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Pot Producer Breaks Ground on \$10 million Cultivation Expansion

Demand for Legal Marijuana Prompts PharmaCann to Invest in Dwight

By Rachael Reynolds-Soucic

There were nearly \$20 million in sales in the first 12 days of legalized recreational marijuana, and one Dwight company is expanding to help keep up with the demand.

PharmaCann, Inc., which operates a cultivation center on Route 17 just east of Dwight, has broke ground on a \$10-\$12 million expansion. And whether you are for or against legal pot in Illinois, Jeremy Unruh, director of public and regulatory affairs for PharmaCann, headquartered in Chicago, said the expansion is a good thing for Dwight considering the size of the investment, new employment opportunities and an influx of sales tax to the village.

"Cannabis is legal in the state," Unruh said. "That debate is put to rest. So it's good for Dwight."

The expansion will double the square footage of the growing operations. PharmaCann opened the growing operation in 2015 as a medical marijuana cultivation center. At the time it was one of only three to operate in the state. Dwight, with its close proximity to Chicago via Interstate 55, was a great choice, Unruh said.

PharmaCann grows, harvests, manufactures, packages and distributes product from the Dwight location. They employ just over 30 full-time people under 50,000 square feet -- 25,000 square feet of which is dedicated to the greenhouse, where 10,000 to 12,000 marijuana plants are being grown at any given time.

The expansion brings another 12,000 to 15,000 square feet of cultivation space in an

indoor grow facility. Unlike the greenhouses currently used to grow marijuana, PharmaCann is constructing a building where they can recreate the best growing environment with artificial lighting and special equipment to control airflow and humidity. There will be two cultivation levels.

Scaling up to meet the state's marijuana demands will be a year-long process, Unruh said. They had to wait until Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the bill on June 25, 2019. They then had to secure a state license to grow adult use recreational marijuana; previously they only had a license to grow medical marijuana.

With steel beams now erected and work starting to pick up, Unruh said they hope to complete the building by early to mid summer. It'll be another five months after that before any marijuana will come out of the new building. Unruh said it takes about 20 weeks from plant to harvest.

The expansion will likely add a minimum of 10 new positions, he said.

PharmaCann is not expanding its other cultivation center in Hillcrest.

Currently PharmaCann employs about eight cultivators, 15 people dedicated to processing, and a handful for inventory, quality assurance and lab testing. They test for microtoxins, residual pesticides, residual solvents and, of course, potency before manufacturing the products at the facility. They package and label products that are then transported to Illinois dispensaries, everything from dried bud, gummies and chocolates, vapes, capsules and tinctures, all in an array of



ABOVE: CONSTRUCTION CREWS FROM DSI DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS in Chicago work Monday on the new grow building at PharmaCann's pot cultivation center east of Dwight. A company spokesman said cultivation in the 12,000 to 15,000-square-foot facility could begin as early as summer. It will double the amount of marijuana growing space. BELOW: PharmaCann grows, harvests, manufactures, packages and distributes product from the Dwight location, including gummies and vapes, under the Matter brand.

potencies and sold under the Matter brand.

PharmaCann also operates four dispensaries in Illinois under the Verilife name.

Meanwhile, local law enforcement agencies are struggling to deal with how to enforce the "patrolling" of legalized marijuana.

Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson said he has several issues with the law.

"The new law concentrated on one thing: How much money can we make," Henson told *The Paper*. "The legaliza-

tion of marijuana was rolled out way too soon without considering all the different impacts this is going to have on all of us, not just law enforcement."

Although the bill created a "DUI Cannabis Task Force," made up of lawmakers and representatives from the Illinois State Police, Secretary of State's Office and advocates promoting civil rights and safe driving, there are still many unanswered questions, Henson said.

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DWIGHT BANK HELD ITS RIBBON CUTTING celebration at its new location January 17. Pictured, from left, are Dwight Mayor Jared Anderson, Bob Meiner – Bank of Pontiac Senior Vice President and C.O.O., Jane Anderson – Dwight Economic Alliance Coordinator, John Marshall – BOP Senior Vice President and C.T.O., Diane Jensen – BOP's

Dwight Bank Branch Manager, Bill Kauffman – BOP President, Deb Karch – DEA Economic Development Officer, Bill Flott – DEA Board Member, Bob Ohlendorf – DEA Board Member, Rep. Tom Bennett, and John Salzar – DEA Board Member. photo by Shayla Loring

<p>Prices Valid: January 22nd - through - January 28th Prices Only Valid At Dwight Berkot's, While Supplies Last No Rainchecks</p>	<p>Dietz & Watson, Super Premium Spiral Sliced Ham 99¢ per pound</p>	<p>U.S.D.A. Choice, Black Angus, Boneless Chuck Roast (sold as roast only) \$2.99 per pound Limit 4 Roasts USDA CHOICE</p>	<p>Smithfield, Boneless, Sliced Quarter Ham \$1.99 per pound</p>	<p>Cooks Corned Beef Brisket Flat \$1.99 per pound</p>
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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

January 13: Jasmine Jaimes, 26, Dwight, operate uninsured motor vehicle; Matthew D. Lavin, 50, Dwight, driving/no license/ permit/age; Lawrence L. Alderson, 32, Ransom, disp. regis. plate/decal/1st, 2n; Marvin D. Walker, 22, Joliet, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

January 14: Usama I. Fayoumi, 39, Alsip, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Cameron K. Price, 20, Streator, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

13 Written Warnings

Loud mufflers – 1; talking on phone – 1; fail to yield at intersection – 1; expired registration – 1; speeding – 5; no registration plate light – 1; fail to dim headlights – 1; only one headlight – 2.

Dwight Police Blotter

January 10: 7:50 p.m., Dwight Police arrested Joe Drechsel, 60, of Dwight, at 140 E. Mazon for Criminal Trespass to Property. He was taken to Livingston Cty. Jail and released to their custody.

Accident Report

Sunday, January 12, 5:00 p.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving a 2018 Frei., driven by Brian Hill, Norman, OK,

which struck a parked and driverless 2012 Frei. Cascadia when it was moving from a parking space – striking its trailer.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

January 9: North, medical, refusal.

January 10: Judd, lift assist; Spencer, CO alarm, two refusals; Mazon Ave., medical, Riverside; Philmar, medical, St. James; Mazon, medical, Morris.

January 11: Jackson, medical, refusal, mutual aid to Gardner; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

January 12: Prairie, medical, Morris; Spencer, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner.

January 13: Mazon, medical, Morris; 3300 N., medical, unfounded.

January 14: Judd, lift assist; Delaware, medical, Morris; Prairie, medical, Morris.

January 15: Chippewa, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, Riverside; Spencer, medical, Riverside; Prairie, standby, mutual aid to Dwight PD.

January 16: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

Free Food to Be Distributed January 22

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, January 22, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.

The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday, while Love Boxes distribute food in December.

Temps - 2020

- Jan. 9 – high 50°, low 30°.04” precip.
- Jan. 10 – high 52°, low 35° 1.75” precip.
- Jan. 11 – high 35°, low 22°
- Jan. 12 – high 32°, low 30° trace precip.
- Jan. 13 – high 34°, low 30°
- Jan. 14 – high 45°, low 27° trace precip.
- Jan. 15 – high 37°, low 13°
- One Year Ago – Jan. 22, 2019 high 23°, low -6° 4” snow

S. Wilmington Food Pantry Jan. 27

On Monday, January 27, at 4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities’ Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Lawrence Church (135 Rice Rd. 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, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Morris Home for the Holidays a Huge Success

The 26th Annual Home For The Holidays celebration was a big success! Proceeds from the annual house walk were donated to several organizations including Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice, a downtown beautification project (spring and winter downtown planters), Bethlehem Lutheran Church (who hosted the Christmas Tea) and the Coal City High School Madrigals. The committee will also be presenting scholarships to a Morris High School student and a Grundy Area Vocational student this spring.

Pictured at right are Jo Christensen (left) and Julie Applegate (right) presenting Joan Sereno, Executive Director of the Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice, with a check for \$5,000 from the proceeds of the 2019 Home For The Holidays House Walk.



The Home For The Holidays Committee is seeking additional volunteers for the 2020 Home For The Holidays Committee and house walk.

Please contact Home For The Holidays at (815) 941-0245 if you are interested in getting involved.

Dwight Economic Alliance Annual Gala February 29

Save the date! Dwight Economic Alliance will host its Annual Gala Saturday, February 29, at Station 343.



Thank You, Operation S.O.S.

Dear S.O.S., I am very grateful for all the support from home. I just wanted to thank you for the check and the care package for the holidays. Andy Froelich

Basic Severe Weather Spotter Class in Morris February 18

A Basic Severe Weather Spotter class will be held at the Wesley Center, 111 W. North St. in Morris, Tuesday, February 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The Basic Severe Weather Spotter Program was created by the National Weather Service (NWS) to improve warning services.

The NWS needs real-time reports of hail size, wind damage, flash flooding, heavy rain, tornadoes, and waterspouts to effectively warn the public of inclement weather.

Even as new technology allows the NWS to

issue warnings with more lead time, spotters will always be needed as links between radar indications of severe weather and ground truth.

Storm Spotter volunteers serve as severe weather spotters for the NWS and local emergency management programs, and generally have two things in common – an interest in the weather and a desire to serve their community.

This two-hour program is presented by the NWS. Grundy County residents will be able to obtain preparedness information before and after the event.

Sheriff Warns of ‘Secret Shopper’ Scam

Livingston County Sheriff Childress has advised that he received a complaint locally of a possible scam. After doing some research, it appears to be the “Secret Shopper” scam. According to the FTC.gov website, the scam goes like this:

You get a check in the mail with a job offer as a “secret shopper.” You deposit the check and see the funds in your account a few days later, and the bank even tells you the check has cleared.

Now you’re off to the store you’ve been asked to shop at and report back on, often a Walmart. Your first assignment is to test the in-store money transfer service, like Western Union or MoneyGram, by sending some of the money you deposited. Or you might be told to use the money to buy reloadable cards or gift cards, such as iTunes cards. You’re instructed to send pictures of the cards or to give the numbers on the cards.

Fast forward days or weeks to the unhappy ending.

The bank finds out the check you deposited is a fake, which means you’re on the hook for all that money.

How does that even happen? Well, banks must make

funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a fake check can take weeks. By the time you try to get the money back from the money transfer service, the scammers are long gone – and they’ve taken all the money off the gift cards, too. (By the way, money orders and cashier’s checks can be faked, too.)

The moral of the story? If anyone ever asks you to deposit a check and then wire or send money in any way, you can bet it’s a scam. No matter what they tell you.

Sheriff Childress advised if you want to avoid the latest scams, sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at FTC.gov/Scams.

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New Rules for Retirement Plan Contributions, Withdrawals
 If you’ve had an IRA or 401(k) for a long time, you’re probably pretty familiar with the rules governing withdrawals and contributions. But we are about to see some changes – and you should be aware of how they may affect your individual situation.
Here’s the story: Congress recently approved legislation called the SECURE Act, which, among its many provisions, includes several that should be of particular interest to IRA and 401(k) investors.
The first of these changes deals with the money you take out of your IRA and 401(k). Under the old rules, you were required to start taking withdrawals – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) when you turned 70 1/2. Of course, you did not have to wait until that age, but if you didn’t take your full RMDs on time, the shortfall would typically be subject to a 50% tax penalty. Under the Secure Act, the RMD age has been pushed back to 72.
 This higher age could benefit you by giving your IRA and/or 401(k) more time to potentially grow on a tax-deferred basis. On the other hand, by waiting until you’re 72, you could be forced to take larger RMDs, which are calculated by dividing your account balance by your life expectancy, as determined by IRS tables. And these RMDs are generally taxed at your personal tax rate.
The second big IRA-related change concerns the age limit for making traditional IRA contributions. Under the Secure Act, however, you can fund your traditional IRA for as long as you have earned income. So, if you plan to work past what might be considered the typical retirement age, you have the opportunity to add a few more dollars to your IRA.
Another SECURE Act provision deals with early withdrawals from your IRA and 401(k). Usually, you must pay a 10% tax penalty when you withdraw funds from either of these accounts before you reach 59 1/2. But now, with the new rules, you can withdraw up to \$5,000 penalty-free from your IRA or 401(k) if you take the money within one year of a child being born or an adoption becoming final.
 The new rules also might affect your loved ones who stand to inherit your IRA. Most non-spouse beneficiaries will have to deplete the entire account balance by the end of the tenth year after the account owner passes away. This change could have tax implications for family members. You may want to consult with your estate planning or tax professional regarding this issue. The more you know, the better prepared you can be to make the appropriate moves for you.
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by Tom Tock

Ahhh . . . December and January are mostly in the rear-view mirror, four birthdays have been observed, a new year with visionary numbers is upon us, and the days of the week are falling into order once again. And time to write a column.

Monday is the Big Day at *The Paper*. Deadline for ads and news is Friday of each week, but everything put in the funnel from the week before comes out the bottom on Monday, and lo, a newspaper results.

The Paper goes to the printer electronically Monday evening, then 10,000 printed copies arrive by truck in Dwight by 5:30 or so the next morning, ready for inserting and mailing.

Wednesday is typically a bad weather day (ice and fog already this year), but the papers are driven to surrounding post offices in time for same day delivery.

Two books came my way over the holidays -- *Strong Towns* by Charles Marohan, Jr., a "bottom-up revolution to rebuild American prosperity," and *The American Story*, "a compilation of conversations with master historians" who answer questions from author David Rubenstein about the famous people in American history who the master historians have written about in previous books.

It is a unique and very readable way to discover the story behind the stories of famous Americans who helped build the country we live in. The chapter on Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic from New York to Paris is worth the price of

the book alone.

The American Story is the more enjoyable book to read, but *Strong Towns* is the most gripping.

Author Marohan, a land-use planner and certified Professional Engineer, is the president of Strong Towns, a nationally recognized media organization dedicated to changing the way communities develop and grow. Strong Towns has a web page, where lots of background information is available.

Marohan believes in the simplicity of development that used to exist in America and he decries the overbuilt, growth at any cost, mentality that has, in his judgment, put our cities on the cusp of a long, slow decline that cannot be financially sustained, and with a loss of neighborliness in many of our communities.

Do you walk through your neighborhoods, he asks? Do you pick up, paint up, fix up what you have, or does the consumption craze have all of us living beyond our means trying to keep up with . . . who . . . or what?

"Working together in an intentional way, it is possible to make our places stronger financially while also improving the lives of people," Marohan sums up.

Strong stuff. Worth looking up and studying. I think he is talking to all of us.

Quote of the week -- State gaming makes profits by betting on the people to lose. -- John Kass, Chicago Trib

December Video Gaming

Video gamblers in Dwight just missed another \$600,000 month by betting only \$599,617 in the town's 50 video gaming terminals. The November amount of "Funds In" was \$517,317.

Video gaming in Illinois took place at 7,180 locations, December results for Dwight locations are below:

DEC.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Anne's	\$43,593	34,011	9,581	2,682	479
Cherry Red's	7,512	5,930	1,581	442	79
JT's Saloon	28,013	19,679	8,333	2,333	416
Lili Mae's	88,355	69,149	19,205	5,377	960
Love's	141,530	111,294	30,235	8,465	1,511
Mac's	96,241	72,725	23,515	6,584	1,175
Pete's	12,427	9,446	2,980	834	149
VFW	70,130	52,026	18,103	5,068	905
Vic. Lanes	16,140	11,868	4,271	1,196	213
Virbapa	17,300	13,216	4,083	1,143	204
Willy's	78,376	56,886	21,489	6,016	1,074
TOTALS:	\$599,617	456,235	143,381	40,146	7,169

Gardner's December VGTs

DEC.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Gardner
Buddies (3)	805	478	326	91	16
Marks (5)	26,114	19,938	6,175	1,729	308
TA Op. (5)	33,136	25,765	7,370	2,063	368
TOTALS	\$60,055	46,183	13,871	3,884	693

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

Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBLER.

Coal City Junior Wins Lead Role in All-State Theatre

The Illinois Theatre Festival was held at Illinois State University January 9-11 with workshops, professional development and productions. The culmination for the some 4,000 high school students is the annual All-State Production, and a Coal City High School junior won the lead male role this year.

Riley Nevin played Radames in Elton John and Tim Rice's Tony Award-winning production of "Aida" before hundreds of students, teachers and volunteers. "Aida" is a story about star-crossed lovers who met at the wrong time and place.

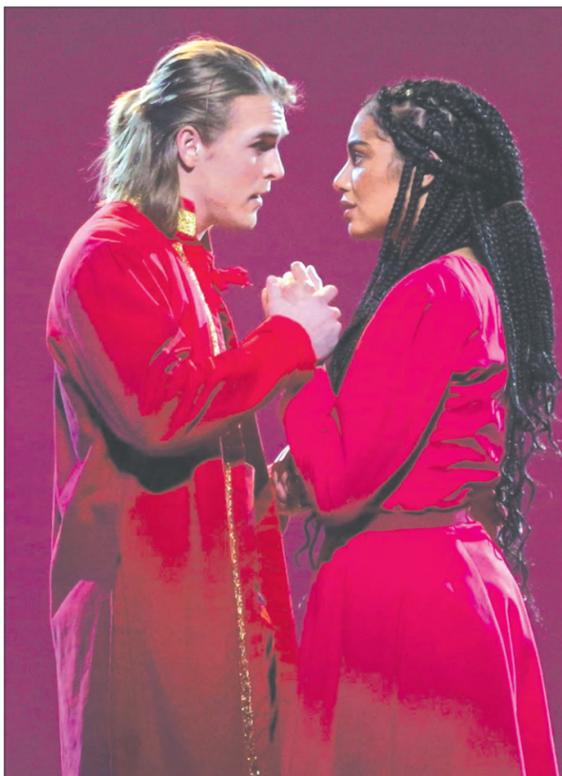
Nevin's casting puts him as one of the top high school actors in the state, and he loved every minute of it. Here's what it was like for him to take center stage.

Name: Riley Nevin
Age: 17
High school: Junior, Coal City High School
Parents: Nikkole and Matt Nevin

When did you first get started in theater? I started theatre in fourth grade when I did a production of "Snow White."

What do you like about theater? I loved singing at the time. My dad was in a lot of bands growing up so music has been one of the biggest parts of my life. Singing is one of my weaker points now that there is so much technique that goes into it. I still enjoy it but acting is my strong suit now.

What productions have you been in? I've been in "Snow White," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "High School Musical 2," "Lion King," "13 The Musical," "Little Mermaid," "Les Miserables,"



RILEY NEVIN, LEFT, A COAL CITY High School junior, starred as Radames in the Illinois All-State Theatre production of "Aida" at Illinois State University.

"Newsies," "Tuck Everlasting," "Once on this Island," "Hairspray," "Aida," and am currently rehearsing for "Hunchback of Notre Dame."

How did you get chosen for the All-State Production? I auditioned over the summer at Glenbard North High School after submitting my resumé and headshot. This is the first year I've auditioned for the All-State production and the first time our school has attended.

Were you surprised you got the lead role in "Aida"? It

was like finding out I won the lottery. Especially because Radames was the male lead role. It's a completely unrecognizable feeling that is incredibly hard to replicate.

Can you describe what it was like for rehearsals? The rehearsals took place at Glenbard North and they were LONG. Very fun and enjoyable, but exhausting. A typical rehearsal day was 13 hours long. I learned a lot through these rehearsals about myself and the craft. When tech/show

week rolled around, we packed up the whole set we'd been building at the high school and shipped it to ISU on trucks.

Essentially, getting a lead role in "Aida" means you are one of the best theater students in the state. How does that feel? It's such an honor. I'm glad that loads of students enjoyed my performance and were inspired by it, but I also feel a great deal of pressure now, not only at my school but at a high level to be seen as one of the best when anyone can be one of the best if they put in the work and enjoy it along the way. I have been working on my craft since fourth grade and I've loved every minute of it. I've been practicing blocking, acting, and singing in and out of rehearsal for countless hours. With the help of people like Jack Micetich and Shanana D'Agostino, I am at the talent level I'm at today.

What has been your most memorable theater experience? Because I've landed this role, I've made a great friend named Adam Pascal. He's a Broadway legend and made a couple appearances on film and TV. Some may know him from "Rent" where he played the role of Roger, or from the show that I've just closed, "Aida," where he originated the role of Radames. He talked me through the ins and outs of the role and told some pretty funny stories along with them. He was incredibly nice and hilarious and I could relate to him on

a lot of things. I also got to sing a duet with him onstage. Unbelievable.

What does your future look like? I'm going to major in musical theatre in college. Right now I'm planning for colleges I would like to visit. From there I will narrow down my search and start putting together audition material for prescreens and callbacks.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to either be entertaining thousands every night live in a Broadway playhouse, or entertaining millions from a silver screen.

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church Expresses Thanks for Christmas Day Dinners

On December 25, St. Peter's Lutheran Church held its annual free Christmas Day Dinner program – delivering 79 carry-out dinners this year.

Each dinner contained turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, a dinner roll, and a piece of pie.

Approximately 25 volunteers from the Dwight area gathered at 8:30 a.m. to start preparations for the deliveries. It takes all these helpers to set

up, prepare, serve, deliver, and clean up when completed.

St. Peter's extended its thanks to all who had a part in this annual project. The monetary donations helped purchase items that were not donated by members of St. Peter's and the Dwight community.

Another "thank you" was expressed to those who donated the 14 turkeys that were needed for the dinner. Donors included Bryan Palmer, Dave Maskel, Kathy Bunting, and Gene

Mortensen. It also took many volunteers the preceding week to cook these turkeys and prepare the birds for serving.

Heritage Health Care annually donates a dozen pies for the dinners, donated directly by Old Route 66 Family Restaurant.

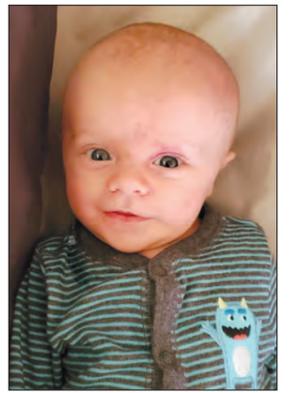
Though volunteers and individual donations were too numerous to count, St. Peter's is thankful for them all.

Benjamin Bexson Named to Greenville U. Dean's List

Benjamin Bexson of Gardner was awarded Dean's List status at Greenville University for his academic work this past semester.

Students that make the Dean's List must earn a semester GPA of 4.0 (freshmen qualify with a 3.5 GPA).

Benjamin is the son of Jeff and Joy Bexson, Gardner, and the grandson of Joe and Barb Bexson, and Dan and Kay Bell – all of Gardner.



Wade Timothy Misener

Saunemin UMC Chicken Supper February 1

Saunemin United Methodist Church will hold a Chicken Supper Saturday, February 1, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

Fried chicken, mashed pota-

toes and gravy, green beans, roll, and drinks will be included, along with a salad bar and desserts.

Carry-outs will be available.

SWGS Kindergarten Pre-Registration February 4

Pre-Registration for South Wilmington Grade School's kindergarten class of 2020-2021 will take place Tuesday, February 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the school office.

No fees will be taken at this time.

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dency and your child's birth certificate.

Your child will need to be five years of age by September 1, 2020.

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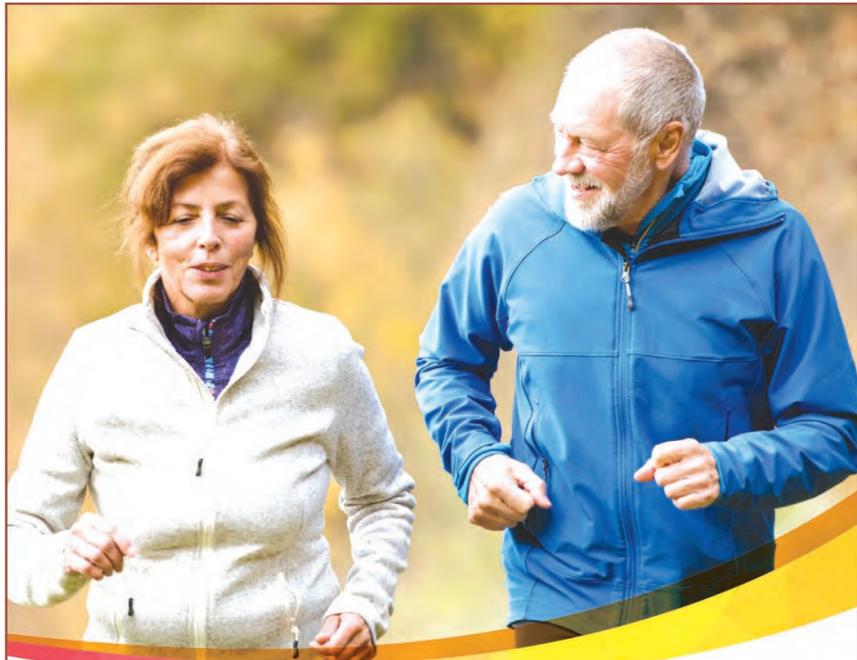
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A TRIPLE BAPTISM WAS HELD January 12 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ by Pastor Grant. Those being baptized were Ayden Roff, Alexis Roff, and Riley Klingler.

Harps & Chords Concert in Pontiac February 6

Take a world class harpist and a world class vocalist from New York City, take them to the town of Pontiac, and place them on the 2019-2020 Livingston County Concert Association season, and you have another opportunity to enjoy a unique musical event sure to please all audiences.

Harps & Chords is such a group and will be playing Thursday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pontiac Township High School Auditorium.

This emerging duo, featuring harpist Jacqueline Kerrod and vocalist Daisy Press, performs contemporary and popular music from various decades. They have created a strong following for their intimate yet energetic performances.

This unique duo of harp and voice have found a niche that has caught the attention of jazz and pop fans everywhere. With a repertoire that takes the audience from "Maybe I'm Amazed" by the Beatles, to "Can't Help Falling In Love" by Elvis, to "Summertime" by George Gershwin, to Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love," to "Come Away With Me" by Norah Jones, attending this concert will offer a contemporary style of performance with a plethora of well-loved musical gems.

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terested in attending, along with the many season members of the LCCA, call Ruth Schlosser at 815-844-6394 for ticket information.

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More Couples are Embracing Edgy, Adventurous Weddings



BOLD COLORS, EXOTIC CAKES AND NONTRADITIONAL FOLIAGE, are just some of the elements modern couples are embracing to set their weddings apart.

Brides and grooms once felt compelled to conform to the trappings of traditional weddings.

From uber-romantic vows to pastel colors to the penultimate white tiered cake, various wedding components were long considered must-haves.

But modern couples are increasingly expressing their individuality, and even embracing more edgy and adventurous elements, when planning their weddings.

According to The Knot, a leading bridal resource and information site, today's weddings are not what they were just a few years ago. Bold colors, exotic cakes and nontraditional foliage, are just some of the elements modern couples are embracing to set their weddings apart.

ADVENTUROUS LOCALES

Vineyards and catering halls can be great places to tie the knot, but couples who like to push the envelope are looking to more adventurous locales to impart their unique spin on their weddings. Sharing vows atop a mountain crest at the end of a favorite hiking trail or on a roller coaster at a theme park that harkens back to a first date are some adventurous places to tie the knot.

OUTSIDE-THE-BOX MENUS

Couples may want to break with tradition by offering a wide selection of foods at their receptions. These foods can include items that fit with

their specific ethnic cuisines, gourmet comfort foods (think cocktail franks wellington), or foods that fit with their dietary choices, such as organic or vegan options. Work with a caterer to provide a variety of tasty choices.

BOLD WARDROBE CHOICES

Brides can put new spins on their gowns by adding color and texture. Sequins, bold embroidery, shorter hemlines, and whatever adventurous fashion style you want to impart can be considered. If white isn't your thing, that's okay, too. Yellow and slate gray look great together. Gentlemen can choose to wear a black suit or any combination of color and style they want to make a dramatic impression.

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Cakes don't have to be white with white buttercream. In fact, couples can make things even more tasty by incorporating favorite flavor combinations into their cakes. For example, a chocolate and caramel filling reminiscent of a candy bar might be something to consider.

Modern couples are embracing bold, unique and edgy components when planning their weddings. Putting an individualized spin on the ceremony and reception can make couples even more excited to tie the knot.

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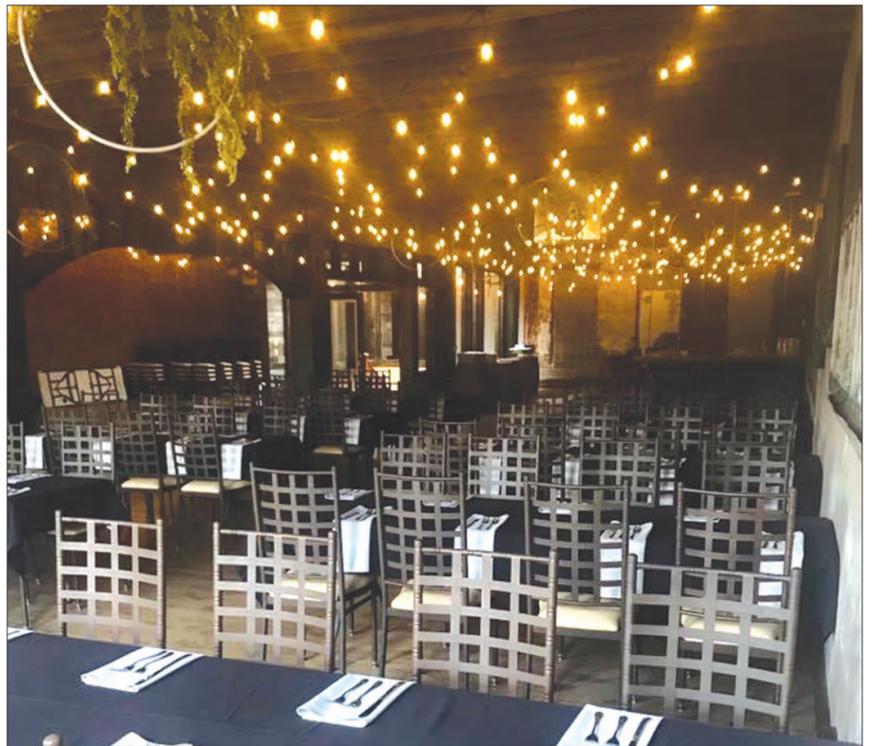
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DAYTIME WEDDINGS CAN BE SUCCESSFUL with a little tweaking of traditional evening wedding planning.

A Guide to Hosting a Daytime Wedding

Weddings dot the social calendars of millions of people across the globe. The Association for Wedding Professionals International says every year an average of 2.4 million weddings are performed in the United States and approximately 150,000 per year are performed in Canada. Evenings are the most common time of the day to host a wedding, but that does not mean a daytime wedding cannot be a beautiful event and make for a party to remember.

Couples are increasingly customizing their weddings to be a reflection of their personal styles. One of the ways couples are customizing their festivities is by moving the wedding to various hours of the day that meet the couple's needs. A wedding that takes place in the late morning or afternoon may be the perfect fit for some couples. Here's how to navigate the specifics of a daytime wedding.

• SECURE ACCOMMODATIONS. An early wedding means guests may have to travel from afar the evening before to be able to attend the festivities. Daytime weddings can be complemented by working with a hotel or bed and breakfast to ensure guests will have a place to stay and get ready to arrive at the early wedding in time.

• DON'T BE AFRAID TO NEGOTIATE PRICES. The wedding resource Bridal Guide says that vendors are typically more amenable to price discounts or offering greater value for daytime weddings. That's

because demand for their services is reduced during the day. Similarly, venues may have more availability during the day than at night, and, as a result, they're more flexible on prices, especially since brunch foods generally cost less than dinner entrees.

• HIRE THE RIGHT PHOTOGRAPHER. Be sure to contract with a photographer who is a pro at handling photos in daylight and natural light. While many photographers are skilled in any light, many are used to shooting in churches and venues with low lighting. Be sure to see picture samples taken during the daytime to gauge a photographer's daytime experience and skill level.

• EMPLOY COLOR TO ADD DIMENSION. During evening weddings, lighting or candles help set the mood. Those same elements will be ineffective in daylight. Choose bright colors for your decor and flowers to brighten up spaces.

• CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE ENTERTAINMENT. Chances are guests are not going to feel as comfortable dancing during daylight hours. Consider other entertainment, such as lawn games, karaoke, or a comedian. A guitarist or pianist may be a nice musical touch.

• PLAN FOOD ACCORDINGLY. Just because the wedding is early does not mean the food should be. Guests still will need to eat. If you are only opting for light appetizers and cocktails, be sure to mention this on the invitation so guests can plan ahead and won't go hungry.

Planning Tips and Tricks

It's hard for newly engaged couples who have never before planned a wedding to know what awaits them. But the following tips can help make the wedding planning process go smoothly.

• Find your organization method. Organization is the key to pulling off the wedding of your dreams. Whether your organizational style is best served by jotting details like dates and deposit deadlines down in a notebook or utilizing an online spreadsheet or smartphone app, choose your method early on. Keeping information and reminders in one place can make it easier to manage all the tasks that lie ahead.

• Take your time. There's no rush to the altar. Feel free to extend the engagement long enough to keep stress levels down and get the location and ceremony of your dreams. Many recently engaged couples feel pressured to get married right away. Stretching out the engagement to save money or give yourself more time to plan can make for a wonderful wedding day.

• Discuss the budget openly and honestly. Did you know a New York City wedding can cost \$77,000, according to Money magazine? Wedding costs can vary widely, and couples should sit down together to decide what they can afford and are willing to pay for.

• Decide on a guest list. Planning decisions are often based around the projected number of guests. You'll need to have a ballpark figure regarding guests before you can choose a venue and make other decisions, such as where guests will stay. And if the majority of guests are coming from a certain area, such as your hometown, you may want to bring the wedding to them instead of asking them to come to you.

• Create a priorities list. Make a list of at least three things that are most important for each of you. It may be the ceremony location, the food or another factor. Knowing what is important can help you negotiate prices and understand what to look for when planning.

These are some of the considerations couples should make while planning their weddings. While it's important to consider these factors and others, it's also important that couples have fun!

Is a Valentine's Day Proposal Right for You?

Valentine's Day is a special day when thoughts turn to love and romance. Couples contemplating tying the knot may feel like Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to pop the question and begin their journeys toward marriage.

Even though Valentine's Day is a very popular day to propose, it's tricky to keep such a proposal from becoming a cliché. By considering some dos and don'ts, Valentine's Day proposals can be unique.

DO ENSURE that you're both on the same page. It's one thing for couples who have already been talking about marriage to build on the romance of Valentine's Day with a proposal. But it's quite another if this is a push to wow him or her and you don't have the same goals; it may not go according to plan. Couples are urged to have honest conversations about key topics (i.e., children, compatibility, finances, living arrangements) to see if marriage is a desire they both share.

DON'T OVERLOOK THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE for the proposal. Sure it is easy to have a waiter bring the ring after a meal at a favorite restaurant, but it can be even more special to catch your sweetheart off guard. Why not propose before you get to the restaurant, such as in front of where you first met, and then

you can enjoy your meal without butterflies?

DO CONSIDER YOUR SWEETHEART'S PERSONALITY before the proposal. A shy person may not like the attention of a crowd. However, someone who loves to be the center of attention may feel that more is merrier.

DON'T GO OVERBOARD with the details. One or two big surprises is all it takes. The more details, the more things that can potentially go wrong, which can adversely affect the overall proposal.

DO GET INPUT FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY, but do not feel pressured to do it exactly as they say. A close friend can help select a ring or contribute to the surprise by keeping the special someone unaware of the plans at hand. Having a helper can make the proposal go more smoothly.

DON'T FEEL PRESSURED to propose on Valentine's Day or a birthday, Christmas, or other big holiday because it's "what you're supposed to do." A proposal and a marriage are unique to each couple, and individuals should abide by their preferences when making such important decisions. Only propose when it feels completely right.



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Wedding Flowers Becoming Larger than Life

Move over bouquets and centerpieces. Flowers are taking over weddings in a big way. While wedding trends come and go, flowers will always have a place at the wedding table.

The blooms brides and grooms choose and how they decide to display them can say much about the couple's style.

Many modern couples are opting for statement pieces with their flowers to rival the big and bold ideas they're incorporating elsewhere into their occasions, such as in cakes and clothing.

In fact, floral designer Tom Uberaga says traditional hurricane vase centerpieces are outdated and only focus the eye on the middle of the table. He prefers guests enter the wedding and have their senses stimulated by flowers from all angles.

Large flower installations, as well as blooms popping up in unexpected places, are some of the hot trends for couples to keep their eyes on.

FLORAL CHANDELIERS

There's no need to worry about seeing over table centerpieces or flowers getting in the way of photo moments. Thanks to hanging flowers and floral chandeliers, flowers are quite literally moving up in the world. Hanging floral



COUPLES ARE MOVING AWAY FROM TRADITIONAL CENTERPIECES to floral chandeliers and curtains made of blooms for their weddings.

pieces can add instant drama and make a large visual impact. Florists can hang flowers from beams over tabletops to increase visual impact, whether as individual baskets, single stems or floral swags. Hanging floral chandeliers are dramatic but naturally expensive. Think about a large installation that forces

guests to look up into a sea of greenery and flowers. The smell and the sight can be breathtaking.

WELCOME WREATHS

Why should wreaths only be reserved for front doors and holiday decor? A welcome floral wreath can be

placed by the entryway to a chapel or reception hall with a heartfelt sentiment that shows guests how much they're appreciated.

FAIRY-TALE FLOWERS

A floral curtain of hanging flowers can line a chuppah or drape the altar in beautiful blooms. Couples who would like a fairy-tale entrance also can make their debut as a couple by coming through a flower curtain at the reception. Martha Stewart Weddings says a cascade of flowers and greens can be romantic and elegant.

DANCE FLOOR BLOOMS

Who says flowers have to be overhead or on a table? With a plexiglass dance floor, or one made from some other transparent material, flowers can be underfoot, creating a magical floral carpet.

FLORAL NECKLACES

Brides needn't carry their bouquets, they can wear ethereal and whimsical floral pieces around their necks or on their waists instead.

Couples are urged to speak with their florists about the innovative ways they can make flowers an even more awe-inspiring component of their weddings.

PharmaCann Expansion

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How exactly should a container of marijuana be sealed during transportation? How do you spot a marijuana gummy bear from a candy one? And what tools do law enforcement have to keep high drivers off the street?

"It's going to be a learning process for us to know exactly what we're looking for," he said.

The task force would be required to make recommendations to the governor and the General Assembly by July 1 of this year on "best practices" in impaired-driving law enforcement and "emerging technology in roadside testing."

Right now, police have to rely largely on field sobriety tests developed to fight drunk driving or old-fashioned observation. There is no breath test. Although technology is advancing to accurately check saliva for cannabis-related impairment during a traffic stop, that could be years away.

Dwight does have a tool that can help detect marijuana on a person or in a car: Spike, the K-9 dog. But when it comes to arresting an individual for drugged driving and having evidence to introduce into court, the only real test police have at their fingertips are blood and urine tests.

Henson said Livingston County State's Attorney Randy Yedinak and Sheriff Tony Childress have worked together to ensure there was a nurse staffed at the Livingston County Jail around the clock. If an officer suspects someone is drugged driving, they can take them to the jail and have blood drawn. But there's only a two-hour window from the time of the traffic stop to draw blood, Henson said.

Illinois' legal limit for THC in blood for drivers is 5 nanograms/ml. You are considered impaired and can be arrested for DUI-marijuana if a blood test comes back with 5 nanograms or more of THC, or 10 nanograms or more in urine -- the equivalent of a .08 alcohol breathalyzer test.

Henson said there have been a couple of cases outside Dwight's jurisdiction where suspected drugged drivers were brought to the jail for testing. Police can get a warrant for the test if you refuse to consent to test. First refusal comes with a one year driver's license suspension. Second increases by 6 months.

Henson is also afraid the new law could undermine all the work that's been done to combat teen drug use. He strongly believes marijuana is a gateway drug. Research has shown that 70 percent of heroin users started their drug habit by using marijuana.

There are also loopholes in the law that make it difficult for law enforcement. Henson said that while it's illegal to smoke in public, there are no penalties if you are caught doing so. That's why Dwight is considering a local ordinance that would come with fines for people caught toking up in public, Henson said.

In all, Dwight doesn't seem to have a big problem with marijuana. In 2019, Dwight drug stops resulted in just one violation of the cannabis control act and 5 civil tickets for possession of pot under 2.5 grams.

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A Push for Private Vows

Weddings are very special occasions for two people who are in love. That's why many couples want close family and friends nearby when they tie the knot.

But even the happiest couples may express some nervousness about one particular part of traditional wedding ceremonies.

Wedding vows are a way for couples to profess their love for each other. However, many couples who want to write their own vows are hesitant to say them aloud in front of an audience.

If couples are intimidated by a heartfelt recital of their vows in front of a crowd, then exchanging vows in private may be for them.

Wedding planners and industry experts say that private vows have become very popular.

While the vows do not replace the public exchange that seals the marriage from a legal standpoint, they can be words shared in a private moment before the actual ceremony itself.

A quiet moment alone allows couples to shed private tears and share a special moment before they make haste for the altar.

The Knot, a premier wedding planning resource, notes that there are many reasons to share private vows.

- You do not like being in the spotlight or become shy in front of crowds.
- There are words you would like to share with your future spouse that are deeply private, and you don't want to express those feelings to

every person at the wedding.

- You do not want to censor your thoughts or words.
 - You desire an intimately private and personal moment together before all of the fanfare and rush of the wedding.
 - You'd like to recite loving words in a native language that some guests may not understand.
 - You desire the potential for some very great candid photos if you invite the photographer to be there at a distance.
 - You want to create a lasting memory that is only yours as a couple to share.
- The popularity of private vows exchanged before a wedding ceremony is growing. This growing trend provides yet another way for couples to personalize their weddings.

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Lady Panthers Defeat Dwight, 53-26

Monday, January 13
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In a non-conference rivalry game between Gardner-South Wilmington and Dwight January 13, the Lady Panthers got a 53-26 win to move to 18-1 on the season.

Madelyn Storm led GSW with 17 points, including three

three-pointers. Abby Beck followed with 13 points, hitting a three-pointer. Kylie Hawks and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh contributed seven and six points, respectively, while Mya Anderson and Kennedy Fair (1 3-pointer) provided five points each.

For the Lady Trojans, Kayla Kodat led with 12 points, con-

necting on two threes in the game. Nellie Rieke (4 rebounds) and Nora Anderson each scored four points, with Jordan Schultz scoring three points. Rylee Farris put up two points, four rebounds, while Mikalah Bregin made a free throw.

Dwight is now 6-9 on the season.



Monday, January 13
Dwight vs. GSW
JV -

The JV Lady Trojans earned their first victory of the season January 13, defeating GSW, 20-16.

Dwight trailed 12-4 at the end of the third quarter, but outscored the Lady Panthers 16-4 in the final frame to secure the "W."

Mikalah Bregin led with six points, followed by five and six points, respectively, from Kira Bean and Maya Green. Skylar Horrie put in three points, with Iris Beier scoring two.

Wednesday, January 15
Dwight vs. St. Anne
Varsity -

Dwight traveled to St. Anne for a non-conference game January 13, taking home a 64-33 win to raise its record to 7-9 on the season.

Nora Anderson led the way with 12 points, including a three-pointer. Mikalah Bregin (1 3-pointer), Kayla Kodat (2 3-pointers, 8 assists, 7 steals), and Rylee Farris (9 rebounds) each added ten points. Jordan Schultz (1 3-pointer) and Nellie Rieke (9 rebounds) chipped in with eight and six points, respectively. Emily Weissmann put in three points, with Destinie Drapeau and Eden Beier scoring two each. Kira Bean made a free throw.



Thursday, January 16
GSW vs. IL Lutheran
Varsity -

The Lady Panthers took on Illinois Lutheran January 16, cruising to a 52-28 victory.

Abby Beck led GSW with 12 points, while Kaitlynn Kavanaugh and Kennedy Fair added 11 and ten points, respectively. Mya Anderson, Madelyn Storm, and Kylie Hawks (1 3-pointer) each scored five points. Grace Halpin chipped in with a bucket.

Friday, January 17
GSW vs. Tri-Point

Gardner-South Wilmington reached the 20 win mark January 17, defeating Tri-Point 57-39.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh led with 16 points. Kylie Hawks had eight points, with Kennedy Fair contributing seven points, including one three-pointer. Abby Beck and Madelyn storm each scored six points, while Ellie Fortier put up five. Mya Anderson added four points, while Paige Patterson provided three. Grace Halpin hit for two points.

The Lady Panthers improve to 20-1 on the season.

Trojan Cheer Team Hosting Sweetheart Cheer Camp February 10

The Dwight Trojan Cheer team will host a Sweetheart cheer camp for kindergarten through fourth graders Monday, February 10, at Dwight Common School.

It will begin in the DCS cafeteria right after school and end at 5:30 p.m. A fee applies per camper, which includes snacks, drinks, t-shirt, cheer bow, fun, and cheer instruction for the performance at the Dwight Trojan basketball game against Morris during the varsity halftime Tuesday, February

11. More specific details about this performance will be sent home the day of the camp.

The completed registration form and payment **must** be returned to the DCS office **no later than Tuesday, January 28**, to ensure a t-shirt for the camper. Pay by cash or checks (made payable to DTHS). Forms are available in the DCS office or by contacting Coach Melissa Snyder at 815-674-1066.

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Lady Redbirds Beat MVK

Thursday, January 16
Dwight vs. MVK
8th Grade -

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds won over MVK 25-16, 25-17 in their volleyball meeting January 16.

Megan Livingston led with 11 aces, five digs, and three kills. Avery Scheuer added six aces, two digs, and two kills, with Kassy Kodat coming up with five aces, two assists, two kills, and two digs. Claire Robison provided two aces and two digs, with Lily McKelvey contributing two kills.

For the Lady Mavs, Faith Baker (2 kills) and Sam Vandevelde each had eight points. Katie Arnold put up four points, with Skylar Schultz-Conley adding a kill.

7th Grade -

In the seventh grade contest, Dwight was victorious, 14-25, 25-9, 12-25.

MVK was led by Kiley Francisco with 11 points, one kill, followed by nine points and a kill from Tessa Krull. Audrey McNabb and Natalie Misner added five and three points, respectively.



DCS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, January 13
Dwight vs. Woodland
8th Grade -

In a match-up against Woodland, Dwight's eighth grade girls lost 17-25, 25-23, 17-25.

Kassy Kodat led with four aces, ten assists, five digs, and three kills. Megan Livingston added three aces, 18 digs, and six kills, while Avery had five kills, three digs, and a block. Milana put up a block, a dig, and one kill.

Tuesday, January 14
Dwight vs. GSWB
5th Grade -

In the fifth grade contest against GSWB, the Lady Redbirds fell 15-25, 15-25.

Claire Sandeno had three aces to lead the team, followed by two from Mikayla Chambers. Coming up with one each was Avery Connor, Kit Connor, and Cloe Gall.

6th Grade -

Dwight's sixth graders were beaten by GSWB 23-25, 22-25 on January 14.

Taylor Heath led with eight aces and two kills, followed by

four aces from Makayla Wahl. Taylor Frobish added three aces and two kills, with Maddi Ely putting up two aces and two kills. Brooke Johnson and Sarah Parker each had one ace.

7th Grade -

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds defeated GSWB 25-20, 13-25, 24-22 in volleyball action January 14.

Samantha Harsh had eight aces and one kill, followed by five aces, a kill, and a dig from Maci Johnson. Ella Legner (2 kills), Brynn Connor (1 kill), and Sophi Richie each contributed two aces. Leah Larson had four kills, with Kiah Handzus providing two digs.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade contest, Dwight was victorious over GSWB, 25-19, 25-19.

Kassy Kodat had three aces, seven assists, four digs, and two kills. Megan Livingston came up with three aces, ten digs, and six kills, while Avery added three aces, four kills, and four digs. Claire Robison provided three digs and a kill, with a dig and a block from Olivia Folkers.



MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, January 14
MVK vs. Elwood
7th Grade -

The Lady Mavericks' seventh grade squad fell to Elwood January 14, 25-21, 23-25, 20-25.

Kiley Francisco led with 13 points, while Audrey McNabb added nine of her own. Lily Quintero and Madison DenGrush had four points each.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade match-up, MVK lost 21-25, 22-25 to Elwood.

Katie Arnold and Skylar Schultz-Conley led with six and five points, respectively. Faith Baker had three points.

Victory Lanes, Dwight

Bowling League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers

HSG: Rob Teno, 255. HHG: Kent Jensen, 272. HSS: Brandon Petry, 690. HHS: Rob Teno, 726. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1088. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 3109.

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	14	2
Jensen BP II	12	4
Carl's Pro Band	10	6
Star Trucking	10	6
Jensens I	8	8
Jeremy's Barber	7	9
Rury's Tap	6	10
KWM Gutterman	5	11
Willy's Pub	5	11
DeLong Ford	3	13



DCS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, January 13
Dwight vs. MVK
7th Grade -

IVC Tournament

In IVC Tournament play January 13, Dwight defeated MVK 38-15 in the first round.

"We actually shot 50% from the field in this game!" exclaimed Coach Conroy.

The Redbirds were led by Luke Gallet with 16 points, five rebounds, four assists, and a steal. Owen Dunlap added eight points, three steals, three assists, and a rebound. Tristan Larkin came up with six points, ten boards, four steals, and two assists. Owen Woods had four points, three rebounds, with Tracer Brown (3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal) and Wyatt Statler each scoring two points.

Wednesday, January 15

Dwight vs. Saratoga
7th Grade -

IVC Tournament

The seventh grade Redbirds dropped a tough, double-overtime, IVC Tourney game to Number 1-seeded Saratoga.

"Too many turnovers," admitted Coach Conroy. "And we shot poorly (13-56). But this team finds ways to compete and make things exciting."

Owen Dunlap (1 rebound, 1 steal) and Luke Gallet (7 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals) led with 11 and ten points, respectively. Tracer Brown put up eight points, a swipe, and a rebound, while Tristan Larkin scored three points to go with nine rebounds and two steals. Wyatt Statler grabbed two boards, with Jensen dishing out two assists.

Dwight is now 10-8 overall.



DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

Friday, January 17
Dwight vs. Momence
Varsity -

Dwight earned an impressive road victory over Momence, 70-49, on Friday night.

Brandon Ceylor went off for the Trojans, scoring 19 points, including three three-pointers. Wyatt Thompson (13-pointer) and Lane Thompson each scored 12 points, followed by eight from Bryson Connor. Isaac Telford provided six points for Dwight, with Landon Brown and Abe Rieke scoring four points each. Trent Tilley hit a trifecta in the fourth.

Saturday, January 18
Dwight vs. Woodland
Varsity -

The Trojans traveled to Chicago to take on Woodland at the United Center January 18, pulling off a 53-43 win.

Lane Thompson's 18 points was a game-high, as he hit seven shots and went 4-6 from the line. Brandon Ceylor followed with 12 points, including a three and 3-3 FT shooting. Isaac Telford put in nine points, with a trey and a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe. Bryson Connor and Wyatt Thompson each scored four points, while Kaleb Duden connected on a three in the final frame. Trent Tilley put up two points, with Abe Rieke making a free throw.

To top it off, the Bulls managed to get a rare come-from-behind victory later in the night, 118-116, over the struggling Cleveland Cavaliers.



GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, January 14
GSW vs. St. Anne
Varsity -

In a game against St. Anne that took overtime to decide a winner, the GSW Panthers fell on the wrong side of a 70-62 score.

"We played a great second half to have the lead towards the end of regulation," stated Coach Wills. "We had two costly turnovers, which took the game to OT. Both teams played hard, but we just fell a bit short."

Connor Steichen had 26 points and eight boards to lead Gardner-South Wilmington. Chris Bexson added nine points, three rebounds, with Nate Wise (9 rebounds) and Brandon States contributing eight and seven points, respectively.

tively.

Friday, January 17
GSW vs. Tri-Point
Varsity -

The Panthers picked up a big 82-67 win over Tri-Point on the road January 17 - hitting 13 three-pointers in the contest.

"We shot the ball very well tonight," stated Coach Wills. "Eleven different players scored as well. Hopefully we can continue offensive games like this throughout the season."

Leading GSW was Chris Bexson with a game-high 33 points, in addition to three assists. Nate Wise added 11 points and four rebounds.

The Panthers are now 10-9 overall, with a 3-2 conference record.



TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL

Monday, January 13
Tri-Point vs. Iroquois West
Varsity -

The Chargers took a loss to Iroquois West, 60-44, when they met January 13.

Leading Tri-Point in scoring was Connor Cardenas with 20

points. Tyler Platz added nine points, including a three-pointer, while Jameson Schuerr scored five points, hitting one three. Jose Amador came up with four points, with Ayden McNeill and Bobby Mogged each scoring three points.

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Gardner-South Wilmington Welcomes Two New Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

The GSW Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony welcomed two new members in 2020 – John Hollmeyer and Nancy Riggi.

John Hollmeyer represents the GSW class of 1967.

While at GSW, Hollmeyer played basketball and baseball, and was in the play his junior and senior years.

John served in the US Army from 1969-1971, serving in Germany and Vietnam.

Mr. Hollmeyer retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation and currently works part-time for Reeves Funeral Home.

He was a volunteer fireman and EMT for the Gardner Fire Department for many years, and also served on the board. He is a member of the Gardner American Legion, The Coal City VFW, the Selective Service Board, and the Grundy County Hospice Board – where he is currently the Vice President.

He has been nominated to represent Gardner as the Grand Marshal for the Grundy County Corn Festival Parade. Mr. Hollmeyer volunteers his time to help out the community any time he can. He has volunteered at South Wilmington

Grade School St. Lawrence mobile food truck, was chosen to be on the new GSW superintendent search committee, and many others over the years.

In 2018, he received the Community Service Recognition Award for the Gleaners.

John enjoys spending time with family and friends, and playing golf.

The second inductee of the night, Mrs. Nancy Riggi, probably didn't realize over 50 years ago – when she created the Pantherettes – how important they would be to the GSW community for decades to come.

Nancy Riggi, wife of GSW Band director, Joe Riggi, was an inspiration, mentor, and friend to many that knew her.

Riggi was just a young wife, dealing with the isolation of moving to a small rural town, when she came up with the idea of having marching and dancing girls to accompany her husband's growing marching band.

She worked hard to sell the idea to, at the time, a conservative administration.

In the spring of 1963, the first try-out for the Pantherettes was held. Only girls that were current freshmen and sophomores were allowed to try out,

as Nancy wanted to build longevity and leadership in the squad.

With hard work and determination, the squad performed in numerous parades that summer, in the iconic black skirts with white notes that Nancy designed and she and her crew of volunteers hand-stitched to look professionally made. The finishing touches on the uniforms were the white marching boots.

During the mid-seventies, with her son, George, in school all day, Nancy went back to Joliet Junior College – where she pursued an associate's degree in Art.

An extremely creative person, Riggi gave private art lessons to area students and donated many of her unique art projects to the area churches.

Nancy had a passion for thinking outside of the box, and the community thanks her for her dedication to GSW, and for her inspiration and vision to bring the Pantherettes to life – where they have been an integral part of the GSW culture for over 50 years.

Receiving the award on Nancy's behalf were her son, George Riggi, and his wife, Julie Riggi.



John Hollmeyer and family, above, accepting the Hall of Fame award at the Gardner Induction Ceremony.



George and Julie Riggi and family (right) accept Hall of Fame Award on behalf of Nancy Riggi.



GSW Seniors cheer on the game played by Staff members during the homecoming celebration.



See next week's The Paper for more GSW Homecoming fun!!
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Dwight Shows Residential Building Growth

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The Dwight Village Board of Trustees convened for its first meeting of 2020 on January 13 following a break due to the holidays. The board reviewed and took actions on several items from the Administration Committee meeting held just prior to the board meeting.

In one of those actions, the board approved a Resolution declaring the Village of Dwight's intent to apply for a PARC Grant. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications through January 21, 2020 for the state's Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) Grant Program. The program will provide grants to eligible local governments for acquisition, development, construction, rehabilitation or other capital improvements to park and recreational facilities in Illinois. IDNR is anticipating that a total of \$25 million in grants will be available through funding provided by the Rebuild Illinois Act with the maximum award being \$2.5 million. Grant recipients will be reimbursed up to 75 percent of approved project costs, and up to 90 percent for local governments defined as disadvantaged. Dwight will apply for the grant with Stevenson Pool being designated as the project need.

In another action, the board approved a Resolution Declaring the Village of Dwight's Official Intent to Reimburse TIF Expenditures (IL 17/Route 66 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District). The Village authorized moving forward with a feasibility study under the TIF Act to determine if the pro-

posed area may be designated as a redevelopment project area under the TIF Act. The board approved a Stern Brothers TIF Consulting Services Contract and also approved a Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins Legal Services Contract relative to establishment of the proposed TIF District.

In other business, a Village of Dwight 2019 building permit recap presented to the board shows new construction in Dwight growing substantially for the first time in years. In 2019, four new residential single family home building permits were issued by the Village of Dwight, making it the largest growth of single family homes since 2010. In addition, six living units in new apartment construction were recorded making that the largest increase of its kind since 2007. Overall Building Permits in Dwight for 2019 totaled 71 with the total value of these permits at \$3,504,546.00 including five new residential permits totaling \$1,000,000.00; 43 residential permits for alterations/additions totaling \$247,846.00; one new commercial permit totaling \$1,685,750.00; and 22 commercial permits for alterations/additions totaling \$570,950.00.

An EMS report for 2019 shows 1,074 ambulance calls received for an average of 89.5 calls per month and an increase of 51 calls over 2018. In another EMS matter, the board approved putting out an Ambulance Services/EMS Paramedic Staffing Request for Proposals.

In his report, Mayor Jared Anderson expressed condolences to the family of lifelong Dwight resident and businessman, George Hager, who passed away January 13 at the

age of 93.

In Public forum, resident Tom Tock commented on the status of an outstanding loan made by the Village of Dwight. In May 10, 2010, the Dwight Village Board approved a \$75,000 loan request from Dwight Restaurant Group at an interest rate of three percent over five and one-half years using money from the Village's Revolving Loan Fund. The five-year loan was effective January 2011.

The Revolving Loan Fund was established many years ago offering an under market interest rate loan option to businesses for the purpose of low to moderate income job creation. Dwight Restaurant Group's Bill Ohlendorf, owner of The Country Mansion Restaurant, earmarked the loan money for renovations that subsequently took place at the front of the historic building creating a patio for use as an outside dining area. In December of 2017, the Country Mansion announced its immediate closure.

In January 2018, with \$43,000 still owed, the board agreed to extend the contract to February 1, 2019 to allow for the sale of the property.

It was noted that payments totaling \$11,800 had been made as scheduled. Per an agreement made in January 2019, a balloon payment of \$31,419.68 for the balance was due October 1, 2019. That payment has not been received. There was no comment from the board.

The board also approved:

- payment of bills through 12/23/2019 totaling \$103,174.21.
- payment of bills through 1/3/2020 totaling \$151,398.46.
- the November 2019 Treasurer's Report.
- the purchase of a new Ford Explorer police squad vehicle.

Present at the January 13 session were Mayor Jared Anderson and Trustees Randy Irvin, Jerry Curtis, Marla Kinkade, Jennifer Johnson and Justin Eggenberger. Absent was Chuck Butterbrodt.

The next meeting of the Dwight Village Board will be Monday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Services Complex.

DTHS Administrative Structure Changes Approved

Elevator Project Set to Move Forward / DTSH BOE January Actions



Lindsey Jensen



Cathy Ferguson

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Administrative organizational structure changes effective with the 2020 - 2021 school year received approval of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education when it met on January 15.

The changes will coincide with the retirement of DTSH Principal Dan Kaiser at the end of this school year. Last October, the BOE approved current Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Andrew Pittenger, to fill the position of Principal with a three-year contract beginning July 1. Along with that change, Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek approached the BOE with a unique and resourceful administrative organizational structure that would utilize in-district staff.

"This is a different approach than the previous structure with a Principal and Assistant Principal/Athletic Director," Dr. Jancek told *The Paper*.

The new structure will include Mr. Pittenger as DTSH Principal along with Mrs. Lindsey Jensen serving as Academic Dean in a newly created half-time position. Cathy Ferguson will step in as the new DTSH Athletic Director.

"I appreciate the board's willingness to support a new and creative administrative organizational structure at DTSH," Dr. Jancek told *The Paper*. "I think we have three exceptional people who will bring exceptional leadership qualities to DTSH. I'm excited to watch them perform their new duties and grow as a team."

Mrs. Jensen, who was named Illinois Teacher of the Year in 2018, will continue in her role as English Teacher on a half-time basis concentrating on all senior level classes while also focusing on her new responsibilities as Academic Dean.

"In the past two years, I've been fortunate to experience some of the most incredible professional development in the world. Yet in the back of

my mind, I harbored guilt that my amazing colleagues didn't get to share in those experiences," Mrs. Jensen said in a statement to *The Paper*. "This hybrid position will allow me to capitalize on the relationships I've built and to bring inspiring teacher leaders to our district to deliver incredible educator workshops."

"Additionally, I'll aim to support new teachers in our district through mentoring and coaching, while assisting with curriculum," stated Jensen. "The best part is that I get to remain in my classroom for half of the day teaching my precious seniors. So many people in my position are pressured to leave their classrooms to continue their teacher leadership journeys, and I'm so glad that I don't have to make that choice. To summarize, I'll continue teaching the kids I adore, bring incredible speakers to our professional development days, and support the most vulnerable population of our teaching staff. And I get to do it all in the place I love so much—Dwight Township High School. I'm so very grateful to the administration and the BOE for creating this position, as well as to my colleagues for their overwhelming support."

Cathy Ferguson has accepted the position of Athletic Director at Dwight Township High School beginning 2020-2021 school year. Cathy was born and raised in Dwight, and is a graduate of DTSH. She has nineteen years of employment between Dwight Grade School and Dwight Township High School. During her tenure at DGS, she also held the position of Athletic Director.

"I am very grateful to the Administration and the Board of Education at Dwight Township High School for their progressive thinking and hiring me to fill the position of Athletic Director," Ferguson stated to *The Paper*. "I am eager to work in this team-oriented environment, where cooperative learning is not only for the students, but also for the staff. My goal

as A.D. is to increase participation and school spirit in all activities. Students who are involved in multiple activities are usually able to maintain a balance in their lives."

One of Cathy's main goals is to encourage community members to support the athletes and school by 'cheerleading' at athletic events.

"This opportunity is allowing me to pursue my passion for athletics, and for working with students, parents, and the DTSH staff," remarked Ferguson.

Mrs. Ferguson's annual base salary will begin at \$48,000 plus benefits. Mrs. Jensen's salary, for the combined positions, is anticipated to be approximately \$75,000 annually plus benefits; however, her final salary will be determined upon the conclusion of the upcoming BOE/DEA contract negotiations. According to Dr. Jancek, the reorganization is expected to save the district approximately \$50,000 next year.

In other business, DTSH will move forward with the installation of an elevator and the addition of an ADA compliant restroom. The BOE accepted a bid from Vissering Construction Company for \$444,848 for the project. The elevator project, previously planned for last year, had been put on hold due to unforeseen complications. The board also approved a \$50,000 grant that has become available from the State of Illinois towards the project. That 50/50 matching grant can be applied only to building maintenance type projects.

In new business, the 2019-20 teacher seniority list was approved as presented. Dwight Township High School District #230 currently has 26 teachers with eight teachers serving DTSH for ten years or more. In 2020, tenure status will be held by 17 DTSH teachers.

In his report to the board, Principal Dan Kaiser noted that DTSH will offer SAT Prep for interested junior students again this year. The prep sessions will be conducted on three Sundays leading up to the national test date of April 14. The first session will be held February 23. A fee of \$30 per student will be charged to cover the cost of instruction and snacks/drinks. However, a full refund of that \$30 will be offered to those students who participate and attend all three sessions in good standing.

The BOE also:

- approved Kathleen Gettner, Assistant Track Coach,
- approved attendance at an Illinois Music Education Conference in Peoria on January 29 - February 1.
- approved a Band trip to Disney during Spring break, 2022.
- approved a request to attend FFA 212 Conference in Decatur IL on February 7 - 8.
- affirmed a secretary and paraprofessional substitution hourly wage increase to \$9.25 effective January 1 per Illinois State law.

Upcoming events/dates to remember:

- January 28 - Bridge Building Competition at IIT.
- February 1 - Athletic Hall of Fame Induction during DTSH Basketball vs Gardner
- February 1 - Cheer Sectionals at Farmington.
- February 15 - Winter Ball, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- February 18 - Freshman Orientation, 6 p.m.
- February 19 - Staff appreciation breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

It was also noted that an early (2:40 p.m.) dismissal has been added on Friday, February 7, due to DTSH hosting the Wrestling Regional on February 7 & 8.

The board adjourned and moved into executive session to discuss continued legal issues and updates regarding and involving a former DTSH teacher.

The next meeting of the DTSH Board of Education will take place at 6 p.m. on February 19 at the school in the district board room. Meetings are open to the public.

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According to Gasbuddy.com it appears that 2020 gas averages should see a 2 cent drop from last year. Consumers however, could see a gradual increase of \$.75 from a February low to a peak price in May due to the seasonal blend of gas being used. Stay safe!

City/Village	Jan.22	Jan.15
Dwight	\$2.48	\$2.49
Kankakee	\$2.49	\$2.64
S. Wilmington	\$2.59	\$2.60
Streator	\$2.46	\$2.45
Odell	\$2.59	\$2.55
Pontiac	\$2.46	\$2.53
Gardner	\$2.50	\$2.56
Braceville	\$2.59	\$2.59
Morris	\$2.45	\$2.56
Herscher	\$2.59	\$2.48
Chicago	\$3.01	\$3.23
Illinois	\$2.53	\$2.66
U.S.	\$2.56	\$2.58

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

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OBITUARIES

Kevin Smith

DWIGHT — Kevin Smith, 63, of Dwight passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL.



Kevin enjoyed music, movies, watching his Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs. He had a fierce love for his family and spent as much time with them as possible and will be most remembered for his love of family and his generous spirit.

He is survived by his daughter, Michele (Rev. Dr. Joe Marek) Vonderheide of Rockford, IL; sons, Eric (Ruby Lopez) Smith of Somerton, AZ; Anthony (Samantha) Smith of Duluth, MN.; and Gregory Smith of Coleraine, MN; brother, Dana (Yvonne) Smith of Westminster, CO; grandchildren: Grace, Ryan, Dahlia and Nathan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Greg and Stan Smith.

He worked for Halliburton and Hydrochem Chemical for more than 40 years.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, January 17, 2020 at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight with Rev. Dr. Joe Marek officiating.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials in honor of Kevin may be made to the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL, and online condolences may be made at: www.hagermemorialhome.com

Rita J. Deany

HERSCHER — Rita J. Deany, 84, of Herscher, IL passed away January 18, 2020 at Miller Health Care Center.



her grandchildren's sporting events.

The visitation will be 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, January 24, 2020 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel.

Rita is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Alan (Tracy) Deany of Pontiac; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane (Pete) Denault and Marsha (Don) Wagner, of Herscher; eight grandchildren: Derek, Jared and Justin Denault; Jeremy, Brandon and Katie Bauer; Emily Frechette; and Tessa Deany; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m., January 25, 2020 in St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

Burial will follow in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Herscher, IL.

Also surviving are a brother and two sisters-in-law, Leo (Rita) Weller of Cullom and Millie Stevenson of Chebanse.

She was born September 24, 1935 in Sullivan Township to Aloysius and Josephine (Flynn) Weller. Rita married Robert E. Deany February 23, 1957 in Ashkum, IL and he died May 24, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two infant daughters, Karen and Debra; a brother, Paul Weller; two sisters, Marjorie Deany and Geraldine Conrad; a granddaughter - in - law, Paulette "Boo" Denault and a great-granddaughter, Carlie Bauer.

She graduated from Cullom High School in 1953 and was employed by Herscher Grain for 22 years and retired in 1997. Rita was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and the C.C.W. She was in a bowling league, a card club and a square dance group. Rita was a Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed reading, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee County or the Alzheimers Association.

Please visit her online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Barbara Sue Taylor

MAZON — Barbara Sue (Harris) Taylor, 86, of Mazon passed away Sunday, January 19, 2020 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL.

Cremation rites have been accorded and per her request there will be no memorial services.

A family inurnment will be held at a later date.

Barbara was born January 6, 1934 in Galatia, Illinois to the late Brooks and Callie (Upchurch) Harris. She was raised and educated in Galatia and at the age of 19 she and her friends headed North and gained employment at the Manteno State Hospital, where she met the love of her life, the late Lester E. Taylor, whom she married May 29, 1954.

She is survived by her children: Kate Rodenbach of Indianapolis, Indiana; Tim (Carrie) of Dwight; Scott of Mazon; and Kathy (late Dan) Taylor of Streator. Also surviving are grandchildren: Sandie Taylor of California; Mark Taylor of Iowa; Jennifer (Nathan) Hovious of Streator; and Jeremy

(Kelly) Wilken of New York; great-grandchildren: Kelli and Dylan (Kaylee) Hovious; Rhannon and Collin Wilken; siblings: Jim (Kay) Harris of St. Anne and Robert Harris of Harrisburg; special cousin, Betty Harris of Springfield; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two sons, Mark and Dan.

Barbara worked as a bookkeeper at the Manteno State Hospital until she became a mother to which she dedicated her life to raising her family. She had a love of reading, often reading several books at once; a love of gardens and flowers, where she seemed to make everything grow; doing puzzles; and Friday night outings with "the gang."

Memorials in honor of Barbara may be made to the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman (MVK) Ambulance Services and online condolences may be made at: www.hagermemorial.com



UNCUT GEMS

Starring: Adam Sandler, Kevin Garnett, Julia Fox
Director: Benny & Josh Safdie
Genre: Drama, Crime
Rated: R
Rating: 9/10

Almost every scene creates a sense of urgency and anxiety for the audience and results in a genuinely tense viewing as Howard's life becomes increasingly risky.

The most notable aspect of Uncut Gems is the amazing performance from Adam Sandler. It is made clear early on in the film that he has much more talent for dramatic acting than can be gathered from his typical comedic roles. In Uncut Gems, he plays Howard, the owner of a jewelry store who tends to make high-stakes bets in the hopes of winning it big.

The film is extremely fast-paced as it follows him struggling to pay back his enemies while also attempting to balance his business and family.

Kevin Garnett, playing himself, turns in a memorable performance, as does the rest of the cast as they play believable characters in Howard's life. However, Sandler shines the most, as he performs his role to perfection with enough emotion and humanity to seem realistic. His charisma and flaws are both on display, causing us to dislike him one moment while rooting for him the next. Overall, it is a thrillingly well-acted drama and, being released late last year, was one of the best films of 2019.

- Ryan Beier

5 Minutes with Boma



Arguably one of the best weekends of the year took place this weekend: NFL Championship Sunday

Since I was younger it's been one of my favorite weekends every year. There's just something about it being the championship weekend and everything is on the line to make it to the SuperBowl that makes it great. It's almost like you get two mini super bowl games consecutively.

I didn't really have any rooting interests in any of the games, although I was rooting hard against the Packers, because they're well, the Packers.

It's incredibly interesting that everything over the last couple years has been leading to this passing renaissance with everything having a hand in analytics.

Two of the four teams in these games relied heavily on the run. Both the Titans and the 49ers have now both won playoff games this postseason with their quarterback throwing for less than 100 yards in a game.

There was belief around the league that the running game was more or less gone and it was going to be passing only from here on forward, so it's very interesting to see teams leaning into the running game so heavily.

One of those running teams advanced, in the 49ers, and the Titans fell to the Chiefs who oddly enough out-passed them.

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Dated this 3rd day of January, 2020.
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Livingston County Clerk

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The Village of Dwight has established a Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") District Interested Parties Registry relative to the proposed IL 17/Route 66 TIF District. Residents of the Village and organizations active in the Village may register with the Village to receive information on any proposed designation of the redevelopment project area or the approval of the redevelopment plan for the proposed IL 17/Route 66 TIF District, as well as information regarding any changes proposed for the redevelopment plan for the proposed IL 17/Route 66 TIF District. Registration forms are available from the Village Clerk, Jill Haacke, or Village Administrator, Kevin McNamara, at the Dwight Village Hall, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Holidays. Rules to implement the registration process have been adopted by the Village Board and may be obtained at the same location.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
WILMA C. CORRIGAN,) No. 2019P116
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of WILMA C. CORRIGAN of 208 Scott Drive, Dwight, IL 60420.

Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued to Kevin Corrigan of 206 Julie Drive, Dwight, IL 60420, AND Kipp Corrigan of 1743 Carol Anne Drive, Morris, IL 60450, AND Kim Corrigan Forney of 420 Jackson Street, Yorkville, IL 60560, AND Kirk Corrigan of 24613 S. Edwin Drive, Channahon, IL 60410, whose attorneys are CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN LLP, 204 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764.

Claims may be filed on or before the 22nd day of July, 2020. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 North Main Street, Pontiac, IL 61764, or claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or both. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Personal Representative and to his attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

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Applicants for the Board vacancy must be, as stated in section 2:40 of District #435 Board Policy Manual, a United States citizen at least 18 years of age, a resident of Illinois and the District for at least one year immediately preceding the appointment, a registered voter, and not be a child sex offender as defined in State Law. A Board of Education member must also have filed an economic interest statement as required by the Illinois Government Ethics Act. Some persons may be ineligible for Board of Education membership by reason of other public offices held or certain types of State or federal employment.

Letter of interest may be turned in by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020, to Mark Hettmansberger, Superintendent, Odell CCSD #435, 203 N. East St., Odell, Illinois 60460, or emailed to markh@odell.k12.il.us.

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Odell Village Board Meets November 11, December 9

Village of Odell Trustees met with Mayor Brian Mills in the Council Room November 11. Iris Thorne, Village Attorney Nick Ehrgott, Officer Bunting and David Thorne were also present. With the same attendees, the Board met December 9, with Officer Hollmeyer replacing Bunting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the October 14 Board minutes were approved by five Trustees: Brian Verdun, Lisa Lambert, Jamie McPeek, Rodney Morris and Tom Russell. In December, the six Trustees approved the November 11 minutes.

In December, Iris Thorne presented the following Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30:

Odell Checking	\$39,591.18
Illinois Funds Gen	
Fund MM	\$74,086.47
Illinois Funds MFT	
Fund MM	\$53,355.16
Odell MFT Chkg.	\$ 522.71
Odell Tourism	
Chkg.	\$31,423.79
Odell Water	
Reserve MM	\$114,802.60
Odell General	
CDs	\$238,731.83
Odell Infrastructure Reserve	\$6,608.67

The six Trustees approved by roll call vote the Treasurer's Report, as the October report was approved.

After the arrival of the sixth Board member at the November meeting, it was ap-

proved by all to pay all bills due in November, the due Tourism bills, and the between meeting bill list. At the December 9 meeting, all due bills for the Village, Tourism bills, and between meeting bills were approved for payment.

Officer Bunting reported 36 calls during the month of October, and in December, Officer Hoffmeyer reported 29 calls during November.

In November, discussing "old business," Attorney Ehrgott stated he would provide a list of surrounding municipalities' building permit fees at the next meeting, so the issue was tabled; in December it was further tabled until the January meeting when the board can review the calendar year building permit revenue for 2019. The Building Inspector fees were also tabled until January.

The December 4 public meeting concerning Cannabis Sales in Odell was held at the Odell Knights of Columbus Hall at 7 p.m.

At the December Board meeting, extensive discussion took place regarding the Illinois Cannabis Law which went into effect January 1, 2020.

Trustee Jamie McPeek moved that the Board approve the State regulations, revisiting them next month to "get our own Odell regulation, Ordinances, zoning, the approval of recreational and medical

cannabis business in Odell." Verdun, Lambert, McPeek and Tom Russell voted "yea." Mark Tissiere and Rodney Morris were "nays" on the issue.

In November, Mayor Mills updated the Board on the status of the downtown buildings, and in December reviewed the status of four buildings downtown that were inspected by a Structural Engineer. Attorney Ehrgott is to send letters to each building owner, requesting a plan of action for repairing each building, the plan to be received by the Village, in writing, by January 31, 2020.

Mayor Mills will forward a link to board members to complete OMA training over the internet, with certificates of completion kept in the office.

Mayor Mills noted that the Village will erect a "blind child" sign on Tremont Street.

In November, Trustee Jamie McPeek moved to enter Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. with a second by Trustee Mark Tissiere, with the closed meeting lasting approximately 37 minutes.

Back in regular session, the six Trustees approved raising Jennifer's pay from \$16 to \$18 per hour.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m., approved by all.

In December, Trustee Lambert moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., with the six Trustees approving.



THE ODELL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS sponsored the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest again this year, as part of a national campaign. Three students at St. Paul School were selected as winners in their age groups - Liam Henrichs (first grade), Gianna Giacometti (seventh grade), and Isla Davis (third grade). The students were awarded a \$50 prize, and their artwork will move on to compete in the statewide poster contest.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with St. Paul School, Odell

Join in celebrating St. Paul School, Odell, all week long - January 26-31 - as part of the national celebration, Catholic Schools Week.

Their Scholastic Book Fair is open to the public, as well as many other events throughout the week, including the following:

- **Sunday, January 26 - Liturgy Feast Day of St. Paul.** Stewardship Mass - 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul Church, Odell; Coffee and donut reception at school following the Mass; Family projects on display; Scholastic Book Fair, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Holy Hour for Life, Liberty, & the Sanctity of Marriage - 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Church.
- **Monday, January 27 - Celebrating Our Community.** Teal Comfy Day - collecting monetary dona-

tions for Ovarian Cancer Research; Living Rosary - 9:30 a.m., for Mrs. Sullivan, Fr. Mike, and for peace in the World (all are welcome); "Camp Read-a-Lot" - 1:30-2:30 p.m., tents will be set up, in addition to guest readers and lots of reading; Scholastic Book Fair during school hours.

- **Tuesday, January 28 - Celebrating Our Students.** Vocations Day - dress for your future career or wear uniform; Pizza Lunch, generously donated by Mrs. Harback; Spelling Bee - 1:30 p.m. (all are welcome); Scholastic Book Fair during school hours.
- **Wednesday, January 29 - Celebrating Our Nation.** Red, White, & Blue Comfy Day; Prayer Partner lunch and bingo (volunteers needed); Teacher Luncheon;

Collection for soldiers and Operation S.O.S. (check newsletter for items needed); Scholastic Book Fair during school hours.

- **Friday, January 31 - Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers.** Purple & Gold Day; Mass at 8:15 a.m. at St. Paul Church; Bowling at Victory Lanes in Dwight (K-8) - fee applies; Scholastic Book Fair during school hours; Early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. - **no OGS bus at dismissal.**



Back in October of last year, Shelley Hicks (Manager of Mosaic Pontiac and Dwight) spoke at one of Dwight Rotary's scheduled meetings and had a presentation about the Mosaic homes.

A question was asked of her - "What are some immediate needs of the Dwight homes?"

She said, they could use a good paint job in the kitchens, dining rooms, living rooms, and hallways.

So the Rotary members decided not only to fund the paint for the project at the Dwight homes, but to also do the actual painting.



Dwight Rotary Mosaic Home Painting Project

The home on East William St. was painted back in November 2019, and the home on Julie Dr. was done in January 2020 - which they just finished on January 13. Each home took about 60 man hours to complete - 120 hours, total.

They painted the ceilings and the walls, with each home having two sides - meaning four kitchens, four dining rooms, four living rooms, four ceilings, and four hallways, in total, between both homes.

The residents and the workers were very pleased with the results.

Dale and Deb Adams were the overseers and the driving force behind the project, with several other helpers - some from Rotary, some just from the community, and even one

volunteer came all the way from India.

Pastor Victor Randle, Jr. said "seeing the looks on the residents' faces, and to see their smiles, made every swish of the paint brushes worth it! We love the community of Dwight and the Mosaic homes are a big part of our community! So we wanted to bless them in this small way!"



At the Churches

DWIGHT
Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Michael Ebersohl
• JAN. 22: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6 p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m., REAL & IGNITE.
• JAN. 23: 9 a.m., Bible Seekers at Heritage Woods; 5:30 p.m., Praise Band rehearsal.
• JAN. 25: 7 a.m., Men's Bible Study at Route 66, Dwight, and Cafe 110, Odell; 9 a.m., AA meeting; 5 p.m., Scouts #4877, derby set-up
• JAN. 26: 8 a.m., Early Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., Praise Band rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Late Worship; 12 p.m. Scouts #4877; 2 p.m.
• JAN. 27: 6:30 p.m., Bible Warriors Bible Study; 7 p.m., United Methodist Men
• JAN. 28: 8:30 a.m., Hens Bible Study
• JAN. 29 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
• JAN. 22: 4 - 5:15 p.m., Catechism Classes; 6 p.m., Wednesday Devotions.
• JAN. 26: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion.
• JAN. 28: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., "Sew Blessed."
• JAN. 29: 4 - 5:15 p.m., Catechism Classes; 6 p.m., Wednesday Devotions.
First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Home of Dwight's Christian Radio Station WGVD 97.3 FM
Pastor Dan Woodward
• JAN. 22: Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Children's Program, 7 p.m.
• JAN. 26: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• JAN. 29: Wednesday Evening Service and 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
• JAN. 26: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Sermon title: "The Problem in Corinth."
Holy Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23
* "Feed the Kids" program - Donations welcome.
New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
• JAN. 22: 7 p.m., Bible Study.
• JAN. 23: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
• JAN. 24: 7 p.m., Ice Cream and Movie Night.
• JAN. 26: 9 a.m., Bible Study; 10 a.m., Main Service and Communion; Kids Church and Nursery; 5 p.m., X-treme Youth Group.
• JAN. 27: 7 p.m., Prayer Night.
• JAN. 28: 7 p.m., Find-

ing Recovery.
• JAN. 29: 7 p.m., Bible Study.
• JAN. 30: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• JAN. 25: 9 - 10 a.m., Reconciliation; 4:30 p.m., Mass.
• JAN. 26: 10:30 a.m., Mass.
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St.
815-584-1199
Pastor Chrissy Salsar
email:chrissytherev@att.net
• JAN. 24: 9:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study at Hudelsons in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA.
• JAN. 26 - 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship; 11:30 a.m., Annual meeting; 12:15 p.m., Council meeting; 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Confirmation at St. Paul's Lutheran, Forrest.
• JAN. 27: 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Quilting; Pastor gone - Continuing Edu-

cation.
• JAN. 28: 9 a.m. - noon, Quilting; 4 - 6 p.m., Salvation Army/Compassion Ministry; Pastor gone - Continuing Education.
• JAN. 31: 9:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study at Hudelson's in Pontiac; 8 p.m., AA.
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815-237-8512 Church
815-483-9343 Cell
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Pastor Karen Fabian
• 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service.
• Youth Groups on Wednesday: 3 p.m., K - 6th; 7 p.m., 7th grade - H.S.
EMINGTON
Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Rev. Grant Speece
• JAN. 26: 8:45 a.m., Worship Service. Sermon title: "The Problem in Corinth."
Holy Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23
MAZON
Mazon United Methodist Church
509 7th Street
815-448-5677 Church
815-483-9343 Cell
mazonmethodist.com
Pastor Karen Fabian
• 9 a.m., Sunday Service.
• 10 a.m., Sunday School.
ODELL
St. Paul Catholic Church
200 S. West St.
Father Chris G. Haake, Pastor
• JAN. 22: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m. Mass.
• JAN. 26: 8 a.m., Mass.
• JAN. 29: Reconciliation following 8:15 a.m. Mass.

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THE PANTHERETTE SPIRITLINE traveled to Charleston High School January 11 for their IDTA Regional Competition. The team placed second in both their pom and jazz routines and qualified both routines for the IDTA (Illinois Drill Team) State Contest that will be held February 14-15 in Springfield. Senior Paige Patterson placed third out of 15 soloists, and also qualified her solo for IDTA State. Also, junior Ashlyn Wallerich received a rising star award for her excellent showmanship in the team's pom routine. She joins Emma Fisher and Avery Lenzie in the list of girls that have received this award this season. Pictured, front row, are Taylor Bartels, Dezarie Wampler, Fisher, Patterson; second row, Kayleigh Wells, Abigail Ozee, Ashlyn Wallerich, Lenzie; third row, Katelyn Farris, Ella Sandeno, Molly Conger; fourth row, Abbey Granger and Katy Wallerich.



GSWSB VARSITY CLUB HAD MARK MILLER in to speak recently. Mark attended Tri-Point High School and is now playing baseball at Kankakee Community College. As a Charger, Miller was a four-sport athlete, competing in basketball, baseball, golf, and cross country. He told the group to have fun in high school, as your four years will go by fast. Now as a Cavalier at KCC, Mark explained how selecting your courses was different and working with a guidance counselor. While speaking of academics, Miller noted the baseball team is required to maintain a 3.0 GPA in the classroom. Aside from academics, Mark discussed the daily life while in the off-season and during the season. He mentioned how much different college is and some challenges he faced being from such a small community. One of the main things he noted was the weight room, and the importance of gaining any edge possible. As he closed, one thing he left the group with as some advice was to always be true to yourself.

Trivia Night in Dwight Gives Community a Chance to Save Lives, Celebrate Lives, and Fight Back

The American Cancer Society of Livingston County is hosting a trivia night Saturday, February 29, to raise money in the fight against cancer.

The fourth annual event will be held at the Dwight VFW, located at 506 S. Old Route 66 in Dwight. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

This event welcomes everyone. Trivia goes under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older. Snacks will be provided. Drinks are available at an additional charge through the VFW.

Each table will be set up for teams of eight participants. An admission fee applies per team. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to reg-

ister early. Partial teams can join together to form a full team of eight at the event.

Participants can register by downloading and returning the registration form at www.relayforlife.org/livingstonIL or facebook.com/LivingstonCountyACS. Registration forms can be mailed to the American Cancer Society of Livingston County at 4234 N. Knoxville Ave., Suite B, Peoria, IL 61614.

"Events such as trivia night give our community a fun, relaxing way to give back to an organization that has done so much for residents of Livingston County," said Megan Barton,

Co-Chair of the ACS of Livingston County Executive Board. "Trivia Night benefits the Livingston County Days of Hope, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society, which helps provide services for patients and families right here in Livingston County."

Over the last 24 years, Livingston County residents have raised more than \$2 million in the fight against cancer. Money raised through these fund-raising events support research to save lives and provide access to care for local residents with free rides to and from treatment, free wigs, and lodging when needing to travel away from home for treatments.

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