

POLICE BRIEFS

Arrests

The following persons were arrested or taken into custody by law enforcement agencies in Livingston County and taken to the Livingston County Jail. These persons were either released after posting bond, remain in jail or are serving a sentence imposed by the court.

Paula P. Sutton, 37, Onarga, was charged by Livingston County Sheriff's Police with possession of a controlled substance. She was taken into custody at the Law and Justice Center.

Beth A. Blankenbeckler, 31, Flanagan, was charged by Livingston County Sheriff's Police with possession of a controlled substance. She was taken into custody in the 100 block of North Harrison Street, Flanagan.

James E. Blankenbeckler, 37, Flanagan, was charged by Livingston County Sheriff's Police with possession of a controlled substance. He was taken into custody in the 100 block of North Harrison Street, Flanagan.

Associate court

Dylan C. Varvey, 17, Forrest, speeding, \$250, six months supervision, drivers education, sheriff's police arrest.

Daniel P. Cooper, 40, Fairbury, improper license display, dismissed, sheriff's police arrest.

Kevin E. Harsted, 46, Streator, operating an uninsured motor vehi-

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Grain prices

Closing bids — Feb. 11
Corn/Cash \$3.44
Beans/Cash \$8.59

Grain prices courtesy of Graymont Co-op

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20 years for CF Physical Therapy



A ribbon cutting celebrating 20 years for CF Physical Therapy was held on Friday Feb. 5. On hand to help Jeff Schade cut the ribbon were representatives from the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Pontiac and CF employees. PHOTO PROVIDED

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB

Meeting focuses on Monet's garden

The regular meeting of the Twentieth Century Club was held Feb. 8, at the home of Barb Cushing. There were eight associate members and 10 active members in attendance.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were both read and approved.

Program committee chairwoman, Doris Williams, introduced Abby Rinker, who presented the program on Monet's garden in Giverny, France.

Claude Monet's gardens at Giverny are like his paintings — brightly colored patches that are messy but balanced. Monet spent his last and most creative years cultivating his garden and his art at Giverny.

Visiting Giverny, there's much to admire. Thousands of visitors each year come to admire the landscaping and layout, while botanists find interesting new plants and art lovers can see paintings they've long admired come to life. Visitors enjoy

wandering around the house where Monet spent half his life and seeing the boat he puttered around in, as well as the henhouse where his family got the eggs for their morning omelets.

In 1883, middle-aged Claude Monet, his wife Alice and their eight children from two families settled into the farmhouse at Giverny. Monet, at that point a famous artist and happiest at home, would spend 40 years living in Giverny, traveling less with each passing year. He built a paradise complete with a Japanese garden and a pond full of floating lilies.

In 1890, Monet started renovating his garden, inspired by tranquil scenes from the Japanese prints he collected. He diverted a river to form a pond, planted willows and bamboo on the shores, filled the pond with water lilies, then crossed it with a wooden footbridge.

As years passed, the bridge became overgrown with wisteria. He

Painted it at different time of day and year, exploring different color schemes.

In the last half of his life, beginning in 1912, Monet began to go blind with cataracts. He used larger canvases and painted fewer details. The true subject is not really the famous water lilies, but the changing reflections on the pond's surface — the blue sky, white clouds and green trees that line the shore.

Monet died in 1926. He surviving son, who died in 1966, left both the art collection and the property to the French Academy of Fine Arts. The garden underwent a 3-year renovation and opened to the public in September of 1980.

After the program ended, dessert was served by the hostesses, Barb Cushing and Shari VanHoveln. Tea and coffee were poured by Jane Yates.

Next month's meeting will be held on March 14, at the home of Debbie Davis. The program will be

AROUND THE AREA

FRIDAY February 12

LIVINGSTON COUNTY **Livingston County offices** will be closed in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

PONTIAC

Bank of Pontiac will have a Valentine bank sale, in the main lobby, sponsored by the BOP Relay for Life team.

PONTIAC

6 p.m. — **Vermillion Players** will present "Second Time Around" at the Eagle Theater. Dinner service is from 6:15 to 7 p.m. by Bernardi's II and curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults. To order, call 815-844-1187 or stop by Pontiac City Hall.

SATURDAY February 13

PONTIAC 9 a.m. — **Livingston County Humane Society** will have a Valentine's Day bake sale at Pontiac Ace Hardware.

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SUNDAY February 14

PONTIAC 12:30 p.m. — **Vermillion Players** will present "Second Time Around" at the Eagle Theater. Dinner service is from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. by Bernardi's II and curtain goes up at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for

adults. To order, call 815-844-1187 or stop by Pontiac City Hall.

PONTIAC

1 - 4 p.m. — **Evenglow Lodge** will host a country music circle jam that is open to players and listeners. For more information, call John Leenders at 815-844-5053.

MONDAY February 15

LIVINGSTON COUNTY **Livingston County offices** will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

TUESDAY February 16

PONTIAC 9:30 - 10 a.m. — **First United Methodist Church** will host a free sitters' class for senior citizens.

WEDNESDAY February 17

PONTIAC **Livingston County Health Department** is taking appointments for wellness clinics which will be conducted at the health department. The

clinics are open to all adults in Livingston County. Cost is \$40 which includes all lab fees. Call 815-844-7174 to make an appointment.

PONTIAC

7 p.m. — **Pontiac Rec Center** will have an umpires clinic for Pontiac Jr. baseball and softball. Those interested in becoming an umpire and those who already work the games are invited. For more information, call 815-674-6641.

THURSDAY February 18

DWIGHT **Dwight School District 232** will offer free preschool screenings for children birth to 5 years of age. Children who have been screened in the past and have no developmental concerns do not need to attend. Call 815-584-6249 or 815-584-6254 to schedule an appointment.

PONTIAC

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — **First United Methodist Church** will host a senior drop-in center with games, cards and social-

izing. Free lunch is available. Call the church at 815-842-1157 by 9:30 a.m. if a ride is needed or by 10:30 a.m. if planning to come for lunch.

FAIRBURY

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. — **Trinity Lutheran Church** will have a salad luncheon. Carry-outs and local deliveries are available.

FRIDAY February 19

DWIGHT **Dwight School District 232** will offer free preschool screenings for children birth to 5 years of age. Children who have been screened in the past and have no developmental concerns do not need to attend. Call 815-584-6249 or 815-584-6254 to schedule an appointment.

GRAYMONT

4:30 - 7 p.m. — **Graymont Grade School** will hold its 16th annual PTO soup

DOMINY LIBRARY Experts to give program at library

FAIRBURY — Two experts in Native American culture and medicinal plants in the Livingston County region will be presenting a "Day of Discovery" at Dominy Memorial Library, 201 S. Third St., Fairbury, on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dr. Michael Wiant, director of Dixon Mounds, will be sharing his exploration of Native American Culture in the local area. An inspiring speaker and an expert on local habitat, Wiant is also an authority in dating and identifying local artifacts. Attendees are encouraged to bring locally-found artifacts as time will be set aside him to identify and date them.

Bill Handel, plant ecologist/biologist, will be presenting information about medicinal plants in the region. Handel is a botanist from National History Survey and a researcher of wetland ecology, community restoration, fire ecology, endangered and threatened species, and ethnobotany.

Besides the opportunity for attendees to bring locally-found artifacts for dating and identification, there will also be exhibits of Native American artifacts that have been collected locally.

The public is welcome. Reservations are required at www.fugatewoods.org. Registration closes March 5.

This event is sponsored by Prairie Lands Foundation, Fairbury.

supper.

ODELL

5 - 7:30 p.m. — **Odell Firemen** will hold their fish fry at the Odell Fire Station. Tickets are \$8 for adults, those under 12 are \$5 and preschoolers get in free at the all-you-can-eat event. Carry-outs are available and there will be a 50/50 drawing.

SATURDAY February 20

FORREST 6 - 10 a.m. — **American Legion Hall** will have a pancakes, sausage and eggs breakfast. There will also be meat for sale.

PONTIAC

3 p.m. — **Pontiac FFA Auction** will be held in Pontiac Township High School.

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