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## Loan Option Before Dwight Village Board Public Hearing Set for March 23

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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A public hearing has been scheduled to consider public comment regarding the option for the Village of Dwight to borrow additional money for waterworks improvements.

At its January 26 meeting, board members passed an ordinance which could allow the village to tag up to an additional two million dollars onto the remaining 1.8 million dollar 1994 waterworks improvement debt. The initial total water-

works debt was 3.5 million dollars.

While board members did not express an interest in incurring any additional debt, the option to do so was presented for consideration along with a plan to refinance the current 1.8 million dollar loan balance at an interest rate lower than the current 5.6%. Trustee Mike Woods voted "no" to considering the option of additional water improvement monies.

The board will hear public comment regarding utilizing additional monies for

waterworks improvements at a hearing on Monday, March 23 at 6 p.m. in the Dwight Public Services Complex Board Room. No action can be taken without a public hearing.

The board also agreed to refinance the 1997 General Obligation Bonds for debt incurred through construction of Dwight's Public Services Complex. \$772,585 remains from the original \$1,275,000 debt. Interest rate on the current loan is 5.35%. The loan is scheduled to expire in 2016.

In other matters, Village Clerk Patti Drechsel announced that the filing date for the April 7 consolidated election has passed. Three petitions for village president, five for trustee and one for village clerk have been filed. Seeking the office of village president are Bill Wilkey, Jerry Curtis and Gibbs Nielsen. Village trustee candidates include Jerry Harris, Mike Woods, Justin Eggengerger, Nick Kester and Jared Anderson. Patti Drechsel is the lone candidate for village clerk.

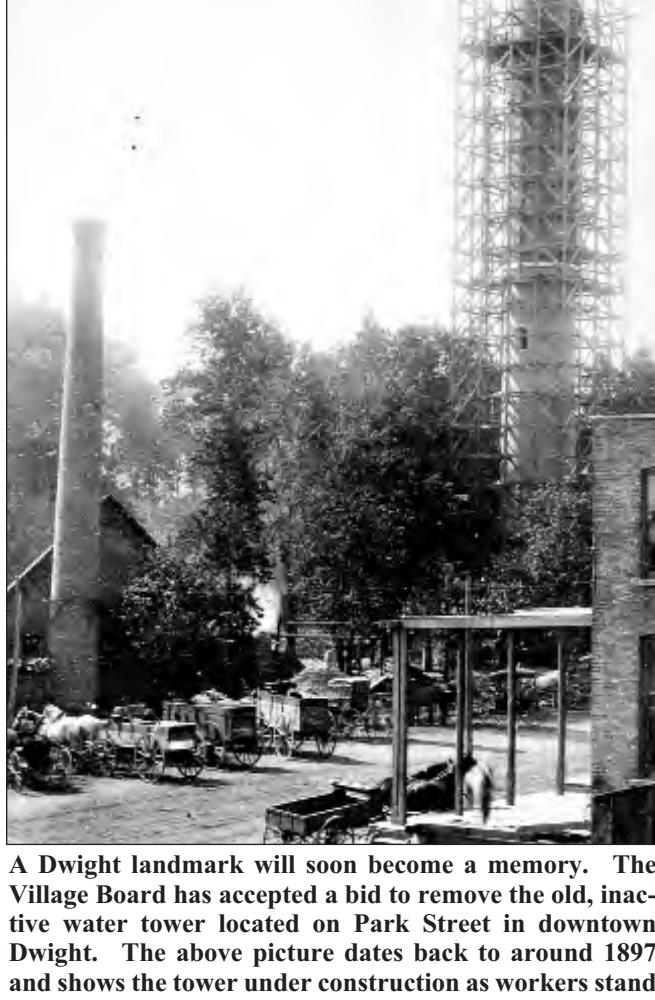
The effects of the struggling economy continue to be felt, as some area businesses have been forced to close. Village Administrator Kevin McNamara informed the board that Dwight's downtown area currently has 18 empty storefronts, and an estimated 45 jobs have been lost in the downtown area since Thanksgiving.

According to McNamara,

ways to keep downtown alive are being looked at.

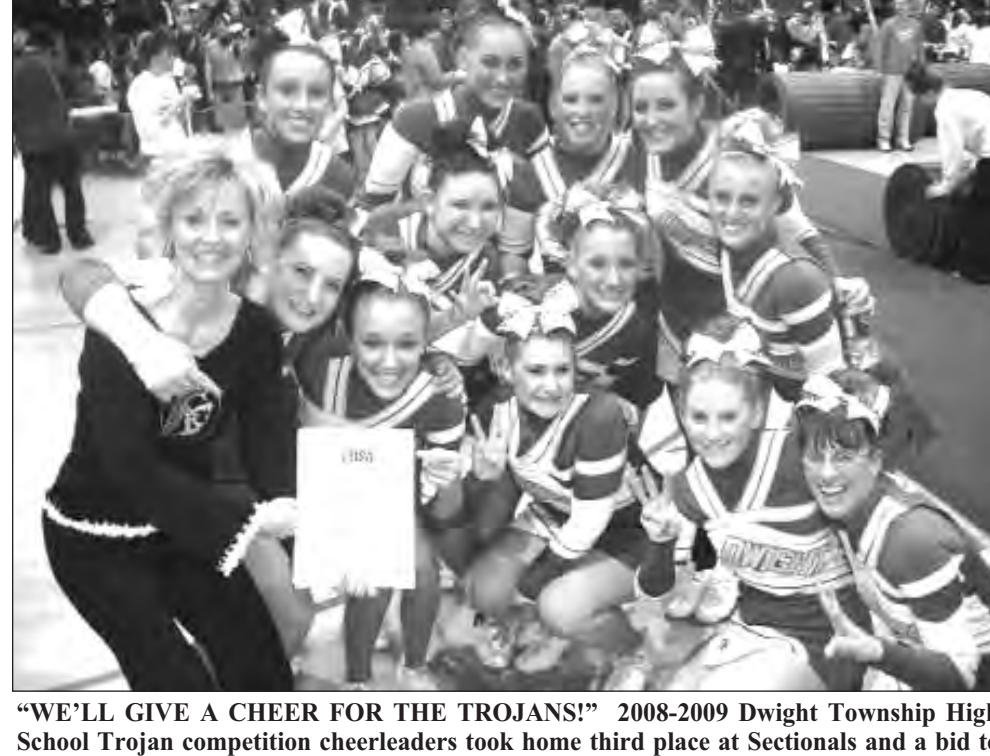
Committees are exploring ideas and options to entice business to downtown and to make sure current businesses remain viable," McNamara told the board.

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A Dwight landmark will soon become a memory. The Village Board has accepted a bid to remove the old, inactive water tower located on Park Street in downtown Dwight. The above picture dates back to around 1897 and shows the tower under construction as workers stand atop scaffolding overlooking the street lined with horses and wagons. As documented in the picture, the tower was originally about one third taller than how it stands today.

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"WE'LL GIVE A CHEER FOR THE TROJANS!" 2008-2009 Dwight Township High School Trojan competition cheerleaders took home third place at Sectionals and a bid to state January 31. The cheerleaders will spirit onto the Bloomington U.S. Cellular Coliseum floor February 6 during the State Competition. In addition to the state bid, the cheerleaders clinched second at the Illini Challenge and first in the Arctic Cheer Classic. Pictured, front row, l-r, are: Coach Angie Goley, Emma Wood, Tori Cumming, Katie Goodwin, Aidan Connolly, Paige Nelson; middle row: Anita Stima, Erin Hogan; back row: Cameron Anderson, Gracyn Leskanich, Shea Connolly, Grace Masching and Blair Goley.

## Morris and Streator Laud Their TIF Districts

by Tom Tock

With Dwight's proposed TIF District public hearing set for Monday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Dwight Public Services Complex, *The Paper* this week continues a review of TIF Districts in nearby communities. Last week's *Paper* published information about TIF Districts in Gardner and Sautemin.

**Morris TIF**

"A TIF District can be a

tremendous boon to a community with the jobs it provides," said Morris Mayor Dick Kopczick in a telephone conversation last week. Kopczick was alluding to the people hired to work in the business and commercial developments in Morris both downtown and in outlying areas of that community.

Morris is located in one of the fastest growing areas of the country. It has provided residents with hundreds of

new job opportunities in the last decade, and boasts a downtown that is a blueprint for redevelopment studies, a canal port historical area, and a quality of life envied by other communities its size. It has a population of approximately 13,000.

A combination sales tax/property tax TIF District was established in Morris in December of 1986. With its 23-year life expiring this year, the city is presently waiting for legislative approval to extend the District for another 12 years.

The 12-year extension would include an amendment for the District to add the old Gebhard Brewery building and Community Landfill property to the existing TIF.

The Morris Village Council, three Morris school districts, and a Joint Review

Board consisting of other taxing districts have agreed to the extension.

Morris school districts approved the extension after the village agreed to share 50% of any future TIF proceeds with the three districts (43%), and other taxing bodies (7%).

Previously, each of the three school districts received \$100,000 annually.

The 12-year extension of Morris' TIF District will not include any sales tax receipts. Legislation ended sales tax TIFs in 1987. Only property tax TIF Districts are now an option.

From 1986 through fiscal year 2007 more than \$19-million has been spent from Morris TIF funds on street and bridge work, water towers, a water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant

improvements and other infrastructure.

Another \$12-million in TIF funds has been set aside for a new municipal services building to house the police department and city offices.

"The TIF is a wonderful economic tool," said Mayor Kopczick.

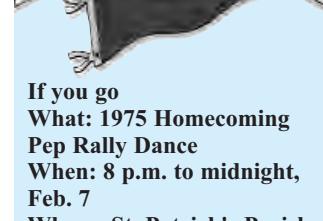
"The developments north of Route 80 (though not in the TIF District) wouldn't have been possible without TIF money being spent on infrastructure improvements to that area.

"Menards, the Costco Distribution Center, the 806,000 sq. ft. ProLogis warehouse (with Kraft Foods as tenant) and others all came about because we made sewer and water available to them," said Kopczick.

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## 1975 Homecoming: D-D-Dwight ain't seen nothin' yet!

by Sara Peters  
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Business has been a little slow these days at Jeremy's Barbershop, and for once lately, it's not the economy to blame.

Nope, Jeremy's twiddling his thumbs and moping in his barber chair because many of his clients are keeping the shaggy hair and growing out pork chop sideburns for this weekend's 1975 Homecoming Pep Rally dance.

The second annual decade-themed dance to benefit cancer research kicks off Saturday, and organizers, with the help of '70s band BTO, say "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet."

"It's just a little quirky, a little different, but just a whole lot of fun really," organizer Rodney Connor said.

The event, expected to draw

costumes ranging from Go-Go

boots and Tie-dye to letterman

jackets and leisure suits, is an

interesting alternative to traditional efforts to raise money for

American Cancer Society.

Connor is a member of the

We (Cancer)vive Relay for Life team established in 2007.

Members include: Steve and

Theresa Connor, Art and Ginger Connor, Amy Christiansen, Jeff

and Jennifer Schlabowske,

Rodney and Destiny Connor,

Jeremy and Jennifer Connor,

and Chad and Missy Horrie.

Specifically, the dance aims to get younger people involved in donating to a charity.

"That's the thing, there's tons of Relay for Life teams out there that do bake sales and ask for donations, but it doesn't get young people," Connor said.

"We really felt like we tapped into \$5,000 from an age group that wouldn't have donated that money in any other way."

The team has raised more than \$6,000. Members organize three annual events including a bean bag tournament, a 20-inning softball game and last year's 1985 prom.

More than 170 people attended last year's prom, which mimicked a high school prom

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closets. And thrift stores are great."

The 1975 Homecoming Pep Rally dance will be similar to last year's format, but will be themed in the Dwight Trojans vs. The Wildcats. Organizers chose to call it a pep rally, so

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## Benefit Account Set Up for Dawn Magers Family

automobile accident. He was a devoted husband and father of three young children. Dwayne was a carpenter with Local #916.

Donations can be sent to:

First National Bank of Dwight, Dawn Magers Benefit Acct., 122 W. Main St., Dwight, IL 60420.

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Monday, January 26, 2009, 12:30 p.m., 300 E. Spencer - Lot #108, Dwight - Officer Chad Eimer: Anthony J. Adams of Dwight, driving a black 2004 Chevy Colorado, was traveling northbound on Mohawk St., 554 feet south of Iroquois St. Adams stated that he lost control due to the icy conditions, left the roadway to the left, and struck an unattended, parked 2008 Toyota Highlander owned by Roger D. Goines of Anna, which was parked in the driveway of 108 Mohawk, according to the police report.

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by Madelyn Fogarty

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Wayne Haley of Dwight has joined the Dwight Police Department as a full-time officer effective February 1.

The recommendation to hire Haley was approved by the Dwight Village Board at its January 26 meeting.

Haley fills the vacancy created when Brian Heath resigned from the department last September. Seven-teen candidates applied for the open position, with five making the final interview process.

Officer Haley takes on his new assignment with 22 years of experience as a Dwight Auxiliary Police Officer. His move from part-time to full-time will allow for an easy transition and require no additional training. Starting annual salary for Haley was set at \$38,357.



WAYNE HALEY joined the Dwight Police Department as a full-time officer February 1.

Chief of Police Tim Henson regarding the selection. "We are happy to have him."

The Dwight Police Department currently has nine full-time officers, including Chief Henson, and two part-time officers.

## Permits Issued in Dwight

The following permits were issued at the January 26 Dwight Village Board meeting:

Dec. 7: Dwight Napa, 101 S. Old Rt. 66, sign; Streater Onized Federal Credit Union, 124 E. Main St., two signs and occupancy; Village of Dwight, 215 W. William St., announcement booth; Bobby Hosier, 205 E. North St., deck; Mark Flynn,

### Temps - 2009

Jan. 21 - high 28°, low 10°

Jan. 22 - high 38°, low 17°

Jan. 23 - high 27°, low 0°

Jan. 24 - high 8°, low -1°

trace of precip.

Jan. 25 - high 12°, low 3°

Jan. 26 - high 15°, low 5°

Jan. 27 - high 17°, low 5°

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## Sun., February 8, Breakfast by Gardner Lions

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

Pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice and milk will be on the menu; tickets will be for adults or children ages 5-12. Children under age of five will eat free.

Funds raised will benefit the visually- and hearing-impaired and any other community project funded by the Gardner Lions Club.

## Gardner Fire Department and EMS Calls

Mon., Jan. 26: MVA, mutual aid to Dwight.

Tues., Jan. 27: Medical, Pine St.; fire, Route 53; medical, Morgan.

Wed., Jan. 28: MVA, mutual aid to Dwight.

Thurs., Jan. 29: Fire investigation, mutual aid to Rockdale; medical, mutual aid to South Wilmington; MVA, mutual aid to Dwight.

Fri., Jan. 30: Medical, S. East St.

Sat., Jan. 31: Medical, Elm St.

Sun., Feb. 1: Smoke investigation, N. East St.

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Monday, February 1, 2009, 11:05 a.m., Franklin, Dwight - Officer Brian Heath: Roger D. Goines of Anna, driving a 2008 Toyota Highlander, was traveling west on Mohawk St., 554 feet south of Iroquois St. Adams stated that he lost control due to the icy conditions, left the roadway to the left, and struck an unattended, parked 2008 Toyota Highlander owned by Roger D. Goines of Anna, which was parked in the driveway of 108 Mohawk, according to the police report.

Tuesday, February 2, 2009, 11:05 a.m., Franklin, Dwight - Officer Brian Heath: Roger D. Goines of Anna, driving a 2008 Toyota Highlander, was traveling west on Mohawk St., 554 feet south of Iroquois St. Adams stated that he lost control due to the icy conditions, left the roadway to the left, and struck an unattended, parked 2008 Toyota Highlander owned by Roger D. Goines of Anna, which was parked in the driveway of 108 Mohawk, according to the police report.

Wednesday, February 3, 2009, 11:05 a.m., Franklin, Dwight - Officer Brian Heath: Roger D. Goines of Anna, driving a 2008 Toyota Highlander, was traveling west on Mohawk St., 554 feet south of Iroquois St. Adams stated that he lost control due to the icy conditions, left the roadway to the left, and struck an unattended, parked 2008 Toyota Highlander owned by Roger D. Goines of Anna, which was parked in the driveway of 108 Mohawk, according to the police report.

Thursday, February 4, 2009, 11:05 a.m., Franklin, Dwight - Officer Brian Heath: Roger D. Goines of Anna, driving a 2008 Toyota Highlander, was traveling west on Mohawk St., 554 feet south of Iroquois St. Adams stated that he lost control due to the icy conditions, left the roadway to the left, and struck an unattended, parked 2008 Toyota Highlander owned by Roger D. Goines of Anna, which was parked in the driveway of 108 Mohawk, according to the police report.

Friday, February 5, 2009, 11:05 a.m., Franklin, Dwight - Officer Brian Heath: Roger D. Goines of Anna, driving a 2008 Toyota Highlander, was traveling west on Mohawk St., 554 feet south of Iroquois St. Adams stated that he lost control due to the icy conditions, left the roadway to the left, and struck an unattended, parked 2008 Toyota Highlander owned by Roger D. Goines of Anna, which was parked in the driveway of 108 Mohawk, according to the police report.

Saturday, February 6, 2009, 11:05 a.m., Franklin, Dwight - Officer Brian Heath: Roger D. Goines of Anna, driving a 2008 Toyota Highlander, was traveling west on Mohawk St., 554 feet south of Iroquois St. Adams stated that he lost control due to the icy conditions, left the roadway to the left, and struck an unattended, parked 2008 Toyota Highlander owned by Roger D. Goines of Anna, which was parked in the driveway of 108 Mohawk, according to the police report.

Sunday, February 7, 2009, 11:05 a.m., Franklin, Dwight - Officer Brian Heath: Roger D. Goines of Anna, driving a 2008 Toyota Highlander, was traveling west on Mohawk St., 554 feet south of Iroquois St. Adams stated that he lost control due to the icy conditions, left the roadway to the left, and struck an unattended, parked 2008 Toyota Highlander owned by Roger D. Goines of Anna, which was parked in the driveway of 108 Mohawk, according to the police report.



**FCCLA SECTION OFFICERS ARE BUSY PLANNING A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE** for 11 area schools on February 6 in Dwight. There will be a competition for STAR Events, Proficiency Projects, election of officers, and of course, food. The highlight will be MWAH! (Messages Which Are Hopeful), a drama portrayed by Chicago-area teens. The overall objective is to inspire young people to face life's challenges and opportunities with knowledge, confidence and a positive self-image. Pictured, left to right, are: Kristen Sanders, Mrs. Elaine Mortensen, Emma Wood and Paige Nelson.



### Gardner Beautification Corner

by Barb Phillips

The Gardner Beautification Committee had its first meeting for the year 2009 and is starting to decide what projects it will be doing and when; meeting dates; and new membership. Our next meeting will be today, February 4, at the Gardner Village Hall. Anyone interested in coming is welcome.

First things first – we will take orders for additional engraved bricks again until March 1. Only the large size (nine by nine inch) bricks will be available. Order sheets will again be at the post office, Standard Bank and Gardner City Hall or from any member. The new bricks will be placed this spring at the gazebo. Any orders after the first of

March will be done next year, 2010. If you are interested in getting a brick, please get your application by the deadline.

Also, we will again be doing something for the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor the first weekend in May, but on a much, much smaller scale. It will be more of a "Meet and Greet" for the visitors passing through town and also something for local residents. We hope to establish this weekend to be our annual time to sell our pink petunias. Let's see if every year we can get more and more pink flowers throughout our town.

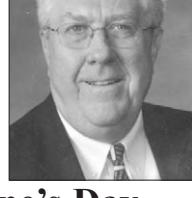
We are also working with the Route 66 Association to install a recording at the jail

to inform visitors of our history and local offerings. Town brochures and "welcome" baskets with area information have also been discussed. Some activity or music at the gazebo seems appropriate.

Of course, we will have one of two clean-up weekends this spring, probably sometime in April, in coordination with Grundy County tire collection. We will need volunteers, so please join us on work days, even if you don't want to come to the meetings.

So, Mr. President Obama, our committee is doing what we can to volunteer in our village . . . count us "in."

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Of course, you can always write out a check, or stick some money in a card. But why not think "outside the box" a little bit?

Here are some possibilities to consider:

Give stocks. You might want to give shares of stock in a company that makes products favored by your loved one. As an alternative to buying stocks, you could give some shares of your own. You'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock (its tax basis), how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. The recipient will need this information to determine gains or losses when he or she sells the stock. (You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can give up to \$13,000 per year, free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want.)

Give a savings bond. You might think that U.S. government savings bonds were a quaint relic of the past, but they're still around. Your valentine might appreciate a low-risk, government-backed bond that pays a guaranteed rate of interest. Plus, you can buy a Series EE bond for as little as \$50 or as much as \$5,000 (the limit for a calendar year).

Contribute to an IRA. The IRA contribution limit for 2009 is \$5,000. Investors who are 50 or older can also make a "catch-up" contribution of an additional \$1,000. So, if your valentine hasn't fully funded his or her IRA for this year, you can help. While you can't put money directly into someone else's IRA, you can write a check for that purpose. Because of their tax advantages, IRAs are great retirement-savings vehicles, so they are well worth funding. (Traditional IRAs grow tax-deferred; Roth IRAs grow tax-free, provided the investor has had the account for at least five years and is 59 1/2 or older.) Make a charitable gift in your valentine's name. Your loved one, like many people, probably supports a variety of social and charitable organizations. By making a donation to one of these groups in your valentine's name, you can add a special meaning to this Valentine's Day. At the same time, you'll be giving yourself a little valentine, because you may be able to claim a tax deduction for your charitable gift. In fact, if you give an asset, such as a stock, which has appreciated in value, you'll get an extra tax break because you won't be responsible for capital gains when the charity eventually sells the stock.

By making any of these gifts, you'll show your valentine that you truly care about the most important part of his or her life — the future.

### Read and Use the Want Ads!

*The Paper*

## Gardner Fire Department Gets \$100,225 Grant from FEMA

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded more than \$3.2 million from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program to local fire departments and organizations in the state of Illinois.

Among fire departments receiving grants was the Gardner Volunteer Fire Department, which received \$100,225 for operations and safety.

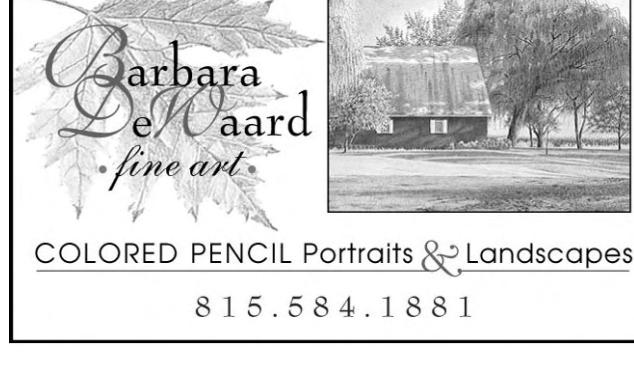
Nationally, the fiscal year 2008 AFG awards will provide approximately \$500 million to fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service

organizations throughout the country.

The AFG and SAFER programs are the result of an effort by the federal government to ensure the provision of a solid foundation for local fire and emergency response services. These grants help to ensure the

nation's firefighters have the basic tools and resources necessary to safely perform their responsibilities, save lives and continue to protect residents from fire.

This round of national fire grants amounts to more than \$64 million.



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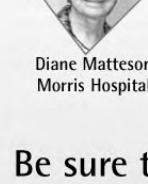
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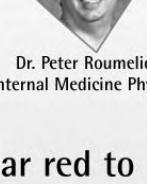
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## Mark your calendars! February 28 = Sixth Annual Bidding for Excellence Auction & Dinner, 'Hot Summer Nights'

To be held in the Garden Room at The Country Mansion. Silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m.

A raffle will also be held for a Weber Summit S-650 LP gas grill.

Tickets for 'Hot Summer Nights' and raffle are available at the Chamber office, Emiling Florist, The Country Mansion and from chamber officers.



**THE DWIGHT CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE** recently made donations to Christmas for Kids and Love Boxes. Accepting on behalf of these organizations are Deb Tock and Dave Bossert, fourth and fifth from left. Presenting checks are, left to right, Diane Jensen, Janice Lauritzen, Cami Parks, Fran Kodat and Patti Drechsel. The sale of the annual Dwight Christmas ornament made these donations possible.

### Support Christmas Events by Shopping in Dwight

Each year, a lighted Christmas parade is planned for the residents of Dwight and surrounding communities. Many hours are spent throughout the year planning this event and the breakfast with Santa held the next morning.

As with many celebrations, expenses are incurred. Remember to shop Dwight first and support the businesses who make these events possible. The sale of the Dwight Christmas Ornament also helps finance the events.

Committee members who help plan these festivities are Dale Coughlin, Carolyn Curtis, Patti Drechsel, Eileen Hitchcock, Diane Jensen, Fran Kodat, Janice Lauritzen, Bill Oates, Cami Parks, Rudy Piskule and Shirley Seabert.

### Candidates for local government seats -- --

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Four people will compete for three open seats on the six-seat board. They are: incumbents Kristen Webster and Robert Breisch, and challengers Timothy Harty and Daniel Mehochko.

Incumbent Village Clerk Kimberly Marques will run unopposed.

#### Odell

Incumbent Mayor Tony Noonan was the only person to file for mayor. Three people filed for three open trustee seats on the town's six member board. They are: incumbents Jamie McPeek Johnson and Brian "Bubba" Mills, and newcomer Joan Bullard.

#### Essex

Incumbent Village President Gerald Hakey will be challenged by Glen A. Kirchner Jr.

Four people will seek the town's three open trustee seats. They are: incumbents Kenneth Sorensen and John Lord, and challengers Joe Silvey and Michael "Stickman" Masulis.

#### Gardner

The village operates under commission form, where the mayor and four trustees are all elected at once every four years. They won't be up for election for another two years.

#### Braceville

The village isn't holding elections this year.

#### Emington

Daniel J. Delaney retains his position as the village president for a sixth term. Three incumbent trustees will run unopposed: Annelise Fiedler, Kathryn Crouch and Cynthia Ann Shelton.

#### Cabery

No one is running for mayor of Cabery. Current Mayor Ron Shank chose not to run for reelection. Four incumbents will seek reelection: Joe Richie, Cindy

Clapp, Valerie Wright and Jean Foltz. Those trustees will appoint a mayor after the election.

#### Saunemin

Newcomer Bob Bradford was the single petition for mayor. Three incumbents will retain the three open trustee seats. They are: Eve Schaffer, David Lowe and Randy Mauser. Incumbent Village Clerk Nancy Haag will retain her position.

#### Campus

Two people filed petitions for the village's three open trustee seats. They are: incumbents John Hillock and Dan Turner. Village President Butch Galeaz's seat isn't up this election.

#### South Wilmington

Four people will run for three open trustee seats. They are incumbents Charles Harvey Sr., Ralph Countryman and Norman Lardi Jr., and challenger Steve Claypool. Clerk Barbara McGurk will retain her position. The village president isn't up for reelection.

#### Cullom

Mayor Marge Kross is running unopposed for a third term. Three people will seek three open trustee positions: Incumbent Steven Whitman, and newcomers Barbara Hahn and Ronald Nettleingham. Village clerk Nancy Flessner will run unopposed for her seat.

#### Wilmot

Tickets, which are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple, can be purchased at the door. Organizers say they'd prefer in advance ticket sales for planning purposes.

For information or tickets, call Jeremy Connor at Jeremy's Barbershop (815) 584-9490.

He has plenty of time to talk these days. Next week, however, you'll need an appointment. He'll be busy shaving off and trimming away the '70s.

### 1975 Homecoming

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costumes don't have to be as formal. They anticipate costumes ranging from casual wear to dresses to leisure suits.

"Really, seriously, it's pretty laid back. So if somebody doesn't have something to wear, throw on a letterman jacket and you're good. You're in character," Connor said. "I know it sounds weird but it really is a good time. The one thing we can promise everyone is a really good time."

The Big Kahuna DJ will provide decade-appropriate music. "We have skits planned, but they're more of surprises. Just a couple of interruptions that are decade-appropriate that people will enjoy," Connor said.

They'll designate a king and queen, class clown and best dressed.

Sponsors include: Owl Liquor, The Big Kahuna DJ, Willy's Pub, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Turtles Tap, Studio 134, Conman Painting, The Paper, Bank of Dwight and Emling Florist.

For every Homecoming Pom Corsage sold, Emling Florist will donate \$1 back to the team. "For the price, really, of going out to the bar anyway, you get to donate that to a good cause," Connor said.

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## Dwight Seventh Grader Experiences Inauguration First-Hand

by Meta Machulis  
When Dwight Grade School seventh grader Ryan Bartz called his principal, Mark Pagel, on January 20 to tell him he would be absent from school, Pagel wasn't sure whether to trust Ryan's story. He asked several probing questions before he believed that Ryan was actually at President Barack Obama's inauguration in Washington, D.C.

"It was true, but if it wasn't true, it would have been a whopper of a story!" Ryan said.

The story was verified when several of Ryan's classmates spotted him on TV among the inauguration crowd.

"I can't believe they were actually able to see me walking in the crowd like that," Ryan said. Indeed, according to the Associated Press, more than one million people attended the inauguration.

The 12-year-old's journey to the historic inauguration ceremony began when his stepfather, Andy Kelleher of Dwight, sent an e-mail to Illinois Congressman Tim Johnson inquiring about the possibility of being invited to the event. On December 15, Johnson called Andy and informed him that he would be awarded two tickets to the ceremony. Andy explained that there was a "heavy lean toward youth getting the tickets," which had to be picked up in person in Washington, D.C. Because there would be road closures and larger crowds closer to the inauguration date, Andy drove to the nation's capitol and back a week prior to the ceremony just to pick up the tickets.

At 3 a.m. on Saturday, January 17, Ryan and Andy – along with Andy's brother, Greg Kelleher, who had also secured a ticket – loaded up Ryan's grandfather's RV van and headed for the east coast. Along the way, they spent a day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, visiting the Gettysburg National Military Park and other historic sites.

"We wanted to make it a point for Ryan to understand the significance of each thing that we did, so that he had it in the proper perspective," Andy said, including "what Gettysburg meant to the nation's history, and the Civil War, and the series of

events that had happened, and the cost of freedom." Andy noted the fitting connection of both Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama being from Illinois, as well as the first shot of the Battle of Gettysburg being fired by an Illinois soldier.

Ryan also made connections, stating his belief that the events of the Civil War and the decisions and addresses made by President Lincoln led our country to a point where Ryan could stand at the inauguration of President Obama.

After making it to Washington and visiting the National Mall to scope out the set-up and see entertainment the day before the ceremony, Ryan, Andy and Greg left their hotel and got in line at 4 a.m. on inauguration day. They watched the sun rise over the capitol building. The gates opened at 8 a.m., Andy said, and they were in their places by 9:30 a.m.

Andy said the crowd never lost its enthusiasm for the event that was about to take place.

"To see the people coming, freezing, but just with joy in everything they said or did – they were excited and enthusiastic – they were breaking into songs, from civil rights songs to religious songs," he said. "It was just beautiful when they all chimed together."

Andy and Ryan were near one such group of singers, and Ryan even joined in dancing with them.

"We knew that history was about to change here, and we were all excited about it," Andy said.

Ryan and Andy were near the front of the crowd, by the United States Capitol Building's reflecting pool, which gave them the opportunity to look back over the sea of people in the mall area behind them, many waving small flags.

"Oh, it was just a beautiful sight!" Ryan said.

Andy said the crowd was updated via "jumbotron" screens as important events occurred, such as when the Obamas went to the Washington National Cathedral and when President Bush arrived at the capitol building.

"When you see that on the jumbotron, the anticipation is even greater, as the crowd was cheering," Andy said. "It was just an exhilarating experience."



**DGS SEVENTH GRADER RYAN BARTZ** wears the Abraham Lincoln hat he bought in Gettysburg as he stands beside his stepfather, Andy Kelleher, in front of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. at the inauguration of President Barack Obama on January 20.



**A CROWD OF ABOUT ONE MILLION** gathered in front of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. for President Barack Obama's inauguration ceremony on January 20. Among the crowd were Dwight seventh grader Ryan Bartz and his stepfather, Andy Kelleher, whose tickets positioned them just behind the capitol building's frozen reflecting pool.

And even though temperatures were well below freezing and the trains out of the inauguration area were shut down for hours following the ceremony, Andy said people remained courteous and in good spirits, and there were no arrests made during the entire event.

"That's just how enthusiastic people were to be there," he said.

As President Obama was taking the oath of office, Andy called his wife, Tracy, and their young son, Noah, who listened at home over the cell phone.

Andy, Ryan and Greg didn't return home until the early hours of Friday morning, January 23, so Ryan got the opportunity after the inauguration ceremony to visit many of Washington, D.C.'s other historic attractions, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian

Museum, the World War II and Vietnam memorials and the Washington Monument. However, Ryan said his favorite part of the trip was hearing President Obama's speech after his swearing-in. "He's just a real powerful speaker, and I actually kind of started crying during it," Ryan admitted. "It was amazing. It was just amazing. I can't even think of a word to describe it."

Ryan, who is on the yearbook committee at Dwight Grade School, is planning to put together a presentation about his trip to show his classmates.

## Morris and Streator

### Laud Their TIF Districts --

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Water and sewer has also been extended east of Morris to Brisbin Road, where an interchange with Route 80 is planned.

"Planning and vision are so important to success," said Kopczick. "You need that and you need good people in charge. A garden can only be as good as its gardeners," he opined.

Regarding the anti-TIF arguments sometimes encountered, Kopczick said, "You need to educate your residents as to the merits of a TIF, which far outweigh the fears."

**Paul Nicholson**, city manager in Streator, provided information about the two TIF districts in that community.

The first TIF District in Streator, established in 1992, offered assistance to the new Bill Walsh auto dealership on North Bloomington Street.

The success of that relatively small TIF District led to the formation of a downtown business district TIF in 2006 that was expanded northward in 2008 to include

Northpoint Shopping Center, other commercial property along North Bloomington Street, and an Industrial Park.

TIF II encircles the Bill Walsh dealership, and with the first TIF agreement nearing fulfillment, revenue from that investment will be used to aid the initial redevelopment efforts in TIF II.

Nicholson said, "As we look back, we now wish we had established the downtown TIF at the same time as TIF I."

Intergovernmental agreements were entered into with the Streator school districts and county.

"The economic downturn has been relatively kind to Streator," Nicholson said. There had not been a lot of new residential development, so the downturn in the housing market did not severely impact the community. Transco and Vactor in South Streator have both been expanding, and Vactor recently announced it will add 40 workers.

**Next Week:** Pontiac's three TIF Districts

## T-I-M-E O-U-T

2009

- Feb. 5 Senior Tax Help at Fossil Ridge Library, 9 a.m.-noon
- Feb. 5 E-card class, Fossil Ridge Lib., 1 or 6 p.m., reg. required
- Feb. 5 Dwight VFW Men's Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6 A.A. meeting, 8 p.m., Emmanuel Luth. Church, Dwight
- Feb. 7 Senior Breakfast, Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant, 8 a.m.
- Feb. 7 Lincoln Activity & Crafts, Fossil Ridge, 10 a.m., reg. req.
- Feb. 8 Gardner Lions Pancake Breakfast, Am. Legion, 7-noon
- Feb. 9 Valentine Craft, ages 2-5, Godley Park, 10 a.m., reg. by 1/24
- Feb. 9 Last LIHEAP of season at Fossil Ridge Library, 1-3 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Potluck lunch, Dwight Senior Center, noon
- Feb. 10 Senior Coffee at Fossil Ridge Library, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Godley Park Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Dwight American Legion Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Godley Park Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12 Computer mouse class, Fossil Ridge, 1 or 6 p.m., reg. req.
- Feb. 12 Dwight VFW Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Wing Ding Supper, Dwight VFW Hall
- Feb. 14 Sweeties Dance, Godley Park District, 6:30-9 p.m.
- Feb. 17 Dwight Sons of American Legion Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 19 Senior Tax Help, Fossil Ridge Library, 9 a.m.-noon
- Feb. 19 Word Processing class, Fossil Ridge, 1 or 6 p.m., reg. req.
- Feb. 20 Dwight Youth Baseball Spaghetti Dinner, VFW, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Chili Supper, 4 - 7 p.m., South Wilmington Cath. Hall

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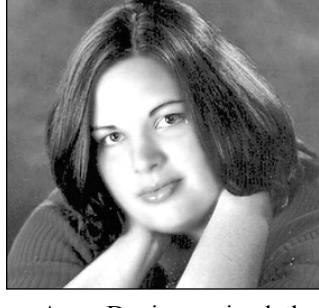
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## Amy Davis, Odell, Receives Highest National 4-H Honor



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Highlighting the 87th National 4-H Congress were presentations by Dan Thurmon, Barbara Chamberlin, Dan Clark and Miss America 2008, Kirsten Hagland. Amy also got to participate in special cultural programs such as the International Dinner and Dance and a night at the Atlanta History Center.

Amy had the opportunity to tour several locations around Atlanta. Her final evening Congress Gala was at the Georgia Aquarium. Illinois was represented by 30 4-H members. Amy was also selected as the Illinois Youth Delegate Advisor from the Illinois 4-H members attending the conference.

County nominations for program area winners are sent to the state selection process in January to begin an intense selection process that includes application judging, 4-H story judging and interviews. The process helps judges select the top 4-H member in various award categories.

National 4-H Congress is conducted by Cooperative Extension Service staff on behalf of the Cooperative Extension system of the state land-grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

Amy Davis received the highest National 4-H honor by being selected to attend the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. 4-H delegates from across the nation gathered in Atlanta for the 87th National 4-H Congress.

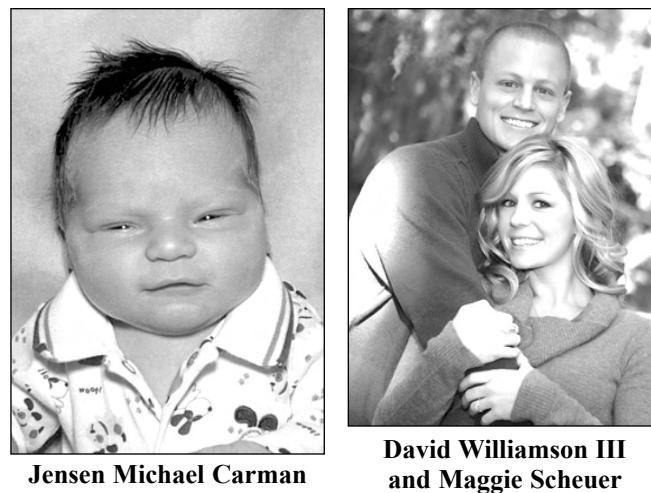
Amy was selected from the program area of animal sciences. It recognizes Davis' demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievement in her agricultural business and production program.

Amy, the daughter of Jim and Bonnie Davis, Odell, is a sophomore at the University of Illinois, majoring in animal science biotechnology. She is a member of the Odell Tip Top 4-H Club and the Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors.

The 2008 National 4-H Congress offers states an opportunity to provide outstanding 4-H youth with an expanded educational experience through seminars, community service projects and tours sponsored by local and national 4-H program

and the 4-H Youth Development Program.

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Jensen Michael Carman

David Williamson III and Maggie Scheuer

### A boy!

Jason and Nikki Carman of Dwight are the proud parents of their first son, Jensen Michael.

Jensen was born January 4, 2009, at Morris Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, five ounces and was 21½ inches long.

At home he joins two sisters, Janessa and Shanna Carman.

Maternal grandparents are Mark Maulding of Sibley and Carolyn Maulding of West Leisenring, PA. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Gayle Carman of Pekin.

Maternal great-grandmothers are Mary Etta Allen of Gilman and Marian Maulding of Paxton. Paternal great-grandparents are Mary Finley and Mary Carman, both of Dwight.

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### Maggie Scheuer Engaged to David Williamson III

David and Carole Scheuer of Blackstone announce the engagement of their daughter Maggie Marie Scheuer to David Thomas Williamson III, both of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. David is the son of David and Marcia Williamson of Socastee, SC.

The bride-elect is working at Cheveux Hair Salon in Myrtle Beach. The future groom is the owner of American Speedy Printing of Myrtle Beach.

Maggie is the granddaughter of Daniel and Elinor Ahearn of Streator and Charles and Rosemary Scheuer of Wenona.

The couple will be married August 1, 2009 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Myrtle Beach.

## Ruby Vant to Celebrate 101st Birthday

Ruby Vant, a lifetime resident of Emington, will celebrate her 101st birthday Saturday, February 14, with a card shower and a family dinner.

She was born February 14, 1908, the daughter of Louis and Edna Farber.

She has two brothers, Clarence Farber, Pontiac (deceased), and Verle Farber Mazon (deceased).

Ruby married Clyde Harden Vant in March 1930. Mr. Vant died in 1981.

They are the parents of one son and one daughter, Emma Jean Sporrer (deceased) and Clyde Richard Vant of Rural Emington.

There are also eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren. One grandchild is deceased.

Ruby taught for 42 years



Ruby Vant

in country schools in Campus and Saunemin. She enjoys watching basketball and her favorite TV shows and enjoys her many close friends. She has also traveled to every state in her lifetime and has enjoyed her many adventures.

Cards may be sent to: Ruby Vant, Box 85, Emington, IL 60934.

## Berger, Masching Earn Bachelor's Degrees from NIU

Northern Illinois University announces the awarding of undergraduate degrees at its Fall 2008 commencement ceremonies held Saturday, December 13, and Sunday, December 14.

Information released by the NIU Office of Registration and Records shows new

graduates from *The Paper* area include:

Anna Berger, Cullom, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - Politics; and Jennifer Masching, Odell, Bachelor of Science in Education - Elementary Education.

# Food, Fun & Entertainment

## WEDNESDAYS

### February 4

- Vivid Spirit: Big Kahuna DJ

### February 11

- Vivid Spirit: Big Kahuna DJ

### February 18

- Vivid Spirit: Big Kahuna DJ

### February 25

- Vivid Spirit: Big Kahuna DJ

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## FRIDAYS

### February 6

- Sgt. Peppers: Billy Stevenson Band

- JT's Saloon: Sextones Karaoke

- Vivid Spirit: 4 Cryin' Out Loud

- Victory Lanes: Team Trivia Night

### February 13

- Vivid Spirit: 4 Cryin' Out Loud

### February 20

- Vivid Spirit: The Clients

### February 27

- Vivid Spirit: Cattle Bandits

## SATURDAYS

### February 7

- JT's Saloon: Triple X

- Vivid Spirit: Hooligans

### February 14

- JT's Saloon: Jury's Out

- Sgt. Peppers: LIVE BAND

- Vivid Spirit: Billy's Boys

### February 21

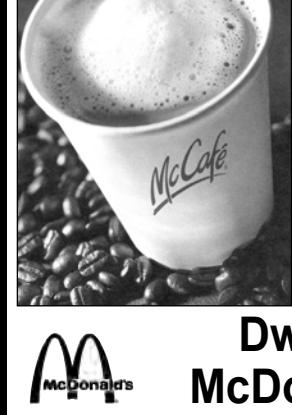
- Vivid Spirit: Trainwreck

- The Garage: Head Wall Band

### February 28

- Vivid Spirit: Bubba Fats

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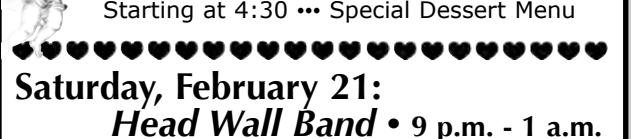
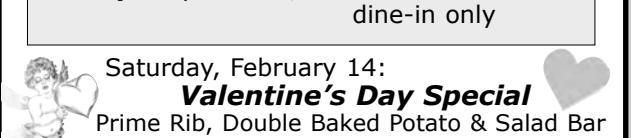
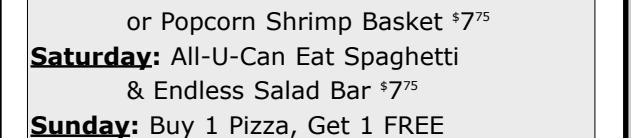
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Rusty and Kaye Carter

## Kaye Pfeifer and Rusty Carter Exchange Vows November 29

Kaye Pfeifer and Rusty Carter, both of Dwight, were married at 2 p.m., November 29, 2008, at Sacred Heart Church, Kinsman. Father John Hornickak officiated the service.

Father of the groom is Roy Carter Jr. of Dwight. Parents of the bride are Elizabeth Pfeifer of Dwight and the late Elwood Pfeifer.

Matron of honor was Jennifer Robison, friend of the couple. Bridesmaids were Kim Kinkade, Kathy Shaw and Karen Horrie, sisters of the bride; Emily Ruskin, friend of the couple; and Abigail Horrie and Ellie Shaw, nieces of the bride. Flower girl was Claire Carlson.

Best man was Michael Woods, friend of the couple. The groomsmen were Seth Riber, Brad Jensen and Josh DeLong, friends of the couple; Terry Carter, uncle of the groom; RJ Carter, brother of the bride.

## Vicki Allen Receives Certificate

Vicki Allen from William J. Hooker Agency, Inc., Dwight, was among those awarded a certificate for successfully completing a Pekin Insurance Introduction of Personal Lines to Rookie Agents Conference. Vicki attended the Pekin Insurance Educational Conference January 20 through 22 at Pekin Insurance's home office in Pekin.

Pekin Insurance offers a yearly series of educational conferences covering many

facets of the insurance industry. The conferences are designed to enhance the professional ability of the agent to better serve his or her clients' needs.

William Hooker, Barbara Kramer and Vicki Allen of the William J. Hooker Agency also attended the Crop Insurance Class held in El Paso on January 6.

This class is required if an insurance producer is writing or servicing Multi-Peril and Crop Hail insurance.

We would like to thank our Families and Friends for the cards, phone calls and greetings for our 60th Wedding Anniversary.

You helped to make it an enjoyable day. Special thanks to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for planning and hosting the party.

-Lester & Marge Hansen

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

X0802082  
HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC.  
Plaintiff,

v.  
SUSAN E. CAMPBELL; et al.  
Defendants,  
08CH 26

### 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 April 22, 2008, I, Sheriff Robert McCarty, of LIVINGSTON COUNTY, Illinois, will on March 11, 2009, commencing at 10:00 a.m. of 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:

THE EAST HALF OF LOT 14 AND ALL OF LOT 15 AND THE WEST 13 FEET OF LOT 16, ALL IN BLOCK 3 IN MARY RUTZER'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (LESS AND EXCEPT THE PORTION THEREOF LYING WITHIN THE CHANNEL OF GOOSEBERRY CREEK, WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO THE VILLAGE OF DWIGHT BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED APRIL 9, 1999 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 508725).

Commonly known as: 218 East Delaware Street, Dwight IL 60420

P.I.N.: 05-09-226-024

First lien; Single family residence; Judgement Amount \$120,783.03

Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments to the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of LIVINGSTON COUNTY.

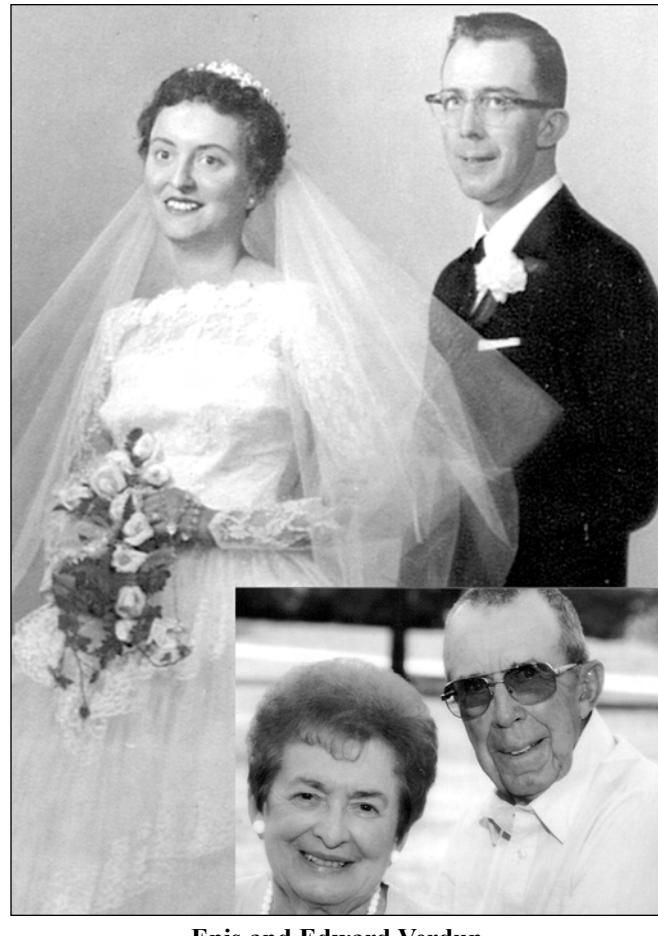
The person to contact for information regarding this property is:

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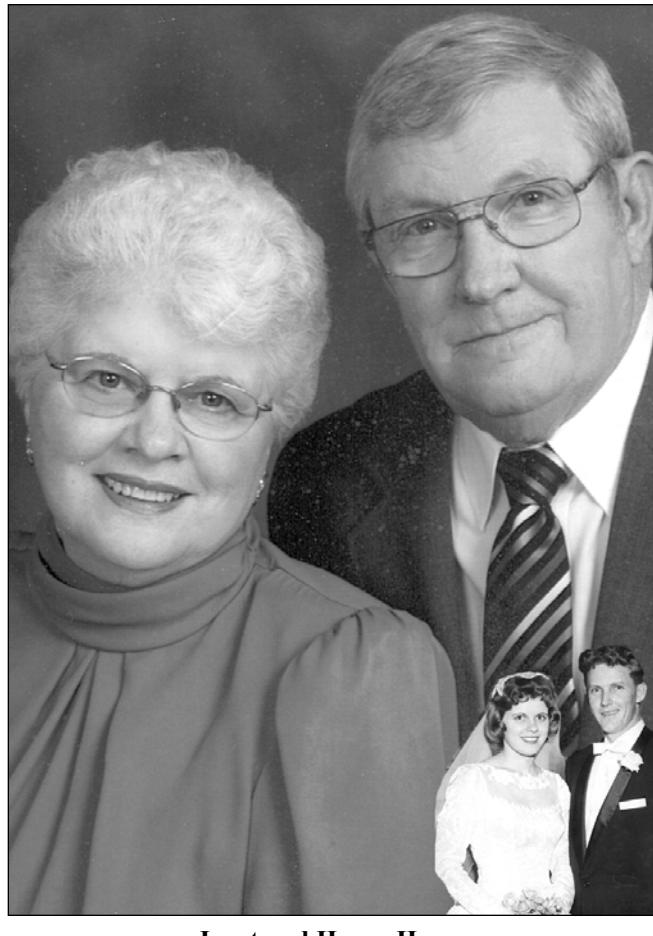
The property will not be open for inspection.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Enis and Edward Verdun



Janet and Henry Hogan

## Edward and Enis Verdun to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Edward and Enis Verdun of 23041 E. 2800 North Rd., Odell, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 7, 2009, with a Mass at 5 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church and a family dinner afterwards.

Edward Verdun and Enis Dinelli were married February 7, 1959, in Naplate at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Their attendants were the late Dolores Alberti

and Edward Verdun and Enis are semi-retired farmer and Enis is a homemaker.

## Katherine Schaff Named to Dean's List

Katherine Schaff has been named to the College of Arts and Sciences' Deans List at Loyola University Chicago for the first semester of the 2008-09 academic year.

Katie is the daughter of Terry and Deanna Schaff of Scottsdale, Arizona, and the granddaughter of David and Jeanne Constantine of Dwight.

Katie is in her junior year at Loyola. The first semester of her junior year, she attended the John Felice Rome Center in Rome, Italy. She is now back at Loyola in Chicago.

To place a social announcement, send information to

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## Henry and Janet Hogan to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Henry and Janet Hogan of Pontiac will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner February 7.

Henry Hogan and Janet Pearson were married February 7, 1959, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell.

They are the parents of

Steven Hogan and Paul (Tammy) Hogan, both of Dwight; Ed (Marcie) Hogan of Odell; and Jim (Patti) Hogan of Blackstone. They also have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

They are retired from farming.

## Morris Theatre Guild, Inc. to Gather Community Input

The Morris Theatre Guild, Inc. is planning a "Play Search Workshop" on Tuesday, February 17, at the Morris Public Library, beginning at 6 p.m. to assist in planning and selecting plays for this season and next year.

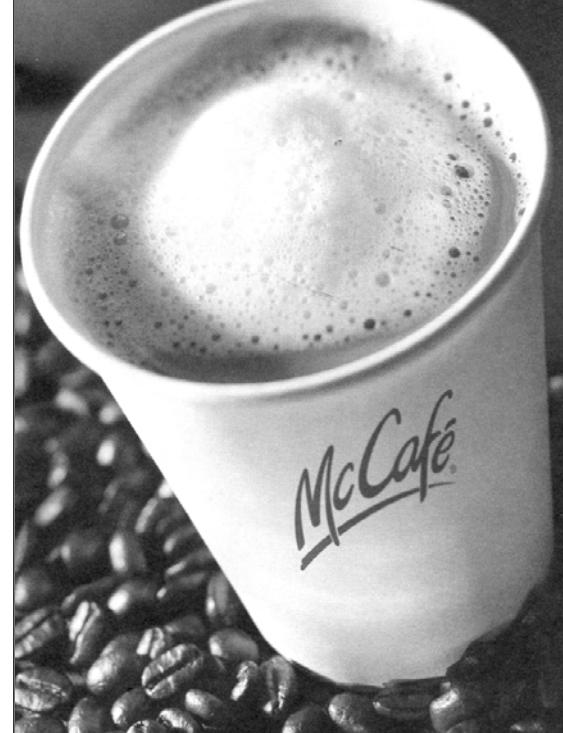
Community members are encouraged to bring ideas for possible shows or even scripts of shows they would like to see presented. A survey is also available for downloading at the theatre guild's website, www.morristheatreguild.com

The purpose of this workshop is to explore what types of plays the community would enjoy seeing presented by Morris Theatre Guild, Inc. Discussion will also cover what types of plays

would work best for the guild at this time, because plays would be presented at various locations.

Community members are encouraged to bring ideas for possible shows or even scripts of shows they would like to see presented. A survey is also available for downloading at the theatre guild's website, www.morristheatreguild.com

Anyone who is unable to attend the workshop but would like to offer ideas can respond to the survey online. Anyone with questions can contact Judy Miller at 815-942-6634.



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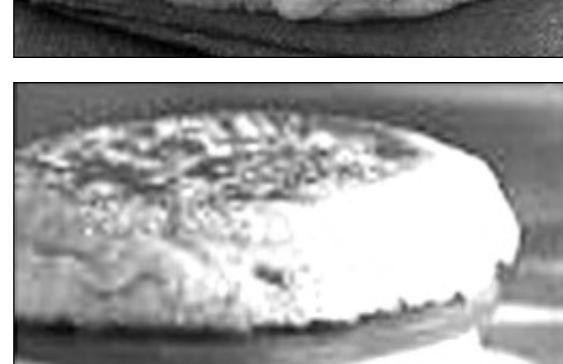
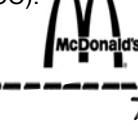


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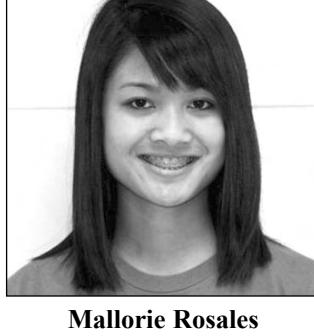
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## DTHS Announces Students of the Month



Mallorie Rosales

Dwight Township High School is proud to recognize sophomore Mallorie Rosales as February's student of the month.

Mallorie is a dedicated student, earning board scholar recognition for her academic performance. She is a respectful young lady who is willing to help others.

Mallorie is a member of the DTHS FCCLA, Mathletes, Spanish Club and Teens4Green. She is active as the secretary of her class.

Mallorie is the daughter of Nestor and Theresa Rosales of Dwight.



Matt Hooker

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Matt Hooker on being named January's DTHS freshman student of the month.

Matt was selected for his positive attitude and great work ethic. He is actively involved in basketball, scholastic bowl and baseball.

Matt is the son of Bill and Heidi Hooker of Dwight.

## Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

The results of duplicate bridge played at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, January 29, are as follows:

North-south: first, Liz Houck and Marge Mueller; second, Ellen Galeaz and Janet Kresl; third, Dorothy Christenson and Mary Lou Carter.

East-west: first, Carol Bush and Norma Houck; second, Mary Drinan and Loisanne O'Connell; third, Jancy Gross and Stella Spandet.

The next duplicate bridge play will be Thursday, February 12, at the senior center.



## GGS Names Employee of the Month

Mrs. Deb Christoff is the Gardner Grade School Employee of the Month for January.

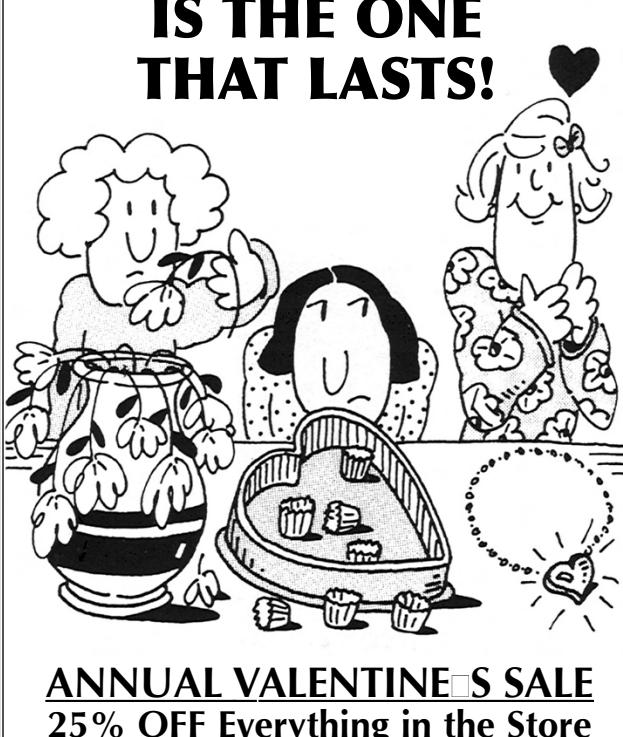
First Grade teacher Mrs. Christoff has taken on the job of acting as the district's athletic director and has been helpful in filling in as the 7/8 grade girls' basketball coach when needed.

Mrs. Christoff is a first year teacher and has taken on many responsibilities. The staff at GGS is very appreciative of her hard work!



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## MVK Middle School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll 2008-2009

### High Honors (Straight "A's")

**8th grade:** Justin Walsh, Hannah Mehochko  
**7th grade:** Caroline Collet, Terah Coughlin, Maggie Thomas, Mackenzie Granby  
**6th grade:** Jessica Clubb, Lexi Wilkinson, Alexandria Hardie, Mathew Houchin, Matthew Fleishman, Brant Baudino  
**5th grade:** Hannah Brickey, Michaela Coughlin, Matt Grushkin, Rosa Valenciano, Emily Hauch, Cassie Cruise, Samantha Painter

### Honor Roll (Only "A's" and "B's")

**8th grade:** Connor Leake, Donny Rich, Mariah Bright, Katie Dally, Jenny Hyslop, Austin King, Evan Vint

### Tri-Point High School

## 2nd Term Honor Roll - 2008-2009

### 4.00 CLUB AND ABOVE

**Seniors:** Taylor English, Whitney English, Jacob Froelich, Elena Herath, Dana Malone, Perry Weston, Sarah Wright

**Juniors:** Jaryn Burns, Kaitlyn Krause, Ferdinand Momertz, Timothy O'Neal, Jennifer Weller

**Sophomores:** Shawn Kinkade, Brooke McInerney

### HIGH HONORS

**Seniors:** Daniel Deany, Rachael Deschaef, Erin Kaczmarek

**Juniors:** Naomi Cooper, Briana Galloway, Jessica Juergens, Katie Kurtenbach, Tyler Loschen, Jana Meister, Hope Webster, Larissa Zalite

**Sophomores:** Lauren Bertrand, Zachary Ehlers, Kristofer Manhart, Sabrina Wallrich

**Freshmen:** Krystal Brown,

### Braceville Elementary School

## 2nd Quarter Honor Roll '08-'09

### "A" Honor Roll

\*Denotes straight "A's"

**5th grade:** Sydney Bartels\*, Gabrielle Ozee\*, Haley Schuck

**6th grade:** Jordyn Bell, Cassidy Roberts, Delaney Sistek

**7th grade:** Kelsey Galan, Jordin Kirk\*, Daphne Smith\*

**8th grade:** Keith Serafin, Leah Weinberg

### "B" Honor Roll

**5th grade:** Amber Brock, Jason Bruno, Destinee Danielson, Breanna Fredericks, Brianna Gaspar, Dakota Holzinger, Logan Mack, Ashley Mahoney, Alyssa Stein, Ally Tvrz, Tori

**Freshmen:** Cameron Bell, Ryan Cookingham, Shanna Hushaw, Jennie Roders

**Waltz**

**6th grade:** Jacob Bakalik, Samantha Hauge, Jessika Jones, Sidney Jones, Daniel Ragan, Gabriella Robles, Kristy Wilder, Jade Williams

**7th grade:** Corey Canterbury, Dayton Fisher, Shane Giasson, Angelica Glover, Stephanie Heelan, Justine Juricic, Tristan Noonan, Johanna Sandeno, Jamie Trimble, Emily Wochowski, Hannah Shiner

**8th grade:** Dylan Juergens, Lacey King, Steven Langer, Matthew Mogged, Jacob Rogers

**Freshmen:** Morgan Hindman, Nick Kier, Gracie Metz, Josh Thorson, Nicholas Tkachuk

**Wyant**

**Grade 5:** Michael Doran, Kelsey Griff, Francesca Raddatz, Mary Wiemken

**HONORS**

**Grade 8:** Jimmy Farris, Matthew Johnson, Matthew Snyder

**Grade 7:** Dan Dwyer

**Grade 6:** Chance Carlson, Bryan Worby

**Grade 5:** Dori Cooling, Jack Noonan, Rachel O'Lone

## St. Paul School - Honor Roll

### First Quarter 2008-2009

### HIGH HONORS

\*Denotes Straight "A's"

**Grade 8:** Maureen Doran, Carli Griff\*, Cody Griff, Ashley Johnson, Kristin Johnson\*, Anna Turner

**Grade 7:** Julie Hogan\*, Emily Leonard, Anna Stevenson, Alyson Wiemken

**Grade 6:** Emily Carroll\*, Lauren Cassady\*, Ashton Farris, Ashley Fox\*, Jorden Griff\*, Kelly Page\*, Molly Verdun, Noah Worby, Amy

**Wyant**

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## Genealogical Society to Discuss Family Tree Maker Program

The Will/Grundy Genealogical Society will hold its monthly membership meeting on Saturday, February 14, at the Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, at 10 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Jane Haldeman, who has been actively researching family history for more than 10 years and has been using Family Tree Maker since version three. She has also been a beta tester for FTM (one of the people who tested the new Family Tree Maker program to find problems that might arise during its use). If you are considering this program, this would be a good time to find out more about it. If you already have it, bring your questions or thoughts about the program.

Haldeman is on the board of Fox Valley Gen. Society, is the design and technical editor for the ISGS Quarterly

Journal and was in charge of the design and layout for Fox Valley's cemetery books "Calvary Cemetery - Aurora, Illinois" and its newest publication, "Naperville Cemetery - A History of a Town in Stone."

Meetings of the Will/Grundy Genealogical Society are free and open to the public. For further information, call Ed Brookman, 815-722-5142, e-mail edbrookman@yahoo.com or contact John Sanders at 815-942-5065. You may also visit the website www.wggs.org for more information about the society. The library's phone number is 815-634-4552 and its website is www.coalcity.lib.il.us to access the collection list.

Watch for details on the Saturday, March 14 program, which will be "Tracing My Italian Ancestors Back to Italy" with Michele Micetich.

## Memorials Recently Made to Prairie Creek Library

The following memorials have recently been made to Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight:

**In memory of Donna Babcock:** "The Christmas Sweater" by Glenn Beck, from the employees of J.T.'s Saloon.

**In memory of Tim Hall:** "Lincoln: The Biography of a Writer" by Fred Kaplan, from Jack and Jane Broeksmit; "World War II Commanders" by Ian Westwell, from John and Janet Kresl; "Americas Hidden History: Untold Tales of the First Pilgrims, Fighting

Women and Forgotten Founders who Shaped a Nation" by Kenneth C. Davis, from Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Wilson Jr.; "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House" by Jon Meacham, from Joy and Don Ahearn.

**In memory of Theodore Zeller:** "My Stroke of Insight" by Jill Bolte, from his daughters, Sharon Scheid, Di Dornbierer, Mares Currie and Deb Anderson.

**In memory of Eugene Mueller:** "100 Great Operas and Their Stories," from Robert and Norma Brooks.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### So Many Questions and Concerns About Dwight TIF...

While contemplating my many questions, it appeared to me that other taxpayers must have more. Think about it seriously and pose your questions to the village board during the Public Hearing on February 9 at 5:30 p.m. Honest questions!

Most importantly, where is the initial money coming from? What percentage and how is the percentage determined? Does the Ehlers and Associates (TIF consulting firm) receive each year?

Since properties abating TIF district receive benefits afforded those in TIF district—that would include many properties plus access ag properties—all back on the taxpayer?

If water lines, sewer lines, roads, etc. in the TIF district are to be improved, how about the taxpayer's water lines, sewers, roads, etc.? Who will maintain them? Us? Are areas in the TIF district actually blighted as required by provisions of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act?

These are some questions some are asking—what are yours? Be sure to attend this meeting and voice your options.

What are specific goals and objectives—community center? Aquatic center? Has the list been prioritized? Would the taxpayer have to maintain the aforementioned? Most of all, why would such a project like this even be considered in our economic situation? Why? Do you know something we don't?

Do we really want more of our tax dollars to go to developers? Should the TIF be called "the epitome of greed" or "corporate welfare?"

I am not sure about anyone else, but I know I can't afford to pay any more taxes. Think about the elderly on fixed income; what about the thousands, and I mean thousands, of people out of work; what about the sick who are here? Can they afford to pay more taxes?

Everyone was happy as we headed back home, until the youngest noticed that the Cat in the Hat wasn't wearing a scarf. He had assuredly secured one around every character's neck, from Bob the Builder to Dora and Winnie the Pooh. There was nothing less to do than get one around Cat in the Hat too!

Gloria Zednick  
Dwight

### Volunteer Grateful for Christmas Surprises in Dwight

Anyone enjoying the 2008 festivities downtown during the (Dwight) Christmas parade knows it was a blistery cold night. Santa and all his helpers were, no doubt, bundled up tight. Everyone was doing their best to avoid Jack Frost! Smiles and handshakes warmed the atmosphere as volunteers worked hard.

The Grapevine Mission group was passing out their own Christmas cheer in the form of colorful yard scarves. After the parade was ending and there was a sea of more than 200 scarves across downtown that night, the huge gift bags emptied.

As he and I crossed the street and rounded the corner, we got an even bigger surprise for ourselves than the scarves we were sharing that night. Suddenly, Christmas cheer turned the table on us, as in our hand was placed a simple white envelope. When the envelope was open, we squealed. It was a commerce gift certificate straight from the jolly old man himself!

Thank you, Secret Santa, wherever you are...be sure to know that blessing went far! It was used to purchase food for our Christmas families. Thank you also to the unknown gentleman who played Santa that night. You know who you are.

You insisted on supporting our cause of helping neighbors in crisis with a donation in exchange for a "free" scarf!

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Judy Pershey  
Grapevine Mission  
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We are thankful to Pastor Bill Leppin for his support at the hospital and for his Pastoral services! Also many thanks to the Dwight Methodist Church and women for serving the luncheon. Thank You to the Dwight Ambulance Service, Morris Hospital's E.R. and ICU Staff and Dr. Cichon for ALL their medical services. Your acts of kindness will always be remembered!

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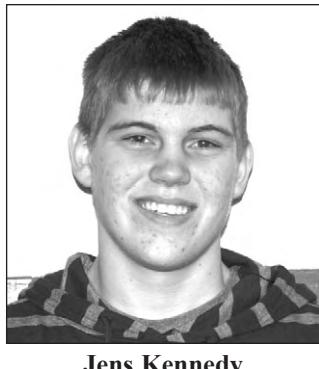
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From Springfield, Illinois, President-elect Lincoln writes to newspaper editor and political insider Thurlow Weed, of Albany, New York. Lincoln seeks to dispel the notion that he endorses a candidate to fill secretary of state nominee William Seward's U.S. Senate seat. Lincoln admits that he discussed the matter with a New York state legislator, "but always with an express protest that my name must not be used in the Senatorial election, in favor of, or against any one. Any other representation of me, is a misrepresentation."

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Jens Kennedy

### DTHS Athlete of the Week

Dwight Township High School is proud to recognize sophomore basketball player Jens Kennedy as its athlete of the week.

In back-to-back wins over Peotone and Coal City, Jens scored 23 points and 27 points. Jens's favorite athlete is his sister, DTHS volleyball player Mallorie Kennedy, and his favorite athletic memory is watching his sister's team win sectionals.



### GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

**January 24**  
**Lady Panthers vs. Reed Custer Junior Varsity-**

The Lady Panthers' junior varsity defeated Reed Custer, 41-33, improving its record to 12-7 overall.

High scorers were: Kellie

Tyler, 22 points; Katie Gretz, 10 points.  
**Varsity-**

The varsity Lady Panthers fell to Reed Custer, 60-46, dropping their record to 13-11 overall.

Leading the GSW stat book were: Amber Eisha, 15

points, seven rebounds; Rachel Mack, 11 points; Ashley Sorensen, five assists, four steals.

"We gave up too many second-chance opportunities and they did a nice job of making us pay for it," stated Coach Tjelle.



### O'DELL RAMGALS VOLLEYBALL

**January 29**  
**Ramgals vs. Saunemin 8th Grade-**

The eighth grade Ramgals defeated Saunemin, 19-25, 25-22 and 25-13.

Bumping up the stat sheet were: Kristin Johnson, 12 points, two aces, two spikes, two kills; Angie Barrett, eight points; Maggie LaBorence, six points, two aces, two spikes; Miranda Bardwell, four points, three kills, two spikes; Anna Turner, four points, one spike; Ashley Johnson, two points, one ace, one spike, one kill.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade girls' volleyball team knocked out Saunemin, 25-18 and 25-15.

Helping with the victory were: Alyson Wiemken, eight points, two aces; Julie Hogan, five points, one ace, one kill; Kaela Hodges, four points, two kills, one spike; Rachael Fearman and Anna Stevenson, three points, one ace each; Andrea Flynn, two points; Sami Battle, one point, one spike.

**January 26**  
**Ramgals vs. Gardner 8th Grade-**

The eighth grade girls' volleyball team knocked out Gardner, 25-14 and 25-9.

Helping with the victory were: Kristin Johnson, 12 points, four spikes, two aces; Maggie LaBorence, 10 points, four spikes, one ace; Angie Barrett, three points; Ashley Johnson, two points, seven spikes, two kills, one ace; Anna Turner, two points; Maureen Doran, one point; Julie Hogan, one spike.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade Ramgals defeated Gardner, 25-18 and 25-11.

Making the stat book were: Rachael Fearman, 11 points; Julie Hogan, eight points, one ace, one spike; Andrea Flynn, six points; Kaela Hodges, two points, eight spikes, two kills,

one ace; Sami Battle, two points, one spike; Erica Flynn, one point; Anna Stevenson, one ace; Alyson Wiemken, one spike.

**Ramgals vs. Dwight 6th Grade-**

The sixth grade Ramgals 'A' team defeated Dwight, 25-19 and 25-17.

Helping with the win were: Jorden Grieff, six points, one ace; Braxton Thweatt, four points, one spike; Ashton Farris, three points, three aces; Emily Mills, three points, one

ace; Kelly Pagel, three points; Ashley Fox, one point, two aces.

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### DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

**January 29**  
Lady Trojans  
vs. Wilmington  
Varsity-

The varsity Lady Trojans marched over Wilmington, 53-30.

Helping with the victory were: Kolby Hoffman, 13 points (one three-pointer),

seven steals, five rebounds, two assists; Chaney Tambling, 11 points, 10 rebounds, five steals, one assist; Chloe Trewartha, 10 points, five rebounds, four steals; Haley Gaston, seven points, two rebounds, two steals; Loren Bedeker, six points, two rebounds; Carly Perschnick, four points, nine rebounds, one assist; Brianna Vigna, two points, three assists, two rebounds, two steals; Beth Launius, one assist.

**January 26**  
Lady Trojans vs. Streator  
Junior Varsity-

The Lady Trojans' junior varsity fell to Streator, 38-33, January 26.

Making the stat book were: Lindie McCarthy, 14 points; Mallorie Rosales, five points; Claire Elsey, six rebounds, three steals; Amy Froelich, five rebounds; Kate Pfeifer, five steals.

"The girls played extremely hard throughout the game. We had a few breakdowns during transitions that allowed the Bulldogs to jump out to an eight-point lead at the end of the third quarter," commented Coach Butterbrodt.

**Varsity-**  
The varsity Lady Trojans marched over Streator, 63-40.

Helping with the victory were: Carly Perschnick, 25 points, 10 rebounds, three assists, one steal; Chloe Trewartha, 13 points, four rebounds, three assists; Chaney Tambling, 10 points, nine assists, five rebounds, one steal; Kolby Hoffman, five points, four rebounds, three assists, three steals; Brianna Vigna, four points, four rebounds, four assists, one steal; Haley Gaston, two points, two steals, one rebound; Beth Launius, two points, two assists; Loren Bedeker, two points.



### MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

**January 28**  
Lady Mavericks  
vs. Elwood  
8th Grade-

The eighth grade Lady Mavericks defeated Elwood, 25-20 and 25-18.

Helping with the victory were: Jenny Hyslop, eight points, three aces, two kills; Mariah Bright, four points, three aces, one kill; Lexi Wilkinson, four points, two kills; Hannah Mehochko, four points, two aces; Katie Dally, three points; Ariel Brozovich, one point; Jamie Marques, four assists.

**7th Grade-**  
The seventh grade girls' volleyball team defeated Elwood, 25-17 and 25-17.

Galloping to victory were: Mallory Misener, 13 points, two aces, one kill; Mackenzie Granby, eight points, two aces, two kills, two assists, one dig; Danielle Hauch, five points, two aces, two kills, one assist; Paige Finch, two points, one kill, one assist; Taylor Creed, one point, two kills, one block; Lexie Harty, one point, one assist; Ariel Brozovich, one point.

### SAUNEMIN LADY EAGLES VOLLEYBALL

**January 29**  
Lady Eagles vs. Odell  
8th Grade-

The eighth grade Lady Eagles fell to Odell, 25-19, 22-25 and 13-25.

Leading the way for the Eagles were: Kara Snyder, 12 points, five digs, four aces, two kills, one block; Bethany Horrie, nine points, four digs; Sarah Zega, seven points, six digs, three aces, three kills; Ashley Dronenberg, five points, four kills, three aces, three digs; Kathryn Cromie, four points, six digs, one kill; Caley Roahrig, two points, 15 digs, six kills.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade girls' volleyball team was defeated by Odell, 18-25 and 15-25.

Making the stat book were: Hannah Slown, seven points, three digs; Destiney Riley, three points, six digs, one ace; Bailee Osborn, three points, nine digs; Kenzie Roahrig, two points, one ace, one kill; Ashley Harfst, two points, two digs, one kill; Danielle Miller, one point, four digs, one ace.

**January 23**  
Lady Eagles  
vs. St. John's-Buckley  
8th Grade-

The eighth grade Lady Eagles fell to St. John's-Buckley, 18-25 and 12-25, dropping their record to 4-2 overall.

Leading the stat book were: Ashley Dronenberg, five points, two aces, one dig; Sarah Zega, four points, six digs, two aces, one kill; Kathryn Cromie, three points, one ace, one dig; Ashley Harfst, one point, seven digs; Caley Roahrig, six digs; Bethany Horrie, five digs.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade girls' volleyball team fell to St. John's-Buckley, 25-14, 23-25 and 14-25.

Making the stat book were: Kenzie Roahrig, 13 points, one dig; Hannah Slown, nine points, one ace, one kill, one dig; Destiney Riley, seven points, two digs; Danielle Miller, four points, one ace, one kill, one dig; McKenzie Chatman, three points, three aces, one dig; Bailee Osborn, two points, two digs; Kaitlin Garcia, one point, two digs.

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**DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL**

**January 29**  
**Lady Redbirds**  
vs. Saratoga  
**8th Grade-**

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds were defeated by Saratoga, 25-21, 23-25 and 17-25.

Making the stat book were: Megan Jensen, 14 points, nine aces, five digs, three blocks, one kill; Skylar Krople, nine points, seven digs, two aces, two kills, one block; Alyssa Brownlee, five points, three aces, three kills, three blocks, two digs; Cheyenne Fontaine and Amanda Boys, one dig each.

"The girls played an awesome game," stated Coach Moeller.

**January 22**  
**Lady Redbirds vs. Gardner**  
**8th Grade-**

The eighth grade girls' volleyball team defeated Gardner, 25-12 and 25-16, bumping its record to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

Helping with the victory were: Megan Jensen, 14 points, seven aces, two digs, one kill, one block; Amanda Holmes, 10 points, five aces, three digs; Jamie Stanton, five points, two assists, one ace, one kill; Lisa Bruner, one point, three assists; Chloe Cockerham, one point, two assists, one dig; Alexandra Swoke, one point, two kills, one ace; Lindsey Kaiser, one point, one kill.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade Lady Redbirds fell to Saratoga, 11-25, 25-18 and 24-26, dropping their record to 3-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Making the stat book were: Jessica Butterfield, 14 points, eight aces, five assists, three digs, one kill; Skyler Kern,

four digs; Chloe Cockerham, one dig; Casey Murphy, one kill; Kaley Tilley, one kill.

**Wednesday Aft. Bowlers**  
HG, 229, Doug Gassman; HS, 632, Doug Gassman; HTG, 684, William J. Hooker; HTS, 1946, William J. Hooker

**League Standings** W L

Coal City Redi-Mx 15 5

Dairy Queen 13 7

JT's Saloon 11 1/2 8 1/2

Splitters 49 35

Becker's 45 1/2 38 1/2

Tag-A-Longs 42 42

LPL Financial/Tock 42 42

Vigna's 38 1/2 45 1/2

Foxy Ladies 35 49

Curves 34 50

The Hen House 34 50

**Howard's League**

HSG, 804, JT's Saloon; HSG, 268, Randy Battle; 201, Jennifer Hudson; 201, Colleen Sassegger

**League Standings** W L

Coal City Redi-Mx 15 5

Dairy Queen 13 7

JT's Saloon 11 1/2 8 1/2

2 Plus 2 11 9

Cards By Lori 10 1/2 9 1/2

Victory Lanes 9 1/2 10 1/2

A & S 9 11

FRP 8 12

Wolf Pack 7 1/2 12 1/2

Ron De Voo 5 15

**Ladies Night Out**

HG, 206, Jackie Oelschlager; 188, Fran Kodat; 184, Amy Perschnick; HS, 501, Kim Sancken; 492, Jackie Oelschlager; 484, Sarah DeLong

**League Standings** W L

Bank of Dwight 14 6

Victory Lanes 13 1/2 6 1/2

The Paper 12 1/2 7 1/2

Dairy Queen 7 13

Dwight Dental 7 13

JT's Saloon 6 14

**Commercial League**

HG, 256, Aaron Bulian; 256, Kent Jensen; HS, 656, Chad Nye; 656, Aaron Bulian; HTG, 1113, JT's Saloon; HTS, 3133, JT's Saloon

**League Standings** W L

JT's Saloon 18 2

Jensen's 18 2

FJ Metals 12 8

Schultz Media 10 10

Turtle's Tap 10 10

Meier Bros. Tire 8 12

Dwight Printing 8 12

Dairy Queen 6 14

TBI 6 14

Victory Lanes 4 16

**Redbirds vs. Holy Trinity**

**6th Grade-**

The sixth grade boys' basketball team defeated Pontiac, 33-23, to take home third place in the Coca-Cola Classic.

Soaring high in the stat book were: Caleb Boma, 13 points, three rebounds, two assists; Colton Fieldman, four points, eight rebounds, one assist; Owen Pulver, four points, five rebounds; Collin Irvin, four points, two rebounds, one assist; Collin DeLong, four points; Devin Connolly, two points, three assists, two rebounds; Ryan Gaston, two points, two rebounds; Drew Jensen and Tyson Christoff, two rebounds each.

"Every one contributed to take third place in the Coca-Cola Classic. Caleb Boma was named to the All-Tournament team. Devin

Connolly took a third place trophy in the three-point shoot-out," commented Coach Gettinger.

**Redbirds vs. Holy Trinity**

**6th Grade-**

The sixth grade Redbirds fell to Holy Trinity, 25-23, during the Coca-Cola Classic. The team dropped its record to 11-5 overall.

Leading the stat book were: Caleb Boma, eight points, one rebound; Drew Jensen, six points, two rebounds, one assist; Collin Irvin, five points, nine rebounds; Devin Connolly, four points, five rebounds; Owen Pulver, three rebounds; Colton Fieldman, one rebound.

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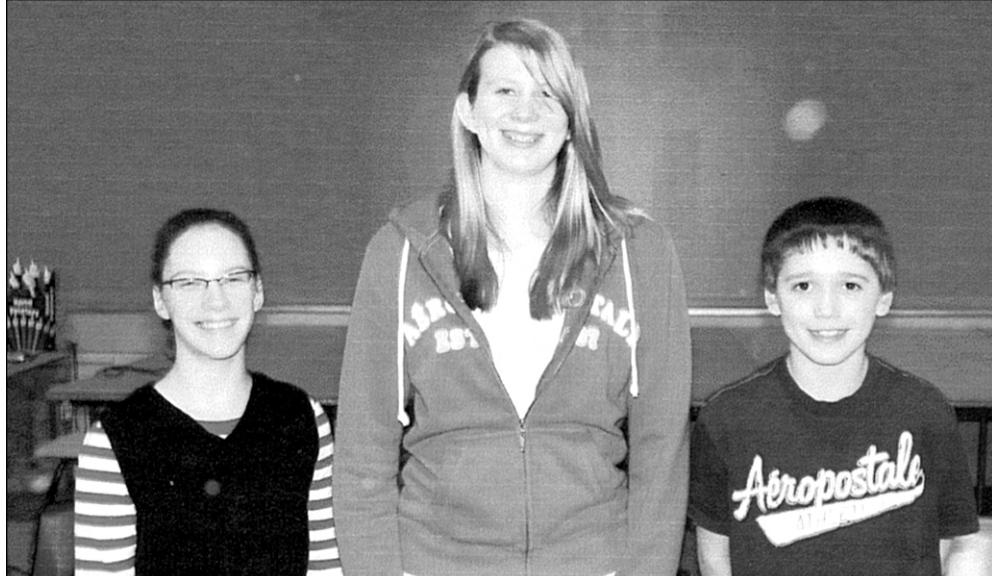
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**THE ST. PAUL SCHOOL, ODELL,** spelling bee was held on Wednesday, January 28. The winner was Carli Grieff, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Grieff of Odell. The alternate winner was Francesca Raddatz, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raddatz of Shorewood. Third place winner was Chance Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carlson of Emington. Carli will participate in the Livingston County Spelling Bee on Friday, February 20, at Pontiac Township High School.



## S. Wilmington Kindergarten Registration

The South Wilmington Grade School District 74 will hold kindergarten pre-registration on Tuesday, February 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

No fees will be taken at this time. Please bring two proofs of residency and the child's birth certificate.

Anyone unable to attend the registration should call the school office at 815-237-2281.

## Odell Preschool Screenings

Preschool screenings for Odell infants, toddlers and preschool-age children not currently enrolled at Odell Grade School will be held Tuesday, February 10, at Odell Public Library.

The free developmental screenings are offered by Livingston County Special Services Unit, Livingston County Health Department, OSF St. James Medical Center and Odell School District. Parents of all birth to six-year-olds are invited and encouraged to have their children screened. Areas screened include vision, hearing, speech, language, learning and motor skills.

Call Odell Grade School at 815-998-2272 to make an appointment or with any questions.

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## Wednesday, February 4, 2009

## St. Paul School Students Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Essays



As part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration, students in grades one through eight at St. Paul School, Odell, wrote essays describing what their school means to them. It was not only a good learning experience for the students but also for the teachers and administration.

The following essays were chosen to be read at Sunday Mass to kick off the school's week-long celebration.

St. Paul School is a great school. We go to our Catholic church all the time. We can pray to God in our hearts and out loud. We pray at our school too. We pray before school, in the afternoon, and after school.

At St. Paul School, the students treat each other kindly. There is no pushing at all. There is no shouting out answers. We know we are not to show others our answers. We do our own work.

At our school, we share a classroom with the first graders. I love sharing a class with the first graders. I love sharing a class with the first graders because they are so nice to us. I just love going to St. Paul School!

Danielle Carlson, grade 2

I love St. Paul School for many reasons. I like our school because it is small, and I can name everybody. St. Paul is like a family. Everybody looks out for each other. The teachers are nice, and there's extra help in class if you need it.

We pray every day, we talk about God, and we go to Mass every week. At Mass, we read parts and we sing.

BIRTHDAYS ARE ALWAYS SPECIAL. WE SING TO THE PERSON, WE GET A PRESENT, AND WE HAVE PARTIES. IT MAKES YOU FEEL SPECIAL.

I like how we have computers in our classroom. We get to type after our work is done. We have jobs like

Catholic Schools Week is one of the best weeks of school. It's a time when we can celebrate the fact that our school is different and unique. It's also a time when we get to go bowling! One of my favorite things about Catholic Schools Week is when we get prayer partners. Prayer partners is when we get paired up with another student. We sit together at lunch and give each other gifts.

Another thing that I love about St. Paul is we are taught religion. We are taught how to love and serve Christ and care for others. I learn a lot in religion. We learn how important it is to care for other people. We learn how to grow in faith and love in God.

St. Paul is a great school. We learn a lot and we have so much fun with Catholic Schools Week. I have made so many great friends here. I can honestly say I am blessed to have St. Paul School.

Amy Wyant, grade 6

The seventh and eighth grade spent some time discussing all the good outcomes we've had since beginning our years at St. Paul School.

The one benefit that stands above all the rest, and that we wholeheartedly agreed upon, was the gift of prayer.

We've had our share of tragedies and sad moments, and we've always been able to come together in prayer. We've been able to send our prayers to God for those in our families, parish and community who needed our support. We've been able to pray to God for those we yearned to heal.

This gift alone...the gift of prayer life, is the best gift we've been given at St. Paul Catholic School.

Maureen Doran, grade 8

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Board Trustees of the Village of Dwight, Illinois, will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed Redevelopment Plan and Project, the designation of a redevelopment project area within the Village of Dwight, and the adoption of tax increment financing within that redevelopment project area. Adoption of a Redevelopment Plan and Project, designation of a redevelopment project area, and adoption of tax increment financing will be pursuant to the provisions of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (the "Act"). The public hearing will be held on February 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Council Chambers, Dwight Public Services Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois, 60420. If necessary, the hearing may be adjourned to another date without further notice, other than a motion entered upon the minutes fixing the time and place of the subsequent hearing.

The property proposed to be designated as a redevelopment project area begins at I-55 and IL 47. It then basically follows IL 47 and Gooseberry Creek to the School property on the south of the Village. The Union Pacific Railroad forms the eastern border. The Redevelopment Project Area then drops south bordering the railroad and Gooseberry Creek. South of Mazon Avenue (IL Rt. 47) the Creek continues as the eastern border while the adjoining parcels west of Prairie Avenue form the western border to South Street where it joins one parcel east. It follows this parcel around to Columbia Street to William Street. At William Street it goes west to the Union Pacific Railroad. It then turns south to the Village corporate limits. It moves north encompassing school property to the east of Columbia. Franklin Street forms the eastern border as it moves north back to Gooseberry Creek, which continues as the eastern border, and continues to move north to the beginning, and is more particularly described in the legal description which can be read at the Dwight Public Services Complex. At the time and place set forth above, all interested persons and affected taxing districts will be given an opportunity to file with the Village Clerk written objections to and be heard concerning the proposed Redevelopment Plan and Project, the proposed designation of a redevelopment project area, and the adoption of tax increment financing within that redevelopment project area.

The proposed Redevelopment Project and Plan involves the redevelopment of the proposed redevelopment project area through tax increment financing and the other powers conferred upon the Village by the Act, including the power of eminent domain, to reduce or eliminate those conditions which qualify the proposed redevelopment project area as a blighted area under the Act. The Village proposes to undertake the redevelopment of the proposed redevelopment project area by assembling land, demolishing structures and preparing the land and remaining structures located on it for the relocation of business, including environmental remediation; assisting displaced businesses and residents with relocation; rehabilitating, reconstructing and repairing existing public and private buildings; providing various public works and improvements, including utilities, street improvements, sidewalks, parking, transportation infrastructure, street lighting and signalization, and various landscaping improvements; providing interest subsidies to developers; providing job training and retraining and related education programs; as permitted by the Act, paying eligible redevelopment project costs in any redevelopment project area that is either contiguous to, or is separated only by a right-of-way from, the proposed redevelopment project area; and conducting studies and surveys and planning and implementing the proposed Redevelopment Project and Plan. The proposed Redevelopment Project and Plan is more fully described in the "Village of Dwight Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project Area", a copy of which is located at the Dwight Public Services Complex and incorporated into this notice by this reference.\*

All persons, including taxpayers, taxing districts and the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, are invited to submit comments to the Village of Dwight concerning the proposed Redevelopment Plan and Project, the proposed designation of a redevelopment project area and the adoption of tax increment financing within that redevelopment project area at any time prior to the date and time of the hearing. Comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk at the address given above.

Dated: December 9, 2008

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk

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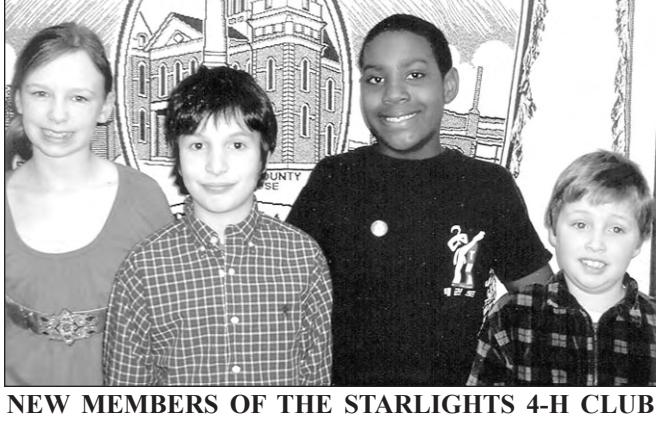
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NEW MEMBERS OF THE STARLIGHTS 4-H CLUB are (left to right) Lauren Watson, Zeke Vitton, Montanna Cox and Jordan Abbott.

## Starlights 4-H Club Inducts Members, Presents Awards

Thursday, January 22, the Starlights 4-H Club held its monthly meeting at the Pontiac Chamber Room at 1:45 p.m. Starlights 4-H President Jessi Leacock called the meeting to order.

An "Introduction of New Officers and Chair Persons Ceremony" and an "Admission of New Members Ceremony" were held. The group recognized new Clover Buds: Stone Cox, Mackenzie Lasser, Becca Rosenquist, Selah Vitton and Raine Watson.

Clover Bud, First Year Outstanding, Project Achievement and Service Achievement awards were presented. The club's recipients of the county awards were Sarah Jablonski and Jessi Leacock. Katie Rhodes was recognized for her outstanding job as '07-'08

Sunshine Chair. Sarah Jablonski was recognized for receiving first runner-up out of 19 county clubs for her '07-'08 secretary records.

The business meeting was held, and a motion to raise money for the club by selling Bergner's coupons was passed.

After the business meeting was adjourned, Zeke Vitton gave a demonstration speech on pinning bugs for a display, and Lauren Watson gave a demonstration speech on how to make a hot cocoa mix. This was followed by snacks provided by the Cox family and a game led by the recreation leader, Shawn Eichler.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 19, at Pontiac Bible Church at 1:45 p.m.

## Herscher Junior High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll - 2008-09

**GPA 4.00-5.00:** Timothy Atkinson, Samuel Benson, Luke Brychta, Abigail Crane, Michaela Daly, Adrianna Denault, Tayre Devine, Samantha DuMontelle, Michelle Eich, Lindsay Elling, Jamison Ferguson, Kasey Glover, Eva Griffin;

Anastasia Hertz, Molly Hertz, John Hogan, Skyler Howdeshell, Lauren Jensen, Morgan Johnson, James Maass, Megan Mahoney, Brandon Malone, Elizabeth Marcotte, Ryan Marcotte, Mackenzie Marquis, Addie Masching, Rachel McClelland, Makayla McGrath, Tyler McLellan, Cole Mills;

Terry Neubeck, Cody Nowack, Donald O'Brien, Jacqueline O'Brien, Mackenzie O'Brien, Timothy O'Brien, Logan Orr, Blake Patchett, Megan Perkins, Taylor Prince, Stephanie Pustmuller, Ryan Reiniche, Haelii Richey, Tyler Roggenburg, Jennifer Rosenboom, Josephine Rosenboom;

Courtney Shields, Rihana Simmons, Jay Slone, Keely Sprimont, Jacob States, Jude Stewart, Mystye Surpreenant, Mileena Tomasek, Brice Wagner, Caroline Walsh, Catherine Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Hillary Webb, Crystal Wisniewski, Anne Zerebny

## DGS Honor Roll - 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades- 2nd Quarter 2008-09

**4.00 - 3.50 GPA**

**Grade 3:** Seth Adams, Taylor Anderson, Alexis Cassani, Karah Colebank, Shayla Doyle, Konnor Dyer, Abigail Edwards, Jillian Frauli, Morgan Fritz, Mikayla Gamble, Dakota Harris, Trevor Heddins, Ryan Hogan, Abigail Houch, Mason Imhoff, Dakota Irvine, Nicholas Kester, Payton Knott, Kimberly McDaniel, Brandon Myles, Benton Myzia, Kirsten Oelschlager, Ariel Page, Symone Riegel, Lucy Rieke, Hayley Schlabowske, Kilee Tilley, Hayden Tjelle, Sean Tomac, Abigail Tyler, Morgan Zabel

**Grade 4:** Brooke Bossert, Ashley Burkhardt, Robert Castillo, Sydney Christensen, Mykala Cockerham, Kerrick Dyer, Hunter Esposito, Gerritt Frazier, Sierra Gage, Daly Galloway, Andrew German, Blake Graham, Madilyne Groves, Kailey Hahn, Kyle Henson, Jackson Hilt, Kevin Kelly, Savannah Kline, Alexander Pampinella, Wesley Pulver, Brendan Reamer,

**HIGH HONOR ROLL**  
**Freshmen:** Benjamin Marks,

Abigail Scholwin, Collin Schroeder, Hayley Seabert, Megan Vanamburgh, McKenzie Zeedyk

**Grade 5:** Leutrim Asllani, Brandon Brant, Kelsey Christensen, Bonnie Cockream, Connor Gantzert, Madeleine Gartke, Amanda Gregurich, Drew Hansen, Peter Hansen, Haley Holzwarth, Kinzie Horsley, Kaylee Irvin, Jace Kennedy, Joshua Krischel, Blaine Livingston, Conor Livingston, Tarahrae Lowry, Kady Olson, Sage Ozment-Herr, Nicholas Pampinella, Magaly Rangel, Molly Rodosky, Marc Rosales, Nicholas Schultz, Molly Snyder, Cecilia Soto, Ethan Stewart, Austen Tankersley, Kylie Wahl, Kurtdis Waldron, Alan Western, Nathan Zabel

**3.40 - 3.00 GPA**  
**Grade 3:** Dayton Bunting, Brandon Dahlstrom, Christina Fromherz, Lauren Funk, Kyle Gallentine, Kali Hoegger, Madison Hughes, Nicholas Jennings, Mikayla Jessen,

**Gardner South Wilmington High School Honor Roll**  
**Freshmen:** Lauren Finn, Courtney Gleason, Brenna Hyslop, Allison Perkins, Kailyn Schultz, Katarena Shiner

**Sophomores:** Brooke Fosnaugh, Courtney Gallup, Kevin Lardi, Tyler Posing, Kellie Tyler  
**Juniors:** Amber Eisha, Matthew Grimpler, Harley Horsley, John Leveille, Matthew Pasternak

**Seniors:** Amanda Kaczkowski, Julia Pfeifer, Sara Reader, Michelle Ruffatti, Domenic Serena, Katie Simms, Zachary Sorenson

**HONOR ROLL**  
**Freshmen:** Benjamin Marks,

Clara Seeman, Hallie Zingre

**Sophomores:** Paige Bonham, Nathan Flyore, Colton Latimer, Michael Ruffatti, Jacob Schultz, Alison Serena

**Juniors:** Benjamin Crater, Caitlin Dawson, Samantha Foley, Melissa Gretz, Haleigh Hibler, Christopher Irvin, Kayla Kellogg, Ryan Lenzie, Kelsey Lutz, Kirk Rode, Kathryn Scudieri, Alan Wade, Colleen Yuras

**Seniors:** Kristen Bexson, Ashley Cox, Mayra Cruz, Scott Huser, Alex Johnston, Cecily Kovalcik, Lanette McNamara, Ashley Sorenson, Natalie Vogel

**HONOR ROLL**  
**Freshmen:** Paige Brauer, Megan Chambers, Trinidad

Michael Johnson, Tyler Lauterbur, Briana Miles, Isabel Morales, Savannah Moyement, Nikhil Patel, Seth Perschnick, Nathaniel Pershey, Paige Przybylski, Macey Rodosky, Faith Rowland, James Soto, David Tejero, Skylar Tucker, Sabastien Webster

**Grade 4:** Martin Edwards, Paige Fieldman, Eric Hamilton, Tori Hayner, Dylan Kerr, Madison Libby, Isavel Lopez, Jeshua McCullough, Austin Nelson, Jackson Norman, Noah Nutting, Michael Robisky, Mark Taylor

**Grade 5:** Anthony Bartosik, Ashley Brockett, Shanna Carman, Daniel Colclasure, Dalton Davison, Kyle Deterding, Adam Fase, Jackson Gettinger, Elexia Hauer, Harrison Heinrich, James Kantorzyk, Dezirae Leonard, Renee Lewis, Kaitlyn Ludvigsen, Chad Magers, Joseph Mosier, Anna Richardson, Matthew Schlieper, Paige Smith, Skylar Thompson

**3.45 - 3.00 GPA**  
**Grade 6:** Elizabeth Beyer, Quinn Bossert, Dylan Cain, Tara Ceylor, Payton Christensen, Devin Connolly, Matthew Dahlstrom, Jacob Esposito, Russell Ferguson, Seth Galloway, Austin Gordon, Rachel Gschwendtner, Sarah Hansen, Alexander Harris, Brittany Hillyer, Katherine Hogan, Kapri Krople, Sarai Lopez, Tyler Matthews, Alicia Moyement, Miranda Page, Jordan Partney, Ryan Scott

**Grade 7:** Hannah Baker, Ryan Bartz, Keegan Bedeker, Amanda Boys, Janessa Carman, Kevin Ely, Ryan Folkers, Cheyenne Fontaine, Abigale Groves, Karsen Kopmann, Demi Krug, Cody Mahoney, Tiffany Michalski, Trevor Morris, Beverly Shumaker, Isaiah Swoke, Aaron Wyllie, Danielli Young

**Grade 8:** Lucas Arnold, Taran Black, Anthony Casares, Alyssa Dewey, Tyler Halloran, Althea Harris, Timothy Henson, Lane Hoffman, Blake Huseman, Justin Kielma, Steven Mann, Elizabeth McKinsey, Kevin Meints, Dylan Nelson, David Reamer, Jonathan Rosales, Jaron Scheid, Lauren Seanard, Alexandra Smith, Haley Sparrow

## DGS Honor Roll 6th, 7th, 8th Grades – 2nd Quarter 2008-09

**4.00 GPA**

**Grade 6:** Blake Banks, Ryan Beier, Caleb Boma, Ashley Collier, Ryan Gaston, Victoria Goley, Drew Jensen, Jasmine Lyons, Christopher Peck, Owen Pulver, Katelyn Schultz, Jenna Stevenson, Bailey Zeedyk

**Grade 7:** Mark Cockream, Skyler Kern, Nicole Murphy, Amanda Richardson

**Grade 8:** Joseph Banks, Alyssa Brownlee, Brayden Cain, Elizabeth Eggenberger, Stephanie Goley, Rachel Groll, Haley Hansen, Eleanor Heinrich, Kieler Kious, Mary McClarey, Clay McCormick, Elisabeth Myzia

**3.86 - 3.59 GPA**

**Grade 6:** Brandon Allen, Shannon Cain, John Carter, Megan Charlton, Colton Fieldman, Hayleigh Knott, Ellie Shaw, Grace Twagilimana, Jayne Tyler

**Grade 7:** Mjellma Asllani, Maddie Bossert, Jessica Butterfield, Amber Curl, Andrew Froelich, Rebecca Holmes, Jennifer Kuta, Savannah Schuler, Summer Schuler, Jacob Snyder, Emily Soto, Hannah Trainor

**Grade 8:** Lisa Bruner, Shania Burwell, Annie Cahill, Ashley Cameron, Ryley Christoff, Chloe Cockerham, Austin Gantzer, Cody Gibson, Amanda Holmes, Megan Jensen, Lindsay Kaiser, Ryan Kodat, Skyla Krople, Adrienne Marek, Kacy Murphy, Jamie Stanton, Jacob Wardell, Winston Watkins

**3.45 - 3.00 GPA**

**Grade 6:** Elizabeth Beyer, Quinn Bossert, Dylan Cain, Tara Ceylor, Payton Christensen, Devin Connolly, Matthew Dahlstrom, Jacob Esposito, Russell Ferguson, Seth Galloway, Austin Gordon, Rachel Gschwendtner, Sarah Hansen, Alexander Harris, Brittany Hillyer, Katherine Hogan, Kapri Krople, Sarai Lopez, Tyler Matthews, Alicia Moyement, Miranda Page, Jordan Partney, Ryan Scott

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**Saunemin Grade School Honor Roll  
2nd Quarter '08**

**6th grade**

High honors: Micheil Hildenbrand, Travis Steidinger

**7th grade**

High honors: Bethany Horrie

Honors: Nick Stephens

**8th grade**

High honors: Jack Rich, Caley Roarrig, Sarah Zega

Honors: Eric Green, Andrew Snyder, Kara Snyder

**GOOD JOB**

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**THE DAISIES ARE GROWING!** Members of Dwight Daisy Troop #1181, front row, left to right, are Kyrsten Nichols, Angelica Iglesias, Madison Daly, Haley Jennings and Emily Weissmann. Behind the girls are troop leaders Tanya Jennings and Alicia Daly.

### New Daisy Girl Scout Troop Forms in Dwight

Another Girl Scout troop has joined the ranks in Dwight.

The Dwight Daisy Troop #1181 formed just after the first of the year. The six-to-seven-year-old girls are currently selling cookies and making plans for a trip to Springfield for Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday celebration in May.

The girls are excited about participating in many activities and volunteering in Dwight.

"We're lucky to have such a caring and considerate group of young ladies," said troop leader Alicia Daly.

For more information about Dwight Daisies, please contact Alicia at 815-584-9884.

### Cullom American Legion Auxiliary Holds Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom came to order Monday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Post home.

President Vicki Allen conducted the meeting. Lorena Metz, acting chaplain in the absence of Chaplain Diana Taylor, gave the opening prayer. Americanism Co-Chairman Judy Ehlers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Preamble to the Constitution was recited by all.

Secretary Kim Harms read the minutes of the December meeting. They were approved as read. Treasurer Phyllis Perring gave her report, which was placed on file for audit.

In the absence of Vice President Marcia Stalter, Judy Ehlers gave the membership report. Cullom is at 103.29 percent (5 over goal); 17th District is at 88.13 percent, first in Fourth Division and second in the State. Only 353 members are needed in the district to be at 100 percent.

In correspondence, Secretary Harms read the January/February packet letter from President Carollee Junge.

President Allen told about the new program for MLK's birthday, January 16: Do something for a veteran: spend the day with a veteran, a veteran and family or visit a VA hospital. She reminded all about the Lincoln Pilgrimage Febuary 12 in Springfield.

President Allen reported that she and Becky Allen delivered the "Give 10 for Education" items to Kempston and Piper City schools, consisting of 372 items each (pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, glue sticks, notebooks, note pads and rulers). They also took three pairs of socks each, eight hats each and 16 pairs of gloves each given by the junior members. Both schools were very appreciative of these items.

Lorena Metz reported that the Christmas gifts taken to Manteno totaled \$470.40. A thank you was read. The group also received credits for \$210 for poppy money to Manteno.

Discussed were girls committing to attend Illini Girls State and backing off at the last minute. The group moved and seconded to have the girls sign a commitment paper, and if they back out, they will reimburse the unit for the money paid for their way. Motion carried.

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### Martin Scholarship Available for Odell District Residents

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees are now accepting applications for the 2009 scholarship awards.

Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Odell Grade School District, the Odell Fire Protection District or the Odell Library District. Scholarship applications are available at the Odell Bank, Odell Public Library and the guidance departments at Pontiac and Dwight high schools. Completed applications are due March 1, 2009.

Marjorie Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years, died on March 31, 2004. She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking continued education at an accredited college or university in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business or engineering. These awards are based on academic and extracurricular excellence.

### Mediacom Offering Scholarships

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The February 9 serving committee is Marcia Stalter and Kim Harms.

Lorena Metz gave the closing prayer. President Allen closed the meeting. Refreshments were served by Vicki Allen and Jean Desper.

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Feb. 5: 3:40 p.m., After School Program.  
Feb. 6: 8-9 a.m., Exercise.  
Feb. 7: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Share Food Sign-Up.  
Feb. 8: 8:15 a.m., HC Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., All Ages Study; 10:30 a.m., Worship; 11:30 a.m., Potluck; 5:30 p.m., Ev. and Social Ministry, O'Fallon.  
Feb. 9: 8-9 a.m., Exercise.  
Feb. 10: 3:40 p.m., After School Program; 5 p.m., Bell Choir; 6 p.m., Comp. Religions; 7 p.m., Church Council.  
Feb. 11: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 4:30-6 p.m., Confirm. (Sr.); 6:30 p.m., Confirm. (Jr.); 6 p.m., WELCA Gen. Mtg.  
Feb. 12: 3:40 p.m., After School Program.

**Dwight United Methodist Church**

701 S. Columbia St., Dwight  
584-3420, church  
584-1554, parsonage  
Rev. William Leppin, Pastor  
Feb. 5: noon, UMW Luncheon; 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.  
Feb. 6: 2 p.m., Evenglow.  
Feb. 8: 7:15-8:15 a.m., Set up for UMYF Coffee Shop; 7:45 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; 7:55 a.m., Children's Choir Rehearsal; 8 a.m., Traditional Worship Service w/Children's Choir; 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; 2-4 p.m., Agape Making; 2:40 p.m., Kankakee Asbury - Corilyn; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group; 6:30 p.m., Bible Study, UMM.  
Feb. 10: 8:30 a.m., Bible Study; Karla Behounek; 9 a.m., Bible Study - Jean Voigts.  
Feb. 11: 8:30 a.m., Willing Workers; UMYF Special Community Forum; 1-3 p.m., Set up for Youth & Children's Choir; 3:05 p.m., Children's Choir, Junior UMYF; 4:45 p.m., Confirmation Class; 5 p.m., Set Up St. UMYF; 6:30 p.m., Sr. UMYF Meal; 7 p.m., Sr. UMYF, Bible Warriors, Trustees; 8 p.m., Corilyn's Bible Study.

Feb. 12: 1-3 p.m., Set Up Kids' Club; 3:05 p.m., Kids' Club.  
**Church of the Nazarene**  
410 E. Philmar St., Dwight  
Pastor C. B. Hinton  
Phone (815) 434-3242  
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Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.  
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**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
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Rev. James Rickey, Pastor  
584-3522, Rectory  
Sat., Feb. 7: 4:00-4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.  
Sun., Feb. 8: 8 a.m., Mass; 10:30 a.m., Mass.  
Read the Sunday Bulletin for other scheduled events.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
200 W. Delaware, Dwight  
Phone 584-1260, church  
Pastor Patricia Morton  
February Mission:  
"Dress an Angel"  
Feb. 4: 3:30-5 p.m., Turtle Church.  
Feb. 8: 10:15 a.m., Worship; 11:30 a.m., Revitalization Meeting.

Feb. 9: 6:15 p.m., Choir.

Feb. 11: 3:30-5 p.m., Jr. DUCKS; 7 p.m., Women's Guild.

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Rev. Daniel Ognoske, Sr. Pastor  
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Feb. 4-6: God-With-Us Preschool.

Feb. 4: 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bell Choir; 6:45 p.m., Choir.

Feb. 5: 6:30 p.m., Pre-school Board Meeting.

Feb. 6: 8 p.m., AA Meeting.  
Feb. 7: 8 a.m., Properties Committee Meeting; 5 p.m., Worship Service.

Feb. 8: 9 a.m., Bible Class, Sunday School, New Member Class; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service; Elders meet following service; 2 p.m., Heritage Manor.

Feb. 9-13: God-With-Us Preschool.

Feb. 9: 7 p.m., Dart Practice.

Feb. 11: 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bell Choir;

Feb. 12: 6:30 p.m., Evangelism Board Meeting; 7 p.m., Council Meeting.

**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. Plum St., Ransom

Church 586-4504 Parsonage

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Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer, 9:00 a.m.

Celebration Time After School Children's Program.

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

**ESSEX****Cabery United Methodist Church**

Ames @ Chester Streets

Worship 9:00 a.m.

SS 10:00 a.m.

815-549-1681; 815-832-4370

Rev. Dr. David L. Phillips

and Rev. Jane Bradford, Pastors

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

(815) 949-2568

Rev. Richard Kostelz

4 p.m. Mass on Saturday;

10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday;

8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday;

Thursday, Friday, 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday.

**ODELL****St. Paul Catholic Church**

Fr. Peter Pilon, Pastor

Saturdays: Confessions 4 to

4:45 p.m.; Mass at 5 p.m.

Sundays: 8 a.m., Mass.

Mondays: 5 p.m., Mass

Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8 a.m., Mass.

**United Church of Odell**

109 N. Morgan St., Odell

Phone 815-998-2271

Pastor Patricia Morton

Worship time: Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

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Rev. Dr. David L. Phillips  
and Rev. Jane Bradford, Pastors

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m.

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515 W. Jackson, Cullom

Rev. Judy Foote, Pastor

689-2120, church

st.johns@frontiernet.net

Feb. 4: 9:15-9:30 a.m.,

Prayer Service; Pastor on vacation

through Feb. 9.

Feb. 5: 9 a.m., Martha

Naomi Bible Study Group;

7 p.m., Sarah Bible Study Group.

Feb. 7: Saturday evening

Informal Worship/HC, 5 p.m.

Feb. 8: 8:30 a.m.,

Traditional Worship, 10 a.m.

Feb. 11: 9:15-9:30 a.m.,

Prayer Service; 10:30 a.m.,

Greenerbrier Worship, Piper City.

**REDDICK United Methodist Church**

Old Route 17/West Main St.

365-4223, church

365-2096, parsonage

Pastor Dennis Brooks

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