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DTHS Board Sets Public Hearing for Practice Facility/ Tax Levy Adopted

by Mark Boma

The Dwight Township High School Board of Education met Monday December 19 in the High School Board Room.

Board members in attendance were Kevin Berta, Max Sulzberger, Joel Sandeno, and President Tim Henson. Absent were Sue Legner, Paul Warner and Eric Scheuer.

There were no Public Comment speakers.

The 2022 Tax Levy was officially approved at the rate of 2.33%. This is down from the 2021 rate of 2.36% and \$1.3 million under the maximum allowed by statute. Individual homeowners could potentially still see a tax increase if their property valuations increase.

Discussions continued on the construction of a proposed Practice Facility on the High School grounds on the grassy area between the boys ball diamond and the school. Details of the structure are still being developed but the consensus of the Board was the building was a necessity, as athletic practice is increasingly difficult to manage. The District has enough funds on hand to pay for the project so no borrowing would be required. It is hoped construction could begin in the Spring of 2023.

A Public Hearing on the issue is set for January 11 at 6 p.m. at the High School. All interested parties are invited to come and express their views on the project.

Principal Andrew Pittenger

presented a plaque to Corilyn McCullough in recognition of being named Trojan Staff Member of the Month. She was recognized for her valuable effort working with students who have English as a second language. November students of the month were announced as Katy Dolan, Frosh; Issy Bunting, Soph; Jacob Weissman, Jr.; and Ian Waddle, Sr. Pittenger added final exams were scheduled for 12/19 -12/21 and Freshman orientation will be January 17.

Athletic Director Cathy Ferguson reported High School events can now be livestreamed on the Hudl Focus app. The free app can be downloaded to your phone, computer, or smart TV. She added Wyatt Thompson scored his 1,000th point during the Route 17 Classic Tournament, Also, Dwight will be hosting both Boys and GIrls Basketball Regionals.

In other matters, Principal Josh DeLong reported maintenance on the heating units should be completed before the end of winter break.

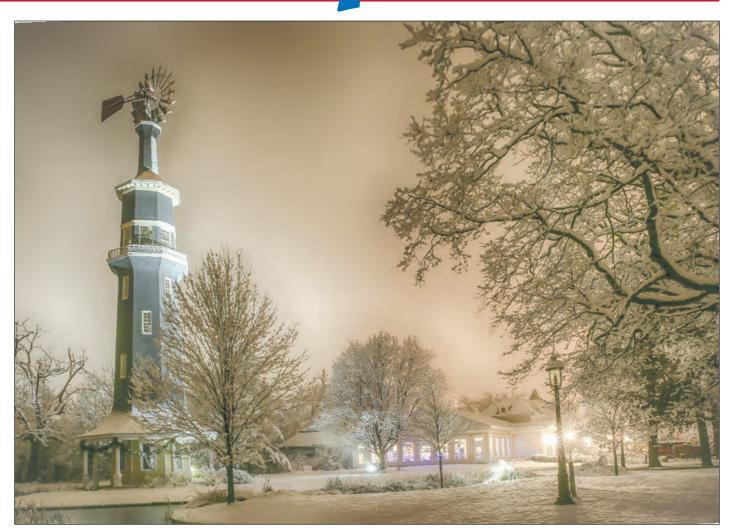
He added there continues to be a national teacher shortage, partially a result of the way instructors are treated by parents and the increased lack of accountability taken by parents for their child's behavior.

In addition DeLong will be joining the Village of Dwight Planning Commission.

In Consent Agenda items, employment was affirmed for (continued on page 3)

Shop This Week's Inserts: **Family Dollar** Hardee's **Nelson's Home Furniture**

Some inserts not available in total market area.



A LOOK BACK. The Country Mansion served as the location every December for Christmas Under the Windmill, a compilation of music and skits, enjoyed by many, while raising funds for local causes. 17 Images

Scentsy Buddies Delivered for Christmas

by Brandon LaChance

Christmas spirit is always in the air in December.

But thanks to Cassie Roach, an independent Scentsy diretor, children at Ronald McDonald Houses, Lurie Children's Hospital, and through Dwight EMS, were able to smell the spirit as well.

Roach and her team delivered 380 Scentsy Buddies on Wed., Dec. 21 and Thurs., Dec.

"It was really incredible. We set the goal for 500, thinking 100 per Ronald McDonald House we were bringing them to for Christmas," said Roach. "We didn't quite hit the goal, but once we saw the numbers of the deliveries coming in and the people crawling out of the woodwork. We had people coming to us the day before we were delivering asking, 'Hey, are you still taking orders?' or 'Can we still contribute in some

"It was really a positive, heartwarming experience to have people say, 'I have some unused gifts on hand of Buddy Clips and Scentsy Buddies I've gottten before.' They were offering for me to come pick them up for them to be given to a child. It was nice to see the community come together."

Roach delivered her donated Scentsy Buddies to the Ronald

McDonald Houses in Peoria and Springfield, while Dwight resident, Catie Wilkey, delivered to the northern Ronald McDonald Houses.

Scentsy Buddies were being delivered in three cars.

"It really hit home when we were making the deliveries. There were smiles on the staffs' faces. It was a we did this moment. It wasn't one, two, or three people," Roach said. "It truly was the heart of the communithy coming together. It didn't impact Dwight directly, but you never know if it's going to impact someone we know and care about.

"Just to do it out of the kindness of their hearts. It's very overwhelming. This time of year catches your emotions anyway, but to gift that amount was really, really heartwarm-

Ronald McDonald House received 300 of the 380, while Ally Baudino brought 50 to Lurie's and 30 were donated to Dwight EMS.

When Roach started her business four years ago, she delivered one buddy.

The second year was two buddies and last year Roach and her team delivered 180.

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ALLY BAUDINO (left) and Catie Wilkey, from Dwight, smile with their Scentsy Buddies they helped fundraise and donate to sick children across the state.

CASSIE ROACH, an independent Scentsy director, and her team delivered 380 Scentsy Buddies to children for Christmas. Ronald Mc-Donald House's received 300, 50 were specifically arranged for Lurie Children's Hospital and 30 were donated to Dwight EMS.



Words with Dwight Mayor Paul Johnson

by Brandon LaChance

Christmas has come and

This means it's time to take down the lights, the tree, and

the stocking. Put the presents away to their new locations.

And get back to work.

For Dwight Mayor Paul Johnson, he's been working hard whether his initiatives have stopped or are just begin**Dwight Correctional Center**

Johnson and the Village of Dwight Board have been discussing the state of the prison for many months.

After many deliberations, there was finally a vote by the board on whether or not the prison should be bought from the state.

The vote denied the purchase.

"I was not at the board meeting because I couldn't get the day off of work. Basically, they voted to not move forward with purchasing the prison," Mayor Johnson said. "Whatever happens with the prison now is going to be on the state, not anything with us. There is no more discussing the prison. The meeting was the end of it.

"We were going to get the prison for \$1. I wanted it to happen. The board was on board with it back in April when we discussed it. There was a group of community members -- I don't think they

represented the entire community -- that expressed they didn't want the village to buy it. So, the village isn't going through with the legislative transfer of property.

"It would have been \$1 and we would have been eligible for grants to update the prison and do some things. We had some discussions with people from Joliet who were managing the Joliet Correctional Center, which was a similar situation to

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

December 15: Harry J. Rogers, III, 44, Channahon, drvg. under influ. of alcohol, DUI - alcohol concentration in blood or breath 0.08 or more, aggravated fleeing/attempting to elude peace officer - rate of speed at least 21 MPH over speed limit, aggravated fleeing/attempting to elude peace officer - causes property damage in excess of \$300, aggravated DUI - violation for the third or subsequent time, driving on susp./revoked license.

December 16: Antonion L. Hogan, 35, Milwaukee, WI, driving during suspension.

December 17: Anthony K. Nelson, expiration of registra-

December 18: Salvador S. Valeriano, 28, Joliet, operate uninsured motor vehicle.

December 20: Joshua L. Torres, 37, Aurora, speeding over statutory limit, no valid driver's license - expired less than one year.

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

5 Written Warnings

Speeding – 2; No Valid Driver's License – 1; Expired Registration -2.

Dwight Police Blotter

December 15: Dwight Police were advised of an intoxicated subject. Harry Rogers, 44, of Channahon, was arrested for two counts of Aggravated DUI, Aggravated Fleeing, and Driving While License Revoked. Mr. Rogers, traveling at a high rate of speed, failed to negotiate the curve on Rt. 47 by the Dwight Sewer Plant, crashing into the fence and hitting the fire hydrant. He was taken to Livingston Cty. Jail after having been cleared at an area hospital.

December 16: Arrested was Antonio Hogan, 35, of Milwaukee, WI, for Driving While License Suspended; Dwight Police were dispatched to a business on W. Waupansie for a report of a shoplifter.

December 17: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of E. Waupansie. A resident reported someone entering their garage, but the offender fled upon hearing the resident.

December 19: Dwight Police spoke with a resident who advised they had been a victim refusal, mutual aid – Odell

of Identity Theft; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Spencer for a neighbor dispute.

December 20: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Spencer for a neighbor dispute; Dwight Police were dispatched to Bannon St. for a family dispute; Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Waupansie. Arrested for Domestic Battery was Zachery Lair. He was transported to Livingston Cty.

Return Call; Medical Aid; Traffic Stops; Lockout; Loose Dog; Out with Vehicle; Abandoned Vehicle; Limb on Road; Intoxicated Subject; Fire Alarm; Shop Lifter; Reckless Driver; Cell 911 Open; Assist Agency; Break in Not in Progress; Motorist Assist; Extra Patrol; Walk In; Miscellaneous.



Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

December 16: Mazon, medical, Morris; Main, trauma, Morris; Wolf, medical, St. James, mutual aid Odell/from Coal City; Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, refusal; 2600, medical, mutual aid to Odell; Waupansie, medical, Morris; Union, assist, refusal.

December 17: Judd, medical, Riverside; Mazon, medical, Morris; John St., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Coal City; Susan, medical, St.

December 18: Seminole, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; Seminole, medical, St. James; Bannon, medical, St. James; John, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, refusal; I-55, trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Odell.

December 19: E. Main, medical, St. James; Northbrook, medical, Morris.

December 20: Union, fire; Spencer, trauma; Mazon, medical, St. James; Waupansie, trauma; Scott, medical, refusal.

December 21: Bannon, medical, refusal; Bannon, medical, St. James; Waupansie, fire; Mazon, medical, Morris; Main, fire; Clinton, medical, St. James: Union, medical.

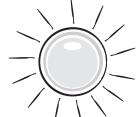
December 22: I-55, trauma,

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Dec. 15 – high 35°, low 30° trace snow

Dec. 17 - high 24°, low 12° trace snow

Dec. 18 – high 22°, low 8° Dec. 19 – high 24°, low 9° Dec. 20 - high 33°, low 15° Dec. 21 – high 29°, low 16°

One Year Ago-Dec. 28, 2021 high 42°, low 34° .18" precip.



incidents:

sure/Rupture on Boiler Equipment – E. Main.

Leak – W. Waupansie; Smoke Investigation – W. Main.

Dwight FPD also responded to 19 medical assists with Dwight EMS.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR BUILDINGS, **GARAGES AND CARS LOCKED -Dwight Police Dept.**

Village of Dwight **Petitions Filed**

positions for the Village of Dwight have been filed as of December 19:

term) - Marla Kinkade, Randy Irvin, Joshua Jahn, Tim Mc-Keller, and Pete Meister (three





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Protect Financial Accounts from "Cyberthieves"

Cybercrime is booming. In 2021, the FBI reported that cybercriminals scammed nearly \$7 billion from Americans — a figure slightly higher than the gross domestic product (GDP) of Switzerland for that year, according to research organization World Economics. How can you protect yourself from cyberthieves?

Here are some suggestions that can help: · Watch out for "phishing" attempts. You may receive emails that appear to be from a legitimate firm, requesting information your financial institution would never request online — confirmation of an account number, password, Social Security number, credit card number and so on. These notes can look official, often incorporating a firm's logo, so pay close attention to what's

• Think twice before clicking or downloading. If you are suspicious about a communication, don't click on a link or download an attachment — instead, go to your financial firm's website or use their app to verify they sent the information or request. Become adept with passwords. Use a different password for each of your accounts and change your passwords regularly Of course, maintaining multiple passwords can be confusing, so you might want to consider using password management software, which generates passwords, stores them in an encrypted database and locks them behind a master password which is the only one you'll need to remember.

· Use your own devices. Try to avoid using public computers or devices that aren't yours to access your financial accounts.

If you do use another computer, clear your browsing history after you log out of your account.

• Be cautious about using Wi-Fi when traveling. When you're on the road, you may want to use public hotspots, such as wireless networks in airports and hotels. But many people don't realize that these hotspots reduce their security settings to make access easier, which, in turn, makes it easier for cyberthieves to intercept your information. In fact, some hackers even build their own public hotspots to draw in internet-seekers in an effort to commit theft. So, if at all possible, wait until you can access a trusted, encrypted network before engaging in any communications or activity involving your financial accounts.

Don't give up control of your computer. Under no circumstances should you provide remote access to your computer to a stranger who contacts you, possibly with an offer to help "disinfect" your computer. If you do think your device has an issue with malicious software, contact a legitimate technician for assistance.

· Know whom you're calling for help. If you need assistance from, say, a customer service area of a financial institution, make sure you know the phone number is accurate and legitimate — possibly one from a billing or confirmation statement. Some people have been scammed by Googling "support" numbers that belonged to fraudsters who asked for sensitive in-

 Review all correspondence with your financial services provider. Keep a close eye on your account activity and statements. If you see mistakes or unauthorized activity in your account, contact your financial institution immediately.

Advanced technology has brought many benefits, but also many more opportunities for financial crimes. By taking the above steps, and others that may be needed, you can go a long way toward defending yourself against persistent and clever

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

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Temps - 2022

Dec. 16 - high 31°, low 23°



Dwight Fire Incidents 12/16 - 12/23

Dwight Fire Protection District responded to the following

December 16: Over Pres-

December 20: Smoke Investigation – N. Union.

December 21: Natural Gas

Petitions for the following

• Village Clerk (unexpired 2-

• Village Trustee (unexpired 2-year term) - Brian Berta.

Village Trustee (4-year to be elected).



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population decline and outmi-

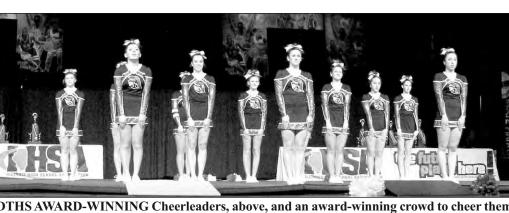
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DTHS AWARD-WINNING Cheerleaders, above, and an award-winning crowd to cheer them on. Dwight never runs short of spirit for fellow Dwightites. J7 Images



Nicor Gas Offers Tips to Help Keep You **Warm and Stay Safe During Winter Weather**

As temperatures drop and winter storm advisories are issued, Nicor Gas is providing winter weather tips to stay warm and safe and save on winter heating costs.

Extreme weather operations are not new for Nicor Gas. During periods of arctic cold fronts and polar vortexes, Nicor Gas employees work around-theclock to monitor pipelines and ensure the safe performance and reliability of the natural gas infrastructure.

Heavy snow and ice may weigh down power lines and tree limbs, causing them to fall. If a natural gas meter is damaged or underground gas line is exposed, immediately leave the area and call 911 or Nicor Gas' 24-hour emergency response line, 888-NICOR4U (642-6748) from a safe location.

To ensure the safe, proper operation of natural gas appliances, such as a furnace or water heater, and to prevent the potentially hazardous buildup of carbon monoxide within your home or business, ensure that outdoor vent openings and air intakes are not obstructed by snow or ice. Never use natural gas appliances, such as ovens or the burners on a stove, to heat your homes or businesses.

Exercise caution when removing snow or ice from a natural gas meter assembly. Use vour hands or a broom, not a shovel, to brush away snow or ice from your meter; never kick or hit your gas meter or its piping with a hammer or any hard object to break away built-up snow or ice.

For more information and safety tips, nicorgas.com/safety.

Energy efficiency tools and resources provide customers more control over their energy use and bill. Some of those efficiencies can start in the home little changes can add up to big savings with these weatherization tips:

• Regularly replace air and furnace filters; most filters should be cleaned or replaced every 60-90 days. A clean filter will allow the system to run more effi-

· Open window coverings during the day to allow sunlight to heat your home naturally, and close curtains at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.

• Keep furniture, drapes, stuffed animals and other objects away from heating sources.

· Adjust timer controls and programmable thermostats. Some older thermostats may not have an internal clock and need to be adjusted manually.

Every family deserves reliable energy at a price they can afford. But for many, wages have stayed the same while the cost of living continues to rise. Nicor Gas offers a variety of programs to help customers pay their natural gas utility bills. If eligible, households can take advantage of more than one bill payment assistance program offered.

To learn more about how customers can benefit from available bill payment assistance programs, visit:

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Illinois Loses More Residents in 2022 Than Any Year On Record

Illinois experienced its New York and California. years ago. According to data released by the U.S. Census Bureau December 22, Illinois' population declined by a record 104,437 residents from July 2021 to July 2022.

The trend is driven by residents moving to other states, an Illinois Policy Institute analysis found. Illinois' net domestication outmigration of 141,656 residents was the largest in the

state's history. This year also saw five major companies move their

headquarters out of Illinois. Analysis of U.S. Census data finds:

• In 2022, Illinois saw nearly the equivalent of the population of Rockford, the fifth-biggest city in Illinois, moving away to

to outmigration and population decline was second worst in the nation, behind only New York. • Illinois had the third-worst

gration in raw numbers, behind

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biggest raw increases in people moving to them, were Florida, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Arizona.

"The record number of residents who left Illinois this year should be a wake-up call to the state's leaders, who refuse to adopt policies that would make it easier for residents to stay in Illinois," said Bryce Hill, director of fiscal and economic re-

search at the institute. "Resilargest population decline since • The most popular states in the dents and major businesses the state started shrinking nine nation, as measured by the such as Caterpillar and Boeing are sending a message by leaving. Reforms that would ease Illinoisans' tax burden or reduce arduous business regulations are needed to make the state more affordable and send people running to Illinois, rather than away from it."

To learn more about Illinois'

population loss, visit: illin.is/2022population

Gas Prices For This Week

Since last Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has fallen by four cents. According to new data from the EIA, gas demand increased. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks grew. Increasing while, total domestic gasoline stocks green supply and low gasoline demand are pushing pump and stocks rise, prices lower. As demand remains low and stocks rise, drivers will likely continue to see pump prices decrease through next year. Crude prices have increased after the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude stocks decreased substantially last week. The drawdown signals that oil demand may continue to rise despite ongoing market concerns that a recession or slowdown could occur next year. If economic growth falters, crude demand will likely drop alongside prices.

City/Village Dec. 26 Dec. 19 Dwight \$3.15 \$3.23 \$3.37 \$3.53 Kankakee Streator \$3.29 \$3.30 Pontiac \$3.21 \$3.37 Gardner \$3.29 \$3.44 Braceville \$3.02 \$3.17 Morris \$3.07 \$3.22 Herscher \$3.45 \$3.57 Chicago \$3.29 \$3.42 Illinois \$3.15 \$3.26 \$3.10 \$3.14 U.S.

 $Sources:\ Gas Buddy.com\ and\ U.S.\ Energy\ Information\ Administration.$

Gasoline price data collected by The Paper and brought to you by Steve's Tire.



DTHS Board Sets - - -



Principal Andrew Pittenger presented a plaque to Corilyn McCullough in recognition of being named Trojan Staff Member of the Month.

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Morgan Miller, Substitute Paraprofessional. Employment was also approved for Miller as Substitute Bus Driver. The resignation of Dan Edwards was approved as Assistant Football Coach and FMLA Maternity Leave was affirmed for Jordan Tilley.

In New Business, the 2023 Employee Health Insurance Contract was approved with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Life Insurance Contract was approved with Dearborn National.

The Board moved to Executive Session to discuss personnel or litigation matters, with no action resulting.

The next regular Board Meeting will be January 18 at the High School. Future Board of Education updates can be read at thepaper1901.com.

Words with Dwight Mayor Paul Johnson

(continued from page 1) what we have in Dwight. They were able to make a pretty good revenue source out of it, make it an attraction, and do some things for their community. They were going to come down and help us get things going, but that is dead.

"There isn't any further discussion or will there be further discussion on the prison."

Budget/New Business

Every year Dwight has to present its budget.

Per usual, it's starting the process now to have it ready by April's due date.

"Usually, we take 3-4 months to get everything done and have some meetings to discuss what we need to do, what our priorities are, what the directors need for their departments, and then we build the budget off of that, plus our tax revenues," said Mayor Johnson. "We did drop our levy rate to be cognizant of people having to pay too much money, a boat load of money, to taxes.

"We're trying to bring new business into town. We're trying to get new business to offset the taxes to our residents. That's ultimately our goal. There have been some businesses that have been poking around. We've had some discussions with them. There are some interested people wanting to do some things in town. It's just a matter of actually getting them to do things because this is not the best economic environment to be investing and building.

"But, I feel confident in Dwight having some new developments and businesses that will be good for the community within the next year."

Interviews

Kevin McNamara has been the village administrator of Dwight since 1999.

In 2023, a new administrator will take over for him.

There will also be a new finance director taking over for Austin Haacke.

The question is who will take over the positions.

Mayor Johnson is searching for the answer.

"We're getting ready to do

interviews for village administrator because Kevin McNamara is retiring at the end of March. We did some interviews for Austin Haacke's spot as the finance director," Mayor Johnson said. "We did one set of interviews for Haacke's role, but we haven't made a final decision on that position yet in terms of who we're going to se-

lect. There may be another round of interviews we have to do.

"It's just a matter of getting those two positions filled and starting to work on the budget." Brandon LaChance is a journalist with The Paper. He can be reached at 815-876-7941, blachance20@gmail.com, or on Twitter @LaChanceWriter.





Shayla Smith and Bill Flott (DEA members), Colton Holm, Jen Corrigan (owner), Braelyn Schou, John Salzer (DEA member), and Pamela Coughlin (DEA coordinator).

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Fossil Ridge Library **Events, Programs**

Fossil Ridge Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd. in Braidwood, is hosting the following events and programs:

Adult Program

• January 5, 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Well-Read Book Club: The Well-Read Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month to discuss memoirs, biographies, true crime, or a book selected by one of the mem-

Book Sale • January 9-31: The Library has a book sale happening January 9-31 during normal hours. Fill up a bag and support the Library by purchasing used books, CDs, and DVDs.

For more information, visit fossilridge.org or call 815-458-2187. Any other questions can be e-mailed to hep@fossilridge.

Godley Park District Upcoming Programs, Events

Godley Park District, 500 S. a.m. Kankakee St. in Godley, is hosting the following upcoming programs and events:

Seniors ALIVE!

• Tuesday, January 3: Those 55+ are invited to join for a morning of BINGO and lunch. BINGO starts at 10:30 a.m. A fee applies. Register/pay by December 28.

YOGA with Mary Griffin

 January 3 - February 7: This is an all-levels class based in Hatha Yoga that will include Pranayama (breath work), Asana (postures), awareness, meditation, and relaxation. Take your own mat, a firm blanket or two, and a yoga strap if you have one. A fee applies. Register/pay by January 3. A maximum of 15 will be accepted, with walk-ins being accepted until the maximum is met.

Youth Basketball

• January 7 - February 25: It's that time of year for the return of the Youth Basketball program. Students in first through eighth grade will benefit from eight weeks of learning and practicing basketball fundamentals, exercises, like dribbling and passing, while also getting to participate in scrimmages to put what they've learned into practice. • 1st-3rd Grades: 9:00-10:00

• 4th-5th Grades: 10:00-11:30 Pantry' group on Facebook.

• 6th-8th Grades: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

A fee applies. Register/pay by January 4. T-shirt size needed upon registration.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

• Sunday, January 8: Knights of Columbus Braidwood Council 1574 will be hosting their Free Throw Championship for boys and girls, ages nine to 14, in the Godley Park District gymnasium. The Free Throw Championship is open to everyone, and there is no participation fee. Must show proof of age. The top boy and girl from each age group will advance to the district level. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., with the competition starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Original Secret Pantry

The Original Secret Pantry is free for anyone in any community who may be in need. Located at the Godley Park Barn, on the corner of Kankakee St. and Rt. 129, just across the tracks from The Stumble

The Secret Pantry is open every Thursday, usually from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Dates and times may vary, depending on availability and when a truck can arrive. For the most up to date information, join 'The Original Secret

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THE SENECA FFA had the State Champion Runner-Up team at the recent Illinois FFA State Agronomy Career Development Event. Team members, pictured, from left, were Talia Johnson, Ashlin Jackson, Chris Poyner, and Calvin Maierhofer. They are joined by State FFA Reporter, Levi Maierhofer, pictured, far left.

Seneca FFA Agronomy CDE Team Repeats as State Runner-Up

The 2022 Seneca FFA ual, with Ashlin Jackson and Agronomy Career Development Event team repeated last year's feat as the State Runner-Up winner. The team also captured first place in the Section 7 CDE earlier in the month.

The team was led by Chris Poyner, who placed second in the state, also for the second year in a row. Calvin Maierhofer was ninth place individ-

Talia Johnson contributing to the score. There were 46 teams and 175 individuals competing.

At the Section 7 CDE, held at IVCC, Seneca claimed seven of the top 10 places. Poyner won the contest and was awarded a scholarship. He was followed by Maierhofer in second; Jackson, third; Chris Smith, fourth; Grant Mcenth; Natalie Misener, ninth; and Grace Beland, 12th.

The Agronomy CDE requires students to identify agronomic plants and their seeds, identify weed plants and seeds, grade grain and feed samples, understand soil monoliths and soil surveys, and complete a written exam to display con-

Closkey, sixth; Johnson, sev-testants' agronomic knowledge.

The Agronomy CDE is an extension of the plant science curriculum at SHS and contributes to the FFA mission of making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

GLCEDC Holds Annual Dinner in Pontiac

The Greater Livingston ket industry consultants. County Economic Development Council (GLCEDC) has had an eventful past couple of months, from hosting the 2022 Annual Dinner to finishing off the year by awarding over \$30,000 in Building Improvement Grants to the Livingston

County area. GLCEDC held its Annual Dinner November 1 at the Pontiac Elks Club. The event was a success, bringing together the community, and hosting over 100 attendees ranging from local business owners and leaders, city and county officials, school administrators, and mar-

They conducted a panel discussion featuring three business leaders discussing their business practices and the trends they have observed in the marketplace today.

Michael Rubenstein, Wally's Founder and CEO (Pontiac and Fenton, MO), Jerry Hoffman, President of Technical Metals (Fairbury), and Ronan Remandaban, Industrial Market Leader and Executive Managing Director from Bradford Allen, a project consulting and advisory firm of Chicago, participated in the panel.

Tri-Point National Honor Society Spaghetti Supper January 20

The Tri-Point National Honor Society will be hosting a spaghetti supper Friday, January 20, at the high school in Cullom.

Serving times are from 4:00-6:00 p.m., and carry-outs will be available.

includes The menu spaghetti, green beans, breadsticks, ice cream, and a drink.

Meal tickets sold prior to January 19 will be cheaper than those sold at the door, with children ages four and under eating for free. Tickets will be sold at the boys basketball game on January 6.

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In addition to the spaghetti supper, the high school boys basketball game will begin at 5:30 p.m. against Momence, and the grade school cheer camp participants will be performing at various times throughout the night.

Proceeds are used to fund various National Honor Society school and community service projects and activities throughout the year.

If you have questions or would like tickets, contact Alison Buckley at 815-689-2110, ext. 302.





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Area Students Make Honors, President's List at KCC

The following students have been named to the Honors List at Kankakee Community College for the fall 2022 term:

- Buckingham: Ryan Fairfield, Michelle Winkel.
- **Dwight:** Kelsey Christensen. • Essex: Alayna Valone, Jessen
- Herscher: Darian Berns, Claudia Huston, Halie Kohl, Emma Kroesch, Kaitlyn Marion, Sarah Warren.

Valone.

• Reddick: Sophie Kirkpatrick. • Union Hill: Hannah Crews.

To be named to the Honors List, a student must maintain a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.79.

In addition, the following students were named to the President's List at KCC for the fall 2022 term, maintaining a GPA of 3.80 or higher:

- Buckingham: Cass Perkins, Alyssa Rattin.
- Herscher: Lacy Grigas, Allie
- Kohl.

MVK Seniors Hold December 20 Meeting

cember 20 at the Mazon American Legion for lunch by the Community Nutrition Network (CNN) and furnished by "The Whistle Stop" in Coal City.

Pres. Sherry McIntosh called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. A silent prayer was said for the ill and deceased, military, police, firemen, EMTs, and elected officials.

Happy Birthday was sung for Diane Bumgarner, Velda Gilmour, Donna Fulls, and Char Michl. A Thank You from the MVK Christmas Basket Project was read by Robin Homerding. Lisa Wren was also mentioned for all she does for MVK.

Pres. McIntosh read "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

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The MVK Seniors met De- Door prizes were won by Joyce Lucas, Sandy Chismarick, and Nancy Brian, Nancy Johnson, Sue Bauer, Carol Bryant, and Harriet Osborne. A White Elephant exchange was also held.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and a motion for exception was called by Bob Hollenbeck and seconded by Bill McCormick.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2023, with Euchre at 10:30 a.m. and BINGO following the business meeting. A motion to adjourn was by Nancy Johnson and seconded by Shirley Matzen.

Anyone 60 or older is invited to join for a small donation. Be sure to call CNN at 815-941-1590 and make a reservation.



Dwight FFA Alumni Auction January 28

The Dwight FFA Alumni Auction is set for Saturday, January 28, 2023. It will be held at Cherry Red Roasters in Dwight, with dinner being served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and the live auction starting at 7:00 p.m.

Many items have been donated from local businesses for the auction.

If you would like to help support the Dwight FFA, or have any questions, contact Ryan Kodat at 815-355-7244.



DAVID TAYLOR, left, of Livingston Masonic Lodge #371, presents an \$873.00 donation to the Dwight Common School Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program December 21. Gary Beier, Dwight Schools Resource Officer, accepts the check. This is the 18th year that Livingston Masonic Lodge has sponsored the program. In the photo, pictured, from left, are Sienna Burke, Madison Stych, Lydia Stevens, Rylan Woodin, Gabe Addis, and Cason Johnson.







TIGER P.R.I.D.E. winners at Gardner Grade School for the months of September, October, November, and December. Tiger P.R.I.D.E. stands for Perseverence, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Empathy. Classroom teachers choose one student a month who displays these characteristics and is seen as an outstanding student. "It is a great accomplishment," said Superintendent Melanie Elias, "and we are all so very proud of them."





GSW High School First Semester Honor Roll

Summa Cum Laude

Seniors: Amelia Brock, Cade Croy, Brody Fatlan, Hannah Frescura, Colby Grieff, Dane Halpin, Ethan Maxard, Delaney Platt, Julia Schaibley, Jacob Shaughnessy, Kaytlyn Wallerich, Avery Williams, Emma Wilson.

Juniors: Jessica Dominguez, Addison Fair, Cale Halpin, Eva

Henderson, Allston Latimer, Freshmen: Luca Byers, Maria Miguel Ochoa, Madalyn Olsen, Rianna Platt, Hunter Purdy, Ava Schultz, Robert Shutes. Sophomores: Tess Brooks, Maya Cacello, Ryleigh Dvorak, Cole Hampson, Allison Howard-Grivetti, Kendall Huston, Cheyenne Jett, Abigail Leveille, Justin Pahl, Tyler

Campagna, Roman Faletti, Britney Fatlan, Aiden Hines, Kyra Paulauskas, Kayla Scheuber, Nina Siano, Madeline Simms.

<u> Magna Cum Laude</u>

Seniors: Emma Cowan, Taeryn Lardi, Tobias Riley, Noah Wise.

Juniors: Mia Ledlow, Brianna Nelson, Hayden Partilla. **Sophomores:** Hannah Balcom, Madalee Handzus, Jonathan Vasquez.

Freshmen: Gabriella Harvey, Sophia Raimondi, Madelyn

Cum Laude

Seniors: Ryan Cacello, Dylan Carpenter, Abigail Dennett, Tanner Fisher, Cody Frazier, Kevin Frideres, Natalee Mounts, Ryan Olsen.

Juniors: Ava Brassard, Cree Croy, Eugenia Gomez, Aspen Lardi, Makaila McDaniel, Mary Claire Phillips, Emma Simms, Ethan Storms, Bella Vyce.

Sophomores: Madison Buck-Nowman, Brad Castelli, Jarrek Hirsch, Gabriel McHugh.

Freshmen: Gavin Bafia, Amia Colclasure, Jason Coughlin, Isabella Dinelli, Brock Enerson, Charlee Funes, Bret Manzello, Johnny Moats, Aubree Stein, Cheyann Wampler.



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Gardner-South Wilmington High School December 21 Board Briefs

Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 held its Regular Meeting December 21, in addition to a 2022 Levy Public Hearing.

Superintendent Sue Avery presented the 2022 Levy and informed the board members that there were no changes since it was presented at last month's meeting. It was posted in The Paper and was to be filed in both Grundy and Kankakee Counties on December 22.

There was no public comment at the meeeting.

Mrs. Tawnya Mack and Mrs. Laurie Pope, from Mack & Associates, were both present to review the FY22 Audit with the board members. Mrs. Mack reviewed the balance sheet and expenses. Mrs. Pope went over the findings. Their books are being cleaned up nicely, the newer software is being utilized more effectively, and moving in the right direction for their school finances.

Mr. Michael Leone, Gardner Area Band Director, was present to discuss the band trip to Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia. He stated that he was asked if the Gardner Area Band would like to represent the State of Illinois and compete in Charleston and perform in Savannah. He wants to link both performances into one trip, since the towns are ap-

The Board of Educaion for The plan is to depart on May 30 the grant will help pay for new and return on June 3. Mr. Leone is asking for approval now, so that he can get an affordable parent payment plan started up in January 2023. The \$50,000. Their low bid was trip would take place during summer 2024.

> Mrs. Avery, Superintendent, reported the following:

- Attendance: 91.2%. • Discipline: 12 detentions, one
- student with three separate days of in-school suspensions. • Illinois State Scholars: Congratulations to the following
- GSW HS seniors Amelia Brock, Brody Fatlan, Delaney Platt, Jacob Shaughnessy, Avery Williams and Allston Latimer.
- Dance Competition: 1st place - Spiritline Pom and Open Pom. Qualified for State in both Pom and Open Pom. Ava Brassard, senior, received the Rising Star Award. The second competition of the year at the Metea Valley IDTA Regional competition, the Spiritline team placed 1st in Pom, 1st in Open Pom, and 2nd in the IHSA category. Madelyn Wilson, freshman, received a Ris-Star Award
- showmanship. competition that GSW hosted. There was no Director's Re-

Mrs. Avery discussed the

• New exterior doors with proximately 100 miles apart. Matching Maintenance Grant -

doors in the front gym hallway area, doors by the front steps and back kitchen doors. This is grant a matching \$106,000 for all three areas.

in early 2023. Superintendent Avery presented on the following:

The project will start sometime

- Triple I Conference: The conference was attended by GSW BOE members.
- Putt Putt Golf Board Conference Winnings: the GSW team won \$500 during the Healy Bender Client Event at the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. The money donation received was used for a taco bar luncheon for faculty and staff. The luncheon was held December 21.
- New Kitchen Helper Mrs. Rhonda Rynearson will be joining their staff as part-time kitchen helper.
- Bookkeeper had a baby -Mrs. Amber Ryle had a baby girl Tuesday, December 13. She will be out on maternity leave, but returning to work in late January.
- Principal Search Update -They have received five appli-• Flags took 1st place in the cations. Individual interviews will be held on January 10 with Mrs. Avery and Mr. Engelman. Team interviews will be held on January 17 with their GSW team of teachers, board members, and social worker.

Board member Kori Speed

vision," Bohm said. "I've

known Bob my whole career.

We've worked together. When

I was working midnights, he

was working midnights. When

I was working investigations,

he was working investigations.

each other. We've worked a lot

of cases together over the

years. I've always had great re-

spect for him. He's very knowl-

edgable. He has more

administrative experience than

I do. He worked as the assistant

chief in Streator for eight years

and he was the chief for almost

two. He has some knowledge

that I want to tap. We have si-

miliar philosophies of law en-

When the Tri-Point Schools

Board met December 19, 2022

the Consent Agenda was ap-

proved; the 2022 tentative levy

was adopted as presented; and

the Risk Management Plan was

and Principals, Kellee Hill,

Sam Schmale and Cara Ander-

son, were appointed as district

school year, the HS Softball

Co-op with Gardner-South

Wilmington High School was

Beginning in the 2023-24

Superintendent Jay Bennett

approved for 2022-23.

liaisons with DCFS.

"Our careers have mirrored

deputy to help run the patrol di- forcement and the ways it

asked if the clock in the gym could be fixed, if towels could be available during home basketball games, if a trash can could be placed in the upper bleachers for home games, and the status of an Athletic Trainer.

BOE member Katy Wepprecht asked about programs being available at all home games. She also asked if the Gardner Fire Department can go into GSW and have a meeting with their students to discuss careers in the fields of EMTs and Firefighters. The local Fire Department is hoping this can help recruit some future members.

Action Items included the following:

- Approve the FY22 Audit as
- presented Approve 2022 Tax Levy
- Certificate of Compliance with Truth and Taxation
- Appoint the Superintendent to review Closed Session Minutes • First Reading of Press Policy
- · Approve to Hire Kitchen Helper – Mrs. Rhonda Rynear-
- Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Trees Pro-
- Approve the Reciprocal Agreement for Grundy County Approve the Gardner Area Band Trip to South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia - Summer 2024.

should be conducted.

"When I found out he was

available, it was an easy deci-

sion. He was at the top of my

list. I was very excited. Chief

Turner is amazing. Livingston

County is very fortunate to

have him. He's going to be an

unbelievable asset for years to

his side, the two will make a

great duo to serve Livingston

County the way it should be,

Brandon LaChance is a jour-

nalist with The Paper. He can

be reached at 815-876-7941,

blachance20@gmail.com, or

on Twitter @LaChanceWriter.

A contract with Heritage FS

The Board members spent

The resignation of Allison

English effective March 17,

2023 was accepted; and a motion was made to hire Saman-

tha English as K-8 Music and

Junior High Choir/Band

teacher for the 2023-24 school

for the 2023 calendar year for

9,000 gallons of gasoline at a

rate of \$2.51/gallon was ap-

some time in closed session.

business as usual.

Bohm feels with Turner by

Minutes



The Last One

On May 23, 1935, Babe Ruth hit his 714th and final US major-league home run at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The last dodo, a flightless bird, died in 1681.

The 1912 Summer Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden, was the last Olympics to award gold medals that were entirely made of gold.

Although the flag of California bears the image of the California grizzly bear, the animal has been long extinct. A grizzly was spotted for the last time in the Sierra Mountains in 1924, and since after that grizzlies were never seen again in the state.

The Beatles recorded their last song together, "I Me Mine," in 1970.

The final episode of M*A*S*H was broadcast on February 28, 1983, and was titled "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen."

January of 2006, the last issue of the Dwight Star and Herald was Published.

The last feature length silent movie was released in 1930.

A wooden racket was last used at Wimbledon in 1987. New York was the last state, in 1984, to put photographs

on driver's licenses. The last witchcraft trial in England was the trial of Jane

Wenham in 1712. She was found innocent. The Paper you're reading right now will be the last issue

of The Paper published, on December 28th, 2022. I sort of already penned the goodbye, so I just wanted to give some other great and fun "lasts."

I suppose it's not impossible for there to be a one off issue in the future, but more than likely this will be the last printed issue.

23 years and 10 months! It's all I've known my entire life, it will be weird without it, but I think there will still be good information as it evolves into an online life form.

I will also still be writing columns, although not as often as now. Maybe every two-three weeks or so.

Thanks to everyone who's read for the last 10 years! (Seems impossible that I've been writing this that long, but that's how long it's been!)

Here's to whatever is next, Onward!

Aaron J. Boma 2016 ISU Grad

Taking Care of Business as Usual Ryan Bohm Sworn In as Livingston County Sheriff

by Brandon LaChance

Ryan Bohm's duties haven't changed drastically.

Actually, to him, being the new Livingston County Sheriff is exactly what he's used to,

"It is very honestly, business as usual. I spent seven years in the office working the detective section," Bohm said. "This is kind of just coming back around, working the same type of job, and being back in the office. Business as usual is the best way to put it.

"Or maybe it hasn't sunk in yet that things have changed, but I haven't noticed any big changes."

enforcement for the last 20 years, was sworn in as the new sheriff on Dec. 1.

However, he was brought into the office and shown the ropes by Sheriff Jeff Hamilton in October.

Sheriff Bohm has been left speechless at times with the thought of winning an election and the people who have been by his side.

"It's very overwhelming to have so many people support me and have the faith in me to do the job," said Sheriff Bohm. "I'm beyond blessed. I've had a lot of people that I've truly respected throughout my entire career that have said very encouraging and nice things about me. When Judge Jennifer Bauknecht swore me in, she had some very kind things to say about me from the time I've spent in her courtroom.

"I've been very appreciative of every bit of it.'

The one change that happened almost immediately is

Bohm isn't patrolling. Before being elected as the He was brought in as our chief

run the week prior to an election.

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Livingston County Sheriff, Ryan Bohm

Bohm, who has been in law new sheriff, patroling was Bohm's world as he worked the

day shift patrol. "I"m not patroling at this point. This role is a lot less about law enforcement and more about management," said Bohm, who arrives at the Livingston County Police Department at 844 W. Lincoln St. in Pontiac every day, which houses the sheriff's office, the Livingston County Jail, and the VCOM Dispatch Center, while being next door to the Pontiac Correctional Center. "It's reviewing policies and procedures, managing the people doing the jobs, and making sure the Livingston County Police Department and the Livingston County Jail run smoothly."

Part of his management tasks was to find a chief deputy.

Once he saw a name on the list, Bohm knew who he wanted to appoint for the posi-

"I brought in new Chief Deputy Robert Turner. He is the retired Streator police chief.

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Tri-Point High School to Co-op

Softball with GSW, 2023-24

approved.

proved.

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• First Congregational UCC • St. Mary's Catholic Church (200 W. Delaware St.): Sun- (216 E. Lincoln St.): Saturday, December 31, 5:30 p.m.

South Wilmington

• St. Lawrence Catholic Church (165 Rice Rd.): Saturday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, January 1, 10:00 a.m.

Mini Golf FUN Raiser at Streator Library January 21

The Streator Onized Credit tional materials to rural com-Union Carnegie Challenge Mini Golf FUN Raiser is set for Saturday, January 21, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., when the Streator Public Library will turn into an 18-hole

mini golf course. This event is named after Andrew Carnegie, whose financial gift was used to build this historic building to realize his vision in providing educa-

munities.

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DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL held its Awards Night, with the fifth/sixth grade girls defeating the fifth/sixth grade boys in a barn-burner, 3-2.



DCS Redbirds Basketball

Saturday, December 17 Dwight vs. Pontiac 6th Grade -**Odell Winter Classic**

The sixth grade Redbirds traveled to Odell to play in the Winter Classic, winning their first game against Pontiac.

Leading Dwight was Caleb Peters with 10 points and 13 boards. Ameryn Wiles (3 rebounds) and Jace Jensen added four points each, while Levi Ochoa put in two points to go with two boards. Eli Jensen grabbed two rebounds.

In the second round, Dwight took a loss to Ransom, 27-10. Levi Ochoa was high scorer

for the Redbirds with four

points. Jace Jensen and Ameryn Wiles each had three points, followed by two from Dalton DeLong. Caleb Peters snagged seven boards, with Oliver Snyder pulling down three. Erdi Gashi and Max Veselak both had two re-

The final game saw Dwight fall to Cornell, 27-9.

Caleb Peters led with four points, with Erdi Gashi hitting his first three of the season. Levi Ochoa supplied the other two points for the Redbirds. Eli Jensen and Oliver Snyder added six and four rebounds, respectively.

"The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way."





GSWB TIGERS BASKETBALL

Monday, December 19 GSWB vs. Streator-Woodland

7th Grade -

GSWB's seventh grade boys lost to Streator-Woodland, 32-25, on December 19.

Case Christensen led with eight points, followed by seven from Caden Christensen. Isaiah Bouwma added five points, with Thomas Phillips scoring two. Cameron Gray made a free throw.

8th Grade -

The Tigers fell to Streator-Woodland, 33-25, in the eighth grade game.

GSWB outscored the Warriors in three of the four quarters, but a bad second quarter led to the loss.

Holden Grimes was high scorer for the Tigers with 13. Cooper Biros put up six points, while Hunter Partilla, Aiden Mack, and Chris Ozee each scored two points.



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Tuesday, December 20 **GSWB vs. Ransom**

took out Ransom December 20, 43-8.

Caden Christensen led with 20 points, with Brody Grimes following with 11. Cameron Gray and Case Christensen each scored six points, while Thomas Phillips and Wyatt McNally scored two points

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade contest, GSWB made a great comeback but came up short, 36-32.

led the way. Holden Grimes and Cooper Biros added eight Aiden Mack chipped in with

Church **Dartball** League

December 19 **Results**

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be January 2 at 7:00 p.m.			

7th Grade -

The seventh grade Tigers

Reed Millette's 12 points and seven points, respectively.

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Trinity Luth. Emman. Luth.	0	3 0		
New Life Hers. Luth. #2	3	0		
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The next night of play will be January 2 at 7:00 p.m.				

Lady Chargers Come from Behind to Beat GSW on the Road

Monday, December 19 Tri-Point vs. GSW

In a varsity basketball match-up between area rivals, Tri-Point and Gardner-South Wilmington, it was a tale of two halves.

The Lady Panthers looked dominant in the first half, with standout Addi Fair scoring 14 of her game-high 24 points and her supporting cast helping lead them to a 20-12 lead at the

However, the Lady Chargers came out swinging in the second half, combining for six three-pointers and outscoring GSW 26-16 in the final two quarters to secure the 38-36 come-from-behind victory.

Leading T-P was Lainey Bertrand with 20 points, knocking down six threes in the contest (5 in the second half). Adriana Hummel added eight points, including one three, while Kyra Cathcart and Kadie Hummel had five and three points, respectively. Madison McNeill scored two for the Lady Chargers.

The 24 from GSW's Fair led all scorers, which included a three-pointer. Hannah Balcom and Chloe Wells each provided four points, with Grace Olsen and Aspen Lardi adding two points each.

The Lady Panthers, now 5-10 overall on the season, shot 11-19 from the free throw line.

GSW Lady Panthers Basketball

Wednesday, December 21 GSW vs. Manteno

GSW was on the road taking on Manteno December 21, earning a 60-53 victory.

"Big win for us," stated Coach Adam Leigh. "After having lost to Manteno by 34 points in our first game of the season, we came back and beat them tonight."

The now 6-10 Lady Panthers were led by none other Beecher at home January 2.

than Addi Fair, who not only supplied a game-high 37 points (2 3-pointers), but also notched her 1,000th point – as a junior. Adding to the GSW scoring column were Grace Olsen (2 3pointers) and Hannah Balcom with eight points each. Chloe Wells sank three free throws, with Taeryn Lardi and Aspen Lardi each scoring two points.

The Lady Panthers play

SENECA LADY FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Wednesday, December 21 Seneca vs. Serena

The Lady Irish were in Serena December 21, and returned nine from Ella Sterling. home with a 36-35 win.

"Somehow found a way to pull out a win on the road," said Coach Holman. "Serena is a tough place to play and they were well coached, prepared and disciplined from the get-

Alyssa Zellers led Seneca with 12 points, followed by

"Zellers was huge with 12 points and two second-half threes," Holman added. "Extremely proud of our group and how we've handled the ups and downs of the first half of our season."



GSW Panthers Basketball

Tuesday, December 20 **GSW vs. Grant Park**

Despite two quarters of single-digit scoring against Grant Park December 20, the Pan-

thers were able to hold on for a 40-39 win. "After a poor start (four first-quarter points), we finished the second quarter and the entire third quarter very

well," Coach Wills stated. "Grant Park fought back to tie it near the end of the fourth, but Cale Halpin got fouled at the buzzer and hit the free throw for the win." Halpin ended up with 16

points on the night, followed by 11 from Gabe McHugh. Dane Halpin had six points, with Brody Fatlan and Ryan Cacello each scoring three

Wednesday, December 21 **GSW vs. Reed-Custer**

The GSW Panthers were dealt a 54-38 loss at the hands of Reed-Custer December 21.

"After a tough, physical game last night, it isn't ideal to play another tough, physical team the next day," admitted Coach Wills. "But overall, I am happy that we are over .500 heading into Christmas break."

Leading the Panthers was Cale Halpin with 19 points, four boards, and two blocks. Gabe McHugh (7 rebounds, 5 blocks) and Bennett Grant (4 rebounds, 3 steals) added eight and seven points, respectively.

GSW is now 7-6 overall with a 4-1 conference record.



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GSWB Varsity Club Hosts Brady Crawford

GSWB Varsity Club had Brady Crawford speak to them prior to Christmas break.

Crawford is a 2020 graduate of Coal City High School where he lettered in football, basketball, and track. Crawford said playing sports helped teach him values and gave him his hard work ethic.

While a Coaler, he was also invited into the National Honor his freshman year, but over-Society, Coalers with Character, and Future Business Leaders of America. At CCHS, Crawford helped guide a team to a regional title in basketball and his football team made it to the state semi-finals before falling to eventual champion

Richmond-Burton.

Crawford is now a junior at the University of Sioux Falls (SD), where he is majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in Education. He joined the Cougars because it made him feel at home with the family atmosphere even though it is eight hours away.

He faced many challenges coming them made Crawford even stronger. Due to COVID, there was no football in his first season at Sioux Falls. He had to form new relationships with teammates, professors, and coaches. He was now a small fish in a large pond and had to

prove himself again, which was very overwhelming/stressful.

He liked the idea of meeting new people and teammates while learning about their backgrounds. He also had to make time to juggle his week's activities to stay organized.

Crawford shared with the group that each day he has football activities for about eight hours, consisting of practices, weights, meetings, study tables, etc. He explained that the workouts in college were much more intense than in high

He has taken advantage of long bus trips and getting to know other players better. On

game day, he loves the number of fans and the atmosphere surrrounding the field.

This season, he earned allconference honors but most enjoyed winning against their rival and going 8-3. When Crawford told the group his most memorable moment was winning a big game as opposed to being selected all-conference, it spoke volumes. He went on to say it's what you want for your team, not your-

GSWB Varsity Club wished Crawford the best in the remainder of his college football

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DTHS Trojans Basketball

Tuesday, December 20 Dwight vs. Ridgeview

The Trojans used a big second half to propel them to a 70-54 victory over Ridgeview December 20.

Dwight trailed 32-24 at the half, but turned it up in the final two frames to win the game.

Wyatt Thompson had 35

points (2 3-pointers, 3-4 FT) on the night to lead all scorers, putting up 24 of those in the second half. Conner Telford hit five threes, en route to a 19point showing. Tristan Chambers put up six points, followed by five points each from Jace Gall (1 3-pointer) and Luke Gallet (1 3-pointer).



SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 20 Seneca vs. Newark

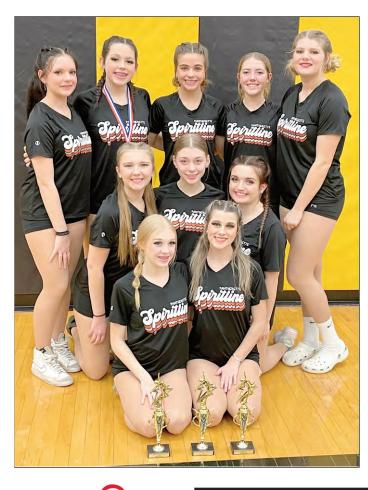
The Fighting Irish continued their winning ways December 20, defeating Newark,

"Nice win versus a hard playing Newark team," said Coach Witte. "We missed several point blank looks and were average at the foul line. It is nice to be 10-0, but we need to continue to improve and grow."

Leading Seneca was Paxton Giertz with 18 points (2 3pointers, 4-6 FT), with Kysen Klinker (5-8 FT) scoring nine points. Calvin Maierhofer contributed 12 points, including a three and 3-4 shooting from the charity stripe. Braden Ellis (2 3-pointers) and Lane Provance (2-2 FT) each had eight points, followed by John Farcus and Dominic Traina with one free throw each.

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PANTHERETTE THE SPIRITLINE traveled to Metea Valley High School December 17 to compete at their IDTA Regional competition, placing first in Pom (state-qualifying score), first in Open Pom, and second in the IHSA category. Freshman Madelyn Wilson received a rising star for her outstanding showmanship in their Open Pom routine. "We are so proud of this team's dedication over the last two weeks to make changes and clean both routines," said Coach Nicole Leigh. "Their hard work really paid off."





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first newspaper, and the forerunner of the Dwight Star & Herald, was begun by C.L. Palmer, one of the town's earthe Dwight Star was circulated May 5, 1868.

Compared with newspapers of today, that early edition was very small, and numbered but four pages, each 6x9 inches in

The Dwight Star was soon to have a rival, when the Dwight Courier appeared on June 5, 1868, name of publisher unknown, but records show that on August 20 of that year, J. Rutan took over the management. The paper was short-lived and the Dwight Star continued to thrive, increasing in size, both with pages and columns, and probably, circulation. In 1885 it blossomed into an 8-page edition, with five 18inch columns to each page. C.L. Palmer continued to publish the Dwight Star until 1888, when he sold it to Mr. C. A. Stuck, who changed the name to the North Star.

In 1889, L. D. Plummer began publishing the Dwight Herald. As a number of residents resented the change in the Dwight Star's name to the

The Dwight Star, Dwight's C. L. Palmer, the original publisher of the Dwight Star, supported Plummer's name change. Stuck and his North Star eventually moved to liest residents. The first issue of Odell, then returned to Dwight, and in April of 1892, "gave up the ghost."

In 1891 Wm. G. Dustin purchased an interest in the Dwight Star & Herald, assuming the editorship, later becoming the sole owner. In 1905 he sold an interest in the paper to Allan S. Holbrook, of Newport, Vt. Dustin died in 1918, his wife in 1928, and Holbrook purchased the controlling interest. Arthur R. Tock, an employee since 1917, also purchased an interest.

In 1952, Mr. Tock became the sole owner. His death in January of 1953, however, made it necessary for his widow, Pearl, and son, Tom, to assume the management of the paper. Tom was married to Louise Weis of Streator in September of 1954, inducted into the Navy in 1955, and returned to the business in the fall of

Patrick Cleary, a longtime employee, purchased a 1/8 interest in the Star & Herald in 1961, the same year the Star & Herald moved from 112 West

Pearl Tock, who was active in the publishing of the *Dwight* Star & Herald until 1961, died in 1968. Tom, Louise, and Pat continued with the growing newspaper and commercial printing business, installing a roll-fed 8-page newspaper letterpress in the 70s. The Dwight Star was 100 years old in May of 1968 and printed a special section.

In 1978, the business was re-named Star Newspapers when it added five area weeklies to the flagship Dwight Star & Herald. The new papers were purchased from Don and Leo Roche of Emington: the Emington Joker, Odell Times, Reddick Courier, Essex West-Side Telephone, and Herscher Press. A two-unit web offset press was installed in the Spring of 1978 to accommodate the new workload and the conversion of the printing process from letterpress to offset. Macintosh computers replaced vulnerable Linotypes. A special Anniversary section was printed for Dwight's 125th birthday in September of 1979.

Patrick Cleary died in 1980. The Star Regional, a free circulation advertising weekly, was begun in 1985. The Gardner Chronicle was purchased

In May of 1993, a special 125th Anniversary section was printed for the Dwight Star &

In November of 1994, Tom and Louise sold Star Newspapers to Scott McGraw, a young publisher from Bronson, Michigan. McGraw owned newspaper properties in Michigan and Wisconsin. Tom Doran, editor of the *Emington* Joker and Odell Times, became general manager; Mary Boma, daughter of Tom and Louise Tock, and a Star Newspapers employee since 1992, becaume advertising manager.

The Tocks continued to work for McGraw until he sold Star Newspapers to a large newspaper combine, Liberty Publications, which owned some 300 small dailies and weeklies across the Midwest. Publication of all the Star Newspapers in Dwight ceased in January of 2006, when, like C. A. Stuck and his North Star in 1892, "they gave up the

In 1999, Mary and Mark Boma began publishing The Paper in Dwight, a free 10,000 circulation newspaper covering 21 area communities. The Bomas moved their operation into the old Star Newspapers building at 204 E. Chippewa

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still vividly recall inserting flyers into newspapers in the backroom of 204 E. Chippewa like it was yesterday.

Perhaps because it was yesterday.

But unlike The Paper, present-day...mostly quiet with an occasional phone call, I can still hear the buzzing of the presses at the Star & Herald. I can still smell the ink, hear the constant typing, and feel the buzz and energy of a real newsroom. And my fam was at the heart of it all. My mom, my Grands, my uncle Greg. All working together.

Deadlines. Deadlines. Deadlines.

But the origin story for the Tocks in the news world goes back further than that. 105 years, to be exact.

My great-grandfather, Arthur Tock, began his life in the local newspaper business in 1917. And every day since, delivering the news has been a major part of our lives.

One that requires sacrifices, however. Dedication.

As a Ticlet, I often wondered why we spent so much time at the

Deadlines. Deadlines. Deadlines.

I often wondered the same as an "adult."

But ultimately, we have made it our life's duty, for a centuryplus, to give you the news, good or bad.

To say it wasn't easy would be an understatement.

But somehow, despite working tirelessly week in and week out, the Fam found a way (and the energy) to make it to our functions. Rides to and from school, countless basketball, football, and baseball games, hip-hop shows, you name it.

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Thinking about it now, it's really quite remarkable. Knowing what all goes into creating just ONE edition of a newspaper, having been a full-time employee at The Paper since 2009, it seems almost an impossible feat.

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Then we would start anew.

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There's something about holding something tangible. And seeing your neighbors, friends, family, and their businesses and goings-ons represented in print. It feels...official, in an increasingly artificial world. I'm old school, though.

Our medium might be "old news", but what we've published for all these years is OUR news. Our lives. No more or less newsworthy than anywhere else in the world. Something we should all take pride in.

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I believe I speak for our entire family when I say that halting production wasn't an easy decision to make. But I also believe I speak for them when I say we are PROUD to have served the community, and surrounding communities, week after week. And even though *The Paper* has ceased to print, the news never sleeps.

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I am forever thankful for the people that I met and worked alongside through this crazy newspaper business. Thankful for the friends, past and present, who let me talk them into assisting me in getting my work done so we could go party. Thankful for the businesses and our readers who supported us and understood the importance of shopping local and "keeping the dollar in town."

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Lastly, I am SO proud of my mother for giving it her ALL from 1999 until this final edition, and proud of my step-father for supporting this wild newspaper venture from the jump. Gram and Gramps - I hope that we have made you proud. I bet you Art and Pearl are smiling.

All good things must come to an end, it's true.

But it's all about what we do with that time before it's through. 105 years.

4 generations. My goodness.

What a ride.

Danny "Tic" Tock son of Mary (Tock) Boma grandson of Tom & Louise Tock great-grandson of Arthur & Pearl Tock The Paper Boy, Forever Count of Neuschwanstein Manor Steward of S.T.R.E.N.F. - Prelude To A Million

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by Brandon LaChance

Mike Cornale has lived in Dwight his entire life.

He has been through the doors of many of the village's businesses and has formed memories of just about all of them

As the administrator of a school district in Bloomington, he has recollections of the laundromat.

With the state that the Dwight laundromat was in, he thought it was time for some changes.

"I had been working on a purchase of the laundromat location for three years. I finally got the job done in June of this year. I have lived in Dwight my entire life and I've seen the evolution of the location," said Cornale, who graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1997. "I can remember going in there as a little kid. For the last 30 years, I've watched it kind of slowly decline. There continues to be a need in the community for a laundromat.

More than anything, it provide a service to the folks in town.

"I wanted to see what I could do to make it better."

The name is now the Motherload Laundromat.

Since the purchase in June, renovations have already been made outside and inside of the property.

"When the weather was decent, we worked on the outside stuff. We put a new roof on the building, we painted it, and put some soffit up," Cornale said. "We worked on the underhang on the outside. We had to work on gas lines before the gas company would turn the gas back on. We're now pivoting inside as the weather has folded

up.

"Inside, we're currently working on getting the ceiling painted and taped. We got the floor ripped out a while ago. One of the first things we did was rip out everything that was broken, which included just about every washing machine except for two. I've been working slowly at putting new ma-

chines in there. It's getting to the point where we have capable machines for people to come in and use.

"We got some big machines on order. They are 40 and 60 pound machines that are set to be here in the middle of January. I'm very excited about those. Those are the kind of machines that bring the folks out that don't normally do laundry at a laundromat, but they have bed linens or something of that nature that they need to bring in for a special occasion."

Not only is Cornale bringing in newer, better machines, but he's also catching up to society with the way customers can pay to wash or dry their laundry.

"I'm trying to do something with electronic payment. The last grouping of machines that I've put in and the big ones arriving in January have a mobile application called Pay Range," Cornale said. "People are going to be able to put funds on a Pay Range account and pay the washing machine through your phone

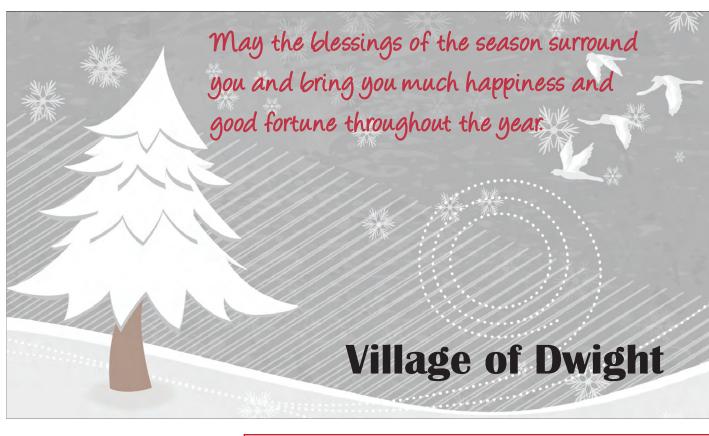
"I'm excited about it because it's kind of the next direction for the laundry business."

During the renovation, the Motherload Laundromat has remained open as Cornale wanted to still have at least a machine or two for people to do laundry.

With his changes and his enthusiasm to improving every aspect of the laundromat in Dwight, he's hoping to restore his childhood memories and Dwight residents to washing their laundry in their hometown

"I hope to see some new folks coming in and trying out the new machines and the new technology," Cornale said. "We would like to return some of the Dwight residents who leave town to do their laundry because things were so bad in the laundromat when I purchased it. I really hope that we can see them back in there."

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