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HAPPY New Year!



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Partaking in Pot in 2020?

What You Should Know

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

In just one week, you can sit back on the couch in the comfort of your new home after a long day at work, turn on an episode of The Simpsons, and smoke a maryjane.

Sales for adult recreational use become effective January 1 as Illinois follows 10 other states and the District of Columbia in legalizing pot.

If you'll be partaking in pot in 2020, here's what you need to know, according to the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois.

WHO CAN SMOKE IT:

You must be 21 or older to purchase, possess or use it.

WHERE CAN YOU SMOKE IT:

Pretty much in a private home. You can't smoke in bars, restaurants, parks, in homes licensed as daycares, on preschool/primary/secondary school grounds, correctional centers or in proximity to anyone under 21. Your landlords can also say no to marijuana use.

WHERE CAN I BUY IT?

Only state-approved dispensaries can sell it. The closest ones to Dwight are 3C Compassionate Care Center in Joliet and NuMed in Urbana. Licensed dispensaries will be companions to the existing medical marijuana facilities. By May 1, 2020, the state will award licenses for up to 75 new dispensaries. By December 21, 2021, the state will award licenses for 110 more.

Dispensaries can be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Find a map of licensed dispensaries at the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation website at https://www.idfpr.com.

WHAT CAN I BUY?

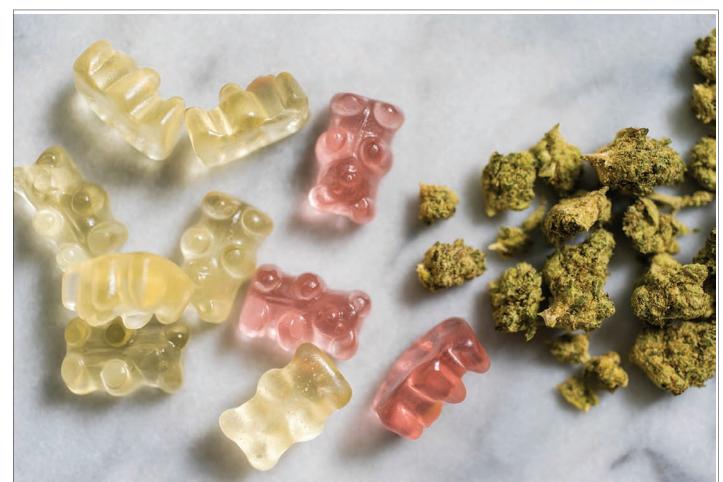
Dispensaries offer a full range of products to meet customers' needs: flower, concentrates, and infused products such as oils and edibles. Expect the most shortages initially in flower, and you should have more options in oils, concentrates and infused products.

HOW MUCH CAN I BUY?

Illinois residents 21 and older may possess 30 grams of cannabis flower, 500 mg of THC-infused edible products (amount is cumulative, regardless of being in a single product or multiple products), or 5 grams of concentrate. Non-Illinois residents can possess half of these amounts.

HOW OFTEN CAN YOU PURCHASE?

This gets a little confusing. Recreational purchasing limits have not yet been set by the state but are expected to be similar to other



BEGINNING JANUARY 1, MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES will offer a full range of products to meet recreational customers' needs: flower, concentrates, and infused products such as oils and edibles.

states, where purchasing limits match possession limits.

Illinois implements a similar system for medical patients, and the same is expected for adult-use sales. To purchase medical marijuana, a qualifying patient must register and possess a valid registry identification card by the Department of Public Health.

Qualifying patients are allowed to purchase an "adequate supply" of medical marijuana. The standard measurement of an adequate supply is 2.5 ounces every 14 days. A patient may apply for a waiver to purchase more than 2.5 ounces if a physician provides a signed, written statement.

HOW DO I TRANSPORT MARIJUANA ONCE I BUY IT?

When transporting it in a vehicle, it must be in a sealed, childresistant container and inaccessible during driving.

WHAT IF I GET CAUGHT DRIVING WHILE HIGH?

It is illegal for a driver or passenger to consume recreational

or medical cannabis inside of a vehicle. You can be charged with DUI for cannabis use.

CAN I TAKE IT ACROSS STATE LINES?

CAN I JUST GROW IT MYSELF?

No. Cannabis is still illegal federally, and you are committing a federal crime if you take it across state lines.

No. Under the new law, it is illegal for adults to grow their own

cannabis. You have to purchase at a licensed dispensary.

DOES ANYTHING CHANGE UNDER THE NEW LAW

FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE? Beginning on January 1, medical cannabis patients may grow up to five plants at their residence, with a limit of five plants per

household, regardless of the number of patients residing in the

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW ——

Detention Center was Talk of the Town

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucie rachaelthepaper@gmail.com

The biggest story of the year brought out both anger and compassion in people near and far, but in the end, it was amazingly anticlimactic: the proposed immigrant detention center in Dwight.

In its January 23 edition, *The Paper* was the first to report that a private firm, Immigration Centers of America, headquartered in Farmville, Va., wanted to build a \$45 million center to house some 1,200 illegal immigrants awaiting status hearings.

It would have been an economic boon for Dwight: 360 highpaying jobs, and the village would have received \$1 per detainee per day under the proposal -- as much as \$438,000 a year.

Once news spread, protesters came out in force, flocking to Dwight from miles away to attend village hearings and make their views known that it is unethical -- inhumane -- to imprison people who have not committed a crime.

Residents of Dwight also expressed their feelings on the dilemma: good jobs and a new stream of revenue, or be known as the town with the largest immigrant detention center in America.

In March, as some 200 people packed the bleachers at Dwight Township High School, the village board, in what was the most controversial decision officials have made in years, approved annexation and zoning agreements with ICA, first steps toward

building a detention center.

But coalitions for immigrant rights continued to press for reform. After months of controversy, on June 21, any possibility of an immigration center being built in Dwight came to a screeching halt: Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed three bills into law. One of them was HB 2040, which bans the development of private, for-profit detention centers in the state.

In an instant, all was silent.

The promise of jobs and revenue may have been the biggest story of the year for Dwight. Certainly the biggest story in recent memory. But 2019 saw other news in the area. A new healthcare center opened in Dwight. Shopko closed. Area farmers faced one of the most difficult planting seasons in years. Recreational marijuana was legalized. Streets in downtown Dwight were torn up and improved. And we saw the deaths of many well-known residents, including China Oughton at age 97 and "Mr. Baseball," Jim Enger, who died at age 73.

Take a look back on 2019 in our two-part year-end series. It begins on Page 3 with the first half of the year, and continues in next week's The Paper with the second half.

As we look back, hopefully what we've learned will help us ring in a healthy and prosperous 2020. (Continued on Page 3)





FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

December 12: Vincent E. Kelly, 26, Dwight, drive w/o lights/cyc/3rd+,1yr; Gabrielle L. Dulabhan, 30, Streator, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Katie L. Genisio, 19, Saunemin, driving during suspen-

December 13: Vincent E. Kelly, 26, Dwight, drive w/o lights/cyc/3rd+,1yr, carry/display license/permit, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Brandon G. Sheldon, 27, Coal City, no valid regis./1st and 2nd; Natasha N. Gundlach, 35, Metamora, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Michael A. Patton, 52, Peotone, driving 21-25 MPH above limit.

December 14: Cole T. Mager, 27, Crown Point, IN, fail to stop at intersection, squealing/screeching tires.

December 15: Tyler T. Anderson, 26, Dwight, driving under influence of alcohol.

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

11 Written Warnings

Only one tail light -2; expired registration – 4; no registration plate light – 4; fail to stop at intersection -1.

Dwight Police Blotter

December 15: 12:30 a.m., Dwight Police arrested Tyler T. Anderson, Dwight, for DUI. The vehicle was stopped on N/B/ Prairie Ave. The vehicle was towed from the scene and impounded. Anderson was taken to Dwight Police Dept., where he was processed and given a court date. Anderson was able to post bond and was

Accident Report Friday, December 13, 11:49



p.m., an accident was reported at Old Rt. 66 at W. William involving a 1998 Buick 4-door, driven by James R. Donovan, Dwight, which struck a 2012 Buick 4-door, driven by Anna M. Pearson, Coal City, while attempting to pull out of a busi-

Saturday, December 14, 3:01 p.m., an accident was reported on the 100 block of S. Franklin involving a 2007 Chevrolet Kodiak, driven by Dennis W. Webster, Essex, which struck a parked and driverless 2008 Pontiac G6, owned by Kenneth Schieman, Saunemin.

Wednesday, December 18, 7:26 a.m., an accident was reported at 304 S. Union St. involving a 2012 Volkswagen Bug, driven by Avery Ohlendorf, Dwight, which struck a 1993 Ford, driven by Jamie R. Henson, Pontiac, while attempting to back out from a driveway; 5:10 p.m., an accident was reported on East Main involving a 2018 Ford Tau., driven by Delmar Hancock, Dwight, which struck a parked 2011 Buick Luc., owned by Becky Heinrich, while attempting to back up.

Thursday, December 19, 7:55 a.m., a single-vehicle accident was reported at 801 S. Franklin St. involving a 2008 Chrysler Utility, driven by Jacob Maccani, which, for unknown reasons, left the roadway and struck a section of fence owned by Dwight Township High School.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 12: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical,

December 13: Mazon, fire; Old Mazon, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Mazon.

December 14: Old Rt. 66,

medical, St. Mary's. December 15: Columbia,

medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Riverside. December 16: John, med-

ical, Morris; Washington, medical, refusal. December 17: Chippewa,

December 18: Main, medal Morris

December 19: COQ to Coal City, mutual aid to Coal City; Division, medical, mutual aid to Coal City; Rt. 47, trauma,

Morris; Rt. 47, trauma, refusal,

mutual aid from Coal City.

Gardner Man Killed in Kankakee County

At 5:24 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, a crash occurred on Route 113 at 3970 W in Kankakee County involving a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt and a 2013 Freightliner Semi with a

Preliminary investigations indicated the Chevrolet, driven by Terry A. Rosenthal, 64, of Gardner, was traveling eastbound on Route 113 at approximately 3900 W. The semi, driven by Jimmy Allen, 49, of Angelton, TX, was traveling westbound at the same location. The Chevy went off the roadway and into the ditch, then overcorrected and came back onto the roadway and into the path of the semi. The semi struck the Chevrolet.

Rosenthal was pronounced deceased on scene by the Kankakee County Coroner's Office.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS around Dwight. Many residents decorated their homes for the holidays. Take a ride and see the displays.

Temps - 2019

Dec. 12 - high 44°, low 21° Dec. 13 – high 47°, low 28° Dec. 14 – high 32°, low 19° Dec. 15 – high 25°, low 19° 2" snow

Dec. 16 - high 29°, low 11° Dec. 17 - high 25°, low 11° Dec. 18 – high 17°, low 6°

One Year Ago-Dec. 25, 2018 high 48°, low 22°

Dwight Village Office To Close **Dec. 25** and Jan. 1

The Dwight Village Office, 209 S. Prairie Ave., will be closed Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day, and Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day.

Trash Pickup

A reminder regarding trash pickup: both Wednesdays' and Thursdays' regular pickup will be one day later each week = on Thursday and Friday of the holiday weeks.

Give peace a chance. - John Lennon



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Year-end – Time for Some New Year's Financial Resolutions

Have you thought about your New Year's resolutions for 2020? When many of us make these promises, we focus on ways we can improve some form of our health. Or we promise to improve our mental health by learning a new language or instrument. But it's also important to think about our financial health - so it's a good idea to develop some appropriate resolutions for this area, too.

What kinds of financial resolutions might you make? Here are a few suggestions:

Increase your retirement plan contributions. One of the best financial moves you can make is to take full advantage of your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income will be for the year, and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if your salary goes up in 2020, increase the amount you put into to your

Use "found" money wisely. During the course of the next year, you may well receive some money outside vour normal paychecks, such as a bonus or a tax refund. It can be tempting to spend this money, but you could use it to help fund your IRA for the year or to fill a gap in another investment account.

Don't overreact to market downturns. A common investment mistake is overreacting to temporary market downturns by selling investments at the wrong time (when their prices are down) and staying out of the market until things calm down (and possibly missing the next rally). The financial markets always fluctuate, but if you can resolve to stay invested and follow a consistent, long-term strategy, you can avoid making some

Be financially prepared for the unexpected. Even if you're diligent about saving and investing for your long-term goals, you can encounter obstacles along the way. If you aren't prepared for these costs, you might have to dip in to your long-term investments to pay for them. You may want to keep sufficient cash, or cash equivalents, in your investment accounts. Or you might want to maintain a completely separate account as an emergency fund, with the money kept in low-risk, liquid vehicles. If possible, try to maintain at least six months' worth of living expenses in this account.

It will take some effort but following these resolutions could help you move closer to your financial goals in 2020 – and beyond.

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3-month

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to Avoid Driving Impaired, **Distracted During Holiday Season** Illinois Secretary of State a 4.5-star rating, among the nation's highest, for the state's ef-

Jesse White Urges Motorists

Jesse White is reminding motorists not to drive under the influence of alcohol or cannabis, and not to drive distracted, during the holiday season.

Beginning January 1, 2020, recreational marijuana will be legal in Illinois. However, driving high is not.

"If you are pulled over for driving high, you will get a DUI," White said.

White also thanked Mothers Against Drunk

forts to combat drunk driving. White applauded MADD for its ongoing campaign to eliminate drunk driving.

• In 2018, from Christmas Eve to Christmas Day, five of the 13 driving fatalities (39%) were due to driving impaired in Illinois, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

• In 2018, one of the five fatal-Driving ities (20%) from New Year's (MADD) for awarding Illinois Eve to New Year's Day in Illi-

nois were due to driving impaired, according to IDOT. • In 2017, 27,046 DUI arrests

were recorded by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

White suggests that those consuming alcohol or cannabis during celebrations take public transportation, a cab or a ridesharing service, or designate a sober driver. White also reminds everyone to use safety belts and avoid driving while distracted, with a strong emphasis on not texting while driving.



DROP IT AND DRIVE

Did you know?

home or when traveling. You home. never know when you might need a flashlight, and it's hand. When stocking up on flashlights for emergency kits, choose ones with light- gency gear in their vehicles. emitting diode, or LED, technology. According to Popular may carry supplies, 30 percent Mechanics, LED flashlights never check to determine if are 70 percent more efficient than incandescent models. The National Safety Council That means the batteries says that drivers should always powering the light have the keep emergency supply kits in potential to last 10 times the trunks or cargo areas of their longer. Furthermore, LEDs do not have any fragile parts like incandescent bulbs. That makes them more likely to placed. withstand shock or even endure being dropped.

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Stock the car for Roadside Emergencies

Disasters can happen in a emergency kits, which should flash, and having a plan in place A flashlight is an invaluable for common emergency situapart of any disaster prepared- tions can make it easier to hanness kit, and it's a handy tool dle adverse conditions, • Jumper cables to have on hand in a car, at particularly when away from • A multipurpose utility tool

According to MFASCO Health and Safety, a supplier of helpful to have many on first aid supplies and kits, 90 percent of people do not carry first aid supplies or other emer-

Among those who they're in good working order. vehicles. Kits should be inspected every six months, and worn out items should be re-

Roadside emergency kits can make the difference between getting back on the road safely or being stranded for hours. Such kits also may help prevent or treat injuries, potentially saving lives.

Weather should be considered when preparing vehicle include the following.

• A properly inflated spare tire and tire-changing equipment

and/or tool kit

• Flashlight and batteries

• Flares or triangle reflectors

• An extra quart of motor oil

• A first-aid kit containing at the least, gauze, tape, bandages, antibiotic ointment, aspirin, nonlatex gloves, scissors. hydrocortisone, thermometer, tweezers, and instant cold compress

· A blanket

• A tire pressure gauge

• A portable tire inflator Paper towels

foods Drinking water

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• A reflective vest

• Duct tape • A fire extinguisher

An ice scraper

• A folding shovel • Coolant and washer fluid

A phone charger

· Baby/child supplies, if perti-

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Dwight High School District Approves Tax Levy December Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty

madelynfogarty@yahoo.com Once again, members of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education members took a divided stance when they met on December 18 to set the 2019 Tax Levy.

According to the three county tax assessors for Livingston, Grundy and LaSalle Counties, which make up the Dwight Township High School District, the total EAV for levy year 2019 is projected to be \$149,227,682 reflecting a significant 7.17 percent increase over last year. In 2018, the levy increased 6.55 percent and in 2017 the increase was 4.55 percent.

With the increased EAV and a healthy overall financial standing, including a substantial \$4.1 million balance at the end of FY18 in the District's Education Fund and \$6.5 million over all funds, the BOE discussed a tax rate reduction with board members disagreeing on how much of a reduction they were comfortable accept-

Board President Brian Perschnick and BOE member Kevin Berta encouraged a larger tax rate reduction and proposed a rate that would keep the district whole but not bring in any new money.

"I would like to see us hold steady compared to last year with no rate increase taking the EAV into consideration," said Perschnick.

They asked their fellow board members to consider the District's substantial surplus and whether there is any need to keep accumulating additional fund balances. Board President Brian Perschnick suggested lowering the rate in the district's Operation and Maintenance Fund due to the HVAC project bond being paid off thereby making monies available to replace dollars lost Gantzert favored the 2.6675 by the suggested O&M rate reduction. A motion to reduce the rate and hold the extension failed.

While other board members acknowledged the district's very healthy financial status, most were cautious and wary of being too aggressive with regards to a reduced levy.

"It is much harder to sell a tax increase than it is to lower taxes," said BOE member Tim Henson. Henson argued that current healthy balances were inherited due to good financial planning by previous boards and did not want to get into a position where the district would have to come back at some point and ask taxpayers for a tax increase.

Perschnick and Berta held firm in their belief that current fund balances would sustain the district without the need for additional money.

"We are not trying to take us backward," said Berta. "And we are not trying to reduce the amount of money we have sitting in our fund balances. We are saying there is enough there, they don't need to continue to grow."

Other board members remained cautious.

"I like compromises," said BOE member Betty Gantzert. "I don't mind lowering it some more, I just worry about how much lower."

After much discussion, the board approved an overall total tax levy rate of 2.668 with an extension of \$3,980,692. This is a reduction from the 2108 overall total tax levy rate of 2.756. However, due to the increased EAV, the projected 3.71 percent extension increase will bring \$142,385 of new money to the Dwight High School District.

Board members Tim Henson, Anne Rodosky, and Betty

overall rate with Brian Perschnick and Kevin Berta opposed. Not present to vote were board members Paul Warner and Max Sulzberger.

In other financial business, it was reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the district \$59,257.70 in mandated categorical payments.

In other business, Athletic Director Andy Pittenger reported that the IHSA has approved a proposal to repeal the new districting structure that was to take effect in 2021, meaning the structure of IHSA football and football playoffs will remain unchanged. At this time, and despite the new ruling, DTHS is not planning to re-enter into a football co-op with Gardner-South Wilmington High School.

In another matter, with the district in need of an Industrial Arts teacher and with a current shortage in the field, Dr. Jancek recommended that the district work to retain the program and pursue finding a teacher to fill the full time position. If no qualified candidate is found, Dr. Jancek discussed the possibility of bringing back retired teacher Jeff Froelich for one year to fill the position.

Dr. Jancek provided an update on the elevator project, reporting that a prebid meeting was expected to be held on Dec. 19 with bid openings on January 7. After delays, the project is planned to take place in 2020.

Lindsey Jensen, DTHS English teacher and 2018 Illinois Teacher of the Year, shared with the board work she is doing with ISBE to help address the teacher recruitment issue in Illinois. Part of that is trying to elevate the Teacher of the Year program. A film crew was brought into Jensen's classroom to film her talking

about her pedagogy methodology and what the Teacher of Year program did, not only for her, but for her students. Jensen stressed the importance of rural schools being heard in these discussions.

"I am just really proud that we are this small, rural school that is contributing to this conversation," said Jensen. "It is one of the most important conversations happening at ISBE right now."

In other actions, the BOE:

 approved Mitch Thompson, Head Girls Track Coach.

 accepted the resignation of Melissa Funk, Assistant Girls Track Coach.

• approved payment of bills as presented.

• discussed IASB Press Plus Board Policy Updates.

• approved Health Alliance as 2020 Employee Health Insurance Provider.

• approved Humana as 2020 Employee Dental Insurance Provider.

• approved Humana as 2020 Employee Vision Insurance Provider.

• approved Dearborn National as 2020 Employee Life Insurance Provider.

The board entered into closed executive sessions to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body; and also to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

The next meeting of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, in the DTHS Board Room. Meetings are open to the pub-

the corner

by Tom Tock

I was ready to take on some possibly controversial subjects this week, but can't really shake that 2020 new year mood.

I was going to write about variances, for instance.

Dwight has okayed several significant variances recently, with nothing but "ayes" from Zoning Board members, followed by the same from the Village Council.

Is the Zoning Board or Village Council really thinking long term on these matters, or just going through the motions for granting requests?

We should realize a town full of variances does not attract new homebuilders. 'nuff said. For now.

Let there be light! Downtown Dwight has taken on an entirely new after-dark appearance with the installation of LEDs on existing East Main Street poles.

New fixtures and lights on recently paved East and West Main Streets will be installed when finances permit, but the new LEDs have now transformed East Street into a much brighter area after the sun goes down. Come see.

It's Lights Out at Arby's. Another business has closed in Dwight. Arby's on Route 47

at Northbrook Drive down and moved out last week without saying goodbye.

It is known that Arby's owner, Inspire Brands, recently closed a deal to purchase Jimmy Johns in October of this year, Buffalo Wild Wings and Sonic in 2018. That makes Inspire Brands the fourth largest restaurant company in the U.S.

CEO Paul Brown has said one of his first objectives was to achieve scale, and "it now allows us to be very selective about what we do next."

And that doesn't include running Arby's in Dwight.

Greg Snodgrass, director of operations for the Miller Group which includes 18 other Arby's in the Bloomington/Peoria areas, told The Paper "the Group had 20 great years in Dwight," but Dwight, the northernmost location in that group, "no longer fit the financial plans of its investors."

Note to residents of Dwight:

Street lights occasionally go out in the community, and it behooves all of us to notify the village if those lights aren't returned to normal service in a timely manner.

Lights prevent accidents and burglaries.

Happy New Year!



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6-9 P.M.

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—— 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW ——

New Year Brings New Healthcare Center to Dwight

JANUARY

Morris Hospital's newlypolished Dwight Healthcare Center on South Prairie Avenue opened to patients. Providers and services in Dwight are now under one roof following \$300,000 in renovations.

two Dwight offices following Dr. Michael Cichon's retirement. All other providers moved from the former South John Street location to 101 S. Prairie Ave., along with a new doctor, Jaynee Pendergast, D.O., family medicine. She joined Dr. Mark Passerman, D.O., family medicine; Kathy Ulivi, board certified family nurse practitioner; and Dr. Athar Saeed, M.D., cardiology. The renovation added 1.700 square feet of previously unused space within the 5,200square-foot building. There are four additional exam rooms, bringing the total to nine, 12 more parking spaces, a new registration area, enlarged doorways to better accommodate wheelchairs, and more work space for staff.

Dwight Welcomes New Police K9, Spyke

Two young men may have thought they could get away with a burglary spree of cell phone stores in Bloomington, Normal and Urbana, but a quick-witted canine named Spyke tracked them down -- lit-

a scent from the phones and tracked it to two juveniles matching the description of the suspects hiding inside a car in rested them and found they were in possession of stolen property as well as a vehicle reported stolen by the Hazel Crest Police Department. Eleven cell phones were recovered from the car, according to the police report.

It was a proud moment for Officer Watson McKee, Spyke's handler, and Spyke was off and running in his career helping men and women in uniform catch the bad guys.

Spyke, a Belgian Malinois, came to Dwight after beloved K9 Katscho, a German Shepherd, was euthanized because of an inoperable tumor.

Blackstone Hog Farmer Celebrates Growth with New Barn

Livingston County has two new pork producers, Kevin and Tabitha Defenbaugh of Black-

vested \$800,000 for a new 20,000-square-foot Hog Slat building sitting on 10 acres. Dwight's new K9 picked up Hog Slat is the largest contractor and manufacturer of hog equipment in the United States. The building can hold 2,496 heads of hog, Kevin said. There The hospital consolidated its town. Bloomington police, are 24 pens; each can hold who assisted in the search, arabout 100 pigs.

Visitors had a chance to tour the modern pig barn before the animals moved in. The barn

features curtain-sided tunnel ventilation and other new technology. There are automatic fans, access to feed and water around the clock, and a controlled environment to create a safe living condition for pigs. With enough room to raise 5,000 pigs each year, the Defenbaughs will produce more than 5 million slices of bacon.

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Read The Paper Every Week!



We did not publish a 2020 Calendar.

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Fri., Sat. 11-7



I always knew the Marinestraining is rough, but that's down-right brutal! I'm scared to even think of what poor bill may be doing at this moment!





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Gas Prices For This Week The national gas price average is lower

in December due to less demand and increasing stock prices. Gas demand is at the lowest since mid February and the stock levels are the highest since this summer. Happy New Year and drive safe.

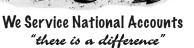
City/Village	Dec.25	Dec.18
Dwight	\$2.46	\$2.57
Kankakee	\$2.50	\$2.70
S. Wilmington	\$2.59	\$2.59
Streator	\$2.51	\$2.33
Odell	\$2.59	\$2.57
Pontiac	\$2.54	\$2.47
Gardner	\$2.58	\$2.58
Braceville	\$2.49	\$2.50
Morris	\$2.46	\$2.47
Herscher	\$2.53	\$2.59
Chicago	\$3.19	\$3.07
Illinois	\$2.60	\$2.64
U.S.	\$2.55	\$2.55

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

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7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.





AS CONSTRUCTION NEARS COMPLETION, pictured, from left, Beth Bomba, Lora Cerny, and Ana Banuelos are eager to begin caring for patients in Morris Hospital's new Emergency Department. The community will have the opportunity to tour the new emergency department and other newly renovated areas of the hospital during an open house Sunday, January 12, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Community Invited to See Morris Hospital **Renovations Jan. 12**

Morris Hospital is hosting a community open house Sunday, January 12, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., to celebrate the completion of the first phase of a major modernization project. The first 300 children will receive a free Teeny Ty® stuffed

Guests will get to go behind-the-scenes of the new emergency department before the anticipated February opening for patient care. The new emergency department features all private exam rooms, a separate, low acuity area to expedite treatment of patients with less serious illness and injuries, and enhanced trauma and critical care treatment areas.

Tours of the new infusion therapy center, new women's imaging center, new main lobby, and new outpatient lab will also be provided, along with demonstrations of the new house should park in the main that's coming to Morris Hospital in early 2020.

Renovations began in the spring of 2019 as part of a \$33.5 million, multi-phase modernization project that is designed to enhance patient Hospital website or Facebook and visitor comfort, experi-

ence, and privacy, while optimizing use of space for patient care services. This is the first major renovation on the hospital main campus since 2006.

Additional phases of the modernization project will result in a new cardiac diagnostic testing area and renovated diagnostic imaging department.

Children should take their favorite stuffed animal to the open house for a medical check-up performed by Emergency Department staff. There will also be an opportunity to climb aboard an ambulance and visit with hospital staff and therapy dogs while learning how to stay safe and healthy. Everyone who attends will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Fit Bit Versa 2, with three winners selected.

Guests going to the open self-registration technology parking area on the east side of the hospital campus and enter through the main entrance. In case of inclement weather on January 12, anyone planning to attend the open house is encouraged to check the Morris page before leaving home.

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GSW High School Board Hears Levy Review

Wilmington High School Board met December 18, a public hearing was held by Board members, but with no public comment on the 2019 Levy.

Superintendent Josh De-Long reviewed the Levy process and reported that GSW received the Grundy County Assessor's EAV report on November 27. He stated that last month the District was forced to do a balloon levy and declare a truth in taxation notice because of the delay in receiving figures from the Assessor's Office.

"After receiving the Assessor's projected 2019 EAV for GSW, it is estimated to increase approximately \$4.5 million for a 7.65% increase and a projected EAV of \$63,348,943. Using the Assessor's increase in EAV, it is recommended a tax rate of \$2.6139 for a total extension of \$1,655,879. That tax rate would represent a slight decrease from last year's tax rate and be similar with the 2017 rate," Supt. DeLong stated.

During the regular Board meeting, a thank you note was received from the GSW HS Athletic Boosters for the Board's donation and support of Orange & Black Night.

Supt. DeLong presented on the following:

- GSW HS has five State Scholars this year, the highest academic honor a high school senior student can receive: Taylor Bartels, Nolan Perkins, Carson Halpin, Kaitlynn Kavanaugh and Jack James.
- SIP team, staff meetings, and future collaboration meetings: are regularly-scheduled

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When the Gardner - South and have started with plans for a "Book Study," to read a book over a two-to-three month period, then meeting to discuss it.

- The state is offering a \$50,000 matching grant for a \$100,000 total project, for which Mr. DeLong has submitted for gym renovations.
- · Elizabeth Fortier received the GAVC Director's Award in Health Occupations in November. Ellie is a junior, and is in her first year at GAVC.
- Mr. DeLong and the three feeder schools met with Illinois Central Bus to discuss upcoming bus contracts.
- · All involved in the Nashville Trip had a fun time.
- We are in the process of finding a place for the rock from Samantha Serena, GSW graduate and former Pantherette coach.
- · Plans are in process to resurface and repaint the gym floor, and paint the gym this summer. The possibility of removing the drop ceiling to expose the actual "dome ceiling," painting, hanging new light fixtures and newer, bigger fans is being looked into.

Tentative summer projects over the next few years include: Gym renovation, summer of 2020; Cafeteria and kitchen, summer of 2021; parking lot, 2022; and library floor,

Five action items included: approve 2019 Tax Levy; approve Certificate of Compliance with Truth and Taxation; appoint the Superintendent to review Closed Session Minutes; approve the Threat Assessment Team; and hire Dion Tjelle as full-time night-time custodian.

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To My Clients: I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience I may have caused. I appreciate your understanding and am so sorry. I miss you all and hope to see some of you in the New Year.

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FEBRUARY

Saunemin, Population 400, Raises \$690,000 for a New Church

Hopes for a new Saunemin United Methodist Church were realized after a pulled pork fundraiser March 9 at Saunemin Grade School that helped them get closer to their goal of \$691,200. SUMC broke ground in 2018 for a 6,000square-foot building, and the church was finished in the sum-

Shopko Closes

The closing of Dwight's Shopko Hometown was heartbreaking for many residents. It meant shopping for necessities, groceries, medicine, clothing, electronics and home decor required a trip out of town to such places as Morris, Pontiac or Kankakee, each at least a half hour away.

Deb Karch, director of economic development for the DEA, said 2,000 people signed a petition to keep the store open. It was sent to Shopko executives, along with dozens of pages of documents discussing incentives and ways the DEA would work with the company

But that never came to fruition, and the store officially closed its doors in March.

Final Four for Dwight Redbirds

The Dwight Redbirds made it to the final four in the Illinois Elementary School Association Class 2A 8th Grade Tournament. They beat Champaign St. Matthew 30-26 in the first round, but lost to Springfield Christ the King 62-31 in the semifinal round.

Klingler Brings Home 5th Place at State for Trojan Wrestling

Four Dwight Township High School wrestlers competed for the first time in the Trojan wrestling program's history at the 2019 IHSA State Finals in Champaign. They earned a total of eight wins between them, led by senior Cameron Klingler, of Gardner-South Wilmington, who won four matches to a fifth-place medal and a trip to the Championship podium for the 170 lb. weight class.

No Injuries in Press Fire at **LSC Communications**

One of the presses accidentally overheated and caused a fire at LSC Communications in Dwight. There were no injuries and everyone in the building evacuated by the time Dwight Fire Protection arrived on the scene. They found a large, twolevel printing press in flames with fire venting through the roof on the south side of the building. The sprinkler system

was activated when crews arrived and they were able to contain the fire to the press units and roof area in about 20

Joan Bullard became a Realtor and broker 20 years ago and never slowed down. That hard work was recognized by the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce: Bullard was named the 2019 Business Person of

as her secretary.

Bullard grew up in Missouri and attended Vincennes University, but never finished. She moved to Odell in 1980 with her husband Bob. Together they built and operated US Co-Tronics Coil Factory in 1985, but eventually sold the business in 2000. That was around the time her husband was diagnosed with diabetes, heart disease and later, Alzheimer's. He passed away in 2008, but she took care of him for many years while he was sick. As the family breadwinner, she had to find a way to support him and take care of him at the same time. Bullard and her husband had several rental properties at the time and were using other Realtors, so she thought, why not get her own license and do it herself. So she did, and took Bob with her on the job every

Today, she is one of the busiest real estate agents in the county. In 20 years, she's gained not only clients -- they sold 87 houses in 2018 -- but a family. She goes to clients' graduations, baptisms and weddings. At work, she encourages staff to bring their children to work. She even has a playpen

minutes.

Joan Bullard Named

Business Person of the Year the Year in February.

Bullard owns Joan Bullard Realty in Odell and she and her staff serve Livingston, Grundy, and McLean counties. She has four grown children, one of whom, Melissa Schultz, works





THE DWIGHT REDBIRDS MADE IT TO THE FINAL FOUR in the Illinois Elementary School Association Class 2A 8th Grade Tournament. Back row, from left, coaches Tom Conroy and Joey Briner, Jace Kern, Trey Downen, Michael Gamble, Brayden Long, Clayton Peck, Parker Miner and coach Joe Stevenson. Front row, from left, Brady Kelleher, Reid Legner, Dawson Carr, Jace Gall and Noah Scott.

in another room. And although she has 12 grandkids of her own, she does this because she needs that "baby fix."

"My team really is a family," she said.

MARCH

Coach Larry Lane Retiring from Cross Country

After nearly 50 years as a running coach, Larry Lane, of Reddick, retired from cross country at Dwight Township and Gardner South Wilmington High Schools.

His career brought him great joy seeing many state qualifiers and state medalists, including the 1995 girls' team that placed fifth at state. He's had valedictorians and salutatorians on his teams, and has seen kids suc-

ceed after high school thanks to running, which takes self-discipline, endurance and strength -- all things that help them succeed in their lives and ca-

Lane graduated from Effingham High School in 1966 and then earned his degree at Northern Illinois University. He was a basketball and running coach the entire time he served as a Dwight Grade School physical education teacher. He retired in 2003 but continued to coach the Dwight and GSW co-op. He got the "running bug" in college, where he ran a couple of miles a day. That turned into distance running, with many marathons under his belt. Lane, a longtime resident of Reddick, would run 25 miles a week in the country.

Between high school basketball, cross country and track, Lane said he's coached 11 months out of the year for the past 25 years. He said it was finally time now to slow it

R b Ford in Gardner **Closes Its Doors**

Gardner's main source of tax revenue shriveled up in March when Rūb Ford closed.

"I think it caught a lot of people off guard," said Gardner Mayor Mike Serena. "We certainly hate to have that happen to the downtown area."

The dealership, which was at 219 Liberty St. and had been in business for 32 years, closed in mid-February. Serena said it was the village's largest source of sales tax. When the dealership publicly disclosed it had closed on Facebook February 21, customers were surprised but also shared memories of having bought multiple vehicles from the dealership.

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

Dwight Township High School musicians headed to one of the most magical places on earth -- Disney World -- in March.

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

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

Thirty-two students, fresh-

man through senior class, and 11 chaperones, flew out on March 23 and returned March

APRIL

Dwight College Student Headed to Mexico on Fulbright-Hays Award

Emily Soto came to Northern Illinois University from Dwight to study business, but ended up enrolling in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction as an Elementary Education major.

The Mortar Board Senior Honor Society member graduated in May with her B.S.Ed. and an ESL endorsement. In June, Soto's on-the-go spirit took her to Oaxaca, Mexico, as part of a month-long Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Award. The Huskie is joining a cohort from Illinois State University that received the nearly \$85,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

"I'm an on-the-go person. I love working with kids. I spend my summers working at a pool. I teach swim lessons, and I'm the head coach of the swim team," said Soto, who also served on the Student Council for Exceptional Children and on her department's Student Advisory Committee. "I want to make a difference, and be a role model, for my students," she added. "My goal is to work in a bilingual classroom."

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DWIGHT SHOPPERS were sad to see the Shopko store close in early 2019.





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Unpossible Mead Wins Gold Medal at Mead Crafters Competition



Unpossible Mead, Dwight, earned a Gold Medal from the National Honey Board's annual Mead Crafters Competition.

Unpossible Mead's popular mead Lipgloss & Gunpowder was awarded a Gold Medal from the National Honey Board's annual Mead Crafters Competition.

This marks owner Brian Galbreath's first award since ning mead was composed of nois areas.

opening his tasting room in Dwight in 2018.

Galbreath's mead placed in the Dry Metheglin Mead category. Metheglin meads are flavored with herbs and spices. Lipgloss & Gunpowder's win-

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Basswood Blossom honey and spiced with hibiscus and pink peppercorn – resulting in a dry mead with a 7.5 percent alcohol by volume.

"It is such an honor to have one of my meads recognized," said Galbreath. "Making mead is all about finding flavors that layer well together with the honey. To know this was a success to this level is a real boost of confidence to keep doing what I love."

The competition recognizes the best meads in the United States across 11 categories. This year's competition judged 344 entries. The BJCP-certified Mead Crafters Competition was judged by mead certified judges, mead makers, and sommeliers. The submitted meads were judged on their aroma, appearance, flavor, and overall impression.

There is plenty of *Lipgloss* & Gunpowder on tap and bottled at Galbreath's tasting room, Unpossible Mead, located at 111 E. Chippewa St. in Dwight. Current hours are Friday and Saturday, 6:00-11:00

Galbreath was born and raised in Coal City, where he currently resides with his wife and son. He opened Unpossible Mead with a focus on Session Meads, Barrel Aged Meads, and a Wild Cultured Fermentation program.

Unpossible Mead can be found at select locations in Chicagoland and in Central Illi-

St. Paul, Odell, Enrollment Shows Growth

In the December 22 issue of The Catholic Post, newspaper of the Diocese of Peoria, a story of enrollment in diocesan Catholic schools included St. Paul, Odell, which is the smallest school in the diocese.

St. Paul is "proving to be small, but mighty, with 11 children in kindergarten. That's the largest kindergarten since 2005 for the school, which has 19 students in the preschool program this year."

The Post stated, "They have a tremendous passion for Catholic education in the community of Odell, shared by not

only the school families and the teachers, but also by the parishioners.'

It continued: "There's an intergenerational passion for that school and for ensuring that children are raised in the faith. Father Chris Haake, pastor in Odell and St. Patrick in Dwight, has been a big proponent of Catholic education and instrumental in getting families to enroll their students in the school."

St. Paul's enrollment shows a strong five-year growth, up

Brynli Cottrell Goodwin

A girl!

Susan and Brittani Goodwin are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Brynli Cottrell Goodwin.

Brynli was born Friday, December 6, at Riverside Hospital in Kankakee. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces, and measured 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Paul and Jan Cottrell and Mike and Beth Goodwin. Brynli's greatgrandmother is Lillian Goodwin.



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Coaches Named by **Tri-Point Board**

Monday, December 17, the Tri-Point Schools Board met and moved to employ various sports coaches: high school -Brendan Elans, baseball; Matt Mogged and Will Patterson, track; Aaron Robbins and Matt Mogged, assistant basketball coaches; and Brittany Lane, assistant softball coach.

For junior high, Becky Henrichs and Steve Fink will serve as track coaches; and Josh Evans, volleyball coach.

The board members approved the consent agenda as presented.

Also approved were Cherry Red Roasters as the venue for prom, and Dwight Bowl as the after-prom venue.

It was moved to waive 1st reading and adopt updated school board policies 4:150, 4:170, and 4:190 as presented and place the updated board policies on 1st reading. The board approved the

2019 Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Approved January 29 or 30 as the date to hold a special

school board meeting to consider bids for Health/Life/ Safety projects, pending architect preference. Board members went into closed session at 8:24 p.m. (in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2

(c) and (1) and (2) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act.) The closed meeting ended at 9:10 It was moved to employ

Mark Miller and Hayden Lane as temporary workers; and Kassandra Ireland as an aide for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

The meeting adjourned at







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APRIL

Ron Wilder Remembered As a Hero To Many

Ron Wilder of Dwight was one of those guys who couldn't go anywhere without running into someone he knew. But that's what happens when you spend more than 70 years as an insurance and real estate agent

And that was particularly true on the greens. He closed the office every Thursday at noon to meet friends for lunch at the Dwight Country Club and then tee off, a competitive player who was a self-proclaimed bad putter but got down to a three handicap.

"He was either working or playing golf," said his daughter Ronda Wilder, of Bloomington. "He loved golf and he loved working."

Ron passed away on March 20 at the age of 95. One of Dwight's local legends, he was surrounded by love and laughter during his March 24 visitation.

"The guy, he had been in [business] for so long. Ron was really a people person. Every morning he'd go to Casey's and have coffee," said Philip McArdle, managing broker for McArdle Insurance and Real Estate, who worked under Ron after he bought his building at 106 E. Main St. 10 years ago. "He was an astute businessman. He was really outgoing. He would talk to anybody. ... He wanted things done right. He kept his ducks in a row," McArdle said.

Ron graduated from Dwight Township High School alongside his identical twin Donald. He served in WWII as a radio operator and gunner. He not only flew more missions than were required -- 51 around Romania, Germany, Southern France and the Mediterranean -- but he survived a near plane



WILDER, **OF** DWIGHT, spent more than 70 years as an insurance and real estate agent in town. He died March 20 at age 95.

crash and saved his crew from disaster. He received four Air Medals and a Presidential Citation for his three years in serv-

After the war he married Rosemary, who was from Streator. They met at a dance. She was on another date when he walked up to her and said, "Are you going to keep dancing with him, or marry me?" They married on June 17, 1948. She died July 2, 2017 -- 69 years of marriage, a true love story. They raised a family of three -- Ronda and her older siblings Pam and Randy.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: **GARDNER COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DIST. 72C**

On an annual basis Gardner CCSD 72C is required to conduct a public hearing involving Parents and interested Stakeholders to determine an appropriate plan for the use of Title I funds. This meeting intends to increase the district's parental involvement and allow stakeholders an opportunity to share viewpoints that may further our learners successes.

Additionally, this meeting will review the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of our District.

This annual meeting will be held at Gardner Grade School, 598 N. Elm St., Gardner, Il., in the Office of the Superintendent on January 6th, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.

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

PLAINTIFF

Sharon K. Ehresman; et. al.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/08/2019, the Sheriff of Livingston County, Illinois will on February 5, 2020 at the hour of 10:00 AM at New Law & Justice Center 110 N. Main Street Pontiac, IL 61764, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Livingston and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real

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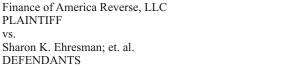
Words cannot express the deep gratitude we have or the love and support we have felt since the passing of our loved one, Robert Lowe.

Your outpouring of cards, donations, food and kind words and deeds have meant so much to all of us. Life can change in a moment, and though anticipated, it is never easy to live out.

We thank you and our heavenly Father for guidance and direction during this difficult time.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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– 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW ——————

CHRISTMAS CHEER WAS EVIDENT in Dwight with the holiday lights and decor around town. We hope you had a very merry - and bright - holiday!

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APRIL

Dwight Fire Department Unveils Peer-to-Peer Counseling Program

Johna Bradley of Dwight was just 21 years old and a new firefighter for a department in Kankakee County when she witnessed the aftermath of an accident that would change her forever: a young child had been struck and killed by a semitruck. It was the mid-1990s, and as customary for first responders, Bradley did not reach out for help after seeing what she did.

"You're a fireman. You're supposed to be tough," she ex-

But over the years, she learned that to be tough also means to open up and talk about your feelings. That's why she volunteered to be one of three peer-to-peer counselors in a new program at the Dwight Fire Protection District that aims to lessen the growing number of first responders who experience mental health issues.

"Had I had that in the day, I would have been much better off," said Bradley, who is not only a firefighter but also the department's public information officer and public relations officer.

Mental health professionals will tell you one of the worst things a person can do is keep such feelings inside. But few fire departments across the nation have in-house mental health programs, said Timberlie Jahn, of Dwight, who oversees the program and its three peer-to-peer counselors.

"Only five percent of [fire] departments are offering [inhouse support] right now,' Jahn said. She said it's sorely needed. According to a press release from the fire department, the Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance found that in 2018, firefighters suffered from PTSD and depression five times more than the civilian population, with anxiety and substance abuse as high as 37 percent.

"Last year more firefighters died due to suicide than line of duty death," said Dwight Fire Chief Paul Johnson. "It is important that we are being proactive. There has been a lot of work, training, and thought put into this program."

Dwight Awards Downtown Street Project

Two years after West Main Street in Dwight received upgrades, Dwight's East Main Street got its turn at a welcomed overhaul as the Dwight Village Board of Trustees took action at its April 8 meeting to move forward with phase two of Dwight's downtown streetscape improvements.

Following bid letting with a bid opening date of April 1, the board approved awarding the project to Tobey's Construction & Cartage, Inc. from Herscher with the low base bid of \$1,025,736. The project included new curb, gutter, sidewalks, and concrete pavement beginning on Franklin Street at Park Street and continuing to the south end of East Main Street.

The project, which took months to complete, was a hassle for motorists as well as downtown businesses. It was completed just in time for Dwight's 40th annual Harvest Days in September.



Bank of Pontiac announced it would start construction in May on a new full-service branch at the corner of Chippewa and Franklin streets in Dwight. Plans included demolition of the current drive-up facility there and a new, 3,000square-foot building was erected.

The branch was built to better serve customers. It opened this month with a conference room, four offices, lock boxes and three drive-up lanes, including a drive-up ATM.



stands with Cassie Roach, IDOC Employee of the Year and Chief of Staff, Chief Edwin "Bob" Bowen. Roach has been a key resource for various departmental initiatives including Staff Wellness Response Team and Rapid Results.

MAY Cici and Lala's **Special Events Opens** in Downtown Gardner

It's called Cici and Lala's Boutique, owned by Laurie Hibler and Cathi Conger, who have been best friends ever since they graduated from Gardner South Wilmington High School 32 years ago.

It's hard to keep them apart, even more so now that they've opened a business at 132 Depot St. Hibler, of Reddick, and Conger, of South Wilmington, transformed a 2,500-squarefoot building into a unique catch-all for anyone planning a wedding or party. They have been in the wedding planning

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"If you can find it on Pinterest, we can make it," Hibler

Illinois Department of Corrections Employee of the Year, Cassie Roach

A Dwight woman who started her career at the former Dwight Correctional Center was named the Illinois Department of Corrections' Employee of the Year. Cassie Roach, Administrative Assistant I for the Joliet Treatment Center, was given the honor in May during the Correctional Officer of the Year and Employee Ceremony in Springfield. It is one of three honors given annually, along with the Correctional Officer of the Year and Parole Agent of

"That was pretty humbling," said Roach, who attributes much of her success to those she has worked with, "A lot of people who taught me what I know haven't gotten this award. ... I feel like I have a pretty well-rounded experience.

Roach serves as the Facility Coordinator for the Joliet Treatment Center Staff Well ness Response Team, a new initiative to assist employees in overcoming difficult situations that may arise throughout one's career. The Joliet Treatment Center opened in 2017. It is a multi-level residential treatment facility that addresses inmates' mental health needs.

Roach established the facility's internal review process, trained new staff, assisted in establishing facility procedures, and coordinated all facility internal reviews. Roach has served as the primary Employee Litigation Coordinator for the facility, developing case files for past and present litigation matters, updates and maintains a departmental litigation database, and has trained new staff in this role.

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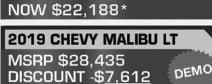


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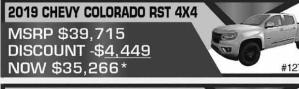
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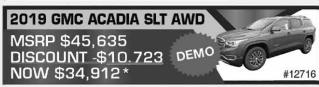














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We welcome your thoughts.

SPORTS



THE GSW LADY PANTHERS VARSITY TEAM picked up their 15th victory of the season December 18, defeating Dwight 57-38 in the Iroquois West Holiday Hoops Tournament championship. They have a perfect 2019 season, with a record of 15-0.

GSW Remains Unbeaten After Holiday Hoops Championship Win Over Dwight

Wednesday, December 18 GSW vs. Dwight Varsity -

Iroquois West Holiday Hoops Tournament

The Lady Panthers of Gardner-South Wilmington continued their unbeaten streak as they topped rivals, Dwight, 57-38, in the championship game of the Iroquois West Holiday Hoops Tournament December 18 in Gilman – their 15th win of the season.

Monday, December 16

Varsity -

GSW vs. Hoopeston Area

The Lady Panthers won

over Hoopeston Area, 41-23,

ing four three-pointers and 6-6 FT shooting. Kaitlynn Kavanaugh followed with 13 points, while Kylie Hawks added six points. Mya Anderson and Paige Patterson each pitched in with four points. Madelyn Storm, Kennedy Fair, and Grace Halpin had two points each.

Kayla Kodat led the Lady Trojans with 22 points, including three threes and 5-5 FT GSW's Abby Beck led all shooting, to go with six boards.

when they met December 16.

Kennedy Fair led the way for

GSW, scoring 11 and ten

points, respectively.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh and

GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

scorers with 24 points, includ- Nora Anderson added seven points (3-3 FT), five rebounds, while Jordan Schultz (1 3pointer) and Mikalah Bregin put in five and four points, respectively.

The Lady Panthers' Beck and Kavanaugh were named to the All-Tournament Team. For Dwight, Kodat and Schultz received All-Tournament honors.

The Lady Trojans drop to 3-6 on the season.



League Bowling Results

Victory Lanes, Dwight

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: Brandon Petry, 270 -Sarah DeLong, 176. HSS: Brandon Petry, 729 – Anne Sporrer, 476. HHG: Brian Scott, 277 – Claudette Maxwell, 236. HHS: Michael King, 675 – Anne Sporrer, 653. HSG: Victory Lanes and Dwight Printing, 897. HHG: Willy's Pub, 970. HSS: Victory Lanes, 2616. HHS: Willy's Pub, 2900.

League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	<u>L</u>
Dwight Printing	21	3
Willy's Pub	17	7
Pinkie's Out	15	9
Victory Lanes	14	10
Gaston Construct.	14	10
Coleman/Son	13	11
Mike's	11	13
Whiskey Cav.	10	14
Brannan Roofing	9	15
DQueens	9	15
Freaksters	6	18
Cherry RR	5	19

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Kent Jensen, 259. HHG: Kent Jensen, 281. HSS: David Gualandi, 691. HHS: Kent Jensen, 755. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1086. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 3213.

League Standings	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
Victory Lanes	4	0
Carl's Pro Band	4	0
Star Trucking	4	0
Jensen BP II	4	0
Jensens I	3	1
Jeremy's Barber	1	3
KWM Gutterman	0	4
Rury's Tap	0	4
Willy's Pub	0	4
DeLong Ford	0	4

The Benefits of Working with Personal Trainers

Achieving fitness-related goals is not always so easy. A 2018 survey found that 45 percent of respondents resolved to lose weight or get in shape in 2018. Many of those people made those efforts part of their New Year's resolutions, which various studies have found have a high failure rate. In fact, one 2015 report from U.S. News indicated that 80 percent of New Year's resolutions don't survive to see the second week of February.

Fortunately, there are ways to clear the hurdles required to make significant lifestyle changes, particularly those associated with physical fitness. Whether they're looking to lose weight, improve their overall health and/or simply hoping to look better in the mirror, many people find working with personal trainers is a good way to get on track and stay on track. People on the fence about hiring personal trainers can consider these benefits to working with these highly trained fitness professionals.

• Knowledge: Gyms often require their personal trainers to earn their personal training certifications. Knowledgeable, certified personal trainers can help their clients tailor their workouts around clients' individual goals. After meeting with a client and learning about the client's goals, trainers can design workout regimens specific to the individual. That personalization is not possible for people who design their workout regimens around generalized advice they find online or elsewhere.

• Motivation: Personal trainers also can provide the motivation their clients need to keep going. That's valuable for anyone, but especially for people new to exercise or those who haven't been physically active for some time. Trainers can motivate clients to finish sets when weightlifting, but also track clients' progress between workouts. When delivered by a trained fitness professional, such progress reports can motivate people to keep working, especially during those times when they might be questioning their commitments to exercising.

· Variety: Many people quit working out due to something often referred to as "exercise boredom." That's the boredom that can set in when people perform the same exercise routine for weeks, months or even years at a time. Personal trainers can use their experience to create exercise regimens that change often enough to prevent exercise boredom from settling in.

• Avoid injury: Perhaps the biggest benefit to working with a personal trainer is that doing so can reduce risk for injury. Personal trainers know the appropriate ways to use exercise machines and watch their clients closely to ensure their form is always correct during a workout. Poor form or misuse of machines can lead to injuries that can quickly derail fitness goals.

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In Week 15 of the Paper 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

Good luck!

Paper Bowl Sponsors Standings

Sponsor	Record
Prairie Creek Wealth Advisors	11-3
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Jerry Danko State Farm	10-5
Dwight Country Club	10-5
Dairy Queen	10-5
McDonald's	3-12
Berkot's	3-12
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Danko State Farm (9), Aly Anne's (9) defeated McDonald's (DNP), and Dwight Country Club (8) held off Berkot's (DNP).

Thanks for playing!



DTHS Trojans Basketball

Monday, December 16 Dwight vs. Fieldcrest Varsity -

The Trojans hosted Fieldcrest at home December 16, taking a 74-54 loss.

Brandon Ceylor led the way with 18 points, including two threes, and six rebounds. Lane Thompson put up ten points, ten boards, while Wyatt Thompson contributed eight points (1 3-pointer) and four rebounds. Tyler Masching had five points, including a threepointer, and two rebounds, with Jarret Jancek (1 3-pointer) and Joey Panock scoring three points each. Abe Rieke and Brody Hoegger each provided two points. Austin Ryals made a free throw.

Tuesday, December 17 Dwight vs. Seneca Varsity -

Dwight was in action against Seneca December 17, looking good in the first half but falling off in the second leading to a tough 53-47 loss.

Abe Rieke was the Trojans' high scorer with ten points. Lane Thompson (10 rebounds, 4-4 FT) and Brandon Ceylor (1 3-pointer) each scored eight points, with Wyatt Thompson adding seven points, including a three, and three assists. Isaac Telford had six points, with three-pointer. Tyler one Masching scored five points, while Trent Tilley connected on a trifecta.

GSW Panthers Basketball

Tuesday, December 17 **GSW** vs. Ridgeview Varsity -

It was a closely contested game between Gardner-South Wilmington and Ridgeview in the first half December 17, but an ugly third quarter ultimately led to a 51-40 Panthers loss.

"We fought hard in the second quarter," stated Coach Wills, "but gave it all back in the third. We just simply have to get better."

GSW was outscored by Ridgeview 18-3 in the third quarter.

Chris Bexson was the Panthers' high scorer with 20 points to go with five steals and three rebounds. Caydan Landry

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added eight points, two boards, while Connor Steichen put up seven points, five rebounds, and two swipes.

Friday, December 20 **GSW** vs. Donovan Varsity -

The Panthers were 54-40

winners over Donovan December 20, upping their record to 6-5 on the season. "After a pretty slow start,

we picked it up in the second quarter," commented Coach Wills. "It is nice to get a road RVC win." GSW, now 2-0 in the con-

ference, was led by Chris Bexson with 17 points and five rebounds. Connor Steichen chipped in with 14 points and four boards.

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Dwight Lady Trojans Jordan Schultz and Kayla Kodat made All-Tournament Team in the Holi-

day Hoops Tourney.

DTHS Trojans Wrestling

Dwight Trojan Wrestlers ran their overall record to 8-4 after going 3-2 in five tough duals.

At home December 17, Dwight defeated Wilmington, 52-24, and Pontiac, 46-34.

Trojan victories came from Dillon Sarff (2 wins), Samuel Edwards (2 wins), Daniel Gutierrez (2 wins), Cade Enerson (2 wins), Austin Burkhardt (2 wins), Emmett Emmons (2 wins), Malaki Slaughter (2 wins), Mason Tjelle, Hudson Beier, and Harley Leonard.

On December 21 McHenry East, Dwight fell to McHenry, 29-52, and Rock Island, 28-54.

Earning wins from the Trojans were Sarff (3 wins), Edwards (3 wins), Logan Hatfield (3 wins), Gutierrez (2 wins), Enerson (2 wins), Wilton Jackman, Tjelle, Slaughter, Camden Beier, and Michael Gamble.

The Trojans next action on the mats will be in Springfield Friday and Saturday, December 27-28, at the Abe's Rumble dual team tournament.



The Dwight Lady Trojans played in the championship game of the Iroquois West Holiday Hoops tournament against Gardner South Wilmington and came away with a 2nd place trophy.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Monday, December 16 Dwight vs. Iroquois West Varsity -Iroquois West Holiday

Hoops Tournament Dwight earned its third win

at the Iroquois West Holiday Hoops Tournament December 16, 48-40, over the hosts, IW.

Kayla Kodat had a huge game, putting up 30 points (8-10 FT), 11 rebounds, and seven steals. Jordan Schultz added seven points, including a three, while Nora Anderson came up with six points and seven boards. Emily Weissmann added a basket.

Thursday, December 19 **Dwight vs. Clifton Central** Varsity -

A big fourth quarter effort from the Lady Trojans led to a 46-40 come-from-behind win for Dwight December 19 on the road against Clifton Cen-

After a close first half, the Lady Trojans found them-

selves down ten points at the end of the third quarter. However, Dwight would outscore their opponents 18-2 in the final frame to secure the vic-

Kayla Kodat led all scorers with 26 points, including three three-pointers and 6-7 shooting from the line, in addition to grabbing 16 rebounds. Jordan Schultz added ten points, with one three and 3-4 FT shooting, while Mikalah Bregin put in six points. Nora Anderson and Nellie Rieke each scored two points.

This is Dwight's first conference win of the season, and they improve to 4-6 overall.

The Lady Trojans kick off the Earlville Holiday Tournament Thursday, December 26, at 10:30 a.m., versus Henry-Senachwine. Should they advance, they will play at noon Friday, December 27. If Dwight loses, they will move to consolation play at 9:00 a.m. December 27.

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Monday, December 16 **Dwight vs. Tri-Point**

7th Grade -Dwight dismantled Tri-Point 44-13 in basketball action December 16.

"Everyone got to play and contribute," commented Coach Conroy.

Larkin led with 14 points, ten rebounds, and three steals, followed by 11 points, three boards, two assists, and a steal from Gallet. Statler (7 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist) and Boucher (4 steals, 3 rebounds) each scored four points. Dunlap added three points, a rebound, and an assist, with Nelson (3 rebounds), Anderson (4 assists, 3 steals, 1 rebound), Jensen (3 assists, 3 steals, 2 rebounds), and Arozamona (3 rebounds) scored two points each. Woods grabbed five boards.

8th Grade -

The Redbirds cruised to a 51-22 victory over Tri-Point December 16.

Will Trainor had 12 points to lead Dwight. Tyler Cox and Connor Telford each put in nine points, while Jack Groves provided seven. Reid Gall and Robert Garrington scored five and four points, respectively,

DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

with Andrew Gartke and Jacob Weissmann scoring two points each. Terry Wilkey made a free

Tuesday, December 17 Dwight vs. Seneca 6th Grade -

The sixth grade Redbirds hosted Seneca December 17, winning 35-11.

Dwight was led by Joey Starks with 15 points, seven rebounds, and four blocked shots. Asher Kargle had nine points and a steal. Evan Cox put up six points and 11 steals, followed by five points and six boards from Jake Wilkey. Jackson Launius had three rebounds and two steals. Jack Statler had three swipes.

The Redbirds currently sit at 7-3 on the season.

In the "B" game, Dwight

won 13-5 over Seneca. Christian Kennon had six points and four rebounds to lead his squad. Zander Tarnowski added four points, six steals, and two assists. Jack Statler had two points, two boards, with Asher Kargle making a free throw.

7th Grade -Despite a sloppy showing by both sides, the Redbirds still found themselves with an opportunity to win over Seneca December 17 – however, a last second shot for the "W" would squash those hopes, and Seneca would win 22-21.

Dwight shot just 7-50 from the field in the contest.

Larkin scored 14 of his team's 21 points, adding 15 boards and two steals. Gallet contributed four points, seven rebounds, three steals, and two assists. Dunlap came up with three points, two rebounds, two steals, and one assist. Statler snagged three boards.

The Redbirds are now 8-5 overall. 8th Grade -

The eighth grade Redbirds won over Seneca, 40-35, on December 17 – earning another big conference win.

Connor Telford's 21 points, four steals, and two rebounds led Dwight. Tristan Chambers added eight points and five boards, with Jack Groves (3 steals, 2 rebounds) and Tyler Cox (3 rebounds, 1 steal) scoring five points each. Jacob Weissmann provided a free throw and a steal.

Dwight improves to 8-5 on the season.



DWIGHT TROJANS VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER came away with first place at the Joliet West Cheer Fest December 22. Pictured, front row, from left, are Meghan Scott, Mary Hilt, Josie Snyder, Emma Legner, Lauryn Hoegger, Bri Kosek; back row, Ella Kargle, Alexis Thetard, Abby Rodosky, Addison Bean, and Ava Kargle. The squad competes next at Buffalo Grove Sunday, January 12.

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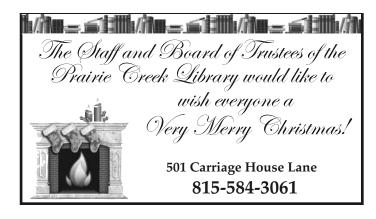
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

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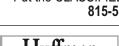


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(Continued from Page 8) **JUNE**

Farmers Face Difficulties

An exceptionally rainy spring made farming difficult in Illinois and throughout the Midwest this year. Some farmers were able to plant on time, but others were stretched into June, like Boucher Farms west of Dwight.

In its early June Crop Progress Report, the USDA pegged U.S. corn planting at 67 percent complete, behind the 96 percent five-year average. Iowa farmers had 80 percent planted vs. a 99 percent fiveyear average; and Indiana had just 31 percent planted vs. a 94 percent five-year average.

The challenge continued with a cold autumn that kept tractors and combines busy throughout November and delaying the harvest for corn and soybeans. Despite the obstacles, however, farmers have recovered enough to harvest most of their crops, with 88 percent of the state's corn and 95 percent of soybeans harvested by Thanksgiving, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Reddick Church Celebrates 120 Years

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Reddick celebrated 120 years in 2019. A celebration was held in early June at the church, 216 E. Lincoln St. Current and former parishioners and the community were invited for Mass followed by a social hour with hors d'oeuvres

and, of course, cake.

parishioners not only celebrated 120 years as a congregain private homes until, in 1899, Rev. Dominick Spellman overchurch for the growing St. Mary's parish.

The parish family later built its pastor, Father Stanley Drew-Catholic Church in Kinsman.

Armed Robbery at Casey's Store in Dwight

mately 1:34 a.m., Dwight Police were called to Casey's General Store on Watters Drive in Dwight for an armed robbery. Two individuals entered the Casey's store, brandished a long, black gun, and demanded money. No physical injuries occurred.

The suspects got away with an undetermined amount of cash and some Newport ciga-

CCW president Norma

O'Brien, of Reddick, said tion but 120 years of their historic building. The parish started as an outmission in 1881 when Rev. M. Zara organized a few Roman Catholic families in Norton Township to form the parish. Mass was held saw the construction of the

a rectory and acquired a parish hall for social and spiritual needs. During the 1930s, the parish held an annual chicken fry that brought more than 1,200 people from near and far. Their congregation consists of a small but strong 55 families, O'Brien said. St. Mary's shares niak, with St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington and Sacred Heart

On June 12, at approxi-

rettes but were later appre-



MEMBERS ENROLLED IN CROSSFIT CLASSES AT TROJAN FITNESS flexed for the photo. At right: Coach Jamie Hanafin and Coach Jennifer Woodburn. Woodburn is a certified CrossFit trainer who purchased the gym from Jeff Schade and Alex Arbogast after being inspired by so many who have taken over their health and decided to live a healthier lifestyle.

Lawrence D. Lloyd, 30 at the time of the robbery, and Kurtis Bowling, 21 at the time of the robbery, both of Bloomington, were sentenced in September to the Illinois Department of Corrections in Livingston County Court. Bowling took a plea agreement consisting of eight years. Lloyd took a plea agreement of 18 years.

Trojan Fitness Opens in Dwight

In June Jen Woodburn, of Pontiac, announced that she had purchased Champion Fitness at 108 Watters Drive in Dwight and renamed it Trojan Fitness.

Woodburn is a certified CrossFit trainer who purchased the gym from Jeff Schade and Alex Arbogast after being in-

spired by so many who have taken over their health and decided to live a healthier lifestyle.

She named it Agamemnon Crossfit after the hero who led the Greeks in the Trojan War and whose name derives from the meaning 'to endure'.

She added nine CrossFit classes, bringing the total each week to 24, and a new trainer to teach the hour-long classes.

She also added more equipment, including a leg press, new free weights, and a vending machine stocked with energy drinks and recovery bars. There is a children's area for kids 4 and older.

COMING NEXT WEEK A look back at July-December, 2019

At the Churches

DWIGHT Dwight United

Methodist Church 701 S. Columbia 584-3420 church Dwightumc.org Pastor: Michael Ebersohl • DEC. 25, 26 and 27: Church office closed. • DEC. 28: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Route 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; 8:30 a.m., AA meeting. • DEC. 29: 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30

a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10 a.m., Combined Worship; 7 p.m., Youth Lock in.

• DEC. 30, 31 and JAN. 1: Church office closed.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church LCMS 325 E. Mazon Ave 584-3433 church 584-1291 fax Rev. John F. Mueller,

• DEC. 25: 9 a.m.,

Christmas Day Service. • DEC. 29: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion. • DEC. 31: 6 p.m., New Year's Eve Service.

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. 25: Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m. • DEC. 29: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. • JAN. 1: Wednesday Evening Service and

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• DEC. 26: 7 p.m., Worship practice. • DEC. 29: 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. 30: 7 p.m., Prayer Night. • DEC. 31: 7 p.m., Family Game Night; 12 midnight, Youth Group Lock-in. • JAN. 1: NO Bible Study.

• JAN. 2: 7 p.m., Worship practice. • JAN. 3: 10 a.m., Heritage Health Ministry. • JAN. 4: 8 a.m., Men's

Breakfast at McDon-

ald's; 9 a.m., Take down decorations.

Church Mazon Ave. at Prairie 815-584-3522 Office Father Chris Haake, Pastor • DEC. 25: 12 o'clock, Midnight Mass.

• JAN. 3: NO Bible

Study; 8 p.m., AA.

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• DEC. 31: 5 p.m., **EMINGTON** Mass. Emington Congregational St. Peter's **United Church Lutheran Church** of Christ 326 W. Chippewa St. 103 Division Street 815-584-1199 Rev. Grant Speece Pastor Chrissy Salser

Service.

email:chrissytherev@att.net **MAZON** • DEC. 25: 8 a.m., Set **Mazon United** up for Christmas din-**Methodist Church** ners; 11 a.m., Christmas 509 7th Street 815-448-5677 Church Day Dinners start delivery; Serve after all de-815-483-9343 Cell liveries made. mazonmethodist.com • DEC. 27: NO Bible Pastor Karen Fabian • Sunday Service, 9 a.m.

Study; 8 p.m., AA. • DEC. 29: NO Faith Development; 10:30 a.m., Worship "Lessons and Carols."

BRACEVILLE ODELL St. Paul Catholic **Braceville United Methodist Church** Church

106 W. Goold St. 200 S. West St. 815-237-8512 Church Father Chris G. Haake, 815-483-9343 Cell Pastor bracevilleumc.com • DEC. 25: 10 a.m., Pastor Karen Fabian Mass • 10:30 a.m., Sunday • JAN. 1: 10 a.m., Mass.

> **CAMPUS Sacred Heart Catholic** Church • DEC. 25 - Christmas Day: 9 a.m., Mass.

> > **SAUNEMIN** Saunemin United Methodist Church 90 North Street 815-832-4935 Pastor Jane Bradford • DEC. 25: 10:30 a.m., Christmas Day Worship.

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DTHS CHOIR recently performed its Christmas program in the DTHS Auditorium. The group is under the direction of Mr. Gund.





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Jack Daniel's Country \$599 Cocktails 6-pack

White Claw 12-pack cans

> Bailey's IRISH CREAM 750 ml.