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Dwight Police Opening All Incident Reports To *The Paper*

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Dwight Police Department has agreed to allow *The Paper* to view all police incidents that are investigated each week, no matter how big or small.

Starting this week all incidents the police handle will be reported by this publication.

The decision was made Sept. 21, by Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson after a meeting with this reporter. That morning a discussion was sparked by a letter critical of the police for withholding information on incidents in Dwight. The letter appeared online at "Dwight IL Concerned Citizens" web site.

The anonymous letter stated that Police Chief Tim Henson "often does not report certain crimes to *The Paper* as he is trying to make the town appear to be safer

to those that would read *The Paper*."

The letter goes on to say that the writer does not agree with "his censorship of the criminal events that most other towns report to their local newspapers."

The letter added that if those criminal events "were being reported in *The Paper* as they should be, then perhaps those that are doing these criminal acts would be less inclined to do so, knowing that they may be seen or watched or caught."

In response, Henson told *The Paper* this week that in addition to the traditional ticket information, accident reports and major incidents, the incident "book" for that week will be open to *The Paper* to disseminate any and all reports done by the Dwight Police Department.

The Paper will ask for further details as warranted.

In the discussion between

The Paper and the Dwight Police regarding the letter, going forward the police will report every incident, large or small.

"That way if you saw a theft of a lawn ornament and you wanted to do a story, you have 100% control of the news," Henson told this reporter.

The letter also said "censorship by any public official, no matter how small they think it is, is not their right."

Henson said he "felt that some of that (letter) was taken out of context."

He added that he may not have been clear about what he was trying to say, and Henson's solution going forward is to open all incidents to the news media.

The Paper starting this week will put these incidents in the "For the Record" section under a "Police Blotter" subheading.



JEFFREY HODGEN OF RURAL MAZON stands before the 12.22 kilowatt electrical generating solar cell panel system on the south side of his pole barn roof. The barn is adjacent to his home and now powers both the barn and his 3,100 square foot home with electricity.

The Paper photo

Mazon Home Powered By Sun, Demonstration Tour Set Oct. 7

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

An operator at the Exelon La Salle Nuclear Power Station in Brookfield Township is circumventing the traditional electrical grid to power his rural Mazon home.

But in a sense, you could say he is still using nuclear power — from the sun's rays, that is.

Unlike a nuclear power facility that heats water to steam which in turn generates electricity by powering turbines, the sun's pressure and heat in its core causes protons from hydrogen molecules to fuse and create helium. The helium produced contains less energy than the protons which were fused to make it. The excess energy is released in the form of heat. This happens millions of times a second generating massive heat

which warms everything and every one on our planet.

"It doesn't make sense not to do it (use solar energy)," said Earthling Jeffrey Hodgen, rural Mazon.

In the case of the Hodgen home, he is using cells on the roof of his outbuilding to convert the sun's nuclear fusion-generated heat into electricity to power a 3,100 square foot home for four Hodgen family residents (him, his wife and two children) and the unattached outbuilding housing lawn equipment and other tools, which is 240 additional square feet.

The Illinois Solar Energy Association is hosting its 11th annual free tour, and as a part of the 130-home event, Hodgen's house will be available to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7.

In a news release issued

by the association Sept. 18, it said this tour has attracted more than 1,000 attendees across Illinois in recent years.

"The tour affords participants a direct perspective on the costs, processes, as well as the economic and environmental benefits of going solar," the news release explained. Hodgen's home is at 2775 South Gorman Road, rural Mazon.

So why convert from securing your electricity from the utility to generating your own power?

Because the system pays for itself in five years and after that, the energy is free.

In the United States today, electricity is generated by nuclear power or burning limited fossil fuels like natural gas or coal.

"In 25 years, it is estimated I will pay \$75,000 in elec-

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THIS HOME IN RURAL MAZON will be one of 130 featured in a free tour this year sponsored by the Illinois Solar Energy Association. The tour will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7. The home is located at 2775 South Gorman Road.

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And the \$10,000 Winner is . . .



AS WITH EVERYTHING ELSE, THE HARVEST DAYS Split the Pot is computerized. Rodney Connor presses the button Monday, Sept. 18 to select this year's \$10,000 winner. The drawing, sponsored by the Harvest Days Committee, Guardian Angel Basset Rescue and the Dwight Economic Alliance, brought in nearly \$20,000 gross, and sold 6,000 tickets.

The Paper photo



JENNIFER LIGHT, Dwight, walked away from the Dwight Economic Alliance Office, Thursday, Sept. 21, \$10,000 richer as this year's Split the Pot winner in the Harvest Days drawing. Presenting and receiving are (from left) Economic Development Director for the Dwight Economic Alliance Deb Karch, Coordinator for the DEA Jane Anderson, Light, Harvest Days Chairman Randy Irvin, and Rodney Connor, on the Split the Pot Committee. Light is the mother of four children with another baby on the way. She said she may use some of the funds to pay off her daughter's braces. She purchased two tickets with her last \$10 during Harvest Days this year, she said.

The Paper photos

Tri-Point Deficit Spending Ends

Extra Money from Wind Farm, Transportation

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Tri-Point School District ended its trend for deficit spending with the 2017-18 school year budget approved Sept. 18, and that wasn't a lot of hot air.

But air and wind are in fact major contributing factors to the "windfall."

Superintendent Jeff Bryan told *The Paper* last week that two major factors contributed to the district climbing out of the debt hole:

1) Early tax money from Ford County in June of 2018 for one-half of the revenue the district will be owed in 2018. There are 67 turbines in Ford County, with the rest (30) of the turbines in Kankakee County. The early

tax revenue is projected to total \$272,000 in the education fund, \$73,000 in the building fund and \$54,000 in the transportation fund.

2) The transportation fund will receive 84% of its claim from the state for the 2017-18 school year, an additional 13% compared to 2016-17, or \$36,000 in revenue.

Overall, the budget will include \$6.35 million in expenditures compared to revenue of \$6.4 million.

"I came here five years ago," Bryan explained. "At that time they were in deficit spending. The board and previous administration made cuts to staff just before I walked in the door."

He said at that point, the school board believed they

had cut all that could be cut without cutting services and educational programs to students.

But the wind farm revenue was coming, although it came about two years later than expected.

"We survived," Bryan said, utilizing borrowing to stem the tide of red ink.

"We felt there was light at the end of the tunnel," he added. This is the first budget of many that we will be able to put cash back into the bank."

They are projecting putting aside up to \$500,000 per year for a while starting in the 2018-19 school year.

He said that money may be earmarked for upgrading the building facilities in the

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CONGRATULATIONS!



**DAILY CASH
CALENDAR WINNERS!**

9/17 - Mike and Laura Vigna, Dwight.....	\$100
9/18 - Terry Rieck, Dwight.....	\$20
9/19 - Paul and Carol Frobish, Gardner.....	\$20
9/20 - Shay Sulzberger, Dwight.....	\$20
9/21 - Sally and Joe Myers, Dwight.....	\$30
9/22 - Richard Sulzberger, Verona.....	\$50
9/23 - Diana Pokarney, Dwight.....	\$25

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued
by Dwight Police

September 15: Jennifer A. Williams, 43, Cullom, unlicensed, operate un-insured motor vehicle.

September 16: Anthony J. Bernardy, 20, South Wilmington, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

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

5 Warnings Issued
by Dwight Police

Police Blotter

The following are reports from the Dwight police incident book this week:

Sept. 15: **Theft** - A 55-year-old Dwight male reported medication was taken from his residence. He stated he has no idea who may have taken it. The case remains open; **Hit and Run** - A Dwight resident reported his 2003 Chevy was struck by an unknown vehicle in his driveway sometime on Sept. 9. The case remains open.

Sept. 16: **Traffic Stop** - Azl Ariza, 20, of Naperville, was arrested by Dwight Police for civil possession of marijuana under 10 grams. No further action required.

Sept. 17: **Found Property** - Marion McClellan, 55, of Dwight, found a wallet, two hats and a cell phone, belonging to a 21-year-old Odell man. The items were collected by Dwight Police and later returned to the Odell man. No further action required; **Stolen Motorcycle** - A 24-year-old Dwight resident

reported his red Honda 125 CC dirt bike was taken from his yard in the 100 block of Bannon Drive. The case remains open.; **Theft** - A 37-year-old woman of Dwight reported her cell phone was stolen. An investigation was conducted by Dwight and Fairbury Police departments. The cell phone was retrieved in Fairbury and was returned to the owner. No charges were filed upon request of the victim. No further action needed.

Accident Report

Friday, September 15, 6:15 p.m., an accident was reported at Andrew and Chicago involving Kelsey Vansandt of Dwight, the driver of a 2013 Toyota, who backed into a parked 2003 Lincoln 4-Door owned by Nicole Dwonkoski of Dwight.

Saturday, September 16, 9:30 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported at N. Franklin and E. North involving an unknown vehicle that struck an unoccupied 2015 Ford owned by Tim Feddersen.

Sunday, September 17, 2:51 p.m., an accident was reported at 300 Spencer St. involving Michael Morgan of South Wilmington, the driver of a 2008 GMC C 1500, who backed into Dakota Irvine of Dwight, the driver of a 2007 Chevrolet 4-Door.

Wednesday, September 20, 5:50 a.m., an accident was reported at 12 W. Northbrook Dr. involving Robert Rhea of Lawton, OH, the driver of a 2016 Freight, who struck a 2018 Kenwood, driven by Steven Parker of Greenwood, IN.



Ambulance Runs
by Dwight EMS

September 7: 7:24 p.m., James St., medical, Morris.

September 9: 12:44 a.m., Main St., trauma, refusal; 1:35 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 1:35 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; 4:56 p.m., South St., medical, Morris.

September 10: 5:00 p.m., Bannon, medical, Morris.

September 11: 6:08 a.m., Seminole, medical, St. James; 5:58 p.m., Main St., medical; 6:40 p.m., Bannon St., medical, mutual aid from Gardner and Dwight.

September 12: 8:06 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 11:11 p.m., Union, medical, Morris.

September 13: 1:39 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 3:46 p.m., John, medical, St. James.

September 14: 3:28 a.m., Rt. 47, accident, cancelled; 9:56 p.m., Union, medical, Morris.

September 15: 9:15 a.m., Watters, medical, St. James; 1:24 p.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 3:43 p.m., Elm St., medical, Morris, mutual aid to Campus.

September 16: 6:12 a.m., N. Union, medical, Morris; 1:09 p.m., Main, trauma, St. James; 7:21 p.m., Prairie, medical, refusal.

September 17: 12:12 a.m., Spencer, medical, St. James; 1:38 a.m., 3100 N., trauma, Morris; 2:02 a.m., 3100 N., medical, refusal; 11:30 a.m., Main St., medical, Morris; 3:00 p.m., South, trauma, St. James; 5:28 p.m., Rt. 17, trauma, Morris; 5:28 p.m., Rt. 17, trauma, two refusals.

September 18: 10:51 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 11:46 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris Community; 2:03 p.m., South St., medical, Morris.

September 20: 9:02 a.m., South St., medical, Morris; 12:33 p.m., William St., trauma, St. James; 1:11 p.m., Watters Dr., medical, refusal; 5:17 p.m., Northbrook, medical, Morris.

September 21: 9:19 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.



The Dwight Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2608 was one of the first groups to be featured in this year’s Harvest Days Parade, Sunday, Sept. 17.

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Blood Drive
at OSF Saint James October 13

OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, 2500 W. Reynolds St. in Pontiac, will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, October 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the ground floor conference rooms, and welcomes all eligible donors as all blood types are needed.

Take a photo ID, a Red Cross Donor Card, or two other

forms of identification to present when you check in. Donors can save time when they donate blood by using RapidPass – visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

To schedule an appointment, e-mail Caitlyn.L.White@osfhealthcare.org or call Mary at 815-842-4978. Walk-ins are also welcome.



4th Annual
Illinois Rail
Safety Week
is Underway

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) has asked the Governor of the State of Illinois to declare September 24 to September 30 as Illinois Rail Safety week, in order to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains.

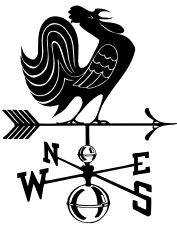
Gov. Rauner issued a proclamation and the ILACP is coordinating the fourth, statewide IL Rail Safety Week – in partnership with the Union Pacific and CN Railroads, along with support from state, county, and local law enforcement agencies, railroads, schools, and various private sector agencies.

Area County Sheriff’s Offices and the Illinois State Police are participating in IL Rail Safety Week, with enforcement details planned throughout the week at various railroad grade crossings within the area to cite both drivers and pedestrians who disobey the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property. In addition, police officers will be distributing literature to the public that contains information on how to be safe around trains and train tracks.

Free Food to
Be Distributed
September 27

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, September 27, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin, Dwight.

The pantry is provided by the Dwight Ministerial Association and Dwight Township.



Temps - 2017

Sept. 14 – high 80°, low 56°
Sept. 15 – high 87°, low 57°
Sept. 16 – high 87°, low 57°
Sept. 17 – high 84°, low 53°
Sept. 18 – high 80°, low 53°
41” precip.
Sept. 19 – high 81°, low 59°
Sept. 20 – high 92°, low 61°
One Year Ago – Sept. 27, 2016
high 87°, low 57°
trace precip.

Chicago Man Arrested In
Dwight On Drug Charges

The Dwight Drug Unit in cooperation with other police agencies arrested a Chicago man in Dwight Sept. 19 at noon on drug charges.

Police arrested Bryant Craig Jennings, Chicago, for the manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance 15 to 100 grams and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon.

During the investigation, police seized 31.1 grams of cocaine, 14 stun guns, a

2006 Toyota Corolla valued at \$2,500, and miscellaneous electronics and clothing valued at \$700.

Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress said agencies involved in the arrest included the Bloomington Police Vice/Street Crimes Unit, Livingston County Proactive Unit, and the Dwight Police Department.

The investigation is ongoing, Childress said.

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Here’s Your Retirement Countdown

If you want to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle, you don’t need to have been born rich or even to have earned scads of money during your working years. But you do need to make the right moves at the right time – which means you might want to start a “retirement countdown” well before you draw your final paycheck.

What might such a countdown look like? Here are a few ideas:

- *Ten years before retirement* – At this stage of your career, you might be at, or at least near, your peak earning capacity. At the same time, your kids may have grown and left the home, and you might even have paid off your mortgage. All these factors, taken together, may mean that you can afford to “max out” on your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And that’s exactly what you should do, if you can, because these retirement accounts offer tax benefits and the opportunity to spread your dollars around a variety of investments.

- *Five years before retirement* – Review your Social Security statement to see how much you can expect to receive each month at various ages. You can typically start collecting benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will be significantly larger if you wait until your “full” retirement age, which will likely be 66 (and a few months) or 67. Your payments will be bigger still if you can afford to wait until 70, at which point your benefits reach their ceiling. In any case, you’ll need to weigh several factors – your health, your family history of longevity, your other sources of retirement income – before deciding on when to start taking Social Security.

- *One to three years before retirement* – To help increase your income stream during retirement, you may want to convert some – but likely not all – of your growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based vehicles, into income-producing ones, such as bonds. Keep in mind, though, that even during your retirement years, you’ll still likely need your portfolio to provide you with some growth potential to help keep you ahead of inflation.

- *One year before retirement* – Evaluate your retirement income and expenses. It’s particularly important that you assess your health-care costs. Depending on your age at retirement, you may be eligible for Medicare, but you will likely need to pay for some supplemental coverage as well, so you will need to budget for this.

Also, as you get closer to your actual retirement date, you will need to determine an appropriate withdrawal rate for your investments. How much should you take each year from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts? The answer depends on many factors: the size of these accounts, your retirement lifestyle, your projected longevity, whether you’ve started taking Social Security, whether your spouse is still working, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine an appropriate withdrawal rate.

These aren’t the only steps you need to take before retirement, nor do they need to be taken in the precise order described above. But they can be useful as guidelines for a retirement countdown that can help ease your transition to the next phase of your life.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Dwight Harvest Days Cutest Baby Contest Results

The 2017 Dwight Harvest Days Cutest Baby Contest results are in. And the winner is: **Paisley**, who won \$484.15 and a \$50 gift certificate from Shayla Loring Photography.

Brantlee came in second place with \$242.07; Charlee, third, \$121.05; Brooklynn, fourth, \$80.67; Preston, fifth, \$40.33.

Also receiving prizes were:

Levi, sixth, \$35 gift card; Lani, seventh, \$30 gift card; Scarlett, eighth, \$25 gift card; Carter, ninth, \$20 gift card; Liliana, tenth, \$15 gift card.

Dwight Harvest Days Junior Karaoke Winners

The Junior Karaoke Contest was held over Harvest Days weekend in Dwight, with the following winners taking home medals (provided by Just for Kix):

Upper Age Bracket (Grades 9-12)
• **1st Place (Gold Medal and \$200)** – Sponsored by Eureka College Division of Fine and Performing Arts: **Courtney Bales**.
• **2nd Place (Silver Medal and \$100)** – Sponsored by J7 Images: **Kylie Shelton**.

Lower Age Bracket (Grades 1-8)
• **1st Place (Gold Medal and \$200)** – Sponsored by

Jenny Johnson, Broker, Sancken Sole Realty: **Ashlyn Heddins**.
• **2nd Place (Silver Medal and \$100)** – Sponsored by Shayla Loring Photography: **Jace Kern**.
• **3rd Place (Bronze Medal and \$50)** – Sponsored by Dwight Pizza: **Angelina Shank**.

Judges for the contest included: Sherrie Rhodes, Director, Prairie Creek Public Library; Sarah Trainor, Director, Just for Kix; Jared Anderson, Mayor, Village of Dwight; Destiny Connor, Owner and Massage Therapist, A Touch of Destiny.

1953 Nash Rambler Wins 2017 Dwight Harvest Days Car Show



Dwight Harvest Days Car Show Best Overall Trophy went to Cyndi and Dennis Quin, Washington, IL for this 1953 Nash Rambler.

The Best Overall Trophy for the 2017 Dwight Harvest Days Car show was a 1953 Nash Rambler, owned by Cyndi & Dennis Quin of Washington.

“There were over 120 cars this year at Renfrew Park,” said car show Chairman Randy Irvin.

Winners were as follow:

Top 10
• 1961 CHEVY Impala - Paul Miller
• 1965 Ford A.C. Cobra - Jeff Johnson
• 1934 Ford 3 Window Coupe - Francis Schunko
• 1965 Chevy Impala SS - Dave Fink
• 1932 Ford Sedan Delivery - Gary McCormick
• 1940 Ford Coupe - Joevan Cleave
• 1965 Ford Mustang 2+2 - Michael Burgess
• 1970 Chevy Nova - Perry Major
• 1969 Ford Mach 1 - Daniel Hall
• 1956 Ford F100 - Mike & Barb Fogarty

Top Ford
• 1955 Customline - Gene Schwister

Top Paint
• 1951 Mercury 2 Door Coupe -Dennis Sullivan

Timeless Classic
• 1940 Ford Pick Up - Rodney & Donna Pagle
Best Cruiser
• 1987 Chevy El Camino -Dan Clennon
Mechanics Choice
• 1974 Plymouth Duster - Mark Ward
Raw Power
• 1965 Chevy Chevelle - Rich Bryant
DTHS Class of 2018 Pick
• 1952 Ford F2 - Gene Webster
The J&B Microfinish Craftsmanship Award
• 1937 Ford - Ryan Thomas

Midland States Bank Wins 1st Place Float, Reed-Custer Wins Best HD Parade Band

Midland States Bank (formerly Centru) placed first overall in the float competition for the 2017 Harvest Days parade.

The parade was held in Dwight Sunday, Sept. 17, as part of the 38th annual festival.

Other floats earning trophies were Shayla Loring Photography, second; and Hearthside Shoppe, Odell, third.

In bands, Reed-Custer High School won grand championship, while placing firsts were:

- Reed-Custer Middle School for junior high bands.
- Earlville took first in class B high schools.
- Reed-Custer took first in Class A.
- Plano was the Class AA winner.
- Kankakee was the Class AAA first place band.

Mazon Home Powered By Sun; Demonstration Tour Set Oct. 7

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tricity bills,” Hodgen said. “Now I will be making \$75,000.”

In his particular case, his system produces so many kilowatts when the sun is shining unobscured. It will be less on overcast or cloudy days.

He just installed the system in July, and on his first two bills, he paid ComEd \$30 the first month to provide power to his home which has electric appliances like stove. In the second month, his bill was \$15, plus he had 320 kw hours “banked” for when the sun does not shine. His bills were as high as \$250 or more during peak summer months.

After a year, the “banked” power resets to

zero, and he has to produce more energy to start saving energy again, literally for a rainy day.

He can monitor his system on his phone, which gives him updates every two hours.

The power consumption, should it exceed his output, will be supplied by ComEd, first from his own “bank” of electricity, then from ComEd at the going electric rate.

He said he is doing the open house on the Solar tour this year because a lot of people do not know how solar energy works and how they can use it in their own homes to their advantage.

This 12.22 kw solar system cost \$28,500. A third of that will come back in the form of tax credits on his

income tax (approximately \$9,500). Also, he earns \$150 per Megawatt produced (1,000 kilowatts). In five years, he estimates this will total roughly \$15,000 to \$20,000, thus the five year-payback on his system.

He did not purchase a battery for the system, believing buying back power from the grid is more economical. After a year, he may look into a battery for his system to store electricity he produces.

He said on sunny days, his system produces 70 to 80 kws while it produces 30 kws on cloudy days. There is no production of electricity at night when the sun is down, of course.

For further information, go online to:
www.illinoisolar.org

Tri-Point Deficit Spending Ends Extra Money from Wind Farm, Transportation

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district.

In other action, the board:
• will lease the Turner Bus Garage for 10 months at a rate of \$850 per month.

• accepted the retirement of full-time summer groundskeeper Dale Cupples.

• accepted the three-year retirement intention letter from Marcia Hills.

• hired Jan Weston as junior high athletic director.

• hired Wendy Bolen as special education bus monitor for two hours per day.

• hired Susan Immormino as high school special education aide.

• employed Matt Mogged as fifth grade girls basketball coach.

• hired Leea Shelton and Allison English as part-time (50%) aides.

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Herscher Unit 2 Projected To Earn More Than It Spends

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Herscher Unit 2 School District is projected to end the 2017-18 school year in the black, the first year to eliminate red ink in more than 10 years.

The total budget for the year includes \$25 million in expenditures and slightly more than \$25 million in income.

In the three largest funds, the education fund is \$100,000 in the black; operations and maintenance is \$3,000 in the black; and transportation is in the red by \$50,000.

The budget was approved by the Unit 2 school board Monday, Sept. 18.

"This is the first year in over a decade the budget is projected to be balanced," Superintendent Rich Decman told *The Paper* last week.

Decman discussed the new state education funding formula, saying that the bill will allow Unit 2 to receive the same funding as the previous year through a "hold harmless" clause in Senate Bill 1947.

State Aid represents roughly \$1.988 million which is about the same as the 2016-17 school year.

The new formula is designed to favor schools with low income students or students with English as a second language.

For that reason, schools like Kankakee do well under the new formula, but schools like Reed-Custer, with nuclear plant revenue, will not receive new money.

While Herscher does not have a nuclear power plant, it does have a wind farm and a condensate farm in the district, bringing in revenue over and above property taxes for residential and farmland.

In the new formula, Decman said there are 26 separate factors, including local property tax revenue and the big emphasis on low income or English-as-a-second language students, special education students, and others who are requiring more man-hours or equipment to educate.

"We have adequate funds compared to many districts around us," Decman said according to the new formula.

Unit 2 is considered 74% adequately funded under the new formula.

He added Reed-Custer, with its nuclear plant revenue, is considered 102% adequately funded.

In short, the new formula will have "little or no impact" on Unit 2 funding going forward, Decman explained.

The district will also use its financial powers to purchase \$900,000 in working cash bonds, which will be paid back in the same year, as a cash-flow maneuver to make sure it can meet expenses during lean times.

"The working cash is always one-year bonds," he said.

Enrollment is down for the 2017-18 school year, so in the future, without new housing starts, it may start to eat away at Unit 2 revenue.

More home building means additional property tax revenue and possibly more students.

In other action, the board hired three paraprofessionals (two teacher's aides at Bonfield): Kelly Kelley, and Sabrina Smith; and Elaine Noffke, Herscher Intermediate transportation aide.

The school board also set the Herscher High School graduation date for 2018 as June 3, 2 p.m.



APPELLATE JUDGE MARY KAY O'BRIEN, center, presented the program at the Opening Dinner of the Dwight Woman's Club on September 19th. Judge O'Brien was welcomed to the club's first meeting of the year by Vice-President Jill Mann, left, and Club President Lisa Marsh, right.

Dwight Woman's Club Holds Opening Meeting

Members of the Dwight Woman's Club held their opening meeting for the 2017-2018 club year on September 19th at The Country Mansion. Third District Appellate Court Judge Mary Kay O'Brien presented the evening's program on the organization and workings of the Illinois Court System.

Judge O'Brien shared some of her experiences in serving on the Appellate Court and her personal philosophy on the role of the Illinois judicial system to serve the people in our state. Mary Kay joined club members for dinner after her program, taking the opportunity to answer additional questions and visit with friends.

Lisa Marsh, club president, conducted the club business meeting. Dwight Woman's Club members voted to continue to co-fund, with Dwight Township High School, the 2017 HOBY Scholarships for two DTHS Sophomores.

The Club also committed funds to continue to support the 2018 Camp 911 program in Dwight. Lisa reminded members that the Civic Improvement and Community Donations committee of the club has organized a monthly club donation program to support local charities this year.

September donations of hats and gloves brought to the opening meeting will be given to the Grapevine Mission. In October, donations of food items will be made to the Dwight Food Pantry. Woman's Club members plan to participate in the community Trunk or Treat event sponsored by the DEA on October 20th and have started to organize committees to coordinate the annual Festival of Trees for Charities on December 2nd at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The next meeting of Dwight Woman's Club will be held on October 17th at 6:30 pm in the community room of Prairie Creek Library. Ladies of the community who are interested in joining the club are welcome to attend.

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Oct. 5 • 4:430 p.m. Iego Club

Oct. 12 • 4-5 p.m. Teen Glow in the Dark Pumpkin Craft.

Oct. 16 • 10:30 a.m. Senior Bingo

Oct. 19 • 6 p.m. Making It Reel Book Club

Oct. 20 • 6-8 p.m. Look for us at the Trunk or Treat event sponsored by SOCU

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Lucille Phelan

KINSMAN — Lucille Phelan, 96, passed away Friday, September 22, 2017 at her home in Kinsman. Visitation will be today, Wednesday, September 27, from 4 until 8 p.m. at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 1201 West Route 6, Morris.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Thursday, September 28, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Kinsman.

Interment will be in St. Patrick Cemetery, Ransom.

Lucille was the daughter of Laurence and Frances Wilhelmi Miller. She was born at home in Homer Township and grew up on a farm there with her nine sisters and brothers.

She was a graduate of Joliet Township High School. Her first job was a cashier at the A&P grocery store on Cass Street in Joliet. Later, she was employed by the Public Service Electric Company as a cashier.

She met Hugh E. Phelan in 1949, and they were married January 13, 1951 in St. Mary Carmelite Catholic Church in Joliet. Together they raised 12 children: Anita Robinson (Earl d.), Seymour, Indiana; Janet Phelan (Bill Geittmann), Monee; Jim Phelan (Sudie), Waller, Texas; Jean Condon (Ed), Ransom; Kevin Phelan, Kinsman; Peggy Jordan (Tom), Naperville; Tim Phelan (Karen), Waller, Texas; Mary Pfeifer (Don),

Gardner; Jane Hinchman (Al), Geneva; Patty Mueller (Ron), St. Charles; and Betty Miller (Rob), Ottawa.

Also surviving are her brother, Jim (Mickey d.) Miller, Joliet; her two sisters, Ruth Ann (Bob d.) Campbell, Carpentersville; and Lois (Leo d.) Bernhard, Elwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She had 42 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hugh, in 2000; her daughter, Joan in 1998; twins, Sarah Jane and William Laurence; granddaughter, Mary Phelan; and six sisters and brothers: Harold (Pearl) Miller, Don Miller, Hazel (Joe) Partak, Virginia (Ray) Paul, Kathleen (Norman) Glenn and Mitzi (Jack) McGuire.

Lucille was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Kinsman. She was an extremely good cook, a talented seamstress, a crossword puzzle enthusiast, and enjoyed Scrabble and jigsaw puzzles.

Her children and grandchildren were the center of her universe.

Memorials in her name to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls would be appreciated.

For information, call 815-942-5040. You may visit her Memorial Tribute at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home and Crematory.

Elizabeth L. Kempen

JOLIET — Elizabeth L. “Betty” Kempen, 92, of Joliet and formerly of Clifton, passed away at 9:25 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2017 at Heritage Health in El Paso.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Visitation will be one hour preceding the 10 a.m. Memorial Mass in St. John’s Catholic Church, Cullom, Thursday, September 28. Rev. David Sabel will celebrate the Mass.

Inurnment will follow in St. John’s Cemetery, Cullom.

Betty was born October 13, 1924 in Cabery, daughter of William M. and Carrie Weber Koerner. She married William D. Kempen in 1951; they later divorced.

Surviving are her children: Shirley Murphy of Normal; Roger (MaryAnn) Kempen of Rutledge, Tennessee; Linda Spivey of Dwight; and John (Carol) Kempen of Mahomet.

Also surviving are her grandchildren: Beth Murphy, Melissa (Armando Alegre) Murphy, Sara (Erich Hall) Murphy, Janet (James) Cunningham, John (Tracie) Kempen, Jeffrey Kempen, Jarrett (Jackie) Kempen, Jenna (Nick Gordon) Kempen, Jace Kempen, Larry (Amber) Barton, LeAnn (Charles) Hill; and great-grandchildren: Zia Kelly, Molly Kelly, Paolo Alegre-Murphy, Graham Murphy-Hall, Adele Murphy-Hall, Barry Murphy-Hall, Jordyn (Brianna)

Cunning, Jessica Cunningham, Emily Kempen, Abby Kempen, Cannon Hill, Colin Hill, Bella Barton and Tucker.

One brother, John (Sheila) Koerner of Cabery also survives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Mary Margaret Koerner, Rosella Knittel and Dorine Weigel; and brothers, Merlin and Donald Koerner.

Betty was a graduate of Cabery High School and spent many years managing the family electrical contracting business. She was also a retired telephone operator and a member of Telephone Pioneers of America.

Through her love of golf, Betty developed many lasting friendships in the Joliet area. She kept a daily journal for more than 25 years, and her family looks forward to reading about the details of her life and the history of their family.

Her greatest love was for her family and she cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in Betty’s name may be made to OSF Eastern Region Hospice or Illinois State University Horticulture Center.

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Sunday Scaries

I'm currently writing this while watching the Sunday night football game between Oakland and Washington, and much of the story all day with all the games has been about President Trump's comments and the reactions to the comments and so on and so forth. Instead of writing the 40th think piece about the protests, I'm going to go a different route. Most of what I can focus on right now is combatting the Sunday Scaries.

The Sunday Scaries are essentially the feeling of dread that begins to consume you, usually later in the day on Sunday that comes along with thinking about the upcoming work day and week.

It can be rough, Sunday starts out so promising, it's usually a good day for a morning coffee, maybe a bagel, and during the morning hours it's the perfect time to get caught up on any last minute fantasy ideas that could be useful in the day to come.

It fades though, the excitement at noon slowly turns into the realization that work, and getting back at it is looking right at you.

I notice it most when the second round of games end, so right around 6 p.m. or so, and it really begins to sink in.

It's tough to combat, there's no escaping it, you kind of just have to tackle it head on, one of the best ways that I've found to combat it is just staying busy, and giving yourself lots of tasks to do on Sunday to just kind of flow it right into the next week.

I usually do some combination of laundry, writing this column, getting food ready for lunch for the week, grocery shopping, really just anything I can get my hands on to do from 6 – until I go to bed, just stay busy.

It doesn't really solve the problem of having to work again on Monday, but it keeps your mind off of it, and sometimes that's the best medicine, to not think about it.

Seeing as you will be reading this on Wednesday or later in the week, you will have conquered this week's scaries and I hope this advice can help keep future scaries at bay.

Aaron J. Boma
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Ben Webster

DWIGHT – Ben Webster of Dwight passed away Friday, September 22, 2017 at Parkview Hospital Randallia, Fort Wayne, Indiana, after a year-long battle with colon cancer.

A memorial service will be at a later date. As it was Ben’s request, cremation rites were accorded.

He was born in Colchester, son of George and Audrey Webster. He graduated from Colchester High School in 1951. Upon graduation, he attended Gem City Business College in Quincy until he was drafted into the Army in 1953.

On October 26, 1953 he married his wife, Beverly. She survives, along with their daughter, Janet (Dave) McDevitt; son, David (Charlesetta); and daughter,

Teresa (Paul) Newhall; sister, Dorothy (Kent) Kipling; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Ben attended Western Illinois University, graduating with a teaching degree. He began his teaching career in Roseville, and ended his career in Dwight. Being the first member of his family to attend college, he was extremely proud of the example he set for his children and grandchildren as they, too, all attended college.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to Carle Center for Philanthropy, Auxiliary Guest House, 611 W. Park St., Urbana, IL 61801.

Letters to the Editor in *The Paper* should be limited to 250 words.
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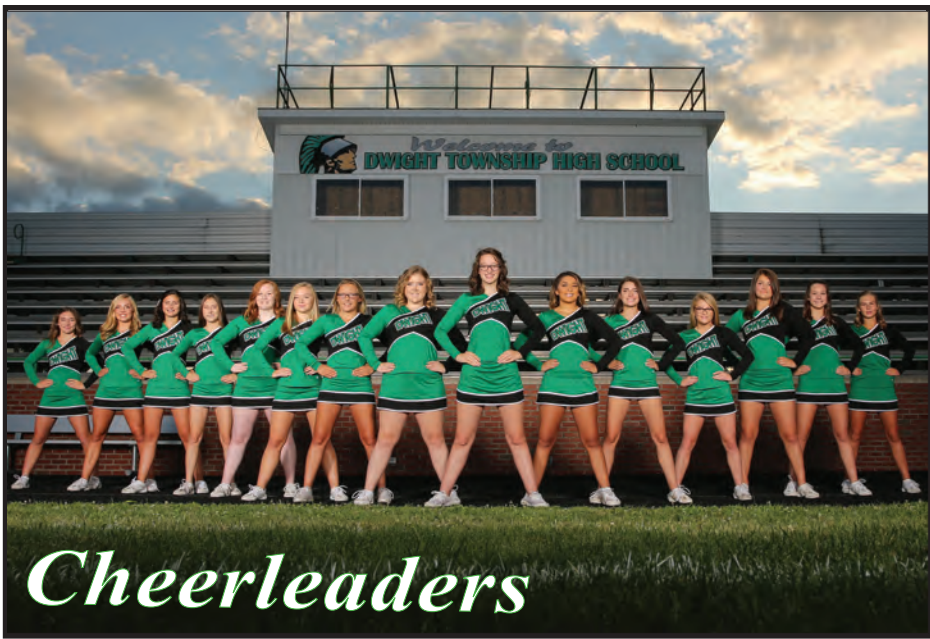
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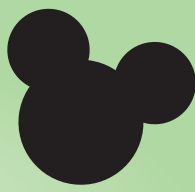
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Topics include: agriculture commodities; animal and plant adaptations; natural resources conservation; farm and home safety; forestry; habitats; reduce-reuse-recycle; soils/erosion; and water/watersheds.

The event is hosted by the Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation District, Farm Bureau, and the University of Illinois Extension Service.

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The event is "All You Can Eat" and includes fish, rabbit, hot wings, French fries, cole slaw, bread and butter, coffee, tea, or water. Pop or alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

A gun raffle is being held. Tickets will be available at Pour Farmer's Pub, Rentz's Tap, Odell Bank, Odell Food Mart, at the door, and from members. First name drawn will win the Chiappa C6 Pump 12 gauge 3.5"; second name drawn will win the Taurus PT 111 9mm Stainless.

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The club members will also host a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds are used toward the scholarship program; the annual Kid's Fishing Derby; the NWTF Wheelin' Sportsmen; and to support local organizations.

The 2017 club officers are Joe Thomas Bolen, president; Michael Cleary, vice-president; Lee Cleary, treasurer; Bonnie Bolen, secretary; and Wendy Bolen, assistant secretary. Bill Bolen, Curt DeVito, Kristi DeVito, and Richard Thorne are directors.

For information on joining, contact any club member or Bonnie Bolen at 815-848-2217 or via e-mail at doubleb10@frontier.com.

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-Vince Lombardi

Paperbowl XVII - Week 2

Week two of Paper Bowl XVII became a bit more predictable as contestants became familiar with the team trends, and scored in the 10 - 11 correct range.

However, one player, Shirley Schmoeger of South Wilmington, stood above all others with 13 winners.

The business drop-off locations were SOCUC, Dwight Bank and Old World Liquors. This week we had 84 entries.

Remember you can put in only one entry at each of the drop-off locations listed on the entry form in *The Paper* and please no photo copied entry forms.

Have fun and keep playing Paper Bowl XVII.

Sponsor Challenge Results Week 2

Planning Associates (11-3) over DQ (10-4)
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Danko's State Farm (11-4) over Old World Liquor (default)
Berkot's (default) over SOCUC (default) - Tiebreaker

Standings after Week 2

North		South	
DQ	1-1	Bank of Pontiac	2-0
Jensens	1-1	Danko State Farm	2-0
Berkot's	0-2	Dwight Country Club	1-1
Country Mansion	0-2	LPL	2-0
OWL	0-2	SOCUC	2-0
Planning Associates	1-1	DeLong Ford	0-2
Victory Lanes	1-1	FNB	1-1

Gardner Lions Club Breakfast October 8

The Gardner Lions Club will serve breakfast at the Gardner American Legion Hall Sunday, October 8, from 7:00 a.m. until noon.

The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice, and milk.

Proceeds will benefit the Gardner Fire Protection District, visually and hearing impaired, and any other community projects funded by the Gardner Lions. A donation of canned goods for the local Food Pantry will also be accepted, along with donations of eye glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones.

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Winner announced in the Wednesday, October 11, edition.

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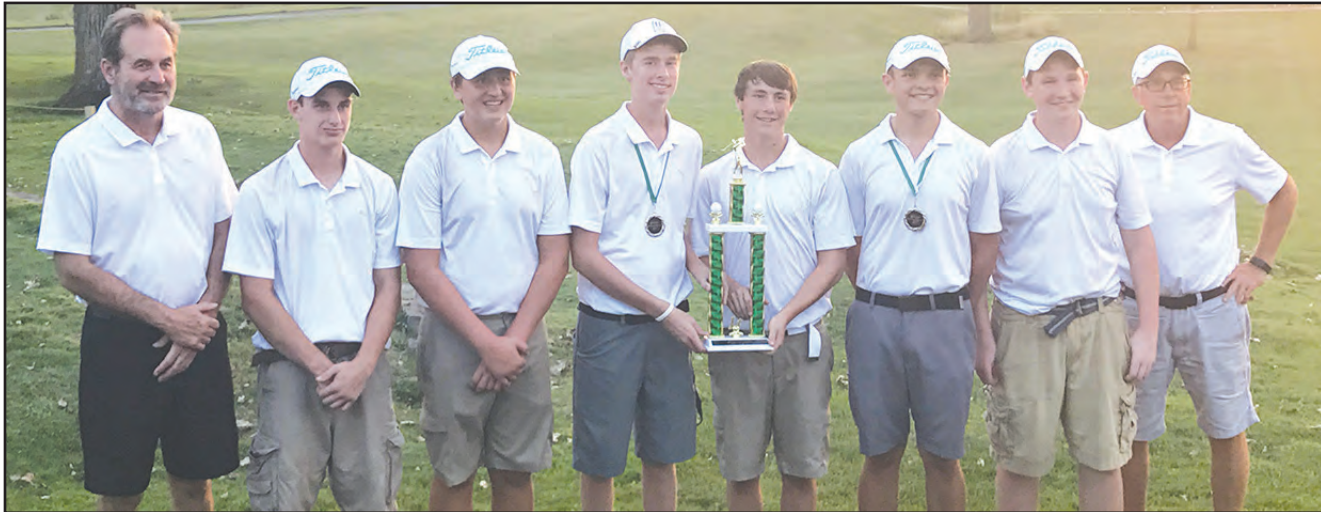
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THE DWIGHT/GSW TROJAN GOLF TEAM HOSTED its 2017 18-hole, par 71, Golf Invitational at Dwight Country Club, winning the event with a score of 222 – followed by Newark with 225 and Peotone with 228. Ten teams participated using a two-person scramble format, with each school having three two-person teams. Medalist honors went to Damian Guerrero/Samuel Russo, Lisle, who won a score card playoff over Andrew Curl/Bubba Schultz, Dwight. Both pairs shot a three under par 68. Pictured, from left, are Coach Joe Bloxam, Nathan Wozniak, Hayden Tjelle, Curl, Mason Imhoff, Schultz, Anthony Dinelli, and Coach Randy Thomas. Tjelle/Imhoff combined to shoot a 74, while Wozniak/Dinelli shot an 80.

Herscher Unit 2, Reed-Custer Pulling Out of I-8 Conference

When Seneca High School pulled out of the Interstate 8 conference, leaving just 11 schools, eight additional schools pulled out, planning to form a new athletic conference, starting in the 2018-19 school year.

Herscher Unit 2 and Reed-Custer are two area schools in the existing I-8 that are leaving.

Other schools in the new, as yet unnamed athletic conference, are Wilmington, Coal City, Manteno, Peotone, Streator and Lisle.

Over the next school year,

the schools will meet to discuss logistical details and come up with a conference name, according to Herscher Superintendent Rich Decman.

He added that the name may be the most controversial part of the conference.

Lisle is the school the farthest distance away, but with a population of around 400 in the high school, they cannot compete with neighboring schools in the Chicago suburbs in football that draw athletic talent from much higher enrollments.

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DTHS LADY TROJANS GOLF

Monday, September 18
Dwight vs. Gibson City

The Dwight Lady Trojans hosted Gibson City at Dwight Country Club September 18, tying at 212 each and having to go to their fifth score – which was Chloe Butterbrodt's 58 – for the Lady Trojans to secure the win by one stroke.

Individual scores are as follows:

Morgan Zabel (medalist) – 45

Jillian Frauli – 54

Isabelle Schultz – 56

Gabby Mascolo – 57

Kat Harms – 63

Dwight is now 7-4 on the season.

DTHS TROJANS GOLF

Tuesday, September 19
Dwight vs. Wilmington and Mokense

Varsity – Wilmington and Mokense were in town at Dwight Country Club to take on the Trojans September 19, with Dwight scoring a 180 – beating Wilmington's 202 and Mokense's 240.

Individual scores are as follows:

Andrew Curl – 40

Bubba Schultz – 46

Hayden Tjelle – 47

Mason Imhoff – 47

Nathan Wozniak – 50

Anthony Dinelli – 57

The Trojans are now 10-6.

JV –

The JV squads held an intersquad match, with the Green team defeating the White team, 248-254.

Individual scores are as follows:

Green

Sevin Vargas – 59

Connor Steichen – 59

Nate Wise – 62

Dillon Hill – 59

Kevin Ferrari – 68

White

Mason Tjelle – 56

Nolan Perkins – 66

Chase Travers – 65

Brody Hoegger – 67

Pierce Crouch – 69



THE TRI-POINT CHARGERS' golf team took low round at a meet with Watseka, Donovan, and Mokense, Wednesday, September 20. The team was led by Jacob Carrera's 46, placing him second overall individually. This was supported by Brian Curling and Dalton Lawless' fifth place tie of 51. Josh "Gonzo" Gonzalas shot a 58 to round out the scoring. Ryan Brantley and Aaron Hughes shot a 60 and a 70, respectively.



THE NEW TRIER JV Girls' Golf team was crowned champion of the Barrington Invite, winning with a score of 320. Freshman Olivia Siebert, granddaughter of Dave and Carol Siebert, Dwight, was the medalist with a 74.



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DTHS Lady Trojans Volleyball

**Monday, September 18
Dwight vs. Wilmington
Varsity -**

The Lady Trojans topped Wilmington in two sets on September 18, 25-23, 25-21. Hayley Schlabowske had eight points, three kills, and three digs, with Kayla Kodat coming up with six points, including two aces and five digs. Karah Colebank added four points, with an ace, a kill, a block, a dig, and ten assists. Leah Flynn contributed two points, including an ace, six kills, two blocks, an assist, and two digs. Macey Rodosky also had two points, with an ace, a kill, an assist, and five digs. Lucy Rieke added two points to go with four kills and a block. Rishell Galbraith had one kill, while Emily Weissmann saved a dig.

**Tuesday, September 19
Dwight vs. Woodland
Varsity -**

Dwight defeated Woodland by a score of 25-14, 26-24, when they met September 19. Karah Colebank led with seven points, including two aces, two kills, a block, and

26 assists. She was followed by Leah Flynn who scored seven points, with two aces, eight kills, and six digs. Lucy Rieke added six points, including an ace, eight kills, and a dig, while Hayley Schlabowske had six points, seven digs, and five kills. Kayla Kodat contributed two points and seven digs, with Macey Rodosky providing a point, six kills, two assists, and two digs. Rishell Galbraith had a point and two kills.

**Thursday, September 21
Dwight vs. Cissna Park
Varsity -**

On September 21, the Lady Trojans fell to Cissna Park, 10-25, 13-25. Lucy Rieke had four points and three kills, followed by Macey Rodosky with three points, including an ace, two assists, and a dig. Kayla Kodat added two points and a dig, while Leah Flynn provided a point, two kills, a block, and a dig. Hayley Schlabowske contributed three digs, a kill, and a block, with Karah Colebank adding five assists, two kills, and a dig.



GSW Lady Panthers Volleyball

**Tuesday, September 19
GSW vs. Grant Park
JV -**

The JV Lady Panthers dropped a 16-25, 22-25 decision to Grant Park September 19. Shelby Serena had three kills, while Emma Hennessy and Madelyn Storm both added two. Kennedy Fair had five assists.

Varsity -

In the varsity meeting, GSW fell 17-25, 25-12, 19-25, falling to 8-5-1 on the season. Mady Asbridge led with 17 assists, six digs, five kills, and three aces. Kaylee Steichen added seven kills and two aces, followed by Kaitlynn Kavanaugh with three blocks and three kills. Cadee Grieff contributed 14 digs, while Carson Halpin helped out with four kills.

**Thursday, September 21
GSW vs. St. Anne
JV -**

In JV action September 21, GSW defeated St. Anne 25-11, 25-15 to move to 11-3 on the season. Kennedy Fair distributed 12 assists, while Avery Lenzie added six digs. Melanie Hurt and Madelyn Storm each tallied three kills, with Grace Halpin providing two aces.

Varsity -

The varsity Lady Panthers upped their record to 9-5-1 with a victory over St. Anne in two sets, 25-21, 25-12. Kaylee Steichen had five kills and four aces, with Carson Halpin adding six kills and an ace. Mady Asbridge dished 13 assists, while Cadee Grieff saved six digs.



DTHS Trojans Football

**Friday, September 22
Dwight vs. Watseka
Varsity -**

The meeting between the Dwight Trojans and Watseka Warriors started off with both teams battling to put up the first points. But once the Warriors were the first to score in the second quarter – the flood gates opened. Watseka would put up three scores in the second: a three-yard run, a one-yard run, and a five-yard run, and would head into halftime with a 20-0 lead. The Trojans would go into the locker room at the midway point of the game to make their adjustments, however the Warriors would come out hot in the third quarter – completing a 31-yard TD pass to go up by four scores. Under three minutes later, Watseka broke away for a 46-yard touchdown run, giving them a 36-0 advantage. Dwight would get on the board for the first time with under five minutes remaining in the third – a 41-yard completion from Colton Holm to Dakota Wahl for the score. After a failed conversion, the Trojans would trail 36-6. Less than two minutes later, it was the Warriors once again finding the end-zone, completing a 10-yard TD pass to go up 42-6.

After Watseka tacked on another six on a two-yard rushing touchdown, Dwight’s Daniel Gutierrez would run it in for a three-yard touchdown with 20 seconds left in the contest, followed by a two-point conversion pass from Carson Crouch to Cade Enerson – and the game would end at 48-14. The Trojans coughed up 75 total yards due to eight penalties in the game, in addition to five turnovers on offense (four fumbles, one pick). Holm was 5-7 passing for Dwight, good for a TD and 88 yards. Logan Graham had a four-yard completion and the interception. On the ground, Gutierrez rushed for 93 yards and a TD on 16 carries. Graham ran for 73 yards on 16 rushes, while Cameron Klingler ran it six times for 43 yards. Wahl made two catches, one for the score, for a total of 45 yards. Morgan Fritz and Chris Bement each made two catches for 26 and 21 yards, respectively. Garret Severson had a tackle for a loss on the defensive side of the ball, with Wahl getting a pick. The Trojans will host South Newton during their homecoming celebration this Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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GSW Panthers Cross Country

**Saturday, September 23
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The Panthers competed in the Herscher Invitational at Limestone Park near Kankakee over the steamy weekend. GSW did not score any team points due to the fresh./soph. runners racing in the F/S competition, which was shortened to 2.3 miles for safety reasons. Also to beat the heat, the two varsity races were staggered to be finished by 11:00 a.m. “Our team ran smartly today,” stated Coach Lane, “and finished with good times under these tough conditions.”

Individual results are as follows:

F/S Girls -

Alexis Brooke, 11th, 18:02.

F/S Boys -

Joey Fedele, 11th, 14:52; Jack James, 27th, 16:22; Jaxson Tarnowski, 33rd, 17:29; Bryce Lucas, 35th, 17:33.

Varsity Girls -

Rylie Bond, 29th, 23:14; Kathlene Huffaker, 43rd, 25:07; Julie Ramsey, 45th, 25:08; Brooklyn Long, 47th, 25:18.

Varsity Boys -

Dan Muller, 17th, 18:06; J.C. Santos, 25th, 18:53.

Victory Lanes, Dwight

Bowling League Results

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James Nakashima is New LFA Welter Weight Champion



JAMES NAKASHIMA, (above right) who wrestled at Dwight Township High School, is the Legacy Fighting Alliance Welter Weight Champion, undefeated 8-0, in the American Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) arena. His huge belt photo is from Nakashima's Facebook page.

Action photo courtesy of Combat Press



James Nakashima, a former Dwight Township High School wrestler, is the new Welter Weight Champion for the Legacy Fighting Alliance.

James Nakashima remained undefeated going to 8-0 winning by split decision to become the new LFA welterweight champion on Friday, Sept. 20, against Derrick Krantz.

The LFA event was held in Louisiana at the Bossier City Hotel and Casino.

Krantz took a poke in the eye that the cage doctor looked at when it started bleeding.

Krantz decided to continue fighting.

Krantz fended off attacks with blood streaming from his eye, according to the LFA website.

In the third round, Nakashima landed a blow causing Krantz to take another break.

LFA said the fighters continued to exchange blows into the 4th round.

"Every time Derrick landed a shot James countered with a harder one," LFA reported.

"James managed to get a

takedown but was unsuccessful at locking in a submission."

In Combat Press, a feature was published about Nakashima prior to Friday's match-up.

Combat Press explained the former University of Nebraska wrestler "is undefeated in his combined professional and amateur American Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) career, and, at 7-0 (prior to Friday's match), he is just getting started."

Nakashima grew up as a wrestler in Dwight. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln after a short stint in junior college.

Combat Press said he went to Omaha after graduation to begin training in MMA at Premier Combat Center.

After a year and a half, he moved to The MMA Lab in Arizona, where he has been under the wing of coach John Crouch ever since.

"Nakashima's high level of focus is nothing new, but his recipe for success is not something many athletes are willing to do. Going into his next fight on Friday night, his game plan is in full swing," said Combat Press.

He told Combat Press "I think there are two other huge factors. One is all of the mental work that I do outside the gym, and two is all of the huge support that I have from my immediate family and my extended family."

The article said by "immediate family," Nakashima means his mother, father, siblings and his girlfriend, Mindy.

Nakashima would like to thank his family for always believing in him, Combat Press said.

He would also like to thank his coaches and training partners, friends, fans and sponsors.

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Mazon United Methodist Men Meet

The September 11 meeting of the Mazon United Methodist Men was called to order by Pres. Dick Ely. Members in attendance were Pres. Ely and Treas. Forrest McCormack.

Reports:

Secretary's Report – Because Sec. Randy Lowery was absent, there were no minutes to report.

Treasurer's Report – A treasurer's report was unavailable.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Treas. McCormack moved that \$150.00 be given to Pastor Karen in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month and was seconded by Pres. Ely. All approved and the motion carried.

Treas. McCormack moved that \$100.00 be given each to Sec. Randy Lowery for his work as the church's pianist and the MVK Food Pantry. All approved and the motion carried.

Treas. McCormack moved that \$100.00 be given to the MVK Food Pantry and was seconded by Pres. Ely. All approved and the motion carried.

Odell Town-Wide Garage Sales Oct. 13 and 14

Cullom Fall Garage Sales Sept. 29-30

Odell will host its Town-wide Garage Sales Friday, October 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 14, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

To add your name to the list, mail fee to PO Box 173, Odell, IL 60460.

Additional information can be found at the Post Office.

The deadline to be added to the list is Saturday, October 7.

GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom is sponsoring the Cullom Fall Garage Sales, coming up Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30, beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day.

Maps will be available at the different locations about town and in the Cullom Community Building.

Call Judy Wojciechowski at 815-689-2857 to get your name on the map.

Gas Prices Drop 5.4 cents

Gasoline prices across the United States eased another 5.4 cents after dropping more than 4 cents the prior week, now averaging \$2.581 as of Monday, Sept. 25.

Gasoline prices surged after the Gulf Coast Hurricanes Harvey and Irma but have since eased across the nation.

Prices are easing all over The Paper's coverage area, with fringe areas like Streator close to \$2.00 gallon.

Average U.S. gallon regular price is made up of 20% state & local taxes; 10% distribution and marketing; 22% refining and 48% crude as of August 2017.



City/Village	Sept. 25	Sept. 18
Dwight	\$2.364	\$2.378
Seneca	\$2.486	\$2.52
S. Wilmington	\$2.39	\$2.39
Streator	\$2.006	\$2.202
Odell	\$2.34	\$2.39
Saunemin	\$2.39	\$2.39
Cullom	\$2.39	\$2.39
Pontiac	\$2.282	\$2.356
Gardner	\$2.39	\$2.39
Braceville	\$2.37	\$2.37
Mazon	\$2.35	\$2.39
Morris	\$2.288	\$2.342
Herscher	\$2.29	\$2.335
Kankakee	\$2.142	\$2.312
Chicago	\$2.66	\$2.73
Illinois	\$2.47	\$2.55
U.S.	\$2.581	\$2.635

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

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TOWNSHIP -- REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax \$42,803; From Social Security Fund \$3,500; Replacement Tax \$788; Interest \$41 TOTAL REVENUE: \$47,132					
TOWNSHIP -- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: IRS \$7,937; Broughton Cemetery \$3,000; IL Dept of Revenue \$1,450; All other disbursements less than (\$1,000) \$977 TOTAL VENDORS: \$13,364					
TOWNSHIP -- COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Eric Bruner \$19,560; Jennifer Tjelle \$4,000; Cathy Burke \$1,616; Zach Malone \$443; Patrick Turner \$406; Dana Masching \$369; Warren Sancken \$369; Marlin Donley \$138; David Masching \$138; Brenda Strachan \$138 TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$27,177					
ROAD DISTRICT -- REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Taxes \$119,980; Replacement Tax \$1,241; Culvert Income \$1,143; Interest Income \$365; Miscellaneous \$428 TOTAL REVENUE: \$123,157					
ROAD DISTRICT -- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: Clauss Specialties \$68,018; Prairie Material \$19,110; Martin Equipment \$7,268; TOIRMA \$6,591; Iroquois Paving \$5,415; Hampton, Lenzi & Renwick \$5,392; J & B Land & Livestock \$4,032; Evergreen FS \$3,796; To Town Fund \$3,500; Sancken Farms \$3,250; Midstate Asphalt \$3,146; Remmers \$1,401; Bob's Mowing \$1,000; All other disbursements less than (\$1,000) \$4,003 TOTAL VENDORS: \$135,922					
ROAD DISTRICT -- COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Eric Bruner \$4,478; Steve Vertin \$1,247. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$5,725					
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION					
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECT	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE
Beginning Fund Balance	19,359	276,533	0	0	0
Revenue	47,132	123,127	0	0	0
Expenditures	(40,541)	(141,647)	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0	0
Ending	25,940	258,013	0	0	0
Subscribed and sworn to this 21st day of September 2017					
Jennifer Tjelle - Treasurer					
I, Cathy Burke, Clerk of Broughton Township, Livingston County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.					
Cathy Burke - Clerk					



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Dwight High School District Approves Healthy Budget
September BOE Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Following a public hearing on September 20, the Dwight Township High School Board of Education approved its Fiscal Year 2017 – 18 Budget.

The financially sound District #230 opens FY18 with a beginning Education Fund balance of \$3,617,360 with \$3,777,849 of anticipated revenues and \$3,606,806 in budgeted expenditures for an end balance of \$3,783,403 or a difference of \$166,043. The Education Fund pays for the bulk of the school’s annual expenditures covering areas such as salaries and benefits. Over all funds, the Dwight High School District has a beginning balance of \$5,564,172 with proposed revenues of \$5,701,278 and anticipated expenditures of \$5,377,498 for proposed end balance of \$5,887,952 or a difference of \$323,780.

The State of Illinois currently owes the DTHS District \$93,607.33 for the 2016-17 school year and \$56,675.38 for 2017-18. Ag Teacher Jodi

Minnaert presented quotes for needed greenhouse repairs and improvements which include roof replacement, an irrigation system, heating exhaust, an interior shade system, an evaporative cooling system, and environmental cooling upgrade. Estimated costs are \$24,000 with \$5,000 coming from the FFA Alumni and \$1,500 from an annual Ag Grant leaving an approximate \$18,000 commitment from the Board with the District’s portion coming from Fund 60 Sales Tax Monies. The BOE approved the request.

In another building improvement, the BOE reviewed a proposal for auditorium repairs and upgrades at an estimated cost of up to \$24,999 meeting board approval. The project focuses on taking out the existing gym stage opening of an accordion partition wall and replacing it with a two curtain system.

The BOE received a notice from the Illinois State Board of Education, Regional Superintendent’s Office, recognizing DTHS Teacher Lindsey Jensen as

an Illinois Teacher of the Year Finalist.

A notice was also received from the Illinois Association of School Boards recognizing Dwight High School BOE member Jennifer Myzia with an IASB Professional Development Award. The achievement models lifelong learning.

In his report, Principal Dan Kaiser noted that over 50 DTHS students participated in the town-wide cleanup on August 26 and the first Adopt a Highway cleanup of the year took place on September 9. The DTHS Junior Class was involved in cleaning up after Harvest Days both Saturday and Sunday.

“We are proud of our students who continually serve our community,” stated Mr. Kaiser.

A reminder that this is DTHS Homecoming week (September 25 – 30). Homecoming decoration night is Wednesday, September 27, from 6 – 8 p.m.; Trojan Games are Thursday at 1:35 p.m.; Homecoming Football is Friday night at 7 p.m. as the

Trojans take on South Newton; and the Homecoming dance is Saturday from 7 – 10 p.m.

The Board of Education also:

- accepted the resignation of Sarah King, Special Education Aide.
- approved employment of Luke Standiford, Girls Basketball Assistant Coach.
- approved volunteer, Kyle Henson, Assistant Football Coach.
- approved student attendance at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 25 – 27.
- discussed IASB proposed Board Policy updates.
- approved wage adjustments/increases for two support staff members.
- approved expenses for Those Who Excel Awards Banquet on October 28 (Lindsey Jensen, Finalist).

The next meeting of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education will be 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18 at the high school in the BOE meeting room. Meetings are open to the public.

OBITUARY

Gerener Buegel



ROMEONVILLE – Gerener Buegel, 82, of Romeoville passed away Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Season’s Hospice in Naperville.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood, Saturday, September 30, from 9 a.m. until the 12 noon funeral service. Pastor Mont will officiate at the service.

Interment will follow in Braceville - Gardner Cemetery, Braceville.

She was born September 20, 1935 in Bay Village, AR, daughter of Ollie and Goldie Cappel Brown. Gerener had a great love for her husband and children. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining and hosting family events. She was known to be a strong woman of faith and was a true believer in Christ.

Surviving are four sons: Rickey (Christine) Buegel of Romeoville; Charles (Sue) Buegel of Fancy Prairie,

Illinois; Larry Buegel of Chicago; and David Martinez of Miami, Florida; six daughters: Sandra (Robert) Murrah of Evergreen Park;

Deborah Kyker of Stickney; Donna (Bob) Rasor of Bourbon-nais; Diane Ancira of Oak Lawn; Mary Ann Lopez of Chicago; and Darlene Clark of Heath, OH.

Two brothers, Arie Brown of Coal City and Griffin Brown of Essex; 35 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews also survive.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Donald Buegel; and son, Carl Buegel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name may be directed to Awana at Main Street Baptist Church.

For more information and to visit her online guestbook, log on to: www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

More obituaries appear on page 7.



THE DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL Marching Trojans (top left) were part of the 38th Annual Dwight Harvest Days, marching in the parade Sunday, Sept. 17. Also marching was the Gardner South Wilmington area band (bottom left). In the photo above, a clown entertained the parade audience along the route, this group on Mazon Avenue. The parade lasted a little over an hour and had nearly 90 entries this year, with the audience enjoying a warm, sunny day. Officials said the parade featured a record crowd, giving credit to Mother Nature for the pleasant weather. The Paper photo-



HUNDREDS OF MOTORCYCLES WERE along Old Route 66 in Dwight, stopping at the Ambler-Becker gas station Saturday, Sept. 23. The tour was led by Governor Bruce Rauner, riding from Chicago to Springfield. See page 16 for more photos. The Paper photo

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Dwight Peace Meals

Peace Meals are served on Thursdays at Dwight Senior Center. – ALL 60 AND UP are welcome. Served at 12 noon.

Home delivery Monday - Friday 60 and up home-bound- Must make reservations –

Wed., Sept. 27: Stuffed peppers in tomato sauce, buttered corn, whole grain dinner roll, tropical fruit.

Thurs., Sept. 28: Shepherd’s pie, cucumber and onion salad, biscuit, graham crackers (1), hot cinnamon buttered apples.

Fri., Sept. 29: Cook’s Choice. Regional favorites will be served.

Mon., Oct. 2: Sausage in gravy,

hard cooked egg, fruit juice, mini potato bakers, biscuit, warm cinnamon buttered apples.

Tues., Oct. 3: Cheese tortellini alfredo, kidney bean salad, peas, peanut butter cup, whole grain wheat (1), warm fruit cobbler.

Wed., Oct. 4: Cabbage rolls in sauce, corn, broccoli, raisin bran muffin, Mandarin oranges.

Thurs., Oct. 5: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Italian green beans, Texas toast, cranapple salad.

Milk is served each day. For a reservation, call 815-374-0411 or 1-800-543-1770; or for more information call the 800 number.

DWIGHT

Dwight United Methodist Church

701 S. Columbia
584-3420 church
Dwightumc.org
Pastor: Mike Ebersohl

- SEPT. 27: 2 p.m., Kids Klub/Real Kids; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., R.E.A.L. and Ignite.
- SEPT. 28: Praise Band rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 30: Men’s Bible Study, 7 a.m., at Rte. 66 and Cafe 110 in Odell.
- OCT. 1: Early Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday school (adult), 9:15 a.m.; Praise Team rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
- OCT. 2: Bible Warriors Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- OCT. 3: Hens, 8:30 a.m.; Bible Seekers, 9 a.m.; Scouts, #1505, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 4: Kids Klub/Real Kids, 2 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; R.E.A.L. & Ignite, 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

325 E. Mazon Ave.
584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
584-1023 parsonage

- SEPT. 27: Pastor Nicholson here; open gym, 3 - 4 p.m.; 4 p.m., Midweek Bible Time for grades 2 - 8.

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182

Home of Dwight’s New Christian Radio Station WGYD 97.3 FM

Pastor Daniel L. Woodward

- SEPT. 27: Wednesday Evening Service and King’s Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 1: Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 4: Wednesday Evening Service and King’s Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor

• OCT. 1: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Nancy Pfaltzgraf, pulpit supply minister.

• OCT. 11: Women’s Guild Meeting, 7 p.m. “Oct. Mission of the Month” Ronald McDonald House. * “Feed the Kids” – Donations welcome.

New Life Assembly of God

903 S. Old Route 66
Victor J. Randle Jr., Pastor
815-584-3430

- SEPT. 27: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.
- SEPT. 28: 7 p.m., Worship practice.
- OCT. 1: 9 a.m., Bible Study; 10 a.m., Main Service – Guest, Missionary to China, Andrea Hastings; 2 p.m., Heritage Health Ministry; 5 p.m., Xtreme Youth Group.
- OCT. 4: 7 p.m., Disciples Making Disciples Study Group.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor

- SEPT. 30: 4 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass
- OCT. 1: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church

326 W. Chippewa St.
stpetersd Dwight@sbeglobal.net

- SEPT. 27: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Pastor’s office hours; 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 2:30 p.m., Worship Team meeting; 6:15 p.m., Youth Group.
- SEPT. 28: Pastor has office hours at Community Lutheran in Cornell.
- SEPT. 29: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 8 p.m., AA meeting.
- OCT. 1: 8:45 a.m., All ages handbell practice; 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Breakfast; 9:30 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 2 p.m., Servants United Council meeting at Trinity Lutheran, Chenoa.
- OCT. 2: “Epistle” deadline; Church office

closed; 9 a.m. - noon, Quilting; 12 noon, Set up for food distribution; 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., Food distribution.

- OCT. 3: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assistance ministries.
- OCT. 4: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Pastor’s office hours; 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., Church office hours; 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage Health; 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 6:15 p.m., Youth Group.
- OCT. 5: Pastor has p.m. office hours at Community Lutheran in Cornell.

BRACEVILLE

Braceville United Methodist Church

106 W. Goold St.
815-237-8512 Church
Pastor Karen Fabian

- SEPT. 29: 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.
- SEPT. 30: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Annual Rummage Sale. A BBQ lunch will be available.
- OCT. 1: Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion,

10:30 a.m.

- TUESDAYS: Women’s Bible Study,

CAMPUS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Father Chris Haake, Pastor

- OCT. 1: 10 a.m., Mass.

EMINGTON

Emington Congregational United Church of Christ

103 Division Street
Pastor Grant Speece - Settled Pastor

- OCT. 1: Worship, 8:45 a.m. Nancy Pfaltzgraf - pulpit supply minister.
- OCT. 8: Department meeting after church service.

“October Food Pantry Collection” – Soups

“October Mission of the Month” – Neighbors In Need/ N.I.N.

The Paper’s office hours are:

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 19 WAS INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY. The kids at Ransom Grade School talked and dressed like Pirates, while turkey sandwiches were served with a Pirate sail on it, fruit kabobs with a sword through them, and rollo candy as a gold nugget. Also, fresh

veggies and milk were offered. All students received prizes Pirate-related. The lunchroom was decorated in the Pirate theme, with fun being had by all. Pictured are Hunter E., Eastin P., Cooper W., Zane W., Brody D., Logan L., Kinslee S., Owen H.-R., Laylah K., Evan G., Knoah M., Logan E.

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DAY



Sales Tax Report for 2017 2nd Quarter

by Tom Tock

Comparing apples to apples, sales tax revenue (at 6.25%) for the Village of Dwight (Grundy & Livingston) in the second quarter of 2017 was \$7,192 less than in the second quarter of 2016.

Total revenue for Dwight was \$163,692 in second quarter 2017.

That figure does not reflect the 1¢ additional sales tax that was levied beginning in the third quarter of 2016, and which amounted to \$111,870 in 2017's second quarter. The 1¢ tax is levied on selected categories.

The 1¢ additional sales tax has produced revenue of \$107,421; \$111,498; \$97,749 and \$111,870 for Dwight in the last four quarters of sales tax reports.

It is earmarked for infrastructure improvements.

The County Schools Facility Sales Tax levied in Dwight (Livingston County only) amounted to \$72,730 in the second quarter of 2017.

Drinking & Eating Places in Dwight (Livingston and

Grundy) produced sales tax of \$21,272 in the second quarter; \$22,277 a year ago.

Automotive and Filling Stations (Livingston Co. only) provided sales tax of \$52,139 this year; \$49,929 a year ago.

There were 129 Dwight taxpayers filing sales tax reports in the second quarter of 2017 compared to 135 in the first quarter of this year.

The table below shows the total sales tax collected at the 6.25% rate in the second quarter for the Village of Dwight and area communities. It does not reflect the Dwight infrastructure tax nor the school facility tax.

Second Quarter Municipal Sales Tax			
2nd Qtr.	2017	2016	
Dwight	163,692	170,984	
Fairbury	165,282	150,687	
Pontiac	683,767	653,771	
Odell	11,465	10,680	
Saunemin	4,418	4,412	
Gardner	69,537	63,455	
Mazon	14,518	34,388	
Morris	1,388,838	1,268,879	
So. Wil.	17,099	19,191	



ILLINOIS GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER stopped off in Dwight as part of the “Governor’s Ride to Springfield,” Saturday, Sept. 23. He stopped by the Ambler-Becker Texaco Gas Station in the late morning, with a massive group of motorcycles. Part of the proceeds from the ride are donated to 501C3 Veterans Organizations. In the photo at left, Rauner meets with Dwight’s First Family, the wife and children of



Mayor Jared Anderson, including (from left) his son Riker (obscured by Rauner’s arm), wife Kristie, and daughters Nora and Sophie. At right is a shot of a Manteno boy, who happened to be celebrating his birthday, with his dad shooting a photo with the Governor.

The Paper photos

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