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Village of Gardner **Christmas Tree Lighting December 1**

On Sunday, December 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the downtown Gazebo, the Village of Gardner will host its 13th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

Free hot chocolate, cider, and cookies will be served - compliments of Gardner Lions Club, in addition to the singing of Christmas carols, the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and the hanging of the 2019 ornament.

Visit with Santa afterwards at Curley's Banquet Room, with children receiving a gift bag.

Festival of Trees Being Held in Gardner

With the generosity of all involved, this year money is being raised during the 5th Annual Festival of Trees to donate to Gardner Area Youth Softball for repairs desperately needed at the softball field.

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 1, at First Midwest Bank, 128 Depot St., prior to the tree lighting, for final bidding on silent auction items. Raffle tickets can be purchased, and door prizes, popcorn, coffee, and hot cocoa will be served.

Stop by through November 30, or the night of the event, Silent auctions and raffles will close right before the tree lighting and winners of auction and raffle items will be posted in the bank immediately following the tree lighting cer-

Dwight Lighted Christmas **Parade** Dec. 7@6

Saunemin Hometown **Christmas** Dec. 8

Mabel was a Movie Star

By Jim Ridings

She was one of the very first movie stars.

This was in the era of silent films, when motion pictures were just starting to be produced, only a few years after Thomas Edison invented the medium. It was when film making was still in New York and New Jersey, before moving to Hollywood.

Mabel Trunnelle was born in Dwight on November 8, 1879. She was in 194 movies, between 1908 and 1923.

Dwight historian Andy Kelleher brought us the information about Mabel.

Photoplay magazine called her the "merry-serious girl

whose expressive eyes and face mirrors emotions more effectively than a hundred voices."

Mabel spent five years performing on the stage before going before the cameras at Edison Studios. Her first films "The Woodsman's Daughter" in 1908 and "The Prince and the Pauper" in 1909.

Her parents were Louis and Margaret (McGonigal) Trunnell. She had three sisters, born in Dwight: Louise Harris, Frances Haise, and Florence Overend. Florence was a nurse, and she died at the age of 46 from a disease she contracted from a patient.

Mabel married Herbert Prior (1867-1954), an Englishman and fellow actor. They appeared together in several Edison films. They were released by the studio in 1917. After that, she lost interest in her career and retired, while Herbert became a supporting actor, into the sound era. Herbert appeared in 326 films between 1907 and 1934, almost all minor roles.

Mabel's most notable films were "A Modern Cinderella, "In the Days of Chivalry," "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Dolly Varden."

Mabel's last film was "The Love Trap" in 1923.

She went back on the stage at the age of 44.

Mabel died in Glendale, California, on April 29, 1981, at the age of 101. She is buried in Hollywood, California.



Mabel in "The Heart of the Hills" in 1916.

GSW Truth in Taxation Hearing To Ask for 7.14% Increase

regular meeting of the Gardner - South Wilmington High School Board Wednesday, November 20, had a presentation on issuance of working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District.

During the regular meeting, Mr. Engelman, in his Principal's Report, told of the Mexican Holiday - Day of the Dead – celebrated by the Spanish Classes and their teacher, when deceased family members and friends are remembered. They worked very hard at setting up displays and decorating the cafeteria. Students enjoyed visiting throughout the

first four periods of the day. Principal Engelman, the GSW Social Worker, and two teachers took approximately 25 students on an overnight trip to Cedar Lake, Indiana November 1 and 2. The Natural Helpers sessions concentrated on teaching students how to help other students and how to determine when to hand it off to an adult if the problem is too big. The trip was very successful.

Orange & Black Night was

A public hearing prior to the held Saturday, November 16, at the meeting went well and it 2,700 acre solar farm to be lo-more than five percent. GSW High School, a fundraising event that kicks off the Winter Sports Programs -Boys and Girls Basketball, Color Guard, Spiritline and the GSWB Pep Band. One of the largest crowds in years turned out. The money raised goes to Sports Boosters.

Superintendent Josh De-Long said the boiler is on and working well throughout for the most part, and Wally Debelak, head of maintenance, has been removing and replacing old pipes.

There was discussion on the potential purchase of a scissor lift for the District.

In his Superintendent's Report, Mr. DeLong told of the Intergovernmental Co-op Agreement with Dwight Township High School. A meeting was held Tuesday, October 22, at Cherry Red Roasters in Dwight. Supt. DeLong, two GSW Board members, two Dwight Board members and DTHS Supt. Jancek reviewed and discussed the Co-op Agreement and other opportunities between the two schools. The Board members reported

was a great idea to meet faceto-face. The group plans to meet again early next year.

Delayed start procedures have been communicated – an Alert Now message and an email message containing details about 10 a.m. school starts was sent to parents, employees, GAVC and the Grundy County Special Ed Co-op.

GSW received notice that on the State Report Card it is "commendable."

Supt. DeLong and two Board members, Pam Brooks and Katy Wepprecht, will form the District negotiation team for this year's Contract negoti-

ations. On Saturday, October 26, 10 of Grundy Area Vocational Center's welding students competed in the Local 597 Welding Competition. There were two categories in which to compete: Advanced and Intermediate. GAVC had five students in each category. Joey Corneglio, from GSW, placed 2nd in the Intermediate Divi-

The District recently heard a presentation on a proposed

cated along the Route 66 corridor between Gardner and Dwight. The farm would impact 15 taxing bodies, with GSW to receive roughly 7 percent of the EAV.

Dibble Trucking has donated three cafeteria tables to

In an Aggregate of Tax Levy presentation, it was stated a best educated "guess" (no figures yet from the Grundy County Assessor) would be a balloon levy, which means we are requesting a higher number than we anticipate getting. That is done to ensure all the levy money allowable by law is captured. Once a levy is filed, it cannot be increased; therefore if a District's request is lower than what the final figures from the county end up being, the District loses out on the additional dollars.

Because the county numbers are currently a guess, a Truth in Taxation Hearing next month must be done since the District is asking for a 7.14 percent increase over last year's extension. A hearing is necessary if asking for an increase of

GSW's final extension last year was \$1,221,765.61, and this year's proposed aggregate

levy is \$1,309,000. Action items included: the hiring of Kirk Houchin as Guidance Counselor Sub and Chris Halpin as Supplemental Boys Basketball Coach; approval of wage increases for specific non-certified employees; appointed Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman as District Representatives for SB 7 Committee; accepting Fatlan's bid for plowing snow and spreading

The Board considered disciplinary suspension or expulsion of Student 2019-1 for one calendar year; approved the Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy; the Truth in Taxation Resolution since the proposed Tax levy exceeds 105% of last year's extension; the Resolution declaring the intention to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds; the Grundy County Reciprocal Reporting Agreement; Donna Vertin to attend Career and Technical Education Conference in Anaheim, CA Dec. 4-7, 2019.

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Tickets Issued

by Dwight Police November 14: Craig S. Barch, 20, Peoria, fail to stop at intersection.

November 18: Austin J. Fundle Giovengo, 24, Mazon, driving under influence of alco-

November 19: Daniel R. Foster, 18, Odell, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

November 20: Troy N. Barlow, 16, Dwight, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

9 Written Warnings

Fail to yield -1; fail to stop at sign -2; barking dog -1; only one headlight – 3; speed-

Dwight Police Blotter

November 15: 4:37 p.m., Dwight Police were asked to meet with Grundy Cty. Sheriff's Deputy on W. Northbrook Dr., in reference to a substance on waterways in that area.

November 18: 6:51 p.m., David D. Norman, 59, was arrested on an in-state warrant. Norman posted bond, was given a new court date, and was released; 9:07 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of S. Franklin for a report of a reckless driver. Arrested for DUI was Austin J. Fundle Giovengo, 24, of Mazon. Fundle Giovengo was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail and his vehicle was towed from the scene.

Accident Report

Saturday, November 16, 8:45 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at 12 W.

Northbrook Dr. involving an unknown unit, which struck a 2019 Kenwood, owned by JR Schugel, when it was attempting to back up - then left the

Tuesday, November 19, 11:01 a.m., an accident was reported at Rt. 17 at Old Rt. 66 involving the driver of a 2013 Dodge Sedan, driven by Haley N. Transou of Dwight, who struck a 2011 Nissan Utility, driven by Luis Lopez of



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 14: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical,

November 15: 2800 E. Rd., unfounded, mutual aid - Emington; Seminole, trauma, Morris; Rt. 47, medical, Mor-

November 16: John, medical, Morris; Seminole, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical,

November 17: Eisenhower, medical, St. James; Rt. 47, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to MVK; Philmar, medical, St. James; Main, medical, St. James.

November 18: Mazon, medical, Riverside.

November 19: Coal City Station, change of quarters, mutual aid to Coal City; Mazon, accident.

November 20: Mazon, medical, Riverside; Union, medical, St. James.

November 21: Spencer, citizens assist; Mazon, trauma, Morris; Washington, refusal.

Secretary of State Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that all offices and facilities will be closed Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29,

in observance of Thanksgiving. Facilities open Tuesday to Saturday will reopen Saturday, November 30. Offices and facilities open Monday to Friday will reopen Monday,

December 2.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com, to locate the nearest Driver Services facility and the hours of operation. In addition, drivers can change an address, apply for a duplicate driver's license or ID card, or renew license plate stickers online.



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Temps - 2019

Nov. 14 - high 31°, low 19° Nov. 15 - high 40°, low 19° Nov. 16 – high 42°, low 21° Nov. 17 – high 41°, low 26° trace precip.

Nov. 18 – high 37°, low 27° trace precip. Nov. 19 - high 38°, low 32°

.06" precip. Nov. 20 - high 50°, low 32°

.46" precip. One Year Ago-Nov. 27, 2018 high 41°, low 24° 3" snow

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to be the lifeline for patients in need this holiday season by making an appointment to give blood. While helping to save lives is likely motivation enough, those who go out to give between now and December 18 also receive an will Amazon.com gift card via e-

There will be a donation opportunity Monday, December 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 225 E. Third, Herscher.

800-RED on any Alexa Echo device.

Fees Changing for Well, Septic, Food **Programs** in Grundy County

As a reminder, a new Grundy County Health Department, Environmental Health Division multi-year fee schedule was adopted in September of 2015. Effective December 1, 2019, several fees are changing for the Well, Septic, and Food Programs.

Department is advising the public, contractors, and/or temporary food vendors seeking permits to call or visit their website to find out the new fees before mailing applications for permits.

garding fees, contact the Grundy Cty. Health Dept. at 815-941-3115.

Blood Drive in Herscher December 2

Make an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, online at Red-CrossBlood.org, by calling 1-**CROSS** (1-800-733-2767), or by enabling the Blood Donor Skill

The Grundy County Health

For further information re-

www.edwardjones.com



New at Investing? Follow These Suggestions

If you're fairly new to investing, you might be wondering what sort of rules you should follow or moves you should make. And while everyone's situation is different, there are indeed guidelines that make sense

Learn the basics. For starters, you'll want to be familiar with the essential types of investments: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on. Some investments are designed to provide growth, while others provide income in the form of dividends or interest payments, and still others may offer growth

Set your goals. You need to know why you're investing. Do you want to retire early? When you do retire, what kind of lifestyle would you like to have? Are you planning on helping your children (or grandchildren) pay for college? Once you've established your goals, you can create the appropriate investment strategy for achieving them.

Invest regularly. At first, you may only be able to afford to put in small amounts to your investment accounts, but even so, try to contribute regularly. You'll get into the habit of investing and, later on, when you earn more money, you can ramp up your contributions. If you have a 401(k) or similar plan at work, the money can come out of your paycheck before you even see it.

Think long term. As you begin investing, it's important to have the right attitude. Investing is a decadeslong process of carefully choosing, managing and adjusting a diversified portfolio that's suitable for your individual needs. By maintaining a long-term focus, you'll be less susceptible to making ill-advised moves. Don't get scared off by downturns. If you invest for many years, it's inevitable that you will experience sharp drops in the financial markets. If you overreact to them by selling investments just because their price has dropped, you'll not only be breaking a cardinal rule of investing - to buy low and sell high - but you'll also be disrupting the type of cohesive, continuous investment strategy that's necessary to help you achieve your goals.

Get some help. A professional advisor – someone who understands your goals and family situation and who can make appropriate investment recommendations. A financial advisor can suggest changes to your portfolio in response to changes in your life and in your goals. When you invest, there aren't many guarantees. But by following these suggestions, you will know, at the very least, that you're taking the steps that can lead to success

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS UNDERWAY. Downtown Dwight is taking on a festive look. Next Saturday night, December 7, plan to attend the Dwight Lighted Christmas parade.

Assistance each Tuesday at St. Peter's

Dwight's Salvation Army Kettle Drive Begins November 29

The 2019 Dwight Salvation has only one place to set up Army Kettle Drive will begin Friday, November 29.

The total amount collected each year is allocated into monthly amounts that can be used in 2020 to help those in need of assistance. Last year's Kettle Drive was a little over \$8,000. That is the amount they had in 2019 for distribution to those seeking help.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church has a representative every Tuesday of each month from 4:30-6:00 p.m. to assist anyone from the Dwight area who is seeking assistance.

Since the Salvation Army

kettles, the campaign is seeking help from area businesses, local organizations, and individuals. If your business or organization has room in your budget and your heart to help area residents, contact Gene Mortensen, either by mail at 315 North Clinton Street or give him a call at 815-861-1107. A tax-deductible contribution of any amount is appreciated.

Checks should be made payable to the "Dwight Salvation Army," and mailed to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Attention: Gene Mortensen, 326 West Chippewa Street, Dwight,

Illinois 60420.

Four of the Dwight churches have agreed to take a weekend each to ask for volunteers to ring the bells - St. Patrick's Catholic Church, St. Peter's Lutheran, United Methodist, and New Life Assembly of God. Contact your church if you are interested in ringing the bells. All persons of Dwight, young and old, are welcome to lend a helping hand to provide assistance for their friends and neighbors. You may also call Gene Mortensen to set up a time that you are available to

Holiday Food Safety Tips From Grundy County Health Department

As the Holiday season be- in a separate bag. gins, it's likely there are multiple meals and parties in your future to celebrate with family and friends. Carrying food from one location to another and sharing dishes with a crowd means more opportunity for bacteria to grow and cause food poisoning. Whether you're an experienced cook, a • Wash items such as cutting for groups: even the most confident chefs nervous. Follow these steps to keep your holiday season food poisoning-free:

Steps to follow during holiday grocery shopping:

- Keep raw meat, poultry, and seafood away from other foods in your grocery cart.
- Buy cold foods last.
- Ask the cashier to place your raw meat, poultry, and seafood

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4 lbs. Corn

2 lbs. Corn

preparation and cooking: • Use separate cutting boards

Steps to follow during food

- for raw meat and ready-to-eat items like vegetables or bread. • Use separate cutting boards, plates, and utensils for raw meats and cooked meats to avoid cross-contamination.
- first-time party host, or simply boards that have touched raw adding a dish to the potluck meat with warm water and lineup, the holidays can make soap, or place them in a dish-
 - Prepare uncooked recipes before recipes requiring raw meat main below 41°F. to reduce cross-contamination. Store them out of the way while preparing meat dishes to ensure they don't become contaminated after prepartion.
 - Use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature of dishes to ensure they are fully cooked and safe to eat.

Fresh beef, pork, veal, and lamb should be cooked to 145°F with a three minute rest time; fish should be cooked to 145°F; ground beef, veal, and lamb should be cooked to 155°F; egg dishes should be cooked to 155°F; and all poultry should be cooked to 165°F. Foolproof tips when cooking

- Keep hot food hot and cold food cold, using chafing dishes or crock pots and ice trays. Hot items should remain above 135°F and cold items should re-
- Use several small plates when serving food.
- Discard perishable foods left out for two hours or more.

For additional information, visit www.cdc.gov/foodsafety.

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Dwight High School District #230 Reviews 2019 Tax Levy Proposal

November Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Township High School Board of Education met on November 20 when a financial presentation, including the proposed 2019 tax levy and possible scenarios, was provided by District Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek.

The estimated total 2019 EAV for the three counties which make up the Dwight Township High School is projected to be \$147,395,728. This reflects an increase of approximately \$8 million over last year, with Livingston County showing a significant 7.89 percent increase with a 2019 EAV of \$106,085,728 and LaSalle County projecting a 2019 EAV increase of 1.69 percent. At the time of the meeting, official Grundy County assessment numbers were still pending. Using an estimated .50 percent Grundy County EAV increase over last year, Dr. Jancek put together a tentative recommendation to the board.

Using the 2019 estimated total EAV of \$147,395,728, Dr. Jancek presented his recommendations for the 2019 tax levy rate and extension. The recommended 2019 tax rate is \$2.6818 with a projected extension of \$3,952,810. While this is an approximate .07 cent tax abatement of the overall rate, with this recommended scenario the extension would be projected to increase by approximately \$114,503 or 2.98 percent due to the increased EAV. So, while taxpayers would see a decrease in the tax rate from the school district, due to the increased EAV, tax bills could still increase. The 2018 tax levy rate was \$2.7565 extension an \$3,838,307.

No action was taken. Once final EAV numbers are received from Grundy County and applied, adjustments may be necessary. The BOE will review and discuss any modifications to the tax levy proposal before adopting the final 2019 Tax Levy. The final tax levy must be agreed upon by the BOE at its December meeting in order to meet the required filing date with the three

In other financial business, it was reported that the State of Illinois has now made all of its mandated categorical payments to the district for the 2018-19 school year. To date for the 2019-20 school year, the state owes the district \$62,203.98.

In another financial move, the board approved a permanent transfer of \$257,869 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to Debt Services for the purpose of making the final payment on the \$1.8 million HVAC project. Dr. Jancek noted that the Alternative Revenue Bond will now be paid off this year and the high school district will be debt free.

In other business, a sports co-op intergovernmental agreement with Gardner-South Wilmington High School was discussed. Dwight has expressed transportation concerns due to GSW athletes driving themselves to and from Dwight for practices and events. Recently, select members of both boards, along with both school superintendents, came together to discuss all concerns and offer some shared program ideas. The DTHS BOE approved entering into a one year co-op intergovernmental agreement with GSW.

Insurance renewal rates for 2020 were discussed. This year, an unusually high volume of employee medical insurance claims prompted provider Health Alliance to increase its renewal rate by 30 percent. Dr. Jancek worked with contract negotiating team members of both school boards and the DEA negotiations committee to look at options for offering financial support for all staff to lessen the burden of the significant rate increase. An agreement was reached to increase the employee monthly insurance allowance by \$75 to \$680. It was understood that the additional allowance will be considered new money on the table when contract negotiations take place next year.

In reports to the board, Dr. Jancek talked about a proposed solar farm that could bring additional money to the Dwight schools. Nearly 2,700 acres of current farmland located in Grundy County between Dwight and Gardner has been



Heritage Woods of Dwight Hosting Festival Of Wreaths A Festival Of Wreaths will take in wreaths by Thursday,

be held by Heritage Woods of Dwight, 701 E. Mazon Ave., with wreaths being displayed in their lobby with donor recognition until the auction offering a marketing opportu- their Facebook page until Denity for businesses.

Participants are asked to be present.

November 28. The silent auction will be held from Monday, December 2, until Friday, December 13, ending at 6:00 p.m.

Wreath bids will also be on cember 13. Winners need not designated for the solar farm. The largest proposed solar farm in Illinois, it could potentially bring \$300,000 of new money to the Dwight High School District each year after any agreed upon tax abatements are gone. Should the solar farm come to fruition, construction could begin in 2023.

Dr. Jancek also noted that \$50,000, 50/50 matching maintenance grants have become available through the state. Any grant money applied for and received must be designated for maintenance projects. It was noted that the current fire alarm control panel must be replaced, along with some other alarm work, at a cost of approximately \$20,000 and prior to the planned elevator project moving forward. In other grant news, it was noted that Mr. Erik Borne, DTHS English Department, has received \$750 in grant money which will be used for the purchase of books for students

Principal Dan Kaiser informed the board that the first Trojan Pride Assembly of the year was held on November 8 recognizing 162 students, 72% of the student body, who had a 3.0 or better GPA, no office referrals, and no late to school tardies during the first nine weeks of school.

Mr. Kaiser also reported on a successful Veterans Day Ceremony held on Monday, November 11. He extended thanks for Jan Schreiner and Steve Lovell for their continued assistance with the event.

The board also:

- · approved an early graduation request.
- approved an FMLA request for teacher Mitch Thompson.

• approved Cameron Klin-Volunteer Wrestling Coach.

 approved Eric Link, Volunteer Wrestling Coach.

- approved Dennis Dunlap, Volunteer Boys Basketball
- approved Laura Duesing,
- Volunteer Cheerleading Coach. • approved Devin Duesing, Volunteer Cheerleading Coach.
- Scholastic Bowl Coach. • approved Corilyn McCullough, .5 Scholastic Bowl

approved Clark Reamer, .5

- affirmed Haydee Wiles,
- ESL Paraprofessional. affirmed Carol Arnolts,
- ELS Paraprofessional. affirmed employment of

Kathy Steurer, Driver. • approved a wrestling team overnight stay in Springfield on

 approved IASB annual dues of \$950.

December 27.

• heard a report on paper copy/printing analysis.

 discussed IASB Press Plus Board Policy Updates, First Reading.

· affirmed a two year contract with Twin City Energy Services, Natural Gas, for 36,000 Therms @ .30 for a savings of \$4,320.

· learned that Dwight Township High School has earned the ISBE/ESSA 2018 Summative Designation of "Commendable"

The board held a closed session discussion with regard to the 2020-21 administrative organizational structure. No formal actions were taken.

The next meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, in the DTHS Board

The Paper (815) 584-1901

the corner

by Tom Tock

I've been playing e-mail ping-pong with a couple of officials at Amtrak the past couple of weeks.

Why, after all the years of writing an occasional story about the failed attempt to bring high-speed rail to the Chicago/St. Louis run did I finally question the way Amtrak counted its ridership in Illinois? I don't know.

But there it was on a graph showing Amtrak service in Dwight -- passengers using this station -- then in smaller letters and in parenthesis:

(arrivals and departures) Arrivals and departures? What does that mean? The light bulb went on, but I still couldn't see what was meant.

I called Marc Magliari, Amtrak Media Relations, Chicago, who began a backand-forth of e-mails with me trying to explain why they would be determining ridership by counting people both when they get on the train at Dwight and again when they get off the train at Dwight.

This is after people have already been counted into the system when they alighted at a destination and again wherever they boarded Amtrak to come to Dwight.

Anyway, a person has thereby been counted four times instead of two while going for two rides on Am-

It turns out that the 9,913 figure used to describe ridership at Dwight is more properly called STATION ridership, determined by "arrivals and departures," sometimes termed "ons and offs," or "boarding and detraining," or "boarding and alighting," not to confuse anyone.

Are you following? The 9,913 Ridership usually noted for Dwight is also termed "Station Usage" even though a lot of people getting off and on in Dwight don't bother to enter our new \$3.26-million station -- belonging to Dwight, not Amtrak. Amtrak leased the Station's use, care, and maintenance to Dwight for 20 years for \$1. Smart.

Notes: Amtrak owns Union Station in Chicago.

Amtrak is developing a number of amenities in beautiful Union Station and I will predict the Station will be more profitable than Amtrak's passenger trains.

Amtrak, a for-profit corporation, has just recorded one of its better years, a loss of only \$29.8-million, the nearest Amtrak has come to breaking even in its history.

Shortfalls in its income are made up by state and federal

Smart again, Amtrak.











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FESTIVAL OF TREES

December 7

Dwight Emmanuel Lutheran Church

DTHS Taking Nominations for Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Dwight Township High School is currently taking nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Eligibility requirements are as follows: 1) A person who has graduated no less than ten years from their year of induction.

2) A person whose actions demonstrate outstanding char-

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.

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

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

If you know of a person who may be deserving of this honor, complete the nomination form along with a separate document with relevant information about the candidate and deliver it to Mr. Dan Kaiser, Principal of

The selection committee will be receiving nominations through March 31, 2020.

Current members of the selection committee are: Allen Hoffman ('54), Rosie Miller

DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

NOMINATION FORM

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City

Relationship to Nominee

E-mail Address

E-mail Address

DTHS Graduation Year

Zip

('65), Polly Hoffman ('78), Churck Butterbrodt Karen Zabel ('86), Dan Duffy ('94), Amy DeMarse ('00), and Carrie Golden ('04).

Induction Classes:

2017 - Christian Andreasen ('57), John Fitzpatrick ('65), Michael McCarter ('65), Lois Judevine Blackwell ('43) 2018 – Patrick Halloran ('80), Amy Larimer ('94), Anne Bossert

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~ nomination form below ~



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THIS 6.5-FOOT JACKSON SPRUCE, at right, in woodland and denim ornaments is one of the many trees and wreaths that will be raffled off on December 7 at the Dwight Woman's Club Festival of Trees. Proceeds from this Woodland Tree will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.





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Share the Christmas spirit by volunteering on Christmas Day to help provide turkey dinners to your friends and neighbors in Dwight who may be shut in or just not able to join their families for Christmas.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church is once again providing free Christmas Day dinners Wednesday, December 25. Meals will either be delivered fellowship.

You could also enjoy dinner with all the other volunteers when the deliveries are complete. Anyone in the community is invited to help prepare and deliver meals.

If you wish to donate food items or cash to be used to provide the meals, donations are always welcome.

If you know of someone in need of a hot meal on Christmas Day, if you wish to receive to your home or you may join a meal, or if you wish to join with others at the church, lo- for lunch in the Fellowship cated at 326 West Chippewa Hall, call St. Peter's church of-

Street, Dwight, for dinner and fice at 815-584-1199 and leave the name, address, phone number, and the number of **meals needed.** Be sure to leave all the requested information. Meals cannot be delivered if they do not have an address and correct phone number.

> A volunteer will call each dinner recipient on December 25 to inform them what time the volunteers will deliver their meal so they know when it is coming.

> For more information or to volunteer to help, call the church office.



THE BONFIELD LIONS CLUB sponsored a Senior Fair and lunch November 20 at the Lions Hall, with speakers presenting information about safety, fraud prevention, and issues related to County West. Presenters pictured are, from left, Kankakee County Recorder Lori Gadbois, Kankakee County Board District 11 member Carol Webber, Kankakee County State's Attorney Jim Rowe, and Kankakee County Board District 12 member Darrel Smith. State Bank of Herscher representative Donna Bland also distributed information on consumer fraud prevention.

Joliet Area Community Hospice Receives \$1,000 Community Foundation of Grundy County Grant

The Community Foundation of Grundy County has announced that Joliet Area Community Hospice is the 18th recipient of a \$1,000 grant celebrating the Foundation's 20th anniversary.

Joliet Area Community Hospice (JACH) is a hospice, palliative care, and bereavement services agency committed to those who need their services, regardless of the individual's ability to pay. JACH was nominated to receive a grant in the honor of Director of Business Development, Mary Rossio. According to the nominator, "Mary is the face of JACH in the eight counties served, especially Grundy County where she has lived all of her life. On any given day, Mary may be found educating and healthcare families providers about hospice and palliative care and the importance of advance care planning. Making a further investment in Grundy County, Mary serves in various roles with three Grundy County organizations: Angels of Hope, We Care of Grundy County, and Grundy County Chamber of Commerce."

You can find more information on JACH by visiting their

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Senior Citizen

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be Thursday, December 5.

JOLIET AREA COMMUNITY HOSPICE received a \$1,000 grant celebrating Community Foundation of Grundy County's 20th anniversary. Pictured are Devan Gagliardo -Community Foundation of Grundy County, Mary Rossio, and Mary Sheehan – Executive Director, Joliet Area Community

website, www.joliethospice.org. If you are interested in donatsent to 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431.

As a part of the Community

FREE awarded to nonprofits serving Grundy County as nominated **TURKEY** ing to JACH, donations can be by the community. Nominations, such as the grant to the JACH, have been made in II a.m. - 2 p.m. honor of an employee or volun-Call for Details! Foundation's anniversary year, teer who has given great value twenty \$1,000 grants will be to a nonprofit.

Community Chord Chorale Performing Christmas Cantata in December

Bridge Results Chorale, led by Wayne Fran-Duplicate Bridge was cisco, has been performing in played November 21 at Prairie area churches and retirement Creek Public Library. homes since 2002. They perform twice a year, presenting NORTH/SOUTH: Christmas and Easter cantatas. 1. Janyce Gross/Janet Boyer The chorale is made up of res-2. Darlene Drechsel/Mary idents of Livingston and Ford Anne McNamara

Counties, and represents many area churches. EAST/WEST: 1. Evelyn Lydigsen/Barb Christensen 2. Janet Kresl/Delores Slattery The next duplicate play will

The Christmas cantata this year is titled "The Gift Goes On" and was created by Sue C. Smith and Russell Mauldin. It was arranged by Russell

The Community Chord will be Debi Johnson and Dan Knudson. The narration will be done by Ruth Ann Fulton. Dan Fulton is in charge of sound.

The schedule of performances for Christmas 2019 is: • Pontiac – First Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m., December

• Saunemin – United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m., December

• Pontiac – St. Mary's Church, 7:00 p.m., December 15.

Performances are free, but donations are accepted to help Mauldin. The soloists this year defray the costs of the choir.

Prairie Creek Library to Host Christmas Events

Prairie Creek Library, the Prairie Singers will perform Dwight, will be hosting three events to help get people in the holiday spirit throughout the first half of December.

The first event will take place at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 3. Rose Productions will return to Prairie Creek Library for a live performance of the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol." This production company has performed this play at the library for the past several years and has become a tradition for some patrons. All are invited to the performance and there is no cost to attend.

On Thursday, December 5,



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a selection of holiday music, starting at 6:30 p.m. The performance is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

New this year, the library will open its meeting room for anyone who would like to wrap Christmas gifts without prying eyes. This option is ideal for parents of small children. The library will provide tape, scissors, and a limited amount of wrapping paper. Patrons who 1.

plan on using a specific type of paper are welcome to take their own. The room will be open for Christmas wrapping from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, December 2, and Tuesday, December 10; Wednesday, December 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 12.

The library will be closed to celebrate holidays on December 24, 25, and 31, and January

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Erica Stawiery Receives Teaching Award, Donation

School teacher, and former resident of Dwight, Erica (Telford) Stawiery was honored as a "Symetra Hero in the Classroom" October 11 in a surprise presentation at the K-6 Rolling Meadows school that was orchestrated by Symetra, Gallagher Benefit Services, and the Chicago Bears.

Stawiery is a kindergarten teacher at the school.

Her former school colleague Sion Hsu was the one responsible for nominating Stawiery for the award.

In total, 16 K-12 teachers in the Chicagoland area will be honored for their excellence in education through Symetra's Heroes in the Classroom program during the current NFL season – including Stawiery.

Symetra makes a \$2,000 donation for books and supplies for the classroom, in addition to the surprise in-school presentations in front of their students and peers.

Teachers awarded this honor also receive Bears home

Willow Bend Elementary game tickets - enjoying a sideline experience before the game and being acknowledged at Soldier Field in an on-field screened presentation.

> Stawiery was recognized at the October 20 game when the Bears took on the New Orleans

Teachers may be nominated by their principal, district staff, student or student's parent. The winners are selected based on their ability to make a real difference in students' lives; to go above and beyond in their dayto-day responsibilities; and to help students build life skills.

Erica and her siblings, Aaron and Beth, grew up in Dwight and then moved to Bloomington in 1997. She now lives in Elk Grove Village with her husband, John, seven-year old John John, and two-year old Sophia.

Erica's dad and step-mother are Mike and Kathy Telford. Her grandparents are John and Betty Telford, who still live and farm in the Dwight area.

Dwight Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 7 @ 6 p.m.



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Quilts of Valor Presented to Area Veterans Over Veterans Day Weekend



In honor of Veterans Day, the Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild presented 33 patriotic quilts made by guild members to local veterans in conjunction with the Quilts of Valor (QOV) Foundation.

Their ceremony was held November 9 at VFW Post 6049 in Morris – with almost 150 family and friends in attendance.

Ken Buck, Superintendent

for the Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission, began the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lana Stafford and Shari Rittenhouse led the crowd in singing "America the Beauti-

Kathy Hoge, President of Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild, presented Rita Pennington, State Coordinator for QOV, and the QOV Foundation

with a donation check from the guild.

Rita explained the Quilt of Valor Foundation mission statement, which is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." She also gave some history of the organization.

Clara Bal introduced each quilter, their quilt was displayed, and then each veteran eran, visit www.QOVF.org.

was introduced and asked to step forward to be wrapped in

their own Quilt of Valor. Ouilt recipients included two WWII veterans and an active service member, and veterans were represented from nearly every conflict in between.

To learn more about the Quilts of Valor Foundation and how to request a quilt for a vet-



Santa Claus is going to Pontiac Sunday, December 8, to be the special guest at the all-youcan-eat pancakes and sausage breakfast at Futures Unlimited, Inc., 210 E. Torrance Ave., from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will also be a variety of baked goods for sale, loom rugs, and basket raffles.

Breakfast with Santa in Pontiac **December 8**

Tickets are available at Futures Unlimited or may be purchased at the door. Kids in kindergarten through eighth grade receive a discount. Preschool age and under eat for

In addition, 4x6 photos with Santa will also be an option to purchase.

Grand Re-Opening of OSF Center for Health, Streator, December 5

for Health – Streator in 2016, opening, along with a blessing OSF HealthCare embraced the and ribbon cutting, has been opportunity to improve the way care is delivered and pave a healthier path for rural commu-

By partnering with the city of Streator and local social service agencies, OSF Health-Care has been working to create a new, sustainable framework for rural health

The renovations are nearly December 4.

Upon opening OSF Center complete and the grand rescheduled for Thursday, December 5, at 10:30 a.m. at OSF Center for Health – Streator,

111 Spring St. If you are unable to attend the event, but would like to speak with someone regarding the grand re-opening, e-mail Caitlin Parker at Caitlin.F.Park er@osfhealthcare.org. RSVP's for the event are encouraged by



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OBITUARIES

Daniel N. Beal

Daniel N. Beal, 87, passed away peacefully Friday morning, November 22, 2019.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 30, at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 1201 West Route 6 at Deerpath Drive, Morris, from

9 a.m. until the funeral services at 11 a.m.

Interment will follow in Ward Cemetery, Mazon Town-

He was born August 11, 1932 in Morris, son of Pearle Kasten and Nelson W. Beal. On March 15, 1952 he married Betty Anne Walker. They raised their family in Verona, being actively involved in all of their children's interests.

Dan was engaged in farming most of his adult life, as well as serving his community as a banker with the Verona Exchange Bank for 16 years.

He is survived by his children: Darilyn Larsen, Debra (David) Buttry, Daniel (Peter Perry) Beal and Dana (Ronald) Bobinski.

Also surviving are grandchildren: Stephanie (Blake) Longeway, Caitlin Larsen, Niall Larsen, Beth (Nathan)

The baton is passed

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Valerie (Robert) Czech, Danielle (Eric) Roe-Brittany buck, (Kyle) Buttry-Watson, Zhenia Buttry, Matthew Bobinski, Lilah Bobinski and Jolene Bobinski.

He was the great-grandfather of Lessa, Fallon,

Hunter and Keenan; Navy, Boston and Jetton; Leola, Greta and Thea; Christopher, Alister and Cole.

A sister, Jeanne Ronchetti, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to his wife of 67 years, Betty, he was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, John J. "Jack" Ronchetti.

Daniel, a true gentleman, will be remembered for his fierce commitment to family above all.

He loved trap shooting and was an avid reader. He was a United States Army veteran and a former Mason.

Memorials in his name may be made to the Verona Methodist Church or Ward Cemetery Association.

You may visit his memorial tribute at

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Darrel G. Stewart

PONTIAC - Darrel G. Stewart, 79, of Pontiac and formerly of Dwight, passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at his home in Pontiac surrounded by his family.

Darrel was born February 22, 1940 in Burnt Prairie, son of Verl and Alice Bowman Stew-

art. He married Janice Stacy March 5, 1965 in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight.

His wife survives in Pontiac. Also surviving are sons: Greg (Billie Jo) Stewart of Morris and Chuck (Trudy) Stewart of Ottawa; daughters: Denise (Curt) Brown of Emington; Tammy Bennington of Dwight; and Jeni (Mike) Byrns of Pontiac.

Brothers: Wayne (Glenda) Stewart and Lloyd (Judy) Stewart, both of Benton; brother-in-law, Curtis (Ellen) Stacy of Florida; sister-in-law, Marcia (Bob) DeMarse of Dwight; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild also survive.

Over the years, Darrel and Janice fostered more than 55

children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers: Estell Stewart, Sr., Chancey Stewart, Delmas Stewart and Gale Stewart, and Ronald Stewart.

Darrel worked for CAT for more than 30 years, finishing

his career as an inspector. He also worked for the Village of Dwight, mowing and fixing ballfields. He drove a bus for Turner Bus Service, and kept the scoreboard at local ball-

Cremation rites were accorded following the Saturday, November 23, 11 a.m., services at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. Pastor Chrissy Salser officiated at the service.

Burial will be in Burnt Prairie Cemetery in Southern Illinois at a later date.

Visitation was held from 9 a.m. Saturday until the time of services.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be

left for the family at: www.hagermemorial.com

Tracy Lynn Haymes

DWIGHT Tracy Lynn Haymes, 41, of Dwight and formerly of Brookfield, passed away Thursday, November 21, 2019 at Morris Hospital.

Born June 9, 1978 in Berwyn, Tracy Lynn is a daughter of Tom Haymes and Mary Ellen

Kouba. She was a member of Hope Church in LaGrange -Highlands, and a great fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Bulls.

Tracy will be remembered for her love of babies, music and dancing, make-up and art.

Survivors include her parents; three brothers: Jeffrey (Rina) Haymes of Willow Springs; Tom (Pilialoha) Haymes of Plainfield; and Joseph (Jennifer) Haymes of Woodridge; nieces and nephews: Jeffrey Jr. "J.J.", Michael, Rianna, Lucien,

Nalani, Keani, Juliana, Jenna, Joshua and Jackson; and the members of the Fox Center, especially: Becky, Deb, Barb and Linda, the nurse.

The family received friends for a visitation Monday, November 25, from 3 p.m. until the 7

p.m. funeral service at Reeves Funeral Home, Morris. Pastor Corlew officiated at the serv-

Cremation rites were accorded following the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made as gifts in Tracy's memory to the Fox Developmental Center Special Fund, 134 W. Main St., Dwight, IL 60420.

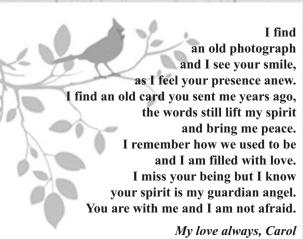
Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs, or share Tracy's memorial page online by logging on to: www.ReevesFuner al.com/notices/Tracy-Haymes

Another obituary appears on Page 13

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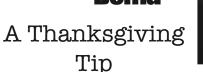
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The main point of the holiday, aside from family, of course, is that you get to consume copious amounts of food guilt free.

I do this normally, but the fact there's a day designated to doing that is a really great thing.

What makes the day great, is, in general, food, family, and usually one or two football games that actually end up being somewhat watchable even though the Lions play on Thanksgiving every year.

This year, I'm going to give a tip. I'm going to go in a little bit different direction. My Thanksgiving tip for 2019 is that if you plan on taking a nap following the meal, which I mean, why would you not be taking a nap after the meal, that's half the fun of Thanksgiving.

You have to find the best spot and claim it before someone else can get to it. More than likely wherever you are there will be a big recliner and that's what you want to get, that's the prime spot to take a nap. Maybe make up a little lie, say that you're going to change the channel to another football game, and while you're doing it you happen to sit down in the biggest, comfiest, recliner and never get back up.

Whatever you have to do to get the spot, do it. I would also suggest making sure you have the dessert (or desserts) you want prior to obtaining the chair, then there's no plausible reason for you to get back up out of the chair to do anything else.

Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and may the odds of getting the big comfortable recliner be ever in your favor.

> Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

MARK A. HILLEARY, CHERYL A. HILLEARY, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants.

No. 19-CH-61

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

TRACT 1:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 9 in Block 23, Original Town of Odell, thence Southwesterly 185 feet to the point of beginning, thence Northwesterly 80 feet to a turning point, thence Southwesterly 47 1/2 feet, thence Southeasterly 172 feet, thence Northeasterly 32 1/2 feet, thence Northwesterly 92 feet to a point, thence Northeasterly 15 feet to the point of beginning, in Livingston County,

PIN: 10-10-160-074

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TRACT 2:

Commencing at a point at the Southeasterly Corner of Lot 11, in Block 23, in the Original Town, now Village of Odell, thence Southeasterly 42 feet on the extension of the Southerly lot line of Lot 11 to a point; thence Northeasterly 57 feet on a line parallel to the Easterly lot line of Lot 11 to a point; thence Northwesterly 172 feet on a line parallel to the Southerly lot line of Lots 11, 12, and 13 to a point; thence Southwesterly 57 feet on a line parallel to the Westerly lot line of Lot 12 to a point on the Southerly lot line of Lot 13; thence Southeasterly 130 feet on the Southerly lot line of Lots 13, 12, and 11 to the Point of beginning, in Livingston County, Illinois.

> Commonly known as: 315 E. Deer St., Odell, IL 60460 The title holders of record to the above described real estate are

MARK A. HILLEARY and CHERYL L. HILLEARY. The mortgages sought to be foreclosed are a mortgage executed on August 24, 2006 and recorded on August 27, 2007 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 581464, a modification of mortgage executed on November 26, 2016 and recorded on December 7, 2016 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2016R-04937, and a modification of mortgage executed on June 22, 2018 and recorded on July 24, 2018 at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 2018R-02959. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendants in Case No. 19-CH-61 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Firm, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009. Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record

claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Law & Justice Center in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before December 31, 2019, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2019

LeAnn Dixon, Circuit Clerk Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois

Tri-Point Board Names Annie Galindo as JH Scholastic Bowl Coach

It was a busy night for the Tri-Point Board of Education when the members met Tuesday, November 19.

A Resolution of Recognition for the FFA National Finalists was adopted; the Consent Agenda approved; the deductible benefit was moved to \$2,500; and the FY 2019 Annual Financial Report was accepted.

The FY2020 Amended Budget was accepted; the tentative levy as presented was adopted; and participation in the ROE 17 Diesel Fuel Consortium for 2020 was approved.

The Superintendent was authorized to seek gasoline bids.

The motion was tabled for Cherry Red Roasters as the venue for prom and Dwight Bowl as the venue for afterprom; \$500 was approved as a donation to the After-Prom Committee.

The E-Learning Resolution was approved as presented, as well as a 2-year High School Baseball/Softball Coop Agreement.

Going into closed session at 8:44 p.m., it lasted 22 minutes, coming out at 9:06 p.m.

It was approved to employ Doug Taylor as sub/part-time bus driver; and Annie Galindo as JH Scholastic Bowl coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

The meeting adjourned at



ber 9. The Court consisted of, pictured, front row, Austin Niccum, Donovan Smart, Noah Wise; middle row, Jayden Buchanan, Jack James, Queen Shelby Serena, King Cole Walsh, Lauren Cerutti, Shelby Putnam, Alexis Tvrz; back row, Abigail Ozee, and Trey Schweitzer.

James Rhode Named NCAA Division I Cross Country Championship Meet Referee



James Rhode

has been named the NCAA Division I, Men's and Women's lete at both Pontiac and Loyola. Cross Country Championship Meet Referee.

Lavern Gibson Cross Country Course, at Indiana State University, recognized as one of ficial of the Year 2015-2016, the finest cross country venues in the nation.

Pontiac Township High School, ice Award, 2016.

James Rhode, of Dwight, a 1981 graduate of Loyola University, Chicago, and track ath-

James has been an IHSA The meet will be held at the and USATF official for 20 years and has been honored by the IHSA as Cross Country Ofand earned the USATF National Track and Field Officials Rhode is a 1975 graduate of Committee Outstanding Serv-



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Odell Board Meeting Held October 14

Village Hall in Odell October 14, a Regular Board Meeting was held, with Mayor Brian Mills presiding and with proper notice having been posted.

Roll call showed the following Trustee members were physically present: Brian Verdun, Lisa Lambert, Jamie McPeek, Mark Tissiere, and Tom Russell.

Staff Present: Iris Thorne. Village Attorney Present:

Nick Ehrgott Guests Present: Officer

Bunting and David Thorne. Mayor Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Verdun moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, and was seconded by Trustee Lambert. It was approved by a roll call vote with "yeas" from Verdun, Lambert, Tissiere, and Russell, and no "nays." McPeek did not vote.

Thorne reported that the Treasurer's Report and the Year to date Fund Summary for the month ending September 30, packets. Reconciled bank bal-

September 30, 2019, are as follows:

\$34,172.95

Odell Checking

Illinois Funds Gen Fund MM \$133,037.30 Illinois Funds MFT Fund MM

\$58,091.30 Odell MFT Checking \$522.59

Odell Tourism Checking \$37,866.44

Odell Water Reserve MM \$113,703.91

Odell General CD's \$237,509.61

Odell Infrastructure Reserve \$5,230.82

Trustee Verdun moved to approve the September Treasurer's Report, and was seconded by Trustee Russell. It was approved by a roll call vote, with all five present trustees voting "yea."

Board Listing Report #67 ran on October 11, 2019, at 1:41 p.m. representing all due bills for the Village due in October 2019; Board Listing Report #66 ran on October 11, 2019, at 12:25 p.m. represent-2019, is included in the board ing all due bills for Tourism due in October 2019; and the

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\$5 Children

In the Council Room at the ances for the Month ending Between Meeting Paid Bill List were presented for payment.

> Trustee Verdun moved to approve the Board Listing Report #67, Board Listing Report #66, and the Between Meeting Paid Bill List, and was seconded by Trustee Russell. It was approved with a unanimous vote.

Officer Bunting was present to review the September Police Report and reported there were a total of 36 calls to the Village in September. Board members discussed several of the calls with Officer Bunting.

Old Business

Trustee Lambert moved to approve the Excessive Engine Braking Ordinance along with the Intergovernmental Agreement with Livingston Cty. H/W Department, and was seconded by Trustee Johnson. It was approved by a roll call vote, with Trustee Tissiere being the only member opposed.

A discussion was held on setting up a public meeting in December on cannabis. The issue was tabled until the November Board Meeting.

Discussion on the status of downtown buildings and what action should be taken took place.

New Business

The Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2020 in the amount of \$79,686.75 was presented to the Board.

Trustee McPeek moved to approve the Tax Levy, and was seconded by Trustee Verdun. It was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion about increasing Building Inspector's monthly salary took place. The issue was tabled while their Attorney researches the Village's Building Fee Schedule.

Trustee Lambert moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m., and was seconded by Trustee McPeek. All approved and the meeting was adjourned.



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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW



THE DWIGHT TROJANS BASKETBALL TEAM, pictured, bottom, consists of Randy Groves, Isaac Telford, Austin Ryals, Lane Thompson, Bryson Connor, Tyler Masching, Brandon Ceylor, Coach Jeremy Connor; top, Landon Brown, Jarrett Jancek, Brody Hoegger, Wyatt Thompson, Joey Panock, Abe Rieke, Kaleb Duden, Jeremy Kapper, and Trent Tilley.



DTHS Trojans Basketball

Head Coach: Jeremy Connor (1st Season)

Jeremy Connor has taken over the head coaching duties at Dwight this season - the team he successfully spearheaded as point guard some 20 years ago. He will use his years of coaching experience at younger age levels, as well as some of the knowledge he gained back when he played – under the tutelage of now former-former Trojan head coach, Eric Long, to help guide his

young squad in 2019-20.

The team will welcome back just three seniors, but Connor says they have a nice, young group looking to make an impact.

"We have a nice number of bigs," Connor stated, "and some quick guards to complement them."

Though the Trojans may be a bit inexperienced entering the season, their coach believes if they can improve and gel early they will begin to elevate

their game.

Dwight will have teams the likes of Watseka, Clifton Central, and PBL standing in their path if they hope to be atop the conference standings this season, but Coach Connor says they look to be in the mix.

With conference and regional championships set as the team's goals this season – keep an eye on the Trojans.

Dwight will be playing in the Route 17 Classic Wednesday, November 27.





Head Coach: Ron Oloffson (28th Season) 2018-19 Record: 8-20

It is a new year and a fresh start for the Herscher Tigers, as they embark on the 2019-20 campaign in hopes of overcoming a difficult run last year.

Head Coach Ron Oloffson, in his 28th year coaching at Herscher (475-264 overall record), had the following to say in regards to his team:

Last year was a rebuilding year. Even though we did not have the kind of year we wanted to have, a number of our players got some very valuable experience. This year, our goal is to get to the sectional and advance beyond. We will need to find someone to replace Blake Ohrt with his inside presence and his nine points, ten rebounds per game.

This year's team will have a

HERSCHER TIGERS BASKETBALL

number of strengths. We will be a much more athletic team than we were last year. We will also have much more depth this year. This will allow us to play more uptempo and press more. We also have a number of players who can shoot the ball, so our perimeter shooting will be much improved. I also believe we will once again be a good defensive team, but be more

As far as returning players, our team begins with Jack Holohan. We are expecting big things out of him. He can bring the ball down, go inside and out, and is a very good rebounder. We also have a number of other players who started at one time or another and gained very valuable game experience, including Josh Kersten, Logan Lunsford, and Camden Berns.

obviously our biggest challenge to overcome is our lack of size. Rebounding and inside defense will be our biggest challenges. Also, even though we have some experienced players back, we will still be a very young team.

I do think we will surprise some people this year, and before it is all over, be a good basketball team. It just might take us a few games to overcome some growing pains. As always, our schedule is very difficult. This season begins with the Seneca Thanksgiving Tournament. But as in the past, if we improve like I think we will, by the last month of the season, when things really matter – we will be right where we want to be!

The Tigers will be live and in action Friday, November 29, taking part in the Seneca As far as weaknesses go, Thanksgiving Tournament.



Frankie Barriga, Jameson Schuerr, Connor Cardenas, Brendon Likes, Jose Amador; middle, Donovan Conner, Bobby Mogged, Ayden McNeill, Nathan Jamen, Deegan McKinney; top, Brian Curling, Chace Cathcart, Kaden Weber, Jack Tompkins, and Tyler Platz.

Head Coach: Justin Cox (14th Season at Tri-Point) **Assistant Coach: Aaron Robbins** 2018-19 Record: 10-21

Tri-Point Chargers last season, as they posted just a 10-21 overall record, and a 4-8 RVC showing. However, head coach Justin Cox sees success on the horizon as they begin the 2019-20 season, and had this to say about his squad:

With only losing one senior (Hayden Lane) to graduation and still having a young team, we are looking to compete hard on a nightly basis and I believe good things will happen.

Probable starters could be Brian Curling, Chace Cathcart, Tyler Platz, Connor Cardenas, and Bobby Mogged (starting one senior, two juniors, and

TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL

two sophomores). With Ayden McNeill, Jose Amador, and newcomer Jameson Schuerr giving us valuable minutes off the bench. We will be looking to have

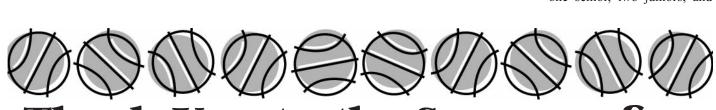
It was tough going for the a huge improvement on our record of 4-8 in the RVC and 10-21 overall. We were just one play away from possibly advancing to a second regional championship in a row last season – getting beat by eventual regional champ, Grant Park, in the last few seconds. That loss is in the back of our minds, but we have moved past it and are working extremely hard and preparing for what we can control this season.

> This team still likes shooting the three-pointer and getting up and down the floor, so our fans should have a very exciting style of play to watch. What I do like about this team

is that we will play hard, play unselfish, and I feel we can have a very balanced attack. I could see the scoring stat line like this: 12 points, ten points, eight points, 13 points, ten points, "or" at least that's what I would like as a coach. We still have a lot of growth on the defensive end, which at times is a weakness of ours.

This year's squad may struggle at times and, yet, probably show flashes of potential at times. That's just the process of growth, maturation, and getting more confident in their individual game and the team game. We will work hard every day throughout the season and hopefully come together at the right time, much like we did the past few years.

Tri-Point takes on St. Anne at home Tuesday, December 3.



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Odell Ramgals Win BIG in Vermilion Conference Tourney



THE ODELL RAMGALS 7TH AND 8TH GRADE TEAMS both finished in first place in the Vermillion Conference Tournament. The 8th grade Ramgals took home the hardware on Thursday, November 21st while the 7th graders achieved the same feat the night before.



Victory Lanes. Dwight

Bowling League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Chris Cook, 300. HHG: Chris Cook, 302. HSS: Josh Gernentz, 791. HHS: Ron Colebank, 738. HSG: Star Trucking, 1099. HHG: Star Trucking, 1124. HSS: Victory Lanes, 3075. HHS: Jensen BP II 3099

11, 5077.		
League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Victory Lanes	12	4
KWM Gutterman	11	5
Willy's Pub	11	5
Rury's Tap	9	7
Carl's Pro Band	8	8
Jeremy's Barber	8	8
Star Trucking	7	9
Jensen BP II	7	9
Jensen's I	5	11
DeLong Ford	2	14

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: Brian Scott, 246 -Jamie Anderson, 172. HSS: Brian Scott, 603 - Sheri Colebank, 448. HHG: Gene Mortensen, 258 - Claudette Maxwell, 234. HHS: Gene Mortensen, 678 - Claudette Maxwell, 630. HSG: Mike's, 1014. HHG: Gaston Construction, 1036. HSS: Mike's, 2819. HHS: Gaston Construction,

League Standings	W	L
Dwight Printing	11	1
Mike's	8	4
Gaston Construct.	8	4
Willy's Pub	8	4
Coleman/Son	8	4
Victory Lanes	7	5
Pinkie's Out	6	6
Whiskey Cav.	6	6
Freaksters	4	8
Brannan Roof.	3	9
Cherry RR	2	10
DQueens	1	11

DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 18 Dwight vs. Beecher

The JV Lady Trojans began their season at home November 18, falling in a hard fought game against Beecher, 23-15.

Mikalah Bregin led Dwight with five points, while Kira Bean provided four points. Varsity -

In the varsity match-up, Dwight was defeated by nonconference foe, Beecher, 7545 - being outscored 39-19 in the second half.

Kayla Kodat led the way with 15 points, including two three-pointers and 3-5 shooting from the line. Nora Anderson added nine points, followed by seven from Jordan Schultz, who made good on one trifecta. Emily Weissmann had five points and nine boards. Mikalah Bregin hit a three, with Rylee Farris, Destinie Drapeau, and Nellie Rieke each scoring two points.

GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, November 19 **GSW** vs. Morris Varsity -

The Lady Panthers of GSW kicked off their 2019-2020 campaign with a 43-25 win over Morris.

"We shot the ball well and made five threes in the game," commented Coach Adam Leigh after the game - in which GSW held Morris to under ten points in three of the four quarters.

Abby Beck led with 20 points, including three threepointers. Madelyn Storm added 12 points, with two threes. Kennedy Fair made two buckets, with Kaitlynn Kavanaugh contributing three points. Paige Patterson and Grace Halpin had two points

Wednesday, November 20 **GSW** vs. Wilmington Varsity -

Reed-Custer Classic

GSW's varsity girls defeated Wilmington 49-25 during the Reed-Custer Classic Tournament on November 20.

For the second straight game, the Lady Panthers held their opponent to less than ten points for three quarters of the

contest.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh led with 14 points, connecting on a three-pointer. Kennedy Fair and Madelyn Storm each added 11 points, including two threes each. Abby Beck put in seven points, with one trifecta, while Kylie Hawks had four points. Paige Patterson contributed two free throws.

Thursday, November 21 **GSW** vs. Coal City Varsity -

Reed-Custer Classic

The Lady Panthers continued to dominate area teams November 21, as they crushed Coal City 42-14 to advance to the championship game of the Reed-Custer Classic.

Madelyn Storm scored as many points as all of her opponents combined, hitting a three and going 5-6 from the charity stripe. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh had nine points, including one three-pointer, while Kylie Hawks added eight points. Abby Beck put in five points, knocking down one trey, with Grace Halpin chipping in with two baskets. Kennedy Fair finished with two points in the

DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Friday, November 22 Dwight vs. Woodland 7th Grade -

Dwight's seventh grade boys held off a tough Woodland team late to secure a 43-39

"We opened up a big lead," said Coach Conroy of his squad – which led 10-4 after the first quarter, and 23-11 at the half. "Woodland got hot and cut it to one in the fourth quarter, but we made free throws down the stretch to

come away with the win." Larkin (12 rebounds, 6 steals) and Gallet (7 rebounds, 3 steals) each scored 11 points, while Dunlap provided ten points and five swipes. Brown came up with six points, five steals, with Anderson chipping

in with three points, three boards, and three steals. Nelson scored two points, with Statler grabbing two rebounds.

The Redbirds move to 4-3 on the year.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade Redbirds were also victorious over Woodland, 35-7 - earning consolation champion honors.

Jack Groves (5 rebounds, 1 steal) and Connor Telford (4 rebounds, 6 steals) had 11 points each. Ryan Hilt scored six points to go with five steals and three boards. Terry Wilkey added five points, seven rebounds, and two steals. Tyler Cox put up two points, one rebound, and one steal.

Tuesday, November 19 Dwight vs. Cornell 7th Grade -

Livingston Cty. Tournament Dwight got back to .500

with a 44-27 win over Cornell in Livingston County Tournament action November 19.

Gallet led all scorers with 24 points to go with his eight boards, one steal, and one assist. Brown put up eight points, four rebounds, three steals, and two assists, while Larkin added four points, eight boards, and a steal. Dunlap (5 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist), Nelson (1 rebound, 2 steals, 1 assist), Jensen (3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist), and Woods (2 rebounds, 1 assist) scored two points

Thursday, November 21 Dwight vs. Saunemin 8th Grade -

The Redbirds improved to 3-3 following a 47-25 win over Saunemin November 21.

Connor Telford had a big night, scoring 13 points to go with three steals and two rebounds. Jack Groves put up nine points, two boards, and a steal, while Ryan Hilt (2 rebounds, 2 steals) and Terry Wilkey (14 rebounds, 1 steal) each scored seven points. Tristan Chambers was good for six points, seven boards, and three swipes, with Andrew Gartke adding three points and a steal. Tyler Cox contributed two points, two rebounds, and two

Church Dartball League

The Church Dartball League results from the November 18 match-ups are as

Ioliows:	***	
Church of Hope Herscher Luth.	<u>W</u> 1 2	<u>L</u> 2
Essex Dwight Cong.	2 1	1 2
New Life Assembly/God Dwight Meth.	3 0	0
Emmanuel Luth. Trinity Luth.	3 0	0
St. Peter's Luth. Mazon Cong.	1 2	2

Current League Standings

New Life Assembly/God 10 Emmanuel Luth. 9 St. Peter's Luth. Dwight Meth. Essex Trinity Luth. Dwight Cong. Herscher Luth. Church of Hope Mazon Cong.

Schedule for December 2, at

7:00 p.m.

· Mazon Congregational at New Life Assembly of God · Herscher Lutheran at Dwight

Congregational • St. Peter's Lutheran at Church

of Hope

• Essex at Emmanuel Lutheran

 Dwight Methodist at Trinity Lutheran

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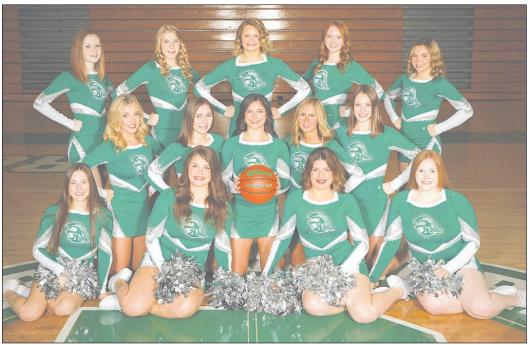
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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW



DTHS VARSITY Lady Trojans Basketball team for the 2019-2020 season. Front row, left to right, Asst. Coach Chuck Butterbrodt, Destinie Drapeau, Jordan Schultz, Kira Bean, Mikalah Bregin and Head Coach Jeff Froelich. Back row, left to right, Nora Anderson, Rylee Farris, Nellie Rieke, Eden Beier, Kayla Kodat and Emily Weissmann.



DTHS COMPETITIVE CHEER for the 2019-2020 season. Front row, left to right, Jessa Frobish, Addi Bean, Katy Edwards and Josie Snyder. Center row, left to right, Lauryn Hoegger, Meghan Scott, Abby Rodosky, Emma Legner, Mary Hilt. Back Row, left to right, Ava Kargle, Brianna Kosek, Alexis Thetard, Ella Kargle and Jordan Schultz.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Jeff Froelich (22nd Season) 2018-19 Record: 12-13

The 2019-20 season will see the Dwight Lady Trojans lose a chunk of their scoring from last year, but their head coach, Jeff Froelich, has high hopes for his team and had the following to

We return five letter winners from last season's team, and two starters – led by our second leading scorer, Kayla Kodat, who averaged 11.9 points per game. Our other returning starter is Rylee Farris, who averaged 4.4 points a

game last season.

Other returning letter winners are Eden Beier, Emily Weissmann, Destinie Drapeau, and Nellie Rieke. These ladies saw considerable amounts of playing time last season and will be looked at to contribute more this season.

New players to the team are junior Nora Anderson and sophomore Jordan Schultz. Losing 45% of our scoring from last season will be our biggest hurdle. Many of our players are inexperienced in varsity play, so the beginning

of the season we will be learning as much about them as they are about us. We have set a couple goals: one – to be in the upper half of the Sangamon Valley Conference, and two to play for a regional championship.

These ladies have done a great job in practice so far and we hope that the competitive nature these ladies bring to practice every day keeps going throughout the season.

The Lady Trojans are in the Earlville X-Mas Tournament, running through November 28.



DWIGHT TROJANS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Melissa Snyder (1st Season) **Assistant Coach: Molly Snyder**

The Dwight Trojans Competitive Cheer Team will be strong this season, with nine returning members from a team that was state runner-up in the Small Varsity Division of IHSA Competitive Cheer.

"The team will benefit from experienced senior leadership,"

stated Coach Snyder, "and advanced tumbling skills at the junior and sophomore levels."

Their biggest struggle on their quest to qualify for state and make it to the state finals, Snyder says, will be perfecting partner stunts.

"These groups change each season," states Snyder, "and there is definitely an adjustment period to make the groups 'click' and hit their stunt series."

Senior Captain Josie Snyder, along with Junior Captains, Lauryn Hoegger and Emma Legner, will help lead their squad, which consists of seniors Addi Bean, Katy Edwards, and Jessa Frobish; juniors Mary Hilt, Abby Rodosky, and Meghan Scott; sophomores Ella Kargle, Jordan Schultz, and Alexis Thetard; and freshmen Ava Kargle and Brianna Kosek.



GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Adam Leigh (12th Season) 2018-19 Record: 24-5

Adam Leigh enters his 12th season as head coach of the Gardner-South Wilmington Lady Panthers, hot off a successful season that saw his squad go 24-5, with an 11-1 conference record – earning them Co-Conference Champion honors, in addition to a

second place showing in the Iroquois West Holiday Hoops Tournament and third place at Reed-Custer's Thanksgiving Tourney.

This season, GSW boasts a strong and talented senior core that is looking to build on last year's positives. And they were many.

Coach Leigh and his team gional title this year, and be-

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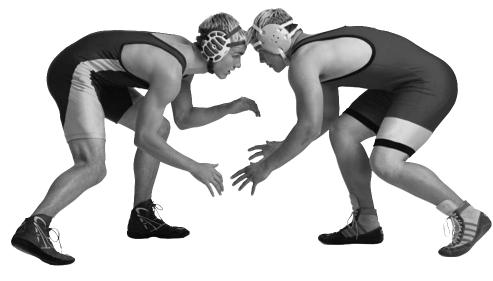
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lieves if his girls continue to play like a team – that goal is more than attainable.

Teams like Beecher and Tri-Point, two conference powerhouses, will make it tough to top the conference again this season. But it appears the Lady

Catch GSW in action at have their eyes fixated on a re- home against St. Anne Tuesday, December 3.





DTHS Trojans Wrestling

Head Coach: Dan Edwards **Assistant Coaches: Jim** Gussman, Paul Warner, Gary Baum, Eric Link, **Cameron Klingler** 2018-19 Record: 19-10

Dwight Trojan wrestlers are coming off a 19-10 team showing last season – boasting the following accolades: Seneca Invite – 5th place; Abe's Rumble - 3rd place in Bronze Division; Prairie Central Invite - 3rd place; Reed-Custer Invite -2nd place; four individual state qualifiers, and nine wrestlers with 20 wins.

This year, head coach Dan Edwards is set to see his squad improve, and do one thing: WIN.

"We are extremely physi-Edwards states. "Wrestling is a violent sport and our boys embrace that violence. We hold each other accountable."

As for needs for improvement for the Dwight wrestlers, Edwards says "get better – one day at a time."

"I don't set goals except to win," added Edwards. "I embrace the process and teach our wrestlers to do the same. Wins and losses come and go. All we can do is commit to the process."

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ORDINANCE NO. 2019-ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2019, AND ENDING **APRIL 30, 2020, BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, in the County of Livingston, in the State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the sum of One Million Three Hundred Forty-One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,341,000.00), being the total of appropriations heretofore duly, regularly and legally made which are to be collected by virtue of this tax levy, be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2020, both dates inclusive, as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County taxes for the said fiscal year, said sum so levied being for the following Corporate Purposes of the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the said fiscal year as ascertained and set forth in the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the said fiscal year, heretofore duly and legally passed, approved and published by the Board of Trustees of the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, as required by law:

	APPROPRIATED	LEVIED
Salaries of Trustees	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Salaries of Firemen	30,000.00	24,000.00
Bookkeeping/Secretarial	15,000.00	2,000.00
Legal Fees	20,000.00	2,000.00
Auditing/Accounting	4,000.00	1,000.00
Gas, Oil, and Grease	7,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment, Repairs & maintenance	30,000.00	10,000.00
Utilities	9,500.00	7,000.00
Dues	2,500.00	1,000.00
Printing and Publication	2,500.00	1,000.00
Rent	4,000.00	2,000.00
Equipment	40,000.00	10,000.00
Phones	5,500.00	2,000.00
Supplies	10 000.00	5,000.00
Pagers	5,000.00	2,000.00
Dispatch Service	10,000.00	5,000.00
Firemen Training	10,000.00	4,000.00
New Fire Truck Purchase	400,000.00	30,244.93
Building Repair/Expansion	600,000.00	38,286.86
TOTALS	51,212,000.00	\$ 158,531.79

SPECIAL TAX LEVIES:

In addition to the foregoing General Tax, provided in Section 1, there shall be, and is hereby levied for the said fiscal year upon all property subject to taxation with **ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, the following special rates:

	APPROPRIATED	LEVIED
TORT LIABILITY AND EXPENSES:		
A special tax authorized by 745 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 10/9-107		
Auditing Legal Workers' Compensation Insurance General Liability Insurance Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance TOTALS	\$ 1,000.00 1,000.00 15,000.00 16,000.00 <u>16,000.00</u> \$ 49,000.00	\$ 750.00 550.00 3,837.92 7,108.09

SPECIAL TAX LEVIES:

In addition to the foregoing General Tax, provided in Section 1, there shall be. and is hereby levied for the said fiscal year upon all property subject to taxation with **ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, the following special rates:

> **APPROPRIATED LEVIED**

AMBULANCE SERVICES:

A special tax authorized by 70 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 705/22

TOTAL LEVIED

Ambulance Services **TOTALS** \$ 80,000.00 \$ 80,000.00

\$ 79,259.86 \$ 79,259.86

\$ 257,791.65





Norm Lewis - Week 10

Week 10 and 11 Paper Bowl Recap

In Week 11 of the Paper Bowl, we had a new winner! Norm Lewis guessed 13 games correctly. What is even more impressive, is that he did it at three different locations!

In Week 10, we made a mistake and forgot to publish the winner. Diana Furlano won Week 10 in a week full of upsets in the NFL.

Remember that playing Paper Bowl is **FREE**. Be sure to look for the ad in The Paper to cut out an entry form, or visit any of our drop off locations to enter. The drop off locations are: McDonald's, State Farm - Jerry Danko, Dairy Queen, Prairie Creek Wealth Advisors, Aly Anne's, Berkot's, and Dwight Country Club.

Good luck!



GSWB LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL

GSWB vs. **Herscher Limestone** 7th Grade -

The Lady Tigers played their final regular season game against Herscher Limestone, losing 11-4.

Nina Siano had her team's only points in the contest. 8th Grade -

In the eighth grade matchup, GSWB won 28-15 over Herscher Limestone.

Addi Fair led with 19 points, followed by five from Bella Vyce. Bri Graefen scored two points, with Eva Henderson and Aspen Lardi each knocking down a free throw.

GSWB vs. MVK 7th Grade -Regional

GSWB had its season come to a close as they fell against MVK 16-14 in round one of the regionals.

"I was so very proud of how hard these girls played until the very end," commented Coach Lenzie afterwards. "It was their best game defensively of the season.

Hope Rich led the Lady Tigers with six points, while Hannah Balcom scored three. Maya Cacello and Grace Olsen put in two points each. Nina Siano made a free throw.



DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 18 **Dwight vs. Morris** 7th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds were defeated by Morris 30-7 in the regular season finale on the road.

Sophie Buck, Ellora Mc-Cullough, and Ava Meister each had two points. Makayla Wahl scored one.

Dwight drops to 6-14 after the loss. They took on St. Anne in regional action Monday night in Ford Heights. 8th Grade -

Dwight closed out the regu-

lar season with a victory over Shabbona, 24-23 - finishing the year with a 15-7 record and a 7-1 showing in the IVC.

Njomza Asllani led with ten points, including a threepointer. Kassy Kodat added five points, with one three. Lily McKelvey and Mia Buck each put in four points, while Olivia Folkers connected on a huge free throw.

Following the Thanksgiving break, the Lady Redbirds travel to Ford Heights to play in the regional on Monday.

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Odell Fire Protection District (continued from previous column)

SECTION 2: That the Secretary of the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT be and is hereby directed to cause this Ordinance to be published within 30 days after the date of its passage in a weekly secular newspaper of general circulation published in the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, and this Ordinance shall become effective 15 days after the date of such publication.

SECTION 3: That the Secretary of the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT be and is hereby directed to make and file with the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, certified copies of this Tax Levy Ordinance so that the tax rate upon property assessed in the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT in said County necessary to produce the amount levied, to-wit:

Two Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-One and 65/100 Dollars

the appropriate County Tax Books of their respective counties, and hereafter collected according to the Revenue Laws of the State of Illinois. SECTION 4: That the amounts so levied by the Tax Levy Ordinance are required by the

said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT to be levied by taxation as aforesaid, for the fiscal

(\$257,791.65), may be ascertained by said County Clerk and said taxes extended by them upon

year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020, both dates inclusive. SECTION 5: This Levy is passed after public hearing and input pursuant to, and in all

respects in compliance with the provisions of Section 200/18-60 through 200/18-85 of the "Truth in Taxation Act" (35 ILCS 200/18-55 et seg.).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14 day of NOU , 2019 by the Board of Trustees of the ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, in the County of Livingston, in the State of Illinois.

DON BUNTING, Board of Trustee

JASON WOLF, Board of Trustee

STATE OF ILLINOIS

)ss COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

I, RICH RIBORDY, Secretary of the ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, in the County of Livingston, in the State of Illinois, keeper of the records, files and seal of the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Ordinance No. 2019being the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of the ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, in the County of Livingston, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020, both dates inclusive, is a true, accurate, complete and perfect copy of the original of said Ordinance No. 2019-___, which said original Ordinance No. 2019-___ was adopted and passed as the action of the Board of Trustees of the ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, in the County of Livingston, in the State of Illinois, after public hearing thereon as provided by law, on the day of _______, 2019, after due statutory notice, and which is now in my custody as Secretary of the said **ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** in my office in the Village of Odell, Illinois. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the SEAL of the said ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT at Odell, Illinois, this /4 day of Nov-

> RICH RIBORDY Board (f) Trustee - Secretary ODELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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OBITUARY

Kenneth C. Jensen

DWIGHT - Kenneth C. "Kenny" Jensen, 87, of Dwight passed away Sunday, November 24, 2019 at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 27, at 11 a.m. in the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Dwight

with Rev. Grant Speece offici-

Interment in McDowell Cemetery, rural Dwight, will follow the service.

Visitation was Tuesday from 4 until 8 p.m. at the church.

In his final years, Ken reflected on his life and wrote his own story: "I was born May 18, 1932 to Elmer and Louise Anderson Jensen on a farm south of Dwight. I graduated from Dwight High School in

After graduation, I worked at Bush Hatchery before being called to the Army in 1952. When I returned home in 1954, my Dad had bought a gasoline station in downtown Dwight. We later moved to our gasoline station on the corner of 17 and 47 and have been there for 65

1954 was a big year as I also married my wonderful wife, Barbara Patten, and recently celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary on November 14. Without her taking care of me during my illness, I don't know what I would have done.

We had a lot of great times together. With our friends, we enjoyed dinners on Wednesday nights and dancing on Saturdays. Our favorite thing together was traveling and seeing many wonderful things. For 60 years, we spent two weeks of our summer fishing at Big Winnie in Minnesota.

We went to Yuma, Arizona for many years and made lots of memories with great friends. Over 60 years in the gasoline business, I met a lot of wonderful friends and they will be missed. I really enjoyed all of

As my condition has worsened over the last few years, all I can do is go out and play gin

rummy with some of my good buddies. I had a good life but the last few years have been rough."

Ken was a longtime member of the First United Congregational Church and held many positions within the church. He was a member

of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge #34 in Dwight, where he served as president along with serving as the Midwest District president.

He volunteered for the Dwight Harvest Days for over 20 years. Most of those years, he served as the entertainment chairman. In 2011, he was honored as the parade marshal. He was also a member of the American Legion, and served on the board of directors for the Bank of Dwight.

Bowling, golfing, and cheering on the Chicago sports teams with family and friends were some of his favorite activ-

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; three sons: Monte (Amy) Jensen, Gregg (Diane) Jensen, and Kent (Julie) Jensen; and one daughter, Anne (Mike) Rodosky, all of Dwight.

Also surviving are ten grandchildren: Courtney (Luke) Tjelle, Morgan (Lindsey) Jensen, Ainsley (Brad) Thompson, Brian Jensen, Brad (Jennifer) Jensen, Kevin (Jodi) Jensen, Megan Jensen, Drew Jensen, Dane Rodosky and Abby Rodosky; 13 greatgrandchildren: Hayden, Mason and Oliver Tjelle; Parker Jensen; Aubrey, Leah and Grady Jensen; Brayden, Trevor and Jace Jensen; and Eli, Kade and Bristol Jensen; and two brothers: Keith (Betty) Jensen of Elk Grove Village and Richard (Connie) Jensen of East Moline.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his fatherand mother-in-law, Irwin and Gladys Patten.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences to the family: hagermemorial.com

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

More Obituaries appear on page 7.

Luck is preparation meeting opportunity. Oprah Winfrey



Hometown Christmas in Saunemin December 8

Saunemin will present its Hometown Christmas, sponsored by Saunemin Marathon Food Center, Sunday, Decem-

A Soup & Sandwich Supper will be held at the Community Building from 4:30-6:30 p.m. – sponsored by Saunemin United Methodist Church. The menu includes chili, broccoli cheese and chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, relishes, desserts, and beverages. Emington Hot Shots 4-H Club will also host its Bake Sale.

Musical entertainment by Saunemin's Junior High Band will go from 4:30-5:00 p.m., followed by Santa's arrival at 5:30 p.m.

Visit with Santa at the Community Building from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and get one free picture per child or family.

Carriage rides will operate between 5:00-7:00 p.m. A Live Nativity in front of the Saunemin UMC will also be performed. Then, at 7:00 p.m., the Christmas Cantata will be presented - "The Gift Goes On" orchestrated by Sue Smith and Russell Mauldin and performed by the Community Chorale at Saunemin UMC.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON AND GRUNDY **COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

I. A Public Hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for the Village of Dwight, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois for 2019 will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. at the Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Kevin McNamara, Village Administrator for the Village of Dwight having general offices at 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, 60420. Phone 815-584-3077.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$811,994.95.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$867,055.00. This represents a 6.78% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 was \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 is \$0.00. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$811,994.95.

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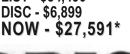


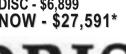


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NOTICE OF ANNUAL **GENERAL MEETING**

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> By Order of the Grundy County Agricultural District Fair, Inc., George Williams, President

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF TOWNSHIP **HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 73, GRUNDY AND** KANKAKEE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS TO **ISSUE \$750,000 WORKING CASH FUND**

BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th day of November, 2019, the Board of Education (the "Board") of Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois (the "District"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 247 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and on or before the 16th day of December, 2019, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 17th day of March, 2020. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and after the 16th day of December, 2019, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on 3rd day of November, 2020. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to either of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A 1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove pro-

By order of the Board of Education of Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois.

Flush the other guys DATED this 20th day of November, 2019.

Carla Huston Secretary, Board of Education,

Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois

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Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Meets

Omicron member Alaina Weatherford, a third and fourth grade language arts teacher and reading specialist at Rutland Elementary School, presented the program, Book Talk, for the November 19 meeting of Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held at Pitstick Pavilion, Ottawa. She is currently the president of the Starved Rock Reading Council. She shared new book titles for children in kindergarten through adults. The books included ideas for the classroom, personal enjoyment, and some ideas for Christmas gifts.

The business meeting was conducted by President Mary Sue Myers. After general announcements, the election of officers for the 2020-2022 biennium was held: Co-Presidents - Heather Reardon of Ottawa and Linda Ernst of Princeton; First Vice President - Paula Freepartner of Seneca; Second Vice President -

Judy Hopper of Ottawa; Recording Secretary – Marilee Applebee of Seneca; and Corresponding Secretary - Mary Jo Farrell of

Literacy chair, Paula Freepartner, presented the \$200 Omicron stipends to members Tracey O'Fallon of Ottawa, Cindy Christensen of Gardner, and Kristy McDonnell of Morris. The awards are to be used for the betterment of their classrooms or schools. Personal Growth and Services chair, Janna Greanias, announced that the applications for the chapter Grant-in-Aid for \$1,000 for college juniors will be due by December 31

The next meeting will be March 17 at Seneca High School, where Marilee Applebee and students will assist Omicron members in creating a promotional video of Omicron Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma. Applebee's classroom studio will be used.

Gas Prices For This Week

Gas prices are mostly cheaper across the country, however our area has seen a slight increase. Some states saw a pump price decrease more than a dime. This is due to an increase in gasoline stock prices and a high demand for gasoline.

Area states gas prices are: Indiana \$2.48, Michigan \$2.54, Wisconsin \$2.39, Iowa \$2.41 and Missouri

Happy Thanksgiving and safe holiday travels.

Nov.27	Nov.20	
\$2.56	\$2.48	
\$2.72	\$2.65	
\$2.59	\$2.58	
\$2.32	\$2.49	
\$2.55	\$2.55	
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\$2.53	\$2.55	
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Livingston County Retired Teachers Hold Final Meeting of 2019

The final meeting for the Livingston County Retired Teachers Association was held at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Pontiac. A turkey dinner was served by the Women's Guild of the church.

A memorial service for those who passed away since the last meeting in October of the previous year was conducted at the beginning of the meeting by Louise Masching, assisted by Jerry Keck. Those being remembered were Roger Coventry, Elaine Young, Laura Bruer, Russell Munch, Dorothy Attig, Patricia Johnson, Joanne Mullen, Larry Exton, Eileen Weller, John Reis, William V. Harrison, Major Bastien, and Donald Deters.

In addition, a moment of silence was held for Jane Bachman, wife of their IRTA Exectuvie Director, who passed away October 27. A memorial donation will be sent to the IRTA Foundation in her name.

Navana Ahrends, Information/Health Chair, reported that the enrollment period for insurance was from October 15 to November 15. Information had been in the newsletter, but members should be aware that any material that did not have the TRAIL symbol on it was not their insurance - even though it might have the same name. The other important thing to remember is that if you are not changing insurance through IRTA, you don't have to do anything.

She also told the members that a request for readers had been made by Michael Weaver, principal of Lincoln School in Pontiac. The times open for volunteering are Wednesdays, starting at 1:00 p.m., and are in 15-minute increments. These run until 2:00 p.m., so there would be four options. The teachers have the children ready and have selected the book(s) to read, so there is no advanced preparation needed except to be willing to read. A sign-up sheet was passed around. However, if anyone wishes to still volunteer, all that person needs to do is call the school at 815-844-3924 and let them know when you would be available. This runs throughout



WINNERS OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY Retired Teachers Scholarships gathered for a photo. Pictured, from left, are Wanda Holmgren - co-chair of scholarship committee; Jordan Johns - Pontiac Junior High School; Andy Holmgren - co-chair of scholarship committee; Melissa Nagel - Prairie Central Upper Elementary; and April Schneeman - Pontiac Township High School.

the school year.

Jerry and Jean Keck, community relations chairmen, reported that the unit would be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army November 22 at County Market. Volunteers filled the time spaces needed.

Marjorie Ehrhardt, president, gave a report about the recent IRTA convention held in Springfield. Those attending were Navana Ahrends, Bob and Karen Walter, Don Gibb, Joe Oprondek, Bert Kinate, Marlene Landstrom, and Ehrhardt. She reported that IRTA currently has 38,670 members the highest in history. It is also important to note that IRTA is the only organization to totally work for retired teachers' benefits and related issues. The theme for the convention was IRTA: Our Light, Our House, Our Shield.

The highlight of the morning was the presentation of their three scholarship winners for this year by Andy Holmgren and his wife, Wanda, who are the scholarship selection committee co-chairs. Each

scholarship is worth \$250. The first winner was Melissa Nagel, a teacher at the Prairie Central Upper Elementary, who teaches fifth-sixth grade. The title of her project is "Drums Alive! Drumtastic." This program will start this school year and continue indefinitely. It helps the students

with movement, music, creating, cognition, and speech.

The second winner was Jordan Johns, a junior high eighth grade science teacher at Pontiac Junior High School. The title of her project was "Science Growing Room."

April Schneeman was their third winner. April is a Pontiac Township High School teacher in a self-contained special education class. The title of her project was "Animal Adaptation." The project goal was to use the money for a culmination activity after completing that class unit."

Additional information from the meeting included a report from Don Gibb, legislative chair, that at this point, consolidation of teachers pensions with the Chicago teacher pension unions is not being considered, nor are there plans to tax teacher income. These may come up again in the future.

Richard Small, Region 7 Membership Chair, challenged them to look at membership in IRTA as an insurance policy since it protects pensions. He would like to see a net gain of at least 10% in each unit, particularly from the list of those teachers on their list of those who are retired but don't belong. He said to use this frame of thought when asked to do something. "I'll try, not I LCRTA will be in April.

Mark Jontry, Superintendent

tion #17, addressed several issues. Among them was school funding, which has increased, but several factors will have to be considered as needed in the areas of specialty staff and introducing new programs. There is a teacher shortage, so various strategies are being introduced to try to combat this problem. One idea is removing or changing tests for skill set that is currently required. At the present time, there is no consideration of school consolidation. One big issue is gun related. It will be taken up by the school board meeting in Chicago. This involves whether or not to arm teachers in the classroom. Short

of Regional Office of Educa-

He continued to say that Livingston County is working on competency levels and engaging more with business people. They are also working on new ways to recruit students to go into teaching, which is also a concern throughout the state.

term subs cannot be used in the

same classroom for more than

a week.

The following new officers were elected for the 2020-2021 year - President Robert Walter, Secretary Connie Rich, and Treasurer Becky Shafer. Marjorie Ehrhardt is the outgoing president.

The next meeting for

At the Churches

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hearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship. • DEC. 2: UMW Gala set-up; 7 p.m., Dartball at Trinity Lutheran. • DEC. 3: 6 p.m., UMW Christmas Gala.

• DEC. 4: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6:00 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., Cantata practice; REAL & IGNITE.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS 325 E. Mazon Ave.

584-3433 church 584-1291 fax Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor • NOV. 27: NO Cate-

chism Classes; 6 p.m., Thanksgiving Eve Service. • DEC. 1: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class;

10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; Deacons meeting. • DEC. 2: 7 p.m., Dart-

ball here vs. Essex. • DEC. 3: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., "Sew Blessed." • DEC. 4: 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Catechism classes: 5 p.m., Advent meal; 6 p.m., Advent Service.

• DEC. 5: 4 p.m., Mary/ Martha Christmas party. • DEC. 6: 6:30 p.m., Set-up for Christmas • DEC. 4: 7 p.m., Bible Bazaar. • DEC. 7: 8 a.m. - 1:30

p.m., Christmas Breakfast and Bazaar.

First Baptist Church 401 N. Clinton St. 815-584-3182 Home of Dwight's Christian Radio Station

WGVD 97.3 FM Pastor Dan Woodward • NOV. 27: Wednesday

Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m. St. Peter's • DEC. 1: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning 815-584-1199 Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. • DEC. 4: Wednesday Evening Service &

King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m. Church. • DEC. 1 – First Sunday of Advent: 7:58 a.m., First Congregational **United Church of** Christ

200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 church Rev. Grant Speece • DEC. 1 – First Sunday of Advent: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Communion Sunday. Sermon title: "The Signs of Jesus' Re-

Holy Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36 * "Feed the Kids' program - Donations welcome.

New Life Assembly of God 903 S. Old Route 66 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor NOV. 27: NO Bible

Study. • NOV. 28: NO Worship practice. • NOV. 30: 9 a.m.,

Church decorating. • DEC. 1: 9 a.m., Life Lesson Study; 10 a.m., Main Service - Missions Sunday; Kids Church, ages 3-11, and nursery;

Group. • DEC. 2: 7 p.m., Prayer Night. • DEC. 3: 7 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.

5 p.m, X-treme Youth

Study. St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office Father Chris Haake, • NOV. 30: 9:00 - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass. • DEC. 1: 10:30 a.m.,

Lutheran Church 326 W. Chippewa St. Pastor Chrissy Salser email:chrissytherev@att.net • NOV. 29: NO Bible

Study; 8 p.m., AA. • NOV. 30: 9 a.m. - 12 noon, decorate the

Education meeting; 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship; 1 - 5 p.m., Servant's United Council meeting. • DEC. 2: 12 noon, set

up for Food Distribution; 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., Food Distribution followed by clean-up; 7 p.m., Men's dartball -St. Peter's at Church of Hope. • DEC. 3: 4 - 6 p.m.,

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BRACEVILLE Braceville United Methodist Church 106 W. Goold St. 815-237-8512 Church 815-483-9343 Cell bracevilleumc.com Pastor Karen Fabian • 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service.

CULLOM St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church North American Lutheran Church

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United Church of Christ 103 Division Street

of Advent: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Communion Sunday. Sermon title: "The Signs of Jesus' Return. Holy Scripture

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

MAZON Mazon United Methodist Church

509 7th Street 815-448-5677 Church 815-483-9343 Cell mazonmethodist.com Pastor Karen Fabian · Sunday Service,

ODELL St. Paul Catholic Church

200 S. West St. Father Chris G. Haake,

• NOV. 27: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m. • DEC. 1: 8 a.m., Mass.

• DEC. 4: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m. Mass.

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• DEC. 8: 7 p.m., Community Chord Chorale, led by Wayne Francisco, will perform the Christmas Cantata, "The Gift Goes On.'

Pastor: Gaberal

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GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL won the Beecher Math Competition held November 20. This is six years in a row they have been victorious.



OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dwight Township High School, pictured, from left, are senior Hailey Jennings, junior Abby Rodosky, sophomore Gabe Seabert, and freshman Lola Furbee.

Amtrak Ridership Hits Record Highs on Two Illinois Lines

A Capitol News Illinois Service" route that makes four story by Peter Hancock November 8 indicated the Chicago to St. Louis and Milwaukee Amtrak routes both saw record numbers of riders in the federal fiscal year that ended Setember 30 while the national passenger rail system turned in its best financial performance in several years.

The Chicago-St. Louis corridor recorded 756,062 riders during the fiscal year, up 5.5 percent from the previous year.

The Amtrak Hiawatha Service between Chicago and Milwaukee gained nearly 38,000 passengers over the year, growing to 882,189, a 4.5 percent increase over 2018.

The Chicago-St. Louis corridor includes the "Lincoln

daily trips between the two cities, as well as the "Texas Eagle," which makes one round trip daily.

The "Lincoln Service" actually suffered a 0.7 percent loss in ridership, 590,497 to 586,166, FY 17 to FY18.

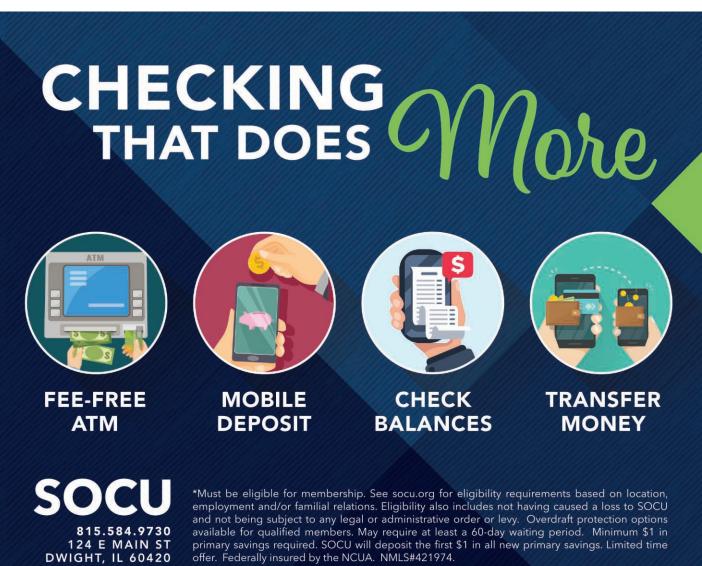
The routes gaining ridership in the midwest corridor were Wolverine, Michigan, +5.4; Pere Marquette, Michigan, +2.2; and Hiawatha, Wiscon- $\sin_{1} + 1.8$

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