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Entertaining the Children Dwight Native Creates Kid's Music

by Brandon LaChance

When Krissy Mondelli (Pokarney) went through the Dwight school system, she knew music was her passion and something she wanted to stay involved with.

After graduating from Dwight Township High School in 1997 and obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in music education from the University of Illinois, she has been teaching music for the last 21 years.

Now, it's time for her music skills to be shared with kids around the world as she has partnered with Todd Millenacker to form the kid's music two-person band, Todd'n'Tina.

"We've worked on jingles together for the last few years and it's always a fun thing to do," said Mondelli, who has lived in Minnesota since 2008 with her husband Mike Mondelli and teaches elementary music in Inver Grove Heights.

"During the pandemic, Todd called me and said, 'I got a couple of songs. Come over and record them with me.' We did a couple and then Todd sent me an email saying he's got a couple more songs.

"It just kind of happened very organically. We just kept recording a few more, a few more, and another few more. All of a sudden, we had a full album of songs that we could put together. Then we needed a name and Todd'n'Tina was born. My name is actually Kristina and using Tina fit well for a band name. All of the other elements just came together."

Todd'n'Tina's debut album

"Dynamite" was released in January.

The album can be purchased from iTunes and listened to on all streaming services or their website, www.toddntina.com.

The music duo also has a YouTube page where you can watch music videos for 'French Toast Day', 'Silly String', 'Dermatologist Astronaut', and 'Panda Bear Dance'. The video for 'Flossing is My Hobby' was just shot on Saturday.

"I think our personalities work really well together. We both are creative, but we bring different elements to it. Todd is the song writer and does all of the music arrangements. I come in and add the melodic pieces to the vocals. We both kind of edit and tweak as we go to come out with a final product that we're both happy and proud of.

"It's been a lot of fun to be really creative with the songs that we've made. One of the songs we've made is called 'Silly String.' During winter break, we filmed a video in a classroom since the song is about a kid getting caught with silly string in school. Todd's wife is a teacher, so we used her classroom and had our kids and a bunch of their friends come and make a video.

"They got to spray silly string in school and run down the hallway with silly string. It's really fun to be expressive. It's also fun to be able to do it with our kids because they enjoy being in the videos. The videos are also the best way to reach the audience we're trying to appeal to because kids are not streaming music. They're going to YouTube and listening and watching it. It's a

way we can connect."

Krissy and Mike have two children, Giana (12) and Genevieve (10), while Todd and his wife Laura have two children, Lexi (13) and Levi (10).

According to Krissy and Todd, the older kids love what their parents are doing, while the younger children are more skeptical.

Todd believes the music and the videos are showing their kids how cool their parents really are.

"I've been involved in music pretty much my entire life. I've been in bands since fifth grade as we were a bunch of kids goofing around, making noise in mom's basement," Millenacker said. "I was in rock bands until about the mid-30s and then I fell into jingle writing.

"I started doing that somewhat professionally. My big clients are Little Caesars and locally, Davanni's Pizza. As I got older, I just kept looking for ways to stay in music. When you're 43, you kind of have a different approach to music than when you're 25. When you're 25, it's your essence, but as you get older it's what you listen to but it doesn't define you. I fell into the kid's music genre and began putting the catchy jingle ideas into children's music.

"I wrote to Krissy knowing I needed something to balance out the weirdness of it all because Krissy is a little more level headed and brings everything together. She's the more likeable side."

Millenacker, who lives in Savage, Minn., thought Krissy would be perfect to make music with because they shared a passion for the tunes, had kids the



KRISSY MONDELLI (POKARNEY), A 1997 DWIGHT GRADUATE, is half of the kid's song duo, Todd'n'Tina, with Todd Millenacker.

same age, they're the same age (43) and have two different personalities.

"We're both graduates of 1997, so I think we're both still stuck in the TRL (Total Request Live, a show on MTV 1998-2008) era of music," Millenacker said. "We both can sing every Brittany Spears and Backstreet Boys song. Being the same age, we connect on the music we grew up listening to. She is a lot more theater driven and I'm more rock, loud music. I write a quirky jingle or song and she brings a more melodic element to make it more friendly, palat-

able. And it seems like we get along well.

"I think it's always good to have a second person to bounce ideas off of. Last night (Friday), I was telling my family that they should splice the DNA of a chicken and a jelly fish together because then we would get a chicken with no bones. That's something we could put into a children's song.

"I'll send Krissy a text saying I got a song, 'I want a jelly fish chicken in my home because I don't want those chicken bones.' Then Krissy will answer, 'No.' I'll have those ideas where I think

they're brilliant and other people tell me they're not."

Todd'n'Tina have received local, statewide, nationwide, and world exposure.

The kid's music band has done interviews with a CBS affiliate, newspapers in the Twin Cities and other Minnesota towns, and a few podcasts.

Their music is also on radio stations in Australia and New Zealand.

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Dwight Public School Boards Adopt Mask Optional Policy



RESIDENTS OF DWIGHT went to the Dwight Public School Board Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9 as the primary agenda was the school's policies about wearing masks.

by Mark Boma

Dwight Public School Districts #232 and #230 Boards of Education met in a special joint meeting on February 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Primary on the agenda was discussion of the Districts' policies on wearing masks. The recent ruling by a Sangamon County circuit court judge that temporarily voided state-man-

dated rules for schools on masking had prompted nearly every local school board in the state to review their policies, Dwight included.

Additionally, a concerned group of citizens had asked to be placed on the agenda to discuss the Boards' policies and a group of 40 - 50 citizens were in attendance.

Prior to the Public Comments portion of the meeting,

Dr. Richard Jancek initiated discussion by informing the boards it was his recommendation that both districts continue with mitigation procedures and social distancing policies currently in effect, but that mask wearing should become optional based on the preference of the individual student and their parents. An exception would be that masks would continue to be required while riding buses, as that mandate is derived from the CDC directive regarding public transportation and is federal in nature.

Both Boards then voted to adopt Jancek's recommendation.

The citizen's group spokesman, Steven Snyder, then addressed the Boards. He outlined his group's stance that the mask-wearing mandates should be lifted and cited studies he said demonstrated masks were marginally effective and detrimental to the social development and growth of students.

He related to the Boards that a survey had been circulated to 120 participants and it came back 96% in favor of making the masks optional. He thanked the Boards for their action this evening, but implored them to not revert back to mask mandates if the judge's ruling might be reversed. "Keeping in lockstep with the Governor's policies is no longer appropriate", he said. Snyder finished his presentation by reciting the poem "Smiling is Infectious" by the poet Spike Milligan.

The Boards then adjourned the joint session and the High School Board moved on to its regularly scheduled meeting.

In the Public Comment portion of the regular meeting, Michelle Peterson addressed the Board regarding the mask-wearing mandate and other Covid-19 related issues. She suggested to the Board that their decision to keep the portion of the mask mandate regarding wearing the masks yet on buses, did not apply, and

cited code to back up her stand. She told the Board she would be sending them an email with more detail.

In the Athletic Director's report, Cathy Ferguson reported that the Spring Musical, "School of Rock", would have performances on Friday, March 4, Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6. She added the annual Booster Bash would be March 12 in St. Patrick Parish Hall.

Director of Buildings and Grounds Jack Connor reported that there continues to be issues with the heating system. Dr. Jancek added that following the recent combination of snow, ice, and temperature fluctuations, there may need to be some modifications of the parking lot maintenance procedures.

In further business, the Board discussed the need to help fund upcoming upgrades to the HVAC system at the Livingston County Special Services Unit in Flanagan (LCSSU). It is estimated the Dwight School District's portion of the \$1.4 million project would be \$66,325 and would be funded from the county sales tax fund.

Band Director Eric Hall presented to the Board expected costs for replacing band uniforms. The life expectancy of

uniforms is projected at 8 - 10 years and the existing ones are in year 8. He told the Board that the program could probably get by for one more year, but with expected increases in members coming from the Grade School, it would need to be addressed soon.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved: 1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, January 12, 2022

2. Bills
3. Affirm employment, Teri Kennedy, substitute teacher
4. Approve volunteer, Tom Leonard, softball coach
5. Accept sabbatical, Anna Oelschlager, cross country coach
6. Approve employment, Larry Lane, one year cross country coach
7. Accept resignation, Chuck Trainor, softball coach
8. Approve employment, Deb Snyder, substitute teacher

Board members present at the February meeting included Board President Tim Henson, BOE members Kevin Berta, Joel Sandeno, Eric Scheuer, Paul Warner and Max Sulzberger. Absent was Susan Legner. The next scheduled meeting is set for March 9.

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

February 4: Hongshen Gong, 23, San Ramon, CA, fail obey stop sign, fail to reduce speed.

February 5: Joseph E. Bloxam, 63, Dwight, fail obey stop sign.

February 8: Cheyenne C. Holzhauer, 17, Dwight, improper passing on shoulder.

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

10 Written Warnings

Speeding – 2; Only One Headlight – 1; Disobey Stop Sign – 4; No Registration Plate Light – 1; Using Electronic Device – 1; Fail to Have Driver’s License – 1.

Dwight Police Blotter

February 8: Dwight Police were dispatched to E. Northbrook Dr. for a truck driver who drove off with the fuel nozzle still in the vehicle; Dwight Police were advised by a male subject that a briefcase was taken from his vehicle when he stopped to get fuel on E. Northbrook Dr.

February 9: Dwight Police conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 17 for improper lighting. A passenger in the vehicle was found to have an active warrant. Arrested was Jacob L. Gallegos, of Essex. He was transported to Livingston Cty. Jail.

Motorist Assist – 1; Check Area – 5; Traffic Stop – 10; Panic Alarm – 1; Walk In – 5; Car Fire – 1; Return Call – 8; Well Being Check – 2; Unknown Problem – 2; Medical Aid – 5; Burglar Alarm – 1; Check Vehicle – 2; Vehicle In

Ditch – 1; Subject Removal – 1; Theft – 1; Damage To Property – 1; Assist Agency – 4; Domestic Unknown – 1; Victim Notification – 1; Follow Up – 2; Information – 2; Warrant Check – 1; Lock Out – 4; Check for Reckless Driver – 1; Extra Patrol – 2.

Accident Report

Friday, February 4, 1:43 a.m., an accident was reported at W. Mazon Ave and Old Route 66 involving a Toyota Tac., driven by Hongshen Gong, of San Ramon, CA, which struck an Intr., driven by Thomas Johnson, of Milan, after disobeying a stop sign at Rt. 17.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

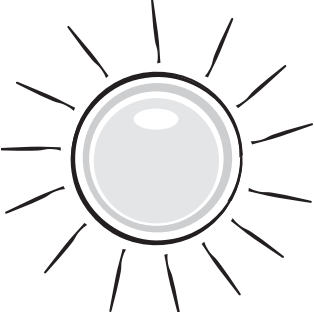
February 6: Scully, fire.

February 7: Bannon, medical, Morris; Rt. 47, trauma, Morris, mutual aid from Coal City; Waupansie, trauma, St. James, mutual aid from Pontiac; South, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Morris; 2900N, medical, St. James, mutual aid from Coal City.

February 8: Delaware, medical, Riverside; Susan, medical, Morris; North, trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Odell; Wabash, medical, St. James, mutual aid to Odell.

February 10: I-55, medical, Morris; Prairie, medical, refusal; Prairie, medical, refusal; Spencer, medical, Riverside.

February 11: Mazon, fire; Mazon, trauma, refusal.



Temps - 2022

Feb. 3 – high 19°, low 4°
Feb. 4 – high 19°, low -4°
Feb. 5 – high 19°, low -4°
Feb. 6 – high 30°, low 10°
Feb. 7 – high 19°, low 7°
Feb. 8 – high 38°, low 11°
Feb. 9 – high 38°, low 26°

One Year Ago – Feb. 16, 2021
high 1°, low -4°
2” snow



Dwight Fire Incidents 2/4 - 2/11

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following incidents:

February 4: Motor Vehicle Accident – I-55.

February 6: Residential Automatic Smoke Detector Activated – W. Scully Rd.

February 11: Automatic Fire Alarm – E. Mazon Ave.

Dwight FPD also responded to 13 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

LaSalle County Marshals Assist in Arrests

LaSalle County Sheriff Adam Diss reported that on February 9, members of the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force from the LaSalle County Sheriff’s Office arrested Andrew A. Ortega (41-years old) at a residence in Earlville on four outstanding McLean County Petition to Revoke warrants for Burglary, Identity Theft, and Felony Theft.

Task Force Members also arrested Karisa B. Blake (29-years old) at this residence on outstanding warrants from Will County and Batavia PD for failing to appear for retail theft charges.

Both subjects were transported to the LaSalle County Jail. Ortega is being held with no bond and Blake’s bond is set at \$1,500 full cash.

The Earlville Police Department also assisted Task Force members with this arrest.

Crash On Rt. 47 Claims Life of Aurora Woman

Icy road conditions appear to be the cause of a fatal crash between a semi-tractor trailer and an automobile that occurred the evening of Friday, February 11, in Livingston County on Route 47, just south of 1500 North Road.

Deputy Coroner Jay Mitchell pronounced 33-year old Laurette B. Tillman, of Aurora, deceased upon his arrival. The decedent had been ejected from the vehicle on impact, which resulted in her death.

The crash was reported to the Vermilion Valley Emergency 911 Dispatch Center at 7:35 p.m.

Responding to the scene were Saunemin Fire, Forrest Fire, Cullom Fire, Selcas Ambulance Service, Pontiac Fire and EMS, OSF Life Flight, Illinois State Police District 6, Livingston County Sheriff, and the Livingston County Coroner’s Office. Agencies on scene were assisted by Vermilion Valley E-911 Dispatch Center personnel.

The crash remains under investigation by the Illinois State Police Accident Reconstruction Team and the Livingston County Coroner’s Office.

Livingston County Coroner Danny Watson has ordered an autopsy to be completed.

Test Private Wells to Ensure Safe Drinking Water

A properly constructed and maintained water well can provide many years of trouble-free service, but over time, wells can deteriorate or become damaged, allowing surface contaminants to enter the water in the well. In addition, groundwater can become contaminated.

Safe drinking water is crucial. Public water systems must monitor water’s safety at least monthly. For private well owners, testing falls on the homeowner. University of Illinois Extension’s Doug Gucker recommends annual inspections and testing.

Illinois receives its largest amounts of rainfall from April through June. During periods of higher rainfall, surface water may pick up contaminants, such as bacteria, nitrates, or pesticides.

“If the upper part of your well has any cracks or leaks, this contaminated water could find its way into your well,” says Gucker.

Annual testing for bacteria and nitrates is recommended. Colofirm bacteria levels are tested to monitor bacterial safety.

High nitrate levels in drinking water are a concern for children less than six months old. Nitrogen, in the form of nitrates, is a common contaminant in Illinois groundwater and likely caused by a malfunctioning septic system, animal manure, or runoff from farm fields.

Coliform bacteria and nitrate testing can be done by most local Illinois public health departments. To find your local county health department, visit the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Careful water sampling is required to get accurate results from the water testing kit that you received from the local county health department or a certified lab. Read and follow all the instructions included in the testing kit, Gucker advises.

More information on private well water testing can be found on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Well Water Testing website or by contacting your local health department, or the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217-782-5830.

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Since last week, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has increased by five cents to \$3.49. According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 1.6 million bbl to 248.4 million bbl last week. On the other hand, gasoline demand increased from 8.23 million b/d to 9.13 million b/d. A decrease in total stocks and an increase in demand have contributed to upward pressure on pump prices, but rising crude prices continue to play a dominant role in pushing pump prices higher. Pump prices will likely continue to follow suit as demand grows and stocks decrease if crude prices continue to climb.

City/Village	February 14	February 7
Dwight	\$3.48	\$3.47
Kankakee	\$3.59	\$3.57
Streator	\$3.54	\$3.58
Pontiac	\$3.30	\$3.35
Gardner	\$3.65	\$3.45
Braceville	\$3.59	\$3.52
Morris	\$3.57	\$3.53
Herscher	\$3.68	\$3.59
Chicago	\$3.77	\$3.76
Illinois	\$3.67	\$3.64
U.S.	\$3.49	\$3.44

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

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Vermilion Valley ETSB Meeting Feb. 16

A meeting of the Vermilion Valley Regional Emergency Communications Joint Authority is set for Wednesday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m. in the Public Safety Complex, 911 Training Room (downstairs), 844 W. Lincoln St., Pontiac.

The regular meeting of the Vermilion Valley ETSB will be held Wednesday, March 16, at the same time and location.

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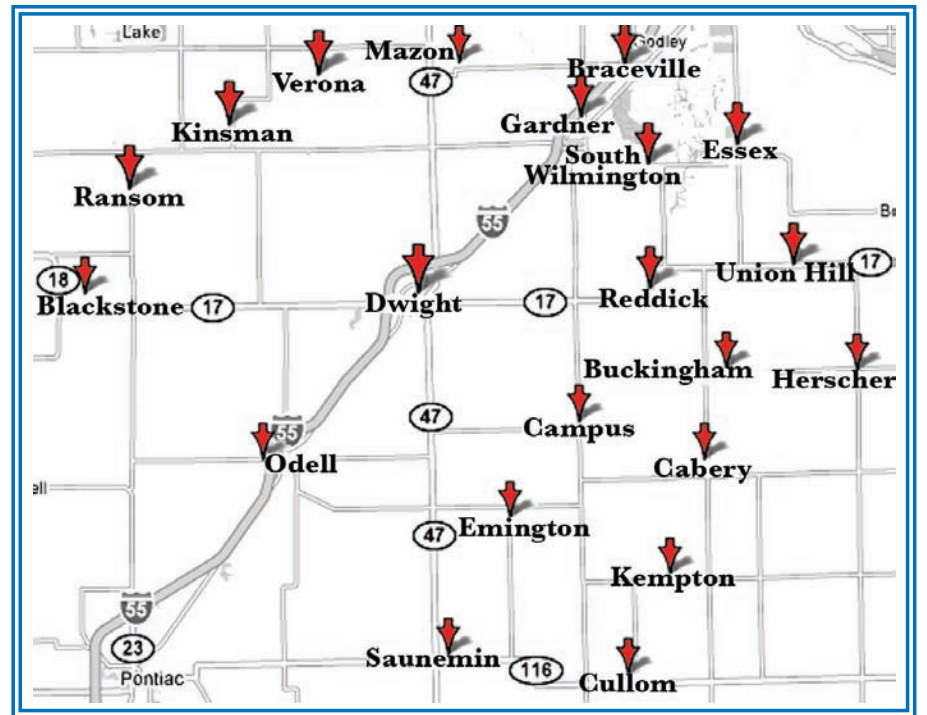
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This year, John and Kathy Schreiber will donate \$1 for every \$1 donated to St. Paul School through Empower Illinois, up to \$15,000. This program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on March 31, whichever comes first.

If anyone is considering donating to the Empower Illinois program to benefit St. Paul School, do so now so that the school may take advantage of this matching gift and help more families. If you would like to make a donation through Empower, note that you will need to get a letter from the state in order to have your taxes properly credited, and this could take up to 10 days to receive. Make sure to allow time for this.

Scholarship applications are now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Any family interested in attending St. Paul School next year is welcome to apply at the Empower Illinois website.

For more information on donating or applying for scholarships, visit empowerillinois.org or call 815-998-2194.

If you would like to donate through Empower Illinois and need assistance in making the donation, call Kim Frauli at 815-382-0479 for a personal appointment.

FCCLA Week Underway at DTHS

Dwight FCCLA is currently sponsoring National FCCLA Week, which kicked off February 14 and runs through Friday, February 18.

Dress-up days are as follows:

- Monday – Pink Out for Valentine’s Day
- Tuesday – Anything But a Backpack Day (must be able to fit in your locker)
- Wednesday – Wacky Day
- Thursday – Genius vs. Jocks
- Friday – Red and White Out

See flyers around the DTHS building for details.

Be on the lookout for FCCLA members during lunch this week, Wednesday through Friday, as they sell Crush Cans for Crushes for \$1 each. Purchase a can of Crush pop for a friend or “crush” in your life, along with a little message – you will be supporting the FCCLA chapter.

Additionally, pop tab wars for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Illinois will be going on now until February 18 – donate your pop tabs to your homeroom teacher to win a prize.

Finally, they will conclude the week with an assembly full of fun activities.

FCCLA members: See Mrs. Fritchnitch to see what you can do to help. When you show up to help, you earn points toward Winter Ball court.

Winter Ball is set for Saturday, February 26, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Admission will be paid at the door. Turn in your COVID waiver, and any out of town guest forms, to the DTHS office as soon as possible.

Seneca FFA to Host Pork Chop ‘Food For All’

The members of the Seneca FFA are hungry for some pork chops and they hope you are, too (and you don’t HAVE to pay them).

The Seneca FFA will be serving their traditional two pork chop lunch will all the fixings Sunday, February 20, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in drive-up fashion. Orders may be placed by calling the SHS Ag Ed Department at 815-357-5024. Meals will be available for pick-up at the Seneca Ag shop.

But there is a catch: If you are unable to pay, you don’t have to.

“For decades, the Seneca FFA has sold pork chops to those who have had the financial means to do so, in order to support our chapter’s programs,” explained FFA Officer, Case Biros. “This year, we would like to continue last year’s Food For All program and include meals for those in our community who may be financially challenged.”

“We want to give all families the opportunity to enjoy a delicious and warm meal to recover from the long winter, despite their financial status,” said FFA senior, Jessica Daggett. “We hope that people who are fiscally able will pay for their meal and possibly chip in a little extra for the car behind them, who may not be able to afford it. In addition, we want to make sure that your status of donation remains anonymous.”

After picking up their meal, participants will be given an envelope. They will be able to decide whether or not they put anything into the envelope before depositing it in a box.

The suggested donation for a meal is \$10.00 per meal, but again, payment is not mandatory.

Any profit made from the meal will be donated to the Seneca and Mazon Food Pantries.

Godley Park District will be conducting developmental
Preschool Screenings March 17 & 18

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The screenings are for any children in any surrounding communities that will be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2022. The park district offers a state funded Preschool For All, in which children must be screened to determine if they qualify, and also has tuition based preschool for both 3 and 4 year old students.

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Cullom	3,092	158	
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Verona	1,579	138	
Cabery	1,884	130	
Ransom	1,624	114	
Buckingham	1,423	106	
Kempton	1,642	102	
Emington	1,077	86	
Blackstone	1,132	72	
Kinsman	1,242	46	
Campus	751	28	
Union Hill	251	17	
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	444,271	28,273	349
LaSalle	443,113	28,063	367
Grundy	142,288	12,355	129
Livingston	225,566	10,428	131
Iroquois	102,463	7,002	107
Ford	68,717	4,329	63

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
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Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to Thank You for all things aa you confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank You for your mercy toward me and mine.

The Person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

Anonymous

Madilyne Groves Earns Degree from St. Ambrose U.

Madilyne Groves, of Dwight, received her Bachelors Degree in Forensic Psychology-Strategic Communication at a commencement ceremony held by St. Ambrose University December 18, 2021, at the RiverCenter in Davenport, Iowa.

The university celebrated the 145 candidates for Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees, with longtime Physical Plant Director, Jim Hannon, '84, addressing the graduating class.

Madilyne Groves is the daughter of Wendy Groves, Dwight, and Mike Groves.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration at South Wilmington Grade School March 2-3

South Wilmington Grade School will be holding kindergarten pre-registration Wednesday and Thursday, March 2 and 3, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. each day.

Your child must be five-years old on or before September 1, 2022, and reside in the school district (District #74) to be eligible to attend for the 2022-2023 school year.

SWGS will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and two proofs of residency. If you are a homeowner, this could be your property tax bill. If you are a renter, it could be your rental agreement. Other options are any utility bill or voter registration card with your name and correct physical address on it.

If you are not able to make it at this time, call the school office at 815-237-2281 to make other arrangements.

Dwight Preschool Screening March 10-11

The Dwight Early Learning Program is hosting a birth to six-year old developmental screening on March 10 and 11.

This is a play-based screening in the areas of learning, motor, speech, and social development. Children over the age of three will have a screening of their vision and hearing. It is recommended to have your child screened at least once prior to the start of school.

Children 2½ and older must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program at Dwight Common School.

The screening will be located at the Dwight Methodist Church on Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11. If your child has been screened once before, and you have no developmental concerns, it is not necessary to have your child re-screened. If your child already attends preschool at Dwight, they do not need to be screened again.

To schedule an appointment, call the Dwight Early Learning Team at 584-6278 or 584-6254.



Sally and Dean Henderson



Dean and Sally Henderson to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Burton Dean and Sally (Wiemken) Henderson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 19.

They were married February 19, 1972, with a double ring ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Dwight. Susan Farris (bride's sister) and Larry Henderson (groom's brother) stood up for the couple.

Sally and Dean have three children: Michael (Laura Carlson) Henderson, Dwight; Tifney (Brian) Walkup, Peoria; and Corey (Joe) Call, Dwight.

They have four grandchildren: Sami and Dalton Henderson, and Keegan and Kayla Walkup.

Sally has enjoyed and made many memories driving the bus for area schools for over 40 years. Dean worked many years in the oil fields for Halliburton and finished his career as an over the road truck driver for Maxwell Tank Lines.

The couple enjoys spending time with their family and working on their house and yard. They also enjoy spending time at their place in Clay City.

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The Paper reserves the right to edit or reject any or all submitted items. Address letters to: Editor, *The Paper*, P.O. Box 245, 204 E. Chippewa, Dwight, IL 60420.

We welcome your thoughts.

OBITUARIES

Barbara J. Milbauer

Barbara J. Milbauer, age 82, of Dwight passed away Thursday, February 10, 2022 at her home in Dwight, Illinois. Visitation will be held from 3 until 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Hager Memorial Home.



great-grandchildren: Makenzie and Jaxson DeLong; sisters: Nancy Asklund of Philo, Illinois and Nancy Gail Graf of Tempe, Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and brother, Jerry Porter. Barb was kind and generous with her time. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church; the Junior Woman's Club; Dwight Grade School Board of Education; and the Crafting Guild.

Barb enjoyed gardening and ceramics. Many people in Dwight will remember spending their Wednesday evenings painting and chatting in her basement ceramics shop, Try Your Hand Studio. Even more will remember learning to swim in her backyard swimming pool.

Her family thanks everyone for the memories she built with them over decades of friendship from Reddick to Florida.

Memorials in honor of Barbara may be made to the Dwight Craft Guild.

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Donald L. Kilgore

Donald L. Kilgore, lovingly known as "Sonny" by his family, 83, of Pontiac, Illinois passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 11:14 a.m. at his home.



A Memorial Visitation was held Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home in Pontiac.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date.

Duffy - Baier - Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, is in charge of arrangements.

Sonny was born August 19, 1938 in Sturgis, Kentucky to Carl and Dorothy (Gibbons) Kilgore and grew up and attended school in Sturgis.

He married Patricia Mills. He later married Elaine Monferdini Jones on August 15, 1975.

He is survived by his daughters: Soni (Dan) Aeschleman of Roanoke, Illinois; Kimberly (Tim Dvorak) Van Buren of Lewisville, Texas; and Christina (Ron) Crow of Sargent, Texas; son, Don (Laura) Kilgore of Pontiac, Illinois; and step-son, Donnie (Linda) Jones of Odell, Illinois.

Also surviving are his siblings: Carlene Nall of Henderson, Kentucky; Bonnie (Gerald) Hunter of Morganfield, Kentucky; Ronnie (Marnel) Kilgore of Sebree, Kentucky; and Randy (Kelly) Kilgore and Gayle Bennett, both of Henderson, Kentucky; brothers-in-law: Joe Grant of Braidwood, Illinois; Joe (Linda) Nugent of Wilmington, Illinois; and Bob (Kay)

Nugent of Pontiac, Illinois.

Grandchildren: Scott (Anne) Arnold, Jill Arnold, Tiffany (Courtland) Davis, Ashley (Nick) Hadsall, Trey Van Buren, Adam (Sammie) Van Buren, Megan Upchurch, Sara Cannon, Austin (Kieley) Kilgore, Brent Kilgore, Dylan (Kirbi) Jones, Lydia Jones, Jenny, Patrick and Tasha; many great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elaine; stepson, Raymond Jones; step-grandson, Brandon Jones; sister - in - law, Kay Nugent; and great - grandson, Evan Weinzierl.

Sonny enlisted in the United States Army in 1958. He was stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington, and remained in the reserves until 1964. He relocated to Illinois after his service and began his career with Caterpillar in Joliet in various roles including Quality Control until his retirement in 1989.

Sonny was a kind, fun-loving dad. He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, boating, fishing, and the special friendships made through his VFW family. In the past, he had raced street stock cars at the Morris and Mazon race-tracks.

Memorials may be made to the Morris VFW Post 6049, 309 McKinley Street, Morris, Illinois 60450.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: duffyfuneralhome.com or visit us on Facebook.

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The Big Game!

Last column was about preparation for the Super Bowl. This one, naturally, will be about how it all went, both with the game and everything surrounding it.

The game itself, while it ended up coming down to the last drive, really felt like a snoozer throughout. A lot of run, run, incomplete pass, punting going on. The Bengals' offensive line was as terrible as expected, and the Rams' defensive line was as good as expected. The rest of the game was kind of just your average, run of the mill football going on.

Then to the commercials. Maybe the second biggest part of the game day. They largely felt disingenuous and fairly boring. Take a chance for me, one time, companies! By the end of it, it also felt as if every third ad was in the realm of cryptocurrency or electric vehicles, which I get, to an extent. Both of those are probably going to be here for the foreseeable future, but it felt like overkill.

For as many ads as there were, I fully expect a car to be advertised next year that can run exclusively on the blockchain and powered by Bitcoin. What I just said is impossible (I think), but I would still like to see it happen.

The third part of the Super Bowl party (aside from the food, which I dove into last week) is the halftime show! I saw a lot of chatter online about how this Super Bowl was for people born between 1985 and 1995. I was also hearing people say this is how our parents felt when The Who performed about a decade ago. Unfortunately for me, I was born between 1985 and 1995, and the second comment seemed to be on the grounds of this group of people being "older", should we say.

Am I old for enjoying Snoop Dogg, Eminem and Dr. Dre? I didn't think so, but here I am questioning that very notion.

That aside, it was a fairly enjoyable halftime show. Sometimes it's tough to translate hip-hop to arena music, but I think they did a really good job of it and the set they used was really unique and well done.

All in all, here are the rankings:

Game - **C**
Commercials **C-**
Halftime show **B+**
Food and hanging with friends and family: **A+**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COMMUNITY BANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

THOMAS W. SEGGERMAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants,

Case No. 2022-FC-3
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Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is March 30, 2022.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on January 26, 2022.

- The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Community Banc Mortgage Corporation case 2022-FC-3.
- The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois.
- The name of the title holder of record is: Thomas W. Seggerman.
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

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It was close throughout, but Dwight's defense proved to be too much, holding Gardner-South Wilmington to just four fourth quarter points.

Lilly Duffy led the Lady Trojans, scoring 14 points (4-4 FT) to add to nine steals and seven rebounds. Kassy Kodat came up with eight points (4-6 FT in 4th quarter), six boards, and two steals. Brooke Vigna had six points, 10 rebounds, while Kira Bean provided four

points, nine boards, and a steal. Njomza Asllani hit a fourth quarter free throw, in addition to pulling down five rebounds, dishing one assist, and coming up with one swipe. Ellora McCullough hit a free throw and added four boards. Emerson Peters (1 steal) and Isabelle Bunting each had one rebound.

GSW's Addi Fair led all scorers with 15 points, knocking down two threes and going 2-4 from the charity stripe. Grace Olsen (1-2 FT) and Hannah Balcom (1-7 FT) scored three points each, followed by two each from Chloe Wells and Aspen Lardi.

The Lady Panthers end the 2021-22 season with a record of 8-23 overall and 8-8 in the conference.



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2021-22 seventh grade Dwight Redbirds who, after rolling through regional and sectional action convincingly, made it to IESA 2A state quarterfinal competition. The Redbirds would eventually fall to Decatur Robinson on February 5, 41-19, in Macon, but ended their impressive season with an overall record of 17-5. Way to go, Redbirds!



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Four Dwight Wrestlers Move On to IHSA State Finals

Due to the pandemic, and the IHSA canceling the 2021 State Series, the Dwight Trojan wrestlers have been chomping at the bit for an opportunity to compete at the 2022 IHSA State Finals, and for the third straight State Finals, Dwight Township High School will send four Trojans to the competition. This year's Finals will be held in Champaign February 17-19.

All four Trojan wrestlers had outstanding performances against some of the toughest competition in the state at the Olympia sectional February 11-12.

Samuel Edwards (senior) will head to the Finals as the Olympia sectional champion at 220 lbs. Dillon Sarff (senior) finished third at 138 lbs., while Emmett Emmons (senior) and Dylan Crouch (freshman) both placed fourth in their respective weight class. Austin Burkhardt (junior) hopes to wrestle with his four teammates, as he qualified as an alternate for the Finals.



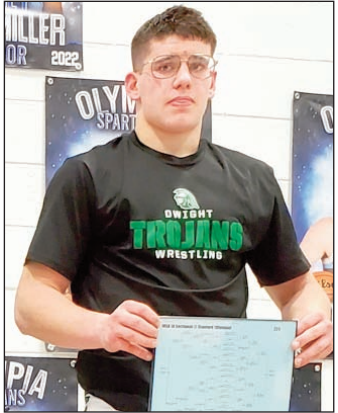
Dylan Crouch

Emmett Emmons (21-13) – 4th

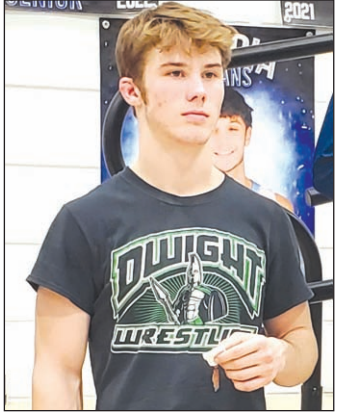
- Champ. Round 1 – Won by fall over Gabe Blanch (Chillicothe Illinois Valley Central).
- Quarterfinal – Lost by fall to Grant Brewer (Fithian Oakwood).
- Cons. Round 2 – Won by fall over Treysean Grant (Beardstown).
- Cons. Round 3 – Won by decision over Altin Nettleton (Gibson City).
- Cons. Semi – Won by decision over Bentley Wise (Olympia).
- 3rd Place Match – Lost by fall to Dax Gentes (El Paso-Gridley).

Samuel Edwards (18-0) – 1st

- Champ. Round 1 – Bye.
- Quarterfinal – Won by fall over Andrew Moore (LeRoy).
- Semifinal – Won by fall over Hunter Cannon Fall (Hoopeston).
- 1st Place Match – Won by decision over Evan Antonio (Colfax Ridgeview).



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How Can Gig Workers Fill the Benefits Gap?

Are you a "gig" worker? If so, you've got a lot of company – by some estimates, more than a third of U.S. workers participate in the gig economy as freelancers, independent contractors or moonlighters. And while gig work offers some attractive features, such as flexibility in setting your hours and no real limits on your income potential, it also comes with challenges. Specifically, you may miss out on the array of benefits available to full-time employees of many organizations. How can you fill this benefits gap?

Let's look at some of the standard employer-offered benefits and ways you can acquire them on your own:

- **Retirement plan** – When you work as an employee, you may have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan. These types of plans allow you to save for retirement in a tax-advantaged way. As a gig worker, you may be able to get these same benefits through your own retirement plan. You can always contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA, but you can invest much more in other types of plans, such as a SEP IRA, a SIMPLE IRA and possibly even a "solo" 401(k). A financial professional can recommend the plan that's suitable for your situation.
- **Life and disability insurance** – Many employers offer life insurance as an employee benefit, and while this coverage may not be sufficient, depending on one's family situation, it's at least something. But as a gig worker, you'll need to get your own life insurance, which is essential if you have anyone depending on you for financial support. You may also want to look for disability insurance to replace part of your income should you ever become temporarily unable to work due to illness or injury. It's worth noting that some organizations for freelancers and self-employed individuals offer access to life and disability insurance, so you might want to do some research online to check out these groups.
- **Health insurance** – As you know, health insurance is always a pretty big issue for just about everyone, regardless of their work status. Of course, many mid- to large-size employers offer health insurance to their employees, but as a gig worker, you'll need to find your own, unless you're covered by your spouse's plan. In looking for health insurance, you may want to contact a "navigator," the position created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to help individuals find coverage. You can find someone in your area by going to healthcare.gov and following the prompts. Depending on your income, you may be able to receive subsidies through the ACA.
- **Paid time off and unemployment insurance** – Many full-time employees are given paid time off for sick leave and vacation. They may also receive unemployment insurance if they lose their job. Since most gig workers won't have access to these benefits, it's important to have an emergency fund available for unexpected (or even expected) income dips. Ideally, you'd want three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emergency fund, but even a few hundred dollars can help create a lot more security to cover life's unexpected events.

Full-time employees receive something of great value in their benefits packages. As a gig worker, you'll have to take the initiative to close this benefits gap – but the opportunities are there, so do what you can to find them. It will be worth the effort.

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THE SENECA FIGHTING IRISH wrestlers competed at the IHSA Coal City sectional tournament Friday and Saturday, with Kyler Hahn (106) taking second place and Owen Feiner (145) placing third. Both qualified for the State Championships in Champaign. Feiner tied the school record for wins in a season at 44, with a chance to break that at state. The Irish also picked up four state alternates, which means there is a small chance they can get into the tournament as fifths from the sectional. Those alternates include Jaden Casey (120), Nate Othon (138), Asher Hamby (152), and Chris Peura (195).

Dwight Wrestling Club Squares Off in Metamora

The Dwight Wrestling Club had another strong tournament showing at Metamora February 6, with the following wrestlers taking home awards:

1st Place
Sadie Burke, Damien Coleman, Sophie Medema, Jeffrey Medema, Kimari Smith, Mia

Hoffner.

2nd Place
Dalton DeLong, Vinny Stipanovich.

3rd Place
Cole Bradbury, Ace Eggenberger, Dax Turner, Landon Hoffner, Zachary Thompson.

4th Place
Jeff Leonard, Christian Ochoa, Olivia Turner, Avery Olbrot, Kamren Olbrot.

“Everyone wrestled well and showed great improvement,” said Coach DeLong, “especially some of our youngest wrestlers.”

SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Saturday, February 12
Seneca vs. Pontiac Regional -

The Lady Irish held off a tough Pontiac team February 12, 47-43, to advance in regional action.

“Found a way to get it done against a tough, physical, and well-coached Pontiac team,” said Coach Holman. “Kennedy Hartwig carried us early, and Alyssa Zellers had five huge free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the win. Huge effort from Hartwig and Zoe Hougas defensively on a great player in Bailey Masching (17 points) from Pontiac.”

Hartwig had 20 points and five boards to lead Seneca. Zellers added eight points (5-6 FT in 4th quarter), while Emma Smith scored seven points to go with 10 rebounds.

Thanks for Reading!

TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS BASKETBALL

Monday, February 7
Tri-Point vs. Grant Park

The Lady Chargers held on long enough to pick up a 50-47 victory over Grant Park February 7.

Lainey Bertrand led Tri-Point with 12 points, going 4-6 from the line. Kadie Hummel (3-6 FT) and Kyra Cathcart (5-

10 FT) each scored nine points, with Melina Schuette adding eight points. Mikaayla English provided five points (3-6 FT), while Millie Ruiz scored four points (1 3-pointer, 1-2 FT). Lanie Woods put in a third quarter bucket, while Kasi Hughes hit a fourth quarter free throw.

GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Monday, February 7
GSW vs. Beecher

The varsity Lady Panthers lost to Beecher, 66-35, on February 7.

Addi Fair scored a game-high 25 points (2 3-pointers, 3-6 FT). Chloe Wells wound up with four points, while Eva Henderson, Aspen Lardi, and Hannah Balcom each scored two points.

Thursday, February 10
GSW vs. Momence

GSW got back on the winning track February 10 with a

49-28 victory over Momence in their regular season finale.

Once again, Addi Fair went off, putting up 22 points, with a three-pointer and a 3-7 showing from the line. Hannah Balcom (2-5 FT) and Eva Henderson (1 3-pointer) added eight and seven points, respectively. Chloe Wells had six points, with Taeryn Lardi scoring four. Aspen Lardi chipped in with a fourth quarter bucket.

The Lady Panthers end the regular season with a record of 8-22 overall and 8-8 in conference play.

Seneca Lady Irish Dominant in Win Over Dwight

Monday, February 7
Seneca vs. Dwight Varsity -

It was Senior Night in Seneca February 7, and the Lady Fighting Irish won big over Dwight, 52-28, to improve to 20-9 (10-2 in TCC) on the season.

“Awesome way to celebrate Senior Night,” said Seneca’s head coach Brian Holman. “All six found the scoring column and led us to the win. All the credit goes to their leadership after starting the confer-

ence season 2-2, we were able to win our last eight to clinch the conference championship outright.”

Kennedy Hartwig and Emma Smith led the Lady Irish with 17 and 13 points, respectively.

For the Lady Trojans, Kassy Kodat scored a team-high eight points, followed by seven from Njomza Asllani. Brooke Vigna and Lilly Duffy added six and five points, respectively. Emerson Peters put up two points.

JV -

In the JV match-up, Seneca defeated Dwight.

Njomza Asllani was the leading scorer, while Kassy Kodat, Maci Johnson, Ella Legner, Olivia Folkers, and El-lora McCullough each contributed points.

“I am so proud of how hard these girls play together,” said Coach Amie Thompson, “no matter what the score of the game is.”

Lady Panthers Defeat Tri-Point, 40-17

Wednesday, February 9
GSW vs. Tri-Point

Gardner-South Wilmington picked up a big home win over the Tri-Point Lady Chargers February 9, 40-17.

Addi Fair scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Lady Panthers, nailing two threes

and going a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line. Aspen Lardi (1 3-pointer) and Taeryn Lardi (2-4 FT) added seven and six points, respectively. Chloe Wells, Riley Klingler, and Hannah Balcom all had two points. Grace Olsen knocked down a free throw.

For T-P, Melina Schuette (1-4 FT) and Kadie Hummel (1 3-pointer) led with five points each. Lainey Bertrand chipped in with three points (1-1 FT), with Millie Ruiz (2-2 FT) and Lanie Woods contributing two points each.

DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Wednesday, February 9
Dwight vs. Coal City Varsity -

The Dwight Lady Trojans were defeated by the Coal City Lady Coalers on Senior Night in Dwight, 49-31.

Brooke Vigna led the way with 11 points and eight rebounds. Kassy Kodat added eight points, six steals, with Njomza Asllani and Lilly Duffy putting up five and four points, respectively. Alayna Airgood had three points and two boards, while Kira Bean (1 steal) and Emerson Peters pulled down three and two rebounds, respectively.

“The Lady Trojans would like to give a shout out to the

outstanding student section,” said head coach Chuck Butterbrodt, “and all the fans who made it out for Senior Night.”

Thursday, February 10
Dwight vs. Lexington Varsity -

On February 9, the Lady Trojans finished their regular season schedule with a loss to Lexington, 46-30.

Dwight was led by Kassy Kodat’s 18 points and four steals. Brooke Vigna had four points, eight boards, with Njomza Asllani (5 rebounds) and Lilly Duffy (9 rebounds, 3 assists) each scoring three points. Kira Bean contributed two points and seven boards.

JV -

The 2021-22 season concluded for the JV Lady Trojans after a loss to Lexington.

Njomza Asllani was Dwight’s leading scorer with seven points.

“The ladies got off to a rough start, but ended the game with some great defense,” said Coach Thompson. “I am so proud of how hard these girls have fought until the end of each and every game. You could never tell if we were winning or losing based on the way the girls were playing. They kept their heads held high and worked hard. I hope to see all of these girls back on the court next season.”

Church Dartball League

The Church Dartball League started February 7, and results are as follows:

	W	L
Herscher #2	2	1
Dwight Meth.	1	2
Dwight Cong.	1	2
Emmanuel Luth.	2	1
Zion Lutheran	2	1
Herscher #1	1	2
New Life	2	1
Trinity Lutheran	1	2

League Standings		
	W	L
Herscher #2	14	4
Dwight Meth.	13	5
Dwight Cong.	9	9
Emmanuel Luth.	9	9
Zion Lutheran	8	10
Herscher #1	7	11
Trinity Lutheran	6	12
New Life	6	12

The next day of play is Monday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m.

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BROOKE VIGNA, pictured, left, battles for the board in a match-up with Coal City on Senior Night in Dwight February 9. The Lady Trojans fell by a score of 49-31. Below, the Dwight Township High School band entertains the fans on Senior Night.



Fighting Irish Take Down Dwight, 62-39

Friday, February 11
Seneca vs. Dwight

The Fighting Irish traveled to Dwight to take on the Trojans February 11, and returned to Seneca with a 62-39 victory, improving to 19-8 on the season (6-2 in the conference). “It was nice to get this one over a very big and solid Dwight team on their home court,” said Irish head coach Russ Witte. “Noah Quigley shot the ball extremely well from the outside and all of our post players did a great job defending their bigs, taking charges, and rebounding the

ball. I couldn’t be more proud of this group.” Quigley ended up with a game-high 17 points, knocking down five threes in the contest. Zach Pfeifer (2 3-pointers, 1-2 FT) and Kysen Klinker (2-4 FT) put up 11 and 10 points, respectively. Lane Provance scored seven points (3-6 FT), followed by six each from Paxton Giertz (2-3 FT) and Given Siegel (4-4 FT). Calvin Maierhofer had four points, with Dominic Traina hitting a free throw. The Trojans, now 14-12 for the 2021-22 season (4-3 in the

conference), were led by Wyatt Thompson’s 14 points (2-2 FT). Jeremy Kapper contributed six points, while Conner Telford (1-2 FT) and Gavin Wykes (1-2 FT) provided five points each. Jack Duffy (1-2 FT) and Landon Brown (1-1 FT) chipped in with three points each, followed by Kaleb Duden with a second quarter bucket. Dawson Carr knocked down a free throw. Dwight closes out their regular season at Watseka Friday, February 18, with regional play kicking off this weekend.



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

**Saturday, February 12
Seneca vs.
Hinckley Big Rock
Indian Creek Shootout**
Despite trailing as they headed into the fourth quarter, the Fighting Irish fought back and came from behind to win 53-50 over Hinckley Big Rock in the Indian Creek Shootout February 12.
“It was a very long night,” stated Coach Witte, “as we were supposed to play our game at 8:00 p.m. and it didn’t

get started until 9:30 p.m. First half was a great half that saw our boys hold a 36-25 lead. But the third quarter was something else. Too many three-point shots taken and very sluggish rotating on defense. Thankfully, the boys made some great adjustments and held them to just three points in the final frame.”
Zach Pfeifer buried a long three-pointer with 2.5 seconds to give his squad the victory, which marks the first time

since the 2013-14 season that Seneca’s boys program eclipsed the 20-win mark.
Pfeifer led with a game-high 23 points (4 3-pointers, 7-8 FT), followed by 14 from Paxton Giertz (1 3-pointer, 1-1 FT). Given Siegel supplied six points (2-2 FT), with Noah Quigley adding five points (1 3-pointer). Owen Quigley (1 3-pointer) and Lane Provance (2-8 FT) added three and two points, respectively.



DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

**Monday, February 7
Dwight vs. Woodland**
The Dwight Trojans continued their winning ways February 7, taking down Woodland by a score of 52-31.
“Our longest win streak of the season (5),” stated Coach Connor in the post-game. “Playing some of our best defense of the season.”
Jeremy Kapper (4-5 FT) and Wyatt Thompson (1 3-pointer) led with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Landon Brown scored eight points (2 3-pointers, 2-2 FT), while Conner Telford scored six points (1 3-pointer, 1-2 FT). Kaleb Duden (1 3-pointer) and Tyler Frauli (1-2 FT) scored three points. Jack Duffy and Gavin Wykes both had two points.

**Tuesday, February 8
Dwight vs. Peotone**
On February 8, the Trojans had their five-game win streak come to an end after a 58-37 loss to Peotone.
“Not our best game,” admitted head coach Jeremy Connor, “but we played hard and battled.”
Wyatt Thompson led Dwight with 19 points (1 3-pointer, 2-3 FT). Jeremy Kapper came up with six points (2-3 FT), with Dawson Carr adding five points (3-4 FT). Jace Gall hit a three, while Gavin Wykes and Conner Telford (2-2 FT) chipped in with two points each.
Dwight is now 14-11 overall and 4-2 in the conference.



TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL

**Thursday, February 10
Tri-Point vs. Cornerstone Christian Academy**
The Chargers took on Cornerstone Christian Academy February 10 at home, falling 74-52 in a game that saw CCA have four players in double-digits.
Bobby Mogged led Tri-Point with 29 points, going 1-4 from the charity stripe. Brendan Likes (2 3-pointers) and Frankie Barriga scored six points each, while Jose Amador (1 3-pointer) put up five points. Ayden McNeill (3-4 FT) and Donovan Conner (1 3-pointer) each added three points.
In the JV meeting, the Chargers lost 44-13.



GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, February 8
GSW vs. Wilmington**
In basketball action February 8, the GSW Panthers fell to Wilmington, 64-40.
“This was not one of our better games of the season,” admitted Coach Wills. “Wilmington outplayed us for the majority of the game. We need to play a lot better moving forward.”
Cale Halpin had a team-high 24 points, adding that to four rebounds and two steals. Ben-

nett Grant (4 rebounds) and Garrett Grant (5 rebounds, 2 steals) put up five and four points, respectively. Gabe McHugh chipped in with three points, seven boards, and three steals.
**Friday, February 11
GSW vs. Donovan**
The Panthers picked up a 51-43 win over Donovan February 11.
“It was nice to get off to a decent start and be able to get a somewhat comfortable win

tonight,” stated head coach Allan Wills. “With two revenge games next week, hopefully we can finish the regular season on a high note.”
Tallying 26 points, six boards, and six steals was Cale Halpin, with Gabe McHugh adding 17 points, seven rebounds, and four steals.
GSW is now 8-21 overall, with a 4-7 record in the conference. They will host Illinois Lutheran Thursday, February 17.



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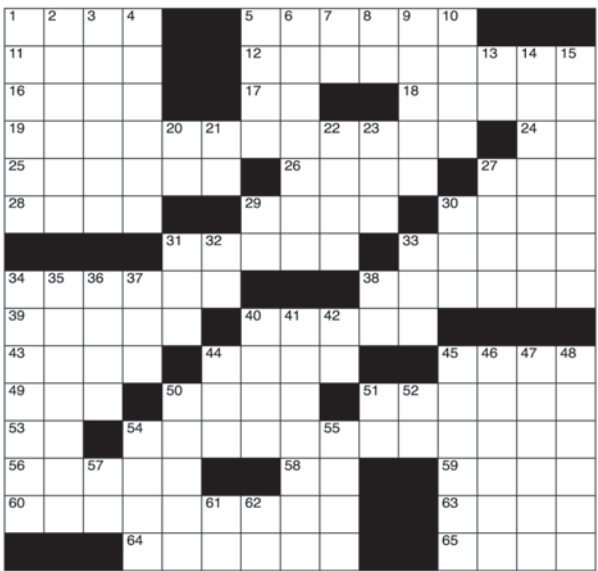
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1. Remain as is
5. Functional
11. News magazine
12. Popular treat
16. Area units
17. Artificial intelligence
18. Marten valued for its fur
19. Forms of matter
24. Home of the Dodgers
25. Bordering
26. Part of the eye
27. It might be nervous
28. Visualizes
29. Crest of a hill
30. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
31. Tears in a garment (Br. Eng.)
33. Not easily explained
34 Song in short stanzas
38. Detonations
39. Intestinal
40. EU cofounder Paul-Henri ____
43. Balmy
44. New Mexico mountain town
45. Gobblers
49. Insecticide
50. Golf scores
51. Has its own altar
53. “Pollock” actor Harris
54. Being livable
56. NHL play-by-play man
58. “The Great Lakes State” (abbr.)
59. Unpainted
60. Swam underwater
63. Native American people
64. Containing salt
65. Exam

CLUES DOWN

1. Small bone in middle ear
2. Long, angry speech
3. Move out of
4. Male organ
5. Two-toed sloth
6. Making dirty
7. Article
8. Oil company
9. Emits coherent radiation
10. Amounts of time
13. Unit equal to one quintillion bytes (abbr.)
14. Forbidden by law
15. Drains away
20. Not out
21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
22. Bird genus
23. Gratuity
27. ____ and feathers
29. Spiritual part of an individual (ancient Egypt)
30. Hot beverage
31. Pouch
32. It followed the cassette
33. Large northern deer
34. Ones who offer formally
35. Famed genie
36. Bequeathed
37. Skeletal muscle
38. Atomic #56
40. Silk garment
41. They deliver the mail
42. Equally
44. Check
45. Light-colored breed of hound
46. Drug that soothes
47. Railroads
48. Most slick
50. Jacket
51. A radio band
52. Hello
54. His and ____
55. Supporter
57. Popular software suite (abbr.)
61. Railway
62. NY coastal region (abbr.)



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for January at Dwight Common School, pictured, front row, from left, are Nathan Wilkey, Luna Parker, Jace Lee, Nicole Faulds, Lexi Folkers, McKenna Larkin, Charlotte Schmidt, Monroe Gerber, Mason Johnson, Anthony Toppel, Riley Wicks; back row, Hudson Clay, Everett Lair, Madison Stych, Addie Avilez, Joey Starks, Maddox De-Long, Trevor Jensen, Kit Connor, Caleb Peters, and Clara Flott. Not pictured are Colton Dippon and Willow Riber.

‘200 Years of Ag in Central Illinois’
Presentation at Dominy Library Mar. 19

The Friends of the Dominy Library will present “200 Years of Agriculture in Central Illinois” Saturday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the White Community Room of the Dominy Memorial Library in Fairbury.

200 Years of Agriculture in Central Illinois features guest speaker Don Meyer. Don is a former Extension Adviser and County Director of McLean County and co-curated the “Farming Gallery” at the McLean County Museum of History.

From hand tools to modern machinery, the program will feature a decade-by-decade look at the development of farming and agriculture in Central Illinois.

This is a free event and for all ages. Refreshments will be served, plus you could win door prizes from Kilgus Farmstead Country Store and Hoffman’s Little Aces. 200 Years of Agriculture in Central Illinois with Don Meyer at the Dominy Memorial Library - 201 S. 3rd Street, Fairbury.

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