjusted over the next month. Following a Public Hearing, the final budget will be presented to the board for approval at the September BOE session. The proposed FY20 budget is available for review for 30 days in the District office.

Dr. Jancek also reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the District \$18.091.72 in financial reimbursements for the 2018 - 19 school year. For the current 2019 - 20 year, the state owes the \$49,070.17.

Following discussion, Athletic Handbook changes were affirmed. The main change denotes the handbook as a "guideline....subject to change with administrative approval for the betterment of both team success and the well-being of individual student-athletes" thereby making it less restrictive and allowing what Dr. Jancek called a "common sense approach" when a situation arises to address a need that is universally agreed upon. Board members Michael Cornale and Eric Scheuer opposed the action while Bo Partney, Mark Christenson, Marc Ellis, Cathy Ferguson and Nick Stepanovich were in favor.

In his report to the board, Principal Brandon Owens reported that currently the enrollment number for Pre-K through 8th Grade is 548 students. Students per grade level in grades K - 7 range from 45 to 53 students. The DGS 8th Grade Class boasts 60 students with Pre-K showing an enrollment of 88 students. Dwight students returned to school on Thursday, August 15.

DGS HVAC Project Nears Completion

Budget & School Resource Officer among August BOE Items

Mr. Owens also noted that the PTO has been working on adding sensory paths in two areas of the building, one near the cafeteria and another by the elementary teacher's lounge. Sensory paths are designed to support cognitive functioning and reduce sensory seeking behaviors. The paths offer students an active "brain break" between lessons or classroom activities.

The BOE also:

- approved the resignation of Amy Prokop-Lecrone, Special Education Teacher.
- approved the resignation of Maleah White, Technology
- approved the resignation
- of Cori Paton, Classroom Aide. • approved the resignation of Erin Hablutzel, 5th Grade
- approved the resignation of Andrea Natyshok, 1st Grade
- approved the resignation of Kristen Lamps, 1st Grade Teacher. approved the resignation
- of Catie Wilkey, Classroom affirmed employment of
- Madeline Policht, 5th Grade Teacher. affirmed employment of
- Emma DeLong, 4th Grade

 affirmed employment of Danielle Battles, 8th Grade

Teacher.

- · affirmed employment of Emily Bovelle, Classroom Aide.
- · affirmed employment of
- Sara Hurt, Classroom Aide. · affirmed employment of Tesha LaGrange, Classroom
- · affirmed employment of Sarah Maddox, 1st Grade Teacher.
- affirmed employment of Jen Statler, Classroom Aide.
- affirmed employment of Jamie Oelschlager, Long Term Special Education Substitute.
- · approved teacher mentors Kathy Stewart, Mary Schultz, Carol Fink and Sam Beier.
- · approved employment of Wendy Groves, Classroom
- approved employment of a Special Education Teacher (TBD / posted)
- · approved employment of Crystal Aukland, .5 FTE Technology Teacher (shared with Braceville). · approved FMLA request
- from Jessica Law, Special Education Teacher.
- · approved June and July 2019 bills as submitted.
- discussed ideas to improve circle driveway.
- reviewed the IASB Press Plus Board Policy Updates (first reading).
- · verified and approved that the Serious Safety Hazard Designation remains unchanged and continues to exist.

The next regular meeting of the Dwight Grade School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, in the DGS Library. Meetings are open to the public.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING Gardner-South Wilmington High School

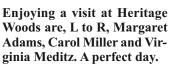
Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 will conduct a public hearing regarding the FY 2019-2020 budget on September 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the GSW High School Board of Education room.

Final action on the FY 2020 budget will take place at the regularly scheduled GSW High School Board meeting which immediately follows the budget hearing in the GSW High School Board of Education room on September 24, 2019.

The tentative budget will be on display in the GSW High School office August 22, 2019 through September 24, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except for the September 2 holiday).

Board of Education Gardner-South Wilmington High School #73 Carla Huston, Secretary





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701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Michael Ebersohl • AUG. 21: UMW bingo

- Heritage Health, 2 p.m. • AUG. 22: 5:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal. • AUG. 24: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and

Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting. • AUG. 25: 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 Serv-• AUG. 26: 7 p.m., UMM meeting. • AUG. 27: 7:30 a.m., MWDC; 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study. • AUG. 28: 6:30 p.m., Choir practice.

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· AUG. 21: NO Wednesday Devotions. • AUG. 25: 9 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion. • AUG. 28: 6 p.m.,

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Wednesday Devotions

tian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM Pastor Dan Woodward • AUG. 21: Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m. · AUG. 25: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Serv-

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ice, 6 p.m.

584-1260 church Rev. Grant Speece • AUG. 21: 7 p.m., Trustees meeting. • AUG. 25: 10:30 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: "Set Free" Holy Scripture

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• AUG. 21: 7 p.m., Bible Study. • AUG. 22: 7 p.m., Worship practice. • AUG. 23: 7 p.m., Outdoor movie night. • AUG. 25: 9 a.m., The Good Way Study; 10 a.m., Main Service and

Communion; Kids Church and Nursery; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth • AUG. 26: 7 p.m., Prayer Night. • AUG. 27: 7 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.

• AUG. 28: 7 p.m., Bible • AUG. 29: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

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Father Chris Haake • AUG. 24: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass. • AUG. 25: 10:30 a.m.,

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Lutheran Church

American Lutheran in Gibson City. • AUG. 24: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Garage/Bake Sale at American Lutheran in Gibson City. • AUG. 25: 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast;

9:30 a.m., Faith Devel-

opment for All Ages;

10:30 a.m., HC Wor-

ship; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Garage/Bake Sale at American Lutheran in Gibson City. • AUG. 26: 9 a.m. - 12 noon, quilting. • AUG. 27: 9 a.m. - 12 noon, quilting; 4 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army / Compassion Ministry;

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tional Christian Study.

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• AUG. 25: 8:45 a.m.,

Holy Scripture Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17

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a.m., Worship Service. **EMINGTON** Emington Congregational **United Church** of Christ 103 Division Street Rev. Grant Speece

Worship. Sermon title: 'Set Free' Readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

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REDDICK Clyde D. Unz, 91 of Reddick passed away peacefully Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at Miller Rehabilitation in Kankakee under hospice care.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will begin one hour before the 11 a.m. Memorial Service at Zoar Community Church in Reddick Saturday, August 24. The Reverends William and Joan Dean will officiate at the service.

Clyde was born February 27, 1927 in Reddick, son of Edgar W. and Sarah M. "Sadie" Lehnus Unz. He attended the Country School and graduated from Reddick High School in 1945.

He enlisted in the Navy and was on the Commissioning Crew of the USS Albany. His rank was Seaman 2nd Class and he was discharged March 1947 with a victory medal. Many of his military items are on display at the Essex Historical Society.

Clyde married Martha Louise Draper January 15, 1950 in Flora, Indiana in The Church of the Brethren. He worked in the Cabinet Factory in Flora until moving back to Illinois and working as hired man for his uncles: Alvin, William, Charles, and Edgar. He also worked nights at Caterpillar in Joliet 1954-1956.

He was a charter member of Zoar Community Church and was instrumental in the construction, along with many oth-

In the 1970s, until 2000, he sold Short Line Farm Equipped Burch, Yetter, Orth-

Westerdorf Nichols Tillage Herschel cutting parts and made many friends over the years.

He enjoyed woodworking and doing crafts, and Martha would do the painting of the items he

He served on the Grand Prairie Cemetery Association Board, Zoar Board of Directors, and the Zoar Church maintenance committee. The last several years he loved to run the lawn mower which gave him purpose and he mowed 4-5 days a week only stopping a few months before

made. They were a good team.

Clyde worked hard his entire life and loved God, his family, his country, and his friends. His life reflected his faith and patriotism.

his death.

Surviving are one son, Charles Unz of Reddick; and nieces and nephews whom he loved very much.

Preceding him in death were his wife of 64¹/₂ years, Martha, in 2014; one son, James Unz, in 2000; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Milton and Bonita Bossert Unz, and Richard and Leah Beyer Unz.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to Zoar Community Church, Hospice of Kankakee Valley, or to the donor's choice.

To visit his online guestbook, log on to www.rwpatter sonfuneralhomes.com or on facebook.

Join 'Wendy's Cruisers' **Every Monday in Morris**

The "Wendy's Cruisers" of Morris invites all those who love antique cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc. to go to their social gatherings on Monday nights at the Morris Wendy's.

They meet every Monday night from 5:00-9:00 p.m., all year around. Weather permitting, they take their antique vehicles for the public to view the historical works of art.

All are welcome, whether you have an antique vehicle or not. This is a free event – open to the public.

Wendy's Cruisers have been around since 2006. There are many other activities they are also involved with – Cruises, campfires, movies, cookouts, show and tell nights, and more.

Got something unusual to show them, or want someone to tell you what it is - they want to see it.

There will be an open band, live on the stage, on the first Monday through October.

For more information, call Ken at 815-942-2032 or e-mail willis824@comcast.net.

Ewaste Event September 7 in Morris

Grundy County Land Use cepted for free at the event. Department will be hosting an electronic ewaste event Saturday, September 7, at the Animal Control Facility, 310 E. DuPont Rd. in Morris, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Fees will be applied for all TVs (cash only):

- \$25/TV less than 21 inches in diagonal length
- \$35/TV greater than 21 inches in diagonal length
- \$50/TV projection size

Other electronics will be ac-

General electronics such as laptops, printers, fax machines, scanners, pda, mp3, DVD players, stereo equipment, and all general household electronics. All cell phones will be collected separately by staff.

White goods will not be accepted. Gates will close at noon, promptly - no excep-

If you have questions, call 815-941-3228.

Higher Speed Rail -- When?

by Tom Tock

The question: When will Amtrak passenger trains achieve 110 -- or even 90 -mile per hour travel on the Chicago/St. Louis route through Dwight? Unrealized predictions for faster travel on that route have been made since 2017 at least.

The latest prediction, from Scott Speegle, Passenger Railroad Transit Communications Manager for the Illinois Department of Transportation:

"At this time, we feel that we will be able to increase speeds to 90 mph south of Springfield by the end of 2019 and on the whole corridor between Joliet and Alton in

"When we are able to run our trains 90 mph on the whole corridor there will be a schedule change. Once we reach 90 mph we will continue to work on the upgrades to the signaling system that will allow us to reach 110 mph on the corridor."

While concern has centered on the trains

running faster, Illinois Secretary of Transjust as important to the passengers.

"They would use our trains a lot more if they knew we were going to be there when they need them," said Blankenhorn.

A week ago, The Paper talked with Rich Speed Rail Association, and asked him if there had been problems with the testing of the Positive Train Control (PTC) system mandated by the Federal Railway Administration (FRA). The system is designed to improve safety on the nation's railway net-

Harnish replied that the biggest obstacle in the testing is that of "interoperability", meaning the PTC- equipped trains must be able to send and receive signals on any other company's railroad network in the

A May 30, 2019, report from the FRA portation Randy Blankenhorn stated in states that Amtrak's network across the na-2018 that better on-time performance was tion has only 19 percent interoperability, even though many trains and tracks have been equipped with the PTC software. Union Pacific's overall network was reported to be 23 percent interoperable.

"I share the public's frustrations," Har-Harnish, President of the Midwest High nish told *The Paper*, but he still looks forward to not only faster, safer train travel but improved service by the addition of more passenger trains that would allow outlying areas to reach a business destination in Chicago by 9 a.m.

It should be noted that the Chicago/St. works and is to be in place by December Louis high-speed corridor is now more often referred to as the Joliet/Alton. Elimination of the Amtrak bottlenecks from Joliet to Chicago and from Alton to St. Louis will require billions of dollars in funding not yet appropriated.

> When, or if, that may occur continues to be a matter of complex discussions.

Gardner Archives Locates Historic Letter

On August 14, during the regular open day at the Gardner here. Archives, a letter was found in a scrapbook of "Gardner History."

The ladies shared the idea of putting it in *The Paper* – hoping to find someone that could shed some light on the story. It reads as follows:

The Vin Fiz with Cal Rodgers

On Oct. 8, 1911, Miss Alice Moran escorted her 3rd graders to a spot near John Holmes Lumber Yard, where we awaited the arrival of a "flying machine." Piloted by Cal Rodgers, it was following the path of the C + A R.R. A soft drink co. was paying him \$5 a mile to advertise their grape-flavored "Vin Fiz," on his way

As Cal flew over, low enough for us to see him plainly, a flutter of cards landed among us. It had taken him since Sept. 17 to get

No sooner had we nabbed the "Vin Fiz" cards, then a special train carrying his wife + mother sped through town. Aboard the train were reporters, mechanics with their equipment, as well as an auto. Their travels didn't always coincide with Cal's, as bad weather + accidents hindered his arrival at Long Beach, Calif. until Dec. 12, 1911.

Of this class, the following are deceased: Caroline Christiansen, Allison Gibson, Albert Krug, Leonard Larson, George Lockrem, Birdie Thompson, Bolivar Thompson, and Dobbie

The latter was the son of the local blacksmith, Ed Robinson. Larson's dad was the "undertaker" and Lockrem's father had a general store, Allisons's dad, a merry-go-round.

The old flying machine can be seen at Nat'l Air Museum in Washington, D.C., the first to fly across the U.S.

'Get-a-Grant Workshop' in Pontiac September 11 for K-8 Educators

Join Livingston County's Ag Literacy Partnership for their 901 W. Howard St. in Pontiac. The doors for this workshop will Get-a-Grant Workshop. This event will provide K-8 teachers with all the specifics needed to apply for Illinois Ag in the Classroom's (IAITC) Classroom Project and Special Book Grants.

This free workshop will have participants engaging in handson activities and demonstrations that complement and connect Common Core Standards with books for children and young adults from authors such as Gail Gibbons, Peggy Thomas, Tish Rabe, Peter Menzel, and many more. Each participant will receive an activity lesson booklet, as well as other resources to enhance the classroom's agriculture learning experience.

Get-a-Grant Workshop is Wednesday, September 11, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Livingston County Farm Bureau, located at open at 3:30 p.m. for participants to have a light snack, review 'make and take" ideas and to shop from the free resources table.

Pre-registration is requested by Friday, September 6, by contacting Debbie Ruff at debra.ruff@il.nacdnet.net or calling 815-844-6127, ext. 3.

Need more information? IAITC is offering up to \$300 for the Classroom Project Grants. There are five different Special Book Grants available, with each offering up to \$250 in selected book titles. More detailed information and the grant request forms are found on the IAITC site at: http://www.agintheclassroom. org/TeacherResources/Grants.html. The deadline to submit a







grant application is October 11.



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Plan to Attend Dwight Harvest Days! September 19-22



THE GARDNER AREA **BAND HAS ACCEPTED** an invitation to march in the 2019 Nashville Christmas Parade. They will march in the Christmas Parade on December 7 and perform a Christmas Concert at the Country Music Hall of Fame on December 8. The band will enjoy a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry, sightseeing trips and more. All are invited to the Gardner Area Band **Boosters fund-raiser Satur**day, August 24, at Rury's Tap in South Wilmington, starting at 7 p.m. There will be silent auction items, including Chicago Cubs and White Sox tickets, and a special performance by Burt Neitzer at 8 p.m. Pictured are Drum Major Addison Fair, Gardner Area **Band Director Michael** Leone, and Drum Major Cora Pierard.

Gardner Band to head to Nashville, Tennessee





ST. PATRICK PARISH, DWIGHT, took part in the blessing of statues during and after the 10:30 Mass Sunday, August 18. The Slattery family donated the statues in honor of Francis and Norma Slattery.

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