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the holiday spirit. Pictured, front row, are Jackie Marks, Rhonda Marks; back row, Lori Marks, Ben Greenawalt, Mia Greenawalt (baby).

GARDNER HELD ITS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY, with area residents helping boost Marks, Randy Marks, Sarah Marks, Carl Marks, Luke Marks (child), Rick Marks, Blake

Village of Dwight Considers Tax Levy

Dwight Prohibits Recreational Cannabis Businesses

by Madelyn Fogarty madelynfogarty@yahoo.com

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees is considering the proposed 2019 Tax Levy and gard to the proposed tax levy

While holding the local tax rate of 1.2 percent, due to an increased EAV primarily in Livingston County, the proposed property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$867,055.00, which represent a 6.78 percent increase over the previous year. This increase would mean \$55,061 in new money for the Village of Dwight. The total property taxes extended for 2018 were \$811,994.95

At the time of the meeting, official Grundy County assessment numbers were still pending. Once final EAV numbers are received from Grundy County and applied, and following the public hearing on December 9, the board will review and discuss any modifications to the tax levy proposal before adopting the final 2019 Tax Levy.

In other November 25 Village of Dwight business, actions were taken by the Board of Trustees on recommendations made by various commit-

Following its November 12 meeting, the Dwight Ordinance, Judicial and Licensing Committee recommended to the Board not to approve or allow a recreational cannabis dispensary, or related business, to locate in Dwight. Chief of Police Tim Henson had provided input to the committee

from a police standpoint outlining enforcement concerns and how a local dispensary might task current police personnel.

With recreational cannabis becoming legal in Illinois Janwill hold a public hearing on uary 1, 2020, the board passed December 9 at 6 p.m. with re- an Ordinance prohibiting any the November 25 Administratype of adult-use cannabis business establishments to locate in the Village of Dwight. Trustee Marla Kinkade opposed the move with all other board members approving.

> The board also approved an intergovernmental agreement with Grundy County Emergency Telephone System Board allowing an antenna on the North Water tower to assist the Fire Protection District. The agreement is for a five-year lease beginning December 1, 2019 with two automatically renewing five-year extensions to the term of the lease.

> Recommendations from the November 21 Property Committee were approved. Superior Excavating, Minooka, has been awarded the James Street storm sewer and sanitary sewer improvement project with a low bid of \$274,205.00. The project consists of replacement of the existing sanitary sewer along James from Old Rt. 66 to Lincoln Street and installation of storm sewer along Lincoln Street from James to William Street. Anticipated construction timeframe is 60 days and work must complete by June 1, 2020. Superior Excavating has indicated they may start work in January if weather allows.

The board also approved 2020 repair and maintenance requests for Stevenson Pool including the purchase of a trash

pump/slurry filter at estimated cost of \$2,932.00 from Tucker Refrigeration. Repairs to the pool fence were also approved at estimated cost of \$1,975.00 from All Type Fence, Streator.

Following direction from tion Committee, the Dwight Village Board's 2020 meeting schedule was approved. Dwight's Village Board of Trustees will meet on second and fourth Monday of each month in 2020 with a few noted exceptions. Due to holidays, the months of May and December in 2020 will have only one meeting scheduled as May 11 and December 14.

The 2020 Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedules were also approved to continue on the third Tuesday of each month. Plan Commission meetings begin at 6 p.m. while Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are set for 6:30 p.m.

Christmas gift certificates were approved for all village employees and committee members at \$50 each for a total cost of \$2,200.

A Zoning Appeal for variance was approved. The request, made by Paul and Jennifer Johnson for property located at 305 E. William Street, will allow for the construction of a detached garage measuring 36 feet wide and 30 feet deep in the side yard. Trustee Jennifer Johnson abstained from the vote.

The board also approved: · payment of bills totaling

- \$90,590.73.
 - the October 2019 Trea-(continued on page 14)



USS Nevada BB36

Harald Jensen Christopher Fought to Save the USS Nevada at Pearl Harbor

Recounted by Andy Kelleher

The weather was a fairly clear 73 degrees, and the USS Nevada was just underway with the ship's band playing "Morning Colors," when the attack on Pearl Harbor began at 7:55 a.m. on December 7. 1941.

Ensign Harald Jensen Christopher, age 22, from Dwight, Illinois, was aboard the great ship and fought to save it. He left his usual post and took a position, assisting furiously and valiantly at the five-inch guns, firing away at Japanese bombers as the ship was under fire and struck by six to ten bombs.

The ship was listing from a torpedo or two, taking on more water intentionally to right it, and it was ablaze.

The USS Nevada was the only ship on the move in the



Harald Jensen Christopher

harbor, and it was the oldest ship at the port. It was in the open, and the Japanese were intent on sinking it. Various bombs breached several deck areas. A decision was made by the officer in charge, Ensign Joe Taussig, to run the ship aground in shallow waters to

avoid being sunk in any manner that might obstruct the harbor. Taussig lost a leg in that

With the ship beached and in peril on a coral ledge near Hospital Point, the fight continued to save it. The five-inch guns brought down three more Japanese fighters, at least seven in total. However, the ship eventually slipped off the ledge and sank.

Harald Jensen Christopher fought from turrets until he was killed by an exploding bomb. He was among 60 others killed and 109 wounded on that ship that day, and he was among the 2,403 people killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Ensign Christopher was awarded the Navy Cross for Valor in Combat, posthu-

> The USS Nevada was re-(continued on page 3)

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

November 21: Jason W. Painter, 16, Campus, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

November 22: Chance M. Schultheis, 26, Chatsworth, driving/no license/permit/age.

November 23: Andrew R. Tangen, 74, Montgomery, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Lester E. Grampp, 60, Streator, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; John C. Gengler, 52, Anchorage, AK, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

November 25: Vincent E. Kelly, 26, Dwight, fail right-ofway/intersection.

November 26: Theodore H. Peterson III, 64, Momence, driving 21-25 MPH above

November 28: Anitta Barnabas, 41, Bloomington, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Nichole M. Howell, 25, Peoria, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Lamont D. White, 48, Chicago, fail to stop at intersection, fail to stop at intersection.

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

16 Written Warnings

Only one headlight -3; stop sign violation -3; no registration plate light – 5; expired registration – 1; improper lane use -1; only one tail light -2; speeding -1.

Dwight Police Blotter

November 22: 9:43 p.m., Dwight Police were called to the 100 block of East Main St. for a disturbance. The incident has been sent to the State's Attorney for review.

November 23: 12:23 a.m., Dwight Police were called to the 100 block of East Main St. to speak with a subject about a

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disturbance. The incident is ical, Riverside; Washington, under investigation; 4:44 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 600 block of W. Mazon. The officer was advised by the clerk a black Chevrolet Avalanche had pumped around \$30.00 worth of fuel and drove

off without paying. November 25: 8:43 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 500 block of S. Franklin St. to speak with a subject who had been having trouble with her mail possibly having been tampered with.

November 28: 12:45 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook Dr. for a silver Nissan having pumped gasoline and driving off without making payment - no amount was given.

Accident Reports

Friday, November 22, 10:25 a.m., an accident was reported at Washington at Rt. 17 involving a 2011 Ford passenger car, driven by James Dinelli, which struck Neftoli Santellano, who was riding a bicycle across the westbound sidewalk, Dinelli had stopped at sign, proceeding

Tuesday, November 26, 5:04 p.m., an accident was reported at Franklin at Waupansie involving a 2005 GMC Cyn., driven by Vincent Kelly, Dwight, which failed to yield and pulled in front of, and struck, a 2020 Toyota 4D Hardtop, driven by Joseph Muzzarrelli, Dwight, who was westbound on Waupansie.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 21: Chicago, medical, Morris. November 22: Mazon, medtrauma, refusal; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Prairie, medical, refusal; Main, trauma, refusal.

November 23: Mazon, medical, Riverside.

November 24: Main, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Judd, medical, refusal; South, medical, Morris; Chippewa, medical, Morris.

November 25: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; S. Franklin, trauma, Morris.

November 26: Mazon, medical, Morris; 2600 N., trauma, St. James.

November 27: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Watters, medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris.

November 28: Bannon, medical.

November 29: Delaware, medical, Morris; Taylor St., medical, St. James, mutual aid from Gardner.

Temps - 2019

Nov. 21 – high 55°, low 28° Nov. 22 – high 37°, low 22° Nov. 23 - high 37°, low 28° Nov. 24 – high 52°, low 29° Nov. 25 - high 56°, low 27° Nov. 26 – high 55°, low 27° .25" precip.

Nov. 27 – high 44°, low 30° One Year Ago-Dec. 4, 2018 high 44°, low 31 trace snow

Odell Man Cited for **Speeding**

On November 27, at 6:36 a.m., LaSalle County Sheriff's Deputies cited Jeremy P. Leacock, 51, of Odell, for Speeding (79mph in a 55mph Speed Zone), following a traffic stop on IL Rt. 18, near E. 6th Rd. (Hope Township).

The Paper Deadline is Friday at noon.



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To help your children or grandchildren pay for any college, university, vocational school or other postsecondary education, you may want to open a 529 savings plan. Withdrawals are federally tax free, ncluding those from trade and vocational schools. (However, if you withdraw some of the earnings on your account, and you don't use the money for qualified expenses, it will be taxable and can also incur a 10% federal tax penalty.) Plus, you retain control of the funds until it's time for them to be used for school, so if your original beneficiary chooses not to pursue some type of higher education, you can name a different eligible benefi-

Another way to invest in your family is to help your adult children avoid feeling obligated to provide financial assistance to you. If you ever required some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, could you afford it? The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to a study by Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare typically pays very few of these expenses. You may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. A financial advisor can help you determine what coverage may be appropriate.

Beyond your family, you may want to invest in the social fabric of your community by contributing to local charitable, civic, educational or cultural groups. Of course, now that we're in the holiday season, it's the per-

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY EDUCATORS experienced first-hand operations at employers within Livingston County.

Livingston County Educators Tour Employers' Job Opportunities

Livingston Workforce Services hosted an Educator Employer Tour November 14, with the intent to provide area high school guidance counselors and administrators a first-hand experience of operations at employers within Livingston County. These school representatives are then able to share with students information on local employers and local job opportunities available following high school graduation and

Livingston Workforce Services collaborated with OSF HealthCare, Caterpillar Inc., Enbridge Inc., and Advanced Technology Recycling (ATR) to host a tour and presentation of job opportunities at each fa-

Overall, the school representatives found the employer tours to be helpful as they work with students to determine what they want to do after graduation.

Trolley.

Lunch was provided by the Livingston Area Career Center Culinary Arts program and sponsored by the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council Transportation was provided by the City of Pontiac Jolly

For more information, contact Livingston Workforce Services at 309-268-8280.

3 Juveniles Arrested in Connection to Christmas Decoration Damage

On November 30, the Dwight Police Department responded to several calls regarding damage and mischievious conduct to Christmas decorations throughout town.

One location, a residence on William Street, suffered the worst damage – sustaining ap-

proximately \$350 in damage. Two inflatable displays were damaged, as well as two sets of candy cane lights.

The second residence, with damage to a reindeer display, was located on North Chicago Street. The reindeer was valued at approximately \$50.00.

Dwight Police were able to obtain witness information, which provided a suspect vehicle. Additional information, from a parent of one of the suspects, led to the arrest of three juveniles - two from Dwight and a third from the Joliet area.

Ransom Man Involved in DUI-Related Accident

On November 26, at 5:30 the guardrail and ditch, rolling p.m., LaSalle County Sheriff's Deputies, along with Seneca EMS, responded to a single-vehicle rollover accident on IL (Brookfield Township).

George J. Tadej, 41, of Ransom, was traveling southbound on IL Rt. 170 when he lost control of his vehicle. Tadej struck the guardrail, traveled through

his vehicle over in the farm field.

Tadej was transported to Rt. 170, near N. 20th Rd. Morris Hospital by Seneca Ambulance. He was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to avoid an Accident, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Attention:

Christmas for Kids Shoppers We must have your wrapped and labeled packages and all receipts NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Committee members will be at the **Dwight United Methodist Church from** 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m on December 12th.

T.B. Board, BoH, Liv. Cty. Health Dept. to Meet Dec. 9

The Tuberculosis Board and Board of Health for the Livingston County Public Health Department meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, in the Conference Room of the Health and Education Building, 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac.

Meeting times are as follows: The Tuberculosis Board meeting is at 5:45 p.m., and the Board of Health Meeting is at 6:00 p.m.



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Methodist Church Wednesday,

December 18, from 2:30-4:00

p.m. - singing familiar Christ-

mas carols with the kids.

at Dwight United

Harald Jensen Christopher Fought to Save the USS Nevada at Pearl Harbor

(continued from page 1) covered and rigged with more modern features and returned to service in October 1942. The ship lived on to serve in France, Japan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and was the only ship from Pearl Harbor to assist in the invasion at Normandy. The ship served in both world

The USS Christopher was named for this brave hero. It was launched by his mother, Bertha Christopher, on June 19, 1943, in Wilmington, Delaware.

Harald was born in Dwight on November 6, 1919. He graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1937, where he was considered a good student and athlete. He had a younger sister, Kay, who later went on to appear in sev-

poems about Christmas. Enjoy eating a cookie or two, and take

home a Christmas angel or can-

dle – all handmade by the kids.

This is a free program and

Cookies and Carols at

Dwight UMC Dec.18

Listen as they sing some no RSVP is needed.

December

9:00 am to Noon

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Breakfast With Santa

in Cullom December 7

Cullom will present *Breakjasi*

With Santa Saturday, Decem-

ber 7, from 9:00 a.m. to noon,

at the Cullom Community

vendor shopping, face painting

There will be breakfast,

Building.

GFWC IL Woman's Club of fire truck rides for all ages, and

All are invited to join Kids new songs and perform some

eral Hollywood movies. He attended Northwestern University and was enrolled in the ROTC program and was studying law when he was called up on May 28, 1941.

He trained at the San Pedro Naval Station in California, was shipped to Hawaii, and reported to the USS Nevada on August 5, 1941. He served his country for 194 days.

Ensign Christopher was born during the last days of World War I and was lost in the first battle of World War II.

Harald is buried next to his father, Carl, in Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight.



The USS Christopher

Play Bingo With Seniors at Heritage

Heritage Health Therapy & Senior Care, 300 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight, is inviting children to play Bingo with their seniors Saturdays, December 21, December 28, and January 4 – with a Pre-Bingo Social at 1:30 p.m. and Bingo from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Health, Dwight

This event is free. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions or would like to pre-register your children, call 815-584-1240, ext. 1055 - Lisa Witheft, Activities Director.



Cookies with Santa **December 7** in Emington

The Emington Community Association will host Cookies with Santa Saturday, December 7, at the Emington Congregational Church at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy cookies, make a craft, and get your photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Cub Scout Pack 4877 Collecting Gloves

Cub Scout Pack 4877 will be collecting gloves for local charities during the Dwight Christmas Parade Saturday, December 7.

The Cub Scouts will be walking with the Dwight United Methodist Church.

the corner

by Tom Tock

I have some new information about Amtrak ridership from their media office in Chicago, but I think we had enough Amtrak words last week. Perhaps more next

I think it was good that Dwight voted (almost) unanimously to keep marijuana sales out of town.

Will it last? When Jan. 1 arrives and, according to projections, people are lining up at out-of-town pot stores to spend their hard-earned cash, minds may change.

We shall see.

The railway express cart which has been hiding behind the old railway express agency building (Santa's House) for some time, has

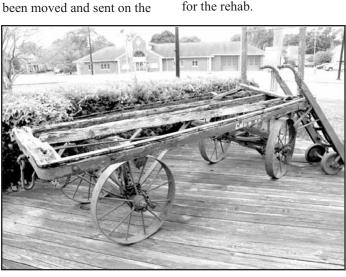
first leg of a plan designed to completely rehabilitate it and once again display it as an interesting symbol of times gone by.

The Dwight Economic Alliance has gotten behind the plan to rebuild and repaint it. A DEA Director, Gibs

Nielsen, is leading the effort. Wood has been purchased for the base of the cart. The wood has to be remilled to fit some unusual dimensions.

Coleman and Son garage on East Mazon Avenue in Dwight and their flatbed tow truck were instrumental in moving the cart to an unheated garage. It will be further moved to a heated workshop where the antique

can receive proper attention. Financial contributions to DEA, 119 West Main Street, Dwight, can be earmarked for the rehab.



Cullom's **Christmas on Main Street December 14**

Cullom will present its Christmas on Main Street celebration Saturday, December 14, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., and it will feature the following fun family-friendly activities:

• FREE Horse and Carriage Rides; Business and Museum Open Houses; Games and Prizes for all ages; Reindeer Games and Crafts for Kids; and Christmas Cookie Decorating, Soup Tasting, and Hot Chocolate.

The event will feature ven-

It's Christmas

dors with Christmas gifts, as well as the Cullom Community

Market Meat Sale. Outside musical entertainment will also be provided.

> At the celebration, Decorating Contest winners will be announced, and the \$200 Christmas Cash winner will be drawn, in addition

to the Firemen's \$500 raffle drawings.

Food will also be served at the American Legion Mess



There is a fee at the door.

vendor, contact Judy Woj-

ciechowski at 815-689-2857 or

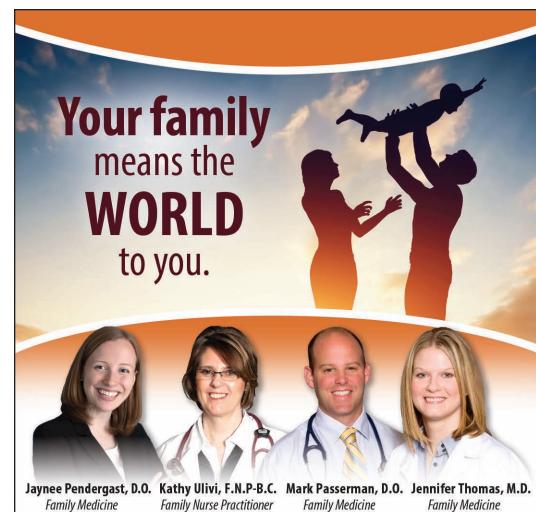
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Paturday, December 7

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Festival of Trees 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight

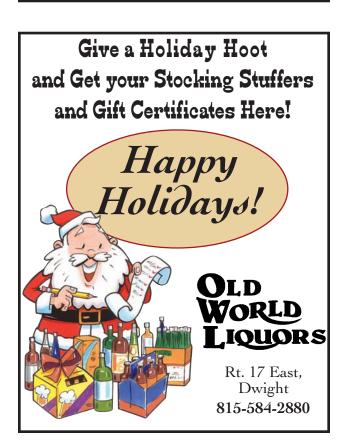
Dwight Christmas Parade, 6 p.m.

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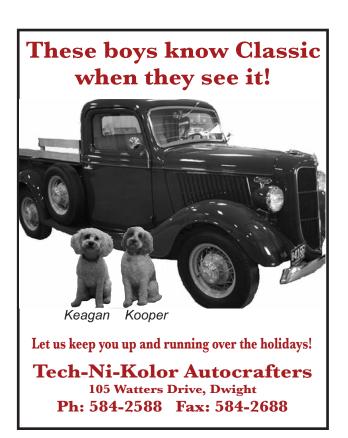












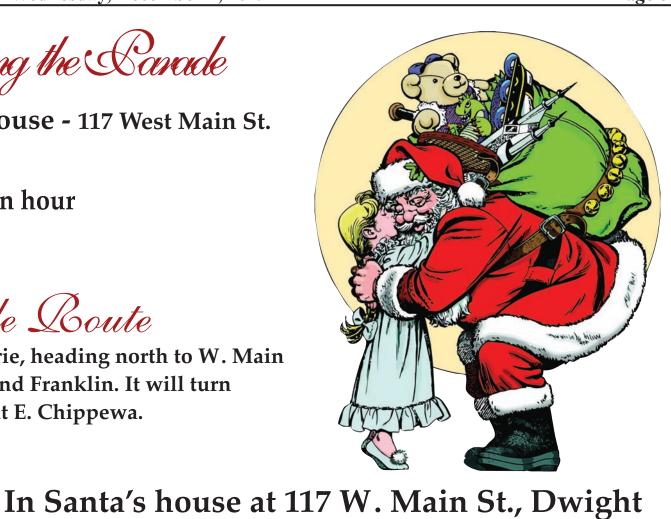
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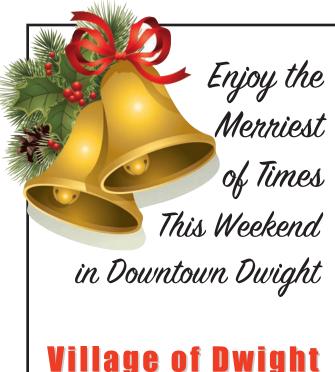












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DTHS FCCLA STUDENTS and the Dwight Banking Center will once again be sponsoring a free Christmas Wrapping day. This year, the date is Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Dwight Banking Center, 122 W. Main St. All are welcome to take in their unwrapped

21 Days until Christmas!

There will also be a variety of **Baked Goods** for sale.

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Breakfast

with Santa

All You Can Eat
Pancakes & Sausage

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Kankakee QuiltMakers Meeting **December 12**

The Kankakee QuiltMakers Guild Meeting is Thursday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Bible Church (2587 E. Armour Rd., Bourbonnais), and this month they will host the annual Christmas Banquet.

Members are encouraged to make, bake, sew, or grow an item for the silent auction, and take a dish to share and enjoy the night.

For more information, contact Donna McGovern for more details at 708-828-5110.



ELLIE FORTIER WAS GAVC Director's Award Winner for the month of November. She is a junior at Gardner-South Wilmington High School and this is her first year at Grundy Area Vocational Center. Ellie is currently enrolled in Health Occupations.

Edith and Harvey Grieff

Experienced Teacher Shares Tips for Teaching With Collegiate Members

by Carol Hughes, Roanoke

On November 16, Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Gathering Place by The Loft in Eureka. Member Michelle Harms (Chenoa) presented the program, "Teaching: What They Don't Teach You in College", which featured many suggestions to help a new teacher be effective when teaching her students and to feel fulfilled with the profession she has chosen to follow.

Harms, who teaches at Prairie Central Jr. High, shared many tips that she and other experienced teachers have found most helpful. Some include making friends with the secretaries and janitors; keeping the principal in the loop about your classes, finding a teaching buddy to

advise you about the school; and being an advocate for your students, co-workers, and yourself.

Good classroom management is based on consistency and documentation. Harms concluded with this advice: "Year One is the worst! Actually, anytime you switch positions, Year One is the worst. If this (teaching) is truly your passion, then stick with it. It WILL get better."

Pres. Nancy Wier (Eureka) welcomed four collegiate members who attended the meeting. Vice-President Karen Harms (Fairbury) invited them to apply for the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant for \$1,000 and the Grant-in-Aid for \$1,000 which are awarded by DKG-Illinois. Applications were available at the meeting or on-

Legislation Chair Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal) reported that not much was happening with the state legislature as they have been in a veto session. Sara Kaufman (Eureka) said a bill may be coming up which would allow teachers to purchase and have guns at school. Teachers' organizations and schools are against such a bill.

Membership Chair Louann Harms (Fairbury) said that Alpha Beta Chapter will again be applying for a Foundation for Educational Studies Grant to support the Mom and Me program next spring. Last year's award was \$1,000.

Alpha Beta's next meeting will be at the Chenoa Family Restaurant on February 8 at 9:00 am. The program, "Reflections on Normandy - 75 Years Later," will be presented by members Elaine Cunningham (Minonk) and Carol Hughes (Roanoke).

For more information, visit www.dkg.org or contact Carol Hughes

chughes@mtco.com.



Harvey and Edith Grieff to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Harvey and Edith Grieff of Odell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

Harvey Grieff and Edith Waldschmidt were married December 5, 1959, at St. Bernard's Church in Sunbury. Their attendants were the late Norma (Waldschmidt) Limberg and Gene Fearman.

They are the parents of Shelly (Terry) Spivey, of Manteno; Brad (Sue) Grieff, Rich (Deb) Grieff, of Odell; Tom (Michelle) Grieff, of Cornell; and Amy Stephenson of Connecticut.

The couple has nine grandchildren and one great-grand-

Southeastern Grundy County Seniors Meet

eastern Grundy County Seniors Helpers for their donation. A met for their regular meeting at letter from Festival of Trees Twenty people were present – tion. It was voted and approved including Betty Christensen, Gail Hutchings, Joyce Nelson, and Donna Bexson.

Table grace was said. Virginia Medity, Mary Lou Serena, and Dev Jensen all celebrated November birthdays. Happy Birthday was sung. Secret Pal gifts were handed out. A turkey dinner was enjoyed by all.

Ed Voss was the speaker, talking about a pen pal program he participates in with grade school kids. He spoke about the satisfaction of being a pen pal and the rules that ap-

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. A thank you note ber 6.

On November 1, the South- was received from Heroes and Gardner Restaurant. was read, asking for a dona-16 members and four guests, to donate \$50 to them. A card Emma Schultz will send cards over the winter, while the president is in Florida.

> Events include: Fire Department Chili Supper; American Legion Lions Breakfast; American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony; Gardner Bank -Festival of Trees; Tree Lighting/Santa's Arrival – December

> Shirley Garland is acting president for the winter. To close, Karen Perkins read a poem called, "The cat in the hat on aging," and Sharon read a poem on the value of your day.

> The next meeting is Decem-







OBITUARIES

David R. Wilkey

WALSH - David R. Wilkey, 39, of Walsh passed away at 5:53 p.m., Sunday, November 24, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

David was born April 30, 1980 in Morris, the son of

James W., Jr. and June Witbart Wilkey. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Dwight and Danish Brotherhood of America Lodge #34.

He was a certified scuba diver. David and his Dad taught hunter safety courses for D.O. Conservation. He volunteered for Habitat for Human-

While in high school, he had a successful running career and was sent to State. He represented the United States in an international run in Sydney, Australia.

David was affiliated with USA Waterski and was a volunteer counselor for Spinal Cord Injury of Illinois. He enjoyed fishing, adaptive water skiing, and riding an ATV.

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Beare. He was preceded in death

by his father; fiancée, Marty Smith; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilkey, Sr.; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witbart.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon, Saturday, November 30, at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, with Rev. Chrissy Salser officiating. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in Dwight.

Visitation was from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., Friday, at Wilson's Funeral Home in Steeleville.

Memorials may be given to Randolph County Humane So-

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Mary Stoeckel Stelow

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Her funeral was in Santa Clarita, California November 13, 2019.

There will be a memorial service officiated by her brother, Father Jerry Verdun, in St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell, Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11 a.m.

She will be interred in St. Paul Cemetery at a later date, next to her parents.

Mary was born May 14, 1940 in Bloomington to Quentin A. and Imogene White Stoeckel. She was raised in Lombard and Odell, which she considered her hometown. She graduated from St. Paul High School in 1959.

After graduation, she worked at State Farm in Bloomington, but she sought greener pastures and moved to California in 1963. That same year she met Richard Stelow and they were married in 1964, settled in Alameda, California, where they had two children.

In 1976, they moved to Santa Clarita, and in 1978 she started work at Six Flags Magic Mountain, where she worked in the back office and was a top salesperson for 29 years. She retired in 2007 as vice president-sales.

Mary made countless friends along the way. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sisand friend. accomplished cook specializing in ingredient substitution



she was also an amateur RV repair per-

She loved golden retrievers, going on cruises with her family, drinking wine, her high school classmates, and most of all she loved all of her family.

She is survived by her two children: Erica White and Rick Stelow; her 11 siblings: Paul (Julie) Stoeckel, Bloomington; Marcie Nicholson, Escalon, CA; Virginia Norris, Rockford; Michael (Debbie) Stoeckel, Grayslake; Mark (Tricia) Stoeckel, Odell; Evy (Bob) Broerman, Pontiac; Pat Stoeckel, Wichita, Kansas; Fr. Jerry Verdun and Keith (Pat) Verdun, both of Pontiac; Shelia (Gary) Eggenberger, Pontiac; and Chuck (Lynne) Verdun, Odell.

Her three grandchildren: Emma (David) Rosevear, Chelsea White and Matt White; her two great-grandchildren, Declan Rosevear and Aspen Rosevear; one very special friend, Harold Schook of Odell; and many nieces and nephews, who she loved and adored, also survive.

She leaves an increasingly large group of friends who were considered family because that's what happens when you fill the world with as much love as she did.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepmother, Helen Verdun Stoeckel; and one sister, Margaret Ruth Stoeckel.

Memorials may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society, Pontiac, or St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell.

The family requests no flowers.

Family members of the deceased, please instruct the Funeral Home to send information to:

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MORE THAN \$10,500 WAS SENT to the Honor Flight organization to fly veterans to Washington, D.C., to view the military memorials. The Herscher American Legion Auxiliary sponsored a steak dinner November 9 to raise the trip funds through

donations, sponsors, and sales. Pictured, front row, from left, are Jackie Eberle, Janice Schneider, Joyce Goodwin, Loriann Teders (holding the check); back row, Penny Berger, Sandy Smith, Deb Chmielowiec, Paula Grob, Thelma Webber, and Carol Webber.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given of the death of Gloria J. Haley. Letters of Office were issued on November 25, 2019 to John E. Haley of 19327 N 2100 East Rd, Pontiac, Illinois 61764 as Independent Executor and whose attorney is David J. Babb, Jr., 401 North Plum Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or with the executor, or both, on or before May 31, 2020 and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. A copy of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2019.

David J. Babb, Jr. Attorney at Law 401 North Plum Street Pontiac, IL 61764 (815) 844 4000





It's closing in on Christmastime, yet again. With Christmas comes the pressure to purchase gifts for other people, and as it stands there have never been more options available.

Between Amazon, everyone else who has an online store. Then there's the big stores themselves, the Targets, Walmarts, Best Buys. Then there's smaller, more niche market places such as Facebook groups and Instagram pages that offer products.

I've used all of these, and will probably utilize some of them again this Christmas season, because there are certain items that are just simply a little easier to buy through some of these online marketplaces.

However, if it's something that could potentially be purchased locally, at a small business, then I think it's important to take a look to see what the local stores have to

Even in Chicago this year I'm going to make an effort to visit more locally-owned, non-chain stores to try and do some of my Christmas shopping.

It's tough though, there's definitely a convenience factor that some of the bigger stores provide, but shopping local keeps every community stronger, whether it's a community of 4,000 or 3 million, keeping the money in circulation at the local and community level provides for an overall more cohesive and collaborative environment.

I've been bad about it, but I'm going to make a concentrated effort this holiday season, and I challenge anyone who's about to leave the house, or even make a purchase online, to consider their local alternatives before taking the option that might seem slightly more conven-

Happy holidays, and Go whatever Chicago team doesn't stink (which I think is all of them right now.)

> 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 points, 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, Illinois

PIN: 10-10-160-074

TRACT 2:

Commending 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.

PIN: 10-10-160-074 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. HILLEARLY. 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

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- Santa Arrives at 5:30
 - Visit with Santa from 5:30 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building.
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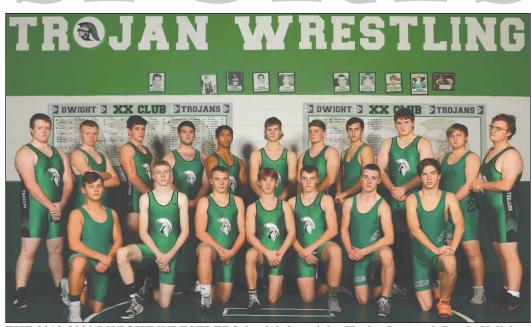


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DTHS Trojans Wrestling

Saturday, November 30 **Dwight at Rantoul**

On November 30, the Dwight Trojans opened their season with two impressive dual wins on the road in

The Trojans came out aggressive in their opening dual against Hoopeston High School, winning 52-12.

Dwight maintained that aggressiveness and finished the day strong with a 42-9 dual win over hosts, Rantoul.

Trojan victories came from seniors Daniel Gutierrez, Cade Enerson (2 wins), and Logan Hatfield; juniors Camden Beier, Hudson Beier, and Donnie Fialko; sophomores Samuel Edwards, Dillon Sarff,

Emmett Emmons (2 wins), and Malaki Slaughter; and freshmen Austin Burkhardt (2 wins), Dylan Ramsey, and Brady Kelleher.

Dwight travels to Lisle Friday, December 6, to compete in duals against Chicago Hope High School and Lisle High School.





DTHS TROJANS #0 Isaac Telford and #2 Brandon Ceylor.



DTHS Trojans Basketball

Tuesday, November 26 **Dwight vs. Grant Park** Varsity -

The Trojans were victorious over Grant Park, 74-63, when they faced off November 26.

Leading Dwight was Brandon Ceylor, who scored 24 points – including five threepointers and 7-8 shooting from the charity stripe. Wyatt Thompson added 15 points, with one three, while Bryson Connor added 13 points, including 3-4 shooting from the line. Isaac Telford made good on one trifecta, en route to nine points on the night, while Lane Thompson put up nine of his own, making 3-4 free throws. Trent Tilley chipped in with a three-pointer. Tyler Masching made a free throw.

Wednesday, November 27

Dwight vs. Momence

Varsity -

Dwight snuck by Momence by a score of 58-56 at home November 27 – outscoring the Redskins 15-12 in the final frame to seal it.

Lane Thompson scored ten of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, including a threepointer and three clutch free throws. Tyler Masching put up 12 points on four first half threes. Following him with seven each were Isaac Telford (1 three-pointer) and Brandon Ceylor. Bryson Connor and Wyatt Thompson each added five points, with Trent Tilley scoring four points.

Saturday, November 30 **Dwight vs. Flanagan-Cornell** Varsity -

In an epic battle between the from the charity stripe.

Trojans and the Falcons of Flanagan-Cornell, Dwight suffered a heartbreaking 66-64

The Trojans were up by one point heading into the fourth quarter, then proceeded to trade buckets with the Falcons, in epic fashion, but F-C wound up on top in the end.

Leading Dwight in scoring was Brandon Ceylor with 28 points, including two threes and 6-7 shooting from the free throw line. Lane Thompson provided 18 points, hitting a three-pointer and knocking down three free throws. Isaac Telford and Abe Rieke (2-2 FT) each scored six points, with Bryson Connor adding four. Wyatt Thompson chipped in with two points.

The Trojans shot 11-17



DWIGHT FANS cheering on the team. Go, Trojans!!

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GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Saturday, November 23 **GSW** vs. Reed-Custer Varsity -

Reed-Custer Classic

In championship game action of the Reed-Custer Classic November 23, the Lady Panthers topped the hosts from R-C, 52-28 – remaining undefeated on the season.

Abby Beck went off for 20 points, including two threepointers and 6-6 shooting from the line. Kennedy Fair and Madelyn Storm each scored nine points, including a threepointer each. Kylie Hawks had three buckets for six points, while Paige Patterson put in five points. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh chipped in with three points.

Monday, November 25 **GSW vs. Reed-Custer** Varsity -

GSW once again took on Reed-Custer, narrowly escaping with a 32-31 victory on

November 25.

The Lady Panthers had a comfortable lead heading into the fourth, however they were outscored 15-6 by the Lady Comets – but were able to hang on for the "W."

Abby Beck and Madelyn Storm led with seven points each. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh and Kylie Hawks each added six points. Kennedy Fair hit a three, while Paige Patterson put in three points.

Tuesday, November 26 GSW vs. Herscher Varsity -

The Lady Panthers improved to 6-0 with a 36-19 win over Herscher November 26.

Abby Beck (2 three-pointers) and Madelyn Storm (1 three-pointer) scored ten points each, with Kylie Hawks and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh each adding six points. Paige Patterson and Mya Anderson had two points each.

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DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

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

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds ended their season with a 24-10 loss to St. Anne in regional play at Ford Heights November 25.

Sophie Buck led the way for Dwight with seven points. Ella Legner added the other three points.

The Lady Redbirds end the season with an overall record

Week 12 **Paper Bowl** Recap

In Week 12 of the Paper Bowl, Vickie Dagen was victorious. She correctly guessed 12 games, twice. Vickie had the top two scores this week while three other participants also guessed 12 correctly. The tiebreaker is important!

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!

PLAY Paper Bowl!

Monday, November 25 **GSW** vs. Morris Varsity -

The Panthers were in Coal City November 25 taking on Morris in their first action of the season, and ended up taking a 59-49 loss.

After a bit of a slow first half, GSW came out in the second half with an 8-0 run – but Morris would answer right back to take a 41-33 lead into the final quarter. The Panthers would cut the lead to as little as three in the fourth quarter – but that's as close as it got.

Connor Steichen led the team with 22 points and eight rebounds. Chris Bexson added 16 points, three boards, and five steals.

GSW Panthers Basketball

Tuesday, November 26 GSW vs. Coal City Varsity -

In varsity basketball play November 26, GSW topped Coal City 53-44 for their first win of the year.

"This was a balanced game for us tonight," said Coach Wills afterwards. "Three guys had over ten points and eight players scored."

Chris Bexson led with 13 points, six rebounds, and three assists, while Michael Ashley provided 12 points, two boards, and two steals. Noah Wise put up 11 points, six rebounds, and two assists, with Connor Steichen contributing seven points, four boards, two assists, and two steals.

Friday, November 29 GSW vs. Serena Varsity -

The Panthers were back in Coal City November 29, squaring off against Serena and coming away with a 47-32 win.

"Our defense was pretty good tonight," commented Coach Wills, "especially the first three quarters."

Chris Bexson led with 14 points, four steals, and three rebounds. Brandon States added seven points and two boards, while Nate Wise and Connor Steichen each scored five points.

GSW moves to 2-1 with the victory.



Tuesday, November 26 Dwight vs. Ransom 7th Grade -

Dwight earned a big win over Ransom, 36-14, when they met November 26.

Gallet was high scorer, putting up 11 points to go with eight rebounds, four steals, and two assists. Larkin added ten points, 18 boards, and three steals, with Dunlap contribut-

ing seven points, seven steals, three rebounds, and one assist. Brown (2 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 assists), Boucher, Lasser, and Statler (3 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 assists) each scored two points for the Redbirds.

DCS Redbirds Basketball

8th -

In the eighth grade game, Redbird head coach Joe Stevenson and his squad defeated Ransom 40-22.

Connor Telford scored a game-high 25 points, also chipping in with four boards and four steals. Jack Groves had six points, four rebounds, and a steal. Noah Kelleher (1 rebound) and Tristan Chambers (3 rebounds, 1 steal) each scored three points. Jacob Weissmann put up two points, four boards, and a steal. Terry Wilkey hit a free throw and pulled down five rebounds.



Gardner Area Band Set to March in Nashville Christmas Parade

The Gardner Area Band is ing trips to Ernst Record Shop, are led by Drum Majors Cora 66th Annual Nashville Christmas Parade Saturday, December 7.

The Nashville Christmas Parade will include celebrity performances, elaborate floats, helium balloons, mass performing groups featuring singers, dancers, and choirs, and marching bands from multiple states.

The parade route travels along the scenic "Musical Mile," and is flanked by tens of thousands of enthusiastic spectators anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus.

The live telecast of the parade can be viewed locally at WKRN.com starting at 8:30

All proceeds benefit the Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt Univer-

While in Nashville, the Gardner Area Band will perform a Christmas Concert at the Country Music Hall of Fame Sunday, December 8, starting at 11:00 a.m. The band will enjoy a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry, sightsee-

getting ready to march in the Market Street, the Parthenon, Centennial Park, and the Tennessee State Capitol to name a few activities of the tour.

The Gardner Area Band is made up of students from four schools: Braceville Elementary School, Gardner Grade School, South Wilmington Grade School, and Gardner-South Wilmington High School. They

Pierard and Addison Fair. Students' ages range from fifth grade through 12th grade, and they rehearse in the high school band room at 7:00 a.m. and perform at numerous events throughout the school year.

The Gardner Area Band is under the direction of Michael Leone.

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Dairy Queen	7-5
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In Week 12, Aly Anne's

(11) lost to Dairy Queen (11) in a tie-breaker, Dwight Country Club (10) beat Mc-Donald's (DNP), Berkot's (DNP) won by default against The Paper Bot, and Prairie Creek (10) defeated Jerry Danko (10) in a tie-breaker.

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Winner announced in the Wednesday, December 18, edition.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY 4-H MEMBERS attended a program in Bourbonnais November 24, where they were recognized for their achievements. Pictured, front, from left, are Mollie Dockery, Brock Enerson; top, Presley Dockery and Maggie Dockery.

Town and Country 4-H Club Honored at Annual Banquet

Local 4-H members and state and national awards volunteers were recognized November 24 in Bourbonnais during a program titled, "Build a Better World."

There are many different areas of achievement within the national 4-H program and this banquet provides recognition for awards 4-H members can receive on the local level in the county their club is located.

"Members in good standing are eligible to be considered for recognition in many areas," said club leader Mary Kay O'Brien, who noted "The first step in the award process is for members to be actively involved in their club and to submit project records."

Many local award winners will go on to be considered for through 4-H. Town and Country 4-H members enjoyed the evening and received many awards. The club received an "Award of Excellence" and the following members were recognized for personal achievements: Brock Enerson, Matthew Gereaux, Ava Schultz, Mike Gereaux, and Mason Gereaux all received awards for submitting out-

standing project records. As officers, Matthew Gereaux received an award for Outstanding Treasurer Record; Elsie Hoffman received an Honorable Mention for the Secretary Records; and Mike Gereaux and Ava Schultz were honored for submitting an outstanding Club Scrapbook.

Mason Gereaux was one of only nine members in Kankakee County to receive the "I Dare You" award, sponsored by the American Youth Foundation. This award was first offered in 1941 by the founder of Ralston Purina Co., William H. Danforth. The award recognizes youth who demonstrate leadership through service to their community.

4-H membership is open to any person age eight to 18. "The variety of projects has grown and is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow into competent, independent leaders,"

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THIS 4-FOOT "LOVE AT CHRISTMAS" TREE, at left, will be raffled off at the Festival of Trees to benefit Dwight Love Boxes. Plan to join for a chance to win this tree and many other holiday items. All proceeds from raffle ticket sales will go to charities and non-profits. The Festival of Trees and Cookie Sale is hosted by Dwight Woman's Club and will be held Saturday, December 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church gymnasium.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT is wishing everyone Warm and Healthy Holidays with the tree, top left. You can purchase raffle tickets for this tree and others at the DWC Festival of Trees Saturday, December 7 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight. Proceeds from this tree will go to Livingston **County Cancer Fund.**

The Twelve Dates of Christmas at Pontiac Eagle Theatre in Dec.

with Vermillion Players at The vorite holiday songs into the Eagle Performing Arts and tale. Conference Center.

After seeing her fiancé kiss another woman at the televised Thanksgiving Day Parade, Mary (Alisha Prunty)'s life falls apart – just in time for the holidays. Over the next year, she stumbles back into the dating world, where "romance" ranges from weird and creepy to absurd and comical (Anseems nothing can help Mary's growing cynicism, until the charm and innocence of a seven-year old boy (Logan Mc-Cabe) unexpectedly brings a new outlook on life and love. The story moves along with (Jamie Martin and Abigail Ver-ingly.

Embrace the holiday spirit nia) as they interject your fa-

The Twelve Dates of Christmas will be performed December 6-8 and 13-15 as a dinner theatre. Tickets are on sale now. If you have dietary restrictions, call to reserve your seats and discuss how to best accommodate your needs.

To purchase your tickets, visit pontiaceagle.com/ ticketing or call 815-844-1187. thony Gullo, Joe Nolan, and Box office is open 10:00 a.m. Noah Welch) with the support to 4:00 p.m., Monday through and encouragement from her Friday. If they are unable to anfriends and family (Chloe swer your call, leave a message Clayton and Jayne Tyler). It and they will return your call promptly.

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Joshua DeLong, Superintendent, Braceville Elementary School #75, 209 N. Mitchell Road, Braceville, Illinois, 815.237.8040.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2018 were \$475,065.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$496,500. This represents a 8.45% increase over the previous year.

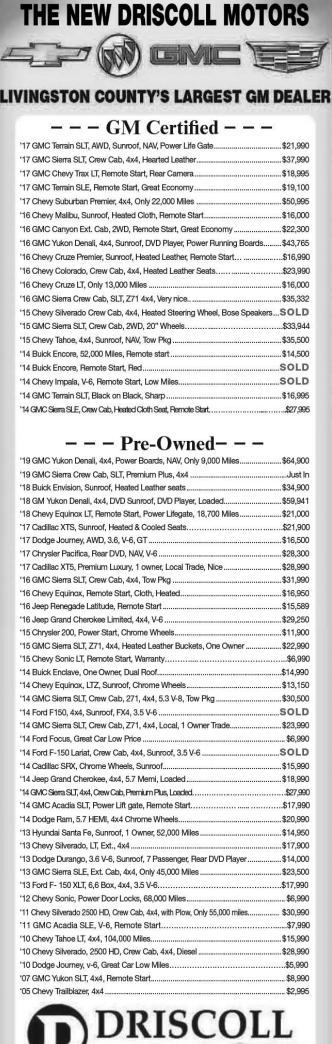
III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$93,300.63.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$95,000. This represents a 1.82% increase over the previous year.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$591,500.00. This represents a 7.33% increase over the previous year.

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IV. The total property taxes extended in 2018 were \$551,106.12.





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Gas Prices For This Week Gas prices are rising in the United States, overall. January to February was the cheapest time of the year

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Pontiac	\$2.43	\$2.59
Gardner	\$2.53	\$2.58
Braceville	\$2.54	\$2.54
Morris	\$2.51	\$2.47
Herscher	\$2.65	\$2.56
Chicago	\$3.08	\$2.74
Illinois	\$2.66	\$2.62
U.S.	\$2.59	\$2.58
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Pet of the Week

Hello! Gemma speaking! I am a sweet girl of 7 years old! The doctor lady thinks that I am a Great Dane/Labrador Retriever mix! I am a gentle giant when it comes to the two leggeds! I love going for valks with my people! I walk right next to them the whole time and will stop and sit for pets! I do need a home without any other four leggeds, the ladies think that



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At the Churches

DWIGHT Dwight United Methodist Church 701 S. Columbia

584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Michael Ebersohl • DEC. 4: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids: 6:00 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., Cantata practice; REAL & IGNITE.

• DEC. 5: 9 a.m., Bible Seekers at Heritage Woods; 4 p.m., Scouts #1906; 5 p.m., Scouts #4877; 5:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.

• DEC. 7: Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting.

• DEC. 8: 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship.

• DEC. 9: 6:30 p.m., Ladies of Faith at Evenglow; Bible Warriors. • DEC. 10: Hens Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.; 6 p.m., Scouts #1505. • DEC. 11: 8:30 a.m., UMW Christmas Break-

fast; 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6 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, • 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

Bazaar. • DEC. 7: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Christmas Breakfast and Bazaar. • DEC. 8: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with

Holy Communion. • DEC. 10: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., "Sew Blessed." • DEC. 11: 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Catechism classes; 5 p.m., Advent meal; 6 p.m., Advent Service. DEC. 14: 8:30 a.m.. Decorate the Church;

Luncheon at Cafe 110

First Baptist Church 401 N. Clinton St.

815-584-3182 Home of Dwight's Christian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM Pastor Dan Woodward • DEC. 4: Wednesday Evening Service &

King's Kids Children's Program,7 p.m. · DEC. 8: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.;

Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. • DEC. 11: Wednesday Evening Service & King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.

First Congregational **United Church of** Christ

200 W. Delaware St. 584-1260 church Rev. Grant Speece • DEC. 8: 10:30 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: "Isaiah's

Holy Scripture Readings Isaiah 11: 1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12 * "Feed the Kids" program – Donations welcome.

Prediction.

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903 S. Old Route 66 Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor • DEC. 4: 7 p.m., Bible Study.

• DEC. 5: 7 p.m., Worship practice. • DEC. 6: Bell ringing, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 10 a.m., Heritage Health. • DEC. 7: 8 a.m., Men's breakfast; 5 p.m., Line

up for Christmas Parade. • DEC. 8: 9 a.m., "Back to The Altar" Study; 10 a.m., Main Service; Nursery and Kids Church, ages 3-11; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth

Group. • DEC. 9: 7 p.m., Prayer Night.

• DEC. 10: 5:30 p.m., Stampin' Up Group; 7 p.m., Finding Recov-

• DEC. 11: 7 p.m., Bible Study • DEC. 12: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office Father Chris Haake,

• DEC. 7: 9:00 - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass. • DEC. 8: 10:30 a.m.,

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Mass.

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326 W. Chippewa St. 815-584-1199 11 a.m., Ladies Advent vent Worship. • DEC. 8: 10:30 a.m., Advent Worship with Holy Communion.

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Industrial Hemp Production Workshop December 12 in Bourbonnais

The University of Illinois Extension is hosting an Industrial Hemp Production Workshop Thursday, December 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Bourbonnais.

The signing of the Illinois hemp bill has provided opportunities for the cultivation, distribution, and processing of hemp. It is a cannabis variety with near-zero intoxicating compound tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) found in cannabis plants. This versatile crop can be grown for grain, fiber, and cannabidiol (CBD). It has the potential to empower large and small farmers and revitalize farming communities.

Information will cover agronomic practices – starting or acquiring seedlings, how to plant, where and when to plant, hemp varieties, harvesting and

drying, and potential markets. Answers to frequently asked questions (how to get started, permits, rules and regulations, and how to build partnerships in the industry, etc.) will be

Speakers will include University of Illinois educators Philip Alberti (agronomist/researcher), Zachary Grant (horticulture/small production - "growing hemp in high tunnels"), and James Theuri (integrated pest management). A guest speaker from a hemp extraction/plant propagation company may be pres-

To register, visit https://web. extension.illinois.edu/registra tion/?RegistrationID=20914. A participant fee applies, with a discount applied for two people from the same household/farm

(handouts and lunch included). Alternatively, send check payable to U of I Extension to Kankakee Extension Office, 1650 Commerce Dr., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. You may also register in person at the Kankakee Extension office. Pre-registration is required by December 9. For more information, call 815-933-8337 or e-mail James Theuri at jtheu50@illinois.edu. No refunds will be given unless class is cancelled by the University of Illinois Extension.

A minimum number of participants is needed to hold the

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact the Kankakee County Office at least two weeks prior to the



COLIN MONK, left, is pictured with Pastor Laura Wilson Underwood, Pastor Robert Sathuri, Mike Farrel, Board of Trustees at Community Foundation of Grundy County, and members of the Early Response Team.

First United Methodist Church Early Response Team Receives Community Foundation of Grundy County Grant

Church Early Response Team is a recipient of a \$1,000 grant celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Community Foundation of Grundy County.

The Early Response Team is comprised of volunteers trained to respond to disasters. The Early Response Team was nominated to receive a grant in honor of Colin Monk. According to the nominator, "he led the way for the First United Methodist Church to have a response trailer full of equip-

have used locally and nationally." In recent years, they have responded to local disasters in Coal City and Ottawa, in addition to traveling to West Virginia and Texas. Colin also chairs the Grundy County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD).

You can find more information on the Early Response Team under the "Get Involved" tab on the church's website www.morrisumc.com. If you would like to donate to the profit.

First United Methodist ment, which he and his team Early Response Team, checks can be made payable to First United Methodist Church/Early Response Team.

> As a part of the Community Foundation's anniversary year, twenty \$1,000 grants will be awarded to nonprofits serving Grundy County as nominated by the community. Nominations, such as the grant to the Early Response Team, have been made in honor of an employee or volunteer who has given great value to a non-

Guest Editorial

America is Squandering Our Grandchildren's Future

By James D. Nowlan

Many of us sense our great nation — that City upon a Hill — is slipping down the slope, yet we're not sure how to restrain the slide.

Our democratic process is wonderful, yet not perfect. For example, frequent elections combined with candidates who think the fate of the Western World rides on their personal re-election — induce politicians to focus laser-like on short-term gratification, their own and that of the voters.

There is no political benefit, indeed there are costs, in thinking about the world our grandchildren will inherit.

Our political campaigns are rife with claims of leadership qualities, yet elected officials are really followers, not leaders, as maybe they should be in a democracy. Candidates pore over opinion polls to learn what they can talk about to curry voter favor, and what they must

The really tough, fundamental issues are rarely on America's radar screen, among them the following:

Medicare. In a few years, both sky high. will run out of the money to pay full claims. Modest tweaking of the taxes and benefits could assure a future for both.

Debt. The recent federal tax cut for you and me is paid for almost dollar for dollar with \$1.5 trillion in debt, piled atop many other trillions.

· K-12 education. We talk

about this endlessly, yet we igthe school day and year, and replace the long summer break with several shorter breaks throughout the year — as in other developed nations and

· Higher education. According to the College Board, per student spending by state and local governments declined by 15 percent in real terms between 2000 and 2017, while student debt soared.

· Health care. Expenditures have increased from 5 percent of GDP in 1960 to near 20 percent of a much larger real GDP today. Our governments have shifted spending from seed corn functions like higher education to meet health care costs, which are disproportionately claimed by old codgers like me. We are robbing young Peter to pay old Paul.

· Health. We couldn't have fought World War II with today's young, of whom fewer than 3 in 10 can meet armed services standards, according to Pentagon data reported in the Wall Street Journal. Related, obesity is an expensive epi-· Social Security and demic, pumping diabetes rates

> Personal accountability and family disarray. Our wellintentioned welfare programs require nothing in return from recipients, such as parent training, and dampen initiative. In my rural Illinois setting, Government has too often replaced

What to do?

· A new political party, nore the imperative to lengthen maybe the Party for the Common Good; we may be individualist by nature, but we're all in this together. The two major parties are bankrupt. The Democratic Party offers little but identity hand-wringing and more spending; the GOP, more tax cuts paid with debt.

The Republican Party started out as a third party, and Lincoln won the presidency with just 39 percent of the vote. think a plurality of voters would resonate to the call to address tough, even uncomfortable, baseline issues.

A national spreadsheet (today's term is "dashboard") that annually tracks and puts in our faces the trend lines of our progress or decline on issues such as those above. The Party for the Common Good could take the lead in this, as part of its focus on the future.

· A civic Great Awakening, similar to the rousing religious awakenings that swept our new nation in the early 19th Century and transformed lives.

I call on leading groups across the spectrum such as the conservative Heritage Foundation, the League of Women Voters and the AFI-CIO to rise up in coalition and lead the

I worry readers might smile at my musings, as if our situation is beyond resolve. Yet, absent action on the fundamental problems, I worry about the future of our City upon a Hill, and of our grandchildren.

Upcoming Events at Limestone Library

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

events: Cookie Baking and Decorating - Thursday, December 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Kids in sixth through 12th grade are invited to go in and make sugar cookies from scratch before decorating them with your own holiday flair. All supplies are provided and there is no charge for this program. • Evening with Santa -Monday, December 9, 5:45-6:30 p.m. and **6:45-7:30 p.m.** Join for an annual visit with

Santa with two separate sessions. There will be a story time, crafts, and special time with Santa in the Peterson School house. Pre-registration is required but there is no fee for this

• Storytime – Tuesday, December 10, 10:15-**11:00 a.m.** Enjoy a mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. This program is for children sixmonths to five-years old with their parents and/or guardians.

• Adult Book Club -Tuesday, December 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join

At the Churches

for a lively conversation 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a mix and tasty treat as books are picked for the following year. Participants are asked to take an appetizer or sweet treat to share while they discuss which books to read for the following

• Adult Craft Night -Thursday, December 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join for an evening of crafting as they paint a wine glass that can be used at home or given as a gift. There is no fee for this program, but space is limited.

Monarch Book Club - Saturday, December 14, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Kids in first through third grades have their own book club. They will read the award-winning or nominated book at their gathering time and have a crafting session.

• Euchre Tournament - Monday, December 16, 4:40 p.m. All ages are invited to take a partner and compete against others in a late afternoon tournament. You can still play if you do not take a partner. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided.

• Storytime – Tuesday, December 17, 10:15-

of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. This program is for children sixmonths to five-years old with their parents and/or guardians.

Bluestem Book Club - Saturday, December 21, 1:00-2:00 **p.m.** Kids in third through fifth grade will meet each month to dis-

Bluestem Award Nominee list and have their own book club. This month they are reading Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers.

For more information or to register for any programs, stop in at the library, call them at 815-939-1696, or visit www.limestonelibrary.o rg to see a listing of all programming.

Dwight Peace Meals

Home delivery Monday - Friday 60 and up homebound- Must make

reservations -Wed., Dec. 4: Shepherd's pie, Harvard beets, fresh fruit, biscuit, graham crack-Thurs., Dec. 5:

Ham and beans, copper carrots, cornbread, pineapple pistachio dessert.

Fri., Dec. 6: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, tomatoes and zucchini, dinner roll, pumpkin pie.

Mon., Dec. 9: Sausage in gravy, mini potato bakers, fruit juice, biscuits, warm cinnamon buttered ap-

Tues., Dec. 10: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green bean casserole, Texas toast, peach slices.

Wed., Dec. 11: Ham casserole, corn, herbed peas, whole grain wheat (1), tropical fruit

Thurs., Dec. 12: Vegetable beef soup, celery sticks, cottage cheese salad, peanut butter cup, crackers, apricots.

Milk served each day.

For reservation, call: 815-374-0411 or 1-800-543-1770; For information, call the 800 number.

Read and Use the Want Ads!

continued from page 12 **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.

• Christmas Eve service, 8:30 p.m.

CABERY Cabery United Methodist Church Ames & Chester 815-949-1681

Pastor John Lyons 815-257-5751 cell • SUNDAYS: 8:45 a.m., Worship Service; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School.

CHATSWORTH Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church 406 N. 5th St.

• SUNDAY: Mass, 10 a.m. • THURSDAY: Mass. 8 a.m.

Cullom United Methodist Church 103 E. Van Alstyne St. 815-689-2484 Pastor John Lyons 815-257-5751 cell • SUNDAYS: 10:15

a.m., Worship Service.

CULLOM

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

Lutheran Church Pastor: Gaberal Baumgardner

 Saturday night service, • Ŝunday School, 8:45 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m.

EMINGTON Emington Congregational

United Church of Christ 103 Division Street Rev. Grant Speece • DEC. 8: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "Isaiah's Prediction.'

Holy Scripture Readings Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

Essex United Methodist Church

114 Waverly St. • SUNDAY, 9 a.m., Children Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study; 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service. Services led by Lay Servants Terry Goodwin and Linda Michel.

GARDNER Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (USA) 202 N. Monroe

P.O. Box 248 Janet Chandler, Pastor Office hours: T-W, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

815-237-8312

ChurchofHope@sbcglo · Sunday Worship, 10:15 a.m.

United Lutheran Church ELCA 309 E. Jefferson St.

815-237-2227

pastorulc@att.net Pastor Greg Olson · Sundays: 10 a.m., Worship with Word and Sacrament.

HERSCHER Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS 255 E. Third St.

P.O. Box 414 815-426-2262 email: trinityher1@com Rev. Eric J. Brown, Pastor · Services with Holy Communion:

Herscher United Methodist Church

Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 a.m

274 N. Elm Street Phone: 815-426-6169 Pastor Kevin Boesen Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church Main Street Pastor: Rev. Show Reddy Allam

815-426-2153 · Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.

• Sunday Mass, 10:30

 Monday and Friday, Masses, 8 a.m. · Saturday confessions,

4:15 p.m. **Herscher Christian** Church

30 Tobey Drive Discipleship Minister, Jacob Garrett; Youth Minister, Andy King; Children's Minister, Kathleen Brown; Worship

Dustin Honn 815-426-2908 or 823-6072 Staff e-mail: life@herscherchristian.com herscherchristian.com On Facebook:

Herscher Christian

Church

• Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30

KEMPTON Kempton United

815-253-6373 Pastor John Lyons 815-257-5751 cell • SUNDAYS: 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.

Methodist Church 305 Main Street

Kempton Church of the Nazarene Pastor 105 E. Main St. 815-253-6250 Rev. John A. Mohler,

KINSMAN Sacred Heart Catholic Church Rev. Stanley Drewniak,

Pastor · Sundays, 8 a.m., Mass

MAZON Mazon United Methodist Church

509 7th Street 815-448-5677 Church 815-483-9343 Cell mazonmethodist.com Pastor Karen Fabian · Sunday Service, 9 a.m.

• Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m. Park Street Congrega-

tional **United Church of** Christ 806 Park Street Pastor Tyler Carrell Phone 448-5514

 Sunday Worship Services, 9 a.m. • Sunday School: "Blast Off", 9:10 a.m.

• Sr. High Youth Group and Small Study Group,

• Coffee hour, 10:15

a.m.

ODELL St. Paul Catholic Church 200 S. West St.

Father Chris G. Haake, • DEC. 4: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m.

• DEC. 8: 8 a.m., Mass. • DEC. 11: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m.

ODELL United Church of Odell 109 N. Morgan Street

Phone 815-998-2271 Rev. Janeen Tronc · Sunday Worship, 9

RANSOM Ransom United Methodist Church 102 E. Plumb Street Church: 586-4504 Parsonage: 586-4657 Pastor Jonathan Wisdom • Sunday Worship, 10

St. Patrick Catholic Church 110 Wallace Street

Pastor, Fr. Ghislain Inai. SMA: Parochial Vicar. Fr. Augustin Kassa, SMA: Deacon Ron Wackerlin Parish Office: 815-795-2240 (Marseilles) Email: stioetorino @gmail.com Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. • SUNDAYS: 7:30 a.m., Mass Confessions: Saturday, 3 until 3:45 p.m., St.

Patrick Church, Seneca,

or by appointment.

REDDICK Reddick United Methodist Church

35900 E 3200 N Road Pastor Kevin Boesen 815-426-6169 • 9:30 a.m., Sunday

Service **Zoar Community** Church

18172 W. Route 17 P.O. Box 87 Reddick, IL 60961 Phone: 815-365-4291 • SUNDAY: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Morning Wor-

St. Mary's Catholic Church Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor

ship.

· Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.,

SAUNEMIN Saunemin United **Methodist Church** 90 North Street 815-832-4935

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

SOUTH WILMINGTON **South Wilmington** United **Methodist Church**

225 Rice Street Pastor Kevin Boesen 815-426-6169 · Sunday Service, 8 a.m.

St. Lawrence **Catholic Church**

Rev. Stanley Drewniak, Pastor · Saturdays, 4 p.m., Mass

• Sundays, 10 a.m., Mass • Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.,

Mass. · Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Mass.

VERONA Verona United **Methodist Church** The Wayside Chapel

with a Warm Heart 433 Anne St. Phone: 815-287-2491 Pastor Jonathan Wisdom • Sunday Worship, 8:30

The Paper

Deadline is Friday at noon.

Village of Dwight Considers Tax Levy Dwight Prohibits Recreational Cannabis Businesses

(continued from page 1) surer's Report as presented with a balance across all funds of \$3,028,283.77.

- approved a transfer of \$23,000.00 from the General Fund (01) to T.I.F. Fund (19) for the purpose of paying past T.I.F. design invoices.
- the IMIC Liability/Work Comp Insurance Renewal at \$125,464.00.
- a Plan Commission recommendation of changes made to the Second Comprehensive Amendment to the Dwight Zoning Ordinance under section 15.10-Amendments.
- a resolution regarding the disposition of executive meeting minutes.

In his report to the board, Mayor Anderson recognized long time local businessman Kenny Jensen who passed away November 24. Mr. Jensen was involved in many different aspects of the community.

"In the last year we have

lost some of our good oldtimers that really worked to help establish Dwight," said Mayor Anderson. "Kenny was a good businessman that donated a lot of time and money to a lot of different organizations and helped with fund raisers throughout the years."

A recap of upcoming Dwight Economic Alliance events was provided to the board.

In an effort to encourage local shopping during the slow winter months, anyone who purchases \$50.00 or more in DEA gift certificates between December 2 – 19 will receive a DEA Value Card offering onetime local business discounts that can be used in January, February and March. Completed cards can then be turned into the DEA office for a drawing to win \$50 in DEA bucks.

Breakfast with Santa will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 7 at Cherry Red

Roasters. The buffet breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and a drink. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children, with children two and under \$3. The event will also include a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, face painting, and crafts. Tickets are currently on sale at the DEA office, Village Hall, SOCU, Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, and Bank of Pontiac Dwight Branch.

This year's annual Christmas parade will take place on Saturday, December 7, beginning at 6 p.m. Parade entries will begin lining up at approximately 5 p.m. on South Prairie Avenue from Chippewa Street to South Street, heading east on South Street. The parade will head north on Prairie Avenue to West Main street, cross the railroad tracks at Mazon Avenue then continue down East Main Street. The parade will end at the intersection of East Main and Chippewa Streets.

The DEA will sponsor a lighted house and business contest with voting to take place December 13. Nominations must be received at the DEA office by December 10 to be considered.

And finally, the Dwight Economic Alliance Gala, its annual fundraising event, is set for February 29. Tickets will go on sale in January.

All members of the board were present at the November 25 session including Mayor Jared Anderson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Chuck Butterbrodt, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board will be Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Services Complex. Prior to that meeting will be a Tax Levy Public Hearing at 6 p.m.



GARDNER MAYOR MIKE SERENA and his wife, Jackie, celebrate their anniversary at the Gardner Tree Lighting Ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.



December Events at Zion Lutheran Church, Bonfield

cated on Route 17, east of Hergram, 10:00 a.m. ing events:

- Sunday, December 8 -Choir Cantata and Potluck, 10:00 a.m.
- Zion Lutheran Church, lo- Children's Christmas Pro-
- scher Road, in Bonfield, is Tuesday, December 24 hosting the following upcom- Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, December 25 -Christmas Day Service, 9:00





LIQUORS

Old World Liquors

Absolut or Tito's VODKA 1.75 liter

Smirnoff Vodka 1.75 liter	\$1 7 99
Ketel One Vodka 750 ml	\$1 7 99
Rum Haven Coconut Rum 750 ml.	\$ 7 99
Tanqueray Gin 750 ml.	\$ 19 ⁹⁹
Bacardi Rum 1.75 liter	\$ 17 99
Canadian LTD 1.75 liter	\$1199



Fireball WHISKEY 1.75 liter





Old Style, Coors, MGD, Miller 64, Lite or Budweiser 24-pack cans	\$14 ⁹⁹
MGD, Miller 64, Lite or Budweiser 24-pack bottles	\$ 14 ⁹⁹
Bud or Bud Light 15-pack cans	\$899
Heineken or Corona 12-pack bottles	\$1399

Ad Prices Effective 12-4-19 through 12-10-19 M. - Th. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; F & S 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Rts. 17 & 47 • Dwight • Phone 815-584-2880



WINES

Naked Grape Wines 750 ml. The Walking Dead Cabernet 750 ml. Franzia **\$Q**99 Wines 5-liter box (Selected Varieties) Dark Horse \$699 Wines 750 ml. Chateau Ste. Michelle Riesling 750 ml.

Twisted Tea 12-pack cans or bottles



Revel Stoke WHISKY (Pecan, Root Beer or 750 ml. Peanut Butter)