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R. Eich & Sons, Plumbing & Heating, To Close

Bob Eich Talks About Retiring, Working in the Industry, and Favorite Memories of the Business

by Bridget DeWaard

R. Eich & Sons, Plumbing & Heating, has been a staple in Herscher for quite some time. Since 1973, they have strived to provide not only excellent service/repair, but also affordable, eco-friendly products. Recently, owner Bob Eich announced his plans to retire, which will involve closing the business. Eich reminisced about meeting people through his business, reflected on changes in the industry throughout the years, and discussed hopes for the future.

"I've been a plumber for 70 years," Bob started out, thinking back to his first experience working in this trade, and the moment he discovered his career path. "I started working with my dad when I was 14 years old, it was hard work."

Later, at age 18, Eich went on to work for Moyemonts, staying there for six years. After eventually spending some time working at other plumbing and heating companies, he found himself in Herscher, deciding instead to open his own business.

Much of the move to Herscher was also about raising a family at the time, with Eich quick to say how much he has loved being a part of the community. "I started my business 50 years ago," Bob said, especially fond of the various people he has met while operating his store. "You find a lot of good people in business, come across a lot of good customers. It stays with you throughout the years."

He told a story of one particular customer, who he had discovered spent months and months saving to have a new

heater installed. "It was the kind of thing I would have done [right away] for free," he said as he remembered the phone call. He still remains moved by her resolve to this day.

Eich has also witnessed a lot of changes in the industry since first starting out accompanying his father. Piping, he mentioned, was once made of much heavier materials, like cast iron or lead. This made already difficult work very strenuous, though that didn't matter to Eich. "It's the only thing I've done, I've enjoyed it," he said. "I loved going out and solving problems. It's a challenge." Plumbing materials now are made of PVC and plastic, making things lighter and a bit easier to install.

Beyond piping, he also discussed working on furnaces that weren't automatic, using coal or wood to keep customers warm until different options, like oil, became available for heat producing appliances. Oil reigned supreme for a while, until the emergence of gas. "None of the smaller communities had natural gas," he recalled. "They finally made the switch around the '60s."

Bob also brought up air conditioning, at one time a rarity.

"The only places that had it were places like movie theatres," he remembered. Once Air Conditioning was introduced, though, it would continue to become more prevalent, and today there aren't many buildings left without it.

Despite there always being something new to learn in the industry, Eich related his worry about waning interest in trades as professions. "One thing that has really bothered me is seeing younger people not getting into this profession," he said. "It's getting to be a problem, especially for people in the industry who are planning retirement."

In fact, one of Bob's favorite parts of having his own business was partnering with the local high school, and training interested students in his trade. "When I first started, there would be a kid that would be mechanically inclined," he described, missing the mini internships. "Four or five [that were trained here eventually] went on to open up their own business." He hopes this is just a passing phase, urging people to consider the trades as a profession. "We need carpenters, plumbers, people who want to

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BOB EICH, owner of R. Eich & Sons, Plumbing & Heating, in Herscher, pictured, right, is holding one of the earliest versions of a thermostat. It was controlled by a chain connected to the furnace in the basement. In his other hand is the modern-day version of the thermostat. Eich, a plumber for 70 years, plans to retire – which means R. Eich & Sons, Inc., in business for 50 years, will close its doors November 30.



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Parents Express Remote Learning Concerns at GSW High School Board Meeting

Gardner-South Wilmington High School held its regular board meeting November 18.

Tawnya Mack and Roxanne Anderson were present as parents to express their concerns about remote learning. Mrs. Mack stated she believes that students need more instructional time with teachers either via Zoom or live-streaming of classes during school hours. Board President, Pam Brooks, thanked them for coming and stated that they would take these concerns into consideration and further discussion would take place.

Principal John Engelman reported on the following:

- November 5 was the Hall of Fame selection meeting. They retired three members: Donna Bexson for the 50s, Sandy Harrop for the 60s, and Kori Speed for the 80s. Each served three years on their committee. New members were elected. Currently, they are not filling the 1950s position. John Hollmeyer and Jim Fair, both previous winners, were in attendance and greatly contributed a vast knowledge of information on some of the nominees. This year's winners are Leroy Brandt and David Doglio.

Mr. Josh DeLong presented

the following:

- ROE compliance visit – GSW received a letter from the Regional Office of Education that their building was in compliance and received an A status.
- Building update – The building is being cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis, with their custodial staff cleaning throughout the entire day while students are present. Mr. Debelak is still working afternoons and finishing up many projects. It is boiler season, which means steam leaks are being dealt with often, but the boiler itself is working well.
- Superintendent DeLong presented on the following:
 - Board vacancies – There will be four seats on the seven-member Board of Education that need to be filled. Mrs. Cindy Gerber informed the board that she will not be running for re-election at GSW.
 - Hall of Fame Inductees – Leroy Brandt and David Doglio are the winners this year. The Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be held during Graduation on May 16, 2021.
 - GAVC Director's Award Winner – Olivia Cerutti for Cosmetology – winner for the month of October.
 - Extra-curriculars – The state

of IL went into Tier 3 Friday, November 20 – All indoor contact sports will be shut down.

- There will be no meetings over ten people, which means the December Board Meeting will more than likely be an online Zoom meeting.
- Holiday breaks – There has been much discussion on schools choosing to close from Thanksgiving break through Christmas and not returning for in-person instruction until after Martin Luther King Day – January 19, 2021. GSW would like to stay in-person for as long as it can, unless the Governor shuts down the entire state of IL. Currently, GSW has no positive student or staff cases.
- Remote learning – How the hybrid learning model is taking place was again discussed at length. Teachers are working very hard to balance in person instruction and while also teaching remote learners that change daily. Pros and cons of live streaming was again discussed, as well as student compliance and effort while in remote learning. Failing students are required to stay after on Tuesdays and Thursdays and assistance for anyone is available every afternoon.
- Solar farm project update –

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Dwight High School District #230 Reviews 2020 Tax Levy Proposal November Board Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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The Dwight Township High School Board of Education met on November 18 by way of a virtual meeting where the proposed 2020 tax levy was presented by District Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek.

The estimated total 2020 EAV for the three counties which make up the Dwight Township High School District is projected to be \$160,719,418. This reflects an increase of approximately \$13 million over last year, with Livingston County projecting an EAV of \$111,978,720 (5.44 percent increase); Grundy County projecting an EAV of \$30,220,247 (17.66 percent increase); and LaSalle County projecting an EAV of \$18,520,451 (17.99 percent increase).

Using the 2020 total EAV projection of \$160,719,418, Dr. Jancek presented his recommendations for the 2020 tax levy rate and extension. The recommended 2020 tax rate is \$2.4531, with a projected extension of \$3,992,619, would

result \$14,195 of new money for the district. The 2019 tax levy rate was \$2.6957 with an extension of \$3,978,424.

With a very strong overall financial picture for the DTHS district, including an over \$4.5 million Education Fund balance, Board President Brian Perschnick questioned the need to continue building reserves and suggested possibly reducing rates to help ease the burden on struggling taxpayers. However, some board members expressed a need for caution citing uncertainties such as state funding, pending teacher negotiations, local business loss, litigation concerns, and continuing rising costs. Dr. Jancek also outlined some proposed stadium improvement projects that could impact the O&M Fund surplus along with concerns of deficit spending in the Transportation Fund.

No action was taken. The BOE will continue to review over the next month and discuss any modifications to the tax levy proposal before adopting the final 2020 Tax Levy next month. The final tax levy must be agreed upon by the BOE at its December meeting

in order to meet the required filing date with the three County Clerk offices.

In other financial business, it was reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the district \$58,300.19 in mandated categorical payments.

In new business, with growing concerns as COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the area, the possibility of amending the 2020-21 calendar and designating two full remote weeks following the holiday travel season was discussed. No action was taken and the BOE is expected to revisit at its December session.

In another matter related to the COVID-19 surge, the BOE heard a proposal for a classroom supervision option that will allow the school to continue operating in a time when staff members may be out due to quarantine mandates and substitute teachers are scarce. The suggestion is to allow unlicensed district employees, such as bus monitors, to act as classroom supervisors. These classroom supervisors do not teach, but would monitor students and equipment

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

November 14: Philip J. Preston, 23, Naperville, fail to stop at intersection.

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

Dwight Police Blotter

November 11: 3:24 p.m., Dwight Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of E. Seminole. The resident advised their shed's lock was missing and taken was some outdoor power equipment.

November 12: 3:06 p.m., a resident walked into Dwight Police Dept. to report they had received a debit card from the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security.

November 16: 11:36 a.m., Dwight Police were called out to the 800 block of N. Union for damage to a garage door and fence.

November 17: 8:10 p.m., Dwight Police were asked by another agency to check the Amtrak for a juvenile runaway.

November 18: 2:41 a.m., Dwight Police were dispatched to W. Northbrook for a hit-and-run. On scene, Dwight Officer met with a semi-truck driver who advised the mirror on his rig had been damaged.

Accident Report

Saturday, November 14, 1:01 p.m., an accident was reported on Rt. 66 at Rt. 17 involving a BMW sedan, driven by Philip J. Preston, Naperville, which failed to stop at an intersection, striking a Honda PLT., driven by Nancy Fiedler, Dwight.

Tuesday, November 17, 11:05 a.m., an accident was re-

ported at 1200 E. Mazon Ave. involving a Kenwood, driven by Ed Foley, Essex, which was backing up and struck a parked, unoccupied Dodge two-door, owned by Jason Gramling, Herscher.



Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

November 12: Mazon, medical, Morris; Dewitt, change of quarters, mutual aid to Coal City; Marguerite, trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Coal City; First St., trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Coal City.

November 13: W. William, medical, St. James; Bannon, lift assist.

November 14: South St., medical, St. James; Scott Dr., medical, refusal; Clinton, medical, Morris; Rt. 17, trauma, refusals; Mazon Ave., medical, refusal.

November 15: John St., medical.

November 16: Mazon, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, mutual aid from Gardner; Mazon, medical, Pontiac; John, medical, Morris; 2600 Rd., refusal, mutual aid - Emington.

November 17: Spencer St., medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, Riverside; Franklin, trauma, Morris; Columbia, medical, Morris; 3200 E. Rd., medical, Riverside.

November 18: Rt. 66/ Mazon, trauma, refusal; Mazon, refusal; Scott, trauma; Mazon, medical, Morris; Main, medical, Morris.

November 19: Wabash (Odell), medical, cancelled, mutual aid to Odell.



Temps - 2020

Nov. 12 - high 52°, low 29° .02" precip.
 Nov. 13 - high 38°, low 23° .23" precip.
 Nov. 14 - high 55°, low 28° .35" precip.
 Nov. 15 - high 54°, low 27° trace precip.
 Nov. 16 - high 52°, low 29°
 Nov. 17 - high 41°, low 27°
 Nov. 18 - high 50°, low 29°
One Year Ago - Nov. 25, 2019
 high 37°, low 28°

Secretary of State Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Illinois Secretary of State offices and Commercial Driver License (CDL) facilities, and drive-thru facilities serving license plate stickers, will be **closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27**, in observance of Thanksgiving.

All other Driver Services facilities are closed until December 7 or December 8 due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic.

CDL and drive-thru facilities that operate on a Tuesday to Saturday schedule will **reopen Saturday, November 28**. Offices and facilities that operate on a Monday to Friday schedule will **reopen Monday, November 30**.

As a reminder, Secretary of State Jesse White has extended all expiration dates to June 1, 2021, for driver's licenses/ID cards.

White encourages people to conduct business online at cyberdriveillinois.com

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Village of Dwight Overnight Parking Ban Begins December 1

Dwight residents are reminded that overnight parking (2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.) on all

Village of Dwight streets is prohibited from December 1, 2020, until March 1, 2021, or

anytime snowfall reaches two inches or more.

October Video Gaming

By Tom Tock

Video gambling in Dwight has once again been shut down until further notice on orders from Springfield.

Meanwhile \$573,369 was played in Dwight's 54 video gaming terminals during October, the village receiving \$8,292 as its share of Net Ter-

minial Income.

Video gambling in Illinois took place at 7,350 locations during October, 78 more than in September.

There were 631 more video gaming terminals in use for a total of 37,459.

Dwight and Gardner results by location are below.

Dwight

OCT.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Aly Anne's	\$21,186	11,404	9,781	2,836	489
Cherry Red's	5,591	4,620	970	281	48
JT's Saloon	30,255	21,603	8,651	2,508	432
Lila Mae's	76,314	56,006	20,307	5,889	1,015
Love's	110,788	69,552	41,235	11,958	2,061
Mac's	143,221	101,309	41,911	12,154	2,095
Mead	606	262	343	99	17
VFW	74,030	56,871	17,158	4,976	857
Vic. Lanes	17,405	11,886	5,518	1,600	275
Virbapa	8,986	6,287	2,698	782	134
Willy's	84,987	67,710	17,276	5,010	863
TOTALS:	\$573,369	407,515	165,853	48,097	8,292

Gardner

OCT.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Gardner
Buddies (3)	3,446	2,821	624	181	31
Marks (5)	29,662	20,581	9,080	2,633	454
TA Op. (5)	14,682	9,197	5,484	1,590	274
TOTALS	\$47,790	32,600	15,189	4,404	759

*The State of Illinois and Villages receive a total of 33% of the Net Terminal Income monthly (State 28%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 67%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.
 Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBLER.

Dwight Village Hall Closed to the Public

Dwight Village Hall has begun locking its doors to the public.

They ask residents to use the payment box at the north parking lot for water bill payments; the U.S. Mail; or by visiting dwightillinois.org and clicking the Illinois E-PAY tab on the front page to pay online. Also, building, electrical, and plumbing permits are available online at the same website. Once on the site, you can click on Government and then Permits and Forms.

Village employees will be available in the office and to answer any questions at 815-584-3077; 815-584-3132 for Police non-emergency questions; and 815-584-2050 for EMS non-emergency questions.

Appointments may also be made.

Livingston Cty. Offices Closed Nov. 26-27

All Livingston County Offices will be closed **Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27**, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Financial Moves for the Recently Divorced

Divorce is common in our society, but that doesn't make it any easier to navigate. If you've recently finalized a divorce, you've likely been coping with uncertainty and tension, but you can still avoid turning an already difficult situation into one that's even more challenging. How? By making the right financial and investment moves, including the following:

- **Establish your separate financial presence.** Even when you were married, you and your spouse might have maintained some separate accounts. But if you only had joint accounts, now is the time to open your own checking, savings and credit accounts.
- **Update your budget.** It's likely your budget needs updating. Your household income may be lower or may need to be adjusted for alimony or child support (paid or received). Additionally, your living expenses may have shifted, either higher because you're no longer splitting expenses such as housing or utilities, or possibly lower because you're no longer supporting your ex's spending habits. Understanding your new budget will help you feel better informed about your financials options and more in control of your new situation.
- **Prioritize emergency savings.** Divorce is expensive and may have depleted your savings. To get back on your feet, you may want to build an easily accessible source of funds for unexpected drops in income and/or spikes in expenses. If you're not retired, you may want to keep three to six months' worth of expenses in emergency savings, although even much smaller amounts can boost your feelings of financial security.
- **Evaluate your retirement plan contributions.** When you were married, you may have been counting on sharing resources and expenses with your spouse in retirement. But now, you may be solely responsible for your retirement, so if you can afford it, you may want to ramp up your retirement plan contributions. You may want to consult a financial professional about setting and achieving new goals.
- **Think about Social Security.** Your divorce could play a role in the benefits you can receive. Once you are eligible for benefits, if you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried, you might be able to receive up to 50% of your ex-spouse's benefits, offset by your own benefit. If your ex passes away and you haven't remarried (or you remarry only after age 60), you could receive 100% of their benefit in place of your own. This could be beneficial if your ex-spouse had a higher income or spent longer in the labor force. Since rules can be complicated, contact your local Social Security office to better understand your situation, and keep a record of your ex's Social Security number.
- **Review your beneficiary designations and legal documents.** You'll likely need to revise the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and life insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede the instructions in your will. And, speaking of your will, you'll likely need to revise it too, along with other legal documents, such as a living trust. Consult with your legal professional to make these revisions.

It can feel like a long road to stability after a divorce - but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to make the trip a little less bumpy - and hopefully shorter - as well.

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and Favorite Memories of the Business*



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go to trade schools," he said, a fact that some forget, until something needs to be fixed.

He also loved fostering this interest in his own son, who has since gone on to become an engineer. "We had an old telephone we weren't using anymore," he remembered fondly. "He would take it apart, and put it back together." He suggested parents encourage this type of exploration, feeling that the greatest time during a child's growth is seeing them learn. He recommended getting toys that kids can disassemble and reassemble, to encourage that inquisitiveness, and let the ideas and opportunities branch out from there.

Now, at 85 years old, Bob Eich has decided to retire. With his son focusing on a separate career, he has simply closed up the shop. He has considered other options for the future, including possibly selling the business, but nothing has been formally determined at this time. "I'm planning on spending more time with my grandkids," he said. "And would love to do some traveling."

Overall, Eich has loved serving his community, and getting the chance to share his knowledge with others. "I've greatly enjoyed being in business, and will miss all my customers. R. Eich & Sons Plumbing and Heating will officially close at the end of this month, on November 30."

THIS BLACK FURNACE, pictured, left, is one example of the heating types Eich replaced in his early years as a plumber. The Paper photo

DTHS NOVEMBER BOARD ACTIONS

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while an otherwise healthy but quarantined teacher provides instruction virtually from home. While unlicensed to teach, all classroom supervisors would require a clean background check and only be used if necessary.

In other new business, the Board discussed the addition of a security wall in the main lobby entrance providing an additional layer of building security. A quote of \$17,100 was received from Mike's Glass Plus, of Pontiac, with additional costs anticipated for a buzz-in system. The board was in support of the project concept.

In unfinished business, Dr. Jancek provided an update on the Blue Sky Solar Project which could have a significant financial impact to the district as it moves closer to realization. Nearly 2,700 acres of farmland has been designated for the solar farm which would be located in Grundy County between Dwight and Gardner. The largest proposed solar farm in Illinois, it would potentially bring substantial new money to the Dwight High School District each year after the requested 75 percent, three-year tax abatement period has

passed. While more information is being gathered regarding the total financial impact, Dr. Jancek stated that he is very supportive of the project.

During public comment, Dwight Common School teacher Mary Schultz addressed the board sharing her concerns with regard to the unconventional school year and expressed that she feels the hybrid learning option is not working well from a teacher or student standpoint.

"This is not a normal year, so we need to stop trying to make it normal," said Schultz. "I think common sense needs to prevail."

DCS Teacher Amy Kargle also addressed the board, but as a parent of DTHS students. Kargle expressed thanks to the DTHS teachers and stressed the importance of recognizing teachers for their hard work during this difficult time.

In his board report, Principal Andrew Pittenger echoed his appreciation for the dedicated teachers.

"The teachers are doing an amazing job, day in and day out," stated Pittenger.

DTHS Athletic Director Cathy Ferguson reported on the ever-changing IHSA directives regarding sports during the ongoing health crisis. Ferguson

indicated that there will be "no winter sports whatsoever" as currently only outside activities in groups of 10 or less and following social distancing guidelines are allowed.

"What this is telling me is there will be no sports until possibly spring," said Ferguson.

The board also:

- approved Rhonda Miller, Substitute Nurse.
- accepted the resignation of Cathy Burke, Guidance Secretary.

- approved Board Policy 5:060-AP2 Employee Expense Reimbursement (Second Reading).

The board entered into a closed session discussion with no action following.

Present at the November 18 session were Board President Brian Perschnick, BOE members Tim Henson, Anne Rodosky, Kevin Berta and Betty Gantzert. Absent were Paul Warner and Max Sulzberger.

The next meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, in the DTHS Board Room. Please check for location / virtual access information prior to the meeting. Meetings are open to the public.

PETITIONS DUE DEC. 14-21

Village of Dwight

The Village of Dwight will have seats open for mayor, village clerk, and three trustee positions in the April 6, 2021, elections.

All are four-year terms.

Filing periods are from December 14-21, 2020. Petitions for Village of Dwight positions and other pertinent information may be obtained at the Village Hall.

Prairie Creek Public Library District
Prairie Creek Public Library District Board Secretary, Susan

Strickland, has announced that petitions will be available at the Prairie Creek Public Library District for the following Library trustee positions:

- (2) Unexpired four-year terms
- (2) Full six-year terms

The first day to circulate petitions for the April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election was Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Filing dates will be December 14, 2020, through December 21, 2020, with the deadline for filing petitions being 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2020.

Petitions can be obtained at the Prairie Creek Public Li-

brary District, which is located at 501 Carriage House Lane in Dwight, IL. The Library's hours are as follows:

- Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, closed.

If you have any questions or would like more information, call the Library Director, Sherrie Rhodes, at 815-584-3061.

You can also find information regarding the election on www.elections.il.gov/.

BOE of Tri-Point Puts Additional Remote Learning Days on Calendar

The Tri-Point Board of Education had a shorter-than-usual monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on November 16. This included a 7-minute-long closed session.

Val Conkling and Jane Moore will be employed as sub/part-time custodians.

It was approved to build into the school calendar planned remote learning days November 16-20, 23-24 and 30 to December 4, 2020 and January 4 to January 8, 2021.

The minutes of the October 19 regular and closed session board meeting, treasurer's report and accounts payable, both dated October 31, were approved, along with the updated School Board Policies as presented.

The tentative levy was adopted as presented; the participation in ROE 17 Diesel Fuel Consortium for 2021 was approved; and the Superintendent was authorized to seek gasoline bids.

Updated School Board Policies were approved as presented as were Energy contracts through Twin City Energy.

The FY 2020 Annual Financial Report was accepted.

The next meeting of the Board will be December 16.

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I have been honored and fortunate to serve the residents of Dwight for more than 20 years, I have decided it is time for me to not seek reelection. The last two terms as The Village President of Dwight have offered some great rewards as well as some regrets. We far too often have witnessed in Illinois that politicians stick around too long and become stale. It is time for a new faction to serve the Dwight community.

I cannot go without giving thanks to a handful of people, first to my family. I cannot explain what your spouse and your children have to endure while being a mayor of a small town, but I thank you Kristie, Nora, Sophie and Ryker, and apologize for what you had to tolerate the last 8 years. I need to thank my dad, he has been my resolute and taught me to make decisions with a delicate balance. I need to thank Mayor Daryl Holt for asking me to serve on the planning commission. That appointment started the process of a yearning to serve the public. That appointment eventually gave me the experience to serve on the village board and become Village President.

To the members of the village boards I have served with, I thank you for your dedication to the Dwight community and taking your time to represent and serve the Dwight residents. Elected as the Village President of Dwight is the greatest honor and experience I have ever had or even imagined. Thank you for the opportunity.

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COVID-19

Area COVID-19 Stats as of November 23

Town	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Dwight	3,103	235	94
Herscher	1,333	143	109
Gardner	896	90	11
Mazon	655	72	18
Essex	525	69	24
Braceville	687	58	19
Odell	885	57	
Cullom	429	46	
Buckingham	364	39	
Saunemin	423	30	
S. Wilmington	323	29	
Reddick	424	28	
Cabery	269	26	
Ransom	292	21	
Verona	228	18	
Kempton	188	17	
Emington	130	11	
Blackstone	91	9	

County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	94,787	7,753	94
LaSalle	56,813	5,548	109
Grundy	21,391	2,426	11
Livingston	27,421	2,005	18
Iroquois	19,962	1,486	24
Ford	11,577	658	19

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 656,298; Deaths: 11,506; Probable Deaths: 545; Total Tests Performed: 9,801,419; Recovery Rate: 97%.

Probable cases are individuals who have been tested and are found to have a positive test result by a local clinic using "rapid" tests that are not, at this time, IDPH-approved tests.

the corner

by Tom Tock

It's good to see so many holiday decorations already up and shining. In these grim unsettled times the lights provide rays of hope during our crippling pandemic.

For a number of years now, we have enjoyed the arrival each spring of a growing family of Praying Mantis. When we brought a hibiscus and a Mexican Petunia plant into the house recently we noticed a couple of mantis egg pods, but we delayed removing the stems they were on until one sunny day one of the mantis pods began hatching dozens of young mantis.

Quick, get the plant out of the house . . . trim the stems the egg pods are on! It was a shame that most of the hatchlings (dozens of them) probably perished outside. But some had already escaped into the house.

One was found crawling across the computer desk, others across the stove, sink, and bathroom floor. They are hardy little buggers, as frail as can be, about one-half of an inch long, but ready to stand up and defend themselves if you bother them.

The adult mantis are quite large and great for lowering the summer insect population. *The Paper* also has a growing population of the interesting insects. Fun to watch if you can find them in the bushes.

While we're on a biological subject, how many of you planted milkweed a few years back to help the Monarch butterfly on its fall migration?

We did it for a year or so until we realized the invasive nature of milkweed, then spent another year getting rid of it.

As a White Sox fan, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the American League Most Valuable Player of the year is Sox first baseman Jose Abreu.

In a virus-shortened 60-game season, Abreu led the league with 76 hits, led the majors with 60 runs batted in, had a .317 batting average and 19 home runs.

In one weekend to remember, Jose hit six home runs against the Cubs. Imagine! This was also the year the Sox finished the season with 35 wins, one more than the Cubs. But we mustn't dwell on that.

Anyway, it cannot be too soon for the 2021 baseball season to begin. The Sox should be ready with a relatively young and talented team, and an old/new manager, Tony LaRussa, who is presently facing DUI charges.

Under the circumstances, I think LaRussa should do the right thing and resign, get help for his addiction, and the Sox should get a new manager.

What do you think?

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Braceville Elementary School District #75

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for Braceville Elementary School District #75 for 2020 will be held on December 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the library at Braceville Elementary School. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Joshua DeLong, Superintendent, Braceville Elementary School #75, 209 N. Mitchell Road, Braceville, Illinois, 815.237.8040.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2019 were \$482,433. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$524,200. This represents an 8.65% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 were \$93,980.37. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 are \$95,013.13. This represents a 1.11% increase over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended in 2019 were \$574,403.09. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$619,203. This represents a 9.11% increase over the previous year.



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Notifications from Prairie Cat are still going through, so patrons will know when they have items ready for pick up. Patrons will be able to call the library to schedule a pick-up time.

They are putting the bag of

library materials through an open window on an available rear car seat or in the trunk of your car.

Give Library staff a minimum of 24 hours to fill any order you may make beyond holds through the Prairie Cat system.

They are continuing Virtual Programming on their Facebook page and YouTube channel. They have Storytime every Tuesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook with Ms. Holly and Ms. Karyn.

On Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook, the Adult Craft Night will show how to make a Modern Christmas Stocking with a video from Creative Bug.

Chess Club will meet with Austin Thursday, December 3,

on Facebook at 6:00 p.m.

An Evening with Santa will take place virtually Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. You must pre-register for the program by phoning the library or sending them a message through Facebook, Instagram, or e-mail in order to receive the goody bag – which will be filled with the book, *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, candy, and a Christmas craft that can be picked up the week before during curbside pick-up hours.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call them at 815-939-1696, e-mail them at info@limestonelibrary.org, or message them at Facebook or Instagram. Their website has more information.



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Pontiac Museums Closed Until Further Notice

Due to the COVID-19 State of Illinois mitigations, all of the Pontiac Museums are closed until further notice.

While they await their reopening, consider enjoying the following Hometown Holiday happenings:

• **NOW:** A Christmas Carol window exhibit at the Pontiac

Oakland Museum and Story Trail throughout downtown.

• **November 27:** Light Up Parade in Chautauqua Park, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

• **November 28:** Small Business Saturday – Shop Local, Shop Small.

• **November 28, December 5, December 12, December 19:**

Snow Globe Santa Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

• **December 10:** Shop Late til 8 and see Santa in his snow globe, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in downtown Pontiac.

• **December 31:** Farewell 2020 Fireworks – Rec Plex, 9:00 p.m.

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Pamela Ann Atchison

The most amazing mother, daughter, friend, person Pam (nee Riccolo) Atchison, 71, of Dwight, Illinois joined her Lord and Savior on November 20, 2020. Pam was surrounded by her loving family as she made her final journey.



Sethness Greenleaf as an office administrator while attending Northeastern University.

Returning to Dwight, she was a dispatcher for the Dwight Police Department, where she made a lifelong friend, like a brother, Bill Sole. She also worked with her mother for many years waitressing at the VFW Friday Night Fish Fry. She later worked at Excelon's LaSalle and Dresden Stations retiring in 2004. In semi-retirement she worked for Lovell Excavating, Sancken Sole Realty, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Pamela Ann was born on March 19, 1949, the oldest child of the late Caruso and Virginia (nee Holland) Riccolo. She is survived by identical twin daughters, Amy (Shawn) McCarville of Kenosha, WI and Jamie Atchison of Normal, IL; two spoiled cats, Allie and Kate; one grand-fur, Kevin; two brothers, Ric (Diana Ehri) Riccolo and Bill (Sandy) Riccolo, all of Olympia, WA; her first friend, Kathie Patterson, Shell Knob, MO; and many family and friends throughout the country.

Pam was active in the Dwight community. She coached her daughters' softball teams and was excited the year the Bad News Batters won the championship. Pam proudly served two terms on the Dwight Village Board where she was the head of the property committee that laid the groundwork for the construction of the new village hall.

Pam was a wonderful person who accepted everyone unconditionally, her life was a living example of one of her favorite Bible verses, Ephesians 4:32 - "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another just as Christ forgave you."

Pam was an avid reader and lifelong learner. She benefited from studying the Bible with Dr. Stephen Lauricella. She joined St. Peter's Lutheran Church and served on the church council with many dedicated members for several years.

Over the last few years, Pam persevered through many health challenges. She was fortunate to have the great support of many friends. In the last month she was truly blessed to be at home with great caregivers. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her and forever remembered.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Due to Covid-19 restrictions a celebration of life service will be held at a later date in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight, IL. She will be laid to rest alongside her parents in the Holland family cemetery in Kinston, NC.

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared at hagermemorial.com

Pam excelled at every job she ever had. She worked at Fox Developmental Center, where she formed a special family bond with resident Jimmy Taylor, her mom Casina Taylor and sister Beverly of Chicago. Many times she would bring Jimmy home to be with her family. She later lived in Chicago and worked at

around town on her bicycle, she was a "paper girl." Her father's Fulbright Scholar internships and teacher exchanges allowed her family to travel extensively in Europe, and a lifelong love for travel was thus instilled in Gwenda early in life.

There was a special place in her heart for Denmark. Being a summer camp counselor - and canoe instructor - generated some of her favorite memories and shaped her future. After college (Northern Illinois University '76) - and a vagabond trip in Europe - she wasted no time becoming the operator of her own child daycare in St. Maries, Idaho.

Gwenda subsequently attended the University of Idaho (where she met her husband) to become an accredited teacher (no surprise to anybody), and in 1984 she began her long career with the Lakeland School District, starting at John Brown Elementary in Rathdrum.

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and in 1991 she was part of the inaugural group of teachers that opened Garwood Elementary, making many friends, teachers and parents alike.

Gwenda retired in 2012 with a disability due to breast cancer (2000) metastasized to her brain (2001). It was a miracle she lived as long as she did - hardly slowing down.

She enjoyed adventure travel, camping, canoeing, backpacking, hot springs, family get-togethers, slideshows, eating out (at the White House Grill), and especially being a mom and raising her daughter Sierra Pancoast (25).

Gwenda is survived by her husband Laurence Pancoast (Post Falls); her daughter Sierra L. Pancoast (Spokane, WA); her mother Beverly Robinson (Spokane, WA); her sister Joyce Robinson (Spokane, WA); brother Marty Robinson (Jan) of Newport, WA; and nieces and nephews: Sara Bauer, Matt (Kim) and Nathan (Julie) Robinson.

She remained close with her sister-like cousin Karen Droegemueller (Andover, MN) and many friends from her hometown high school.

Gwenda was a very social, generous, and loving person. She was strong. She will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank Dr. David Chambers, our family doctor, and Dr. John Demakis, Spokane neurosurgeon. They played no small part in the quality and extended duration of Gwenda's life. We have great respect for the dedicated care providers who did so much with so little.

There is no service planned at this time.

Gwenda loved picking raspberries and harvesting grapes in the yard.

Gwenda Kay Robinson



Surrounded by family, Gwenda K. Robinson, 66, passed peacefully on November 14, 2020 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was a longtime resident of Post Falls, Idaho.

She absolutely loved children and her 27-year career as a primary grade school teacher for the Lakeland School District. It seemed almost impossible to go anywhere and not be recognized by one of her old students or teacher colleagues.

Gwenda was born in Joliet, Illinois on July 1, 1954, to Beverly and Lewis Robinson, a nurse and high school history teacher respectively. She grew up in Gardner, Illinois, a tight-knit community with extended family close-by, commonly just a few doors down.

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There is no service planned at this time.

Gwenda loved picking raspberries and harvesting grapes in the yard.

Go, Mitch, Go. Go Bears.

Aaron J. Boma
2016 ISU Grad

Minutes with Boma MITCH



It's time. Time to buy a television. (Just kidding, that was last week).

It's time for Mitchy Mitch. It's time for the prodigal son to return home. (Even though he never went anywhere, other than to the sidelines.)

A little over a month ago I wrote about how it was the end of the Mitch Trubisky era, and his time had come and gone, and they were moving on to Nick Foles.

That all happened. He was benched. they did move on to Nick Foles - except there's one very large factor that has happened since.

NICK FOLE'S STINKS. He Stinks. He stinks. He stinks. I could type that 37 more times and it still wouldn't be enough times.

Now, this is by no means to say that Mitch Trubisky is good, or even competent, but when the alternative is what we've seen over the last few months - whatever Nick Foles has been doing - then you gladly accept the Mitch Trubisky option.

I'm not sure what they did with the Nick Foles who played play-for-play with Tom Brady in the Super Bowl, but he is not the man who is currently under center for the Chicago Bears.

The biggest thing that Trubisky gives you that Foles does not is the ability to move around in the pocket. The offensive line is clearly not the best and Trubisky using his legs to give you 3-4 more first downs a game is something you (the coaching staff) definitely needs to consider.

The Bears are currently 5-5 after starting 5-1. Everyone kind of assumed the 5-1 start was a little bit of fools gold, but that has come to fruition quicker and faster than most would've hoped.

It all comes down to next week's matchup with the Packers. They are currently 2 games back from them, and with a win would cut that to just a 1 game lead.

The season is on the line, if they go to 5-6 they are more or less done in terms of their chances of making the playoffs. And I can't believe I'm saying it, but with the season on the line, you have to go back to Mitch. You have to.

Go, Mitch, Go. Go Bears.

Aaron J. Boma
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of)
) NO.: 2020-P-101
)
ERLAN EDWARD DOMAGALA, Deceased.)

CLAIM DATE NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Erlan Edward Domagala, and Letters of Office were issued on the 6th day of November, 2020, to Robert A. Crater, 460 Oak Street, South Wilmington, IL 60474, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is JOAN N. HARROP, 220 West Main Street, Suite 300, Morris, Illinois 60450.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Grundy County Court House, 111 E. Washington Street, Illinois, 60450, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 17, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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Robert A. Crater
Independent Administrator

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The Paper welcomes letters to the editor on topics of current local interest. All letters must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. No letters will be published with fictitious names or if unsigned. All letters should be typed or neatly printed and should not exceed 250 words. Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household. Political letters will not run the week prior to an election.

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Dated this 13th day of November, 2020.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 18, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Done Right Home Inspections, Inc., located at 208 Center St., Campus, IL 60920.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2020.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

Bernadine A. Denaple

Bernadine A. Denaple, 89, of Fairbury and formerly of Ransom, passed away at 5:45 a.m., Sunday, November 15, 2020 at her residence in Fairbury.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a memorial service will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Ransom, at a later date with burial to follow in Allen Township Cemetery, Ransom.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Church, Ransom, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Duffy - Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, has charge of arrangements.

Bernadine was born July 10, 1931 in Odell, IL, a daughter of John and Mary Gray Hoegger. She married Wayne L. Denaple on July 28, 1951 in Odell. He preceded her in death on October 28, 2020.

Survivors include her daughters: Anne (Steve) Mund of Odell; Patricia (Mark)

Stoeckel of Odell; and Mary Russell of Fairbury; sons: James (Karron) Denaple of Gainesville, Georgia; John Denaple of Dahlonga, Georgia; and Jerold Denaple of Buford, Georgia; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Joan Bolen of Pontiac.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Mary Jean Griffith and Frances Pfeifer; brothers: John C. and James Hoegger; a daughter-in-law, Jeanette Denaple; and a son-in-law, Larry Russell.

Bernadine was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ransom and belonged to the Altar and Rosary Society. She was also on the Ransom Grade School Board of Education and was a member of the Kimble Thimble Quilting Society.

A guest registry is available at www.duffypilsmemorialhome.com

victory lanes league results

Sportsman League Bowlers
 HSG: Bosco Gassman, 290; Crazy Hallam, 279; Aaron Paquette, 269; Ken Benson, 259; Coo Hallam, 254. HSS: Bosco Gassman, 788; Crazy Hallam, 688; Coo Hallam, 659; Jeff Friedman, 642; Chris Cook, 640. HHG: Aaron Paquette, 304. HHS: Bosco Gassman, 788. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 1102. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 3202.

Rury's Tap 8 8
 Hallam Elect. 7 9
 DeLong Ford 6 10
 Jensens 4 12
 Jeremy's Barber 4 12

Commercial League Bowlers

HSG: **Men** – Brian Scott, 240; Scot Banks, 238; Doug Gassman, 233; Don Price, 227; Bob Babczak, 222; **Women** – Brandi Farcus, 197; Sheri Colebank, 191; Kathy Howard, 173; Anne Sporrer, 166; Paula Watts, 150. HSS: **Men** – Doug Gassman, 672; Brian Scott, 647; Bill Becker, 587; Chuck Dudak, 586; Bob Babczak, 569; **Women** – Brandi Farcus,

542; Sheri Colebank, 528; Anne Sporrer, 460; Paula Watts, 445; Kathy Howard, 439. HHG: Gino Cesario, 272 – Sheri Colebank, 242. HHS: Doug Gassman, 672 – Sheri Colebank, 681. HSG/HHG: Victory Lanes, 897. HSS/HHS: Victory Lanes, 2567.

League Standings	W	L
Whiskey Cav	11	1
Willy's Pub	9	3
Pinkie's Out	7	5
Gaston Construct.	7	5
Dairy Queen	6	6
Victory Lanes	5	7
Big Run Ranch	4	8
Pumpkin Patch	4	8
Agritile	4	8
Coleman/Son	3	9

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	15	1
Star Trucking	11	5
Willy's Pub	11	5
Jensen BP II	11	5
Rambo Construct.	10	6
Rockey's Pub	9	7

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of

RICHARD L. VAUGHN, Deceased.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. VAUGHN UNDER 755 ILCS 5/28-2(a) AND 755 ILCS 5/9-5 AS PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED ON OCTOBER 21, 28 AND NOVEMBER 4, 2020 IN THE PAPER WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. VAUGHN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Raymond A. Vaughn, his heirs at law, personal representative or legatees, of the appointment of Elizabeth C. Elsey, 205 E. Seminole Street, Dwight, IL 60420, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Richard L. Vaughn, who died on June 27, 2020, and whose permanent place of residence at the time of his death was 108 John Street, Apt. 2, Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office granting Independent Administration pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/28-1, et seq. were granted by Order of the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois and Letters of Office issued on October 14, 2020 to the Independent Administrator, Elizabeth C. Elsey.

Rights of Interested Parties During Independent Administration: Form of Petition to Terminate Independent Administration

A copy of the Order granting Independent Administration of the decedent's estate dated October 14, 2020 may be obtained from the Circuit Court of Livingston County, Illinois and/or the Independent Administrator, or the Independent Administrator's attorney, at the addresses as stated herein.

Independent Administration means that the executor or administrator will not have to obtain court orders or file estate papers in court during probate. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the Court to become involved.

Under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person may terminate Independent Administration at any time by e-filing a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court (as set forth below). However, if there is a Will which directs Independent Administration, Independent Administration will be terminated only if the Court finds there is good cause to require Supervised Administration; and if the petitioner is a creditor or nonresiduary legatee, Independent Administration will be terminated only if the Court finds that termination is necessary to protect the petitioner's interest.

A petition in substantially the form set forth below may be used to terminate Independent Administration:

In the Matter of the Estate

of

RICHARD L. VAUGHN, Deceased.

PETITION TO TERMINATE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

_____, on oath states:

- On October 14, 2020, an order was entered granting independent administration to Elizabeth C. Elsey, 205 E. Seminole Street, Dwight, IL 60420 as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Richard L. Vaughn.
- I am an interested party in this estate as
 (heir) (nonresiduary legatee) (residuary legatee) (creditor) (representative)
- I request that Independent Administration be terminated.

Name: _____
 Attorney No.: _____
 Attorney for: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Signature of Petitioner
 Subscribed and Sworn before me
 Date: _____
 Notary Public

(end of form)

A Petition to Terminate Independent Administration must be e-filed with the Livingston County Circuit Clerk, pursuant to instructions found on the Circuit Clerk's website. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or call the Livingston County Circuit Clerk's office at Pontiac, IL (Ph#: 815-844-2602).

In addition to the right to terminate Independent Administration, any interested person may petition the Court to hold a hearing and resolve any particular question that may arise during Independent Administration, even though Supervised Administration has not been requested (755 ILCS 5/28-5). The Independent Representative must mail a copy of the estate inventory and final account to each interested person and must send notice to or obtain the approval of each interested person before the estate can be closed (755 ILCS 5/28-6, 28-11). Any interested person has the right to question or object to any item included in or omitted from an inventory or account or to insist on a full Court accounting of all receipts and disbursements with prior notice as required in Supervised Administration (755 ILCS 5/28-11).

The address of the Independent Administrator is as follows:

Elizabeth C. Elsey
 205 E. Seminole Street
 Dwight, IL 60420

Attorney for the Independent Administrator:

Irvin L. Masching
 Attorney at Law
 105 East Chippewa Street
 P.O. Box 247
 Dwight, IL 60420-0247
 Ph#: 815-584-1700
 E-Mail: imasching@maschinglaw.com



THE DTHS GIRLS GOLF TEAM recently held their awards banquet. Sophia Anderson was named Most Improved Gopher, while Kelly Deterding and Isabelle Schultz were given Co-Most Valuable Golfers. Three girls were also honored as members of the Kankakee All-Area Golf Team: Deterding and Schultz both made the first team – which included only six area girls – with Kendahl Weller being given Honorable Mention.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF CAUCUS

Notice is Hereby Given that on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 a Caucus of the Democratic Party in the Township of Garfield, Grundy County, State of Illinois, will be held at Garfield Township Hall, 301 N. Liberty Street, Gardner, IL 60424 commencing at 6 p.m. For the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices: Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Road Commissioner, and Township Trustees (4).

Dated November 11, 2020

Tracy Kociss
 Garfield Township Clerk



DTHS GOLF STANDOUT KELLY DETERDING signed her letter of intent to golf next year at Aurora University in Aurora. Supporting Kelly during her signing, pictured, front row, from left, are Dwight Township High School girls golf coach Julie Jensen, Kelly, her father, Larry Deterding; back row, DTHS Principal Andrew Pittenger, DTHS Athletic Director Cathy Ferguson, and golf pro John Keegan.

NOTICE OF CAUCUS

Notice is Hereby Given that on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 a Caucus of the Republican Party in the Township of Garfield, Grundy County, State of Illinois, will be held at Garfield Township Hall, 301 N. Liberty Street, Gardner, IL 60424 commencing at 6:30 p.m. For the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices: Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Road Commissioner, and Township Trustees (4).

Dated November 11, 2020

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 Garfield Township Clerk

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed in Dwight

Sign up to support the Salvation Army by taking an hour ringing bells for the annual kettle collection at Dwight businesses.

Bell Ringers are needed at Casey's, Old Rt. 66, and Tractor Supply Company from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday through Sunday, starting the weekend after Thanksgiving. If you can help, contact the

church that is covering the date you are available.

Dwight United Methodist Church is covering the weekend of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 27, 28, and 29. You can sign up at the church or by calling Julie Marx at 815-584-9051.

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 815-584-3522, is covering December 4, 5, and 6; New Life

Assembly of God Church, 815-584-3430, is covering December 11, 12, and 13; and St. Peter Lutheran, 815-584-1199, is covering December 18, 19, and 20.

Most of the money raised serves Dwight residents. Give an hour or more to support those in need – especially during these very difficult times.



- Hi, Dwight Community - It's that time of year again and we are not going to let this difficult 2020 slow down our annual Love Boxes and Christmas for Kids.

Our committee is full steam ahead and we are hoping you will volunteer your time and/or resources to make this another successful year. We would love to see all of our past volunteers again along with many new faces.

Our volunteer schedule is December 10th (6:00-8:00), December 11th (9:00-11:00), and December 12th (9:00-11:00), all at the Methodist Church, here in Dwight. We promise to have all volunteer efforts COVID safe!

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Buddy time K and 4th



Reading Buddies may look different this year, but still remains a big hit for the Kindergarten and 4th grade students at South Wilmington Grade School. Thank you, Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Phillips, for finding a way to bring Reading alive for the students.

State Rep. Tom Bennett, 106th District

Coronavirus outbreak worsens

Coronavirus outbreak continues worsening in Illinois. One week ago the Illinois Department of Public Health reported 15,415 new cases of coronavirus in Illinois in a single day – a new and terrible record. Barely a month earlier we were talking about record-setting days which had totals of less than one-third of that number. The entire state has now been placed in enhanced mitigation measures because the spread has exceeded guidelines set by public health officials. Please remember the protective measures we have heard about for these many months: avoid crowds, wear a face covering in public and wash your hands. I was glad to hear the welcome news that prospects for a vaccine are looking bright, and now the states are formulating plans for its distribution once it becomes available. The Secretary of State's office has announced the closure of its driver services facilities through December 7 due to the illness. Meanwhile, just in time for Thanksgiving, the Department of Public Health has rolled out its "Healthy Holidays to You" campaign to share information about safe ways to celebrate. Madigan allies indicted in bribery scheme. The federal investigation into a bribery scheme in which House

Speaker Michael Madigan has been implicated drew even closer to the Speaker this week as four of his close allies were indicted on Wednesday. Prosecutors allege that the utility company ComEd bribed a policymaker termed "Public Official A" in exchange for favorable government actions. "Public Official A" has been determined to be Madigan. This week the Department of Justice indicted the former CEO of ComEd Anne Pramagiore and lobbyist Michael McClain who was closely involved with Madigan for many years, as well as two other individuals allegedly involved in the plot. Madigan has not been charged. Another former ComEd executive has already pled guilty. The four individuals indicted on Wednesday were charged with bribery, bribery conspiracy and falsifying records. The House convened a special investigating committee over the summer to look into Madigan's conduct, but it has not met since September 29 and its most recent meeting was abruptly cancelled. It is time for that committee to immediately re-convene and resume its investigation. It is also long past time for the Illinois House to re-convene and take up tough ethics reform legislation to break the cycle of corruption.

How much do we owe? As of the time of this writing, the State of Illinois owes \$8,410,367,559 in unpaid bills to state vendors. One year ago, the backlog stood at \$6.0 billion. This figure represents the amount of bills submitted to the office of the Comptroller and still awaiting payment. It does not include debts that can only be estimated. Have a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. Just like so many other holidays in 2020, Thanksgiving is going to be very different this year. But we still have much to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for my hard-working district office staff, Angel Crawford in Watseka and Deb Karch in Pontiac. They are a great asset for our district. Since the beginning of the pandemic in March, they have worked long hours trying to help 106th District residents with the many different aspects of this emergency. In that time they have managed 10,745 e-mails and handled more than 10,000 phone calls in the process of resolving constituent issues with state agencies. They work extremely hard for the people of our district and I appreciate them very much. I will be back with another Update from the Capitol on Friday, December 4.

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Parents Express Remote Learning Concerns at GSW High School Board Meeting

(continued from page 1) The Blue Sky Solar Farm project continues to move forward. A hearing was held with the Grundy County Zoning Board on November 18. More information regarding a potential tax abatement and final estimated figures for the taxing bodies is to follow. Estimated Tax Levy presentation – GSW anticipated EAV increase is 5% from last year with expected tax rate of 2.60. That would represent a three cent decrease from last year's levy. The total extension being levied is \$1,686,556.25 which represents a 4.97% increase over

last year's mainly due to the increase in EAV. • Transportation – GSW will be looking to go out to bid with the feeder schools in the following months. **Action Items:** • Approve three-year contract renewal for the Superintendent, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024. • Approve three-year intergovernmental agreement with Braceville Elem. #75 for a shared Superintendent, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024. • Appoint Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman as district representatives for SB7 committee. • Approve Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy, as presented.

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Theme for Livingston County Ag Literacy Partnership Coloring, Postcard Design Contest

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To recognize this essential industry, Livingston County's Agriculture Literacy Partnership is hosting a Postcard Design Contest for K-4 students – which is open to all Livingston County public, private, and home-school students.

"Thank You Farmers!" is the theme, and there are three

contest divisions: Kindergarten Coloring; Grades 1 and 2 Postcard Design; and Grades 3 and 4 Postcard Design. The first place winner from each of the divisions will have their entry printed onto full-color postcards that will be used for National Agriculture Day promotions.

Kindergarten students will color a picture that is available on request. Students in grades 1-4 will design a 5.5" x 8.5" postcard that shows an activity that occurs on a farm. A few examples include: planting a field or garden; harvesting crops; baling hay; feeding livestock; taking care of machinery or students can draw a food (turkey, pumpkins, milk, popcorn, etc.) or a non-food product that starts on a farm (medicines, footballs, clothing, crayons, ethanol or biodiesel).

Entries will be judged on the accurate use of colors and neatness.

Contest rules and the Kindergarten coloring sheet are available from the Livingston County SWCD at 815-844-6127, ext. 3, or by contacting Debbie Ruff at debra.ruff@il.nacdnet.net.

Contest entries are due no later than **December 11, 2020**. Entries may be delivered to the Livingston County SWCD, 1510 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac, IL 61764, or may be scanned and e-mailed to debra.ruff@il.nacdnet.net. Winners will be announced in January.

This contest is sponsored by the Livingston County Ag Literacy Partnership, comprised of Livingston County's Soil and Water Conservation District, Farm Bureau, and U of I Extension.

Morris Hospital Nears Capacity as COVID Hospitalizations Increase

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers is reporting a 400% increase in COVID hospitalizations since the beginning of November.

There were ten COVID positive inpatients at Morris Hospital on October 31, compared to 39 on November 17. The hospital had to postpone three surgeries scheduled for November 18 and 19 that would have involved an overnight hospital stay.

To compound the challenging situation, Morris Hospital's COVID testing capabilities have significantly diminished in the past few weeks due to a supply shortage. All other COVID specimen collections have to be sent to a reference laboratory, with results taking

2-5 days.

During a telephone call with business and community leaders November 17, Steadham pleaded for cooperation from the entire community, noting that social gatherings and community events are still occurring – as well as indoor dining in some cases – despite Grundy County's 25% positivity rate and restrictions imposed by the state.

"Please, for your neighbors, friends, and for your family, do what has been asked of all of us over the next few weeks: stay home as much as you can, avoid gatherings, wear your mask when you have to go out, keep your distance, and sanitize your hands."

AT THE CHURCHES

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Pastor Sam Stow
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815-426-2908
Staff e-mail: life@herschchristian.com
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On Facebook:
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KEMPTON
Kempton United Methodist Church
305 Main Street
815-253-6373
Pastor John Lyons
815-257-5751 cell

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105 E. Main St.
815-253-6250
Rev. John A. Mohler,
Pastor

KINSMAN
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Rev. Stanley Dzewniak,
swkrcatholics.org

MAZON
Mazon United Methodist Church
509 7th Street
815-448-5677 Church
815-483-9343 Cell
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Pastor Donald Batz
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Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ
806 Park Street
Pastor Tyler Carrell
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United Methodist Church
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Rev. Janeen Tronc

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Parochial Vicar,
Fr. Augustin Kassa, SMA; Deacon
Ron Wackerlin

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Email: stjoetorino@gmail.com
Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Worship Service
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102 E. Plumb St.
Phone: 815-587-0488
email:
RansomUMC@gmail.com
Pastor Andrew King
Pastor cell: 815-257-4657

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35900 E 3200 N Road
Pastor Kevin Boesen
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Reddick, IL 60961
Pastor Andrea Boggs
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South Wilmington United Methodist Church
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433 Anne St.
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Pastor Andrew King

Gas Prices For This Week

Since November 19th, the national average for a gallon of regular gas has decreased by one cent to \$2.11, which is five cents less than last month and still significantly less than last year. As demand remains low, pump prices are likely to remain low for Thanksgiving. Safe travels and a Happy Thanksgiving!

City/Village	November 23	November 16
Dwight	\$2.09	\$1.99
Kankakee	\$2.06	\$2.13
Streator	\$2.02	\$2.02
Pontiac	\$1.90	\$2.01
Gardner	\$2.18	\$2.22
Braceville	\$2.23	\$2.24
Morris	\$2.00	\$2.02
Herscher	\$2.19	\$2.22
Chicago	\$2.98	\$2.31
Illinois	\$2.20	\$2.23
U.S.	\$2.11	\$2.13

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

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If you detect even a small amount of this odor in the air:

Si detecta este olor en el aire, por mínimo que sea:

- Do not try to locate the source of the smell.
No intente localizar la fuente del olor.
- Leave the area immediately and alert others.
Abandone el área inmediatamente y alerte a los demás.
- Avoid using any sources of ignition, such as cell phones, cigarettes, matches, flashlights, electronic devices, motorized vehicles, light switches or landlines.
Evite usar cualquier fuente de ignición, por ejemplo, teléfonos celulares, cigarrillos, fósforos, linternas, aparatos electrónicos, vehículos a motor, interruptores de luz o teléfonos fijos.
- Call Nicor Gas at **888.Nicor4U (642.6748)** or **911** once you are out of the area and in a safe place.
*Llame a Nicor Gas at **888.Nicor4U (642.6748)** o al **911** una vez que esté fuera del área y en un lugar seguro.*

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School District 73
 500 E Main St., Gardner, IL 60424
 815-237-2176
 M-F, 8:00am-4:00pm
 School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,266,049	333,906	320,971	70,427	25,976	0	29,345	164,042	29,345
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	1,027,757	50,000	0	134,325	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	92,642	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,386,448	383,906	320,971	204,752	25,976	0	29,345	164,042	29,345
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,200,044	391,433	321,750	270,198	65,654	0	200,000	154,299	7,753
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	400,000	0	150,000	0	0	200,000	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		1,238,951	46,820	2,290	25,160	48,645	200	586,348	169,092	30,986
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020		1,425,355	439,293	1,511	109,714	8,967	200	815,693	178,835	52,578

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Gardner South Wilmington Township High School District 73
 24-032-0730-17

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
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GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
WILLIAM ASBRIDGE CASSANDRA BEXSON DAVID BEXSON AMBER EISHA BRENDAN ELENS ROBERT A EMPEROR BREANN FISHER DEVIN FISHER JENNIFER FISHER KURT W FOSNAUGH CHRISTOPHER HALPIN DAVID KIRSTEIN ALYSSA LAMB HEATHER MUZZARELLI ROBERT ORTEGA SARAH PHILLIPS TREVOR SAMPSON HOLLY STELLANO ETHAN STEWART KATHY TESCH DION TJELLE SHANE WEPPRECHT CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS JESSICA WILSON	CARLA HUSTON PATRICIA TROMFIMCHUCK	SHERRI GARRETT JOHN WILLIAMSEN	WALTER DEBELAK

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

This listing must be published in the local newspaper, sent to ISBE, and retained within your district/joint agreement administrative office for public inspection

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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
AMAZON	8,375	PSIC	29,272
THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK	321,751	ROBBINS, SCHWARTZ, NICHOLS	4,895
AT&T	20,433	SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	6,873
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD	219,224	SHAYLA LORING PHOTOGRAPHY	4,088
BSN SPORTS	6,960	SPIRIT PRODUCTS	3,054
BUSHUEHR INC	6,366	STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT	3,014
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	2,713	STANDARD BANK FICA/MEDICA	120,707
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	10,179	SUMMIT CUSTOM WOODWORKING	9,915
COMMON GOAL SYSTEMS	5,435	THE MUSIC SHOPPE	3,566
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY	10,901	TODAYS CLASSROOM LLC	8,244
DELTA DENTAL OF IL	8,786	TRI-K SUPPLIES & SERVICE	2,817
DEMCO	11,216	TRS .58%	3,263
DWIGHT COUNTRY CLUB	3,842	TRS 9.0%	46,378
EBSCO INFORMATION SERVICE	4,997	TRS .8 % .6%	11,653
ENCHANTED CASTLE	3,000	UNITED RADIO	8,383
EXCEL ELECTRIC, INC	13,450	VALIC	8,220
FAIRMONT HOTEL CHIAGO	2,930	WALMART	4,722
FATLAN TRUCKING & EXC	3,793	WALSWORTH PUBLISHING	7,620
FRIENDLY SIGNS INC	4,595	WASTE MANAGEMENT	7,561
GARAVENTA USA INC	7,833		
GORDON & BACKHUS GLASS	5,009		
GORDON FOOD SERVICE	47,960		
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GRUNDY CO. SPEC ED	243,404		
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN	13,389		
HUDL	3,450		
IL ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS	8,809		
IL CENTRAL SCHOOL BUS	221,958		
IL DEPT REV	37,759		
IMAGE SYSTEMS & BUSINESS	4,808		
IMRF BENEFIT	8,871		
IMRF DEDUCTION	5,700		
JANET L BROWN	7,665		
JOHNSON CONTROL	4,586		
JOHN ENGELMAN	2,651		
KORELLIS SYSTEMS CONTROL	51,952		
JEFFERSON NATIONAL	2,600		
MASTERCARD CORP CLIENTS	79,269		
MENARDS, INC	4,933		
MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT	25,000		
MIKE'S CANDY STAND	2,595		
MUSIC CELEBRATIONS	43,893		
NAPERVILLE PSYCH VENTURES	2,746		
NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES	23,733		
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Fri., Nov. 27: CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

Mon., Nov. 30: Sausage in gravy, mini potato bakers, fruit juice, biscuit, warm cinnamon buttered apples.

Tues., Dec. 1: Cheese tortellini, Alfredo, peas, kidney

bean salad, peanut butter cup, whole grain wheat (1), warm fruit cobbler.

Wed., Dec. 2: Saucy cabbage rolls, corn, broccoli, whole grain wheat (1), Mandarin oranges.

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584-3433 church
584-1291 fax
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Pastor Dan Woodward
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 - First Congregational United Church of Christ**
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Rev. Grant Speece
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 - New Life Assembly of God**
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 - St. Patrick Catholic Church**
Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
 - St. Peter's Lutheran Church**
326 W. Chippewa St.
815-584-1199
Pastor Chrissy Salsar
email:chrissytherev@att.net
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THE PLEASANT NOVEMBER temperatures were perfect for a gathering of bikes and children. High 40s are predicted for the upcoming week.

**In Dwight,
Last Landscape
Waste Pickup
Is
November 30**

Ever since early spring, the Village of Dwight employees have picked up landscape waste Monday mornings. Monday, November 30, is the last pickup date in 2020. Landscape waste must be in brown landscape waste bags and at the street by 6 a.m.



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