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RISING FROM THE PRAIRIE. The steel framework for the new Pamida store on Watters Drive in Dwight has taken shape. Groundbreaking for the 26,000 square foot building took place in early September. The pharmacy and convenience store is expected to open in

the summer of 2009. Pamida has 215 stores in 16 states, six of them in Illinois. The Dwight store will have parking for 100 vehicles, and is expected to employ about 30.

A Christmas Past -- 1943

While the joys and trials of 2008 remain fresh in our minds, and the challenges of 2009 lie ahead, we might take a short time-out to revisit December of 1943 — sixty-five years ago — when America and the rest of the free world faced life and death challenges far exceeding those of today.

Two years had passed since the declaration of war by America against Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany.

It was a December when the editorial staff of *The Trojan News* at Dwight Township High School put extra effort into the production of a Service Edition of the high school newspaper. A copy of *The Trojan News* was sent far and near to former students who were then in the service of their country.

The *News* noted on its front page that two new subjects were being offered at DTHS:

Lois Sorensen of Dwight recently came across a December 1943 copy of DTHS' *The Trojan News* that had been saved by her mother-in-law. This story was developed from that publication.

"Pre-Flight and Math Refresher have been added to the curriculum. Taught by Miss Douglas and Miss Hubbard, respectively, these courses allow the students to get some thorough training in mathematics and the science of flight before they enter the armed services."

Two-hundred sixty-seven students were enrolled in Dwight Township High School, but their activities were modified by the war: "Mixer dances were held in the lower hall more often than usual. Gas rationing makes traveling to Morris or Streator more difficult and dancing has been banned in

Joe's Sweet Shop, formerly the Sodini-Migliarini ice cream parlor, for the duration.

"High school girls are wearing attractive ribbons and — sometimes — roses in their hair. Not so much nail polish is worn, however, and nylon hose may not even be remembered by most.

"Occasionally, planes circle the town. Students and faculty wonder whether alumni are calling."

In November of 1943 a Japanese Admiral had boasted that a million men couldn't take the Pacific island of Tarawa in a hundred years. November 20-23, 5,600 U. S. Marines took the island in a three-day assault, but suffered over 3,000 casualties.

The Trojan News reported: "Several DTHS boys have been drafted: Robert Battrell, Edward Christensen, and Donald Ward have gone to the Navy.

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Make a Resolution You Can Keep: Become a Blood Donor

As the new year begins, people all over the United States are making resolutions. The American Red Cross encourages all eligible individuals to include "donating blood" on their list of new year's resolutions.

There are several steps you can take to make your blood donation a good experience. The Red Cross recommends getting a good night's sleep, eating a good breakfast or lunch, drinking extra water and fluids to replace the volume you will donate, avoiding caffeinated beverages and eating iron-rich foods to boost your iron level.

Blood drives will be held the second Monday of each month, beginning January 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 117 W.

Washington St., Morris. Call 1-800- GIVE LIFE (1-800- 448-3543) or visit givebloodgivelifelife.org to make an appointment or for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at checking in. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 years old with a signed Red Cross parental/guardian consent form where state permits; must weigh at least 110 pounds; and must be in good general health.

If your organization would like to become a blood drive sponsor, please contact the Grundy County chapter at 815-942-1046.



American
Red Cross

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Gardner Lions Club to Serve Breakfast

The Gardner Lions Club will serve breakfast at the Gardner American Legion Hall on Sunday, January 11, from 7 a.m. to noon.

On the menu will be pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice and milk.

There are separate costs for adults and children ages five to 12. Children under the age of five will eat for free. Funds raised will benefit the GSW High School SADA Organization, visually and hearing impaired and any other community project funded by the Gardner Lions Club.

Fire Destroys Cayuga Home Two Days Before Christmas

by Meta Machulis

A fire destroyed a single-family home in Cayuga, south of Odell, on December 23.

Pontiac Fire Chief John Cummins said the department received the call at 3 p.m. Other departments responding to the scene included the Saunemin, Cullom, Emington-Campus, Odell, Dana, Cornell, Kempton, Reading, Long Point and Dwight; and Duffy Ambulance Service, as well as station coverage

from Forrest and SELCAS, Cummins said. Firefighters stopped the blaze by about 7:30.

The home, which belonged to Alan and Pam Galloway, was completely destroyed. One firefighter suffered minor burns, Cummins said, but no other injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The Galloway home (right) in Cayuga was destroyed by fire December 23.



DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL Concert Band and Chorus performed its Christmas Concert December 14 in the high school auditorium. The crowd was enter-

tained with Christmas Carols and a piano solo by senior, Ben Montalbano. A job well done by all.

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
Dec. 27: Daniel W. Carter, 28, Dwight, suspended, revoked driver's license; Christopher M. Rife, 23, Gailsburg, MI, theft under \$300, public indecency.
Dec. 30: Andrew S. Laborence, 20, Odell, speeding (radar), 80/55.
Dec. 31: Sarah M. Hizon, 21, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 54/30; Gianne C. Estocado, 21, Hampshire, speeding (radar), 45/30; Joe W. Drechsel, 49, in-state warrant.
Jan. 1: Jason P. Sassenger, 31, Dwight, domestic battery.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
Dec. 29: North St., medical, Silver Cross, mutual aid to Gardner; Spencer, medical, St. James.
Dec. 30: 3200 N., medical, Streator; Chippewa, smoke investigation.
Dec. 31: 3100 N., trauma, St. James.
Jan. 1: Susan, trauma, Pontiac; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

4 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police
Expired registration sticker, 1; failure to dim

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If you're like many people, you've made some New Year's resolutions. Perhaps you've vowed to go the gym more often, or learn a new language or reconnect with long-lost friends. All these are worthy goals, of course, but at the same time, you don't want to neglect one of the most important areas of your life — your finances. So this year, why not make some financial resolutions?
Here are a few to consider:
Stay calm. As you're well aware, 2008 was not exactly a stellar year for the stock market. What will 2009 bring? No one can say for sure, but it seems likely that we are in for some volatility in the months ahead as we slog our way through the recession. As an investor, your best move is to stay calm and remain focused on your long-term goals. Review your financial strategy to make sure it's still appropriate for your risk tolerance, family situation and time horizon.
Increase your 401(k) contributions. Even though you might not have enjoyed looking at your 401(k) statements during 2008, it's still a good idea to boost your contributions for 2009. Why? For one thing, you typically invest pre-tax dollars in your 401(k), so the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. And your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money can grow faster than it would if placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year. Furthermore, you can adjust your investment mix to reflect changes in your risk tolerance and your proximity to retirement.
Build an emergency fund. It's a good idea to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, held in a liquid account. If you face an unexpected expense — such as a major medical bill or a costly car repair — you don't want to be forced into cashing out any stocks, especially if their price happens to be down.
Diversify, diversify, diversify. In 2008, we witnessed something that's unusual, though not unheard of: a bad year for stocks and bonds. In the past, it has more often been the case that when stocks are up, bonds are down, and vice versa. That's why diversification makes so much sense: By spreading your dollars among an array of stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and other investments, you can help reduce the impact of a downturn that primarily affects just one type of asset. Of course, diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, but if you aren't diversified at all, you are inviting significant risk into your investment portfolio.
Stick with quality. During turbulent times, quality investments are your best bet for "weathering the storm." If you're buying stocks, look for those companies that have long track records of profitability, strong management teams, competitive products and solid business plans. If you're considering bonds, find the ones that have received the highest ratings from the independent rating agencies.
Finally, be patient, disciplined and forward-looking. The investment world has taken some knocks lately, but good investment opportunities are still out there.

Dwight Peace Meals

Wed., Jan. 7: Grilled chicken cutlet, broccoli-cauliflower casserole, tomatoes and zucchini, wheat bread, snickerdoodle coffee cake.
Thurs., Jan. 8: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, beets and pineapple, wheat bread, gelatin apple salad.
Fri., Jan. 9: Minestrone soup, chicken salad, wheat bread and crackers, apricots.
Mon., Jan 12: Sloppy Joe sandwich, scalloped corn, Mexican coleslaw, bun, Mandarin oranges.
Tues., Jan. 13: Ham and beans, copper carrots, cornbread, blushing pears.
Wed., Jan 14: BBQ chicken drumsticks, tri-tators, warm black-eyed pea salad, wheat bread, glorified rice salad.
Thurs., Jan. 15: Roasted pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, wheat bread, pumpkin bars.
Milk is served each day.
Call 584-2007 to make a reservation.

Temps - 2009

Dec. 25 — high 32°, low 4° trace of precip.
Dec. 26 — high 57°, low 32°.20" rain
Dec. 27 — high 61°, low 26°.65" rain
Dec. 28 — high 35°, low 25°
Dec. 29 — high 42°, low 27°
Dec. 30 — high 43°, low 13° trace of precip.
Dec. 31 — high 20°, low 13°
One Year Ago - Jan. 7, 2008
high 61°, low 48°

Grundy County Climatological Data

The December 2008 climatological data has been furnished to *The Paper* by Jim Lutz, Director of the Grundy County Emergency Management Agency Weather Data Division:
Highest daily temperature, 61° on December 27; lowest daily temperature, -6° on December 21.
The average monthly temperature was 24°, and all 31 days, the temperature dipped below 32°. Two days had temperatures below 0°.
A wind gust of 45 mph on the 31st was a peak speed.
7.07 inches of liquid precipitation were received in December, for a total of 46.93 for the year. The total snowfall for the month and season was 13.2 inches.
There were eight days with measurable rain and nine days with measurable snow.



FAMILY FEUD! KATIE EICHLER, Odell, left, and her brother, Shawn Eichler, play a friendly game of football with their Ohio cousins, Hannah Thomas and Katie Thomas. They were visiting while on holiday break.

A Christmas Past -- 1943

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"Dr. Joss, Dr. Steiniche, Dr. Neff and Dr. Graham are among the Dwight professional men now in service.
"A new Honor Roll for World War II service people stands east of the railroad tracks in Alton Park.
"The Bungalow is closed. Orville's is the only place open after Mixers, but the coffee and barbecued sandwiches are good."
Sports continued at the high school, but with some adjustments. The football squad was coached by John



R. Haegele, commercial teacher, who replaced John Pace, who was in the U. S. Navy. The *News* reported:
"The Trojans won two games, lost four, and tied one. The Trojans lost their season finale to Pontiac, 37-7. Dwight's sole touchdown came in the first quarter when Captain Eddie Christensen carried the ball 45 yards to the five yard stripe, and Dale Carpenter plunged over for the touchdown.
"Practice for the 1943-44 basketball season is in full swing at DTHS. Coach T. R. Lewis searched for the right players to build around his two returning lettermen, Andy Battrell and Clarence Sorensen. He is assisted by

John Haegele."
"Happy New Year, Service Boys and Girls," began high school superintendent Clark Arthur Brothers' salute to his former students:
"We are again sending you a Christmas edition of your high school newspaper. We hope this effort will please you and give you a slight idea of what is going on at old DTHS.
"To say that everyone misses you is putting it mildly.
"Our prayer is that each and every one of you succeeds in your present undertaking and that you soon come home to your loved ones."

Alan Guebert to Speak at SWCD Annual Meeting

The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, January 15, at the Elks Club in Pontiac. Tickets are on sale until tomorrow, Thursday, January 8.
Alan Guebert will speak at the meeting, which will begin with a breakfast buffet at 8 a.m., followed by a brief business meeting, election of two directors and presentation of conservation awards. Guebert's presentation, "What now?" will explore the future for agriculture and conservation with the upcoming administration.
Alan Guebert was raised on a southern Illinois dairy

farm. He has served as a writer and editor at Professional Farmers of America, *Successful Farming* magazine and *Farm Journal* magazine.
He began his syndicated agricultural column, "The Farm and Food File," in June 1993; it now appears weekly in more than 70 newspapers throughout the U.S. and Canada. He also writes "Letter from America," a monthly column on U.S. agriculture and ag policy for magazines and newspapers in Europe and Asia.
If you would like to attend the meeting, contact the SWCD office at 815-844-6127, extension 3.


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Mon., Dec. 29: Medical, I-55sb mm227; medical, E. North St.
 Tues., Dec. 30: Fire investigation, mutual aid to Troy FPD; fire, auto aid to Dwight.
 Wed., Dec. 31: Medical, mutual aid to South Wilmington.
 Thurs., Jan. 1: Medical,

Canterbury; MVC, I-55; citizen assist, Canterbury.
 Sat., Jan. 3: Medical, Lincoln; medical, Morgan; change of quarters ambulance, Braidwood.
 Sun., Jan. 4: fire, mutual aid to Dwight; fire investigation, Dwight; medical, mutual aid to Dwight.

Send Photos of Life in Your Community to The Paper!

The Paper is always interested in publishing photos of life in the area. From major town events to business district happenings to children building snowmen in their yard, sharing the experience of life in small-town America is what The Paper is all about!
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Ladies Night Out
 HG, 186, Sarah DeLong; 177, Mary Dobbs; 172, Sheila Woodcock.

HS, 461, Sheila Woodcock; 460, Colleen Sassen; 436, Janet Maeder.

Team JT's	3	1
Dwight Dental	3	1
Victory Lanes	2	2
The Paper	2	2
Dairy Queen	1	3
Bank of Dwight	1	3



CLARENCE BUTTERBRODT enjoys a drink as MARY WELLER dons a party hat and blows a noisemaker to ring in 2009 at Heritage Manor in Dwight.



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Who: 3rd-12th grades and Open Class
Cost: \$40.00 per team (max. of 8 players per team)

Team Name _____
 Age Group: (circle one only)
 3rd - 4th 5th - 6th 7th - 8th 9th - 10th 11th -12th Open

Player Names:

1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____
 5. _____ 6. _____
 7. _____ 8. _____

Adult Contact Name _____
Phone Number _____
EmergencyPhoneNumber _____

General Rules:
 Each age division will play a double elimination tournament. 6 minutes will be allowed for each game.
 A 10-minute break will be taken between age divisions.
 Gym shoes must be worn.
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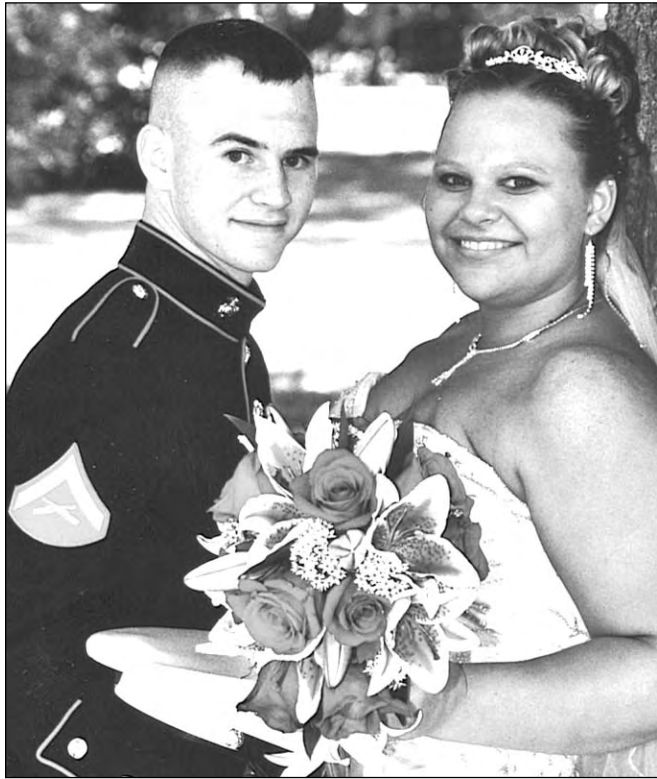
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Jessica Milbauer and Zack DeLong Married August 30



Zack and Jessica DeLong

On August 30, 2008, Jessica Milbauer and Zack DeLong were united in marriage at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight.

The bride is the daughter of Jeffrey and Tammy Milbauer, and the groom is the son of David "Poke" and Sue DeLong.

The bride wore a Mona Lisa Maggie Sottero dress. The dress was a one-piece, corset, strapless, full A-line gown with sweetheart neckline. The gown featured regal embellished embroidery accented with Swarovski crystals, bugle beads, seed beads, glass beads and sequins. Embellishments ornamented the bodice and center front skirt panel. The caught-up cutaway skirt was richly decorated with motifs that also accented the caught-up back skirt. The embellished chapel-length train finished the style.

The wedding party consisted of five bridesmaids and five groomsmen. The maid of honor was Kristen Feddersen, friend of the bride and cousin of the groom. Bridesmaids were Stephanie DeLong, sister of the groom; Nicole Barr, cousin of the bride; and Melissa Milbauer and Amber Milbauer, sisters of the bride. The bridesmaids wore one-piece claret red satin strapless ballgown dresses with pick-up detailing on the skirt and an ivory sash around the

waist, tied in the back. They carried bouquets with roses, calla lilies and smaller white flowers and greens to accent.

The best man was Jonathan Biswell, friend of the couple. Groomsmen were Elliot Gernentz, Garret Tripp and Sean Cleveland, friends of the couple; and Bradley Gschwendtner, cousin of the groom. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with claret red vests and ties, with a red rose to accent the jacket.

The flower girl was Kiersten Barr, cousin of the bride, and the ring bearer was William Otten, friend of the groom. Kiersten wore an ivory dress with straps and a claret red sash to complement her dress. The style matched the bridesmaids' dresses. Will wore a black tuxedo similar to the groomsmen, also with a claret red vest, tie and red rose to complement his jacket.

The ushers were Josh DeLong, cousin of the groom, and Rob Marx, friend of the bride.

The wedding took place at 11 a.m., and the reception followed at the Gardner American Legion directly afterwards.

Shortly after the wedding, the couple moved to Jacksonville, NC, where Zack is a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.



Amy Kratochvil and Allen Sullivan

Amy Kratochvil to Wed Allen Sullivan

Allen Charles Sullivan and Amy Lee Kratochvil are pleased to announce their engagement.

Amy is the daughter of Kathy and Kevin Earing and the late Gary Kratochvil. Allen is the son of Denise Sullivan and the late Charles Sullivan.

Amy and Allen reside in Racine, Wisconsin. Allen works as a relocation specialist and Amy teaches third grade in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

They plan to marry along Lake Michigan in June 2009.

Lauren Male and Rob Sheets to Wed Jan. 24



Lauren Male and Rob Sheets

Rob Sheets of Havana and Lauren Male, formerly of Gardner, will be married January 24, 2009.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Craig and Valerie Male of Gardner. The prospective groom's parents are Rhonda Sheets of Canton and Robert Sheets of Lewistown.

Rob is employed as a corrections officer at the Federal Corrections Institute in Pekin. Lauren is employed at Claudon, Kost, Beal and Walters legal firm in Canton.

Rob is being deployed to Iraq in February.

Natalie Clapp Engaged to Aaron Cox



Aaron Cox and Natalie Clapp

Natalie Clapp of Cabery and Aaron Cox of Buckingham have announced their engagement.

The wedding will take place February 14, 2009, at Asbury Methodist Church, Kankakee.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Scott and Cindy Clapp of Cabery. Parents of the prospective groom are Andrew and Joyce Cox of Kempton.



Anita and Fred Drendel

Drendels to Celebrate 25 Years

The public is invited to attend an open house on Sunday, January 18, to celebrate Fred and Anita Drendel's 25th wedding anniversary and milestone birthdays for each of them.

The family will host this event at the American Legion Hall, Route 53,

Gardner, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Fred is currently employed at Hogan/Walker in Dwight, and Anita is employed by MKM Oil in Gardner.

The couple has requested that guests kindly omit all gifts.

Pvt. Alex D. Romanetto Graduates Army Training in GA

Army Pvt. Alex D. Romanetto has graduated from the Direct Fire Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA. The training consists of Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of Basic Combat Training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies; weapons; map reading; tactics; military courtesy; military justice; physical fitness; first aid; and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train indirect fire infantry soldiers to employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and

anti-tank mines; locate, neutralize and extract mines; map reading and ground navigation; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct and camouflage mortar firing positions; operate and maintain mortars and fire control equipment for individual/crew served weapons firing positions.

Pvt. Romanetto is the son of Mike Romanetto of Dwight and Diane Romanetto of South Wilmington.

He is a 2008 graduate of Herscher High School.

B.Goley Named to Dean's List

DePaul University College of Commerce is pleased to announce Benjamin Goley, son of Bart and Angie Goley of Dwight, has been named to its Dean's List of scholars for the 2008-2009 autumn quarter.

Thank you to everyone who helped me during the recent ice storm. I would especially like to thank the Fire Department, Laura and most of all, my Mom and Sheeba.

- Paula Roak

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Cullom American Legion Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom met Monday, December 8, at 6 p.m. at the Post home. Twenty-seven senior and eight junior members enjoyed a catered Christmas dinner served by Sling Shots.

The table prayer was given by Diane Shapland in the absence of Chaplain Diana Taylor. Ice cream and cookies were served by the committee.

Members brought items for the men and women veterans at Manteno for Christmas.

After the meal, a short business meeting was called to order by President Vicki Allen. Co-Americanism chairman Judy Ehlers led the Pledge to the Flag. Secretary Kim Harms read the November minutes, which had one correction: Lorena Metz had made cookies for Danville bingo party. They were approved as corrected. Phyllis Perring gave the treasurer's report.

New business: A total of \$110 to go to the children and youth programs; a total of \$60 to go to the National Security fund and USO centers. Moved, seconded and motion carried.

Marsha Haag asked permission to reserve seven

rooms for the 17th District Juniors for the Department Junior Conference in Decatur in April. Moved to give permission, seconded and motion carried.

Lorena Metz brought to the unit's attention that Ron Umdenstock was appointed Veteran of the Month for December and would get an award December 17 at 1 p.m. at the department headquarters in Bloomington.

January 12 serving committee is Vicki Allen and Jean Desper. Diane Shapland gave the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned.

The Christmas committee was Judy Ehlers, Diane Shapland, Sherryl Nelson and Diana Taylor. "Take away bingo" was played by all.

The Junior Auxiliary girls met at 5:30 p.m. ahead of the Christmas Dinner for a short meeting and made 200 Christmas ornament tray favors for Manteno Veterans home. They had a Christmas gift exchange.

There were eight junior members and four leaders present. The juniors brought hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks to be taken to the Kempton Elementary and Piper City Upper Elementary schools.



CLOCKWISE, A FEW OF THE CAST MEMBERS, Gabby Davis, Paige Nelson, Pete Moyemont, Kristen Sanders and Christopher Gage.

'Just Another High School Play' Presented at DTHS in December

The Dwight Township High School drama department presented "Just Another High School Play" by Bryan Starchman on Friday, December 12, and Saturday, December 13.

Cast members included Ben Montalbano, Elizabeth DeWaard, Heather Storm, Kristen Sanders, Paige Nelson, Linda Thrasher, Pete Moyemont, Emma Wood, Lauren Mann, Brady Foose,

Tasha Zacek, Amanda Bailey, Marilyn Pfister, Christopher Gage, Kyle Graveson, Marissa Olsen, Kate Muller and Gabby Davis.

Crew members included Anita Stimac, Christina Zavala, Trent Wiles, Tod Nelson, Katie Kelleher, Greg Smith and Doug Black.

The play was under the direction of Ms. Presswood and Mr. Cobb.

'Life Smart for Women' Programs Coming to Pontiac

The Livingston County Health Department is partnering with the United Methodist Church in Pontiac and OSF Saint James John W. Albrecht Medical Center to offer the "Life Smart for Women" program.

Ladies can choose from three different Pontiac class locations, dates and times. Classes will begin Monday, January 12, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Livingston County Health Department; Wednesday, January 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at OSF St. James John W. Albrecht Medical Center; and Thursday, January 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Pontiac.

"Life Smart for Women" includes optional health screenings and 10 one-hour educational sessions that are held once a week. Each meeting covers different topics of importance to women.

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To our family, we don't know what we would have done without you. Keeping us informed of what was happening really helped. We want you to know how much we appreciated all that you did that night. It gave true meaning to family. We are so lucky!

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Jan. 9 A.A. meeting, 8 p.m., Dwight Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Jan. 10 Cinderella Ball at Godley Park, ages 4-12, reg. by 12/20
Jan. 11 Gardner Lions Pancake Breakfast, Am. Legion, 7-noon
Jan. 13 Godley Park Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
Jan. 13 Dwight American Legion Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 15 Dwight VFW Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 A.A. meeting, 8 p.m., Dwight Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Jan. 17 Godley Park Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jan. 18 Odell Firemen Pancake/Sausage Breakfast, 7 a.m. - noon
Jan. 20 Dwight Sons of American Legion Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 23 A.A. meeting, 8 p.m., Dwight Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Jan. 27 Godley Park Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jan. 28 Par-A-Dice casino trip, Godley Park, reg. by 1/10
Jan. 30 A.A. meeting, 8 p.m., Dwight Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Feb. 3 Dwight VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 6 p.m.
Feb. 5 Dwight VFW Men's Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 8 Gardner Lions Pancake Breakfast, Am. Legion, 7-noon
Mar. 6 Odell Firemen Fish Fry, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Fire Station
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January 23
• Vivid Spirit: Short Bus

January 30
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Letters to the Editor

Welcome to Shangri-La

It was recently reported that assessed home values in Dwight have (Surprise!) risen another 5.9% this year. With this bit of great news in an otherwise dismal financial year where my 401K now resembles a 201K, I have realized that I need to start looking on the bright side of things. I mean across the U.S. home prices have dropped for the 27th consecutive month in October, yet here in Dwight Illinois, our home values have magically bucked those trends and rose over 9% (this must be a misprint, right?)! This, when even much of the town has been rezoned as a flood plain. What are the odds?

Surely, with this great news of our isolated prosperity zone getting out, people will soon flock up/ down/over to Dwight, right? Sure five businesses closed their door's this past year, but that was all voluntary, right? The time to buy is now, time to change the name of Dwight to Shangri-La, the new Utopia.

The cynical side of me questions why in 20 years Dwight's population has only increased slightly more than 100 people. Surely it has nothing to do with property

taxes; I mean mine have only tripled in the 12 years I have been here, I have nothing to complain about.

I should come clean at this point and admit that I'm being a tad sarcastic. I don't know what I can do as an individual and I don't buy the "it's out of our hands, it's Livingston County Assessor's" finger pointing. I'm not a financial wizard, but I imagine that the current policy of tax and spend is following the law of diminishing returns in Dwight. Less people to carry the tax burden, more spending, higher taxes to make up for the loss in population, less people, more spending, higher taxes...less population....see a trend? I do.

Fewer people also means less revenue for local businesses, which in turn means...yep, less taxes collected....higher property taxes....now you're getting it. I hope, as a group, our elected officials can figure something out. If they don't, will the last one out of Dwight please turn the lights out?

Happy Citizen of
New Shangri-La,
Nick Kester

Now is Not the Time for a Field House in Dwight

To the Dwight community, especially my fellow taxpayers:

I am writing this letter in regards to the discussion about the new revenue to be generated by the wind farm(s) in our area. How many of you felt the same way I did when you first heard of the talk of a field house? My reactions was, well, disbelief. Surely this must be a joke!

Could they possibly be seriously considering such an undertaking in these difficult economic times?! People are being laid off right and left, not just in Detroit or some other far-off area, but right here in Livingston and Grundy counties. Many of us have been struggling to pay our sharply rising property taxes these last several years. With businesses closing down and incomes in jeopardy, the burden will weigh even heavier this and the next few years – perhaps longer. I know that many of you, like myself, had hoped that this new revenue might help to relieve some of this burden or at least delay further increase.

Personally, I would love to have a field house in Dwight

that would be open to the community, perhaps with an indoor pool. I would also like to replace my 12-year-old car with a new one, but I just cannot afford to do that right now.

People, you must speak up and let your thoughts be known. Don't fall for that "guilt trip" thing, where they accuse you of not caring about the kids. We are all either parents or grandparents or aunts or uncles. We all care. Maybe it is time we show we care by teaching our children about living within our means. In a few years, if the economy rebounds and the wind farms generate sufficient revenue, perhaps we could consider such an investment. Now is not the time. Let's concentrate on education.

The article in *The Paper* on December 17 said a date was being set for a public meeting to discuss the possibility of a field house. I hope this meeting will be well-publicized and well-attended. Meanwhile, let your board members know what you think.

Sincerely,
Beverly DeLong

Nancy Drew Nights at Prairie Creek

Nancy Drew Nights have returned to Prairie Creek Public Library. The next event will be Monday, January 12, at 6 p.m.

Join in for fun and adventure. Nancy Drew Nights are open to children ages eight through 13.

Small Talk

by Anne Shaw Heinrich



I like New Year's resolutions just about as much as I like committing to a Lenten sacrifice. I know full well that I should participate, that there are plenty of areas of my own personal sphere that could use some serious tending. I guess there are so many foibles and general fumbles for which I'm responsible, that I'm not sure quite where to begin.

The experts, those irritating people who seem to have every facet of their own lives figured out and in balance, recommend that poor, pathetic souls like me set ourselves up for success by establishing smaller achievements or changes. In short, we're encouraged to get real. With that in mind, I've identified three things about myself that I'm resolved to modify during the coming year.

In the coming year, I've got to get moving. Like plenty of other Americans, I need to lose some weight. It's a fact I recognize in a pretty painful way just about every time I look in the mirror or try on clothes or see a photograph of myself. I don't overeat or consume a lot of unhealthy foods, so already, I could be on the fast track to slender, except for one little glitch: I hate to exercise. I loathe just about every physical activity available to me, save walking. And I can only tolerate that if I have someone to keep me company or good music to listen to while I walk. I'm not sure what's hard about making myself get moving just for the sake of moving at least once a day, but I've come up with just about every excuse in the book. It's too cold. It's too hot. My MP3 player isn't charged up. I'm too busy. There's no time. The house is a mess. I should be working. My list of excuses is endless and before I know it, an entire sedentary month has gone by. With an attitude like that, I guess I deserve to be flabby and pasty. This year, I'm resolved to move more than I did last year. How's that for keeping it real?

In the coming year, I want to be more patient with my children. I love my kids more than anything. They have added more depth and meaning to my life than I ever imagined possible and I would take a bullet for any one of them without hesitation. But all too frequently, I forget all of that and lose it with them. I snap and end up saying or doing something I wish I hadn't. It's usually over something that seems great big in the moment. My snapping point is usually triggered by sass and messes. Back talk and

blatant disregard for my authority really tick me off. And unbelievably messy bedrooms come in at a close second. I've taken an informal survey of other parents and have been relieved to discover that just about all kids have lapses in respect toward their parents and most are not bothered in the least by bedrooms littered with laundry and other junk thrown every which way. To most kids, cramming stuff under the bed constitutes a clean-up job well done. I need to make a point of never allowing occasional aggravation with my kids get bigger than the love I have for them. So, this year, I'm still going to keep the sass in check, but I'm resolved to lose my cool less than I did last year. And I'm going to close their bedroom doors more.

In the coming year, I need to start trusting my instincts more. Nine times out of ten, whenever I've had a bad feeling about something, or a little voice from somewhere inside telling me something isn't quite right, I've been dead on. Why then do I ignore the wise voice that comes right from my gut so often? I think sometimes I ignore my instincts because I don't like what they are telling me. If I follow my instincts, I might have to take a different, less comfortable course, and I don't always like that. This year, I'm resolved to rely less on what I want to believe and more on what my inner voice tells me is really happening around and right in front of me.

I guess to make any kind of headway on the resolutions I've made for the year to come, I need to engage in a whole lot more daily and meaningful prayer. I'm talking about intentional, real conversations with God, the kind in which I do a whole lot less talking and a whole lot more listening.

In the coming year, I'm resolved to pray more than I ever have before.

Anne Shaw Heinrich is a freelance writer living in Dwight. Every time Small talk is published, The Paper donates \$100 to an area effort or non-profit organization. Proceeds from this month's Small Talk will benefit Dwight Community Chest. To read past Small Talk columns, visit The Paper's website at www.thepaper1901.com. To read more about Small Talk, a daily blog and other writing by Heinrich, visit www.anneshawheinrich.com.

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Attend Hearing to Speak Out Against Proposed TIF in Dwight

Mark the date February 9, 5:30 p.m., on your calendar and attend the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Redevelopment Plan in Dwight.

Members of our community are losing their jobs, their health insurance, even their homes – yet, our board members are geared up to spend your tax dollars without compassion, or perhaps they are not cognizant that the economic breakdown will eventually affect each and every one of us.

This will not only affect Dwight taxpayers but taxpayers in the grade, high school, and college districts. Our township, fire and library districts will also be affected because Property Taxes are diverted from all those taxing bodies to fund the TIF.

If you read the December 17 issue of this paper, note the article on page 11 wherein Tom Tock stated that “The Village will benefit *primarily* from that *initially*. But, *at the end of the TIF district's life*”

(which could be 30+ years), “all the districts benefit.”

Maybe the Village wouldn't need the money if they hadn't indebted us to the \$4.5 million sewer upgrade that was not needed or if they hadn't purchased a grain elevator for \$100,000. Can you imagine the village attorney's fees for negotiating that? Some are saying as much as \$25,000. The list could go on and on. If only you knew what other “projects” they have in mind for your tax dollars!

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Obituaries

Ethel Severson

GARDNER - Mary Ethel Severson, 86, of Gardner passed away Friday, January 2, 2009 at Walnut Grove Rehabilitation Center in Morris.



She was born August 13, 1922 in Selvin, Indiana, a daughter of William Everett and Elsie Gurine Hale-Spradlin. On September 7, 1940 she married Harold Severson in the Prairie Lutheran Church. Together they lived their entire married life in the greater Gardner area.

Ethel was a member of the United Lutheran Church in Gardner. She enjoyed listening to Christian music, took pride in her home and family, and greatly enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving husband of 68 years; three children: Elsie (Paul) Jerbi of Daytona Beach, Florida; Everett (Dorothy) Severson of Gardner; and Eyvonne (Roger) Dock of Shorewood; eight grandchildren: Scott (Ninez) Jerbi of Geneva, Switzerland; Julie (Jeff) Kaplan of Oviedo,

Florida; Brian (Karen) Severson of rural Dwight; Evan (Lynne) Severson of Clinton; Nathan (Sheila) Severson of Emington; Heather (Josh) Betsworth of Gardner; Dwaine (Lyn) Ashton of Leesburg, Florida; and Dawn (Chris) McBride of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Also surviving are 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family received friends at the United Lutheran Church in Gardner Sunday, January 4, from noon until the 2 p.m. service. Rev. Royan Rodney officiated at the service.

Ethel's grandchildren acted as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers.

Burial: Round Grove Cemetery, Dwight.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Ethel's memory to the Building Fund of the United Lutheran Church, 309 E. Jefferson St., Gardner, Illinois 60424.

The online guest book may be signed or private condolences sent to the family by logging onto: ReevesFuneral.com

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Reeves Funeral Homes, Ltd., Gardner.

George Whitford Siebert

GREENVILLE - George W. Siebert, 88, of Greenville died Sunday, January 4, 2009 at St. Luke's Medical Center, Chesterfield, Missouri.



Funeral services will be held at Donnell Funeral Home in Greenville. Times of the services are pending.

George was born March 7, 1920 in Pleasant Mound Township, Bond County, Illinois. His parents were John W. Siebert and Della M. Whitford. He married Elsie M. Rench of Pocahontas, Illinois at Osage, Missouri. She preceded him in death in 2002.

He is survived by three children: David (Carol) Siebert of Dwight; Dianne (Paul) Thomae of Rosemont, Minnesota; and Kevin Siebert of Greenville.

George has three grandchildren: Matt (Sandy) Siebert of Glencoe; Jennifer (Todd) Porter of Charleston; and Angela (Dennis) Shade

of Lakeville, Minnesota. He has four great-grandchildren: Julia, Sophia and Olivia Siebert; and Garrett Porter.

A retired pipeline welder working on many of the major cross-country pipelines constructed beginning in the late '40s and early '50s, he was an expert in his field, having learned his trade in the U.S. Naval Shipyards near San Francisco and his father's blacksmith shop on Hamburg corner in Pleasant Mound.

George was drafted into the Army in 1944 and landed at Omaha Beach with the 84th Infantry Division which crossed through France and attacked the German Siegfried. During a German counterattack with Tiger tanks he was wounded and taken POW. He remained in various POW camps until he escaped from the camp in Teterow, Germany near the end of the war.

Memorials may be directed to the Bond County Senior Center.

James Raymond Cushing, Jr.

MAZON - Jim Cushing, 58, of Mazon passed away Sunday, January 4, 2009 at his home.

Visitation and Video Tribute will be held Thursday, January 8, between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Reeves Funeral Home, 75 North Broadway (one block north of Illinois Route 113) in Coal City.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Ron Hart on Friday,

January 9, at 10 a.m. in Assumption Catholic Church, Coal City.

Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wilmington.

Friends may sign the online guest book or send private condolences to the family by logging onto: www.ReevesFuneral.com

A complete obituary will appear in *The Paper*, issue of January 14.

Thomas F. Bennington, Sr. obituary on Page 11 of *The Paper*.

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Mary Zappa

PHOENIX, AZ - Mary Zappa of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Dwight, passed away December 20, 2008, in Phoenix.

A memorial service and interment will be held January 9, 2009, at the Veteran's National Cemetery, Phoenix, AZ.

Mary was born March 26, 1924, in Russell Springs, Kentucky, the daughter of William and Shirley Coffey. She lived in the Odell and Dwight area most of her life.

She married Eugene Dronenberg in 1942. She married Steve L. Zappa Jr. on January 30, 1954. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter, Cheryl (Ron) Simmons of Dwight; one son, Joe (Robin) Zappa of Phoenix; six grandchildren: Andrew (Elizabeth) Louis of

San Diego, CA; Michelle (Jason) Schmit of Courtland; Ashlie and John Zappa and Danielle and Michael Nicks of Phoenix; and three great-grandchildren: Marleigh McGowan, Cross Louis and Courtney Schmit. Also surviving is a sister, Nadine Henson of Sun City, AZ.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, a daughter and a brother.

Mary was a member of St. Patrick Church in Dwight. She was a long-time employee at William Fox Center. Following her retirement, she and Steve, a long-time barber in Dwight, moved to Phoenix and remained there for the past 20 years.

Any donations may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dwight for Masses in her honor.

We want to thank all our friends and relatives who remembered us in any way after the recent passing of my sister and brother-in-law, Carolynne and Isaac Lane. We will always remember your kindness.

- John and Marilyn Wyllie

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John K. Stonecipher

ODELL - John Kilby Stonecipher, 88, of Odell passed away Thursday, January 1, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator.



Pastor Dieter Punt officiated at the 10 a.m. service held Monday, January 5, at Duffy Funeral Home, Odell.

Visitation was Sunday, January 4, from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Burial: Union Cemetery, Odell.

John was born February 21, 1920 in Iuka, Illinois, son of Waverly and Alta White Stonecipher. He married Mary Lois Hare in 1943. She preceded him in death. He later married Loyce Stadler in Pontiac on September 22, 1995 at First Lutheran Church. She survives in Odell.

Surviving are three stepsons: David Tammen of Lexington, S.C.; Duane (Diane) Tammen of Leesville, S.C.; and Dale (Gina) Tammen of Mansfield; one step-daughter: Rita (John) Collura of East Longmeadow, MA; three step-grandchildren: Theresa and Michael Collura, and Melissa (Paul) Gensic; two nephews and four nieces.

Also preceding him in death were brothers, Monroe and Waverly Stonecipher, Jr.; and sisters, Zelma Gernantz and Ruth Wolf.

Mr. Stonecipher was a member of First Lutheran Church, Pontiac.

He was very active in his

community. He was an Odell volunteer fireman from 1947 to 1964; drove a school bus for the Odell School system for 15 years; was a charter member of the Odell Lions Club from 1956 until the time of his death; and was given the high honor of the Melvin Jones award through Lions Club International for Humanitarian services within his community.

John was a member of the Odell American Legion Post 666 since 1945; held many offices with the American Legion including Post Commander on the local level and county level. He was co-founder of the Veterans Assistance Commission in Pontiac and co-founder and designer of the WWII Memorial located on the Livingston County Courthouse square. He was a lifetime member of the 40 and 8.

He was owner-operator of Stoney's Service Station on Route 66 in Odell for 41 years. He was a member of the Route 66 Association and was inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame in 1992.

A graduate of Odell High School, Mr. Stonecipher was a sergeant in the U.S. Marines from August 1943 to July 1946.

Memorials may be made to Odell American Legion Post 666; Odell Public Library; First Lutheran Church, Pontiac; or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Youth Baseball Meeting

January 11, 6 p.m.
at Dwight VFW
Elections to be held!



GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL

December 29

Panther Overall Stats

Chris Irvin, 237 points (14 three-pointers), 51 rebounds, 28 assists, nine steals, three blocks; Cale Brooks, 171 points (11 three-pointers), 109 rebounds, 28 blocks, 20 assists, 15 steals; Kyle Mack, 126 points, 94 rebounds, 11 blocks, three steals, two assists; Zach Sorensen, 37 points (five

three-pointers), 66 assists, 29 rebounds, 20 steals; Domenic Serena, 27 points, 38 rebounds, eight steals, seven assists, two blocks; Matt Grimler, 20 points (two three-pointers), 16 steals, 14 rebounds, four assists; Brian Scoggin, six points (one three-pointer), 16 assists, eight steals, five rebounds.

The Panthers' record is 5-7 overall.



TAKE IT TO THE HOOP, SCORE TWO MORE! 2008-2009 DTHS LADY TROJAN JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE, front row, l-r: Samantha Rybacki, Mallorie Rosales, Claire Elsey, Lindie McCarthy, Samantha Berryhill, Kate Pfeifer; back row: Amy Froelich, Jill Murphy, Alison McKinsey, Haley Gaston, Kaitlyn Colebank, Anna Oelschlager and Coach Chuck Butterbrodt.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

December 29

Lady Trojans vs. Momence Varsity-

The varsity Lady Trojans captured third place at the Momence Holiday Tournament with a 59-43 victory over Momence.

Scoring for the Lady Trojans were: Carly Perschnick, 21; Kolby Hoffman, 14; Chaney Tambling, 12; Haley Gaston, five; Chloe Trewartha, three; Loren Bedeker and Brianna Vigna, two each.

"Carly Perschnick led the Lady Trojans with a double-double - 21 points and 10 rebounds. This gives the Lady Trojans an

1-1 record for the season. A tough January and February will test the ladies throughout the rest of the season," stated Coach Froelich.

Lady Trojans vs. Paxton-Buckley-Loda Varsity-

The Lady Trojans fell to PBL, 52-47, in game semi-final of the Momence Holiday Tournament. It was the first loss of the season for the Lady Trojans.

Scorers were: Chaney Tambling, 16 (one three-pointer); Chloe Trewartha, eight (two three-pointers); Beth Launius, seven (one three-point-

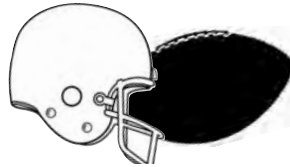
er); Kolby Hoffman, five (one three-pointer); Brianna Vigna, five; Carly Perschnick, four; Haley Gaston, two.

December 27

Lady Trojans vs. Tri-Point Varsity-

The varsity Lady Trojans defeated Tri-Point, 56-37, in game one of the Momence Holiday Tournament.

Scorers were: Chloe Trewartha, 17 (three three-pointers); Carly Perschnick and Kolby Hoffman, 14 each; Chaney Tambling, seven; Haley Gaston, four (one three-pointer).



Dwight Youth Football Board Elections

Dwight Youth Football will be holding elections for the 2009 season on Sunday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in the Dwight Public Services Complex.

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Chicago Blackhawks or Nashville Predators
- Who will win Sun., January 11?
Nashville Predators or Chicago Blackhawks
- Who will win Fri., January 9?
Washington Wizards or Bulls
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South Side Hit Man Takes The Loot

Week 17 Paper Bowl VII

Dwight's Dana "South Side" Taylor would like you all to know two things. First, he is this week's winner of our \$100 Paper Cash prize, and second, he's a White Sox fan. We will award him his prize in spite of this admission, but a special meeting of Paper Bowl officials will be convened to re-examine the rules of the game and possibly change this minor loophole.

"South Side" Taylor tied Dwight's Anne Martin at 13-1. The tiebreaker for week 17 was 610. "South Side" Taylor guessed 625 (+15). Martin guessed 583 (-27). There is nothing we can do.

One hundred and fifty-two entries were collected in week 17. Four entries were 12-2. They included Dwight's Rich Krippel and Bill Martin and Odell's Doug Campbell (2x). Dwight's Bill Martin, Anne Martin, Bob Gram, Bob Flynn, Keith "Cub 2" Lauritzen and Tony Johnson and Gardner's Judy Horries were 11-3. Fifteen entries were 10-4; 27 entries were 9-5; 34 entries were 8-6 and the remaining entries were .500 or below.

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Dana Taylor

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Paper Bowl VII Tiebreaker Results Week 17

Jensen's Amoco 8-6 over Dairy Queen 7-7
Route 66 T&A 12-2 over Berkot's 11-3 and Owl 10-4

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NORTH	W-L	Strk	SOUTH	W-L	Strk
★Jensen's BP	11-6	W3	★Champ. Fit.	11-5	L2
✓Dairy Queen	10-7	L2	✓Danko's SF	10-6	L1
✓Route 66 T&A	9-8	W1	✓BofD	9-7	L1
✗Berkot's	8-9	L1	✗Turtle's Tap	8-8	L1
✗Owl	8-9	L3	✗1st National	8-8	W2
✗Big Boyz Toyz	7-9	W2	✗DeLong Ford	7-9	W2
✗Victory Lanes	7-9	W1	✗LPL	3-13	W1

- ✗ Eliminated from Postseason
- ✓ Clinched Playoff Berth
- ★ Clinched Division Title



December 31
Trojans vs. GSW
Varsity-

The Trojans' varsity team defeated Gardner South Wilmington, 52-29, to take home the third place title at the Prairie Central Hawk Classic. The Trojans' record improved to 8-2 overall.

Scorers for the Trojans were: Jason Karstens, 19 (three three-pointers); Jens Kennedy, eight; Dillon Harris, six; Cal Vigna, five (one three-pointer); Nolan Hoffman and Kyle Cahill, one three-pointer each; Travis Roeder and Dan Grubbs, three each; Casey Wyllie, two.

"Kids did a real nice job defensively tonight. We also came out of our shooting funk a little bit," stated Coach Porter.

December 29
Trojans vs. Lexington
Varsity-

The varsity Trojans fell to Lexington, 37-32, in the Prairie Central Hawk Classic.

Making the stat board for the Trojans were: Jens Kennedy, 18 points, 20 rebounds, four blocks, one assist; Cal Vigna, five points (one three-pointer), three assists, one steal, one rebound; Jason Karstens, four points, four rebounds, one assist, one steal; Casey Wyllie, one three-pointer, one rebound, one assist; Dillon Harris, two points, one assist; Travis Roeder, five rebounds; Brad Gschwendtner, two rebounds, one assist, one block.



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A & S	3	1
Cards By Lori	2	2
Dairy Queen	2	2
JT's Saloon	1	3
FRP	1	3
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Ron De Voo	1	3

DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL

"We shot the ball poorly tonight. Then we got tentative and did not attack them when our shots didn't fall. Defensively, we played well against a scorer averaging over 20 points a game (Lexington's Michael Emberton had four points)," commented Coach Porter.

December 29
Trojans vs. Seneca
Freshman-

The freshman Trojans marched over Seneca, 46-37, during the Morris Christmas Tournament. The Trojans' record improved to 2-5 overall.

Scorers were: Jack Steichen, 13 (two three-pointers); Matt Hooker, 11; Troy Hogan, seven; Quinn Trewartha and Ben Trainor, four each; Aaron Boma, three; Matt Ferrari and Tyler Hogan, two each.

December 27
Trojans vs. Yorkville
Freshman-

The freshman boys' basketball team fell to Yorkville, 60-40, at the Morris Christmas Tournament.

Scorers were: Matt Hooker, 13; Quinn Trewartha, 10;

Aaron Boma, eight; Ben Trainor, six; Matt Ferrari, two; Tyler Hogan, one.

December 26
Trojans vs. Morris
Freshman-

The freshman boys' basketball team fell to Morris, 53-35, during the Morris Christmas Tournament.

Scorers were: Aaron Boma, eight; Matt Ferrari, Jack Steichen and Matt Hooker, six each; Troy Hogan, one three-pointer; Quinn Trewartha, Ben Trainor and Tyler Hogan, two each.

December 15
Trojans vs. Gardner
Freshman-

The freshman Trojan basketball team defeated Gardner, 57-29.

Scorers were: Matt Ferrari and Jack Steichen, 13 each (one three-pointer each); Matt Hooker, 11; Quinn Trewartha, eight; Troy Hogan, two three-pointers; Aaron Boma and Ben Trainor, two each.

December 12
Trojans vs. Plano

Freshman-

The freshman 'A' team fell to Plano, 46-33.

Scorers were: Matt Hooker, 16; Matt Ferrari, eight; Aaron Boma, four; Quinn Trewartha, three; Jack Steichen, two.

The Trojan 'B' team inched out a victory over Plano, 19-18.

Scorers were: Matt Ferrari and Troy Hogan, five each; Quinn Trewartha, four; Aaron Boma, three; Matt Hooker, two.

December 1
Trojans vs. Lisle
Freshman-

The freshman boys' basketball 'A' team fell to Lisle, 33-29.

Scoring for the Trojans were: Aaron Boma, nine; Matt Hooker and Quinn Trewartha, six each; Jack Steichen, five (one three-pointer); Troy Hogan, one three-pointer.

The 'B' team defeated Lisle, 22-7.

Scorers were: Quinn Trewartha, nine; Matt Ferrari, five; Tyler Hogan, four; Troy Hogan and Ben Trainor, two each.

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v.
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Defendants.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 8, 2008, I, Sheriff Robert McCarty, of LIVINGSTON COUNTY, Illinois, will on January 28, 2008, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, IL 61764-0320, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:
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Jan. 9: 8-9 a.m., Exercise.

Jan. 10: 10-11 a.m., Share Food Sign-up.

Jan. 11: 8:15 a.m., HC Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Worship.

Jan. 12: 8-9 a.m., Exercise.

Jan. 13: 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures; 5 p.m., Bell Choir; 6 p.m., Comp. Religions; 7 p.m., Church Council.

Jan. 14: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 4:30-6 p.m., Confirm. (Sr.); 6-7:30 p.m., Confirm. (Jr.); 6 p.m., WELCA General Meeting.

Jan. 15: 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures.

Dwight United Methodist Church

701 S. Columbia St., Dwight 584-3420, church 584-1554, parsonage Rev. William Leppin, Pastor

Jan. 8: 1-3 p.m., Set up for Kids Club; 3:05 p.m., Kids Club; 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir; 8 p.m., Ad. Council.

Jan. 11: 6:30 a.m., UM Men; 7:15-8:15 a.m., Set up for UMYF Coffee Shop; 7:45 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; 8 a.m., Traditional Worship Service; 8:30-10:30 a.m., UMYF Coffee Shop; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Praise & Worship Service; 10:45 a.m., Dedecorate Christmas Decorations; 1-3:30 p.m., Confirmation meeting with Parents/Students; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group; 6:30 p.m., Bible Study.

Church of the Nazarene

410 E. Philmar St., Dwight

Pastor C. B. Hinton Phone (815) 434-3242

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Mazon and Prairie Avenues, Dwight

Rev. James Rickey, Pastor 584-3522, Rectory

Jan. 10: 4-4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.

Jan. 11: 8 a.m., Mass; 10:30 a.m., Mass.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

200 W. Delaware, Dwight Phone 584-1260, church Pastor Patricia Morton

The mission for January: "Caring Pregnancy Center"

Jan. 7: 3:30-5 p.m., Turtle Church.

Jan. 11: 10:15 a.m., Worship.

Jan. 12: 6:15 p.m., Choir.

Jan. 14: 3:30-5 p.m., Jr. DUCKS.

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New Life Church

903 Old Route 66, Dwight Phone 815-584-3430; newlifewight@sbcglobal.net

Sunday: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship, Nursery, Pre-school, and Kid's Church; 6 p.m., Prayer Group.

Monday: 5:30 p.m., First Place Group.

Tuesday: 6 p.m., Truthseekers Bible Study.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m., Xtreme Youth.

Saturday: 6:30 p.m., Overcomers Outreach.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

325 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight

584-3433, church 584-1291 fax 584-1023, parsonage Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, Sr. Pastor

Rev. Jacob Ehrhard, Assoc. Pastor

Jan. 7-9: God-With-Us Preschool.

Jan. 7: 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bell Choir; 6:45 p.m., Choir.

Jan. 8: 6:30 p.m., Stewardship Meeting; 7 p.m., Council Meeting.

Jan. 9: 7 p.m., Circle of Hearts; 8 p.m., AA Meeting.

Jan. 10: 5 p.m., Worship Service.

Jan. 11: 9 a.m., Bible Class, Sunday School, New Member Class; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service; Elder's Meeting following

worship; 2 p.m., Heritage Manor.

Jan. 12-15: God-With-Us Preschool.

Jan. 12: 7 p.m., Dart Practice.

Jan. 14: 1 p.m., Mary and Martha; 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bell Choir; 6:45 p.m., Choir.

Jan. 15: Evangelism Meeting.

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St., Dwight

Pastor Daniel L. Woodward 815-584-3182

Jan. 11: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning; 6 p.m., Evening Service.

Jan. 14: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Program.

CABERY

Cabery United Methodist Church

Rev. Herbert M. Thompson, Pastor

Phone 815-936-9115 Church Council.

Jan. 14: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 4:30-6 p.m., Confirm. (Sr.); 6-7:30 p.m., Confirm. (Jr.); 6 p.m., WELCA General Meeting.

Jan. 15: 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures.

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United Church of Odell

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CULLOM

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United Methodist Church

106 W. Goold Street P.O. Box 46

Pastor Andrea Boggs Church Phone 815-237-8512

Pastor Cell: 815-768-9571

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CAMPUS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Father Peter Pilon, Pastor

Sundays: 10 a.m., Mass. Wednesday confessions: 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.; 6 p.m., Mass.

RANSOM

Ransom United Methodist Church

102 E. Plumb St., Ransom Church 586-4504

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ESSEX

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SOUTH WILMINGTON

United Methodist Church

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Sunday: 8:30 a.m., Morning Worship; 9:30 a.m., Sunday School.

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

135 Rice Road Fr. John Hornick, Pastor

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Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Masses.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

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301 Emmett Street

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Wednesdays: 6 p.m., Open Meal Program; 6:30 p.m., Children's Program; 6:30 p.m., Adult Bible Study; 7:45 p.m., Teen

Worship Time.

Herscher United Methodist Church

274 N. Elm Street Pastor Scott Baird

Sunday Worship, 9 a.m. Sunday School - all ages, 10:15 a.m.

Every Tuesday evening, Prayer Ministry Team, home of Thelma Webber, 6 p.m.

Every Wednesday, choir practice, 7 - 8 p.m.; Andy's Brothers, 8 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

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First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Service. Holy Communion celebrated.

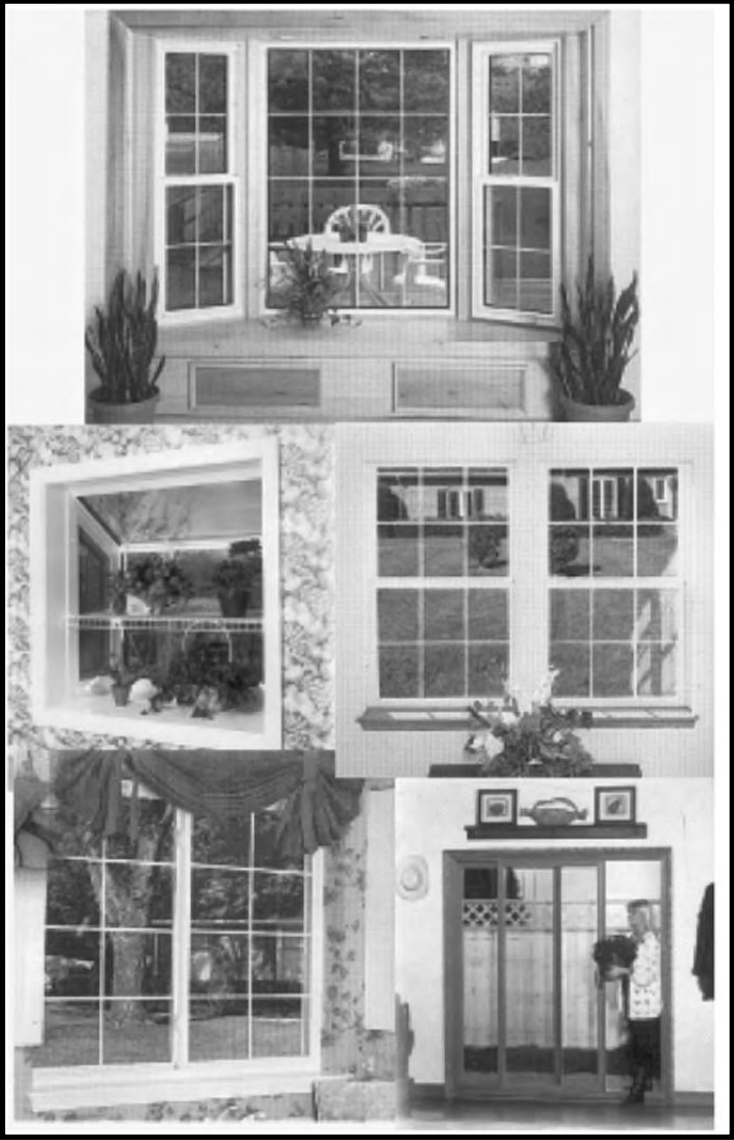
Sunday Service 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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