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## Herscher’s Kalee Dionne Hosted New Year’s Eve On NBC 5

Herscher High School graduate Kalee Dionne was co-host for the New Year’s Eve party countdown on Chicago’s NBC 5.

She is a Herscher native, the daughter of Rex and Connie Dionne, and is a 2003 HHS graduate.

The party was held at Navy Pier in Chicago, and included colleague Marley Kayden and radio personalities Christopher “Fred” Frederick of Kiss FM and Joe Soto of V103.

Dionne is a weather forecaster for NBC 5.

She is on air Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays on the morning show, with Andy Avalos in the morning.

She has been busy covering the Chicago weather, especially the arctic blast and snow hitting the area last week.

She joined the NBC 5 Chicago weather team in October 2016. She returned to Illinois from Kansas City where she was the morning meteorologist at 41 Action News. In the fall of 2014, she was voted Kansas City’s Best Meteorologist by KC Magazine.

She joined the 41 Action News team back in April 2013 after three years of giving the daily weather and traffic reports on Wake Up

Alabama in Birmingham, AL.

She was excited to move back to the Midwest to be able to forecast all four seasons. Most importantly, she brings a lot of severe weather experience from her time covering Tornado Alley to keep the people of Kansas and Missouri safe.

In 2011, Kalee was brought to a new level of excellence in her weather broadcasting career.

On April 27, a strong line of tornadoes decimated the state of Alabama. It was a part of a super-tornado outbreak that was one of the largest in US history. The WIAT-TV weather team went wall-to-wall with their coverage. Kalee kicked off the coverage in the early morning and stayed on until late at night. The broadcast featured live images of tornadoes destroying parts of Alabama. In total 243 people were killed in the outbreak.

It’s a day that Kalee will never forget, but her professionalism and team approach to the coverage received recognition in competition.

WIAT won numerous broadcast honors, including the Edward R. Murrow, Associated Press and Alabama Broadcasters

Association, including Station of the Year. It was in large part due to the efforts of the weather team during that terrible day.

Kalee began at Lincoln College in Lincoln, IL where she took on Musical Theater.

She performed at Disney World, Carnival Cruise Lines, Cedar Point and in the musical “Smile” in Cisco, TX before deciding to take her performance to the camera. She then transferred to Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where she received her bachelor’s degree in Radio/Television Broadcasting.

Kalee worked as a Weather Anchor/Supervisor, Reporter, Anchor and Producer at the Southern Illinois University student-run station, River Region Evening Edition. While she was there, the student program won state and national awards including, Best Student Run Newscast at NAB 2007.

Kalee also interned and later worked as a Weathercaster at the ABC affiliate in Southern Illinois, WSIL-TV. In late Spring 2008, Kalee relocated to central Illinois where she worked at the CBS affiliate in WCIA-TV. There she was the Weekend Weather



**KALEE DIONNE, a 2003 graduate of Herscher High School and daughter of Rex and Connie Dionne of Herscher, has been a weather forecaster for NBC 5 Chicago since 2016. She co-hosted the station’s New Year’s Eve party this year.**  
Submitted photo

Anchor and live weather reporter for the Morning Show during the week. Kalee spearheaded a Winter Weather Awareness class at Lincoln College.

She went back to school while working full-time to get a second Bachelor’s Degree in Broadcast Meteorology from Mississippi State University, which she completed in the summer of 2011. She is a

member of the National Weather Association, for which she was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Central Alabama Chapter. Kalee was chosen to speak at the 2011 National Weather Association Conference about the Social Media and the effectiveness during the Deep South Outbreak on April 27, 2011.

In her free time, Kalee enjoys singing and dancing,

during which she sings the National Anthem at local sporting events, including a Kansas City Royals game.

She also enjoys working out. Pilates and running are her favorites. She ran her first half marathon in Birmingham in 2011.

She loves cheering for her Chicago sports teams. The Chicago Bears, Cubbies, Hawks and Bulls keep her busy all year long.

## 2017: A Glance Back Through The Pages of The Paper

**Editor’s Note:** As we glance through the pages of *The Paper* in 2017, several stories strike chords, including controversies

about alternative energy such as set-backs for commercial wind turbines for the northeastern portion of Livingston County or a

proposed solar farm in Mazon. Both of those issues will continue to make headlines in 2018 with proposed solar farms popping up in Herscher Unit 2 as well. Some stories that put Dwight on the map include the 2018 Teacher of the Year, Lindsey Jensen, English Teacher at Dwight Township High School, and the closing after four decades of *The Country Mansion*. But those are just a few of the stories that hit the pages of *The Paper* as we cover its 21 communities.

### January, 2017

2017’s news cycle began with a story about how the Dwight 1 cent per \$1 sales tax hike would generate \$430,000 or more each year. The reality was close to the estimate.

The sales tax hike was okayed by voters to start July 1, 2016.

As of the end of 2017, the extra 1 cent for \$1 in sales taxes actually generated an additional \$544,915 in village coffers since it began (July 2016 to September 2017). That is close to

\$435,000 for 12 months, so slightly better than the estimate of \$430,000 for 12 months.

Sales taxes for Dwight are generated in both Livingston and Grundy Counties, with much of the gasoline revenue in Grundy County.

The sales tax hike is earmarked to pay for the road improvements, many of which were completed in 2017, and more are slated to be done in 2018.

The Dwight Township board is still unsure what to do about the Gothic Church building with its steeple in need of repair at a large cost. They had some initial discussions with the Village Board, but the village would not be interested in taking over the building until it was fully repaired.

In either case, the church cannot just be torn down as it is on the historic registry. The Dwight Historical Society is being kept abreast of the discussions regarding the Gothic Church. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the church on North Franklin Street.

The Gardner Area Band has reached the halfway

point in its fundraiser to finance a trip for band members to march in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C.

“The band has raised more than half of the \$22,480 needed to perform in the event,” said band director Michael Leone.

A second-year theater student at Emporia State University, Kansas, was in Saunemin Jan. 13 doing

research on the town’s Civil War hero, Albert J. Cashier.

What makes Albert different, and attracted the theater student to his story, is Albert’s living as a man all “his” life despite being assigned female gender at birth.

Isabella Tate, 20, said she had already written the play, but will now be changing it with all the new research she has been doing.

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Pioneer Gothic Church



**ISABELLA TATE (RIGHT) is given literature by Saunemin Trustee Al Arnolts about Saunemin’s famous citizen, Albert Cashier, a woman who fought in the Civil War as a man and then settled in Saunemin, living her life out as a man. Tate, a student at Emporia State University in Kansas, is in the process of writing a play about Cashier’s life, visiting Saunemin’s site of the historic home Jan. 13 as part of her research. The Paper photo**

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CONGRATULATIONS!  
DAILY CASH  
CALENDAR WINNERS!

12/24 - Dennis Locke, Bloomington.....	\$20
12/25 - Jason Harper, Delavan.....	\$200
12/26 - Gloria Bossert, Dwight.....	\$20
12/27 - John Pagel, Dwight.....	\$20
12/28 - Dwight Lions Club, Dwight.....	\$30
12/29 - Blaine Tinsdale, Denver.....	\$50
12/30 - Dwight Youth Baseball, Dwight.....	\$25
12/31 - Jensen’s BP, Dwight.....	\$100

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Sunday, December 24, 2017, 11:05 a.m., McNamara at Route 47, Dwight – Stephanie Vigna of Gardner was northbound on McNamara. Her 2006 Ford 4-door struck a traffic control sign on Route 47.

Wednesday, December 27: A 2013 Nissan 4-door, southbound on Old Rt. 66 and approaching Rt. 66, lost control on ice and went off the road on left, striking a culvert.

Police Blotter

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

Dec. 22: **Business Break-in** - Dwight police were called to the 500 block of West Mazon Avenue for a break-in at a business. The owner said several items of value were missing. This incident is currently under investigation by the Dwight Police Department.

Dec. 23: **Warrant Arrest** - Tyler C. Metcalf, 26, Dwight, was taken into custody in the 300 block of East Spencer Street, arrested on a Grundy County Warrant. Metcalf was transported to the Grundy County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 10% bond.

Dec. 26: **Parole Violation Arrest** - Kirk A. Danzinger, 31, Dwight, was arrested on an Illinois Department Parole Violation Warrant. Danzinger was transported to the Livingston County Jail on the no-bond warrant.

Dec. 27: **Violation of Order of Protection Arrest** - Timothy L. Koenig, 24,

was taken into custody in the 200 block of East Waupansie Street, arrested for violation of an order of protection. He was transported to the Livingston County Jail, where he will have to appear before a judge to determine bond.



Ambulance Runs  
by Dwight EMS

Dec. 21, 2017: 6:05 p.m., Rt. 47, MVC, cancelled, mutual aid to Odell.

Dec. 22: 5:18 p.m., Julie Dr., medical, OSF St. Francis; 7:11 p.m., Spencer, medical, Morris.

Dec. 23: 6:37 p.m., Watters Dr., medical, Morris; 8:00 p.m., E. Livingston Rd., trauma, Riverside; 9:44 p.m., John St., lift assist, refusal.

Dec. 24: 8:48 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

Dec. 25: 3:45 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 7:53 a.m., Mazon, medical, Morris; 11:11 a.m., County Hwy. 1, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Campus.

Dec. 26: 3:59 a.m., Spencer, medical, Morris; 6:47 a.m., Morris Rd., fire assist, no patient; 8:47 p.m., Mazon, trauma, St. James.

Dec. 27: 6:11 a.m., South St., trauma/medical, St. James; 7:53 a.m., Spencer, odor investigation; 9:10 a.m., Columbia, medical, Morris; 11:50 p.m., I-55, trauma, disregarded, mutual aid to Gardner.

Dec. 28: 3:20 a.m., South, medical, Morris; 10:23 a.m., Main, medical, Morris.



DWIGHT EMPLOYEE Tony Berta finished plowing the Prairie Creek Library parking lot when *The Paper* photographer caught him under Dwight’s iconic windmill during Friday’s snowstorm.

Dwight Community Chest Campaign Begins

The 2017-18 Dwight Community Chest campaign has begun and there are many ways residents can contribute to this worthy, local cause.

Last year the fund donated \$1,000 to each of 15 organizations.

As the state of Illinois finally passed a budget, many of these social service agencies have seen their funding eliminated, lessened or delayed.

The Dwight Community Chest was established more than 40 years ago to improve the lives of people in Dwight.

Fifteen not-for-profit agencies that provide programs and services locally in the community will benefit from the 2017-2018 Drive.

People throughout the area benefit from the programs supported by the Dwight Community Chest; be it the Ministerial Society’s Food Pantry, Peace Meal Program for seniors, Future’s Unlimited, or local Girls and Boys Scouts.

The agencies chosen to receive funding this year help to provide basic human needs, health services, crisis intervention, transportation, and youth programs.

It is the hope of the Dwight Community Chest that everyone during this season of giving can make a donation for these organizations that traditionally do no soliciting funds individually. While some solicitation

letters will be sent out, everyone in *The Paper* reading area is invited to make a tax-deductible donation to the Community Chest at P.O. Box 132, Dwight, IL 60420. No goal has been set this year by the Community Chest. People are asked to give from their hearts.

“We in Dwight have much to be thankful for and residents are asked to show their thanks by making a contribution to the Dwight Community Chest,” said a news release issued by the Community Chest last week.

Employees of LSC Communications (formerly RR Donnelley) have conducted another successful campaign and are a big part in helping the Community Chest attain its goal.

Many local LSC employees donate one day’s salary to the Dwight Community Chest and everyone is invited to do the same if they are able.

In 2017, donations to the Community Chest helped to support the following 15 locally important organizations:

- AMERICAN RED CROSS: Helping people learn to avoid, prepare for and handle emergencies, along with numerous blood drives.

- ADV & SAS: A Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Help and support is available

24 hours a day.

- CARING PREGNANCY CENTER: Provides pregnancy tests, maternity and baby clothing, baby food and furniture, along with referrals for medical care, adoption, foster care and legal assistance.

- CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: A Dwight program that provides Christmas gifts to low income families’ children.

- DWIGHT MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY: Located at the Pioneer Gothic Church in association with Dwight Township, the food pantry assists Dwight Township residents with groceries which are distributed the third Wednesday of every month.

- PEACE MEAL SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM: Promotes independent living and quality nutrition among the senior population of Dwight through the provision of a balanced noon meal.

- FUTURE’S UNLIMITED: Services, Developmental Training opportunities and housing opportunities are offered to persons in Dwight and throughout Livingston County with disabilities and functional limitations.

- LIVINGSTON COUNTY FAMILY CARE CENTER: Provides basic medical and dental care to hundreds of low-income residents and children of Dwight and

Livingston County.

- LIVINGSTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY: The local organization provides homeless animals a new home while educating the public about spay and neuter programs.

- MID CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION: Promotes safe and stable families by providing crisis assistance and information to seniors, veterans, and others regarding energy assistance, utility rate relief, and assistance.

- PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES: Offers legal advice, representation, and information to low income persons and senior citizens who have legal problems which threaten their basic human needs.

- SALVATION ARMY: Food, clothing, financial assistance is provided on a short term basis to local persons who are in need.

- SCOUT TROOPS-GIRLS AND BOYS: Local Dwight Scout Troops help build character and foster good citizenship and patriotism in Dwight area girls and boys.

- SHOW BUS: Public transportation is provided to anyone who wishes to ride, be it for a trip or to medical and other appointments. Rides are provided in both Dwight and Livingston County plus six other counties.

Hello January! It's a fresh start

Dale Coughlin

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Time is a Key Factor in Investing

With the arrival of the New Year, many of us will pause and ponder the age-old question: “Who knows where the time goes?” And, as is always the case, none of us really do know. However, wherever the time goes, it will usually be a key factor in your success as an investor.

Time can affect how you invest, and the results of your investing, in different ways:

- *Growth potential* – Contrary to myth, there’s no real way to “get rich quick” when investing. To build wealth, you need patience – and time. If you own quality investments with growth potential, and you give them years – in fact, decades – to increase in value, your perseverance may be rewarded. Of course, there are no guarantees, and you’ll need the discipline to withstand the inevitable downturns along the way. But in describing how long he likes to keep his investments, renowned investor Warren Buffet says his favorite holding period is “forever.”

- *Targeted goals* – To accumulate resources for retirement, you need to save and invest throughout your working life. But along the way, you’ll probably also have some shorter-term goals – making a down payment on a home, sending your children to college, taking a round-the-world trip, and so on. Each of these goals has a specific time limit and usually requires a specific amount of money, so you will need to choose the appropriate investments.

- *Risk tolerance* – The element of time also will affect your tolerance for risk. When you have many decades to go until you retire, you can afford to take more risk with your investments because you have time to overcome periods of market volatility. But when you’re on the verge of retirement, you may want to lower the risk level in your portfolio. For example, you may want to begin moving away from some of your more aggressive, growth-oriented investments and move toward more income-producing vehicles that offer greater stability of principal. Keep in mind, though, that even during retirement, you’ll need your portfolio to provide enough growth opportunity at least to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Thus far, we have looked at ways in which time plays a role in how you invest. But there’s also an aspect of time that you may want to keep out of your investment strategies. Specifically, you might not want to try to “time” the market. The biggest problem with market timing is it’s just too hard. You essentially have to be right twice, selling at a market top and buying at the bottom. Also, as humans, we appear to be somewhat wired to think that an activity – especially a long-running activity – will simply continue. So, when the market goes up, we seem to expect it to keep rising, and when the market drops, we think it will continue dropping. This can lead to big mistakes, such as selling after a major market drop even though that can be the time when it may be much smarter to buy because prices are low.

As we’ve seen, the way you interact with time can affect your investment efforts. So, think carefully about how you can put all the days, months and years on your side. Time is the one asset you can’t replenish – so use it wisely.

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

Coroner Identifies Fairbury Man in Fatal Crash

Livingston County Coroner Danny Watson released the name of a Fairbury man who died in a vehicle accident near Dwight, Thursday, Dec. 21.

Douglas L. Bengé, 58, of Fairbury, was the driver of a 2002 Mercury Sable involved in an accident at 2550 North and Route 47 south of Dwight at 6 p.m.

The accident occurred in Union Township when Bengé’s vehicle crossed the center line and made contact with a northbound semi tractor trailer.

The driver of the semi was not injured.

Bengé was pronounced dead at the scene. His name was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

According to a release issued Dec. 23 by the Coroner’s office, the accident is still under investigation by the Illinois State Police, the Illinois State Police Crash Reconstruction Team, and the Livingston County Coroner’s Office.

An autopsy has been ordered for the deceased.

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Dec. 23 – high 34°, low 19°  
t snow  
Dec. 24 – high 20°, low 10°  
3.6” snow  
Dec. 25 – high 15°, low -3°  
Dec. 26 – high 4°, low -11°  
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# GIVE BLOOD

## Dwight Fire Blood Drive Jan. 9

The Dwight Fire Department is having a blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Dwight Fire Department.

Contact Lt. Steve Bradley to sign up for a slot.

For further information, go online to:

[dwrightfire.org](http://dwrightfire.org)

## Hager Memorial Being Re-roofed

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

The 1983-Hager Memorial Building on the corner of Mazon Avenue and Washington Street in Dwight will soon have a new roof.

Funeral Director Steven Snyder said the building's original 1983 roof is being replaced.

He said the awning roof at the entrance and the garage roof had already been replaced.

The building was constructed as a funeral home in 1983 to replace the home that burned.

Snyder said most funeral homes are converted houses, but because of the fire, Hager was purposely built as a funeral home, which means he is "fortunate to have lots of space."

Snyder, who has been director at Hager since 2015, said he hopes in 2018 to have all the lights inside replaced with LED light bulbs, for energy efficiency.



## Brrr...It's Cold Outside!



## DEA's Annual Dinner and Auction February 24

Save the date – the Dwight Economic Alliance is planning their 4th Annual Dinner and Auction to be held Saturday, February 24, at Station 343, Dwight.

The event will feature a silent auction before dinner is served and a live auction after dinner. DEA members and all area residents are welcome to attend. Ticket information will be available soon.

The proceeds from the auction will help the DEA continue their efforts in business and community development, as well as fund events and tourism in Dwight.

Anyone wishing to donate an item for the auction is encouraged to call the DEA office at 815-584-1830.

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**WHEN:** January 5, 2018

**WHERE:** Heritage Woods of Dwight  
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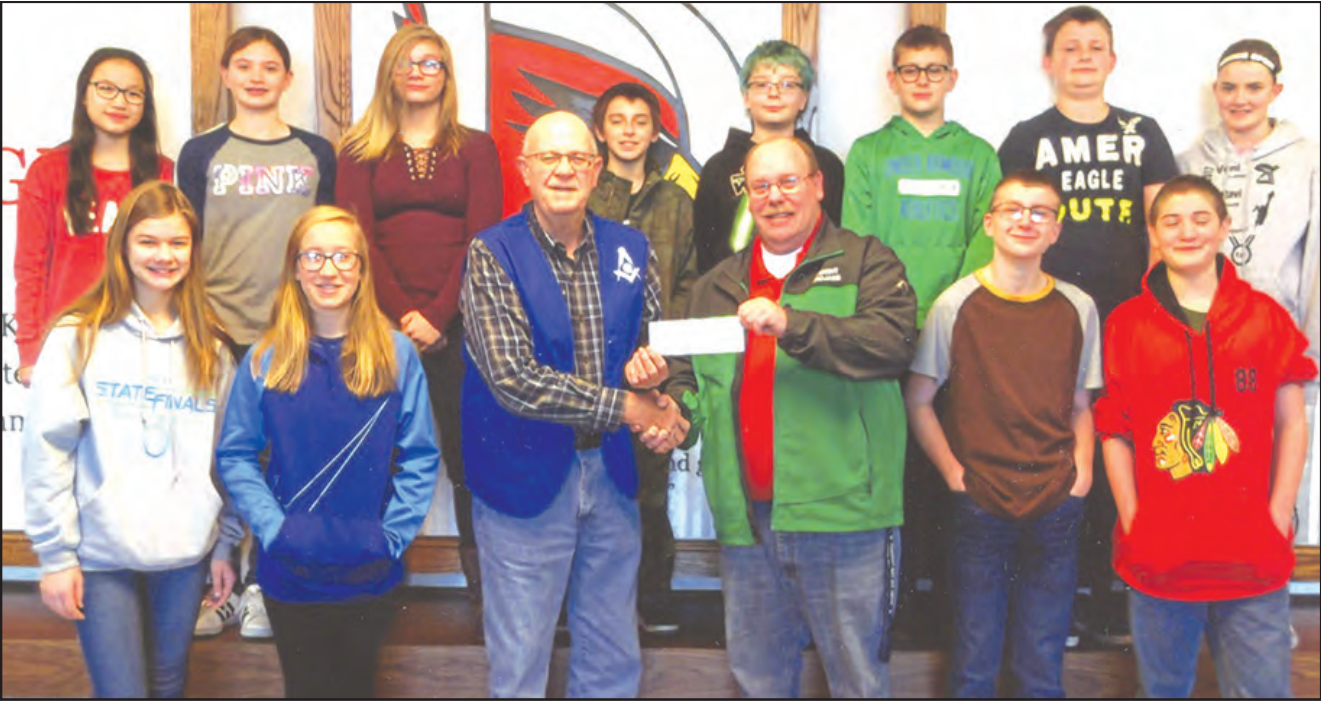
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# Donation For Gang Resistance



JERRY CURTIS OF THE Livingston Masonic Lodge #371 presents an \$850 donation to the Dwight Grade School Gang Resistance Education and Training program Dec. 209. Gary Beier, Dwight schools resources officer, accepts the check. This is the 14th year that Livingston Masonic Lodge has sponsored this program. In the photo are (front row from left) Erin Anderson, Addison Harms, Curtis, Beier, Kye Suarez, Trey Downer; (back row) Lola Furbbee, Hailey Heath, Dakkota Churchill, Matthew Greer, Jimmy Ammons, Like Stevenson, Jon Farcus, and Skylar Horrie

Submitted photo

## White Expands Organ/Tissue Donor Registry; 16- and 17-Year-Olds Can Become Donors

Secretary of State Jesse White’s legislation allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to register for the state’s First Person Consent Organ/-Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver’s license or identification card took effect on Jan. 1, 2018.

“Our main priority is to save lives,” said White. “Thousands of Illinoisans are waiting for an organ. Those who are waiting are someone’s mother, father, daughter or son. This new law is an important step in reducing the number of individuals on the waiting list.”

Under current law, an individual must be at least 18 years old to join the First

Person Consent Organ/-Tissue Donor Registry. The legislation amends the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to join the registry. Those who join the registry will receive a letter of thanks from the Secretary of State’s office, and Secretary White encourages 16- and 17-year-olds to use this letter as a basis for discussing their choice with their parents.

By joining the First Person Consent Organ/-Tissue Donor Registry, 16- and 17-year-olds will be giving consent to donate their organs and tissue at the time of their death with only the single limitation that the pro-

curement organizations (Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Network and Mid-America Transplant) must make a reasonable effort to contact a parent or guardian to ensure they approve of the donation.

The parent or guardian will then have the opportunity to overturn the child’s decision. Once the 16- or 17-year-old turns 18, that decision would be considered legally binding without limitation.

There are 47 states that have enacted this legislation. In 2016, more than 350,000 16- and 17-year-olds in Illinois were issued driver’s licenses and identification

cards.

“Approximately 4,700 people are on the waiting list in Illinois and about 300 hundred people die each year waiting for an organ transplant,” said White. “One person can improve the quality of life for up to 25 people. Currently, 6.3 million Illinoisans are registered with the state’s registry.”

Illinoisans can register with the Secretary of State’s Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at: LifeGoesOn.com or by calling 1-800-210-2106, or by visiting their local Driver Services facility.

## Livingston County 2017 ‘Cops And Kids’ Program

“Cops and Kids” is a program in which law enforcement officers from numerous agencies in Livingston County are matched one-on-one with nominated children to shop for Christmas gifts.

The program was developed to build and reinforce a positive relationship between law enforcement officers and the youth in the community.

“Cops and Kids” also makes the holiday season brighter for Livingston

County families needing assistance.

This program is a reminder of the true giving spirit offered to those who are in need during the holi-

days.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 186 “Cops and Kids” program allows each the opportunity to purchase needed items, such as a coat, hat, gloves, and shoe wear.

Once the necessities are purchased, the children are then allowed toys and games.

The “Cops and Kids” program was brought to the county in 2012 by Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress, who was FOP president at the time, motivating the fund-raising efforts.

He also partner with the Pontiac Branch of the Streator Onized Credit

Union.

SOCU has continued to support the program each year.

2017 fund-raising efforts enabled FOP Lodge 186 to take 68 children shopping, spending roughly \$200 per child.

“It is our intention to take as many children as possible in 2018 iand the years to come,” Childress said in a news release last week.

“We are very thankful for the financial and service donations from a variety of businesses and residents in and out of the county,” he continued.

“We have had an excellent response with our donation mailer. Without our sponsors this program would not be possible. Thank you.”

Assisting shopping this year were the Pontiac Police, Illinois Sate Police, VCOM and IDOC.

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## Dwight Students Named to Bob Jones Uni. Dean’s List

The following students are among approximately 890 Bob Jones University students named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2017 semester:

Luke Severson , a senior business administration major of Dwight and Seth Severson, a junior information technology major of Dwight.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

Located in Greenville, South Carolina, Bob Jones University provides regionally accredited Christian liberal arts education “purposefully designed to inspire a lifelong pursuit of learning, loving and leading.”

## GSW Board Adopts Six Percent Decline in Property Tax Levy

by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor

Gardner-South Wilmington taxpayers will be getting a tax break next year, thanks to action taken Dec. 20.

Superintendent Michael Perrott presented the final levy request, adopted by the school board after a public hearing at which there were no comments.

seniors, and there were no students who exceeded state expectations.

Engleman said a good percentage met expectations but a low number did not meet the state expectations.

“We are not leaving the lower performing students behind,” he told the board.

The board discussed what the high school is doing to enable the students to meet or exceed state expectations on the test.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied are \$1.421 million, compared to the extension of property taxes of \$1.512 million for 2016.

Taxing bodies typically adopt a levy request in December then send them to the county assessor, ahead of the assessments performed in the spring.

The levy is the taxing body’s best guess as to what actual equalized assessed valuation (one-third market value) will be for taxes payable in 2018.

One of the main reasons for the decrease in the levy request is less debt service.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2017 are \$174,462.50, a 45 percent decrease over the previous year. The previous year’s extension was \$321,935.72.

At the meeting, Perrott presented the working cash bond sale for \$590,000. The board passed the bond measure with no comment.

Principal John Engelman presented the SAT test score report from the spring. GSW had 37 juniors take the SAT in the spring.

These students are now

In other action, the board:

- maintained student fees at the same cost for the 2018-19 school year.
- reviewed the categories for the purpose of reduction in force list, as prescribed by Senate Bill 7.
- also reviewed the seniority list and made appropriate corrections.
- approved ordering new chemistry text books to replace books that are nearly 20 years old. Roughly 20 to 25 texts will be ordered. The text is “Chemistry: Matter & Change,” published by McGraw Hill Education, 2017.
- discussed the revitalization of the library/media center with work to begin this summer. A new area would be ready for students at the start of the 2018-19 school year.
- accepted the resignation of Samantha Siano, part-time cafeteria assistant.
- hired Kurt Fosnaugh, part-time cafeteria assistant.
- cancelled the Dec. 27 meeting, the second meeting for the month of December.

## Active Shooter Classes Set in Dwight This Month

The Dwight Police Department in cooperation with the Dwight Economic Alliance will be hosting classes for businesses and private citizens on what to do during an active shooter event.

Dwight Police Detective Gary Beier is a certified A.L.I.C.E. instructor. The acronym stands for Alert Lockdown Information Counter Evacuate and each letter represents strategies for dealing with an active shooter situation.

The first class is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m., Jan. 25, 2018, in the basement of the Dwight Public Services Complex.

Depending on attendance, they may hold four total classes, with the next ones scheduled for Feb. 8, Feb. 22, and March 15.

Classes will be limited to 25 people.

If a business, church or other organization would like to host classes, that could be facilitated.

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# 2017: A Glance Back Through The Pages of *The Paper*

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Tate came to Saunemin to see first-hand his home, which has been restored in Saunemin, where Cashier resided after his Civil War years.

## February, 2017

As part of the first step in the process of eliminating an abandoned building in Gardner, the village purchased the former Nielsen Grain Elevator land and building for \$60,000. The sale of the property

its Jan. 23 meeting, by acquiring a \$237,500 surety bond, required in the working cash bonding process. Superintendent Jeff Bryan explained to *The Paper* last week that the surety treasury bond is required as a kind of “insurance” when issuing a working cash bond. The surety bond is for 25% of the actual working cash bond.

Keith Lackner of Dwight is featured in the current issue of the national *Woodturning* magazine, published Jan. 26, issue number 302.

can do it,” he added, meaning his pieces are one-of-a-kind artwork.

The Herscher High School agriculture classroom greenhouse is nearly complete. This new greenhouse replaces the one built in 1990 by students in the agriculture department, which was constructed of three polycarbonate sides and a metal frame, with the fourth wall being the school building.

Over the years, the agriculture department purchased an aquaculture system and a hydroponics system which are housed in the greenhouse.

“After 25 years, the greenhouse has lasted past its useable life and is in need of multiple repairs, many of which cannot be done with the current structure,” wrote Megan Coy, former ag teacher at Herscher High School, in a presentation to the school board and potential donors in the community.

A pickup truck smashed into the front of the Mazon Post Office, Monday, Feb. 6, thankfully with no injuries.

But the post office building did not do so well.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 7, the Mazon Postmaster was working out of the Morris Post office for local deliveries.

A notice is posted at the Mazon Post Office stating that other than mail picked up at post office boxes, there will be no changes to mail delivery. There are 354 post office box customers in Mazon.

However, customers who have post office boxes must go to the Morris Post Office to retrieve their mail.

## March, 2017

The Seneca MB Financial Bank is now known as the First National Bank of Dwight, the company said in a news release Feb. 24.

The branch, at 395 S. Main Street in Seneca, was purchased by the First National Bank of Dwight on Dec. 10, 2016, as its first additional location. Full banking services are being offered at both branches.

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A PICKUP TRUCK driven by James Seerup, 76, of Mazon, accidentally crashed into the front of the Mazon Post Office in the early afternoon, Feb. 6. He and his wife, Linda, who was a passenger, were not injured. Police said he accidentally hit the accelerator when his foot slipped off the brake as he was going to park. The Mazon Post Office is temporarily closed due to the damage. All mail delivery will remain the same, but post office box mail will need to be picked up at the Morris Post Office.

of Dwight also has a well-established farm management and trust department, which is now available to area residents.

The Herscher Area Historical Society, with a 1,500 foot museum space at 190 S. Main Street, Herscher, is expanding now to include a second location: the former Schreffler Funeral Home, 161 West Myrtle, an additional 4,000 square feet of space.

Space is a premium for the Society because of the overwhelming support by the community resulting in the need for more storage and display space.

“This valuable, historical and beautiful 100-year-old home gives the Historical Society much needed space,” said Bob Voss, president of the HAHS, in a news release March 1.

Jill Haacke took the helm as Dwight Village Clerk Wednesday, March 1.

She is a candidate for the position on the April 4 Consolidated Election ballot, but she is running unopposed and the deadline has passed for write-in candidates.

The position has remained vacant since Patti Drechsel retired Dec. 31, 2015. Since that time, Village Administrator Kevin McNamara has been taking on double duty, acting as village clerk.

Needless to say, McNamara is pleased the

position was filled early.

(continued on page 8)



KEITH LACKNER turns wood on his lathe in his shop in Dwight. The lathe is a device that can rotate the wood to perform cutting, sanding, and shaping of the wood for such things as candlestick holders and table legs.

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closed Jan. 27. The board voted to buy the land and property at its Jan. 23 meeting.

“The village will be responsible for removing the abandoned building on the site,” Mayor Mike Serena told *The Paper* last week.

A nearly \$1 million working cash bond will be issued by Tri-Point to shore up red ink by the end of this school year.

The Tri-Point School Board began the process at

In addition, photos taken for the article, including the cover photo, were done by Dwight photo studio J7 Images, owned by Jake Carr.

Lackner, a 1994 graduate of Dwight Township High School, has developed a patented technique for blending acrylic resin with wood to make art piece vases and other vessels.

“It is acrylic infused into wood, and I have a patent on a special resin,” Lackner told *The Paper*.

“Nobody else out there



JILL HAACKE took over as the Dwight Village Clerk on Wednesday, March 1. She was appointed by the Village Board, being the sole candidate on the ballot for the April 4 election, with the deadline past for write-in candidates. Jill has her hand on the official seal of the Village of Dwight, as part of her duties include being the keeper of the seal utilized on official village documents.

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Fifteen not-for-profit agencies that provide programs and services locally in our community will benefit from the 2017/2018 Drive. People throughout the Dwight area benefit from the programs supported by the Dwight Community Chest; be it the Ministerial Society's Food Pantry, Peace Meal Program for seniors, Future's Unlimited, our local Girls and Boys Scouts, Against Domestic Violence, or Christmas for Kids to name a few.

It is the hope of the Dwight Community Chest that everyone during this season of giv-

ing can make one major donation that benefits many organizations.

While some solicitation letters will be sent out, everyone in The Paper reading area is invited to make a tax-deductible donation to the Community Chest at P.O. Box 132, Dwight, IL 60420.

The Community Chest Board asks people to give from their hearts. We in Dwight have much to be thankful for and residents are asked to show their thanks by making a contribution to the Dwight Community Chest.

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**Editor’s Corner**  
by Myke Feinman  
Managing Editor  
with assistance from  
U.S. Army Lt. Col. Dusty Harmony

## Internet Conspiracy or Just Paranoia?

I don’t want to sound paranoid, but I was reading an article about an interview critical of President Trump, and before I could finish reading the article, my Internet browser went offline, not once, not twice, but every time I would read one more line — over, and over, and over again — it kicked me off the browser.

It took me *forever* to read the entire article.

Maybe the “Powers that Be” did not want me to read it. As I said, it was very critical of our President, basically saying if not for the checks and balances in the U.S. Constitution, he would be our dictator. And he *would* be a dictator if he were in a country other than the U.S. That is the gist of the article.

Here is a small excerpt:  
**Max Boot, the Jeane J. Kirkpatrick senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, told Politico in an interview published Dec. 18 that Trump has “in many ways” been more destructive domestically than he**

**has abroad: “[Trump is] undermining the rule of law. He’s obstructing justice. He’s lending the support of the presidency to monsters like Roy Moore. He is exacerbating race relations. He is engaging in the most blatant xenophobia, racism and general bigotry that we have seen from the White House.”**

Is someone trying to prevent other people from reading this story by making it kick them off the internet repeatedly, making them give up trying to read it in frustration?

I guess normally I am not that paranoid, but why was only THAT article causing my internet to go bonkers? All the other ones I read did nothing and I was able to read them in full, including one with Donald Trump Jr. making fun of President Obama and one saying Trump still thinks Obama was not born in the U.S.

Was the NSA trying to obtain my identity while I was reading or was this just a way to frustrate readers so they would not finish the article?



Or worse, am I now on a political hit-list?

Well, maybe that is a little harsh, (he says with his tongue firmly planted in his cheek). After all, I was not shot for reading this critical article. My computer could have just been expressing its political opinion of Mr. Trump.

Wait. I got it. It is because I hang around with a teddy bear all day. That’s it. I must be under government watch because of my subversive activities with my bear.

To get to the bottom of this Internet mystery, I called upon my partner in crime, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Dusty Harmony, who is now serving in specials ops as an agent of B.E.A.R.

You probably never heard of B.E.A.R., which is an acronym for Bear Emergency And Rescue. He jumps out of airplanes (with a parachute) to rescue people stranded by natural disasters, airplane crashes, etc. He has been very busy in California with the recent fires.

But Dusty took time away from his busy schedule to look into my mystery.

Here is what he wrote to me from California:  
“Hi Myke,  
I am getting a little toasted here in smoky Southern California, but the winds are finally starting to die down. I checked with my colleagues in the special forces and they inform me that there is no power over the internet kicking people out if they read something the government does not want you to read.  
“So, in effect, freedom of thought and free will is still alive and well in the good old U.S.A.  
“Even freedom of the press, despite all this nonsense about fake news, is very strong and covering the real news. So keep up the good work at The Paper of Dwight and keep on telling the stories people need to hear. Nothing is preventing you from telling it like it is thanks to the First Amendment.

Love,  
Dusty”

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D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family one-story residence; five rooms, including three bedrooms and one bathroom, plus crawl space and one-car attached carport.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: January 23, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

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## New Illinois Bicycle Traffic Laws Went Into Effect Monday, January 1

Three new Illinois bicycle traffic laws went into effect Jan. 1.

The most notable change in traffic law will allow drivers to pass bicycles in a no-passing zone in order to improve cyclist safety and traffic flow on the road. Under certain conditions when it's safe to do so, it will be legal for drivers to cross the solid no-passing centerline into the oncoming lane in order to pass a cyclist by at least three feet, the minimum legal clearance.

The new legislation also officially legalizes bicycling on road shoulders, a common safety practice of cyclists, and allows cyclists to use a rear tail light instead of the legally required rear reflector when bicycling at night.

The traffic bill, House Bill 1784, was proposed by Ride Illinois, a nonprofit bicycle advocacy organization dedicated to improving bicycling conditions and safety throughout the state. Filed back in January, HB1784 was sponsored and led through the General Assembly by State Rep. Tim Butler of Springfield and State Sen. Heather Steans of Chicago.

The legislation unanimously passed both chambers in May, and was signed into law by the governor in September. The new legislation went into effect on Jan. 1.

“This new legislation legalizes some common motorist and bicyclist traffic practices,” said Ed Barsotti, Ride Illinois’ Chief Programs Officer. “The intent is to make the roads safer while improving car-bicycle interactions.”

Long no-passing zones on two-lane roads commonly present a problem for drivers trying to legally pass a bicyclist with at least three feet of clearance. The travel lanes of most roads lack the width needed for drivers to safely and legally pass a cyclist with at least three feet of clearance while staying within the lane.

In this common situation, most motorists do cross solid centerlines to pass cyclists anyway.

However, some drivers choose to pass the cyclist too closely to obey the no-passing zone, and in doing so, illegally squeeze by within the same, too-narrow lane - a scary maneuver sometimes leading to sideswipe crashes.

For long no-passing zones, those drivers obeying both the no-passing zone and the three-foot passing law may not be able to pass a bicycle for a long time.

Under the new law, a motorist may overtake and pass to the left of a bicycle in a no-passing zone when: (1) the bicycle is traveling at a speed of less than half of the posted speed limit; (2) the driver is able to overtake and pass the bicycle without exceeding the posted speed limit; and (3) there is sufficient distance to the left of the centerline.

The driver must also pass with at least three feet clearance of the bicycle - a distance mandated by state law.

The new legislation also legalizes bicycling on shoulders, a common safety practice of biking. Illinois law largely restricts vehicles driving on a shoulder, with some specified exceptions (e.g. farm tractors and equipment), and the new law adds bicycles to the list of exceptions.

Having this legal clarity will benefit cyclists as well as road agencies desiring to sign or otherwise designate bicycle routes having paved shoulders. Bicycling on shoulders is not required, however, as there are situations for which cyclists should not ride on a shoulder.

The last provision of the new legislation will allow cyclists to use a rear, red tail light instead of (or in addition to) the currently required rear, red reflector when bicycling at night.

Today's improved bicycle light technology has much greater visibility than reflectors, and many bicyclists solely use rear lights already.


Eight states and the City of Chicago already allow either a light or reflector in their vehicle code, and Illinois joined the group beginning Jan. 1.

## Grundy County Administration Building Is Warming Center

On behalf of the Grundy County Board under direction from the County Chairman, Chris Balkema, the County would like to ensure the residents of Grundy County are aware the County Administration building, located at 1320 Union Street in Morris, is a

designated warming center. The warming center will be open during regular business hours: Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free transportation to the Administration building will be offered through the

Grundy Transit Service (GTS). If you need a ride to the Grundy County Administration building, please call GTS dispatch at 1-888-786-0862 and they will schedule your free ride as soon as possible. Return rides will be scheduled between 4 to 5 p.m. These rides will be offered to the remainder of this week or as long as the warming center remains open. The administration building offers a vending machine, tables and chairs located in the cafeteria of the facility with restrooms located just down the hall. All visitors must sign in and out as needed, keep their area clean, and adhere to building rules. For questions please call the Health Department at 815-941-3404.




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**Livingston County Humane Society  
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OBITUARIES

Michael Monferdini

SOUTH WILM-  
INGTON — Michael  
“Weiner” Monfer-  
dini, 65, of South  
Wilmington passed  
away Wednesday,  
December 27, 2017  
at his home.

The visitation is  
today, Wednesday,  
January 3, from 4 until 8  
p.m. at the R.W. Patterson  
Funeral Home.

His funeral service will  
be at the Funeral Home  
Thursday, January 4, at 10  
a.m. Rev. John Hornicak  
will officiate.

Interment with military  
honors will be in Abraham  
Lincoln National Cemetery,  
Elwood, time to be deter-  
mined.

He was born December  
18, 1952, son of William and  
Eleanor Marketti Monfer-  
dini.

He was a veteran of the  
United States Army; mem-  
ber of the Carpenter’s  
Union, Local #916, and  
served as trustee from 2008-  
2011.

Mike was a member of



St. Lawrence  
Catholic Church in  
South Wilmington.  
He enjoyed all out-  
door activities,  
especially hunting,  
fishing, farming,  
and cutting grass.  
He loved watching  
his son work on his  
race truck and “taking  
a ride,” but most of all he  
enjoyed laughing with fami-  
ly and friends.

Surviving are three  
daughters: Elli (Jamie)  
Wilkey of Gardner; Angi  
(Burt) Neitzer of Gardner;  
and Kimi Monferdini of  
South Wilmington; one son,  
Michael (Leah Hajdu) of  
Gardner; five grandchildren:  
Nate Seabert, Cole Mack,  
Caydan Landry, Tyler  
Wilkey, and Jaci Wilkey;  
and one sister, Nancy  
Monferdini of California.

Preceding him in death  
were his parents; and one  
sister, Patti Connor.

To visit his online guest-  
book, log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or  
on Facebook.

August Woods

DWIGHT —  
August “Augie”  
Woods, 87, of  
Dwight passed away  
Sunday, December  
24, 2017 at Heritage  
Health in Dwight  
surrounded by his  
family.

Cremation rites  
were accorded.

Augie was born February  
4, 1930 in Raleigh Lake, IL,  
a son of August and Myrtle  
Sassenger Woods. He mar-  
ried Frances Kissiar in 1953.  
He later married Nancy  
Kruse on March 23, 1979.  
She survives in Dwight.

He is also survived by  
daughters: Debra (Gary)  
Thorson, Kathy Woods, and  
Carolyn Woods; a son,  
Michael (Jeana) Woods, all  
of Dwight; step-children:  
Christopher (Carol) Whitson  
of Glen Ellyn; David  
(Karen) Whitson of  
Wauconda; and Michael  
Whitson of Las Vegas,  
Nevada.

Grandchildren:  
Stephanie, Michael, Beth  
Ann, Emily, Bryan; step-  
grandchildren: Matthew,  
Zachary, Allyson and Bryan;  
many great-grandchildren;  
a sister, Lorraine Hollis;  
grand-nieces: Casey and  
Nicki Kellums, all of  
Arkansas; sister, Elva Jean;  
and brothers: Byron and  
Charles Woods, all survive.

He was preceded in death  
by his parents; beloved  
uncle and aunt, Ralph and  
Bernice Sassenger; brother-  
in-law, Ed Hollis; nephew,  
Tony Catritias; and niece,  
Tina Kellums.

In 1949, Augie was hired  
into Caterpillar in Peoria,  
where he worked until the  
Korean War began and he  
was called away to serve in  
the United States Army in  
1950. He was trained at the  
101st Army basic training  
facility at Breckenridge,



Kentucky, and  
served his country  
in the 7th Army  
Constabulary in  
Germany, helping to  
hold the Iron  
Curtain in the  
mountains.

After his time in  
the Army he  
returned to work for  
Caterpillar at the Joliet  
Plant, where he worked until  
he retired in 1985. Augie  
was an Honorary Lifetime  
Member of the American  
Legion Post 486, in which  
he held many titles over the  
years including Post  
Commander, Adjutant and  
service officer. He was also  
a lifetime member of the  
Dwight Veterans of Foreign  
Wars Post 2608, where he  
served as Commander, Post  
Quartermaster and service  
officer at various times. He  
sold real estate for Coldwell  
Banker for several years in  
the Dwight and Morris area.

He loved sports, but his  
passion was for baseball. He  
was an avid St. Louis  
Cardinal fan and was  
involved in local youth base-  
ball including the Little,  
Pony and American Legion  
Leagues, and always said  
the job could not have been  
done without his friend and  
coach, Henry Lund.

Memorial services were  
at 11 a.m., Friday, December  
29, at Hager Memorial  
Home, Dwight.

Burial: McDowell  
Cemetery, rural Dwight, fol-  
lowing the services. Full  
Military Honors were  
accorded.

Visitation was from 10  
a.m. until the services  
Friday.

Memorials may be made  
to the charity of the donor’s  
choice.

Condolences may be left  
at:  
[www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

Morris Hospital Announces  
Upcoming Cancer Support

The Radiation Therapy  
Center of Morris Hospital has  
announced its schedule of can-  
cer support programs for  
January. Programs will be held  
at the Radiation Therapy Center  
of Morris Hospital, 1600 West  
U.S. Route 6 in Morris.

The “I Can Cope” cancer  
support group for individuals  
with any type of cancer will be  
held Thursday, January 11,  
from 1-3 p.m. This month’s  
topic focuses on mobilizing  
resources and support for peo-  
ple diagnosed with cancer.

The Support for People with  
Oral and Head and Neck  
Cancer (SPOHNC) support  
group will meet on Monday,  
January 15, from 2-3 p.m.

SPOHNC is a patient-directed,  
self-help organization dedicated  
to meeting the emotional, phys-  
ical and humanistic needs of  
people with oral and head and  
neck cancer and their care-  
givers. The SPOHNC Morris  
chapter meets monthly and is  
led by a speech pathologist and  
registered nurse from Morris  
Hospital’s Radiation Therapy  
Center.

All cancer support programs  
are free. To register, go  
[www.morrishospital.org/events](http://www.morrishospital.org/events) or  
call the Radiation Therapy  
Center of Morris Hospital at  
815-364-8915. Registration is  
not needed for the SPOHNC  
support group.

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More Obituaries  
appear on page 13.

VILLAGE OF ODELL ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 04/17	
REVENUE SUMMARY: PROPERTY TAX \$43,409.55 - UTILITY TAX \$44,388.62 - LIQUOR LIC/NEV PERMITS \$715.00 - FRANCHISE LICENSES \$687.99 - BUILDING PERMITS \$812.24 - STATE INCOME TAX \$99,592.45 - REPLACEMENT TAX \$8,569.16 - PHOTO TAX \$26,602.75 - LOCAL SHARE VIDEO GAMING TAX \$10,071.57 - SALES TAX \$64,842.46 - ROAD & BRIDGE TAX \$7,927.19 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX \$18,740.15 - FINES - COURT/OTHER \$1,386.27 - GARBAGE PENALTIES \$10,341.02 - GARBAGE SALES \$74,236.75 - INTEREST INCOME \$3,747.52 - DONATIONS RECEIVED \$474.03 - MISCELLANEOUS INCOME \$2,950.00 - INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER \$2,471.59 - PROPERTY TAXES \$27,367.98 - RECEIPTS/MDSE SALES \$53,093.38 - WATER SALES \$124,411.92 - TAP-ON-FEES \$851.00 - TURN ON FEES \$100.00 - FARMER METER \$7,526.50 - SEWER CHARGES/SALES \$42,788.57 - TOTAL REVENUES: \$678,105.66.	
COMPENSATION SUMMARY: UNDER \$25,000.00 BULLARD, JOAN - LAMBERT, LISA J - TISSIERE, MARK D. - NOONAN, THOMAS ANTHONY - MCPEEK JOHNSON, JAMIE E. - VERDUN, BRIAN E - MILLS, BRIAN K. - REBHOLZ, JAMES E - FOSTER, CLARENCE RAY ANTHONY - VERDUN, CATHERINE - GRIEFF, EDITH A - BRANZ, EILEEN M - JOYNER, TERRY M - NABORS, MICHAEL A - Between \$25,000.00 and \$49,999.99 THORNE, IRIS A - ARMOUR, GROVER T. - Between \$50,000.00 and \$74,999.99 RIBORDY, RICHARD J. - TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$181,674.15.	
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: ACE HARDWARE-WALNUT ST., \$1,048.04 - ACE IN THE HOLE, INC \$8,387.40 - ALL SEASONS ROOFING \$4,210.00 - ANDREWS ENGINEERING, INC \$9,519.30 - AT&T \$1,336.83 - IRS FINANCIAL AGENT \$14,030.91 - ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIRE \$14,251.97 - BTL GWODZ \$974.00 - BIG R STORE \$1,595.28 - BOHM'S PST \$651.67 - BP \$2,218.03 - BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH, INC \$2,623.00 - BSN SPORTS, LLC \$1,476.43 - ALEX BRADBURY \$6,955.00 - CAUGHEY, LEGNER & FREEHIL \$8,306.74 - COMED \$54,650.29 - CON-MAN PAINTING \$660.00 - CORE & MAIN LP \$9,814.50 - BRIAN FEARMAN \$1,652.00 - DONNELL'S PRINTING \$657.64 - FARNSWORTH GROUP \$23,804.75 - FRONTIER \$5,000.20 - EVERGREEN FS, INC. \$6,170.60 - GASVODA & ASSOCIATES, INC \$10,957.00 - GLCEDC \$2,092.00 - HACH CO. \$2,096.80 - HARN R/O SYSTEMS, INC. \$4,052.91 - HAWKINS, INC \$7,684.14 - ILLINOIS DEPT OF REVENUE \$3,550.00 - ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PR \$4,018.25 - ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE \$27,217.08 - IRIS A THORNE \$3,152.85 - JAMES P ABRY \$1,212.90 - JUST HOLDINGS LLC \$22,000.00 - KELLY ELECTRIC \$8,043.92 - KELLY SAUDER RUIPER EQUI \$6,143.38 - KANKAKEE VALLEY CONSTRUCT \$754.40 - TREASURER LIVINGSTON COUN \$2,206.55 - LGHP - SHARED SERVICES CE \$76,852.00 - LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF \$11,083.33 - LOCIS \$2,249.25 - LOVELL EXCAVATION \$2,047.50 - FRANK C VOLKMAN \$2,110.00 - MARK TISSIERE \$1,700.00 - MEDIACOM LLC \$719.40 - MELTON ELECTRIC \$7,486.00 - MICKEY'S LINEN & TOWEL SU \$952.85 - NATIONAL HISTORIC ROUTE 6 \$986.75 - NATURE, INC \$687.50 - NI-COR GAS CO. \$2,178.80 - NORRIS TRUCKING \$2,500.00 - OPPERMAN CONSTRUCTION \$3,952.50 - MARY BOMA \$883.00 - PDC LABORATORIES INC. \$1,632.98 - PHILLIPS & ASSOCIATES, CP \$5,186.20 - PUTNAM COUNTY PAINTING \$28,800.00 - DESTINATION PRODUCTS, L.L \$9,845.96 - REPUBLIC SERVICES #366 \$67,501.17 - RICH RIBORDY \$1,503.66 - RIEGER MOTORS \$1,698.80 - RAILROAD MANAGEMENT , CO. \$2,876.17 - JEAN KIRKEL \$7,116.69 - DANIEL RENTZ \$1,885.20 - STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT \$29,659.87 - SCOTT CALDWELL \$925.00 - STEFFENS 3-D CONSTRUCTION \$20,762.09 - STEVE KERN \$1,670.00 - T.A.W. PROMOTIONS \$1,273.68 - LEE ENTERPRISES - CENTRAL \$1,261.33 - TRIPLE T SALES & SERVICE \$8,247.09 - RICK A TUCKER \$4,046.00 - UNIVAR \$6,461.58 - USA BLUEBOOK \$1,564.16 - U.S. POST OFFICE \$1,214.64 - VALLEY VIEW INDUSTRIES \$4,900.05 - VILLAGE OF ODELL \$11,546.69 - WATER PRODUCTS CO OF ILLI \$1,432.20 - All other disbursements Less Than ( 599 ) \$14,141.36 - TOTAL VENDORS: \$638,718.21.	

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION						
	GENERAL FUND	MFT MONEY MARKET	I.M.R.F. FUND	ODELL TOURISM	WATER IMPROVEMENTS STATE GRANT F	WALKING/BIKING DEBT CASH ACCT
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$537,546.07	\$99,207.97	\$3,628.12CR	\$31,035.58	\$25,000.00	\$ .00
Revenues	\$383,128.03	\$27,022.77	\$27,367.98	\$53,586.77	\$ .00	\$ .00
Expenditures	\$408,984.35	\$40,465.09	\$27,462.28	\$47,482.22	\$ .00	\$ .00
Other Financing						
Sources	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$25,000.00CR	\$ .00
Uses	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$511,689.75	\$85,765.65	\$3,722.42CR	\$37,140.13	\$ .00	\$ .00
	CDAP GRANT #07-242029	DCCA GRANT FUND	G.O. BONDS	WATER DEBT CASH ACCOUNT	WATER FUND	SEWER FUND
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$938,598.28	\$745,864.86
Revenues	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$139,813.23	\$44,715.29
Expenditures	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$201,143.75	\$56,092.38
Other Financing						
Sources	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$27,471.59	\$ .00
Uses	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$60,217.59	\$67,143.00
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$844,521.76	\$667,344.77
	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT				
Beginning Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$ .00	\$ .00				
Revenues	\$ .00	\$ .00				
Expenditures	\$ .00	\$ .00				
Other Financing						
Sources	\$ .00	\$ .00				
Uses	\$ .00	\$ .00				
Ending Fund Balance						
Retained Earnings	\$ .00	\$ .00				

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- 2018 -

It's here, it's finally here, 2018 has walked its way through the doorway and is now upon us. For this column I just wanted to touch on a few things that come along with the new calendar.

The first one is that, I think I'm done with paying to go to any sort of New Year's Eve event from here on out, done it the last couple years, and it always leaves something to be desired from the event, so I think from here on out, it's just going to be a small get-together at someone's place. The times where I've done that it always seems to end up being more fun.

My second thing I wanted to touch on is goals. I'm a big goal-oriented person. I really think that they help with keeping you moving in the right direction, and always give you something to build for. Each year I like to have 3 or 4; quantifiable ones are easier to judge progress on, but I usually have a few that aren't, and are a little more subjective.

My next point is a suggestion to the people who decide the dates of holidays. I'm proposing that Christmas and New Year's Day every year should be on a Sunday. I know the obvious hurdle here is that the last day of the year decides when New Year's Eve is. I would propose that every year February gets used as a flex month, and however many days need to be added, or subtracted to make the holiday fall on a Sunday, then that's just what happens. The reason for Sunday being the holiday, is then you get the day after off every year, Monday would be the observed holiday, because having to work the day after Christmas and New Year's Eve is not ideal.

That's it though, those are my early ideas for 2018.

Aaron J. Boma  
2016 ISU Graduate

Support for Pulmonary Disease

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers will hold the next meeting of its Breathers' Support Group on Friday, January 19, from 10-11 a.m. in the Family Birthing Suites classroom at Morris Hospital, 150 W. High Street, Morris. The support group is for individuals with chronic lung disease, including COPD, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, and pulmonary fibrosis. This month's topic is nutrition and diet for people with chronic lung disease. During the support group portion of the meeting, participants have an opportunity to participate in general discussions about ways to manage their condition, gain emotional support, and share their experiences with others. Light refreshments will be served.

On Thursday, January 25, individuals with chronic pulmonary disease are invited to participate in Morris Hospital's free Harmonica Group from 11-11:30 a.m. at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital, 100 W. Gore Road, Morris. The group meets the last Thursday of every month. Participation is especially encouraged for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, and pulmonary fibrosis, as harmonica playing encourages deep breathing, promotes pursed lip breathing exercise, strengthens the diaphragm and other breathing muscles, and increases oxygen intake. Harmonica playing has been equated to weight lifting for the lungs. Participants should bring their own harmonica if possible. Prior harmonica playing experience is not required. Light snacks will be provided.

For more information, call Morris Hospital's Pulmonary Rehabilitation at 815-705-7837.

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# 2017: A Glance Back Through The Paper

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## March, 2017

The Essex Fire Protection District has completed construction, outside and inside, on its new fire station building, an addition to the station on Main Street in downtown Essex.

An open house will be held at the new structure from noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 12.

The new station, located just north of the existing station which will also continue to be in use, includes three truck bays, a new radio room, a training room, offices for the Chief, Assistant Chief, EMS Coordinator, District Secretary and Officers.

There is also a lounge

area and kitchen.

The old station has another six truck bays, smaller meeting room, district office and radio room.

## April, 2017

Illinois farmers exported \$2.3 billion in soybeans to foreign countries in 2016, the second highest export in the state, second only to petroleum products.

The prior year (2015), Illinois exported \$1.5 billion in soybeans, with soybeans ranking the fourth highest grossing export, according to data released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau.

“Illinois is the top soybean producer in the nation,” Mark Albertson, marketing director for the Illinois Soybean Associa-



KIEDRA MEECE, formerly Kiedra Cuddy of rural Campus, was named Police Officer of the Year for the Village of Minooka. She is pictured after she was presented the award by the Minooka Village Board last month. Submitted photo

and 76% of them will transition these businesses within 10 years, 48% in five years. This equates to \$10 trillion of wealth to be transitioned/exited in the next 10 years.

So what does that mean for small town America such as those towns served by The Paper?

“Too many unplanned businesses closing or selling can really kill a community,” said Jeff Vekony of Focal Point Coaching and Training Excellence who spoke April 11 to a group of more than 100 business and community leaders for greater Livingston County at the American Legion Hall in downtown Chatsworth.

Among those attending were representatives from the villages of Dwight, Reddick, Cullom and Cabery.

Union Hill Sales and Service, a New Holland farm implement dealer, needed some elbow room.

So it purchased 20 acres of farmland fronting the north end of Route 17 a half-mile north of the village of Union Hill, where the dealership is situated.

Eventually, the plan is to move the dealership to the Route 17 location, according to manager Kerry Patchett.

## May, 2017

Peritus Plastics, which occupies the space formerly utilized by ITW, opened its doors for business April 3 in Mazon.

The factory, located in the Mazon Industrial Park, northeast of the residential area, at 804 Commercial Drive, produces roughly 50 different automotive parts for various clients, who own the molds and the injection-molded plastic presses.

The plant is open 24-

hours-a-day, five days a week, using three shifts.

There are 23 employees, most of whom are full-time with some temp workers.

Many employees are from the “greater” Mazon area including Dwight, Ottawa, Morris and Mazon.

The State of Illinois is allowing the former Dwight Correctional Center to go to seed, so the Department of Human Services pulled its paper records that were warehoused there.

Meanwhile, the state is paying \$2.4 million to warehouse those records over five years in Springfield at a former furniture store building.

The reason: the Correctional Center building is falling apart.

A group of Dwight ladies have rocks in their heads.

To be precise, they have “designs to be painted and decorated on rocks” in their heads.

Today (May 24) marks the launch of “Dwight Rocks,” a project and Facebook page to find and place decorated rocks” around the village.

“The idea is to just give somebody a smile,” said Judy Cashmer, one of the ladies who started the Dwight Rocks facebook page.

“If you find a rock you can keep it, but you are supposed to replace it,” she explained.

(to be continued next week)

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tion, told The Paper last week. Iowa ranks number two in soybeans.

Last year's crop was a record-breaker at nearly 593 billion bushels, compared to 544 million in 2015.

Kiedra Cuddy Meece, who has been a police officer in Minooka for 17 years and formerly resided in rural Campus, has been named Minooka's Police Officer of the Year for 2016.

Meece, a 1993 graduate of Herscher High School, worked as a police officer in Dwight from June 1997 to December 1999.

After her stint on the Dwight Police force, she secured employment as a patrol officer for the Village of Minooka, where she has held a position as police officer for 17 years.

Baby Boomers, the generation born from 1946 to 1964, currently own 63% of private businesses in the United States of America.

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# SPORTS

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## DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

### Friday, December 22 Dwight vs. Pontiac Varsity -

The Trojans dropped a non-conference game against Pontiac on the road, 78-30, on December 22.

Lane Thompson led Dwight with eight points on the night. Dakota Wahl and JC Santos added six and five points, respectively, while Brandon Ceylor scored four. Cole Hahn and Morgan Fritz had two points each.

### Tuesday, December 26 Dwight vs. Spring Valley Hall Varsity -

#### Marseilles Holiday Tournament

Dwight fell 71-49 to Spring Valley Hall in opening round play of the Marseilles Holiday Tournament on December 26.

Dakota Wahl led with 11 points, followed by Colton Holm's ten. Lane Thompson contributed eight points, while Cole Hahn scored five. Brandon Ceylor and Morgan Fritz had four points each, with Caden Schroeder scoring three. Bobby Ruder and Tyler Masching both scored two points.

### Wednesday, December 27 Dwight vs. Coal City Freshmen -

The freshmen Trojans took on Coal City December 27, falling 47-22.

Isaac Telford led Dwight with eight points.

#### Dwight vs. Morris Freshmen -

Dwight lost to Morris, 40-32, in freshmen boys basketball action December 27.

Andrew Harsh led the team with eight points, followed by Carson Crouch and Caden Schroeder with seven each.

#### Dwight vs. Somonauk Varsity -

#### Marseilles Holiday Tournament

Somonauk took out Dwight, 42-35, in the consolation bracket of the Marseilles Holiday Tourney.

The Trojans were led in scoring by Dakota Wahl's 16. Colton Holm put in two threes, with Brandon Ceylor scoring four points. Cole Hahn hit a three, while Morgan Fritz added two points.

### Thursday, December 28 Dwight vs. Midland (Varna) Varsity -

#### Marseilles Holiday

#### Tournament

Dakota Wahl led all scorers with 21 points – including six treys – to help Dwight defeat Midland, 60-54, in Marseilles Holiday Tournament play.

A big 16-point fourth quarter made all the difference in the game for the Trojans – who nailed four threes in the final frame.

Lane Thompson had 13 points, with Colton Holm scoring 11 (three three-pointers). Brandon Ceylor and Morgan Fritz each scored five points, while Bryson Connor and Cole Hahn had three and two points, respectively.

### Friday, December 29 Dwight vs. Putnam County Varsity -

The Trojans were back in Marseilles December 29, dropping a close decision to Putnam County, 41-35.

Leading Dwight in scoring was Dakota Wahl with 20 points, including four tri-fectas. Colton Holm had nine points on three threes, followed by Cole Hahn, Morgan Fritz, and Lane Thompson with two points each.

Dwight plays at home against Clifton Central Friday night.



DAKOTA WAHL, above left, led all Varsity Trojans in scoring in the final game of the Marseilles Holiday Tournament.

DTHS TROJANS, clockwise, Cole Hahn, Lane Thompson and Bryson Connor attacked the paint in the Marseilles Holiday Tournament.

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DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 26  
Dwight vs. Paw Paw  
Varsity -  
Earlville-Leland  
Christmas Tournament

The Lady Trojans played their first game of the Earlville-Leland Christmas Tournament December 26, beating Paw Paw 63-44 behind some aggressive play.

Leading the way for Dwight was Mel Stewart with 21 points and seven boards. Kayla Kodat added 12 points, while Leah Flynn and Lucy Rieke each scored eight points and contributed ten and nine rebounds, respectively.

Wednesday, December 27  
Dwight vs.  
Aurora Christian  
Varsity -  
Earlville-Leland  
Christmas Tournament

In semi-final action of the Earlville-Leland Christmas Tourney, Dwight defeated Aurora Christian, 44-39, to advance to the championship.

The Lady Trojans had a huge 20-point first quarter and hung on from there.

Lucy Rieke led all scorers with 12 points, while Brooklyn Long added ten.

Mel Stewart ended with nine points, including a big fourth quarter three-pointer. Chloe Butterbrodt put in six points, with Leah Flynn adding four points and 14 boards. Kodat nailed a three.

Thursday, December 28  
Dwight vs. Earlville-Leland  
Varsity -  
Earlville-Leland  
Christmas Tournament

The Earlville-Leland Christmas Tournament championship was a battle, to say the least, when Dwight went up against the Tourney hosts, Earlville-Leland – falling just short, 47-41.

The Lady Trojans led most of the game, but were outscored 22-12 in the fourth quarter.

Brooklyn Long led with ten points, including two threes, while Leah Flynn added eight points and 14 boards. Melissa Stewart – who was named to the All-Tournament Team – and Lucy Rieke each had seven points, followed by Butterbrodt’s five. Kodat and Masching made a basket each.

Dwight is now 7-6 on the season.



DWIGHT VARSITY GIRLS finished the Earlville-Leland Christmas Tournament with a second place trophy. MEL STEWART, at right, earned All-Tournament Team honors. Other DTHS Lady Trojans pictured top to bottom are, Lucy Rieke, Chloe Butterbrodt, Brooklyn Long, Stewart and Kayla Kodat, far right.

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Gasoline prices across the nation surged another 4.4 cents after the Christmas holiday after increasing 2.2 cents the prior week. Gas prices averaged \$2.487 as of Friday, Dec. 29.

“Building on the economic momentum of 2017, drivers appear ready to continue their ever-increasing appetite for gasoline, extending a series of month-to-month increases in consumption compared to the previous year, which was itself a record,” said Dan McTeague, analyst for GasBuddy.com. “Combined with increasing oil and fuel exports from the U.S. to global destinations, unforeseen refinery disruptions or weather-related events like hurricanes or the cold snap now hitting the Great Lakes and Northeast, a more expensive year ahead is a given.”

Average U.S. gallon regular price is made up of 18% state & local taxes; 12% distribution and marketing; 17% refining and 53% crude as of November 2017.

City/Village	Dec. 29	Dec. 22
Dwight	\$2.49	\$2.466
Seneca	\$2.436	\$2.266
S. Wilmington	\$2.39	\$2.39
Streator	\$2.462	\$2.184
Odell	\$2.47	\$2.415
Saunemin	\$2.39	\$2.39
Cullom	\$2.39	\$2.39
Pontiac	\$2.422	\$2.388
Gardner	\$2.39	\$2.39
Braceville	\$2.39	\$2.39
Mazon	\$2.35	\$2.37
Morris	\$2.376	\$2.326
Herscher	\$2.39	\$2.39
Kankakee	\$2.342	\$2.452
Chicago	\$2.85	\$2.77
Illinois	\$2.66	\$2.58
U.S.	\$2.487	\$2.443

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

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April 17  
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June 19  
July 17  
August 21  
September 18  
October 16  
November 20  
December 18

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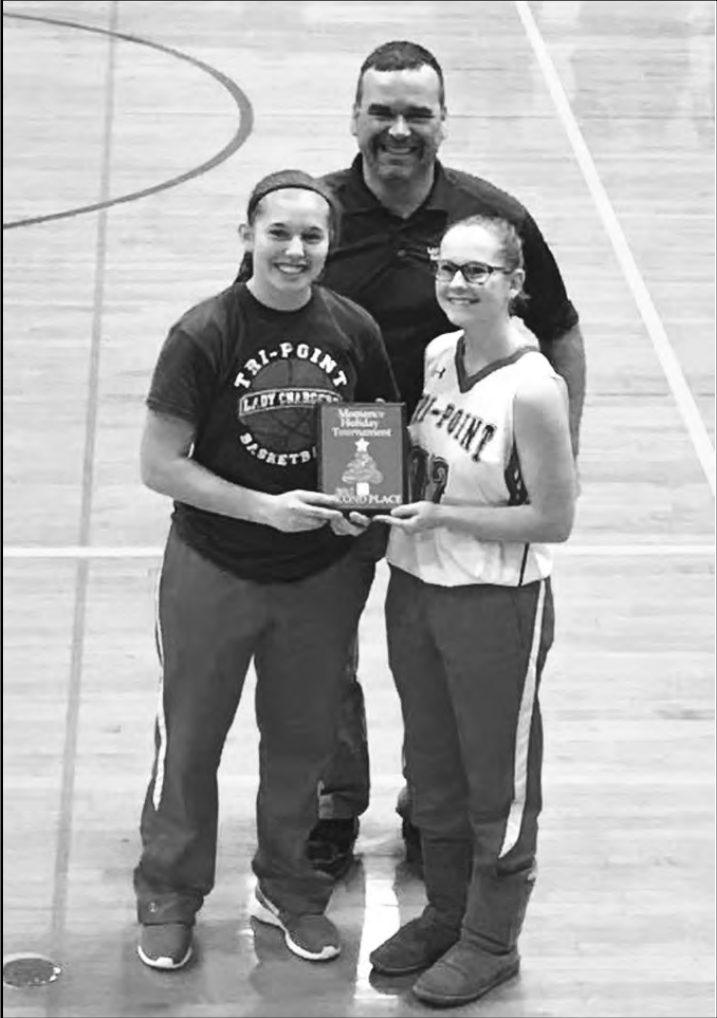
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THE TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS took second place in the Momence Holiday Tournament, posting a record of 3-1 in the tourney. On December 27, the girls beat Wilmington 42-36, but would fall to Momence 43-30 later in the day. Tri-Point defeated St. Anne, 47-23, and Donovan, 39-23, in action December 28 to secure second place. Pictured are Coach Patterson and Captains Abby Kerrins and Beth Houck receiving their plaque.



SENECA  
LADY IRISH  
BASKETBALL

Wednesday, December 27  
Seneca vs. Princeton  
Varsity -  
St. Bede Christmas

During St. Bede Christmas Tournament action over the weekend, the Lady Irish defeated Princeton, 51-40.

Lyda Robinson and Lexi Greve had 15 and 14 points, respectively, to lead their team. Abriana Jashari contributed ten points.  
Seneca vs. Lamoille-Ohio  
Varsity -  
St. Bede Christmas Tournament  
Seneca dismantled Lamoille-Ohio, 65-18, when they met in St. Bede Christmas Tourney play December 27.

Lyda Robinson and Lexi Greve put in 13 and 12 points, respectively. Abe Jashari added ten points, with Alyson Hauch scoring eight.

Friday, December 29  
Seneca vs. Mendota  
Varsity -  
St. Bede Christmas Tournament

The Lady Irish placed third overall in the St. Bede Christmas Tournament, defeating Mendota 40-37 on December 29.

Seneca trailed heading into the final quarter, but would outscore their opponent 15-7 to snag the "W."

Lexi Greve led with ten points, while Lyda Robinson and Sara Cahill contributed eight and seven points, respectively.

Greve and Robinson were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Happy  
New Year!  
- 2018 -

Paper Bowl XVII - Week 16

Week 16 of Paper Bowl XVII had our largest participation this year with 96 entries, which was no surprise as the stakes were higher than ever.

Of these 96 submissions, 22 had either 11 or 12 correct. None were winners however as Tony Geschke of Joliet outguessed them all with 13 correct picks.

Congratulations, Tony!

Drop off locations for week 16 were Planning Associates, Bank of Pontiac, Old World Liquors, Victory Lanes and Streator Onized.

Keep playing Paper Bowl through the playoffs all the way to the Big Game.

Thanks to all our players and good luck!

Sponsor Results - Week 16

Paper Bowl XVII  
Sponsor Challenge Results Week 16

Planning Associates (11-3) over Berkot's (default)  
First National Bank (11-3) over SOCU (10-4)  
Danko's State Farm (11-3) over DeLong Ford (default)  
Bank of Pontiac (11-3) over Dwight Country Club (default)  
Old World Liquor (default) over Country Mansion (default) tie-breaker  
Jensen's BP (default) over Victory Lanes (default)  
LPL Steve Tock (11-3) over DQ (10-4)

Paper Bowl XVII  
Standings after Week 16

North		South	
Planning Associates	13-3	Bank of Pontiac	16-0
DQ	9-7	Danko - State Farm	13-3
Jensens	5-11	LPL	13-3
Country Mansion	3-13	FNB	10-6
OWL	3-12	SOCU	9-7
Victory Lanes	3-13	Dwight	
Berkot's	2-14	Country Club	6-10
		Delong Ford	4-12



GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, December 26  
GSW vs. Plainfield South  
Varsity -

The Lady Panthers were dealt a 63-33 loss at the hands of Plainfield South on December 26.

Kaylee Steichen and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh each had nine points to lead GSW, while Paige Patterson put in seven, including a three-pointer. Hennessy, Fair, Storm, and McDaniel each added two points.

Asbridge, Patterson, Hennessy, Halpin, and McDaniel scoring two each. Fair hit a free throw.

Thursday, December 28  
GSW vs. Joliet Catholic  
Varsity -

The Lady Panthers took a 40-30 loss from Joliet Catholic on December 28, dropping to 10-7 on the season.

Leading GSW in scoring

was Paige Patterson and Kaitlynn Kavanaugh with nine points each. Kaylee Steichen added eight. Asbridge and Storm each contributed two points.

Friday, December 29  
GSW vs. Beecher  
Varsity -  
Peotone Tournament

GSW's girls defeated Beecher, 39-22, in Peotone Tournament play December 29 - finishing 1-3 in the tourney.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh and Madelyn Storm led the Lady Panthers with nine points each. Paige Patterson put up seven points, with Steichen scoring six. Hennessy had four points, followed by two each from Asbridge and McDaniel.



Wednesday, December 27  
GSW vs. Kankakee  
Varsity -

Kankakee took out GSW 66-39 December 27.

Kaitlynn Kavanaugh led the Lady Panthers with 15 points, followed by eight from Kaylee Steichen. Storm had five points, with

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1. Who will win in FOOTBALL?  
A. Buffalo at  
B. Jacksonville

2. Who will win in FOOTBALL?  
A. Tennessee at  
B. Kansas City

3. Who will win in FOOTBALL?  
A. Atlanta at  
B. Los Angeles (Rams)

4. Who will win in FOOTBALL?  
A. Panthers at  
B. Saints

5. Who will win in NCAA BASKETBALL?  
A. Notre Dame at  
B. Syracuse

6. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?  
A. Chicago at  
B. Indiana

7. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?  
A. Milwaukee at  
B. Washington

8. Who will win in NBA BASKETBALL?  
A. Denver at  
B. Sacramento

9. Who will win in HOCKEY?  
A. Nashville at  
B. Los Angeles

10. Who will win in HOCKEY?  
A. Vancouver at  
B. Toronto

11. Which conference will score more points?  
A. NFC B. AFC

12. Which QB will have a better rating?  
A. Blake Bortles  
B. Alex Smith

13. Will Carolina's final score be...  
A. Even B. Odd

14. Who will score more points?  
A. Lauri Markannen vs. Indiana  
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3 ..... 8 ..... 13 ..... .....

4 ..... 9 ..... 14 ..... Tie Breaker2 (total XX points)

5 ..... 10 ..... .....

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[www.riversidehealthcare.org](http://www.riversidehealthcare.org)

OSF Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center  
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### NURSING HOMES

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[www.evenglowdodge.org](http://www.evenglowdodge.org)

Heritage Health  
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### PHYSICIANS

Dr. Mark Passerman  
Family Medicine  
[www.morrishospital.org/dwight](http://www.morrishospital.org/dwight)

Dr. Jennifer Thomas  
Family Medicine  
[www.morrishospital.org/gardner](http://www.morrishospital.org/gardner)

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General Practice  
[www.morrishospital.org/dwight](http://www.morrishospital.org/dwight)

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OSF Medical Group  
Family Medicine - Dwight, Cullom  
[www.osfsaintjames.org](http://www.osfsaintjames.org)

Dr. Athar Saeed  
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### REAL ESTATE

McArdle Insurance & Real Estate  
[www.mcardlellc.com](http://www.mcardlellc.com)

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League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	19	9
Cherry Red Roast.	19	9
LT5	17	11
Coleman/Sons	16	12
Dwight Printing	14	14
Pro Shop	13	15
DQueens	13	15
Willy's Pub	13	15
Route 66	9	19
Hugh/Bunnies	7	21

I-70 Baseball Coaches Clinic Scheduled For Jan. 14-15

The 15th Annual I-70 Baseball Coaches Clinic will be held Sunday, and Monday, Jan. 14 and 15, at Greenville High School auditorium.

The clinic is located 45 minutes east of St. Louis on Interstate 70.

Mickey Callaway has had to cancel his appearance at the 2018 I-70 Baseball Coaches Clinic, due to new responsibilities with the New York Mets.

“We are very excited to announce Mickey’s replacement will be University of Missouri’s new

pitching coach, Fred Corral.

Corral has previously served as the pitching coach at Georgia, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

Coach Corral is past speaker at the I-70 Clinic, sought after by clinics each winter.

For further information, contact Jesse Blackstock at (314) 345-9446 or email him at:

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Clinic fees include All clinic sessions and a Sunday Night Coaches Social with food and drinks provided.

Relax With ‘Color And Coffee’ At Prairie Creek Library

In taking suggestions from patrons, Prairie Creek Library in Dwight now will host “Color & Coffee.” The first event will be held from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Call to confirm date.

This is an open room time in which everyone is invited to come during that timeframe as their schedules allow and enjoy some Keurig

coffee while they color and relax.

The library will provide the coloring materials and the Keurig cups. All guests need to do is come to the library for a stress-free time to embrace their creative sides with the popular adult coloring pages.

There is no need to pre-register and no fee to attend.

Helen M. Taylor

STREATOR – Helen M. Taylor, 84, of Streator passed away Friday, December 29, 2017 at her residence in Streator.

She was born June 19, 1933 in Ancona, daughter of LeRoy and Helen Vinsek Kenney. She married William R. Taylor September 26, 1959 in St. Anthony Church, Streator. He preceded her in death May 9, 2015.

Surviving are daughters: Denise (Kevin) Likes of Odell; Susan (David) Sechrest of Cape Coral, Florida; and Pamela (Butch) Rogers of Odell; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Dorothy Kenney of Wenona; Margaret Fraher of Pontiac; and Sharon (Jack) Schneider of Barrington.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; sons, Kevin and Gregory Taylor; a great-grandson, Tyler M. Henson; and brothers, LeRoy Kenney and John Kenney.

She lived in the Odell and Streator areas all of her lifetime. She was a member of the former St. Anthony Church and currently belonged to St. Michael the Archangel Church.

Helen was a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan and was



ecstatic when they won the 2016 World Series. She also enjoyed watching the Chicago Bulls. She was an avid gardener and loved flowers of all kinds. She adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and loved spending time with all of them more than anything else.

She will be dearly missed by her loving family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Raymond Guthrie at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 2, in St. Michael the Archangel Church, Streator.

Burial was in St. Anthony Cemetery, Streator. Serving as pallbearers: Jason Likes, Jeremiah Pulliam, Jessie Sechrest, Keegan Robins, Layton Sechrest, Cody Robins and Shawn Henson.

Visitation was from 9 until 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Solon - Telford Funeral Home, Streator. The rosary was recited at 8:30 a.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael the Archangel Church or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Condolences may be left for the family at: [www.solontelford.com](http://www.solontelford.com)

MSGT Robert Weir, Sr. (USAF, Ret.)

SPRING HILL, FL – MSGT Robert Ross Weir, Sr. (USAF, Ret.), 64, of Spring Hill, Florida and formerly of Chicago, passed away peacefully Saturday eve-ning, December 30, 2017 in the home of his son, following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 4, from 10 a.m. until time of memorial service, 12 noon, at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Road in Wilmington.

Bob and Janice will be laid to rest together at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Full military honors will be rendered by the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Honor Squad and the United States Air Force.

Bob was born February 11, 1953 in Chicago, son of William Weir and Leonette (nee Hunt). He was raised in Chicago; graduated from Reavis High School and went on to honorably serve in the United States Air Force, from where he retired. Following his retirement, Bob worked as a substitute teacher in Tampa and also sold insurance for New York Life.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #400 in Florida, and actively served with the home owners association at Timber Pines in Spring Hill.

On July 16, 2005, Bob married Janice Arlene Tudhope in Tampa, and together they lived in Spring Hill. At each other’s side, Bob and Janice passed away peacefully, within minutes of each other on December 30.

Bob loved to golf, worked with Janice volunteering at a



local pre-school, enjoyed singing karaoke, and sang with the TimberTones group in Timber Pines. He was an avid sports fan, especially of football, and will most be remembered for his pride in service to his country.

Survivors include his three children: Tracie (Keith) Cooksey of Wilmington; Bob (Jen) Weir of Dwight; and Corey (Katie) Weir of Palatine; step-son, Marshall Tudhope of Lake Butler, Florida; seven grandchildren: Bre-Ann (Jeremy) Kaniewski and Alicia Holligan of Wilmington; Haley Weir and Lora Weir of Dwight; Ethan Cooksey and Elyse Cooksey of Wilmington; and Alison Boekeloo of Dwight.

Also surviving are two great-granddaughters, Jocelyn and Scarlett Kaniewski; one sister, Bea (Tim) Lageose of Tampa; sister-in-law: Penny Mattes of Worth; one brother-in-law, Randy (Kathy) Rhicard of Brookridge, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jerry Mattes; one sister, Rosalynn Soto; and his wife, Janice.

A private family visitation for both Bob and Janice was held. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Bob’s memory to the American Cancer Society.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs or share Bob’s memorial page online by logging on to: [www.BaskervilleFuneral.com](http://www.BaskervilleFuneral.com)

Joseph M. Vota



SOUTH WILMINGTON – Joseph M. Vota, 91, of South Wilmington passed away Saturday, December 30, 2017 at his home.

Visitation will be today, January 3, at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home from 9 until 11 a.m.

Interment with military honors will follow in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

He was born August 15, 1926 in East Brooklyn, son of Albert and Marie Sarti Vota. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving from 1944-46. He was formerly a custodian at South Wilmington Grade School, ran the bowling alley in South Wilmington, and had numerous other jobs.

He enjoyed driving around in his car, cutting grass, and attending his great - grandkids sporting events. He was a

longtime board member of the South Wilmington Fireman’s Beach Club.

Surviving are three grandchildren: Kortni (Jeff) Emerson, Kara (Ron) Housman, and Krystal (Joel) Carpenter,

all of Coal City; eight great-grandchildren: MaKenna and Madison Emerson, Ayden and Avery Housman, and Ryan, Gavin, Kole, and Drake Carpenter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Dorla McGurk Vota, to whom he was married August 26, 1950 in South Wilmington; and his son, Joseph Terry Vota.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the donor’s choice.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or on Facebook.

Birgit E. McCulley

CULLOM – Birgit E. McCulley, 73, of Cullom passed away at 11:02 a.m., Saturday, December 30, 2017 at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center,

Bloomington. Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Cullom is in charge of arrangements.

Marge Kross

CULLOM – Marge Kross, 85, of Cullom passed away Sunday, December 31, 2017 at her residence.

Calvert & Martin Funeral Home in Cullom is in charge of arrangements.

Janice Weir



SPRING HILL, FL – Janice Arlene Weir, 63, of Spring Hill, Florida passed away peacefully Saturday evening, December 30, 2017 in the home of her step-son, following a battle with ovarian cancer.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 4, from 10 a.m. until time of memorial service, 12 noon, at Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 E. Kahler Road in Wilmington.

Janice and Bob will be laid to rest together at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

Janice was born January 31, 1954 in Canada, daughter of Frank Rhicard and Shirley (nee Whitehead). She was raised in Newport, Vermont; attended North Country Union High School, and went on to graduate from Vermont College of Cosmetology. She worked as a self-employed beautician for many years, and most recently was employed with the J.C.Penney Salon in Tampa, Florida.

On July 16, 2005, Janice married MSGT Robert Ross Weir, Sr. (USAF, Ret.) in Tampa, and together they lived in Spring Hill. Bob peacefully passed away at Janice’s side within minutes on the very same day, December 30.

Janice volunteered at a local pre-school, enjoyed singing karaoke with Bob, and over the

years spent a great deal of time researching mental illness as well as spirituality.

Survivors include her son, Marshall Tudhope of Lake Butler, Florida; three step-children: Tracie (Keith) Cooksey of Wilmington; Bob

(Jen) Weir of Dwight; and Corey (Katie) Weir of Palatine; seven grandchildren: BreAnn (Jeremy) Kaniewski and Alicia Holligan of Wilmington; Haley Weir and Lora Weir of Dwight; Ethan Cooksey and Elyse Cooksey of Wilmington; and Alison Boekeloo of Dwight.

Also surviving are two great-granddaughters, Jocelyn and Scarlett Kaniewski; one brother, Randy (Kathy) Rhicard of Brookridge, Florida; and two sisters-in-law: Bea (Tim) Lageose of Tampa and Penny Mattes of Worth; and several nieces and nephews.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents.

A private family visitation for both Janice and Bob was held. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Janice’s memory to the American Cancer Society.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook, upload photographs or share Janice’s memorial page online by logging on to: [www.BaskervilleFuneral.com](http://www.BaskervilleFuneral.com)

More Obituaries appear on page 7.

At the Churches

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• Sunday School: Destination Unknown, 10:15 a.m.

• Coffee hour, 10:15 a.m.

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• Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

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St. Mary’s Catholic Church

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• Thursdays: 8:30 a.m., Mass.

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“THE ICE” WENT UNDEFEATED in a Christmas Dodgeball Tournament Dec. 23 in St. Patrick’s Parish Hall. Team members, l to r, Caleb Boma, Ryan Gaston, Connor Gantzert, Drew Jensen, Justin Fox and Drew Travers.



“DIRTY MIKE AND THE BOYS” TOOK SECOND in the Christmas Dodgeball Tournament put on by St. Patrick’s Church youth. Team members, l to r, Cameron Klingler, Kyle Henson, Dylan Mann, Logan Graham, Carter Wykes and Blake Graham.



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A CHRISTMAS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT was hosted at St. Patrick’s Parish Hall December 23 to benefit the Dwight Ministerial Association – which involves numerous churches in town and the ways in which they help individuals in need of food, gas, and other necessities. The tournament was double-elimination and was put on by the youth of St. Patrick’s Church, as well as others from around town who were happy to help out organizing, selling food, providing music, or refereeing the matches. The turnout was successful, even though it was only a few days before Christmas, and 11 teams of various ages registered to compete. Through entrance fees, food purchases, and donations, \$359 was raised for the Ministerial Association. The winning team was “The Ice,” who went undefeated, while second place went to “Dirty Mike and the Boys.” Those who set up the tournament extended their thanks to all who participated by volunteering or by playing matches, and also stated they hope to do it again next year, with even more teams if there is still interest.

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