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by Sara Peters  
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A Dwight couple has been arrested and charged with operating a meth lab out of the home that they shared with their six children.

An ongoing investigation led police to the home in the 300 block of South Franklin Street on Friday, February 6, where they found equipment used to manufacture meth and a large amount of substances that tested positive for meth, said Livingston County Chief Deputy Ken White.

**Jimmy Lee Tilley**  
Lee Tilley, 35, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful participation of methamphetamine production 100 grams to 400 grams.

That charge is a Class X felony and carries a sentence of no less than nine years in prison and no more than 40 years in prison.

They told Judge Jennifer H. Bauknecht via a live video feed from the Livingston County Jail that

Tina Tilley, 32, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis, possession of a controlled substance and child endangerment related to meth.

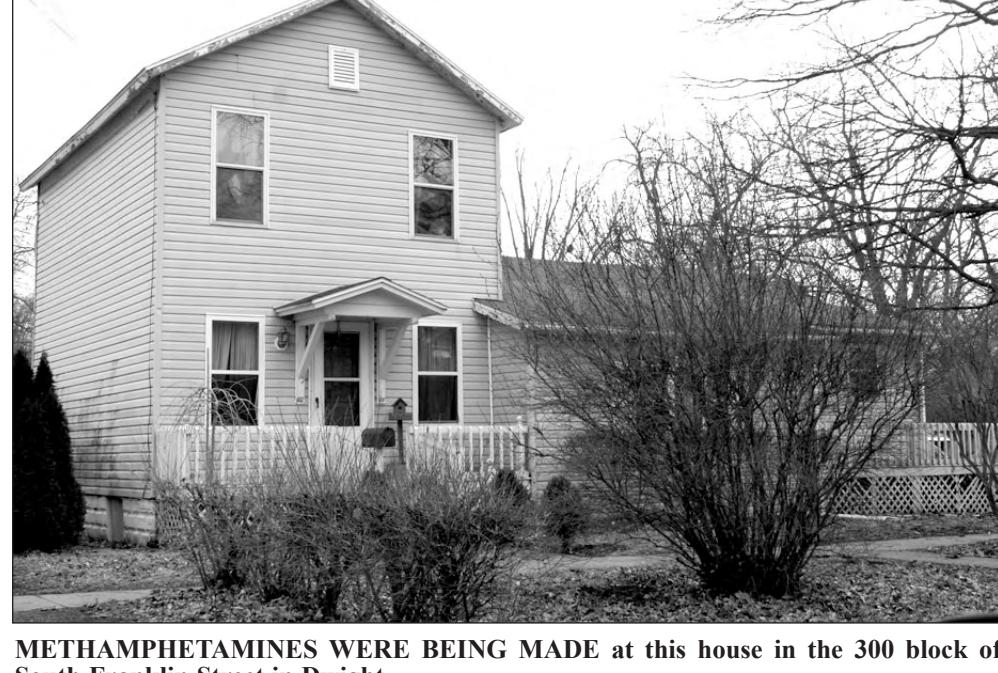
"This amount of methamphetamines is substantial and it is extremely good to get this off the street," White said. "Meth is very dangerous both when it is being cooked and when it is being used."

Additionally, three of the couple's children, ranging in age from four to eight years old, were in the home at the time. All of the children were taken into custody by the Department of Children and Family Services.

The parents remain in the Livingston County Jail on a \$2 million and \$1 million bond respectively.

Both Tilles appeared in court on Monday, Feb. 9, in regards to the charge of unlawful participation of methamphetamine production 100 grams to 400 grams.

At the time of his most recent arrest, Jimmy Tilley was out on bail. Police believe he was involved in



METHAMPHETAMINES WERE BEING MADE at this house in the 300 block of South Franklin Street in Dwight.

their home was being foreclosed on and that they did not have the financial resources to hire an attorney. They were each assigned a court appointed attorney. Jimmy is scheduled to appear again on February 18; Tina on February 23.

At the time of his most recent arrest, Jimmy Tilley was out on bail. Police believe he was involved in

the burglary of Gardner Pharmacy in June of 2008. He was arrested and charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance, possession with the intent to deliver and criminal trespass to land in regard to that burglary.

The meth arrests were a combined effort between the Livingston County task force and Dwight Police

Department in conjunction with the Illinois State Meth Team.

While areas in southern Illinois have dealt with a huge meth problem, White said it hasn't been an issue in Livingston County. There have only been a half dozen arrests for meth in the past five years, he said.

## Village of Odell Approves Turbine Construction

After many months of discussion and a 4-0-2 vote (ayes, nays, absent), the Odell Village Board at its February 9 meeting approved the construction of wind turbines east and northeast of Odell. They are included in the wind farm project underway by Iberdrola Energy. These nine turbines lie just inside the 1.5 mile jurisdictional boundary that surrounds the Odell village and a formal waiver was necessary in order for them to be included in the project.

The village will receive a compensation amount of \$2500.00 per turbine which is equal to the county construction permit fee. Mayor Tony Noonan met recently with Iberdrola's attorney, Mike Massie, village attorney, Ed Legner, and Bloomington attorney, Bob Lenz, whom the village retained specifically to negotiate the agreement with Iberdrola. All legal fees associated with this agreement also will be paid by Iberdrola.

The meeting was called to finalize details in the resolution that were questioned by the board at the January meeting. Payments made to the village will be made at the time

did not include disconnects for each motor in the pump house. That equipment was assumed to be included in the aeration equipment bid from A.D.S. by the project administrator at the Farnsworth Group. Also in the change order was installing a 200 amp main breaker instead of the main disconnect in the original plans. These items along with the associated wiring involved will increase the original bid by \$2494.00. The change order was discussed and approved.

Trustee Brian Mills reported that he has done some initial research into the possibility of the village allowing modified golf carts or other electric vehicles to be operated on city streets. A request was submitted to the board late last fall regarding this matter and a committee has been formed that will look into the matter thoroughly. Other towns have adopted similar ordinances and those ordinances will be reviewed along with the existing state statutes regarding operation of such vehicles on public roadways. A full report is expected by the March meeting.

It was reported at the January meeting by village superintendent Rich Ribordy that the village's 1992 dump truck has a broken frame in two locations. Area body shops were contacted regarding repair options. It was determined that the frame could not be repaired and would have to be replaced at a cost of several thousand dollars. Quotes for a new replacement truck were obtained from area truck dealers as well as a purchase price through state bid. State bid currently for a new 1-ton Ford truck with a dump box and snow plow is \$30,754.00. Bids from local dealers ranged from \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00. A motion was made and approved to purchase the new Ford through the state bid.

A change order for Durham Electric was presented to the board regarding electrical work involved in the sewer plant upgrade project. The initial bid

## Code Review Takes Shape in Gardner

by Don Phillips  
The Gardner Village Board opened its regular meeting Monday night, February 9, with a commentary from Village Plumbing Inspector Jeff Bexson concerning Illinois EPA requirements for backflow prevention for connections to municipal water supplies. Bexson presented the board with the current Federal regulation followed by the Illinois EPA. Bexson explained that the regulation applies to all commercial systems and residential systems with sprinkler systems for lawn watering or fire suppression. Village Attorney Scott Belt commented that the state required villages to adopt codes incorporating the regulation prior to Belt's association with the village and suggested reviewing the village's codes to verify the village's compliance with the code requirement.

Bexson noted that he is willing to assist village residents in determining if they are affected by the requirement.

Belt reported that he has been in contact with the codifi-

cation service employed by the village concerning the extension for completion of the revisions.

During a two-hour review of the current draft of the codification, Belt noted several minor issues with wording that instituted requirements for the board and village not otherwise required by law or codes that may have applied to law at the time but were not changed in accordance with changes to the laws. Belt suggested several references to be removed from the revised codes, and the board agreed with Belt on all of the suggestions.

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"as well as clean up the language on others." He said much of the housekeeping was simple changes to keep up-to-date,

such as changing a section referring to special meetings to state the village would give 48 hours notice, instead of 24, to keep in line with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

It was decided the three inspectors for the village who oversee building, plumbing and

electric would make the decision as to which year's International Code Council publication would best fit Gardner. Dean Rankovich, the village's zoning officer and building inspector, requested the council dissolve the current code committee so the three inspectors could meet to discuss the changes without violating the open meetings act. The board approved the dissolution, with Cox voting against. The inspectors will have until the March 9 deadline to make their decision.

Commissioner Dick Hileman reported to the board that the Planning and Zoning Board has only had one meeting in the past 18 months and has no regularly scheduled meetings slated for 2009. Hileman asked the village board, "Can we ask the Planning and Zoning Board to have a schedule? They should have regular meetings scheduled." Hileman again tabled his motion to abate 2009 residential property taxes in the village. Hileman reported that he had not yet reached TIF attorney Tom Jacobs.

## Special Farm Section

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## Dwight Village Board Hears Public Comment On Proposed TIF District

by Madelyn Fogarty  
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A standing room only crowd filled Dwight's Village Board meeting room on February 9 as interested and concerned citizens gathered at a public hearing to learn more about Dwight's proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, ask questions and share their comments.

A committee has been researching and developing a Village of Dwight TIF District plan for a number of years and Board members are now weighing the option with a decision regarding action on whether or not to move forward.

Beth Ruyle, Financial Advisor for Ehlers and Associates, was on hand at the meeting to explain the operation of a TIF district and answer questions. Ruyle has extensive experience with TIF districts, having set up approximately thirty-five TIFs in various communities.

A TIF district is an economic development tool designed to help a local government finance improvements in designated areas in an effort to attract private development. By bringing in or jump starting business in otherwise undeveloped or blighted areas, the community has potential to benefit in many ways such as growth, an expanded tax base, and increased job opportunities.

Money used to build a TIF fund comes from new property tax revenues from the specified TIF area. The TIF money is then reinvested for improvements within the TIF area. Once a TIF District is estab-



**BETH RUYLE OF EHLERS AND ASSOCIATES** was present at the February 9 public hearing in Dwight to provide education and answer questions regarding TIF Districts.

lished, the local taxing bodies will get no new tax revenue from the TIF area during the 23-year life of the TIF. They do continue receiving the same tax revenue from the TIF District that they received prior to its formation. Proponents of a TIF feel this loss of tax revenue is widely offset by the many benefits of development. However, some fear that taxes might increase as a result of the loss of new tax revenues from within the TIF District.

According to Ruyle, this is a misconception. "It is not a tax increase," stated Ruyle.

**Initial funding of the TIF** also raises concerns since it can take several years for the fund to build. Waiting until the fund builds is one way to acquire TIF

money. Borrowing money and paying it back later, once TIF funds have accrued, is another option.

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara presented a summary of how the Equalized Assessed Valuation of property in the proposed TIF District compares to more viable areas of the community. According to McNamara, this data reinforces the need for revitalization in the proposed TIF area as, over the past five years, it reflects an increased EAV in the proposed TIF area of 22.7% while at the same time the rest of the Village saw an EAV increase of 46.2%. 5.03% of the Village's EAV would be in the proposed TIF District.

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Feb. 5: Rebecca R. Young, 36, Dwight, suspended, revoked driver's license; Kimberly R. Sancken, 47, Emington, speeding (radar), 74/55; Lucas J. Zimmerman, 20, Clifton, operate uninsured motor vehicle, suspended, revoked driver's license.

Feb. 6: Debra A. Kasson, 50, Dwight, resisting/obstructing a peace officer, battery.

Feb. 7: Stephen A.

Gossmeyer, 25, Chesterton, IN, operate uninsured motor vehicle, improper use of registration, in-state warrant (2); David L. Braggity Jr., 57, Springfield, wrong way on one way street; William M. Branigan III, 34, Dwight, suspended, revoked driver's license.

Feb. 9: Jacob Mickelson, 19, Herscher, speeding (radar), 78/55.

Feb. 10: Amber L. Nourie, 20, Dwight, in-state warrant.

**Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS**

Feb. 5: Union St., fire standby; Mazon, medical, Morris; Creekside, medical, Pontiac.

Feb. 6: Mazon, citizen assist.

Feb. 7: Franklin, citizen assist.

Feb. 8: 3200 N. Rd., medical, Morris; 3200 N. Rd., medical, Morris.

Feb. 9: Mazon, trauma, Morris; Main, medical, Morris; Franklin, medical, Morris; Bannon, medical, Pontiac.

Feb. 10: Mazon, medical, Pontiac.

Feb. 11: 3200 N. Rd., medical, Morris; Scott, citizen assist; 3200 N. Rd., medical, Streator; John, fire standby; W. Main, medical, Morris.

Feb. 12: Franklin, medical, Pontiac.

### 7 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 4; improper lane usage, 1; failure to wear seatbelt, 1; only one red taillight, 1.



**DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL** members collected money for Christmas for Kids throughout the week before Christmas break. For every \$5.00 donated, an ornament was placed on a tree outside the office. The student council members collected \$680 for Christmas for Kids. Students who helped with donations were:

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Folkers, Angel Rodriguez; back row, l-r, Drake Davison, Cody Mahoney, Chad Rieke,

and Troy Majors.

## Temps - 2009

Feb. 4 - high 15°, low .8°

Feb. 5 - high 27°, low 6°

Feb. 6 - high 47°, low 11°

Feb. 7 - high 61°, low 31°

Feb. 8 - high 39°, low 29°

Feb. 9 - high 59°, low 33°

.04" rain

Feb. 10 - high 61°, low 45°

.37" rain

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high 24°, low 4°

### Posted Weight Limits to Be Enforced

Grundy County roads have been posted at nine ton weight limits while township roads are posted at eight tons during the thawing season.

The posted weight limits will be enforced. Sheriff Marketti said deputies have been directed to watch for trucks that may be in violation of the posted limit.

The Office of Grundy County Solid Waste has been working with waste haulers and residents in rural areas of the county to set up drop off locations for garbage pickup until the posted roads can be used again by the waste haulers.

Anyone who has questions about using a posted road that may exceed the limit should contact Grundy County Highway Engineer Craig Cassem at 815-942-0363.

## Officer Haley Resigns As Full-time Dwight Policeman

on the above information, Officer Haley was recommended to be hired by the Dwight Village Board of Trustees.

Chief Henson completed the waiver and sent it to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. He received the form back, stating Officer Haley had been denied and would have to complete a 12-week Police Academy Training Course.

Officer Haley has been with the Dwight Police Department for 22 years. He was recently hired as a full-time officer to replace Officer Brian Heath.

Officer Haley will resume his duties in a part-time capacity with the police department.

A conflict arose when Chief Henson received a letter dated 02-09-09 from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The letter informed Henson that Officer Haley would have to complete a 12-week Police Academy Training Course.

Prior to the application filing period, Chief Henson had contacted the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The requested information stated the training requirements and clarification for his current part-time officers who might be interested in full-time employment. Also included was clarification for full- and part-time officers who would be applying from other departments.

Chief Henson was told current part-time officers from his department would have to receive a waiver from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. In addition, they would have to complete an 80-hour transitional course. This course is offered on a limited basis, but officers could still work in a full-time capacity until the class is completed. Based

The first version is in reference to officers who, prior to the Police Training Act, had extensive Law Enforcement backgrounds. Those officers received waivers to become Part-time Police Officers based on their training, knowledge, years of service and an assessment test they were required to pass. This classification requires a waiver and the completion of a 12-week Police Academy Training Course or equivalent.

The second classification of Part-time Police Officers is for those who have taken and successfully passed the new State Certified Part-time Officer Curriculum.

The aforementioned curriculum is equivalent to the 12-week Police Academy Training. This classification's only requirement is a waiver and an 80-hour transitional course, to convert from Part-time to a Full-time Police Officer Position.

Unfortunately, according to Henson, Officer Haley's status was determined to be in the first classification.

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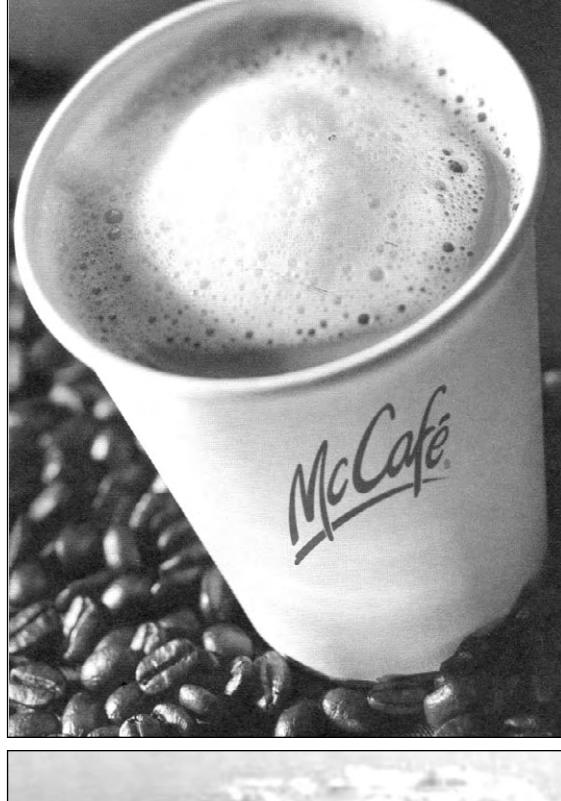
Gibs Nielsen is not only an active member of Dwight's community government...he is a husband, father, grandfather and business owner. In fact, he's chosen the Village of Dwight to raise his family, own his business, and spoil his grandchildren.

He chose to reside in Dwight, because he had fond memories of growing up here, himself...Gibs Nielsen realized that if he wanted to successfully raise his three children, and own and operate his family business, he needed to do this in a positive environment, such as Dwight.

As a life long resident of Dwight, Gibs Nielsen understands and acknowledges that Dwight needs to look toward the future for prosperity; yet he's also interested in keeping the "small town values" the members of the community bestowed upon him while he was growing up.

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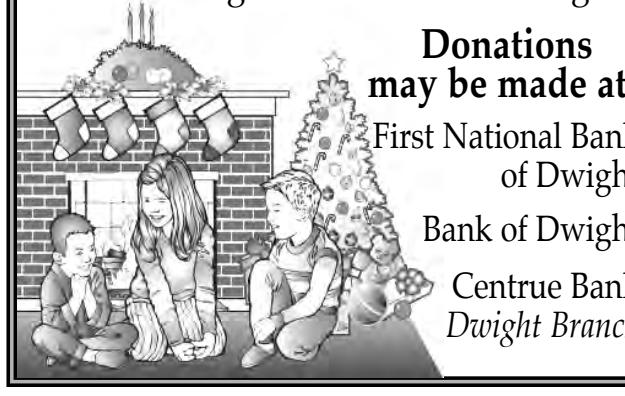
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## Dwight Village Board Hears Public Comment On Proposed TIF District - - -



**DWIGHT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN McNAMARA** points out the proposed 469 acre TIF District area on a large wall map in the Village Board's meeting room. A standing room only crowd attended the February 9 public hearing regarding the proposed TIF plan.

(continued from page 1) Everyone at the meeting was afforded the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Dwight Mayor Jim Mixen began the comment portion of the hearing by reading a letter from Saunemin Mayor Mike Stoecklin in which Stoecklin credited the success of the Saunemin TIF District for a number of improvements to his community.

**Questions and concerns expressed** by those present centered primarily on concern for increased taxes, management of the TIF, initial funding for projects, and timing.

"I am not against the TIF as a TIF district – I am against the business as you are presenting it," said Dwight's Bill Wilkey. "I think the timing over the next three to five years is really going to be very crucial with money and people losing jobs – I just think the timing right now is very bad."

Another Dwight resident, Jared Anderson, expressed concern regarding the joint review board and management of the TIF funds.

"I feel if we do go with a TIF district, they have some of us here tonight be at that joint review board so we can see how our money is spent and that it is spent in a proper manner," stated Anderson.

**Concerns for burdening local services** were expressed.

"I am a trustee for the Dwight Fire Protection

students – that is a difference of 105 students. The Dwight High School had 318 students five years ago. Today they have 327 students. Projections, however, show that the high school will drop to 312 students next year and down to 308 in 2010 and 2011. In addition, we have seen the number of free and reduced lunch eligible students increase from 15% to 30% today. That has happened in five years. The community of Dwight must do something to attract businesses and families – that something is the development of jobs. The proposed Tax Increment Financing District is a tool that the state of Illinois has provided local communities to foster that economic development."

Adams went on to point out that school funding comes primarily from local, state and federal sources. He explained that a declining school population decreases State Aid and puts an increased burden on the local property taxpayer.

"The reliance on local property taxes will continue to increase as average daily attendance is a key factor in the state aid formula."

**Tom Tock, a member of the TIF Committee,** shared his thoughts. "TIF districts around us have done exactly what they were designed to do," said Tock. "They have helped their communities attract development, they have broadened the local tax base, they have provided increased revenues, they have allowed the village or city to improve its infrastructure, and they have provided jobs."

A four-generation resident of Dwight and Main Street Organization member, Alex McWilliams, addressed the group. "We are competing with every town, every other entity for business, for people to come live here, for jobs," said McWilliams. "I think it is laudable that the village is going in this direction. I wish that we had done it back years ago when we first started. But, now, we don't have a choice about where we are going – we need to...make Dwight a place that business and people want to come to...we have outstanding services and if we don't maintain and improve on what we have, we are going to lose all of it."

"I stand before you representing 64% of your property tax bill," said Dale Adams, Superintendent of Dwight schools. "Five years ago, the Dwight Grade School had 770 students. Today they have 665

students."

"I have redeveloped property in a TIF district and I too was

very skeptical when I first started," said Bill Ohlendorf of Bloomington and formerly of Dwight. "But I can tell you it is a wonderful thing. I keep hearing people talking about taxes going up – the reason they are going up is you don't have a broad enough base for the amount of expenses that you have."

"The goal here is to remove blight because if you don't remove it, after a while gets too big and it overwhelms the community...if you don't do it now, it will be doubly hard later," stated Tony Cicottelli, a New Lenox resident who owns property in Dwight. "Any improvement comes with a cost, but there is a gain. Our children will reap the benefits."

Despite differing opinions, the group shared a common interest – their community – with an underlying concern among all for the health of the Village of Dwight and its residents.

**The decision on whether to move forward with the TIF District** now lies in the hands of the Dwight Village Board. The decision will come to a vote in the coming weeks at a Dwight

Village Board meeting as the Board is required to act no less than 14 days and no more than 90 days following the public hearing. The date that the Board's vote will be cast has not yet been confirmed.

Following the public hearing, the Dwight Village Board moved into regular session.

The following actions were

- approved by the Board:
- payment of ordinary bills totaling \$120,094.29
- a donation of \$500 to Showbus, which provides a public transportation option for village and county residents

**The next regular board session** will take place February 23, 6 p.m. at the Dwight Public Services Complex.

## Rollover Accident Claims Life of Dwight Resident

A single-vehicle rollover in Round Grove Township claimed the life of Ryan V. Hogan, 20, of Dwight, according to Livingston County Coroner Michael P. Burke.

The auto was apparently eastbound on Livingston County Road 3100 North approximately a quarter mile west of Livingston County Road 3300 East when it left the roadway and overturned and came to rest on its wheels in the field on the north side of LCR 3100 North.

The crash was discovered Friday, February 13, at approximately 6:38 a.m. Fire and rescue workers from Dwight and Campus responded. Hogan, who was the only occupant of the vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene at 7:10 a.m.

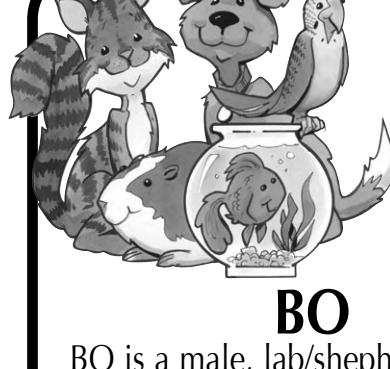
The crash is being investigated by the Livingston County Sheriff's Police and the Livingston County Coroner's Office. An autopsy will be ordered by the coroner.

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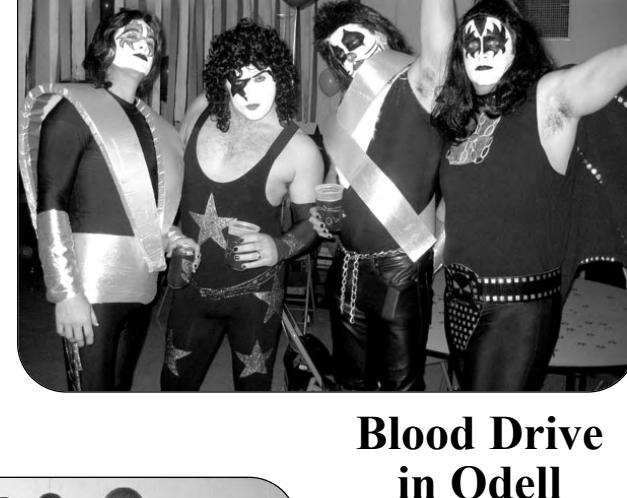
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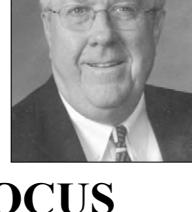
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# homecoming highlights

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### Think Twice Before Taking Out 401(k) Loan

Your car could break down. You might need a new furnace. You have to pay for one last term of college for your child. Whatever the reason, you may someday need a large sum of money in a hurry. And as you look around for a source of funds, your eyes might come to rest on your 401(k) plan. It's there, it's yours — why not tap into it?

Actually, there are some pretty good reasons for not dipping into your 401(k). But before we get to those, let's see how you might access the money in your plan.

Some employers allow 401(k) loans only in cases of financial hardship, although the definition of "hardship" can be flexible. But many employers allow these loans for just about any purpose. To learn the borrowing requirements for your particular plan, you'll need to contact your plan administrator.

Generally, you can borrow up to \$50,000, or one-half of your vested plan benefits, whichever is less. You've got up to five years to repay your loan, although the repayment period can be longer if you use the funds to buy a primary residence.

So you've got some time to repay the loan, you're paying yourself back with interest, and the repayments are probably just deducted from your paycheck.

Sounds pretty good, right? What could be the problem with taking out a 401(k) loan?

Since you asked, here are a few of them:

- You'll likely reduce your retirement savings. Your 401(k) plan is designed to help you build funds for one purpose: retirement. To encourage you to take advantage of your 401(k), the government defers taxes on your earnings and allows you to make contributions with pre-tax dollars. But when you take out a loan from your 401(k), you are removing resources earmarked for your retirement. And even though you'll repay the loan, you can never get that time back when your money could have potentially grown.

- You'll be taxed twice on the loan amount. As mentioned, you typically contribute pre-tax dollars to your 401(k). But when you repay the loan, you're doing so with after-tax dollars. When you withdraw the money at retirement, it will be taxed again.

- You'll have to quickly repay the loan if you leave your job. If you leave your job, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, you'll generally be required to repay the loan in full within 60 days. If you don't repay it by then, the outstanding balance will be taxable — and if you're under 59 1/2, you'll also have to pay a 10 percent penalty tax.

To avoid putting yourself in the position of having to someday borrow from your 401(k), try to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. Keep the money in a liquid account so that you can tap into it quickly.

It can be tempting to borrow from your 401(k) today — but if you can resist this temptation, you'll almost certainly be glad tomorrow.

established in 2007.

Team members are, bottom left, from left: Jeremy and Jennifer Connor, Steve Connor, Destiny and Rodney Connor, Ginger Connor, Teresa Connor, Art Connor, Amy Christiansen, Jeff and Jennifer Schlabowske, Missy and Chad Horrie.

The team performed a dance to the Brady Bunch and led an all-star pep rally that featured cheerleaders and football players spanning the past five decades.

Several senior titles were given, including: King and Queen: (at left) Paul and Patsy Riber; Best Hair: Jill Murphy; Best Dressed: KISS, below, Dan Duffy, Tyler Perkins, Dave Patten, Adam Melon; Most Athletic: Doug Patten; Class Clown: Mike Smith.

For more information about the team or events or to donate, call Jeremy Connor at Jeremy's Barbershop, (815) 584-9490.

## Blood Drive in Odell February 19

The American Red Cross of the Heartland will hold a blood drive Thursday, February 19, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Odell.

To schedule a donation appointment, call 815-998-2131.

## Chili Supper to be Held in Odell February 22

The United Church of Odell is holding a chili supper Sunday, February 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church.

The menu will consist of chili, relishes, crackers, beverages and homemade desserts. There are separate donation prices for adults and children 10 and under.

Hot dogs will be available at an extra cost. Carryout will be available.

## Dwight Peace Meals

Wed., Feb. 18: Beef stroganoff, lyonnaise carrots, warm cinnamon applesauce, wheat bread, fruit salad.

Thurs., Feb. 19: Glazed ham loaf, sweet potatoes, capri blend vegetables, wheat bread, pudding.

Fri., Feb. 20: Country fried patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned greens, wheat bread, sherbet.

Mon., Feb. 23: Swiss pepper steak, parslid potatoes, diced carrots, wheat bread, fresh apple.

Tues., Feb. 24: Baked chicken, zippy baked beans, diced pears, wheat bread, warm blueberry muffin.

Wed., Feb. 25: Lasagna, tossed lettuce salad, warm pan roll, hot fruit compote.

Thurs., Feb. 26: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, wheat bread, cake.

Milk is served each day.

Call 584-2007 to make a reservation.

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## 'Hot Summer Nights' Dinner and Auction

ADIRONDACK Chairs are being painted by many Dwight Artists to be auctioned in the upcoming Dwight Chamber Bidding for Excellence Auction. Cathee Clausen's is featured at left.

can be placed on any item at the Chamber office by Thursday, February 26, even if you cannot attend the event.

Raffle tickets for a Weber Summit LP gas grill are available now at Emling Florist, The Country Mansion in Dwight. The silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. Break out your "summer attire" and enjoy an evening of food, fun and entertainment.

Tickets are available at the Chamber office, Emling Florist, The Country Mansion and from any Chamber officer. Bids

Donations for auction are still welcome and appreciated and can be made by contacting the Chamber office at 815-584-2091.

## Dwight Main Street News

by Janice Lauritzen, Executive Director

The Dwight Main Street Board of Directors recently held a Board Retreat and reviewed events for 2009. Many of our past events will be repeated and some new things will be added.

Children's Easter Activities will be held downtown Saturday, April 11. Children and parents are encouraged to attend the Dwight Lions Club's Easter Egg Hunt in Renfrew Park and then come downtown for games, food and pictures with the Easter Bunny. These activities will be held at the Depot.

For the last few years we have sponsored a monthly downtown clean up. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, brooms, blowers and rakes and meet downtown at 8AM on the last Saturday of the month beginning April 25. We will work until 9:30 and pick up trash, twigs, etc. Everyone working together can make a difference that shows we care about our community. These days help make the downtown more inviting for everyone.

Dwight Main Street Farmer's Markets will be held in the East Main Street parking lot from 8AM until noon beginning June 6. The Kid's Market will again be held in conjunction with the Farmer's Markets on the second Saturday each month. Be sure to mark your calendars and come downtown and see what fresh produce and baked goods the vendors have to offer.

The 4th Annual Let's Buzz the Gut Cruise Night will be Saturday, June 20. This date is a slight change from last year. Once again cool cars will line the street and '50s and '60s music will fill the air. Food vendors will return also.

Before closing, MainStreet Company offered a Used Book Sale in their store. The funds raised through this Dwight Main Street project were used for the many lighted decorations on display in the downtown park throughout the year. Those books have been moved to the office at 117 W. Main St. All are welcome to stop by between 10AM and 2PM weekdays except Wednesday. Prices will be the same as before. To keep this project going, donations of used books are always welcome during the same hours.

MainStreet Company also offered a line of Cat's Meow pieces of local buildings and landmarks. Dwight Main Street will be taking this on as a fundraiser for our program. A new piece, the Ambler-Becker Gas Station, is planned for a spring 2009 arrival. An announcement will be made when these are available. Previous pieces are also available for those needing to add to their collection. These pieces make a great remembrance for local residents as well as those who have left our community but still have fond memories of Dwight.

The economic downturn has affected all of us in one way or another. Local businesses have closed and jobs have been lost. Now, more than ever, it is very important to support our local businesses. They are the ones who support the activities in Dwight and help make them possible. Show them you appreciate them and be sure to shop Dwight first.





## Emmanuel Lutheran Church to Host Friendship Sunday

On Sunday, February 22, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Rt. 47 and Rt. 17 in Dwight, will host a "Friendship Sunday."

Friends new and old are invited for worship, Bible Class and Sunday School. Friendship Sunday is a time for everyone to see what Emmanuel has to offer and to learn a little more about the Christian faith as it is taught and confessed in the Lutheran Church.

Sunday School for children age three through eighth grade begins at 9 a.m. Children meet in the church for a brief opening worship and then go to the classrooms in Bowman Hall for the day's lesson. Adult Bible Class also begins at 9 a.m. at the Sunday School opening worship and then continues

with the lesson and discussion in the fellowship hall.

At 10:15 a.m., the congregation gathers together for worship. The service will feature special musical selections, including singing from the children of God-with-Us Preschool. After the service, everyone is invited to gather for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have never been to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the pastors and congregation invite you to try it out. If you haven't been to church in a while, they welcome you back. If you are in church regularly, they invite you to attend to get acquainted with some new people and reacquainted with some old friends.

The next regular meeting was conducted by Leila Patchett, president. Seventeen members and four guests attended.

The program was given by the "Ladies of Faith" which includes Dee Hanner, Janet Gantzert, Ruth Bosman, Delma Long and Wanda Taylor.

The treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Christenson, and the secretary's report by Norma Houck.

## Dwight Senior Citizens Meet

The Dwight Senior Citizens met February 10 at the Center for a potluck dinner.

Under new business, ways to raise money for this year were discussed with several suggestions given.

The kitchen committee for March will be Velma Meier and Evelyn Lydigson.

Door prizes were won by Liz Houck, Louise Smith, Ruth Patterson, Mary Lou Carter and Judy Lewis.

The motion for adjournment was made by Dorothy Christenson, seconded by Ruth Patterson.

## Livingston County 4-H Park Playground Updates Slated

"Henry Street Horrors."

Contributions to offset the cost of the playground equipment are now being accepted. All monies received will be designated for the playground area and are tax-deductible.

Contributions, in any amount, may be sent to: Livingston Co. 4-H & Ag Fairboard, c/o Bonnie Bolen, secretary, 19155 E. 2500 North Rd., Odell, IL 60460-8141.

For further information, please e-mail Bolen at doubleb10@verizon.net with "Park Donation" in the subject line.

## Cullom American Legion Junior Auxiliary Meets

While gathering for the junior auxiliary meeting, the girls worked on making tray favors for Manteno Veterans home. They put together 60 penguin and 40 eagle favors with mini candy bars attached. Two hundred fifty Valentine hearts with mini candy bars were finished and were taken up to Manteno for every Veteran to have on Valentine's Day.

The February 8 meeting of the American Legion Junior Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit 122 of Cullom came to order with Vice President Gracie Metz conducting the meeting in the absence of President Ashton Melton.

Chaplain Gabby Spangler opened with a prayer; the pledge to the flag was led by Gracie Metz, and Anna Kerrins led the Preamble to

the Constitution.

Secretary Bailee Osborn read the minutes from the January meeting. Moved and seconded to approve as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer Lauren Ehlers presented the treasurer's report, which will be placed on file for audit.

Alison Flessner gave roll call: eight officers, four leaders and one senior guest for a total of 13.

Correspondence read by Secretary Osborn: Credit of \$202.50 was received from Manteno for 90 tray favors with mini candy bars. A thank you was read from Tri-Point elementary for the school supplies for students sent before Christmas.

There was no unfinished (old) business or new business.

Lauren Ehlers shared her

trip to Indianapolis and seeing the American Legion National Headquarters and the Department of Indiana headquarters.

She passed pictures around that were taken in front of the national headquarters, the monument between the two headquarters and the front door of the Indiana American Legion.

The girls were told of the passing of Department of Illinois Commander William (Bill) Hudson on Monday, January 27. Senior Vice Commander William Flanagan will move up to fill his term of office.

Chaplain Spangler gave the closing prayer. Vice President Metz closed the

meeting.

The girls reviewed the proper way to stand when "The Star Spangled Banner" is played at a game or other function: always place your right hand over your heart. If saying the Pledge to the Flag: Remove everything from your hands and place your right hand over your heart. Men and boys, remove hats and place them over their heart in their right hand. The girls reviewed and worked on learning the Preamble to the Constitution. Each Junior brought Valentine's and they had a Valentine exchange. Gabby Spangler supplied refreshments for the girls.



**UNIT 122 JUNIOR AUXILIARY** members stand behind the 250 Hearts for Valentine's Day, 60 Penguins and 40 Eagle tray favors for Manteno Veterans home. Seated left to right are Bailee Osborn, Gracie Metz and Lauren Ehlers; standing are Linze Haren, Anna Kerrins, Ali Flessner, Alexis Waller and Gabby Spangler.

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, flowers and special gifts to help me celebrate my 80th birthday. A special thanks to my husband, Lyle, and my children in planning such a wonderful day. It was great to have all my children home. Thanks also to my nieces, nephews and family friends who came to share in the day. It really meant a lot to me.

Norma Tambling

## News and Notes from the Gardner Lions Club

The Gardner Lions met Tuesday, February 10, at the Gardner Restaurant with nine members and two guests present.

President Linda Spiezio conducted the meeting. A "thank you" was read from SADA for the club's donation to the prom lock-in.

It was announced that 247 were served at the February breakfast, and the split-the-pot winner was Candy Stienhilber of Gardner. The March 8 pancake breakfast will benefit the boys summer baseball program. The club asks that guests bring a non-perishable food item to the breakfast to help replenish the local food pantry. There will be a collection box at the breakfast.

The club is planning on an eye-diabetic screening in

June. The Lions of Illinois Eye Bus will be in town to check for diabetic eye and macular degeneration. This is a free program sponsored by the Lions. Watch for the dates in future publications.

Lion Sandy Sowers, Illinois Lions Foundation Trustee, spoke on the programs funded by the foundation and reminded all of the District 1-K Convention to be held in Bloomington on April 24 and 25.

The next regular meeting will be at the Gardner Restaurant at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. The club is looking for new members to support the community and the Lions' programs. Membership is open to all in the area. Call President Linda Spiezio at 815-237-8249 for details.

## Fish Fry in Odell March 6

The Odell Firemen will hold their annual all-u-can-eat Fish Fry on Friday, March 6, at the Odell Fire Station. The hours are from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are for adults or children 12 and under, while preschoolers eat free. Carryout will be available.

They will have a 50/50 drawing.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward safety equipment.

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Scott Lovell  
and Jessica Snyder



Kaden James Zelhart

**A boy!**

## Jessica Snyder, Scott Lovell to Wed

Steve and Linda Lovell of Dwight announce the upcoming marriage of their son, Scott Lovell, to Jessica Snyder. She is the daughter of Ron and Debbi Snyder of Odell.

The wedding will be held April 25, 2009, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell.

The groom-to-be is a truck driver for Lovell Excavating. The future bride is a teacher's aide at God-with-Us Preschool and a teacher at Just Kiddin' Around.

At home he joins his big sister, Nikita, six.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Rhonda Hines of Braceville. Paternal grandparents are Caryn and Dave Zelhart of St. Anne.

Maternal great-grandmother is Catherine Hines of Dwight. Paternal great-grandparents are Marla and Jim Zelhart of St. Anne and Larry Gallois of Lafayette, Indiana.



Harry and LaVonne Landers

## Harry and LaVonne Landers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Harry and LaVonne Landers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 30 at the home of their daughter Susan in Highland Mills, New York. In attendance were Susan (Djamel) Bouachri; three grandchildren: Christian, Yasmine and Jared; daughter Kathleen Landers of Baltimore; and many local friends.

Harry Landers and LaVonne Nielsen were married in 1958 at the First United Methodist Church in San Diego shortly after his assignment to his first of five submarines. After retirement from the Navy, they moved back to Dwight in 1979 and left for their present residence in Fort Myers, Florida in 1992.



## Agnes Gordon to Celebrate 103rd Birthday

Agnes Gordon of Odell will celebrate her 103rd birthday Sunday, March 1, at Rentz's Tap & Dining, Odell, at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Agnes Gordon, Odell, IL 60460.

Service Unit 33 Girl Scouts invites everyone to join them for an afternoon of fun and games involving 12 different countries.

Each child attending will receive a "passport" and "stamp" for each country they "visit."

The cost of admission is free. Items can be purchased at each booth.

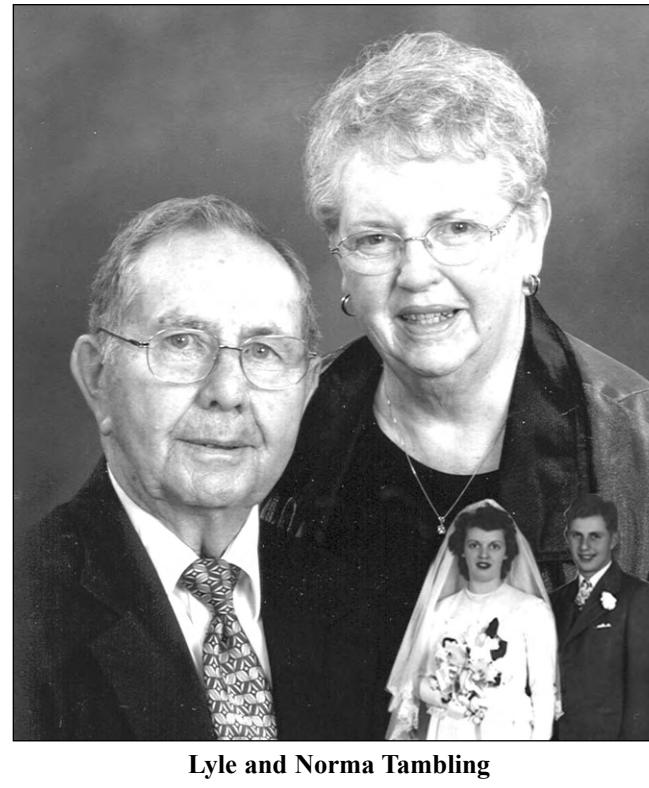
The event will be held Sunday, February 22, at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 426 Industry Dr., Gardner.

World Thinking Day Celebration shows girls that Girl Scouts/Girl Guides are not just a part of their town, state or country, but are a part of a worldwide group.

## Girl Scouts to Host Thinking Day Event

Students from this area named to the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Deans' Lists for the fall semester are:

Jonathon Kohrt, senior, and Patrick Riccolo, junior, from Dwight; Jennifer Burns, sophomore, Mazon; Kahla Holtz-Fazzini, senior, Emington; Jaclyn Moses-Lebron, senior, Ellyn Ruth Vanderhyden, freshman, and Danielle Walker, senior, all



Lyle and Norma Tambling

## Lyle and Norma Tambling to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Lyle and Norma Tambling of Dwight will observe their 60th wedding anniversary with a family gathering hosted by their children.

Lyle Tambling and Norma Olson were married February 19, 1949, at the Presbyterian Church in Cabery.

They are the parents of Terry (Carrie) Tambling of Morris, Peggy Tambling of Olympia Fields, Pam Latta of Palm Coast, Florida, Patti

(Cary) Rosenbaum of Dwight, Phyllis (Cate) Tambling of Boise, Idaho, Polly (Bill) Hoffman of Gardner, Mike (Shari) Tambling of Dwight and Chris (Maresa) Tambling of Florence, Kentucky. They also have 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Lyle is retired from farming and Norma retired after serving as the superintendent's secretary at Dwight Township High School.

## Area Students on SIUC Deans' Lists

of Essex.

Riccolo and Vanderhyden had straight A's for the semester.

Deans' List recognition goes to students who compile grade-point averages that meet or exceed performance standards set by SIUC's schools and colleges. The minimum standards vary by college and range from 3.25 to 3.75 on a scale of 4.0 (perfect).

## Valentine Exchange at Gardner Seniors Meeting

The Gardner Seniors met for their February meeting on Friday, the 6th, at Gardner Family Restaurant. Twenty-one members attended.

Ida Schopp and Laverne Naretto were welcomed back after being in the hospital recently. It was reported that Vi Mathison has also returned home.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to members with February birthdays: Leah Christensen on the 5th; Jerry Winter on the 18th; and Helen Christensen on the 22nd. An honorary member, Veronica Tyler, will be 100 years young on the 12th, with members having a card

shower for her.

Reports were given including upcoming community events.

Several members wore red for heart awareness month and for Valentine's Day. A Valentine exchange highlighted the program, along with several readings and jokes during "share time."

Since the World Day of Prayer will be observed March 6, the Seniors March meeting will be on the second Friday, March 13. This will be the last meeting of the year and will include election of officers for the coming year. Wear green as the color of the day.

## PROM DRESS SALE & Accessories

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DEFENDANTS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

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LILA MORRIS, IF  
ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD  
CLAIMANTS ;

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

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Mortgagor(s), to

M.E.R.S. INC. AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, FSB

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CLERK OF THE COURT

JUDITH K. CRAMER

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**TWO RESIDENTS OF HERITAGE MANOR**, Dwight, were crowned king and queen during the nursing home's Family Night on February 12. At left is Queen Lila Mazzarelli; at right is King Roland Weiss.



**DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL 4TH GRADE** moved to the hallways to recite the Gettysburg Address on Friday, February 13, as part of a bigger group in Illinois to break a record of the number of persons reciting the Address at the same time. A celebration in memory of President Lincoln's 200th birthday is ongoing in Illinois during the month of February.



Jennifer Olsen

### Olsen Named GGS Employee of the Month

Jennifer Olsen is the GGS Employee of the Month.

Mrs. Olsen has been the cafeteria director for nine years. She also helps with before- and after-school supervision. She always does her tasks with a smile, which is greatly appreciated by the staff and students.

### Saunemin American Legion Auxiliary Meets February 5

by Maria Seibert, Secretary

The February 5 meeting of the Saunemin American Legion Auxiliary was called to order by the president, Cindy Brackney, who led members in the opening ceremonies. Roll call was taken with seven members present.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved as read. Helen Brown gave the treasurer's report. It was filed for audit.

Helen Brown reported that the Americanism essays are completed and are in the process of being judged. She will announce the winner at the next meeting.

The \$5 monthly Ways & Means raffle ticket will be sent in. Raffle tickets for the handmade quilt are avail-

### Gardner Legion Auxiliary Recognizes Women Veterans

Past presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary selected Valentine's Day for special recognition of Women Veterans. The Gardner Auxiliary delivered gift bags and cookies for the women veterans at Manteno Veterans Home.

Agnes Vanderwall, a veteran of WWII currently residing at Heritage Manor, was also recognized by the Auxiliary. As a member of the Gardner Unit, she dedicated many hours making laprobes and quilts for our veterans in area homes. Her example of giving to our veterans who gave their service to our country is continued by other members of the Danner-Madsen American Legion Auxiliary Unit #663.

The week of Valentine's Day is a time to remember and honor all veterans who are hospitalized or in nursing homes. Heritage Manor received homemade cookies to use for its Valentine party as a way for the unit to say "thank you" to all the veterans residing there.

It is unlikely that any resident was not affected by our many wars; the cookies also thank those on the homefront who gave their support to our veterans.

As our country continues another war, the Gardner American Legion Auxiliary encourages everyone to take time to appreciate and offer thanks for all our veterans and military personnel have given and their family members have sacrificed.

The next Gardner American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be Monday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at the Gardner Village Hall.

### Happenings at the Cullom Library

The Cullom Beckman Memorial Library will present "Horton Hears a Who!" for Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 21, at 6 p.m.

On March 11, the library will host a Craft Evening from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to make hanging shamrock decorations. Light refreshments will be served.

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

- 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. 20 A.A. meeting, Emmanuel Lutheran Church Dwight, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Chili Supper, 4 - 7 p.m., South Wilmington Cath. Hall
- Feb. 22 Friendship Service, Emmanuel Lutheran, Dwight, 10:15 a.m.
- Feb. 22 Sausage Dinner, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Trinity Lutheran, Dwight
- Feb. 23 Book Club at Fossil Ridge Library, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23 Gardner Am. Legion Aux. Meeting, Gard. Village Hall, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 24 Godley Park Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 26 Yahoo e-mail class, Fossil Ridge, 1 or 6 p.m., reg. required
- Feb. 28 Soup/Sandwich Supper, 4:30 p.m., Gardner Church of Hope
- Feb. 28 Dwight Chamber Auction, 5 p.m., Country Mansion
- Mar. 2 Liv. Co. Plan. Commission Mtg., Liv. Co. Courthouse, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 5 Senior Tax Help, Fossil Ridge Library, 9 a.m. to noon
- Mar. 5 E-card class, Fossil Ridge Lib., 1 or 6 p.m., Reg. Required
- Mar. 5 Liv. Co. Zone Brd. of Appeals Mtg., Liv. Co. Courthouse, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 6 Winter Carnival, Godley Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., reg. by 2/16
- Mar. 6 Odell Firemen Fish Fry, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Fire Station
- Mar. 8 Gardner Lions Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m.-noon, Am. Legion
- Mar. 10 Senior Coffee, Fossil Ridge Library, 1 p.m.
- Mar. 10 Flower & Garden Show trip, Godley Park, register by 2/16
- Mar. 11 Danish Brotherhood Kringle Sale begins
- Mar. 12 Internet Part I class, 1 or 6 p.m., Fossil Ridge, Reg. Req.
- Mar. 12 Corned Beef Cabbage Supper, Dwight VFW Hall
- Mar. 15 Corned Beef & Cabbage, Sacred Heart, Campus, 2-6 p.m.

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Thank you to all my friends and relatives who sent flowers, cards, said prayers or made phone calls to me and my family since my accident. You can't know how much it has helped me to get through this ordeal. I'm still at Miller center and probably will be for another month. Hope to see you soon. Thanks again. Sincerely, Evelyn Hanlin

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Copies of the Amended Annual Budget are available for public inspection commencing Monday, February 23, 2009 at the Office of the Dwight Village Clerk, Public Services Complex, 209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420 during regular business hours.

At the time and place of the Public Hearing on the Amended Annual Budget, all interested parties are invited to attend and make their views known, either orally, in writing, or by a representative.

After the close of the Public Hearing, the President and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dwight shall vote on the Amended Budget for the above Fiscal Year, either as presented or as modified after the Public Hearing.

For further information, contact the Village Administrator as set forth above during regular business hours:

Kevin McNamara  
Village Administrator  
209 S. Prairie Avenue  
Dwight, Illinois 60420  
PH#: 815-584-3077

Patricia E. Drechsel  
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Dwight Public Services Complex  
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**Letters to the Editor****Citizens' Report on T.I.F. Hearing**

The Village and the local Paper have sugar coated every issue in regard to the T.I.F. The board members and the T.I.F. consultant were very evasive with responses to questions from the audience Monday night (at the T.I.F. hearing held February 9). Neither the Village Representatives nor the T.I.F. consultant disputed the projected T.I.F. budget of \$79,000,000, which does not even include project costs, interest, etc. No one disputed the fact that the Village may pledge additional revenues such as: municipal property taxes, bonds that are backed by general obligation of the municipality, or other non-designated revenue sources to fund the T.I.F. Yet, they want us to believe our taxes won't go up!

If the Village Board votes for the T.I.F., we strongly urge voters not to vote for any

incumbents on April 7th. According to board members, we selected them to make these decisions. Now they are, more or less, telling us that they aren't concerned with what the community thinks about the T.I.F. or our concerns over the urgent economic situation we all face. We've elected them to represent us as a community and the property owner's investments, but instead it seems their hands are in our pockets constantly. We encourage everyone who wants to be heard to contact them with your thoughts, or better yet, let them know with your vote on April 7th. Does anyone want to see Dwight bankrupt? - NO. This would be devastating. We will all bear the costs. Growth is desirable only when it can pay for itself and not burden the taxpayer.

Kerry Nichols

**Proposed TIF District Not Panacea**

Dear Editor,

The proposed TIF district is not the panacea for economic development we are lead to believe. It will not re-invent revitalization; only good-paying jobs has ever done that. TIF ignores the changing economic and global marketplace realities of retail business. TIF is an act of total desperation that has, as far as I can see, only resulted in tax supported face lifts to some of the buildings in downtown Pontiac.

The Donnelley expansion in Pontiac, a generation ago, was a great thing and brought jobs, and the TIF district didn't cause that to happen. Rather, the expansion itself has largely funded the TIF program. The truth is that property taxes from the increased assessment from the Donnelley expansion, that would have ordinarily been distributed to local governments affording some measure of property tax relief for homeowners, was instead put into a slush fund, which however well intentioned has not brought any, and I stress any, sustained resurgence to that business district. What it has done for sure is shift some of the tax burden to other tax payers. What has appeared to thrive is the 116 TIF area, and I suggest to you, that area has thrived at the expense of downtown Pontiac and at great sacrifice to people of Pontiac. Exact Packaging may owe a great deal of its creation for TIF-related programs and

give ways and is now expanding again with real jobs, but Pontiac didn't need TIF to create a giveaway to industry, and neither does Dwight.

So I asked louder, just what type of business is TIF necessary to start up or expand? What type of business is the marketplace demanding that only TIF can help deliver? And just what types of sustaining jobs are being created for others not connected with those personal investments?

If the city continues to focus on generating sales tax revenue going forward and ignores the nearly 12M debt we already have, and the 40% increase in assessments over the last few years resulting in running off and/or crippling local consumers, then no amount of giveaway will attract and sustain new small "ma and pa" business either or keep working class people living or shopping in Dwight.

Dwight is losing its base, and its true base is not small retail business; it's the people who are already here and are questioning the affordability of this community.

I suggest we cannot afford the failed experiment of downtown Pontiac at this time, and I will vote for the candidates who pledge to rein in local government and school spending which might bring some measure of relief to the rest of the people during this economic crisis.

Andy Kelleher

Dwight

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**Obituaries****Ryan V. Hogan**

DWIGHT — Ryan Vincent Hogan, 20, of Dwight died Friday, February 13, 2009 in Round Grove Township as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Ryan was born April 27, 1988 in Kankakee to Michael and Beverly Residori Hogan.

He is survived by his parents of Dwight; two sisters, Cari Hogan of Chicago and Jennni Hogan of Dwight; his maternal grandparents, Art and Anna Mae Residori of Essex; and his paternal grandparents, Rod and Sue Hogan of Buckingham.

Also surviving are Uncle Dan (Melinda) Hogan, Uncle Tom (Mary) Hogan, Aunt JoAnn (Dick) Quigley, Aunt Mary (Saul) Paulius; many beloved cousins; and his girlfriend, Andrea Avalos of Bradley.

Ryan was a graduate of Dwight Township High School. He was very artistic and loved to draw anything with an engine or wheels. His favorite activities included snowmobiling, farming and cars. He enjoyed making people laugh and having fun with his family and friends.

If you knew him you know what he loved.

A Funeral Mass was said by Father James Rickey at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight.

Visitation was Monday from 4 until 7 p.m. at the church.

Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Dwight.

Memorials may be directed to St. Germain, Wisconsin Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club, P.O. Box 192, St. Germain, Wisconsin 54558.

Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, was in charge of arrangements.

**Ellen L. Lydigsen**

DWIGHT — Ellen L. Lydigsen, 91, formerly of Dwight and a resident of Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at OSF St. James Hospital in Pontiac.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, February 15, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight.

The funeral service was at 11 a.m. Monday at the memorial home with one hour visitation prior to the service. Pastor Heidi Punt officiated.

Burial was in Round Grove Cemetery, rural Dwight.

Mrs. Lydigsen was born March 30, 1917, in Dwight to Alfred and Myrtle Larsen Andreassen. She married Lester F. Lydigsen, Sr. in 1936 in Chicago. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons, Lester (Evelyn) Lydigsen, Jr., Dwight; Donald Lydigsen, Lockport; and James (Mary) Lydigsen, Selah, WA.; one brother, Christian (Anna) Andreassen, North Potomac, Maryland;

18 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband Lester, she was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Virgil Andreassen; a brother in infancy; a sister, Virginia Nielsen; a daughter, Anita Kohl; a son, David Lydigsen; a grandson in infancy, Douglas Lydigsen; and a daughter-in-law, Melanie Lydigsen.

In addition to being a homemaker, Ellen worked for Clapp's Supermarket and Dale Jury Insurance, both located in Dwight, and the Dwight Chamber of Commerce. She was the receptionist at Evenglow Lodge and was president of the Residence Council for many years.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight.

Ellen was a crochet enthusiast and needle-pointier.

Memorials may be directed to Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac, or to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight.

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Letters to the Editor in The Paper should be limited to 250 words.

Letters must be signed when submitted and received by Friday noon prior to Wednesday publication.

Letters are limited to one every 60 days per household.

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## Obituaries

### Marlene M. McCulloch

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Marlene M.  
McCulloch,  
72, of Her-  
scher died  
M o n d a y ,  
February 9,  
2009 at 7:13 p.m. in  
Riverside Medical Center,  
Kankakee.



Marlene was born May 6, 1936 in Cabery, a daughter of Thomas and Adeline (Lowell) Sadler. She married William A. McCulloch June 28, 1958 in Cabery. He survives in Herscher.

She is also survived by two sons: Steven (Vickie) McCulloch and Dan (Anna) McCulloch, both of Herscher; four grandchildren: Amy McCulloch, Lindsay McCulloch, Matthew McCulloch and Derek McCulloch; and one great-granddaughter, Jenna Lynn Phipps.

A graduate of Kempton High School, Mrs. McCulloch was a homemaker and a

member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cabery. She enjoyed her flowers and working in the yard. She loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A Memorial Mass was held Thursday, February 12, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Cabery, with Father Richard Kostelz officiating.

The family received visitors one hour prior to the service at the church.

Inurnment: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Cabery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Marlene's name may be left to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Private condolences may be left at [www.martin-burke-funeralhome.com](http://www.martin-burke-funeralhome.com)

Martin - Burke Funeral Home, Culom, was in charge of arrangements.

### Laura A. Maxson

DWIGHT -  
Laura A.  
Maxson, 78,  
of Dwight  
died at 7:30  
a.m., Tues-  
d a y ,  
February 10,  
2009 at Morris Hospital. She had been a resident of Heritage Manor, Dwight.



Laura was born March 17, 1930 in Dwight, a daughter of Charles E. Taylor and Ida C. Miller Dierks. She married Morris A. Maxson July 15, 1956 in the Congregational Church, Dwight. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by four daughters: Jean A. (Rod Hull) Dransfeldt and June A. (Dennis) Jones, Olney; Susie A. (Dave) Lyles, St. Germaine, Wisconsin; and Carol A. (Michael) Hahn of Dwight; her grandchildren: Jim Dransfeldt, Jamie (Nikki) Dransfeldt, Tim (Amy) Maxson, Melinda (Brian) Hunley, Rachael Lyles, Sarah Lewis, Christopher (Emma) Lyles, Christian Hahn, and Meghan Hahn.

Also surviving are her great-grandchildren: Bailey Dransfeldt; Ruby, Ryker and Mya Maxson, Logan Hunley

and Aiden Lewis; step grandchildren: Paul Hahn, Michael Hahn, Michelle (Shaun) Tucker, Jennifer (Shaun) Papp and Peter Hahn; step great-grandchildren: Codie, Quinn, Zack and Gavann Papp; Ashley, Aron and Amanda Adams; and Baylie Hahn.

Also preceding her in death were her sister, Loretta Runyon; and brothers, Clarence (Danny) Dierks and Robert Taylor.

Mrs. Maxson was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Dwight. She was a waitress and cook for Dwight restaurants: The Bungalow, Trojan Inn, The Corner, and the Country Kitchen.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 14, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight. Her grandson, Pastor Tim Maxson, officiated.

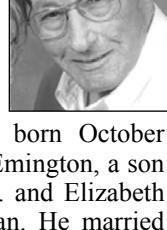
Visitation was from 4 until 8 p.m., Friday, at the Memorial Home in Dwight, and also for one hour preceding the service.

Burial: McDowell Cemetery, Dwight.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

### John E. Hogan

ODELL -  
John E.  
Hogan, 79,  
Odell, died  
T u e s d a y ,  
February 10,  
2009 at his  
residence.



John was born October 30, 1929 in Emington, a son of Michael J. and Elizabeth Arnolds Hogan. He married Theresa Lesak on November 23, 1963 in Streator. She survives in Odell.

Also surviving are a son, John S. Hogan of Wilmington; a daughter, Susan (Bill) Ridgely of Bartonsville; one brother, Henry "Hank" (Janet) Hogan of Pontiac; one sister, Anna Mae Humbert of Odell; and two grandchildren: Andrew Ridgely and Erin Ridgely.

Preceding him in death were an infant daughter, Kelly Lynn; two brothers: Joe and Cyril Hogan; and three sisters: Colletta Verdun, Irene Neitz-Schmidt and Betty Kmetz.

John was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and the Odell Knights of Columbus. He was a graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School in Odell.

He retired from Standard Oil after 25 years. He spent the last 13 years as a distributor for Nichols Tillage Tools.

John enjoyed celebrating his Irish heritage, especially on St. Patrick's Day. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

His Funeral Mass at 10 a.m., Saturday, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell, was said by Father Peter Pilon.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, at Duffy Funeral Home, Odell, with a wake service at 6:30 p.m.

Burial: St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, Odell.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church/ Grade School, Odell EMS or a charity of the donor's choice.

*The family of Lois N. Burger wishes to thank Pastor Daniel Ognoskie for visiting Lois and providing the wonderful service and to Janet Kresl and Marilyn Christiansen for providing music during the funeral service. Thanks to Mary and Martha of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the funeral dinner. Thanks to our relatives and friends for their prayers, cards, food, flowers and memories.*

*Harold E. Burger and family*

### Adam Gross

DWIGHT - Adam Gross, 76, of Dwight died surrounded by his family Monday, February 9, 2009, at 11:16 a.m. at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria.



Adam was born December 30, 1932 in Veprovac, Yugoslavia. In February, 1939 he came to the United States with his parents, Kasper and Anna Gross, and sister, Rosie. They settled in Chicago.

Adam attended Illinois State Normal University from 1950 to 1953 and then served in the Army from 1954 to 1956. Upon his return, he finished his education, graduated from ISNU and then began his teaching career in Dwight in 1958.

On December 28, 1958 he married Janyce Buchanan at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church in Kankakee.

His wife survives along with three children: Michael (Jane) Gross of Normal; Laura Bossert of Chicago; and Karen (Steve) Zabel of Dwight; four grandchildren: Nathan and Morgan Zabel and Jennifer and Michelle Plunkett; his sister, Rosina (Phil) Imig of LeRoy; and brothers-in-law, Robert (Marilyn) Buchanan of Mahomet and Richard (Judy) Buchanan of Bloomington. Also surviving are nine nieces and nephews and their families.

Mr. Gross, a retired teacher and coach, taught in the Dwight schools for 33 years. He was a social studies teacher in the junior high school, and throughout his

career he coached junior high boys basketball and track, high school golf and tennis, high school girls basketball in Dwight and high school girls basketball in Coal City. His junior high basketball team finished 2nd in the state tournament in 1964, and he was the coach of the Dwight Township High School State Championship Class A Boys Golf team in 1980-81. He was very proud of those accomplishments but equally proud of all of the teams that he coached. Over the years he taught, coached and inspired hundreds of students in Dwight.

In his youth, Adam enjoyed athletics. He played on the ISNU tennis team in college and played for an army tennis team while stationed in Germany. In the early '70s he served on Dwight's Recreation Board and was elected to the Village Board, serving from 1975 to 1979. While in office, he was instrumental in getting both the Robert W. Stevenson Pool and Garret Park built.

Above all, he was a beloved husband and father, a very proud grandfather and a very good friend to many.

Funeral services were held at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, at 10 a.m., Friday, February 13, with the Reverend Brian Wood officiating.

Visitation was held at the Memorial Home Thursday from 4 until 8 p.m. and for one hour preceding the service on Friday.

Burial was at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.



### MMW Makes Security Blankets

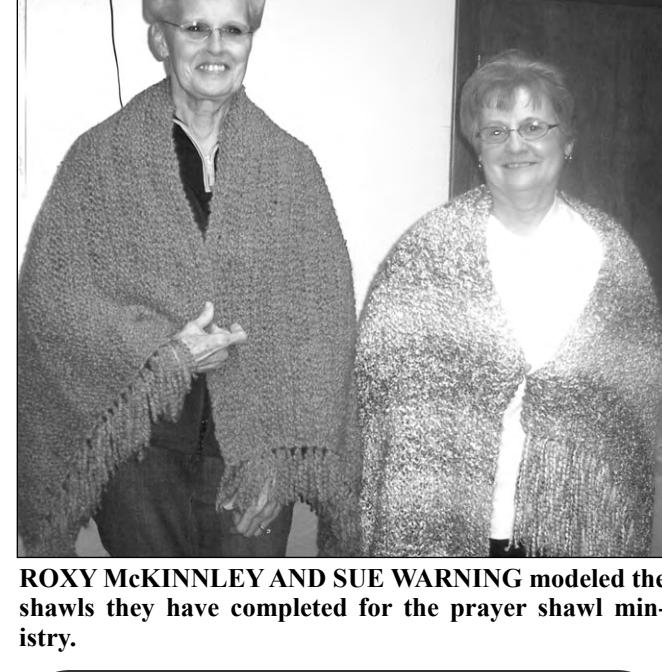
The February meeting of the Mazon Methodist Women was a busy time.

After a light meal served by Carol Havel, the group constructed 96 security blankets. The blankets are distributed to the area hospital, ambulance and fire departments to be used in helping comfort children in a time of

emergency.

The group will make shawls and present them with a card to anyone needing an extra bit of comfort.

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# The Paper SPORTS

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**WE'RE ADVANCING!** Congratulations to the DTHS Lady Trojans varsity girls' basketball team who advanced to Sectionals after defeating Roanoke-Benson, 64-61, to claim the Regional title. Pictured, front, left to right, are: Lindie McCarthy, Alison McKinsey, Brianna Vigna, Beth Launius, Mallorie Rosales; back row: Coach Butterbrodt, Coach Kaiser, Haley Gaston, Loren Bedeker, Carly Perschnick, Chloe Trewartha, Kolby Hoffman, Chaney Tambling and Coach Froelich.



## DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

**February 13**  
**Lady Trojans**  
**vs. Roanoke-Benson**

**Varsity-**

The varsity Lady Trojans advanced to Sectionals after defeating Roanoke-Benson, 64-61, in the Regional Championship game.

Scoring for the varsity

were: Chaney Tambling, 20 points; Kolby Hoffman, 13 points (one three-pointer); Carly Perschnick, 13 points; Chloe Trewartha, 12 points; Haley Gaston, six points.

**February 11**  
**Lady Trojans**  
**vs. Flanagan-Cornell**

**Varsity-**

## Dwight Youth Baseball Spaghetti Dinner

**Friday, February 20, at Dwight VFW**  
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*The VFW is located on Old Route 66 in Dwight.*



The varsity Lady Trojans defeated Flanagan-Cornell, 52-34, in round two of the Regional.

Scoring were: Chloe Trewartha, 16 points (two three-pointers); Chaney Tambling, 12 points; Kolby Hoffman, eight points; Haley Gaston and Brianna Vigna, six points each; Loren Bedeker and Carly Perschnick, two points each.

### Junior Varsity-

The Lady Trojans pulled out a victory over Plano, 42-40, in double overtime.

Helping with the victory were: Amy Froelich, 15 points; Kate Pfeifer, 11 points, three steals; Lindie McCarthy, six rebounds; Alison McKinsey, three

steals.

"After starting slowly, scoring only one point in the first quarter and five total for the first half, the Trojans posted 16 points in the third quarter to pull even after three at 21. The game ended regulation play all even at 32 points. The same for the first overtime session as it ended tied again. The second overtime session the Trojans pulled ahead by five points on Amy Froelich's two free throws with seconds to go. We started slowly, but the girls showed great determination in the second half. The JV Lady Trojans finished the season 6-10 overall and 4-6 in the conference," commented Coach Butterbrodt.

## MVK LADY MAVERICKS VOLLEYBALL

**February 12**  
**Lady Mavericks**  
**vs. Milton Pope**

**8th Grade-**

The eighth grade Lady Mavericks fell to Milton Pope, 6-25 and 16-25.

Making the stat book were: Taylor Creed, five points; Jamie Marques, three points, one ace; Jenny Hyslop, one point, one kill.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade girls' volleyball team fell to Milton Pope, 12-25 and 20-25.

Making the stat sheet were: Mackenzie Granby, three points, two assists, one kill; Danielle Hauch, three points, one kill, one ace; Terah Coughlin, two points, one kill; Ariel Brozovich, two points; Paige Finch, two points, two kills; Mallory Misener, one point, two assists.

**6th Grade-**

The sixth grade defeated Milton Pope, 15-25, 25-25 and 25-12.

High scorers were: Madison Wyss, 16 points; Lexi Wilkinson, 11 points.

**February 10**  
**Lady Mavericks**  
**vs. Dwight**

**8th Grade-**

The eighth grade girls' volleyball team fell to Dwight, 14-25 and 12-25.

Making the stat book were: Hannah Mechocko, four points; Lexi Wilkinson, three points; Jamie Marques, two points, one ace; Katie Dally and Maggie Thomas, two points each; Jenny Hyslop and Mariah Bright, one point each.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade Lady Mavericks galloped over Dwight, 25-13 and 25-23.

Helping with the victory were: Mackenzie Granby, 18 points, three assists, one kill; Danielle Hauch, two points, one kill; Terah Coughlin, two points; Ariel Brozovich, seven points, two kills; Mallory Misener, four points, two assists, one ace; Ariel Brozovich, four points, two kills; Mackenzie Granby, three points, one kill; Danielle Hauch, two points, two kills; Terah Coughlin and Taylor Creed, two points each.

Helping with the win were: Jamie Marques, 10 points, three aces, one assist; Mariah Bright, six points, two aces, one kill; Katie Dally and Danielle Hauch, six points and two aces each; Lexi Wilkinson, four points, one kill; Hannah Mechocko, three points.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade girls' volleyball defeated Reed Custer, 25-11 and 25-21.

Helping with the victory were: Maggie Thomas, 11 points, one ace; Paige Finch, six points; Mallory Misener, four points, two assists, one ace; Ariel Brozovich, four points, two kills; Mackenzie Granby, three points, one kill; Danielle Hauch, two points, two kills; Terah Coughlin and Taylor Creed, two points each.

## TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL

**February 10**  
**Chargers vs. GSW**

The Chargers fell to GSW, 53-30, February 10.

Scoring for the team were: Jake Froelich, eight points; Jeremy Fagan, six points; Danny Deany, six points (two three-pointers); Danny Olson, five points; Ferdinand Mommertz, one three-pointer; Brent Eshleman, two points.

## ODELL RAMGALS VOLLEYBALL

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**February 9**  
**Ramgals**  
**vs. Pontiac Junior High**

**8th Grade-**

The eighth grade Ramgals galloped over Reed Custer, 25-17 and 25-23.

**7th Grade-**

The Odell seventh grade girls' volleyball team fell to Pontiac Junior High, 23-25 and 17-25.

Helping with the win were: Andrea Flynn, seven points; Kaela Hodges, five points, one spike; Sami Battle, four points, three kills; Alyson Wiemken, four points, one kill; Julie Hogan, four points; Rachael Fearman, one kill.

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**DTHS TROJANS BASKETBALL****February 14  
Trojans vs. Lexington  
Varsity-**

The varsity Trojans defeated Lexington, 58-41.

Scoring were: Jens Kennedy, 15; Casey Wyllie, 12; Travis Roeder, nine; Jason Karstens, eight; Dillon Harris, six; Cal Vigna, three; Dan Grubbs and Nolan Hoffman, two each; Brad Gschwendtner, one.

**Junior Varsity-**

The junior varsity boys' basketball team marched over Lexington, 46-34.

Scoring were: Matt Hooker, 10; Dan Hansen, eight (one three-pointer); Jack Steichen, eight; Andrew Brown, seven (one three-pointer); Jordan Kohrt, six; Aaron Boma, four; Christian Kulla, three.

**Trojans vs. Westmont  
Junior Varsity-**

The junior varsity fell to Westmont, 50-35.

Scorers were: Dan Hansen, 10 (one three-point-

er); Jordan Kohrt and Christian Kulla, six each; Andrew Brown, four; Joey Norman, three; Jashar Kongjeli, Jack Steichen and Matt Hooker, two each.

**February 10  
Trojans vs. Herscher  
Varsity-**

The varsity Trojans fell to Herscher, 60-51.

Scoring for the Trojans were: Jens Kennedy, 15 points; Cal Vigna, 11 points (one three-pointer); Travis Roeder, nine points; Jason Karstens, eight points (one three-pointer); Dillon Harris, four points; Casey Wyllie and Brad Gschwendtner, two points each.

"Kids played really hard tonight. Herscher is a very good team," commented Coach Porter.

**Junior Varsity-**

The junior varsity boys' basketball team fell to Herscher, 51-36.

Scoring for the Trojans were: Matt Hooker, 12 points; Joey Norman, 10 points; Aaron Boma, four points; Andrew Brown and Jordan Kohrt, two points each; Quinn Trewartha and Jashar Kongjeli, one three-pointer each.

**February 7  
Trojans vs. Reed Custer  
JV Coal City Tournament  
Game One-**

The junior varsity Trojans defeated Reed Custer, 63-53, in overtime during the Coal City Tournament.

Scoring for the Trojans were: Andrew Brown, 20 points (one three-pointer); Jack Steichen, 10 points (one three-pointer); Dan Hansen and Jordan Kohrt, eight points each; Matt Hooker, seven points; Christian Kulla, five points; Joey Norman, four points; Jashar Kongjeli, one point.

"Made a great comeback, down 14 with six minutes to go. Came back, tied and won in overtime. Great effort from everyone," stated Coach Trewartha.

**Game Two-**

The junior varsity boys'

basketball team fell to Wilmington, 47-38.

Scorers were: Jack Steichen, eight points (one three-pointer); Jordan Kohrt and Matt Hooker, eight points; Andrew Brown, six points (two three-pointers); Joey Norman, five points; Dan Hansen, two points.

"Cold shooting second and third quarter doomed us," stated Coach Trewartha.

**Game Three-**

The junior varsity Trojans took home third place in the Coal City Tournament, after defeating Plano 46-43. The Trojans improved their record to 12-7 overall.

Scoring were: Jordan Kohrt, 14 points; Joey Norman, 10 points; Andrew Brown, nine points; Christian Kulla, eight points; Dan Hansen, five points.

"A great way to finish Coal City Tournament. Jordan Kohrt really stepped up tonight," stated Coach Trewartha.

**February 5  
Trojans vs. Wilmington  
Freshmen-**

The freshman Trojans defeated Wilmington, 46-24.

Scoring were: Aaron Boma, nine (one three-pointer); Matt Hooker, nine; Jack Steichen, eight (two three-pointers); Ben Trainor, seven; Matt Ferrari, five; Quinn Trewartha, four; Tyler Hogan, one three-pointer; Troy Hogan, one.

The freshman 'B' team fell to Wilmington, 11-3.

Scoring were: Tod Nelson, two; Tyler Hogan, one.

**DGS LADY REDBIRDS VOLLEYBALL****February 10  
Lady Redbirds vs. MVK  
8th Grade-**

The eighth grade Lady Redbirds defeated MVK, 25-14 and 25-12.

Helping with the victory were: Amanda Holmes, 16 points, nine aces, four digs; Skylar Krople, 11 points, four aces, four kills, one dig, one block; Megan Jensen, four points, four aces, four kills; Lisa Bruner, four points, three aces, three digs, two kills, two assists; Cacy Murphy, two points, two digs, one ace; Jamie Stanton, four assists, three digs; Haley Sparrow, one kill, one dig; Rachel Groll, one kill.

**7th Grade-**

The seventh grade girls' volleyball team fell to MVK, 13-25 and 23-25.

Making the stat book were: Jessica Butterfield, nine points, seven aces, two digs, one assist; Cheyenne Fontaine, five points, one ace, one dig; Janessa Carmen, three points; Nicole Murphy, four assists, one kill; Brianna Swoke and Hannah Trainor, two kills each; Summer Schuler, one kill; Savannah Schuler, one assist

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**League Standings W L**

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**Ladies Night Out**

HG, 183, Stacey Briner; 179, Jennifer Hudson; 178, Linda Otten; HS, 481, Colleen Sasseger; 473, Jennifer Hudson; 463, Jackie Oelschager

**League Standings W L**

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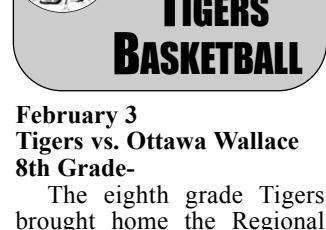
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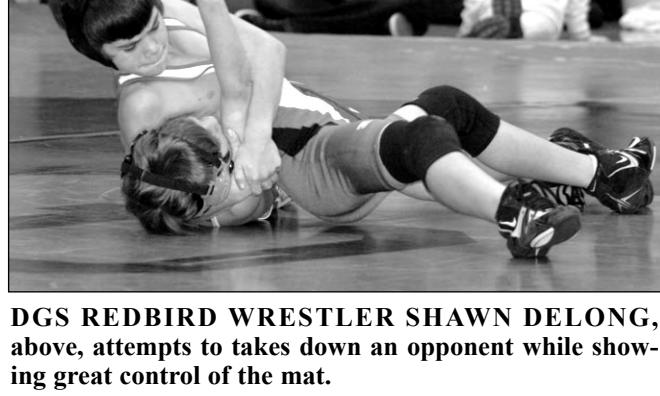
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**February 3  
Tigers vs. Ottawa Wallace  
8th Grade-**

The eighth grade Tigers brought home the Regional title with a victory over Ottawa Wallace, 41-34.

Scoring for the Tigers were: Dalton Wright, 13 points; Hunter Eutsey, 10 points; Kwynn Rury and Cody Harvey, six points each.

"The boys played really smart in a very aggressive game. I am very proud of them," stated Coach Sistek.



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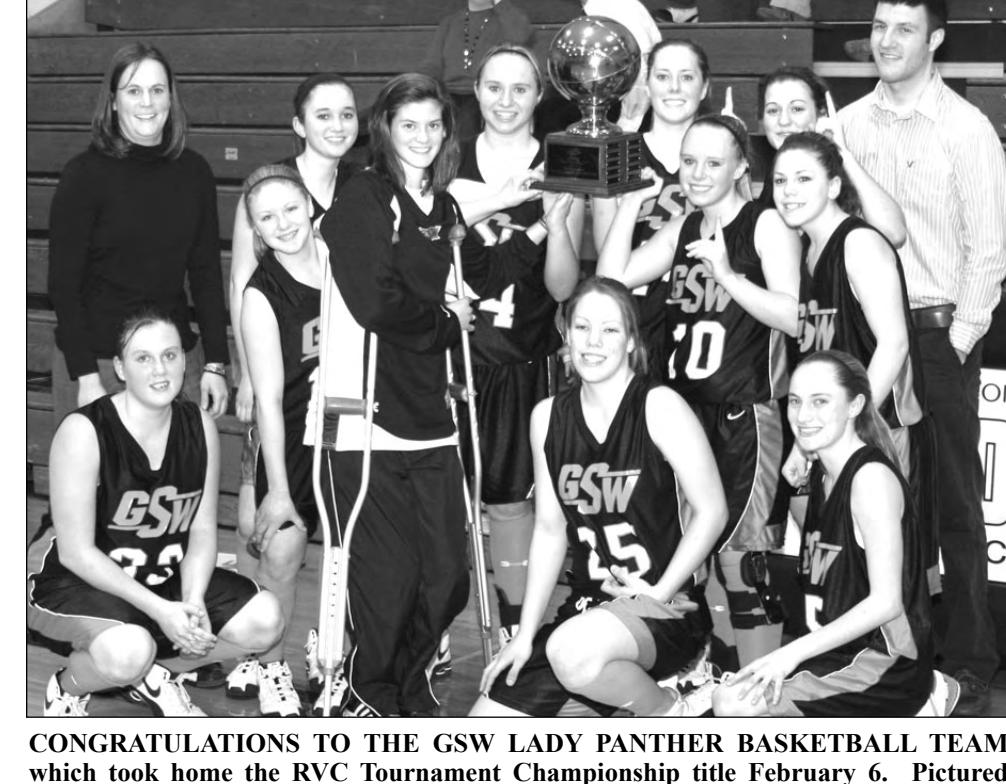
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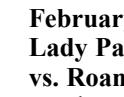


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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GSW LADY PANTHER BASKETBALL TEAM**, which took home the RVC Tournament Championship title February 6. Pictured, kneeling, left to right, are: Rachel Mack, Kellie Tyler, Haley Residori; back: Coach Angie Tjelle, Missy Gretz, Kelsey Lutz, Michelle Ruffatti, Amber Eisha, Julie Pfeifer, Ashley Sorensen, Alison Serena, Katie Gretz and Coach Adam Leigh.

**GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL****February 11  
Lady Panthers****vs. Roanoke-Benson**

The GSW girls' basketball team fell to Roanoke-Benson, 66-58, in round two in Regionals.

High scorers were: Julie Pfeifer, 17 points; Rachel Mack, 16 points; Amber Eisha, 13 points.

**February 9****Lady Panthers****vs. Illinois Lutheran**

The Lady Panthers defeated Illinois Lutheran, 71-32, in the opening round of Regionals.

Helping with the victory were: Rachel Mack, 17 points; Amber Eisha, 12 points, 15 rebounds; Kelsey Lutz, 10 points.

**February 6****Lady Panthers vs. St. Anne**

The GSW Lady Panthers defeated St. Anne, 63-62, taking home the RVC Tournament Championship.

"The Lady Panthers came back from a 60-52 deficit with 42 seconds left to earn the win. Ali Serena started the run off with a two-point field goal to make it 60-54. A missed free throw by St. Anne followed by a three-point field goal from Amber Eisha made it 60-57. St. Anne connected on the next two free throws to bring the score to 62-57. A Rachel

Mack three-pointer put the Panthers within two. St. Anne missed both of a double bonus set of free throws. Amber Eisha rebounded the ball with 4.9 seconds left and brought it the length of the floor before passing it to Rachel Mack, who made a deep three-point field goal for the win," stated Coach Tjelle.

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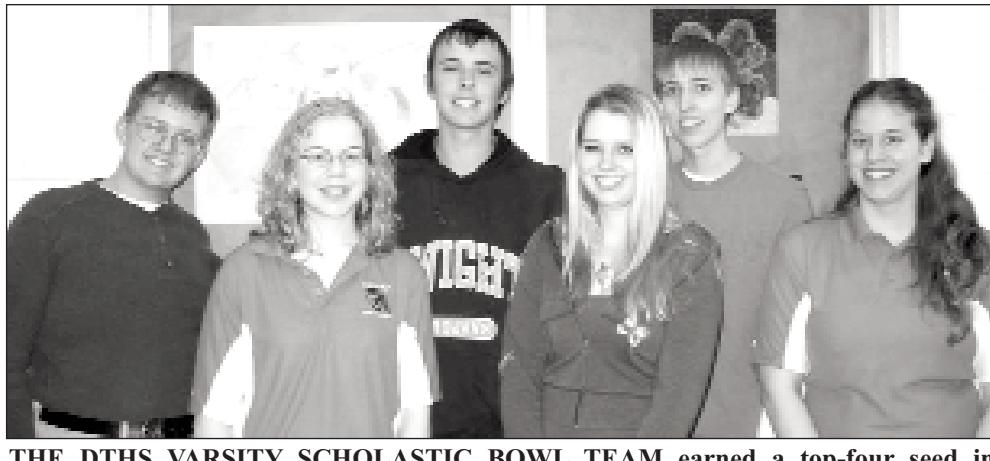
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THE DTHS VARSITY SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM earned a top-four seed in Sections, and with it, the right to host a Regional tournament on March 10. Team members, pictured left to right, are Donnie McClarey, Geraldine Holmes, Michael Halloran, Elizabeth DeWaard, Ryan Kaiser and Marissa Olsen. McClarey and Halloran were named to the All-Sectional team.



THE DTHS JUNIOR VARSITY SCHOLASTIC BOWL team placed third in the Interstate 8 Tournament at Seneca February 2. The team includes (left to right): front row, Gabby Davis, Jake Thomas and Joey Fritsch; back row, Matt Hooker, Aaron Boma, Kyle Gravesen and Joel Kelleher. Kelleher was named to the All-Tournament team.

## Two Trojans Named to Scholastic Bowl All-Sectional Team

Donnie McClarey and Michael Halloran of Dwight Township High School have been named to the Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association All-Sectional team. The team of 15 players is selected by coaches representing the 39 schools in the IHSA Class A Sectional in Northeastern Illinois.

Donnie, a junior at DTHS, brought an impressive 111 toss-ups in 27 matches.

"Donnie has averaged just over one toss-up right for every six questions he's heard this season," said coach Clark Reamer.

Mike, also a junior and

the team captain, had 54 toss-ups in 27 matches.

"Mike is a strong, well-rounded player and he has sacrificed some scoring by being the captain. He's had several strong matches with four or five toss-ups, too," Reamer said.

In addition to the individual honors, Dwight was selected as one of four schools in the Sectional to host a Regional tournament on Tuesday, March 10. Scholastic Bowl Regionals are selected based on ranking from coaches' votes.

"The kids have worked so hard this year to put themselves into this position,"

### Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

The results of the duplicate bridge game played on February 12 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center are as follows:

North-South: tie for first, Mary Drinan/L. O'Connell and Liz Houck/Marge Mueller; second, Dorothy Christensen/Mary Lou Carter.

East-West: first, Ellen Galeaz/Jane Kresl; second, Norma Houck/Carol Bush; third, Erna Andrews/Leila Patchett.

The next game will be played at the senior center on Thursday, February 26.



### DTHS Names Junior Student of the Month

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Gerry Holmes on being named DTHS junior student of the month for February.

She is a hard-working student who enjoys helping others and is driven to succeed. She is involved in Scholastic Bowl, Mathletes, Spanish Club, Library Club and Leadership Team.

She is the daughter of William and Gerri Holmes of Dwight.

Reamer said, "It was exciting to see the coaches vote us favorably, and it gets our team another chance to play at home for a Regional."

The Dwight Varsity Scholastic Bowl team improved its record to 21-8 (13-5 in conference, third place in conference) with a pair of wins over Sandwich on Thursday, February 12.

Mike Halloran led the team with 10 toss-ups on the night. Donnie McClarey had six; Marissa Olsen and Ryan Kaiser, five each; and Elizabeth DeWaard, two for the Trojans. Gerry Holmes was scoreless on one try.

Dwight won the first match, 180-140, and dropped the second, 110-250. Joel Kelleher earned seven toss-ups for the night, followed by Jake Thomas with two. Gabby Davis, Joe Fritsch and Kyle Gravesen each earned one.

Scholastic Bowl returns to action Thursday, February 19, hosting conference-leader Peotone, and travels to Seneca on Saturday, February 21, for the Illinois Masonic Bowl.

### 19-8 on season; 11-5 in I-8

## Dwight Scholastic Bowl Team Splits With Reed Custer

The Dwight Scholastic Bowl Team split a pair of matches with Reed Custer on February 10.

Dwight got off to a slow start in the first match, answering only two toss-ups in the first 20 questions and falling behind 140 to 70. They rallied to pull within 15 at question 26 before ultimately falling, 180 - 155.

Scoring for the Trojans were Donnie McClarey, three; Mike Halloran, two; and Elizabeth DeWaard, one.

"Reed Custer was just faster than us in the match

and Marissa, Mike and Ryan each had three. In game two, Mike had seven toss-ups and Elizabeth, Marissa and Ryan each had two, while Donnie had one while only playing one half."

The DTHS JV scholastic bowl team split a pair of matches against Reed Custer on Tuesday, February 10.

The team won the first

match, 180-140, and dropped the second, 110-250.

Joel Kelleher earned seven toss-ups for the night, followed by Jake Thomas with two. Gabby Davis, Joe Fritsch and Kyle Gravesen each earned one.

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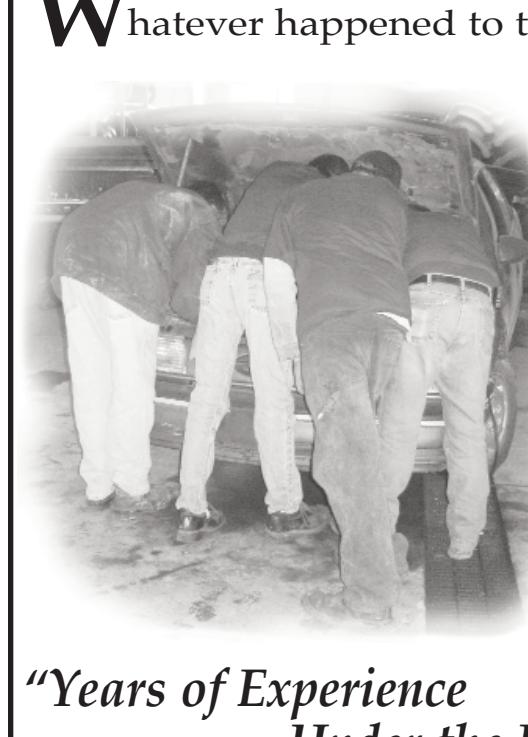
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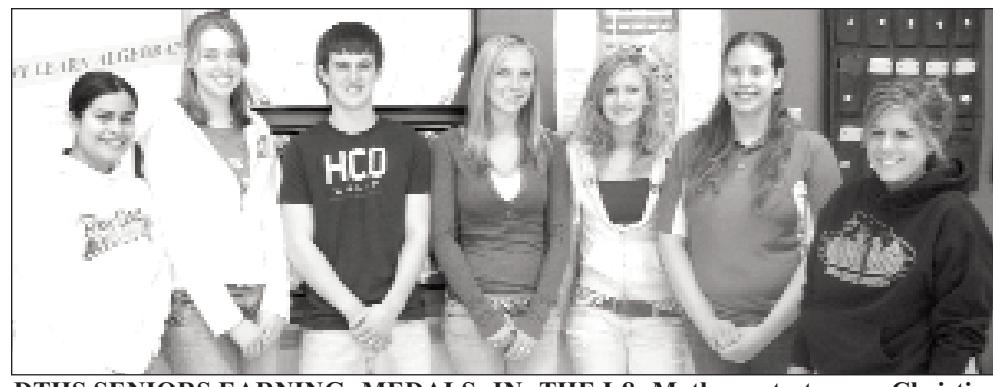
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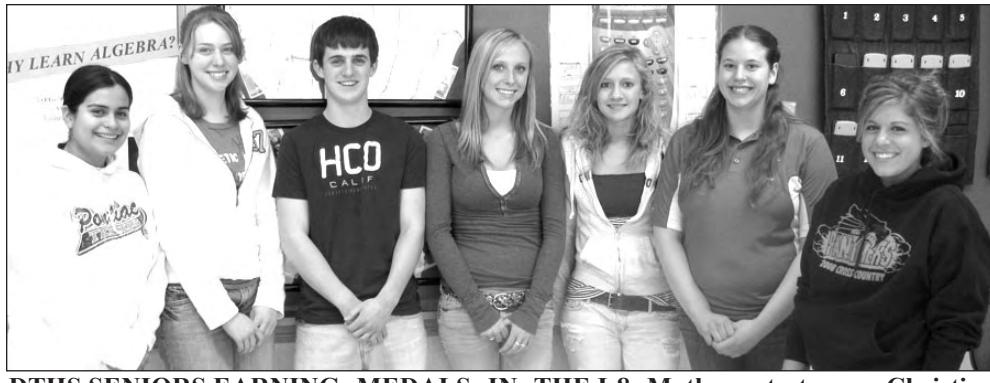
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## Where will farm incomes go in 2009?

**Farmers, specialists see a mixed bag for '09 incomes on the farm**

The past 12 months have made up one of the most volatile periods for Midwest farmers in decades. Grain prices, weather and input costs could all, at one time or another, be characterized as extreme.

So, what's this mean for 2009? Many farmers say they expect their income to go down in the next year: Almost half of those responding to a recent Agriculture Online poll say they anticipate income to be "much lower" than 2008.

"My operation has stayed the same but my net income has grown every year for the last 5 years. Not next year," says Agriculture Online Farm Business Talk member guitar Paul. "My current projections show a 50% loss in net income from this year to next year. That puts me back

at where I was 5 years ago: Still profitable, but not at a comfortable level."

He adds that his yields have improved, but some of his production costs have tripled or quadrupled in the last year, something that he expects to continue to erode profits next year.

### A mixed bag ahead

But, some experts see a reversal of that trend. University of Illinois Extension farm management specialist Gary Schnitkey said recently he sees a mixed bag for '09, with some expenses trending higher while others back off the peaks seen in '08.

"We've been seeing wild swings in farm input prices," Schnitkey says, according to Illinois Farm Bureau. "They were higher, but now we see them moderating between

now and 2009."

The net result will be a basket of input costs that is lower, on average, than earlier thought. Fertilizer and fuel will likely moderate in price a bit, but production costs in general will continue to touch record levels. For the '09 crops, Schnitkey estimates per-acre non-land costs of around \$470 for corn and \$296 for soybeans, compared to earlier estimates of \$569 and \$324, respectively.

### Land rents weigh in

Another wildcard for farm incomes in the coming year is land rents. When entering into lease negotiations for the coming year, Purdue University Extension ag economist Craig Dobbins says farmers will likely see slight increases, but not as sharp as those in recent

years.

"Will cash rents come down? That's a big question," Dobbins says. "At this point, I'm not so sure that we're going to see much of a decline, but I would expect that the increase we thought was going to occur last summer certainly isn't in the cards, either."

The best bet in an era of high costs like today, farmers say, is to keep a close eye on every item on the balance sheet. That's what Farm Business Talk member Jim Meade / Iowa City says he plans on doing to hopefully boost his farm's income in 2009.

"I'm hoping to improve a little on '08 by marketing smarter, watching inputs like a hawk, and especially doing a better job of growing the grain," he says.

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When towing equipment, the following are applicable:

If towed implements or wagons obscure the two red rear lamps of the tractor, the rearmost towed implement must have two red lamps mounted on it.

Only the rearmost towed implement or wagon of those coupled together needs to have the flashing amber light.

It is also recommended by ag safety professionals that the extremities of towed equipment, such as planters, discs and other wide equipment,

have reflectors mounted as far out on the extremities as possible. These reflectors or tape will assist the driving public in seeing that portions of the equipment extend beyond the width of the tractor.

The slow-moving vehicle emblem (SMV), the fluorescent orange triangle, is a common sight during farming seasons in rural Illinois.

This emblem is not only a practical safety feature, it is also a requirement for moving "implements of husbandry" on public roadways.

The Illinois Vehicle Code identifies implements of husbandry as those vehicles designed and adapted exclusively for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock-raising operations.

Additionally, SMV emblems are required on certain other vehicles, such as horse-drawn vehicles.

A practical feature of the SMV is to warn approaching vehicles to slow down. If a car is traveling at 55 mph

when 400 hundred feet behind a tractor traveling at 15 mph, it only takes seven seconds to reach the tractor. A collision at such high speeds can be dangerous.

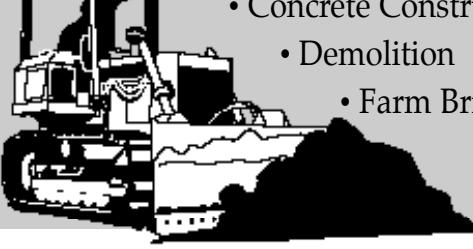
It is critical that SMVs be clean and visible. If wagons or implements being towed obscure the SMV on the tractor, then the rearmost wagon or implement needs to have an SMV in place. The SMV emblem is needed in addition to any lighting requirements.

The SMV emblem, because of its reflective nature and shape, can be found in many inappropriate places such as roadway entrances, lane markers and on mailbox posts. This use decreases the value of the SMV as a warning device to caution approaching vehicles with the SMV mounted on them.

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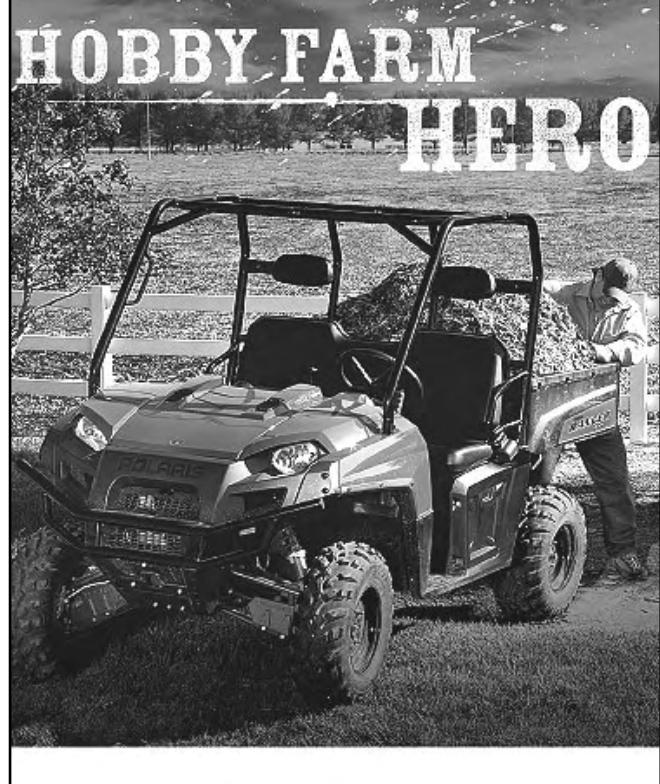
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## A Controversial Subject

by Ronda Addy

Long before scientific methods of genetic modification were available, farmers wanted higher yields and more pest-resistant crops. In order to accomplish these goals, they would select the strongest plants and sow them. Then came science, and with that, agricultural biotechnology.



Crops commonly found in agricultural biotechnology include:

- Canola. Most of the canola used in the United States is imported from Canada.

- Corn. Virtually no frozen or canned corn is made from genetically engineered crops.

- Cotton. Almost 70% of the cotton crop in the United States is genetically engineered.

- Soybean. Almost 70% of the soybean crop in the United States is genetically engineered.

Any concerns regarding agricultural biotechnology are addressed by three government agencies. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is responsible for protecting agriculture against diseases and pests and regulating the field testing of genetically engineered plants as well as some microorganisms. The Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for ensuring the safe use of pesticides in the environment and presiding over biotechnology crops that produce pesticides. The Food and Drug Administration is responsible for labeling

genetically altered food not equal to the original products.

Agricultural biotechnology offers many benefits. It creates crops that are more resistant to pests and diseases and have greater nutritional value, shelf life and tolerance of salty, toxic or drought conditions. It can also help cure or prevent diseases like cholera, increase yields, reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides, and help save a specific crop market (virus-resistant papayas were developed in Hawaii at a time when the virus was on the verge of wiping out the industry).

In spite of its benefits, agricultural biotechnology has raised some concerns, specifically in terms of ethics, environmental impact and the introduction of new genes containing new allergens. Creating pesticide-resistant plants can produce pesticide-resistant insects and have a negative impact on other organisms. Altered plants can also breed with other plants, thereby creating superplants that could damage the soil and the environment.

It's up to the individual to decide if agricultural biotechnology is a good thing or a bad thing. Some benefits can be seen immediately, such as the development of golden rice, which produces beta-carotene, which helps with vitamin A deficiencies found in the diets of children in poorer countries. Others may take years to develop.

## Wanted: Workers In Agriculture

By Tresa Erickson

When you think of agriculture, the first image that comes to mind is probably that of a small farmer on a tractor working in the field. While it is true that farmers make up a portion of agricultural workers, there are many other occupations in the field. In fact, estimates suggest there are over 200 careers in the field of agriculture.

There are many sectors within the field of agriculture offering jobs. Individuals may work in agribusiness management, agricultural communication, agriscience, building construction management, engineering, food science, forestry, fisheries and wildlife management and

conservation, horticulture, packaging, parks and recreation, resource development and management, and tourism. Of these sectors, the most job growth is expected to occur in food science and engineering.

Within each of the sectors of agriculture are various positions. In agribusiness management, for example, a person might be employed as an agricultural production specialist, commodity trader, financial manager, purchasing manager, or wholesale/retail buyer manufacturing manager. In packaging, a person might be employed as a laboratory manager, packaging designer or engineer, or a quality control coordinator. In fisheries and wildlife management and

conservation, a person might be employed as a fish hatchery manager, habitat specialist, land management specialist or water quality specialist.

There are hundreds of careers within the agricultural industry. Should you be interested in switching careers, don't overlook the field of agriculture. You just might find a position that suits you.



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## Giannoulias Offers Ag Scholarships

High school seniors can apply until May 14

State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias wants Illinois high school seniors who plan to study agriculture-related majors in college to apply for his *Excellence in Agriculture Scholarships*.

Giannoulias will award ten \$2,500 scholarships to deserving students who plan on attending an Illinois-based college or university in the fall.

High school seniors, who

are Illinois residents, can apply for these scholarships. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.75 grade point average during the 2008-2009 school year, be accepted at an accredited higher education institution in Illinois by May 15, 2009, and plan to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculture-related field.

Students must also submit a completed application, which is available on Treasurer's website - [www.treasurer.il.gov](http://www.treasurer.il.gov) - or call 217-557-6436. Applications must be postmarked on or before May 14, 2009.

Applicants must include the following information with their application:

- A typed essay (minimum 250 words) identifying the

reason(s) you want to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculture-related field

- An official high school transcript
- Two letters of reference, including one from a non-school source
- A list of extracurricular activities
- A statement of goals and future plans

A scholarship selection committee will select the winners. The Treasurer's Office will announce the winners by June 1, 2009.

These scholarships are funded through the Bright Start College Savings Program, which is run by the Treasurer's Office. Bright Start is Illinois' 529 college savings plan and an easy, tax-free way to invest for college.

### DID YOU KNOW? Interesting Fact about FFA

How the dates for FFA Week are chosen?

At the July 19, 1947 board meeting, it was decided

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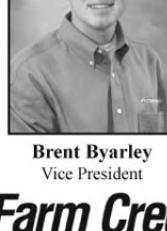


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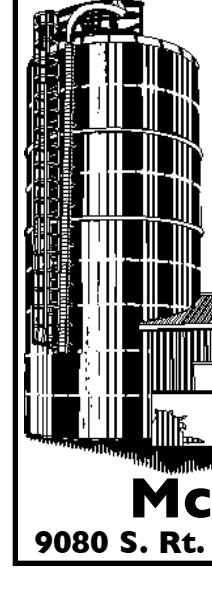


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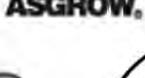
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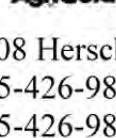
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## Week Activities

The Herscher FFA Chapter is gearing up for the fun activities for FFA week. This year's activities will range from Ag in the Classroom to a teacher appreciation lunch. Other activities include a display at freshmen orientation, an honor roll breakfast, and cafeteria games. The FFA officers are encouraging other students to participate in the daily dress-up days.

The dress-up day sched-

ule is as follows: Monday-Camo day, Tuesday-Western day, Wednesday- Case vs. John Deere day, Thursday-Official Dress day and Friday is Blue and Gold day.

As an incentive, there will be gift certificate drawings for students that dress up for these days. Other activities planned are daily announcements with an FFA fact. The Herscher FFA is ready to kick off a week of fun!



**HERSCHER FFA OFFICER TEAM.** Front row, l-r: Lauren Wells, Andrea Ohr. Middle row, l-r: Ty Harris, Connor Sprimont, Brenden Ferris, Travis Hodgin. Back row, l-r: Colleen O'Brien, Chelsi Riordan, Ashley Wagner. Not pictured Tyler Hinspeter.



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## Native Flora: How Do We Know?

The next program in the 2009 Midewin Lecture Series will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 at the Midewin Supervisor's Office. Presenter Greg Spyreas will explain how it is we know which plants and animals existed in Illinois and the Midewin area in the past.

Greg will discuss how the fauna of Illinois has changed over time and provide answers to such questions as: How do we know if a plant or animal is native or non-native? Was the Illinois "prairie" really even grassland? How do you use plants and soil at a site to tell its past? How often did fires occur here in Illinois? What does the Native American record tell us about what was here and why it matters if something is native or not?

Greg Spyreas is a Plant Biologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey. His interest is the ecology of the Midwestern United States, especially maintaining biodiversity, plant communities, restoration ecology, non-native plants, and fire ecology. He was born and raised on the north side of Chicago. He has a Bachelor's degree in environmental science, a Masters degree in plant ecology and is currently working on a PhD at the University of Illinois.

The lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Midewin Supervisor's Office, located 2 miles north of Wilmington on Illinois Highway 53. Doors

will open at 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is not necessary. The cost of the program is \$3 per person; children under 12 are free. Fees may be paid in cash or by check at the time of the lecture.

The 2009 Midewin Lecture Series will offer 10 public lectures on scheduled Thursday evenings between January 15 and June 4. Each program will introduce participants to some aspect of the natural and cultural history of Midewin and northeastern Illinois. The presenters include Midewin staff, faculty from area universities, and individual experts.

Information about the lecture series and other public programs at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie may be obtained by calling (815) 423-6370 or online at [www.fs.fed.us/mntp/](http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/).

### Future Programs in the 2009 Midewin Lecture Series

**MARCH 5:** Black-Crowned Night-Herons and Environmental Contamination. Presented by Jeff Levingood, Ph.D., Illinois Natural History Survey

**MARCH 19:** The Archaeology of Farmsteads at Midewin. Presented by Michael Gregory, Ph.D., Great Lakes Archaeology Research Center

**APRIL 2:** History and Impacts of Agricultural Field Tiling. Presented by Ed Collins, McHenry County Conservation District.

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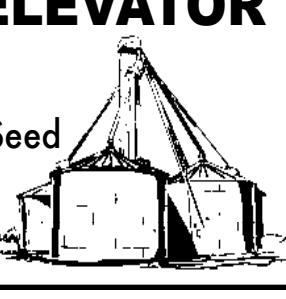
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## Illinois Farmers Enter 2009 on Pessimistic Note

A survey of Illinois farmers attending the Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting shows that most farmers expect to break even or believe they will struggle to break even in 2009.

The results of the 2009 Illinois Farmer Outlook and Intentions Survey (Dec. 6-9) show nearly three-quarters (74%) believe it will be a challenge to break even, or at best, turn a small profit on their farm operations in the coming year.

Only a fifth of the farmers taking the survey (19%) are optimistic enough to expect to make a profit next year.

While farmers posted good yields, prices were all over the map in 2008, tumbling from a high of nearly \$8 per bushel on corn in late June to around \$3 per bushel in recent days.

In addition to the stunning collapse in commodity prices, many farmers report significant increases in the prices they paid for fertilizer, seed, and fuel for the upcoming planting season.

Nine out of every ten farmers taking the survey expressed a high level of concern about both rising production costs and the continuing

voltatility of grain markets and how those two factors combine to increase their risk.

That high level of concern also reflects recent projections by University of Illinois agricultural economists. They say the average non-land costs of producing corn on fertile soil in central Illinois will rise 43 percent next year, about double the average per acre costs for corn from 2003-2007.

The uncertainty appears to be delaying final decision on crop decisions for the coming year. In fact, many respondents told Illinois Farm Bureau staff that their planting intentions are subject to change.

As of last weekend, a nearly equal number of farmers indicated they are planning to increase their corn acreage as those who stated they would reduce corn acres. However, there were slightly more farmers who intend to plant more soybeans this year than those who plan to plant fewer soybean acres.

Roughly a third of the farmers (37%) expect the economy to recover sometime in 2009. The vast majority of farmers (86%) say the credit crunch has not impacted their

ability to obtain an operating loan.

While most farmers (73%) have ruled out purchasing a new tractor or combine in the coming year, another (11%) are leaving the door open. One in six is committed to making a major equipment purchase.

Farmers remain optimistic about the future. Many of them (30%) reported they are expanding their operations. More than three quarters say they would encourage their children or grandchildren to become farmers.

State budget woes ranked as a high level concern for more than three quarters (77%) of the respondents. The potential for increased environmental regulations is a high concern for two-thirds of the Illinois farmers who took the first ever survey.

Attacks on livestock production and on the renewable fuels industry are high level concerns for roughly half of the farmers.

Despite attacks from the food industry and news media, 98 percent of Illinois farmers support the use of more ethanol in the nation's fuel supply.



DWIGHT FFA MEMBERS HELD A PETTING ZOO FOR AREA CHILDREN.

### How to Cope with Farm Stress and Reduce Stressors

Accidents are a major cause of death and injury among agricultural workers. A study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health showed that farmers also have the highest rates of death as a result of stress-related conditions.

Heart and artery disease, hypertension, ulcers and nervous disorders top the list of killers.

America's farmers and ranchers have to cope with more stress than the average worker. Droughts, floods, pests, long hours, financial concerns and other complications can lead to feelings of

isolation and frustration.

Experts agree that there are steps people can take to help to cope with stress in their lives. These are not meant as "instant solutions." If one feels overwhelmed, there are many people and organizations available to listen and help.

To help reduce stress, the West Virginia University Extension Service and the National Safety Council suggest the following:

- Don't minimize your reactions to stress. If you keep stress buried inside, it is likely to create mental and physical problems.

- Talk about your problems with family, friends, clergy or professional counselors. This will help you clear your head and focus on eliminating or reducing anxiety and stress-related ailments.

- Eat well-balanced meals and try to limit caffeine and alcohol intake. If you smoke, quit.

- Get enough sleep. If you have trouble sleeping, try light reading or listening to relaxing music.

- Keep all machinery in good condition. Eliminating possible breakdowns will help reduce stressful moments.

## Electrical Safety Is Important on the Farm

Many hazards that farmers deal with are routine, everyday exposures. As a result of this routine, the farmer could perceive the risk as less than it really is. Few things are more standard today than electricity. Depended upon to make our lives easier and more comfortable, electricity may only become a consideration when it is NOT where we need or want it. This situation can and does cause death, injury and property damage every year.

While most of us keep our distance from transformers and equipment that require large amounts of electricity, we tend to overlook other situations – a small light bulb, for instance. The current used by a 7½-watt Christmas tree light bulb is only 60/1000 (60 milliamperes) ampere. This is much more than the 8-10/1000 (8-10 milliamperes) ampere that does

not allow a person to let go of a wire with current running through it. If the current goes through the heart, cardiac arrest can occur. One can imagine the results from 20 or 30 amperes, the sizes of the smallest fuses or breakers commonly in use.

While it is true that a person can survive a much higher current, that possibility is not something that should be counted on. Items that are overlooked and can cause problems include:

- Outlets:

It is preferable that all outlets be of the three-prong grounded type.

Many older outlets have only two slots, which will need an adapter for three-prong tools. Also, if old enough, the slots can be the same size rather than one slot being longer. Consideration should be given to replacing outlets that will not accept three-prong adapters. Upgrading outlets

- Extension Cords:

Many times an extension cord that is being used "temporarily" can become "permanent." If a piece of equipment is going to stay in one place for any length of time, it should have a properly grounded outlet.

Extension cords can be damaged from being walked on and by heavy items being dropped on them.

Another misuse of an extension cord occurs when it does not contain wire long enough for the tool being used. Even if used only for a short period of time, a wire used with a tool that is too large for its capacity could cause heat to build up and damage the insulation on the wires. This damage could remain unseen for a long time, thus giving rise to a potentially hazardous situa-

tion.

- Outside Hazards:

Make sure outside electric lines are high enough to allow machinery to pass safely underneath. This is especially true around grain bins where grain augers are being used. The number one electrical hazard on a farm is the potential contact from a grain auger.

Periodically check the grounding rods and wires around buildings and power poles. These rods and wires can become damaged and

broken. If damaged, the overall system will not provide adequate grounding protection.

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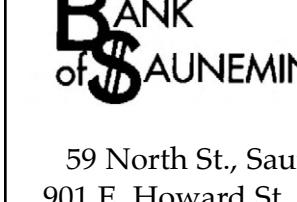
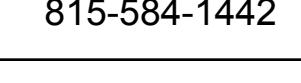
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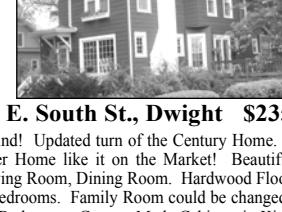
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Feb. 20-21: Youth Retreat at Pilgrim Park.  
Feb. 22, 10:15 a.m., Worship; 11:30 a.m., Deacons;  
Deacons;  
Feb. 23, 6:15 p.m., Choir;  
Feb. 24, Newsletter Articles Due;  
Feb. 25 noon, Soup & Pastor; 1:30 p.m., BINGO; 3:30-5 p.m., Jr. DUCKS; 6 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service in Odell;  
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Feb. 18-20: God-With-Us Preschool.  
Feb. 18: 1 p.m., Mary & Martha; 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bell Choir; 6:45 p.m., Choir.  
Feb. 19: 6:30 p.m., Evangelism Board Meeting; 7 p.m., Council Meeting.  
Feb. 20: 8 p.m., AA Meeting.  
Feb. 21: 5 p.m., Worship Service.  
Feb. 22: Friendship Sunday; 9 a.m., Bible Class, Sunday School, New Member Class; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service; Refreshments following service.  
Feb. 23: 7:30 p.m., God-With-Us Preschool.  
Feb. 23: 7 p.m., Dart Practice.  
Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday; 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bell Choir; 6:20 p.m., Choir; 6:30 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service.  
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Feb. 19: 1:30 p.m., Sarah Circle at Grace Johnson's; 3:40 p.m., After School Program.  
Feb. 20: Epistle Deadline, Jr./Sr./Post High Youth Retreat through Feb. 22; 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 6:30-8 p.m., SPYKs Beach Party.  
Feb. 21: 10-11 a.m., Share Food Distribution.  
Feb. 22: Transfiguration; 8:15 a.m., HC Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 9:30 a.m., All Ages Study; 10:30 a.m., Worship; 2 p.m., Prairieville Annual Meeting.  
Feb. 23: 8:45 a.m., Exercise; 9 a.m.-noon, Quilting.  
Feb. 24: 9 a.m.-noon, Quilting; 3:45 p.m., After School Program; 5 p.m., Bell Choir; 6 p.m., Comp. Religious; 7 p.m., Worship Team.  
Feb. 25: 8:45 a.m., Exercise; 9 a.m., Exercise; 4:30-6 p.m., Confirm.; 6-7:30 p.m., Confirm. (Jr.); 7 p.m., Worship.

Feb. 26: 10:30 a.m., Mezon Bible Study at Thelma Zabel's; 2 p.m., Prison Ministry; 3:45 p.m., After School Program.  
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Feb. 20: 4 p.m., Sr. UMYF Retreat Begins.  
Feb. 25: 1-3 p.m., Set Up Kids Club; 3:05 p.m., Kids Club; 6 p.m., Finance; 7 p.m., Evangelism, Sanctuary Choir.

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Feb. 22: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service & Installation & Ordination of Officers.  
Feb. 24: 7 p.m., Session/Deacons meeting.  
Feb. 25: 8:30 a.m., Pastor's Prayer & Legionary Group; 4 p.m., Choir Practice; 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service.  
Feb. 26: 9:30 a.m., Church Prayer Group; 10:30 a.m., Kerygma Class.  
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