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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, held December 7 at Cherry Red Roasters in Dwight, was a huge success! Breakfast, dancing, crafting and of course, SANTA!! photos by Shayla Loring Photography
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Fight Like a Girl

Area Youth's Story Stresses Importance of Donations

Tenley Koger is a three-year old from Mazon who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia B-Cell February 18, 2019. She is the daughter of Caleb and Tanya Koger, of Mazon, and niece of Bo and Christy Partney of Dwight.

In March, she had a massive GI bleed that caused seizures and resulted in hemorrhagic shock and received 30 pints of blood, as well as ten more of platelets and plasma to slow the bleed down for surgery.

Tenley spent the next 16 days in ICU, ten of those days on a ventilator and the last six days having to learn to walk again and trusting everyone around her again.

In July, she received a chemotherapy that is known for causing allergic reactions and other minor side effects. Tenley took it to another level and ended up with pancreatitis and was hospitalized until the pain subsided.

A week later, she returned with a pseudocyst on her pancreas and spent another week in the hospital.

By September, she had recovered from the pancreas issues and the cyst had shrunk and did not need surgery.

Since September, she has had a few emergency room visits for fevers and viruses, but has been doing well overall.

November 15 was her last intense chemotherapy and last weekly trip to Chicago before beginning the maintenance phase with monthly visits. This phase is the last phase of treatment and will continue until May 16, 2021.

Tenley had received 30 bags of blood, as well as ten more different blood products. Blood cancer chemotherapies cause our bodies to not be able to hold or make our own blood – requiring many transfusions.



TENLEY KOGER, being held, is a three-year old from Mazon diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia B-Cell February 18, 2019. Above, Tenley's family, left to right, Landon, Tanya, Tenley, Caleb and Karson Koger.

Tenley has had well over 80 blood product transfusions in the last nine months. This will continue for the next two years, and she will hopefully continue to need less blood.

Blood is a very important component in blood cancer treatment. The patient is taking medications and chemotherapies that suppress the bone marrow (what makes our blood) and sometimes it can't make **any** blood and needs help with transfusion.

Platelets also play an important role and are always needed for donation.

Medications cause our blood to **not** be able to clot properly and sometimes our bodies are unable to make any platelets due to medications, chemotherapy, and diseases/conditions.

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Tenley Koger



Louise Davis:

104 Years Old Today

December 11, 2019

by Rachael Reynolds-Soucie

there were only 25 in her class.

"She's very old school prim and proper," Forneris said.

Louise went to nursing school in the 1930s, and worked at Illinois Research Hospital in Chicago and then as a railroad nurse with Illinois Central.

In 1943, at the height of World War II, she enlisted in the Navy as a charge nurse, serving until 1945. She was stationed at San Diego, Pearl Harbor and then Great Lakes, one of only 800 nurses in the entire fleet.

She worked on hospital ships in the burn unit. Forneris said she didn't talk much about her days in the war, likely having seen much pain and suffering of soldiers wounded as they island-hopped from mission to mission. She said they'd often come back in bad shape.

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
November 28: Pawel K. Reszka, 37, Bradley, operate uninsure motor vehicle; Anita Barnabas, 41, Bloomington, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Nichole M. Howell, 25, Peoria, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Lamont D. White, 47, 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 law.

3 Written Warnings
Speeding – 1; only one red taillight – 1; no registration plate light – 1.

Dwight Police Blotter
November 28: 9:04 p.m., Dwight Police assisted Illinois State Police with the investigation of a hit-and-run crash having occurred on N/B I-55.
November 29: 8:29 p.m., Dwight Police assisted Dwight EMS with an unconscious subject on the Amtrak.
November 30: 8:08 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to 600A W. Mazon Ave. for a theft. Arrested was Timothy Shepherd, 40, of Pontiac. He was taken to Dwight Police Department, where he posted bond and was given a court date.
December 2: 1:55 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to the 100 block of John St. The officer was advised a meter was taken off the building, causing a loss of power.

December 3: 1:04 p.m., Dwight Police arrested Claude Moore, 22, of Dwight. Moore had a warrant from Indiana. He was taken to Livingston Cty. Jail; 2:51 p.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to 801 S. Franklin St. The officer advised there had been a minor accident with no injuries. The accident occurred in the parking lot at 317 W. Waupansie, on private property. Tiffany Gamble, of Dwight, was driving a Dodge Ram. Jeffrey Froelich was driving a Dodge Caravan. Both vehicles were backing when they struck each other; 11:48 p.m., Dwight Police were alerted of a theft having just occurred at 600A W. Mazon. The officer stopped the vehicle as it was leaving the business. Arrested was Destinee Carrillo, 20, of Streator, for theft, as well as for having an in-state warrant.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
December 1: Bannon, medical, Morris.
December 2: Mazon, medical, Morris.
December 3: Northbrook, medical, St. James; Mazon, no patient.
December 4: Mazon, medical, Morris; South St. – Emington, trauma, refusal, mutual aid – Emington-Campus.
December 5: Mazon, medical, Morris; Prairie, medical, Morris.

Mobile Food Pantry in South Wilmington Dec. 16

On Monday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities’ Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Road in South Wilmington) in the church parking lot (snow, rain, or shine).
Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce, and nonperishable items) to people in need.
Participants are asked to take bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to transport food and grocery products to their vehicles. Shopping carts will be available. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency.
You do not have to be Catholic to participate. For more information about Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

No Dwight Food Pantry in December

The Dwight Food Pantry, held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., from 1:00-2:00 p.m., will **not** hold the Pantry in December.
However, Love Boxes will be distributed Saturday, December 14, to qualifying households.



CHIEF PAUL JOHNSON, right, encourages newly-certified firefighters to support each other as they begin their fire service careers.



DWIGHT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Class of 2019 Academy Graduates, pictured, front, from left, Casandra Walsh, Maricela Morales, Judah Wessman, Anthony Sims, Brandon Sheldon, Desperado Walker, Tyler Gutzman; and, back, James West.



BATTALION CHIEF AND ACADEMY DIRECTOR CRAIG COUSINS, above, congratulates the academy and shares with their families the hours of dedication and training that it takes to become a firefighter.



DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTIN DYER, right, presents academy graduate Judah Wessman with his Basic Operator Firefighter certificate.

Dwight Fire Protection District Celebrates Fire Academy Graduates

Dwight Fire Protection District celebrated its 2019 graduating class of firefighters December 6. The graduates have successfully completed all of the state requirements for classroom training, as well as hands-on practicals. As a result, each graduate was awarded their Basic Operations Firefighter certificate through the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.
“This graduation is a celebration to recognize a significant milestone to starting a career as a firefighter,” Deputy Chief Justin Dyer spoke to the graduating class and their families at the ceremony. “I challenge each of you to never stop being a student in the fire service, as it is an ever-evolving industry. Share your knowledge as you go, and remember that it is not every day you will have

the opportunity to save a life, but you will have the opportunity to impact a life every day.”
Over 75 family and friends were in attendance to celebrate the eight firefighters, which included Tyler Gutzman, Maricela Morales, Brandon Sheldon, Anthony Sims, Desperado Walker, Casandra Walsh, Judah Wessman, and James West.
All academy training was in-house, through the DFPD, making this the third graduating class since 2015. Instruction covers basic operation skills – building construction, understanding fire development and spread, ventilation, hose and ladder operations, and safe, aggressive victim search and rescue. Academy candidates attended trainings two evenings a week and up to eight hours on the weekends

for several months, completing the rigorous state requirements necessary to pass the certification testing. Additional mandated coursework included: Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials Operations, Technical Rescue Awareness, First Aid/CPR, and training on incident command and firefighter safety.
“The ability to hold our own Fire Academy results is a substantial cost savings over sending members to an outside agency,” DFPD Battalion Chief and Academy Training Director Craig Cousins spoke about the graduating class. “They complete over 200 hours of classroom and hands-on training. It is a very rewarding feeling to have trained the future firefighters of the Dwight Fire Protection District.”

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Dwight Christmas for Kids Drop-off and Delivery

All Christmas for Kids shoppers need to drop off wrapped gifts at the Dwight United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 12, between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
If you wish to help deliver the gifts, be at the church Saturday morning, December 14, by 9 a.m.
If you have any questions, call 815-584-2179.

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- John Lennon

Temps - 2019

Nov. 28 – high 35°, low 30° .03” precip.
Nov. 29 – high 38°, low 34° .30” precip.
Nov. 30 – high 42°, low 35° .07” precip.
Dec. 1 – high 38°, low 28° .05” precip/trace snow
Dec. 2 – high 31°, low 27°
Dec. 3 – high 38°, low 28°
Dec. 4 – high 43°, low 21°
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Use Year-end Bonus (or Gift) Wisely

As 2019 draws to a close, you may be anticipating – or have already received – a year-end bonus from your employer. Or you might be receiving a substantial cash gift for the holidays. You can doubtlessly think of many ways to spend this money right now, but how can you use it to help yourself in the long run? Here are a few suggestions:
Pay off some debts. Your mortgage not only gives you a place to live and a chance to build equity in your home, but the interest payments are typically tax deductible. Other debts, though, such as those on consumer items, are not so positive – you generally can’t deduct the interest payments. So, you might want to use your bonus or monetary gift to pay off, or at least pay down, some of your less productive debts.
Start an emergency fund. If you were to face a large, unexpected expense, such as the need for a new furnace or a major car repair, how would you pay for it? If you didn’t have the cash on hand, you might be forced to dip in to your long-term investments, such as your stocks and mutual funds. A much better option is to build an emergency fund, containing six to 12 months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. It will take time to build such a fund, of course, but your year-end bonus or gift money could give you a good start.
Contribute to your IRA. You can put in up to \$6,000 to your IRA, or \$7,000 if you’re 50 or older. And although you’ve got until April 15, 2020, to fully fund your IRA for the 2019 tax year, you still might want to put your “extra” money into your account right away. If you’re going to enjoy a comfortable retirement, you’ll need to maximize every possible resource.
Feed your college fund. If you’re already contributing to a college fund for your young children or grandchildren, you can use your year-end bonus or monetary gift to add to the fund. If you haven’t already started such an account, you might want to use this money for that purpose. You could open a 529 plan, which provides possible tax benefits and gives you control of the funds until it’s time for them to be used for college or some type of vocational school. (Depending on where you live, you might also get tax benefits from your state if you use a 529 savings plan to pay for K-12 expenses.)
To achieve all your financial goals, you’ll need to take advantage of your opportunities – and your year-end bonus or monetary gift can certainly be one of them.
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Louise Davis:
104 Years Old Today

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When she did talk about her service, she'd joke about being a pretty young lady in the Navy, surrounded by so many soldiers. "There were more of them than us," Forneris remembers her saying. She came home having earned the Pacific Theater medal.

She met her husband Elmer Davis in Dwight and they married in the 1950s. She was a stay-at-home-wife, never having children but helping her husband manage the many farms they sharecropped in the Dwight area.

Their marriage was short lived. Elmer died in the mid-'60s of natural causes.

She never remarried but stayed in Dwight and continued to manage the land they owned. She was active in Dwight Woman's Club and was an avid painter of landscapes and portraits. She loved painting dishes and was involved in the local painters' group. She also enjoyed traveling with her sister, Mildred, to places like Europe and Australia.

Louise lived on her own

until she was 100 -- and still driving, Forneris said. He said the family had tried to get her into a nursing home for 15 years but she refused. It wasn't until she was in rehab for a broken hip at Heritage Health that she decided she liked it enough to stay.

Forneris said she's in good health, can carry on a conversation and enjoys the community at Heritage Health. She can walk on her own but her doctor makes her use a walker, which she doesn't like. Forneris and his mother, Joanne Sovich, 86, of Joliet, get her out as much as they can. She was at the VFW helping on Veterans Day. They took her to Station 343 for her birthday dinner this past weekend and stayed out past 7. Heritage Health will celebrate her birthday during their Christmas party today.

"She's the prim and proper little old lady who enjoys everyone," Forneris said.

What's her secret to turning 104? Forneris isn't sure, but did say this:

"She drank one glass of white wine every day."

Area Youth's Story Stresses Importance of Donations

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On January 11, 2020, they will celebrate Tenley's fourth birthday, completing intense chemotherapy treatment, as well as one year since her diagnosis. This is a **very** big celebration for a little girl who doesn't even understand what is going on in her body.

There will be cake, lunch, and a blood drive during this celebration of **life**. They are also taking donations for parent bags for parents at the hospital with sick kids, and as always -- donations of toys for kids at Lurie Children's.

The following donations are needed and nothing will be turned away -- even if it's **not** on the list, but can be used by adults in a hospital: men's and women's deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, body wash and bars of soap, razors, q-tips, bandages, K-Cups (coffee and other flavors), Chapstick, socks, word searches and other things to pass time, plain note-

books, pens and pencils (doctors tell you **a lot** of information), gift cards for Subway, Panera Bread, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Burrito Beach, and Walgreens (these are places parents can eat and shop without leaving the hospital), and drawstring bags to put these items in.

Toy Donations

Some kids on the oncology floor at Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital spend up to nine months in the hospital after a bone marrow transplant, bacterial infection, or some other medical issue -- not allowing them to leave the hospital or their room. They are very accepting of just about **any** type of donation, with the exception of weapons, food, drinks, sharp objects, latex, anything religion-based, and everything **must** be new and unused.

Play dough, crayons, and coloring books are popular with some kids, and they are **always** in need of more.

They treat children up to

adult ages and accept gift cards for the older kids.

Anything you can think of is acceptable, including: hot-wheels, blankets, pillow cases, jewelry, coloring books, markers, crayons, twin size sheet sets, barbies, babies, art sets, washable paints, canvas, and more.

If you would like to schedule a blood donation, or if you have any questions, call or text Tanya at 815-474-5189. You can also find them on Facebook at Fight Like a Girl -- Team Tenley for updates and the blood drive link.



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SOUTH WILMINGTON GRADE SCHOOL CELEBRATED the importance of learning during its annual Family Fun Night. This year's theme was "Greatest Place on Earth...SWGS." There were over 130 participants, including children and family members, that celebrated along with the SWGS staff. The students and their families rotated through carnival-themed learning stations. Local author, Adam Peterson, shared the importance of kindness and inspired students to write their own books. Mrs. Wurl, along with her parents, involved the students into singing and clowning around with music. Families worked together to "feed" the elephants peanuts after listening to the book *Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing* by April Jones Prince. Mr. Matt Leman treated every student to a balloon animal. Parents and students were able to browse and shop new book titles at the Book Fair. SWGS volunteers and staff treated guests to hot dogs, chips, dessert, and drinks.



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Seneca staff: (from left) Amy Kern, Rebecca Petty, Jennifer Meador, & Allison Marshall



HOLIDAY HOURS


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December 25 - **CLOSED**

December 31 - Close at noon

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Grundy County Children to Be Treated to Holiday Shopping Spree with Local Heroes

On Saturday, December 14, Grundy County Heroes & Helpers will treat 71 Grundy County children to a \$150 Christmas shopping spree with local heroes comprised of the following police and emergency service personnel: Coal City Fire and Police, Dwight Fire and EMS, Gardner Fire, Grundy County Sheriff Deputies, Mazon Fire, South Wilmington Fire, and Verona Fire.

The shopping spree will take place at the Morris Walmart, 333 US-6, Morris, with children matched with a hero and volunteer helpers to shop for necessities, clothes, shoes, coats, and more.

Following the shopping spree, the children will be treated to lunch, toys, and crafts with Santa at the Morris VFW, 309 McKinley St., Morris. New, unwrapped toys have been donated by the community via toy drives and fundraisers throughout the year. Lunch and crafts will be provided and served by First Christian Church of Morris. The heroes will be assisted by several community volunteers, including Morris High School Poms and their coaches, Steve Lawn Care Service, and many

of the heroes' wives, husbands, friends, and family.

Children, heroes, and helpers will be available for photos at Walmart and the VFW, where Santa will also be available.

All children will have a signed media release from parent or guardian on file on location. Heroes and committee members will be available for comment. Due to secure checking in and out of children, arrive with Press Identification clearly visible.

For more information on how to get involved, contact heroesandhelpers@yahoo.com.



STOLLER INTERNATIONAL FARM STORE is working hard to put up the frame for its new store in Herscher – before the winter hits hard. Stoller is building a large store right next to CVS Pharmacy on Route 115, about a mile west of its present facility.

St. Paul School to Hold Santa's Crafty Workshop December 14

St. Paul School will host Santa's Crafty Workshop Saturday, December 14, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Kids will be able to make five different Christmas and Holiday themed crafts that make great gifts to give.

A fee applies per child, with a discount for three or more kids. Pre-registration is required. The workshop is open to ages three-years old and up.

Sign up now for your one hour time slot, as space is limited.

Registration forms are available at the St. Paul Church and School Facebook page, at St. Paul School, or at Dwight Common School. Children can also register by calling 815-998-2194 or e-mailing schooloffice@saintpaulodell.com.

For questions or more information, call St. Paul School at 815-998-2194.

Dwight FFA Selling Poinsettias During Holidays

The Dwight FFA is selling red, pink, and white 6.5-inch poinsettias this year for the holiday season.

All orders are on a first come, first serve basis – so order sheets must be returned to Dwight Township High School FFA Advisor Sid Mau as soon as possible.

Poinsettias pick-up is on Tuesday, December 17, from 3:30-5:00 at the DTHS Greenhouse.

Checks can be made out to DTHS Greenhouse, and sent to: Dwight Township High School, Attention: FFA, 801 S. Franklin St., Dwight, IL 60420.

If you have any questions, contact Sid Mau at 815-584-6273 or maus@dwight.k12.il.us.

New Materials at Prairie Creek Library

Early Readers

Do You Like My Bike? by Norm Feuti; Max and Kate Visit Aunt Sue by Mick Manning; Outdoors with Max and Kate by Mick Manning; PJ Masks: Gekko Saves the City by May Nakamura; PJ Masks: Owlette and the Giving Owl by Daphne Pendergrass.

Junior Fiction

Star Wars – Forces of Destiny: The Leia Chronicles by Emma Carlson Berne; Unicorn Princesses: Feather's Flight by Emily Bliss; Sparkly New Friends by Heather Ayris Bunnell; Marvel Super Hero Adventures: Deck the Malls by Mackenzie Cadenhead; Marvel Super Hero Adventures: Sand Trap! by Mackenzie Cadenhead; Dr. Kitty Cat: Pumpkin the Hamster by Jane Clarke; Louie Takes the Stage by Rachel Hamilton; Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior: Path of the Diamond by Cube Kid; Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior: From Seeds to Swords by Cube Kid; Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball by Jeff Kinney; The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare; Mouseford Academy: Mouselets in Danger by Thea Stilton; Mouseford Academy: The Missing Diary by Thea Stilton.

Tri-Point NHS Christmas Supply Drive December 9-14

The Tri-Point National Honor Society is hosting its annual Christmas week, running December 9 through December 14.

The event involves dress-up days for students, tree decorating, Christmas card making, and also a community service project.

This year, the group is collecting supplies to make blessing bags for the needy in

Livingston County. Some items needed are peanut butter crackers, new white or black warm socks, fruit cups, deodorant, and toothpaste.

Collection boxes will be located at each school's main office, as well as local businesses in each town.

For a complete list of needed items for the blessing bags, you can visit the Tri-Point homepage and find the Na-

tional Honor Society link. You can also visit their Facebook page – Tri-Point National Honor Society.

The collection time runs now until December 14. Items can also be dropped off at the Cullom Firehouse Saturday, December 14, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., during Cullom's Christmas on Main Street.

Community Foundation of Grundy County Bestows \$1,000 Grant to Special Connections

The Community Foundation of Grundy County has announced that Special Connections is the 19th recipient of a \$1,000 grant celebrating their 20th anniversary.

According to their website, Special Connections of Grundy County aims to "connect people with disabilities to their community through social interactions, education, recreational opportunities, and shared information."

Special Connections was nominated to receive a grant in honor of Board President and Co-Founder, Jennifer Price.

You can find more information on Special Connections by visiting their website, www.specialconnections.org. If you are interested in donating to Special Connections, donations can be sent to PO Box 289, Morris, IL 60450.

As a part of the Community



Devan Gagliardo, left, Community Foundation of Grundy County and Jennifer Price of Special Connections.

Foundation's anniversary year, twenty \$1,000 grants will be awarded to nonprofits serving Grundy County as nominated by the community. Nomina-

tions, such as the grant to Special Connections, have been made in honor of an employee or volunteer who has given great value to a nonprofit.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR SOUTH WILMINGTON GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT #74

- A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for South Wilmington Grade School District #74 on the equalized assessed value of the taxable property for the year 2019, with taxes payable in 2020, will be held on December 19, 2019 at 6:50 p.m. at the South Wilmington Grade School. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Cynthia Christensen, Superintendent, at the South Wilmington Grade School, 375 Fifth Ave., P.O. Box 475, South Wilmington, IL 60474. 815-237-2281.
- The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$694,491. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$738,392. This represents a 6.23% increase over the previous year.
- The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 were \$31,412. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 are \$30,988. This represents a 13.5% decrease.
- The total property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$725,906. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$769,380. This represents a 5.99% increase over the previous year.

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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 for gas. May was the most expensive time of the year for gas. We have now reached a middle ground in terms of the year's prices. It will be interesting to see which way the prices will trend to end the year.

Travel safely!

City/Village	Dec.11	Dec.4
Dwight	\$2.58	\$2.46
Kankakee	\$2.50	\$2.39
S. Wilmington	\$2.59	\$2.58
Streator	\$2.35	\$2.39
Odell	\$2.58	\$2.55
Pontiac	\$2.58	\$2.59
Gardner	\$2.58	\$2.58
Braceville	\$2.50	\$2.54
Morris	\$2.52	\$2.47
Herscher	\$2.53	\$2.56
Chicago	\$3.22	\$2.74
Illinois	\$2.66	\$2.62
U.S.	\$2.57	\$2.58

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

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Dwight United Methodist Church Gala



DWIGHT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN held their annual Gala last week. The dinner was catered and the tables were each uniquely decorated for a Christmas feast.



The Dwight Woman's Club held its annual Festival of Trees and bake sale on Saturday, December 7. Pictured are just a few of the many trees that were available and some of Woman's Club members who helped at the event. Proceeds benefit area charities and non-profit organizations.

the corner

by Tom Tock

Marc Magliari at Amtrak Media Relations, Chicago, has e-mailed me a little updated information about Amtrak ridership at Dwight.

I mailed him a copy of my Nov. 27 column in which I tried to make the case that "ridership" figures by Amtrak were inflated because they count people both coming and going and most often publish those figures as "ridership" without noting their methodology. Actual people boarding at Dwight, for instance, was

4,959 in FY18,
5,010 in FY19.
Roughly double the above numbers are shown on many Amtrak Fact Sheets. You just gotta read the small print.

An Austin, Texas newspaper writer, Ben Wear, put it this way when he wrote about Amtrak's up and down ridership over the years:

"Taking the ridership numbers down to the Austin level is murkier. Station by station, Amtrak reports 'usage' rather than boardings. That is, it counts everyone who gets on at a station and then adds it to everyone who got off there. So each passenger gets counted in two places, a statistical flourish you have to admire."

Statistical flourish or whatever, Wear went on to theorize why Amtrak ridership seemed to change dramatically -- dropping when times were good -- and rising when the economy was bad --

A good economy produces more freight traffic, more freight traffic produces more scheduling conflicts and late

arrivals by Amtrak, and that causes lower ridership, and vice versa.

Interesting theory. As far as Dwight boardings over the years are concerned, approximate yearly numbers are below:

FY 2011	4,468
FY 2012	5,092
FY 2013	5,391
FY 2014	5,497
FY 2015	5,095
FY 2016	4,815
FY 2017	5,029

The new Dwight train station that opened in October of 2016 doesn't seem to have had much influence on boardings.

110 mph train speeds are still predicted, and have been since 2015, while the pipe dream of whisking Dwight residents into Chicago in less than one hour was abandoned long ago in favor of trying to get the trains to run on time.

Sen. Dick Durbin has introduced legislation that would allow Amtrak to sue the freight railroads for holding up any of the passenger trains. Ha.

Amtrak has only 1% to 2% of the passenger traffic Chicago/St. Louis while St. Louis is fast becoming an epicenter of the freight-carrying Midwest, with a 40% increase in freight volume expected in the next three decades.

Do you sense a continuing passenger problem?

Meanwhile according to Crain's Chicago Business, Amtrak and Metra continue to battle over who will control operations at Chicago's Union Station -- owned by Amtrak.

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Correction

In the December 4 edition of *The Paper*, Tim Grieff – in his parents’ wedding anniversary celebration article – was incorrectly referred to as “Tom.”

The Paper regrets this error.

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Dwight Senior Citizen Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate Bridge was played December 5 at Prairie Creek Public Library.

NORTH/SOUTH:

1. Janyce Gross/Nancy Evers
2. Mary Anne McNamara/Norma Rodosky

EAST/WEST:

1. Delores Slattery/Judy Cashmer
2. Evelyn Lydigsen/Barbara Christensen

The next duplicate play will be Thursday, December 19.

Irene Fraher to Celebrate 95th Birthday in Odell



Irene Fraher
She has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Irene Fraher, of Pontiac, is celebrating her 95th birthday with an open house Sunday, December 15, at Ruby Lu’s in Odell, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., and no gifts are requested.

Irene was born December 16, 1924, in Streator. She married Bob Fraher October 25, 1952. He passed away on May 30, 2017.

Her children are Tom (Kathy) Fraher – Odell, Joan (Tom) Bull – Fairbury, Nancy Fraher – Pontiac, and Jim (Carol) Fraher – Grayslake.



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Tri-Point FFA Hosting Christmas Movie Dec. 14

The Tri-Point FFA Chapter is hosting a Christmas movie afternoon Saturday, December 14, at Tri-Point High School before Cullom’s Christmas on Main Street.

Showing will be the newest Grinch movie, with doors opening at 1:30 p.m. and the movie playing from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Enjoy the movie with your kids or you can drop them off. Supervision will be provided and all ages are welcome.

Refreshments will be served, and attendees are asked to take their own pillow and blankets.

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OBITUARY

Beverly Webster

ANGOLA, INDIANA – Beverly Webster, 84, of Angola, Indiana and formerly of Dwight, passed away Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Parkview Randalia Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Beverly was born to Donald and Lois Mason in Macomb, Illinois. She married Ben Webster October 26, 1953 in Colchester, Illinois.

Surviving are her children: Jan (Dave) McDervitt of Angola, with whom she lived for the past two years; Dave (Charlesetta) Webster of Decatur, Illinois; and Teresa (Paul) Newhall of Reynolds, Illinois; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Mary Burton and Lynda (Larry) Roberts, both of Peoria, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Gene Mason and Don Mason, Jr.; and her husband, Ben.

Beverly was a homemaker and babysitter prior to being diagnosed with Lewy Body dementia.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Steuben County Council on Aging, 317 S. Wayne St., Ste. #1-B, Angola, Indiana 46703.

Arrangements by Midwest Funeral Home and Cremation Society.

Family Medicine Physician Joins Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers

Morris family medicine physician Dr. Jennifer L. Jones finalized an affiliation agreement that merges her independent practice with Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers.

Dr. Jones has served on the Morris Hospital Medical Staff for more than 18 years. The partnership allows Dr. Jones more time to focus on patient care, while Morris Hospital oversees the business management responsibilities associated with her practice.

Dr. Jones’ office location and phone number remain the same: 1499 Lakewood Dr., Suite C, Morris, 815-416-1300. The name of the practice has changed to Morris Healthcare Center of Morris Hospital. She is not accepting new patients at this time.

A graduate of Washington University School of Medicine



in St. Louis, Dr. Jones completed a three-year family medicine residency at St. John’s Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. She joined the Morris Hospital Medical Staff in 2001. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians.

For more information, visit morrishospital.org/hcc.

Free Children’s Podiatry Clinic in Pontiac January 3

Illinois Elks Children’s Care Corporation, in cooperation with Pontiac Elks Lodge #1019, will sponsor a **free** children’s podiatry assessment clinic Friday, January 3, 2020, at the Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic, Sullivan Center, 1508 W. Reynolds, Pontiac – with Dr. Steve Yeschek as the clinician in charge.

The Clinic starts at 1:00 p.m. and is **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, call the Illinois Elks Children’s

Care office at 1-800-272-0074 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are no charges for any services at this clinic.

No medical referral is necessary for the clinic, but physicians are welcome to refer patients to the clinic for a specific reason or second opinion. School nurses are welcome to refer children and families to the clinic.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Community Health Care Program

In looking at the year end budget, it appears that there is over \$600,000 presently unspent, more than 3 times the amount of money that would be required to support the community health care program for a year. and to date there is around a \$1,000,000 total remaining in the fy19 host fund and staying in the enterprise/glcdec fund. Yet, the livingston county board has chosen to place two tax referenda on the march 2020 ballot, rather than examine the budget and fund the program as their constituents requested.

This board “action” has resulted in more than a year of denying service to those in need and ignoring the will of 84% of the 2019 voters. Mem-

bers have indicated that they hope that voters will not support the new referenda and they can avoid any further budget examination or program reinstatement permanently. Once again, they have made no contingency plans for the election results.

They can remove the referenda from the ballot, reinstate the program with available money, and then work on a plan to provide the 9949 voters with the program they supported.

You can contact them and ask them to do this.

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Upcoming Events at Limestone Library

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

- **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, 10:15-11:00 a.m.** Enjoy a mix of crafts, stories, and music to help young children develop a love for reading. This program is for children six-months 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 discuss a book from the Bluestem Award Nominee list and have their own book club. This month they are reading *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers.
- **Holiday Movie Day: Elf – Monday, December 23, 5:30-7:15 p.m.** Join for an evening of watching the modern holiday classic – *Elf*, starring Will Ferrell and James Caan. Popcorn and lemonade will be served and there is no charge for this program.
- **Drop-In Craft Day – Friday, December 27, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to drop in to make a craft for the holidays. All supplies are provided and there is no fee for this program.

Registration for programs is required prior to the day of the event. For more information or to register for any programs, stop in at the library, call them at 815-939-1696, or visit www.limestonelibrary.org to see a listing of all programming.



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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.
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Minutes with Boma



Spotify Wrapped

This week the music streaming platform released their year-end “Wrapped” packages for everyone who uses the service.

Basically what these packages included was a very detailed list of everything you had listened to in the calendar year of 2019 up until December 1st.

The result, well, the result is fairly obvious, you end up with a playlist of a lot of your favorite songs and songs that you gave consistent play throughout the year.

The gripe with streaming is often that the services do not pay enough. Apple, Spotify and Tidal all pay out about .006-.008 per stream of a song. While this is a very very small amount for one play of a song as opposed to a purchase of a song for \$1. (You would need roughly 142 streams of 1 song to equate the same payout.)

I think the thing that often gets overlooked when looking at streaming is the longevity of it.

Yes, 142 streams initially might seem like a lot to get to that \$1. There will likely be countless fans and maybe new listeners who will give it 20-30 listens who maybe never would’ve given the \$1 for the song without the ability to hear it in full.

It also provides income for artists who might be “past their prime”, but instead of relying on reselling copies of albums from years ago it allows for new listeners to stream and stream and stream their old material and provide them a consistent flow of income in their later years.

Jay Z, for example, has 10,000,000 monthly listeners currently. That comes out to 325th in the world on Spotify’s platform.

That comes out to roughly 250,000,000 streams on the year.

250,000,000 streams at .007 is 1.75 million dollars, and that’s at 325th in the world.

Now, there’s likely labels, and songwriters and other people to pay that money out to than just Jay Z, but the point being is it provides a consistent revenue flow for artists later on in their career.

For an independent artist at around 200,000 monthly listeners they would be looking at about \$42,000 of income just from spotify, factor in the other two in Apple and Tidal and you’re probably coming out close to \$70,000 a year. Spotify doesn’t give stats on what 200,000 monthly listeners in relation to the world leader board is, but it’s much much lower than 325th. That means there’s countless artists in-between that range living on a decent income because of streaming.

Streaming services are great and are hopefully here for the long haul.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
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 North-easterly 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:
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.
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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.

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THE SENECA FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPING CAREER DEVELOPMENT TEAM placed eighth in the country at the National CDE held at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Pictured, from left, are Jeff Maierhofer – FFA Advisor, Ian Wilkinson, Garrett Granby, Dylan Woodard, Logan Daggett, and a representative from the CDE sponsor, Stihl.

Seneca FFA Team Ranks Among the Country’s Best

The Seneca FFA Landscaping and Nursery Career Development Team placed eighth in the country at this year’s competition at the National FFA Convention. All four team members ranked gold, the highest ranking given. Those members are Ian Wilkinson, Garrett Granby, Dylan Woodard, and Logan Daggett.

The intense CDE covered knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the landscaping and nursery industry. Components of the competition included a written test covering plant science and landscaping knowledge. Members were required to identify over 125 plants, 80 pieces of nursery/landscaping equipment, and over 50 plant ailments. They also had to complete several practical skills assessments related to the landscaping industry, including proper and

safe equipment usage, wall construction, tree installation, and plant propagation.

In addition to technical knowledge, the event challenged students’ written, verbal, and math skills with a series of practicums that required them to communicate with judges face-to-face as they solved problems, work as a team to solve mathematical landscaping challenges, and compose a business letter to clients.

The team advanced to nationals by virtue of winning the state Horticulture Career Development Event last spring. The competition is an extension of the horticulture curriculum at Seneca High School.

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SPORTS



THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON LADY PANTHERS have kicked off their 2019-20 season in impressive fashion. Pictured, front row, from left, are Kaitlynn Kavanaugh, Abby Beck, Kennedy Fair, Madelyn Storm, Paige Patterson, Grace Halpin; back row, Coach Adam Leigh, Hannah Muzzarelli, Ellie Fortier, Mya Anderson, and Kylie Hawks.

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DTHS VARSITY TROJANS Trent Tilley and Brandon Ceylor



GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 3

GSW vs. St. Anne

Varsity -

GSW improved to 7-0 with a 55-21 beating of St. Anne December 3.

Abby Beck (4 3-pointers) and Madelyn Storm (3 3-pointers) each had 15 points to lead the Lady Panthers. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh came up with nine points. Scoring five was Paige Patterson, including a trey, while Kylie Hawks had four points. Kennedy Fair contributed three points, with Mya Anderson and Grace Halpin

putting in two points each.

Wednesday, December 4

GSW vs.

Ottawa Marquette

Varsity -

The Lady Panthers earned another “W” December 4, taking out Ottawa Marquette 60-43.

Madelyn Storm led with 19 points, including two threes, while Abby Beck added 17 points, hitting one three-pointer. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh provided 12 points for GSW, with Kennedy Fair (1 three-pointer) and Mya Anderson

putting in five and four points, respectively. Paige Patterson scored three points.

Thursday, December 5

GSW vs. IL Lutheran

Varsity -

GSW’s Lady Panthers remained undefeated December 5, as they defeated Illinois Lutheran 55-21.

Abby Beck was high scorer with 17 points, including a three-pointer. Kennedy Fair (2 3-pointers) and Madelyn Storm (3 3-pointers) scored ten and nine points, respectively. Grace Halpin and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh each scored six points, while Ellie Fortier put in four points. Kylie Hawks hit a three-pointer.

GSW is now 9-0 overall and 2-0 in conference play.



DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, November 25

Dwight vs. Earlville

Varsity -

Dwight suffered a 66-63 loss to Earlville November 25.

Lane Thompson (11 rebounds), Brandon Ceylor (5 assists), and Trent Tilley each scored 13 points to lead the Trojans. Isaac Telford supplied nine points, followed by eight points, eight rebounds by Wyatt Thompson. Abe Rieke added four points.

Varsity -

The Trojans played a terrific game against Beecher December 3, however the Bobcats used some fourth quarter magic to come from behind and steal a win from Dwight – 62-61.

At halftime, the Trojans found themselves up 30-26, and they held a 47-44 lead going into the final frame – but couldn’t hang on.

Isaac Telford (2 3-pointers) and Brandon Ceylor (4-4 FT, 5 rebounds, 4 steals) each had 12 points to lead Dwight. Lane Thompson scored 11 points,

going 3-3 from the line and grabbing four boards. Wyatt Thompson added nine points, including two threes and seven rebounds, while Abe Rieke put in six points – shooting a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe and pulling down four boards. Bryson Connor was good for five points, five rebounds, followed by a trifecta each from Tyler Masching and Trent Tilley.

Wednesday, December 4

Dwight vs. Newark

(Continued on page 10)



DTHS TROJANS WRESTLING

Friday, December 6

The Dwight Trojan Wrestling Team ran its record to 4-0 following two more impressive dual wins on the road December 6.

Despite giving up 24 forfeit points in the first dual against Lisle, the Trojan wrestlers fought back to defeat Lisle, 42-36.

Dwight finished the evening strong with a big dual win, 40-27, over a very tough Chicago Hope squad.

The following Trojans all had victories: seniors Daniel Gutierrez and Cade Enerson; juniors Harley Leonard (2 wins), Camden Beier, Hudson Beier (2 wins), and Donnie Filalko; sophomores Samuel Edwards, Dillon Sarff (2 wins), and Emmett Emmons (2 wins); and freshmen Austin Burkhardt (2 wins), Dylan Ramsey, and Brady Kelleher (2 wins).

Dwight traveled for duals against Gibson City and Peotone December 10.

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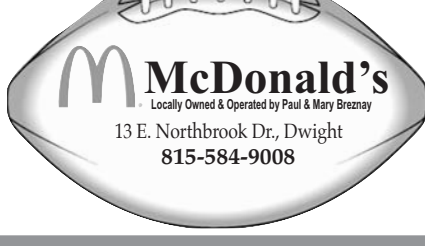
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THE 2019-20 JV BASKETBALL LADY PANTHERS of Gardner-South Wilmington, pictured, front row, from left, are Chloe Wells, Delaney Platt, Taeryn Lardi, Abby Granger; back row, Colby Grieff, Amelia Brock, Emily Barnes, Riley Klingler, Hailey Johnston, and Coach Kevin Ward.

Victory Lanes, Dwight

Bowling League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers
HSG: Reco Stevenson, 247.
HHG: Reco Stevenson, 271.
HSS: Gregg Jensen, 686.
HHS: Gregg Jensen, 701.
HSG: Victory Lanes, 1035.
HHG: Willy's Pub, 1058. HSS:
Victory Lanes, 2945. HHS:
Willy's Pub, 3007.

League Standings	W	L
Willy's Pub	18	6
Victory Lanes	16	8
Rury's Tap	16	8
KWM Gutterman	13	11
Jeremy's Barber	11	13
Jensen BP II	10	14
Jensen's I	10	14
Carl's Pro Band	9	15
Star Trucking	9	15
DeLong Ford	8	16

Church Dartball League			
The Church Dartball League results from the December 2 match-ups are as follows:			
	W	L	
Church of Hope	1	2	
St. Peter's Luth.	2	1	
Essex	1	2	
Emmanuel Luth.	2	1	
New Life Assembly/God	1	2	
Mazon Cong.	2	1	
Dwight Meth.	2	1	
Trinity Luth.	1	2	
Herscher Luth.	2	1	
Dwight Cong.	1	2	

Schedule for January 6, at 7:00 p.m.			
• Church of Hope at Mazon Congregational			
• Dwight Methodist at Herscher Lutheran			
• St. Peter's Lutheran at Dwight Congregational			
• Trinity Lutheran at Essex			
• Emmanuel Lutheran at New Life Assembly of God			

Tri-Point Chargers Basketball

**Tuesday, December 3
Tri-Point vs. St. Anne Varsity -**

Following a 58-28 loss by the JV squad, the varsity Chargers weren't able to hold off St. Anne's fourth quarter rally, falling by a score of 64-61.

In the final two minutes of the contest, both Tyler Platz and Chace Cathcart were injured for Tri-Point – and the team was unable to rebound from losing two key players.

“We just didn't finish,” stated Coach Justin Cox after the game. “Next man up – but what killed us all night long was giving them second chance points.”

Cathcart led with 16 points, going 5-6 from the line and hitting a three. Connor Cardenas followed with 15 points, including three three-pointers, while Platz (2-2 FT) and Bobby Mogged (4-6 FT) each

added ten points. Brian Curling put up six points, followed by four from Ayden McNeill.

**Thursday, December 5
Tri-Point vs. Blue Ridge Varsity -**

It took double overtime to decide a winner between Tri-Point and Blue Ridge December 5, but the Chargers would prevail in the end – 78-74.

Brian Curling went off for 32 points in the game, hitting three three-pointers and shooting 7-9 at the charity stripe. Connor Cardenas hit four threes and was a perfect 11-11 from the line, on his way to 27 points. Ayden McNeill chipped in with ten points, hitting two free throws, while Bobby Mogged added five points. Jose Amador scored four points.

The JV Chargers fell to Blue Ridge, 26-20.

DCS Redbirds Basketball

**Monday, December 2
Dwight vs. Herscher Limestone 6th Grade -**

After a two-week break, Dwight was back in action December 2 – traveling to Herscher Limestone and returning with a 52-17 win.

Leading the Redbirds was Joey Starks with 22 points, six boards, two steals, and two blocks. Evan Cox added 15 points, seven steals, and four assists, with Asher Kargle contributing six points and four assists. Jake Wilkey put up five points, five steals, while Zander Tarnowski scored four points. Christian Kennon snagged four rebounds. “B” -

In the “B” game, Dwight won 27-7.

Jackson Launius led with eight points and three rebounds. Jack Statler came up with five points and two blocks, while Zander Tarnowski added four points and six steals. Ethan Pakula had four points, two rebounds, while Maddox DeLong (3 assists), Gavin Leach, and Jake Wilkey added two points each.

**Tuesday, December 3
Dwight vs. MVK 7th Grade -**

A big defensive effort from Dwight's seventh graders led to a 44-15 victory over MVK December 3.

“We had 25 steals and only eight turnovers,” stated Coach Conroy. “Everyone got in for at least a quarter.”

Leading the Redbirds was Gallet with 15 points, six rebounds, four steals, and one assist. Larkin followed with 11 points, ten boards, and six steals. Brown put up six points, five steals, while Dunlap added four points, five steals, three assists, and two rebounds. Nelson (1 rebound, 2 steals, 1 as-

sist), Woods (3 rebounds), Anderson and Jensen (1 rebound) each scored two points. Statler added two boards and one assist.

The Redbirds are now 6-3 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

8th Grade -
In eighth grade action, Dwight came out hot early and never looked back, defeating MVK 51-32.

Telford was high scorer with 25 points, adding that to eight rebounds and six steals. Groves (1 rebound, 1 steal) and Chambers (2 rebounds) each scored eight points. Cox, Hilt (2 steals), Gartke, Weissmann (1 rebound), and Gall scored two points.

**Thursday, December 5
Dwight vs. Saratoga 6th Grade -**

The sixth grade Redbirds got a 36-22 win over Saratoga in basketball action in Morris December 5.

Joey Starks led with 14 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks, and a steal. Jake Wilkey added eight points, four boards, and four steals, while Evan Cox had six points and four swipes. Asher Kargle also had six points to go with two steals and an assist. Christian Kennon put up two points, four boards, and two steals.

Dwight is now 6-2 overall.

“B” -
In the “B” game, Dwight was victorious over Saratoga, 27-16.

Jackson Launius led with eight points, seven rebounds, and three steals. Gavin Leach had four points, four boards, with Jack Statler adding four points, three rebounds, and three steals. Maddox DeLong directed the offense, while putting together a two point, three rebound, one assist night. Ethan Pakula had three points, two boards, and three steals.

DCS Lady Redbirds Basketball

**Tuesday, December 3
Dwight vs. Cottage Grove 8th Grade -**

The Lady Redbirds had their season end December 3, falling 32-22 to Cottage Grove – finishing their season with an impressive 15-8 record.

After jumping out to a 12-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, Dwight ran into foul trou-

ble and ended up down by four at the half.

The Lady Redbirds cut the lead to two in the second half – but couldn't get any closer.

Lily McKelvey and Mia Buck each had four points, while Kassy Kodat and Kaedyn Gonzalez put in three and two points, respectively. Katy Parker added a free throw.

DTHS Lady Trojans Basketball

**Wednesday, December 4
Dwight vs. Newark Varsity -**

The Lady Trojans were defeated by Newark 87-40 in a non-conference contest December 4 at Newark.

Kayla Kodat led Dwight with 21 points, going 6-9 from the line and hitting a three-pointer. Nora Anderson added seven points, five rebounds, with Emily Weissmann scoring six points. Jordan Schultz put up five points, including a trey. Mikalah Bregin made a free throw.

**Thursday, December 5
Dwight vs. PBL Varsity -**

In the SVC Conference opener in Dwight, the Lady Trojans were taken out by PBL, 57-24.

Kayla Kodat led with ten points, seven rebounds, followed by Eden Beier with six points and ten boards. Nora Anderson scored four points, with Mikalah Bregin and Kira Bean each adding a bucket. Emily Weissmann pulled down 12 rebounds.

Dwight is now 0-3 overall.

GSW Panthers Basketball

**Tuesday, December 3
GSW vs. Peotone Varsity -**

In a wild one in Peotone December 3, the GSW Panthers put on a show and put down Peotone, 107-80.

“Wow, what a crazy, fun game!” exclaimed Coach Wills afterwards. “After a great defensive first quarter, the offense for both teams was non-stop. This was a good road win.”

Chris Bexson led GSW with 26 points, five assists, five steals, and three rebounds. Connor Steichen contributed 23 points, nine boards, while Dylan Hill chipped in with 18 points and four rebounds. Noah Wise added 14 points, six

boards, four steals, and three assists, with Brandon States putting up 12 points and grabbing five rebounds.

The Panthers are now 3-2 overall.

**Friday, December 6
GSW vs. Clifton Central Varsity -**

The Panthers dropped to 3-3 overall after a 62-52 loss to Clifton Central December 6.

“Hats off to them,” stated Coach Allan Wills. “They were on fire in the second half and we just couldn't keep up.”

Chris Bexson led the way for GSW with 17 points, four steals, and three boards. Connor Steichen added 15 points and 11 rebounds.

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Merry Christmas! How are the reindeer? This year I want a LOL bol and a toy puppy.
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Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are the reindeer? This year I want a monster truck for Christmas.
Love, Colton

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! This year I want a Nintendo DS and a nerf gun for Christmas.
Love, Domini

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are the reindeer? I want a gymnast bar and beam. I want American Girl dolls too and LOL and shirts and pants. Can you get

my leotards and barbie dolls and can you ask Mrs. Claus how she is doing?
Love, Kenzie

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are the reindeer? I want a LOL dolls, toy Dr. kit, apples to apples, and make up for Christmas.
Love, Lily

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are the reindeer? I want a big LOL box. I also want a big LOL.
Love, Braylyn

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! You are cool. This year I want arts and crafts for Christmas.
Love, Milia

would like hot wheels for Christmas. Are the elves working hard?
Love, Victor

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How is Mrs. Claus? This year I want everything that is Frozen and a dog that is a chihuahua.
Love, Dixie



Letters to Santa

From Braceville Elementary School

The second grade class at Braceville Elementary School, taught by Kristin Steidinger, sent out the following letters to Saint Nick:

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Aedyn, and I am 8 years old. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo Switch. If you could also bring a digital drawing ipad for my sister because she has been wanting it for a long time. Also I've been wanting to know, how do you make your elves magical?
Sincerely,
Aedyn W.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Chase. I am in second grade and I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a skateboard with colorful LED light up wheels with a triangle pattern on the board. Would you please bring my friend Aedyn a skateboard with LED light up wheels with a triangle pattern on the board too. My burning question for you is how does your sleigh fly?
Sincerely,
Chase C.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Michael. For Christmas, I would like new Nintendo Switch controllers because I only have four controllers. For Christmas, could you please bring Savannah Rogers LOL dolls because she loves them. Santa, I have always wondered how your reindeer fly.
Sincerely,
Michael B.

Dear Santa,
Seasons greetings! My name is Cable and I am 7 Years old. Christmas is my favorite holiday. For Christmas can you please bring me a Nintendo Switch? Could you also please bring my mom a new stuffed owl? Santa, I have always wondered how you got your magical spirit.
Sincerely,
Cable M.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Hadley. I have been good at school. For Christmas I would like a Grave Digger Truck. If you could please bring my grandma a new coffee maker she would be happy. Santa, I was wondering if everyone at the North Pole is doing good?
Sincerely,
Hadley M.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Olivia and I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a bendable LOL doll. Would you also please bring my cat a new cat toy to play with? Santa, how are the reindeer doing?
Sincerely,
Olivia S.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Ronan and I am 7 years old. I like to play and I would like a Charizard Ex because all my friends have it. For my friend named Chase, could you please bring him an RC Car because he doesn't have one. Santa, how did you get your magic and how do you control the elves?
Sincerely,
Ronan D.

Dear Santa,
Seasons greetings! My name is Isla. I am seven years old and I am in second grade. For Christmas, I would like a skateboard with LED wheels and a blue, pink, and yellow pattern on the board. I would also like a flute. For my baby brother, I would like you to bring him 20 pairs of socks. My burning question for you is what are all of your elves names?
Sincerely,
Isla L.

Dear Santa,
Happy holidays! My name is Rayna and I am 8 years old. I have been good at home this year. For Christmas I would like a LOL doll. If you could please also bring my baby brother a blue dragon puppet he would be so happy. Santa, I have always wondered if your elves are doing ok?
Your friend,
Rayna G.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! My name is Nick and I have been very good. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a toy clarinet. If you could also bring my sister a red bow for her hair she would be happy! Santa I have always wondered how elves have magic?
Your friend,
Nick W.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM BENNETT (R-Gibson City) congratulated the local photographers who were chosen in his Hometown in the Heartland photo contest. Contest winners, pictured below with Rep. Bennett, include Grace Mund – Odell, Jennie Kearney and Anniah Barker – El Paso, Karen Gilmoure – Pontiac; at left, Dena Tjarks – Sibley, and Wayne Brown – Watseka. Those contest winners not pictured are Diane Perkins, Audrey Kaeb, Bridgette Beltran, Allison Wessels, and Sarah Hardinson. The winning photos will be displayed in Rep. Bennett's offices in the district and in the Capitol complex for the next year.



Paper Bowl

Sponsors Standings

Sponsor	Record
Prairie Creek Wealth Advisors	10-3
Dwight Country Club	9-4
Jerry Danko State Farm	9-4
Aly Anne's	9-4
Dairy Queen	8-5
McDonald's	3-10
Berkot's	3-10

Did you know that every location that hosts Paper Bowl entry forms competes against each other? Each week, the sponsors, listed above, participate in the same challenge that the public can participate in.

defeated McDonald's (DNP), Dwight Country Club (6) lost to Prairie Creek (6) in a tie-breaker, Dairy Queen (6) won against McDonald's (DNP), Danko State Farm (7) won by default against The Paper Bot. Thanks for playing!

In Week 13, Aly Anne's (5)

Week 13

Paper Bowl Recap

In Week 13 of the Paper Bowl, Dana Taylor had the two highest scores of 10 games guessed correctly. He was the only participant to get a score of 10.

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.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR GARDNER SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for Gardner South Wilmington High School District #73 for 2019 will be held on December 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at Gardner South Wilmington High School.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Joshua DeLong, Superintendent, Gardner South Wilmington High School #73, 500 E. Main Street, Gardner, IL, 60424. 815.237.2176

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2018 were \$1,221,765.61.

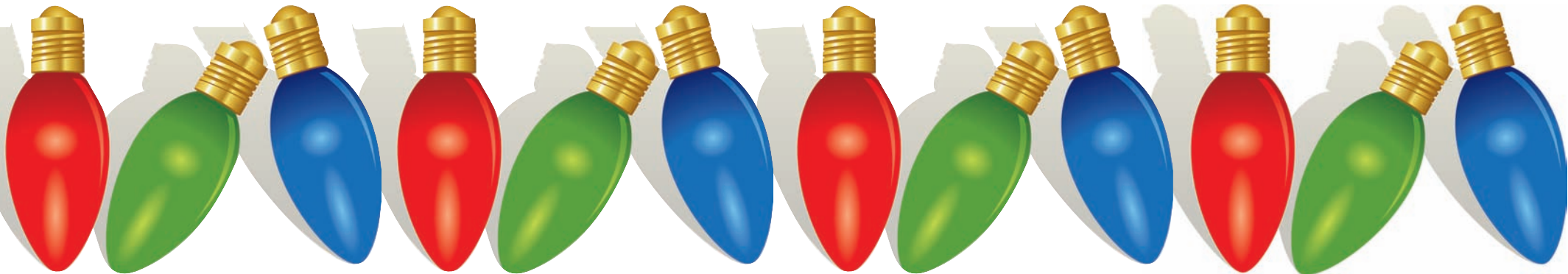
The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$1,309,000.00. This represents a 7.14% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$321,352.76.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$320,938.00. This represents a 0.13% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended in 2018 were \$1,543,118.37.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$1,629,938.00. This represents a 5.63% increase over the previous year.



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Letters to Santa From Dwight Common School

The students in Mrs. Legner's second grade class at Dwight Common School sent out the following letters to Santa Claus this holiday season:

Dear Santa,
My name is Elijah. I am 8 years old and live in Dwight, IL. My favorite sport is basketball. I have always wondered how old you are and how you travel? For Christmas, I'd really like to meet a WWE wrestler. I hope you have a good Christmas!
Love,
Elijah

Dear Santa,
I'm Harper! I am a 2nd grade student in Dwight, IL. I am 8 years old. I'm also a sister (the middle child). What do you do when it is not Christmastime? I would like a new bike and a Cookie Swirls Barbie set for Christmas. My elf, Sock is doing a great job. I don't want her to go. She's sort of my friend. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Harper

Dear Santa,
My name is Natalie. I'm a good student in second grade. I'm also the youngest in my family. I live in Dwight, Illinois. How do your elves make toys for everyone in the whole entire world? For Christmas, I'd love some merch from Chad Wild Clay the youtuber. I wish you a very merry Christmas!
Love,
Natalie

Dear Santa,
My name is River. I'm a student of Dwight Common School. How long does it take to deliver all the presents in the whole world? I wish for a PS4 and stuff for it for Christmas. Don't eat too many cookies because you might get a stomachache.
Sincerely,
River

Dear Santa,
My name is Alfred. I am 8 years old and in second grade. I have 2 sisters and 1 brother. How did Rudolph get his red nose? I'd like a personal whiteboard with markers and an eraser for a Christmas gift. I hope you don't eat too many cookies and hot cocoa!
Love,
Alfred

Dear Santa,
My name is Carter. I'm 8 years old and have a 6 year old brother. I live in the country outside of Dwight, IL. I've been wondering how you speak to the elves? Oh, and do you still have Rudolph? For Christmas, I'd love some toy magnetic balls to build with. I hope you're doing great!
Love,
Carter

Dear Santa,
My name is Jayleen. I am 8 now and in 2nd grade. How do you deliver presents so quickly without anybody noticing? For Christmas, I would like a big, stuffed unicorn, one the size of my teacher! I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Jayleen

Dear Santa,
My name is Logan. I am a 2nd grade student in Dwight, IL. I have 3 sisters. Two are babies and the other sister is older than me. I've been wondering if you got hired by the elves? I read a story that said you did! I would really love to get the internet for Christmas so that I can play online games on my PS4! Please, please, please! I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,
My name is Ayden. I'm 8 years old and in 2nd grade. I like to play GTA (Grand Theft Auto) online. I'd like to know how old you are!? For Christmas, could you get me a new Xbox with a GTA gift card? I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love,
Ayden

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelsey. I am 7 years old and in 2nd grade. How do your elves make all the presents before Christmas Eve? I'm really hoping for the new Frozen Anna Plush Doll. I hope your Christmas is merry and bright.
Your Friend,
Kelsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Violet. I am 7 years old and in 2nd grade at Dwight

Common School. How do you stay awake traveling around the world delivering presents? For Christmas, I am hoping you would bring me a dog, a toy poodle to be precise! Anyway, I hope your Christmas is not too stressful and very merry!
Love,
Violet

Dear Santa,
My name is Carlos. I am in a 2nd grade classroom in Dwight, IL. I am a big brother to one brother and one sister. Do you have magical powers Santa? I want a bouncy house for Christmas. I love you Santa!
Your Friend,
Carlos

Dear Santa,
My name is Nash. I am 7 years old and live in Dwight, IL. How old are you? For Christmas, I want a Pokemon Sword. My elf, Lucky is having a great time. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Nash

Dear Santa,
My name is James Samuel. I am a 7 year old kid and I live with my mom. Santa, how do you know if we've been bad or good? Also, I am hoping you would bring me a drafting compass. Have a Merry Christmas!
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Brennan

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Fri., Dec. 13: Taco salad w/meat, lettuce, beans, tomatoes, sour cream and taco sauce; pears, taco chips, pudding.

Mon., Dec. 16: Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, seasoned black-eyed peas, whole grain wheat (1), grapes.

Tues., Dec. 17: Saucy ham loaf, creamed peas and potatoes, Italian mixed veggies, dinner roll, pineapple slices.

Wed., Dec. 18: Cabbage rolls in sauce, corn, Lyonnaise carrots, whole grain wheat (1), seasonal dessert.

Thurs., Dec. 19: Baked ham, frosted sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, dinner roll, chunky applesauce.

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At the Churches

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Dwight United Methodist Church

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584-3420 church
Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Michael Ebersohl
• DEC. 11: 8:30 a.m., UMW Christmas Breakfast; 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6:00 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., Cantata practice; REAL & IGNITE.
• DEC. 12: 9 a.m., Bible Seekers at Heritage Woods; 10 a.m., Gift drop off - Christmas for Kids; 5:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.
• DEC. 13: 9 a.m., Packing of Love Boxes.
• DEC. 14: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Rte. 66, Dwight, and

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• DEC. 15: 8 a.m., Early Worship (Christmas Cantata); UMW Cookie Walk; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship.
• DEC. 16: 9 a.m., UMW Executive meeting; 6 p.m., Scouts #4877; 6:30 p.m., Ladies of Faith at Heritage Woods.
• DEC. 17: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study; 7 p.m., Scouts #4877 Committee meetings.
• DEC. 18: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., REAL & IGNITE.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS

325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
Rev. John F. Mueller, Pastor
• 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; 11 a.m., Ladies Advent Luncheon at Cafe 110 West.
• DEC. 15: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Children's Christmas Message with Holy Communion.
• DEC. 17: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., "Sew Blessed."
• DEC. 18: 1 p.m., Mary/Martha; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Catechism classes; 5 p.m., Advent meal; 6 p.m., Advent Service.
• DEC. 19: 6:30 p.m., Church Properties.

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• DEC. 15: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• DEC. 18: 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. 15: 10:30 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: "Predictions about Jesus."
Holy Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Luke 1:47-55
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New Life Assembly of God

903 S. Old Route 66
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• DEC. 11: 7 p.m., Bible Study.
• DEC. 12: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• DEC. 15: 9 a.m., "Back to The Altar" Study; 10 a.m., Main Service; Nursery and Kids Church, ages 3-11; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., Xtreme Youth Group.
• DEC. 16: 7 p.m., Prayer Night.
• DEC. 17: 7 p.m., Finding Recovery.
• DEC. 18: 7 p.m., Bible

Study.
• DEC. 19: 7 p.m., Worship practice.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie
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• DEC. 14: 9:00 - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.
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• DEC. 11: 4 - 6 p.m., rehearsal for Dec. 15 program, "Believe;" 6 p.m., Soup Supper at Community Cornell; 7 p.m., Advent Worship.
• DEC. 13: 9:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study at Hudelson's in Pontiac; 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., rehearsal for "Believe;" 8 p.m., AA.
• DEC. 14: 2:30 - 4:45 p.m., rehearsal for "Believe."
• DEC. 15 – Advent Youth-Led Family Worship: 8:15 a.m., Call time to be in sanctuary for youth; 9:15 a.m., Fellowship breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship; Youth lead "Believe."
• DEC. 17: Poinsettia orders due; 4 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army/Compassion Ministry.
• DEC. 18: 6 p.m., Advent Soup Supper in Chenoa; 7 p.m., Advent Worship.
• DEC. 19: Annual Reports due into office for all committees except Financial, Christmas Dinners, Salvation Army Bell Ringing.
• DEC. 20: No Women's Bible Study.

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815-483-9343 Cell
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Pastor Karen Fabian
• 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service.
• Christmas Eve service, 8:30 p.m.

EMINGTON

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ

103 Division Street
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• DEC. 15: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Sermon title: "Predictions about Jesus."

Holy Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Luke 1:47-55

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.

ODELL

St. Paul Catholic Church


200 S. West St.
Father Chris G. Haake, Pastor
• DEC. 11: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m. Mass.
• DEC. 15: 8 a.m., Mass.
• DEC. 18: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m. Mass.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
FOR GARDNER COMMUNITY
CONSOLIDATED GRADE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 72C**

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for Gardner Community Consolidated Grade School District 72C will be held on December 18, 2019 at 6:55 p.m. in the Gardner Grade School Board Room.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Michael Merritt, District Superintendent/Principal at 598 N. Elm Street or by phone at 815-237-2313.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2018 were \$604,135.56. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$629,328.00. This represents a 4.17% change over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt services and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$55,547.51. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$56,087.50. This represents a 1% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$659,683.07. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$685,415.50. This represents a 3.90% increase over the previous year.



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