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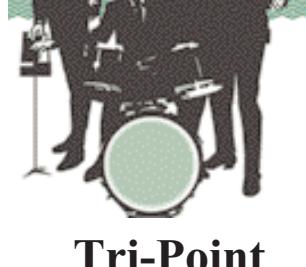
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Tri-Point High School Concert Tonight

The Tri-Point High School band and choir will perform tonight, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the high school in Cullom.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Dwight Park and Rec, Pool, Swim Team Registration Dates

Dwight Village Hall, Prairie Creek Public Library and Dwight Grade School.

Registration for the Dwight Dolphin Swim Team 2009 season will be Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m. in the basement of the Public Services Complex.

The Dwight Dolphins Swim Team is a competitive co-ed team for ages 18 and under. Meets are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some Saturdays. New members are always welcome. More information will be available at registration. The enrollment fee covers all practices, regular meets and a team T-shirt.



DTHS MATHLETES: Front row (left to right): Brady Foose, Mallorie Rosales, Gabby Davis, Lindie McCarthy, Christina Zavala, Doug Black, Jashar Kongjeli, Amy Froelich, Karly Feddersen, and Gerry Holmes. Back row

(left to right): Joel Kelleher, Jared Perry, Jamie Frazier, Soren Jessen, Dillon Harris, Michael Muzyka, Mike Halloran, Kate Tock, Ryan Kaiser, and Ashley Gretencord. Not pictured: Aidan Connolly.

the Junior-Senior two-person contest.

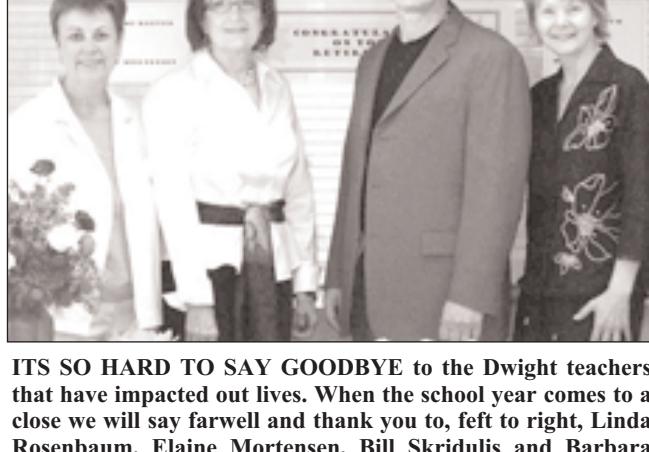
Fourteen DTHS Mathletes earned medals at the contest. Dwight's Junior-Senior eight-person team,

consisting of seniors Jamie Frazier, Jared Perry, Christina Zavala and juniors Black, Halloran, Dillon Harris, Kaiser and Muzyka, took home eighth place medals.

Dwight's Calculator team, which includes juniors Karly Feddersen, Holmes, Tock, sophomore Joel Kelleher and freshman Brady Foose, earned ninth place medals.

The DTHS Math Team is coached by Marjorie Ehrhardt, Carrie Fraher and Karen Zabel.

Great Job, Mathletes!



ITS SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE to the Dwight teachers that have impacted our lives. When the school year comes to a close we will say farewell and thank you to, left to right, Linda Rosenbaum, Elaine Mortensen, Bill Skridulis and Barbara McKeever.

McKeever, Mortensen to Retire from Teaching at DTHS

by Meta Machulis

Three Dwight Township High School teachers and one Dwight Grade School teacher will soon say goodbye to their last classes of students. Barbara McKeever, Elaine Mortensen and Bill Skridulis from the high school, as well as Linda Rosenbaum from the grade school, plan to retire with the close of the 2008-2009 school year.

Last week, *The Paper* featured biographies of Skridulis and Rosenbaum. This week, readers have a chance to look back on the careers and get a glimpse into the futures of McKeever and Mortensen.

Barbara McKeever has spent seven years as Spanish teacher and Spanish Club spon-

sor at DTHS, during which time she took a small group of students on a trip to Costa Rica. Over the years she has also led groups to Mexico and several countries in Europe.

She began her teaching career during the 1971-1972 school year in Kansas City, Missouri, and has since taught at the elementary, junior high, high school and college levels in districts small and large – and even overseas. She is also a member of the Illinois Council for the Teaching of Foreign Language.

McKeever said her plans after retirement are to pursue her hobbies and develop new interests.

"I'm ready to write the next chapter of my life," she said, noting that she enjoys creating curricular activities that enhance student learning and hopes to publish some of the materials. McKeever said what she will miss most about teaching is "when students were interested in and excited about a learning activity such as a game, song, puzzle, et cetera."

She also expressed her gratitude for her years educating and her time in Dwight.

"I'll miss the DTHS students and my co-workers.

Dwight is very supportive of its educational community, and I consider myself lucky to have taught here," she said, adding,

"The career of education has been good to me. I hope it can be said that I was good for education."

Following her retirement,

McKeever will continue to reside in Odell with her husband, Milt, who is a retired

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IMPACT Dwight

MAPPING Gains Momentum

by Tom Tock

Five MAPPING sessions weren't enough.

A sixth meeting to "Maintain the Momentum" has been set for Wednesday, May 20, at 6 p.m. in the DTHS cafeteria.

Personnel from Western Illinois University, instrumental in the first five MAPPING (Management and Planning Programs Involving Non-metropolitan Groups) sessions, will again be present, as well as resource speakers who will help to hone the goals and objectives that were developed during the five three-hour MAPPING sessions that began April 2.

An Advisory Committee has been established to lead the way to achieving improvement in local business and tourism, community appearance, in social, cul-

\$50 Challenge

A vital part of the IMPACTDwight program is financing. WIU has an unpaid bill of about \$4,000 and IMPACT Dwight will have start-up expenses for stationery, brochures, etc.

To cover these startup costs, a unique challenge was issued to the participants at the May 7 meeting. A \$50 bill was presented to everyone, courtesy of the First National Bank of Dwight, with the stipulation that recipients return in five weeks with the \$50 PLUS whatever they can earn with their "seed money."

Bake sales, cookouts, garage sales, athletic contests . . . the ideas have been endless, so be prepared, Dwightites!

al, and recreational needs, and Dwight's infrastructure.

Members of the Advisory Committee are Rodney Connor, Jane Anderson, Bret Heinrich, Sue DeLong, Mary Carpenter, and Justin Eggenberger. The Advisory Committee is considering the addition of a few additional members.

IMPACT Dwight was selected as the group's motto, "IMPACT" being an acronym for "Involve Many People and A Community Thrives." Mary Boma of *The Paper* was credited with the motto.

Others who have attended meetings in addition to those named in *The Paper* last week are Sue DeLong, Mayor Bill Wilkey, Tom Legner, Scott Hager, Pam Wahl and Harlan Olson.

Contributions of time and money are welcome.

Dwight Native Frickey Running for Sheriff

by Meta Machulis

Mike Frickey of Fairbury recently announced that he will run for the office of Livingston County sheriff in the upcoming election. The current City of Fairbury Police lieutenant, who grew up in rural Blackstone and Dwight, has been a resident of Livingston County for 42 years. The Republican primary election for the office will be held in early 2010.

Frickey's platform is based on three areas of improvement: communication and cooperation, community-oriented policing and department personnel.

In his pledge to citizens of the county, Frickey states, "As

sheriff of Livingston County, I

will be a uniformed working

sheriff and will enforce the

laws of this state fairly for

everyone. I will have a true

open door policy so the citi-

zens of Livingston County

will be able to talk with me

and discuss any problems or

concerns they may have. If

you are unable to come and

see me, I will come to you. I

will increase the uniformed

patrol so we will have quick-

er response times to calls for

service. This will not only

reduce certain crimes, but it

will ensure officer safety. I will ensure that all deputies are fully trained and have the knowledge they need to serve the citizens of Livingston County to the best of their ability and in a professional manner."

In addition to putting more officers on the streets and out in the community, a top priority for Frickey is taking a more proactive role in solving the drug crisis.

"I have zero tolerance toward people who choose to abuse and/or sell illegal drugs," Frickey said.

He also said he will be a

"working sheriff," performing

the same duties he does as

police lieutenant.

"I'll be enforcing traffic

laws, dispatching calls to

service, no different than what

I'm doing now," Frickey said.

His other goals include a

fiscally responsible budget;

actively pursuing available

grant funding; establishing

and maintaining K-9 units, an

Internet Crimes Unit; and

improving technology and

mobile data computers for

squads; improving morale;

instating visible patrol in all



Mike Frickey

areas of the county; and enhancing communication and cooperation between area law enforcement agencies.

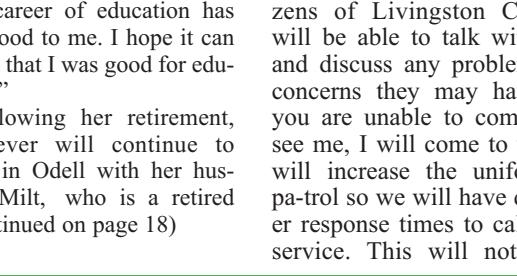
Frickey has been in law enforcement for nearly 30 years. He attended Sunbury Grade School and graduated from Dwight Township High School in 1977. He attended Eureka College for two years and graduated from the University of Illinois' Police Training Institute in 1979. He has also graduated from DARE instructor training at the Illinois State Police Training Academy and has basic, intermediate, advanced

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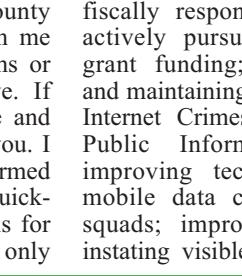
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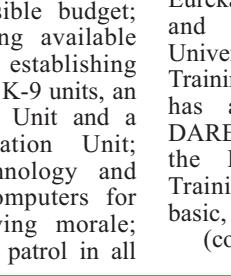
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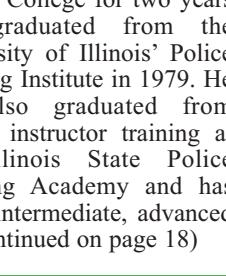
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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Apr. 30: Jolanta T. Dabrowski, 52, Bolingbrook, speeding (radar), 63/45; Isavel Salinas, 38, Dwight, battery.

May 3: Elizabeth F. Wilkins, 53, Dwight, driving under influence of alcohol.

May 4: Kraig S. Meyer, 40, Dwight, suspended, revoked driver's license.

May 5: Sarah E. Roff, 28, Wilmington, in-state warrant.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

May 1: John, medical, Morris; Chippewa, fire.

May 2: William, medical, Morris; Northbrook, med-

ical, St. Mary's Kankakee.

May 3: Rt. 66, medical; Main, medical, Morris.

May 4: Delaware, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris, 3300 East, fire.

May 5: John St., medical, Morris; Delaware, medical, Morris.

May 6: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; Union, trauma, Riverside; Prairie, citizen assist; Main, fire standby.

May 7: Columbia, fire alarm – no PT.

5 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Speeding (radar), 2; improper lighting – one headlamp, 1; improper lane usage, 1; improper signal, 1.

School Carnival at Tri-Point Friday

Tri-Point Elementary and Junior High School, Piper City, will hold a pre-K through fifth grade school carnival Friday, May 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

There will be games, face painting, a cookie walk, BINGO and concessions. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fly Flags at Half-staff on May 15

Citizens are reminded to fly their United States flags at half-staff on Friday, May 15, in observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Peace Officers Memorial Day is held annually in honor of federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. It is observed in conjunction with Police Week.

Gardner Fire Department and EMS Calls

Mon., April 27: Medical, Elm Street.

Tues., April 28: Medical, Odell Street.

Thurs., April 30: Medical, N. Center; medical, W. Jefferson.

Fri., May 1: Mutual aid fire / disregarded, W. Chipewa Street, Dwight.

Sat., May 2: Mutual aid to Coal City, Braceville and Carbon Hill Roads; mutual aid to Reddick, Scully Road.



THE DWIGHT HARVEST DAYS COMMITTEE, represented by Jerry Beier, left, donated \$300 to Dwight Township High School's Project Graduation, represented by "Officer Friendly," Gary Beier of the Dwight Police Department, right.

JERRY BEIER, left, presented a \$300 donation from Dwight Harvest Days to the Dwight Emergency Medical Service, represented by Al Metzke, right.

Market Vendors Needed

until noon unless they have sold out. Vendor fee will again be \$2.00 per market. Persons with crafts or home based businesses are also welcome.

Dwight Main Street is busy planning the 2009 Farmer's Market season. The regular season will run from June 6 through October 3 with two exceptions.

There will not be a market July 4 and September 19.

Times will be 8AM to Noon as in previous years.

Vendors are asked to stay

ite m s . They will occasionally have a Bake Sale as well.

Last year some vendors asked about starting the season before June. An EARLY BIRD FARMER'S MARKET will be held May 30. Hours and location will be the same. No vendor fee will be collected that day.

All area gardeners, crafters, etc. are welcome to be a part of the markets. For additional information call the Dwight Main Street office at 584-1830.



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Cruise Night June 20 in Dwight

The 4th Annual Let's Buzz the Gut Cruise Night will be held in downtown Dwight Saturday, June 20. Once again, cool cars will be on display and music will fill the air. Mark your calendars! Car registration will begin at 4 p.m.

Temperatures

Apr. 29 - May 5, 2009

April 29: high 59°; low 47; .3" rain
April 30: high 68°; low 52; .3" rain
May 1: high 55°; low 46°
May 2: high 64°; low 46°
May 3: high 68°; low 45°
May 4: high 72°; low 49°
May 5: high 72°; low 50°

One year ago - May 13, 2008

High 72°; low 48°

with .16" rain

Grundy County Climatological Data

The April 2009 climatological data has been furnished to *The Paper* by Jim Lutz, Director of the Grundy County Emergency Management Agency Weather Data Division:

Highest daily temperature, 83° on April 24; lowest daily temperature, 28° on April 12.

The average monthly temperature was 50°, and on seven days the temperature dipped below 32°.

Wind gusts of 40 mph on April 25 was the peak speed.

Displays, demonstrations, cruising on Route 66 and a 50/50 raffle are also part of the evening's activities.

Cruise Night is sponsored by Dwight Main Street. Call Alex at 815-584-2083 for more information.

Gardner All-town Garage Sales June 5-6

Gardner all-town garage sales will be held June 5 and 6. To be put on the map of garage sales, send your name, address and \$2 to Sharon Sovey, P.O. Box 215, Gardner, IL 60424 by June 1.

The garage sale weekend is sponsored by the Gardner Grade School Tiger Talk Book Club.

There were 1.5 inches of snow throughout the month, for a total of 33.2 inches of snow for the year.

The highest 24-hour liquid precipitation amount for April was 2.05 inches on the 28th.

There were 15 days with measurable amounts of precipitation – 14 with rain and one with snow.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings in Dwight and Gardner

In recognition of National Blood Pressure Awareness Month in May, Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers will offer free blood pressure screenings on Friday, May 22, from 10 to 11 a.m. and Friday, May 29, from 9 to 10 a.m. at locations in Dwight and Gardner.

According to the American Heart Association, nearly one in three adults has high blood pressure. Screenings will be conducted at Morris Hospital's Dwight Healthcare center, 101 S. Prairie Ave., and

United States Representative Timothy V. Johnson's mobile office hours schedule for May has been announced for Livingston county.

District Aide Beth Hard-

GSW High School Students 'Drive' DUI Simulator

On April 29, the Gardner South Wilmington High School clubs Students Against Drugs and Alcohol (SADA) and the Safe Teen Ultimate Driving Squad (STUDS) co-sponsored the PEERS Aware III DUI Simulation System at the high school.

This simulation illustrates the dangers of drinking and driving. Students are seated in an actual vehicle and use the steering wheel, brakes and gas pedal to control the car's simulated system while the facilitator programs the simulator with the students' age, body size and fictitious blood alcohol level. Students wear virtual reality headgear while the simulator recreates not only typical, everyday situations encountered frequently while on the road



GSW SOPHOMORE COLTON LATIMER drives the PEERS Aware III DUI Simulator. The system was used to show students the effects of drunk driving.

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Small Talk

by Anne Shaw Heinrich

It's no fun being the bad guy. It's a dirty, thankless job, but somebody's gotta do it, especially if you have the privilege of being a parent. Rats. That must have been in the fine print on the parenting contract I didn't read over very carefully before my husband and I decided we'd take the plunge and have a family.

I think one of the biggest temptations many of today's parents face, myself included, is the lure of being liked all of the time by our kids. I know that I much prefer kids who are smiling and pleased with me to children who are pouting and scowling and rolling their eyes at the latest decision I've made on their behalf. Unfortunately, I often find myself playing bad cop, which makes me unpopular at our house a lot of the time. It used to bother me, but it doesn't anymore.

I've come to the startling conclusion that I know a whole lot more about life than my children do. Contrary to popular belief among my offspring, I know a thing or two about a thing or two. My guess would be that this is by design. God gave me these children because he expected me to teach them what I know. To do anything less is not only sloppily negligent.

Two of my three children are now physically larger than I am. When that happens, it's really easy to let yourself slip into believing that you and your child are all of the sudden equals. You're not. Not yet. There's a lot of work that remains unfinished before my children and I can be friends.

Right now, they don't need me to be a friend. They have friends. Kids need parents who are willing to parent, which means saying "no" and meaning it, setting limits and most of all, loving them enough to correct them.

It's not always fun. Sometimes, all it takes is a gentle talk or reminder. Other times, privileges are removed. Sometimes, a quick swat on the butt is required. It's got to be done. If we don't hold our children to a standard, we're saying to the world and to them that we just don't care about them, that they are not worth the effort.

I used to have a really long list of standards or battles that I was willing to fight on the parenting front. But some time in the trenches has helped me focus my energies as a mother



on what I believe to be truly important.

1) Our family unit is not a democracy. Nope. It's just not. We've got two parents and we make the rules. Period. End of discussion. Everybody does not get a vote. We like to consider ourselves a benevolent dictatorship. Each and every decision we make on their behalf is based on our love for them and what's best for them. Some day, our kids will understand that, and we'll be grandparents.

2) Our family prays together and we go to church. We do this because we know that every life has dark and challenging moments. We know that we cannot shield our kids from some of the ugliness and unfairness that this world will shoot their way. We want them to be equipped with their faith. We know they are going to need it.

3) Our family doesn't tolerate disrespect. There's just no excuse for being rude. If we detect rudeness or disrespect, the person behaving that way will find him or herself correcting that behavior immediately.

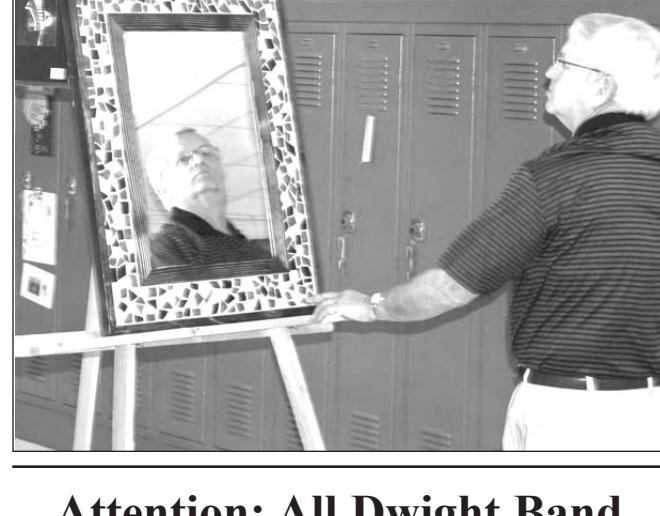
4) Our family doesn't expect perfection. Nobody's perfect. Everybody goof up around here, even the top dogs. If we've messed up, we apologize, forgive and move on. That's what families do.

5) Our family celebrates together. We celebrate birthdays and holidays. We celebrate homeruns, good report cards, awards, new achievements, the end of the week, graduations, lost teeth, you name it. That's what families do.

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



BETHANY FISHER ADMIRER her fellow classmates' work, above, while Bill Flott, below, takes a good look at the work shown at the DTHS Art Show that was held May 3.



Attention: All Dwight Band and Choir Parents

Dwight Music Boosters

strongly encourage all parents of Dwight band or choir members to attend the next Boosters meeting, as elections will take place. Three positions need to be filled. The meeting will be held Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in the Dwight Grade School band room. Music Boosters is an integral part of the scholastic music programs in Dwight.

The Dwight Music Boosters last met Monday, April 20.

Mr. Benzik announced the 2009 Jazz Show is titled "High School Musical '09" and will be Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the Dwight Township High School auditorium. Admission is half price for students and senior citizens. The junior high jazz band has been invited to play as

The Memorial Day ceremony will be Monday, May 25, at approximately 10:30 a.m. at the veterans' memorial at the depot.

High school graduation is set for Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m. The concert band will perform.

Mr. Guerrero noted that the fifth and sixth grade honors concert was switched to Tuesday, May 5, and the seventh and eighth grade honors concert changed to May 12.

He also mentioned that they are working on their choice for the American Legion Band Award.

The winners for the March 500 Club drawing were: Jake Grubbs, \$25; Deb Dunlap, \$50; Nick Benzik, \$50; Vicki Roeder, \$100; and Bob Hauert, \$125.

The winners for the April 500 Club drawing were: Ken Christensen, \$25; Barbara DeWaard, \$50; Janine Boggs, \$50; Nestor Rosales, \$100; and Roger and Paula Holsten, \$125.

The May drawing took place at the fifth and sixth grade honors concert on May 5.

Gardner Beautification Corner

by Barb Phillips
Beautification Committee

We did have our Meet-and-Greet for Red Carpet Corridor Weekend. Unlike last year, we had a beautiful day to be outside. It was a busy little corner by the gazebo, with the 5K run and fun walk starting at 10 a.m.

We had flats of pink flowers to sell and delicious baked products that did not last very long. The hot dogs and hamburgers were great on the grill, but we did have people asking about the chicken we served last year. We had great cruising music all day long, thanks to "Party with the Pickle." The cast and crew from cable TV's "Wrecked" were here, along with some pretty fancy classic cars. It was very small-scale, and we actually made more money than last year when we tried so hard to put on a much bigger event. Everyone who helped or supported us in any way is appreciated.

Dave and Pat were also very active with our Lions Club. They pretty much attended all activities around town and were involved in the community. They have not lived in Gardner very long but certainly made their home and made it a little better for all of us. We share Pat's loss and sadness. Dave will be missed in our little village.

Gardner Senior Citizens Hold Meeting and Go to Jail

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Buster Huston, Helga Male and Ida Schopp.

The card club reported six members played cards on the previous Thursday. Rosemary Hillman served ice cream and cake.

Restaurant orders were served by Kim.

After the meal, a short business meeting was held, and the group went to the historic two-cell jail in downtown Gardner, which has been deemed a historic site on Route 66. Mayor Wise welcomed the group to the jail and presented the key to the city to Lorraine Hansen for her dedication as president for 18 years.

The seniors also visited the Chronicle Antique Store.

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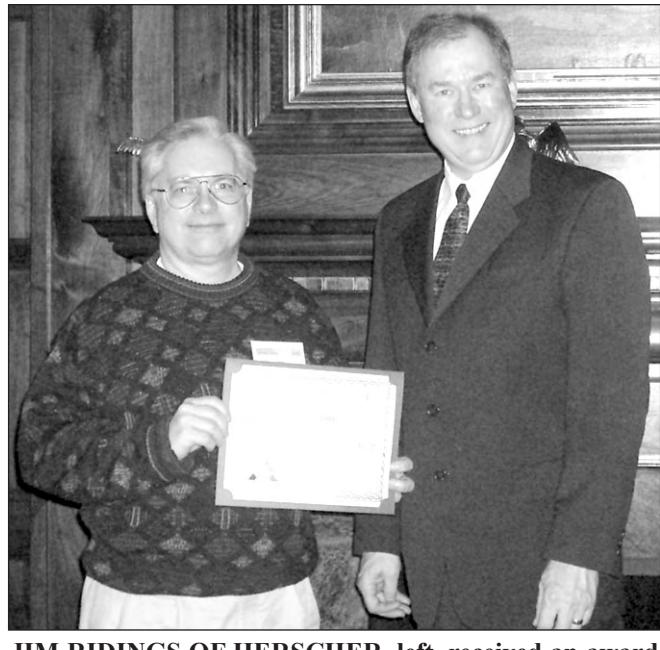
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JIM RIDINGS OF HERSCHER, left, received an award for his book "Cardiff 2" on Saturday, April 25, at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield. On the right is Mark Sorenson, president of the Illinois State Historical Society.



BARBARA ROSENSTRAUCH CAME FROM SAN ANTONIO, Texas, last week to visit the historical marker at Cardiff. Her ancestors were prominent people in the former coal mining town.

'Comforters, Inc.' of St. Peter's Seeking More Quilters

The women of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight, have been making quilts for Lutheran World Relief for more than 40 years. The group of quilters is known as "Comforters, Inc." and has, over the years, become an ecumenical group, as several women from the community have joined in the quilting.

"Comforters, Inc." quilts are sent all over the world to be used not only for warmth but also sometimes as a shelter or a tote to hold a person's belongings.

People are very generous in donating material, sheets, blankets, drapes, curtains and other fabrics to be used in the quiltmaking. The quilt-ers at St. Peter's tie the quilts rather than fine-stitching them.

The group meets regularly the first and fourth Mondays and Tuesdays of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. If anyone is interested in assisting, the group would greatly appreciate and gladly welcome new quilters.



The state of Illinois recently put up signs on Route 17, just east of Campus Road, directing motorists to the site. The memorial at Cardiff continues to be a tourist attraction. Of more than 400 historic sites designated by the state, there are only two in Livingston County -- at Cardiff and in Chatsworth.

Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

The results of the duplicate bridge game played on May 7 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center are as follows:

North-South: first, Dorothy Christenson/Mary Lou Carter; second, Lee Fuerstenberg/Delores Slattery; third, Ellen Galeaz/Jan Kresl.

East-West: first, Dorothy Roche/Darlene Drechsel; second, Janyce Gross/Jane Miller; third, Carol Bush/Norma Houck.

The next game will be played at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, May 21.

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Dwight Main Street Receives 2009 National Trust Main Street Accreditation

Dwight Main Street has been designated an accredited National Main Street Program for meeting the commercial district revitalization performance standards set by the National Trust Main Street Center. Each year, the National Trust and its coordinating program partners announce the list of accredited Main Street programs that have built strong revitalization organizations that have demonstrated their ability to follow the Main Street methodology.

The National Trust Main Street Center works in partnership with Coordinating Main Street Programs

throughout the nation to identify the local programs that meet the National Trust's 10 basic performance standards. These standards set the benchmarks for measuring an individual Main Street program's application of the 4-point approach to commercial district revitalization.

The organization's performance was evaluated by Illinois Main Street, which is the coordinating organization for Main Street programs in Illinois.

Dwight Main Street was organized in 1999 to enhance Dwight and its downtown area by fostering a community wide volunteer effort to strengthen its community identity, preserve its unique heritage and rekindle the economic vitality of downtown Dwight. To learn more visit the Dwight Main Street website at www.dwightmainstreet.org

Homeschool Group Holds Enrichment Program

Area homeschoolers who are enrolled in Christian Home Educators Association (CHEA) enrichment program met for the last time this school year on Thursday, April 16, in Pontiac. Currently there are 18 families and more than 50 children who meet once a

month for a day of classes to supplement their home-school. Classes are held for pre-schoolers through high schoolers.

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SEAN GRAY, Kayla Dunlavey and Sean Winters (front row, left to right) received their first Holy Communion from Msgr. Thomas Mack, celebrant of the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 26, at St. John Catholic Church, Cullom. Joan Kane, CCD coordinator, also prepared the first communicants for the sacrament.

Linda Volkman Named GSW's Most Admired



Linda Volkman

Linda Volkman has been named Gardner South Wilmington High School's Most Admired for the week of May 11.

Volkman is admired for making learning interesting, being dedicated to finding the best in others and in all situations and her winning personality and smile.

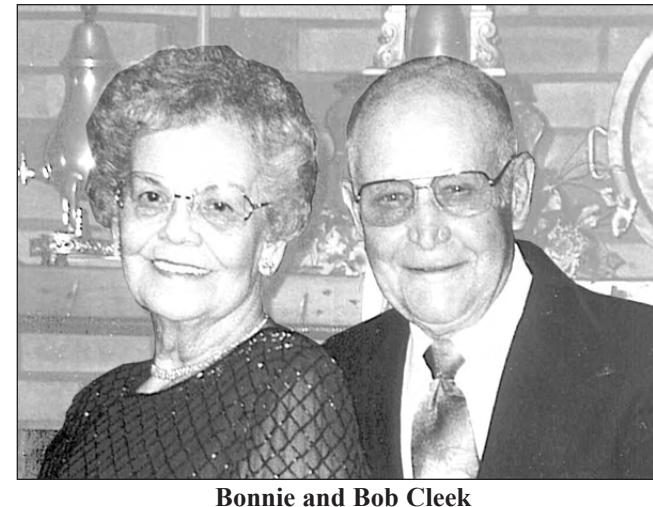


Gabby Davis

DTHS Names Davis Student of the Month

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Gabby Davis on being named DTHS freshman student of the month of April.

Gabby is involved in Teens 4 Green, Drama Club, FCCLA, Scholastic Bowl, Mathletes, band and swimming. She is the daughter of Tom and Jill Davis of Dwight.



Bonnie and Bob Cleek

Bob and Bonnie Cleek, Mazon, to Celebrate 65th Anniversary

Bob and Lavonne "Bonnie" Cleek of rural Mazon will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on May 27, 2009.

The former Lavonne Rayburn and Bob Cleek were married May 27, 1944 in Champaign. They farmed in the Mazon-Verona area until retirement.

They have one daughter,

Sherril (Craig) Herrick of Morris, and two sons, Ron (Sherry) Cleek of Morris and the late Dennis Cleek, deceased in 1996. The couple has seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Their family loves them dearly and wishes them the very best on their 65th anniversary.

LCSWCD Stewardship Week Poster Contest Winners

The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrated Natural Resources Stewardship Week from April 26 through May 3. In honor of this observance, the district hosted a K-12 poster contest and a sixth grade limerick contest for all public, private and home school students in Livingston County.

"Dig It! The Secrets of Soil" was the 2009 theme for the contest. This theme recognizes that soils are an important ingredient in our daily life. In fact, the entire earth – every ecosystem, every living thing – is dependent upon soils in some way.

Winners in *The Paper* area are as follows.

Grades K-1: first place, Trevor Sexton, St. Paul School; second place, Jeremy Lyons, Odell Grade School; third place, Garrett Severson, St. Paul School. Grades 2-3: first place, Tyrah Sexton, St. Paul School.

Starlights 4-H to Perform 'Beauty is a Beast'

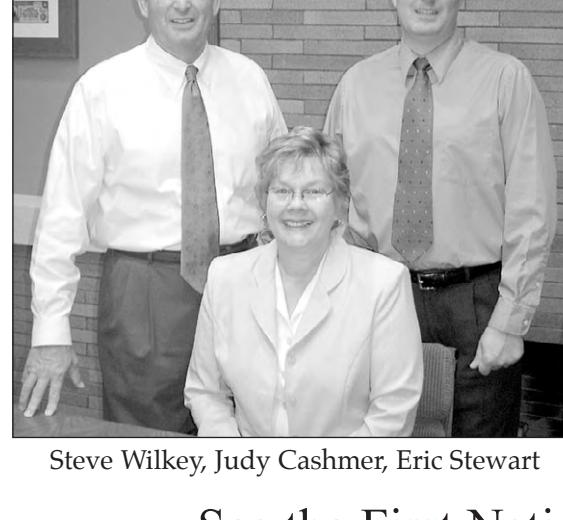
Starlights 4-H Club invites the community to its performance of "Beauty is a Beast" Saturday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at Pontiac Christian School, 18034 N. 2100 East Rd., Pontiac.

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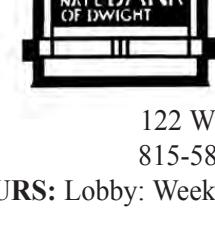
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Mark Seabert
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Pittman, Seabert to Marry

Carrie Ann Pittman, 27, of Morris, and Mark Edwin Seabert, 31, of Dwight are engaged to be married at Ambassadors for Christ Church in Morris, May 23, at 2:00 p.m. There will be a reception to follow at the Gardner American Legion.

Parents of the Bride are Debbie and Tim Osborne, of Morris, and the late Michael Pittman. Parents of the groom are Mary and Glenn Seabert of Dwight.

They are planning to honeymoon in Maui. Then the couple will reside in Dwight.

Tiger Ball Bonanza Games in Herscher

The Herscher Chamber of Commerce's Tiger Ball Bonanza is held the third Tuesday of each month at the Legion Community Center in Herscher.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 7 p.m. Patterned after the game commonly known as Bingo, payouts totaling at least \$700 to \$900 will be featured each night, and many games and price ranges will be offered.

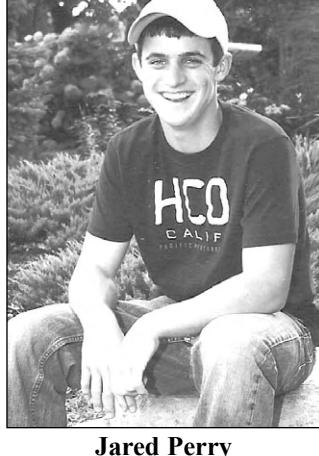
The next Tiger Ball Bonanza will be Tuesday, May 19.

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Marissa Olsen and Jared Perry Receive Donnelley Scholarships



Marissa Olsen



Jared Perry

Marissa Olsen and Jared Perry have been selected as the winners of the Dwight Division RR Donnelley Scholarships for 2009. Each student will receive \$1,000.

Marissa will graduate from Dwight Township High school this month and will enter Judson University in the fall.

Jared will also graduate from Dwight Township High School this month. He will

The scholarship program originated in 1989 and is open to sons and daughters of the Dwight Division employees. Candidates are judged on honors, achievements and activities, grade point average, college entrance exam scores and an essay on goals and career aspirations.

Paige Nelson Receives Scholarship

Illinois Valley Cellular has announced the winners of this year's Scholastic Scholarship. The eight scholars were selected from more than 200 candidates nominated by 35 high schools. Each recipient will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Among the winners was Paige Nelson of Dwight.

Winners were based on the probability of academic success, dedication to school

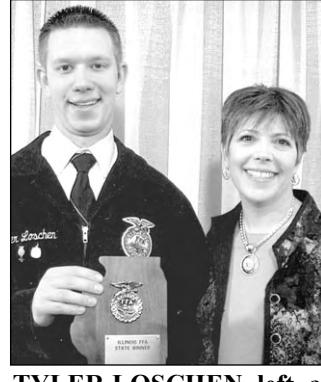


Paige Nelson

and community, motivation and high standards and an honorable character.

Thank you to all of our Family and Friends for all of the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts for our 50th wedding anniversary. Due to Jim's illness we haven't officially celebrated yet, although we will at a later date. Again, Thank you!

- Jim and Donna Cahill -



Tyler Loschen, Kempton, Wins State FFA Proficiency Award

Tyler Loschen of Kempton, a member of the Tri-Point FFA Chapter, won the State Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Award at the State FFA Proficiency Awards Day held April 4, 2009, at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Tyler is the son of Gary and Diana Loschen of Kempton. His mother is also his agriculture education instructor at Tri-Point High School.

The Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship Award is one of 50 State FFA Proficiency Awards. Five finalists from each award area had previously advanced through chapter, section and district competition.

Tyler will receive the award during the Illinois FFA State Convention, June 9 through 11, at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center, Springfield.

Selection of the state award winners is based on a personal interview as well as the size and growth of the FFA members' Supervised Agricultural Experience Program and their knowledge of the subject. The 50 state award winners were selected from more than 17,000 FFA members statewide.

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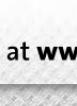


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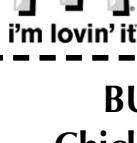


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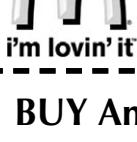


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Annual Tri-Point FFA Banquet Held April 8

The Tri-Point FFA Chapter held its annual banquet at Tri-Point High School on April 8 at 6 p.m. At the banquet, there were many degrees and awards to hand out and many thanks to be given. The theme of this year's banquet was "Blazing a Trail for a Great Tomorrow." A dinner was catered by McDonald's Restaurant from Fairbury. The state FFA reporter, Ben Arteman, addressed the group.

Members who had participated in this years CDEs (Career Development Events), contests and the top sellers in fund-raisers were given their rewards and thanked for participating. One of the bigger forms of CDEs is the livestock judging, and every year, there is a Poskin Challenge Award given to an individual who has shown great dedication and outstanding ability in livestock judging. This year's recipient was Tyler Loschen.

The first-year members are called Greenhands. They received their Greenhand Degrees and one received the Star Greenhand Degree. This year's Greenhands are Tanya Ifft, Lacey King, Jillian McMillan, Will Melton, Aaron Reid, Mathew Smicker, Jake Sherer, Samuel Sievert, Nick Stamm, Catherine Thompson, Brody Wade, Paige Warner, Larissa Zalite, Jordyn Buchenau, Kelly Steffens and Josh Nichols. The recipient of the Star Greenhand Award went to Lacey King.

Second-year members are given their Chapter Degrees, and the recipients were Lauren Bertrand, Zach Ehlers, Nathan Froelich, Kristofer Manhart, Taylor Moore, Bryan Stamm, Sabrina Wallrich and Patrick Kletter. The Chapter Star was Kristofer Manhart.

The honorary degree is given to someone who has assisted the chapter. Dr. Dan Hamilton has graciously given countless hours to work with the livestock judging team in preparation for this year. Hamilton was the recipient of the Honorary Chapter Degree.

This year, there was a first-time occurrence in the chapter when Brian Hills got the Star Farmer of Illinois at the State Convention. He then went on to be a finalist in the National Proficiency Awards and finally got the great honor of being the National Winner in Diversified Ag Production. It is the first time in Tri-Point chapter history for someone to win at the national level.

Also this year, the group will have one member gain his State Degree, and that is Edward Ehrhardt. Sara Haag will also get her American Degree this fall at the National FFA Convention.

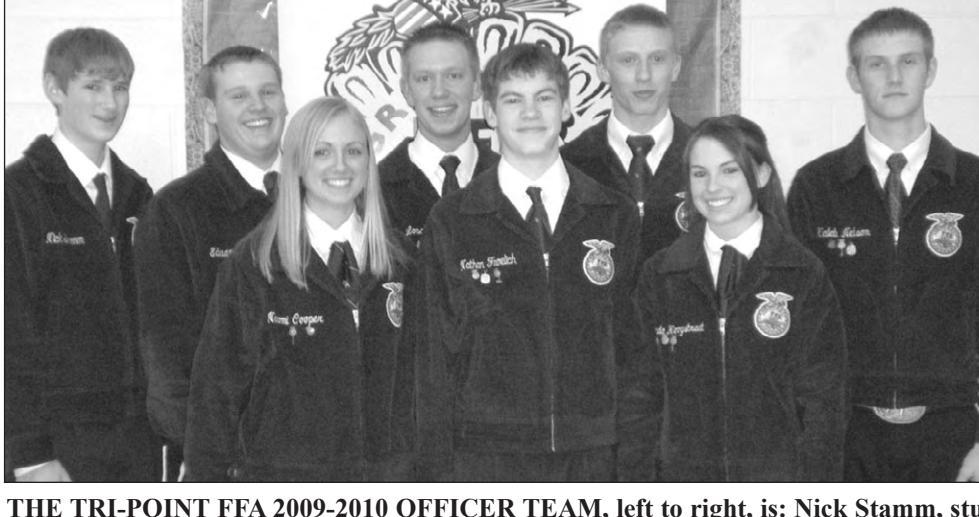
The FFA thanked many people who helped the FFA throughout the year, including donors for the foundation drive, FFA alumni, teachers, board of education and other numerous members of the community who contributed to the FFA in

many different ways.

The Chapter Workhorse Award is given to the member who has excelled on the chapter's FFA point chart, earning points for participating in FFA activities and helping out. This year's workhorse award went to Kristofer Manhart. Another very special award given in memory of Eric Tennant is the FFA Heart Award. It is given to the FFA member who shows as much heart as Eric did and has a true passion for FFA. This year's recipient was Zach Ehlers.

Eight FFA seniors and their parents were recognized, and the DeKalb award was presented. The seniors were Jake Froelich, Tim Holohan, Dylan Moore, Sarah Wright, Paige Warner, Danny Deany, Kaci Longmire and Evan Jehle. The DeKalb award goes to the senior who excels academically, in leadership and in community service in the chapter. This year's DeKalb award went to Jake Froelich.

The banquet came to a close with the installation of new officers. The new officer team is as follows: President - Tyler Loschen; Vice President - Mandy Hoogstraat; Reporter - Nathan Froelich; Secretary - Kaleb Nelson; Treasurer - Edward Ehrhardt; Sentinel - Kristofer Manhart; Historian - Naomi Cooper; Student Council Representative - Nick Stamm; and the advisor is Mrs. Diana Loschen.



THE TRI-POINT FFA 2009-2010 OFFICER TEAM, left to right, is: Nick Stamm, student council representative; Edward Ehrhardt, treasurer; Naomi Cooper, historian; Tyler Loschen, president; Nathan Froelich, reporter; Kristofer Manhart, sentinel; Mandy Hoogstraat, vice president; and Kaleb Nelson, secretary.



Above, left; Lacey King received the Star Greenhand Degree; Kristofer Manhart received the Star Chapter Award and Chapter Workhorse Award.

Above right; Poskin Challenge Award winner, Tyler Loschen

Tiger Talk Adult Book Club Meeting

The Gardner Grade School Tiger Talk Adult Book Club will meet Wednesday, June 24, at 7 p.m. at Sue Suddick's house to discuss "Almost Moon" by Alice Sebold.

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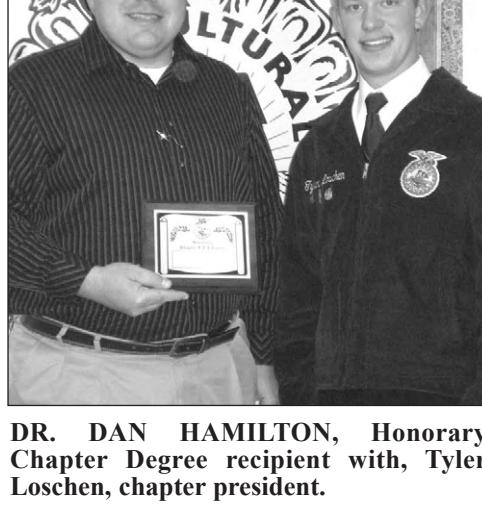
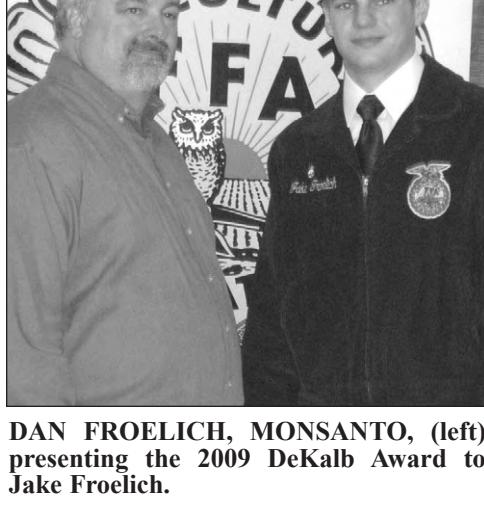
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Obituaries

C. Sue Vaughn

DWIGHT – C. Sue Vaughn, 62, of Dwight died at 11:35 a.m., Thursday, May 7, 2009, at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator.

Visitation was from 3 to 6 p.m., Sunday, May 10, at Hager Memorial Home, Dwight, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Rev. William Lepin officiated.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Sue was born April 3, 1947, in Alton to Lyle and Alice Landreth Magers. She married Ed Vaughn December 4, 1965, in Reddick at the Methodist parsonage. He survives in Dwight.

Also surviving are two daughters: Melissa (Steph) Hapke, St. Charles, MO; and Kim (Jamie) Power, Ottawa; one son, Jason Vaughn, Pontiac; a sister, Shari (Marty) Bullard, Jefferson City, MO; two brothers: Tom (Donna) Magers, Campus; and Mike (Polly) Magers, Gardner; six grandchildren: Lexi Bennett; Kaitlin, Kenzie, Kylie and Kara Power; and Kloe Vaughn; an aunt, Fran (John) Thompson; 12 nieces and 12 nephews; and her dog, Bailey.



She is preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Linda; a brother, Chuck; and a nephew, Dwayne Magers.

Sue was a retired registered nurse. She originally received her nursing diploma from Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet. She continued her education, earning her Bachelor's Degree of Nursing from St. Francis, Joliet, and her Master's Degree of Nursing at Illinois State University, Normal. Over the years, she worked at Fox Developmental Center, Livingston County Health Department, St. Mary's Hospital in Streator, St. Mary's Home Health Care, St. Mary's Adult Day Care and Mosaic of Tinley Park.

Sue was an active member of Livingston County Relay for Life. She was an avid reader and loved camping and crocheting. She enjoyed watching movies and "Wheel of Fortune."

Sue was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, a valued friend and a caring nurse.

Her love will shine down on everyone she touched. Love, Ed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to her family or The American Cancer Society.

PONTIAC – Lloyd G. Schott, 90, of Pontiac died at 4:38 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2009, at WoodRidge Supportive Living Residence in Pontiac.

Visitation was held for two hours preceding funeral services at 11 a.m. Monday, May 11, at Martin-Burke Funeral Home in Pontiac with Rev. Deiter Punt officiating.

Interment was at Camp Cemetery, rural Odell.

Lloyd was born October 18, 1918 in Pontiac, a son of Howard and Mabel Branz Schott. He attended local Pontiac schools and married Frances Dixon June 28, 1939 in Pontiac. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters: Viola (Carl) Snyder of rural Odell; Judy (Bill) DeLong of Pardeeville, WI; Mary (Brayton) Davis of Parker, CO; and Cheryl Keenan of Pontiac; three sons: Melvin (Pat)



Schott of Odell; Jimmie (Diane) Schott of Odell; and Terry (Gayle) Schott of Pontiac; 32 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; three sisters: Vera Wilson of Kentucky; Doris McDowell of Pontiac; and Mary Mason of Chenoa; three brothers: Francis Schott of Pontiac; Ellis Schott of Braidwood; and David (Judy) Schott of Pontiac; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister and six brothers.

Mr. Schott farmed and did mechanical work for many years. He loved to spend time with his family.

Lloyd was a member of First Lutheran Church of Pontiac.

Memorials may be made to Franciscan Hospice of Central Illinois or American Cancer Society.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences sent at www.martinburkefuneralhome.com

Family members of the deceased:
Please instruct the Funeral Home to fax information to:

The Paper (815) 584-2196.

Cherilyn M. Kirchner

DWIGHT – Cherilyn M. Kirchner, 66, of Dwight and formerly of Kankakee, died at 9:55 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2009 at her residence.

Cherilyn was born December 23, 1942 in Kankakee to George and Helen Marie Harris Bjick. She married Harold Kirchner October 25, 1967 in Herscher.

She is survived by one daughter, Tammy (Mark) Olsen of Ritchie; two sons, Dan Kirchner of Dwight and Robby Lee Kirchner, Germany; one brother, Jerrold

Bjick of Bradley; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two sons, James Kirchner and Randy Lee Archer.

She was retired from Schwab's Food Company, where she worked as a clerk.

Cherilyn enjoyed horses, painting, needlepoint, camping and outdoor activities.

Cremation rites were accorded.

There were no services.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Potholes in Dwight Roads Need to be Fixed

I think we need to fix the heaping and deep-as-the-ocean potholes in the roads of Dwight. The potholes have been in the Dwight roads for too long.

It seems like the worst, bumpiest, rocky road in all of Dwight is Sunset Drive. Now don't get me wrong; Sunset Drive is a very friendly street. I just moved to Sunset Drive from my old house, and let me tell you

something. I tried riding my bike when I moved in, and every few feet is was Plunk!

Wham! Boom! Kawam! And then my bike tire was flat, no joke about it.

Don't get me wrong; Dwight is a really excellent town, a fun town and so much more. So please fix the potholes in Dwight and make it an even better place.

Anna Richardson, age 11

Dwight

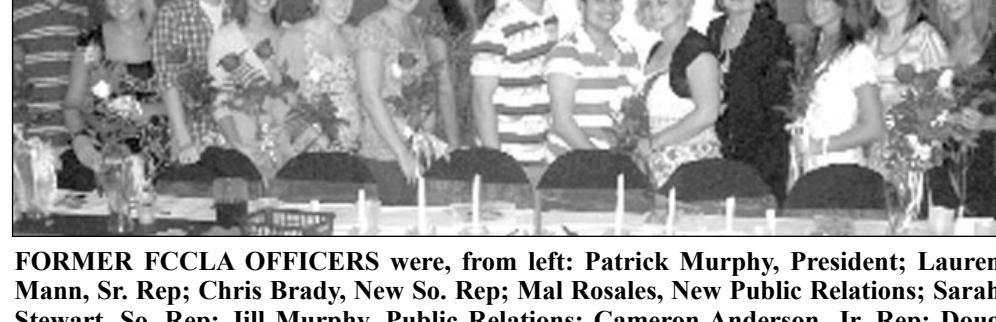
Dwight FCCLA Members Attend Awards Night

On Sunday, April 26, 92 members and their families of the Dwight Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended an Awards Night at the Dwight Country Club. They ate dinner, played games, inducted new officers and were presented with awards.

New officers inducted were President: Cameron Anderson; Vice President: Sarah Stewart; Secretary: Jill Murphy; Treasurer: Claire Elsey; Public Relations: Mallorie Rosales; Historian: Sam Rybacki; Sr. Rep: Doug Black; Jr. Rep: Anna Oelschlager; So. Rep: Chris Brady; and the Fr. Rep will be elected in the fall.

Members and chaperones who went to the State Leadership Conference in Springfield were recognized and received certificates.

The four people who were blood drive chairmen, Sarah Stewart, Cameron Anderson, Katie Goodwin and Paige Nelson, also received certificates.



FORMER FCCLA OFFICERS were, from left: Patrick Murphy, President; Lauren Mann, Sr. Rep; Chris Brady, New So. Rep; Mal Rosales, New Public Relations; Sarah Stewart, So. Rep; Jill Murphy, Public Relations; Cameron Anderson, Jr. Rep; Doug Black, Treasurer; Christina Zavala, Vice President; Katie Goodwin, Secretary; Elaine Mortensen, Advisor; Sam Rybacki, New Historian; Anna Oelschlager, Historian; and Claire Elsey, Fr. Rep.

cates. Senior members were recognized for participation.

Members with top points were given in-town gift certificates because the FCCLA wanted to show its appreciation for all of the support from the town.

The officers and Kelli Murphy surprised Mrs. Mortensen with two dozen roses. Kelli Murphy also provided some kind words for Mrs. Mortensen because

Potted plants from the DTHS greenhouse were given as door prizes. Mrs. Pfeifer put together 15 plants for the event.



SOREN JESSEN, left, presented retiring DTHS teacher and FCCLA advisor Elaine Mortensen with a memory quilt he made himself. Attending FCCLA members and families signed the quilt following the awards night April 26.

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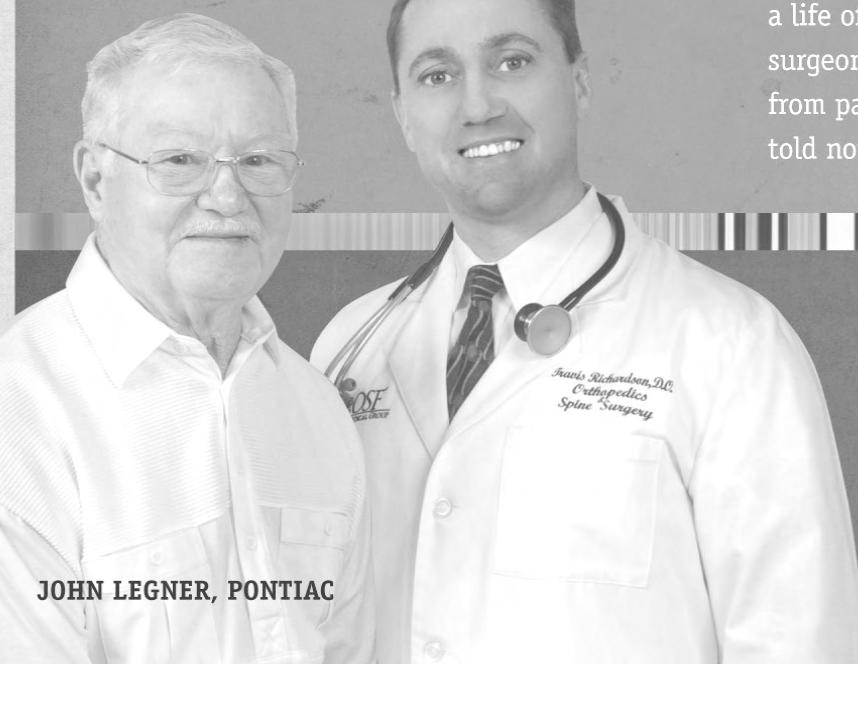
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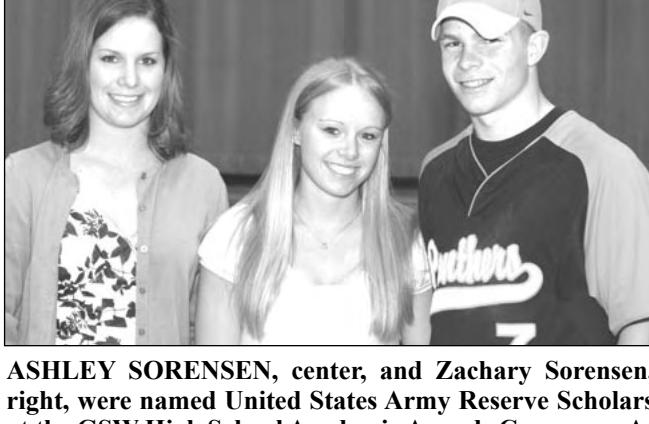
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GSW Academic Awards Night

GARDNER SOUTH WILMINGTON High School hosted its annual Academic Awards Ceremony Tuesday, May 5. During the ceremony, 151 awards were presented to students for their outstanding achievements throughout the 2008-2009 school year. Also honored were eight seniors who received 21 scholarships. Pictured above, left to right, are St. Lawrence Catholic Church Scholarship recipients Michelle Ruffatti, Julia Pfeifer and Brittany Irvin.



ASHLEY SORENSEN, center, and **Zachary Sorenson**, right, were named United States Army Reserve Scholars at the GSW High School Academic Awards Ceremony. At left is Mrs. Jennifer Kilmer.



SKILLS USA STATE COMPETITION participants from GSW High School recognized at the school's Academic Awards Ceremony were: pictured left to right, Domenic Serena, Mrs. Kim Smallwood and Sean Elens. Not pictured is Ryan Lenzie.

23 Odell Students Receive Martin Scholarships

The Marjorie J. Martin Scholarship trustees announced the recipients of the fourth Marjorie J. Martin Scholarships on May 1. The trustees awarded \$40,000 to 23 students from Odell.

Scholarships were awarded in recognition of academic and extracurricular excellence. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must live in the area currently served by the Odell Fire Protection District, Odell Public Library District or the Odell Grade School District.

The recipients for the 2009 Scholarships are:

Megan Andersen, daughter of Rick and Linda Andersen. Megan attends Heartland Community College. Kaitlin Anderson, daughter of Paul and Laura Anderson. Kaitlin plans to attend Millikin University. Natasha Barrett, daughter of Daniel and Colleen Barrett. Natasha attends Illinois State University. Colleen Burger, daughter of Michael and Susan Burger. Colleen attends Illinois State University.

Kevin Cassady, son of John and Jeanne Cassady. Kevin attends Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Amy Davis, daughter of Jim and Bonnie Davis. Amy attends the University of Illinois. Grace Dwyer, daughter of Michael and

Donna Dwyer. Grace attends Bradley University.

Michael Gall, son of John and Jan Gall. Michael plans to attend the University of Nebraska. Jill Grieff, daughter of Brad and Sue Grieff. Jill plans to attend Joliet Junior College. Lindsey Hoegger, daughter of Jim and Shari Hoegger. Lindsey plans to attend Illinois State University. Lee Hogan, son of Sheri Hogan. Lee attends Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Katherine LaBorene, daughter of Jeffrey and Susan LaBorene. Katherine attends Heartland Community College. Kathryn Legner, daughter of Frank and Nancy Legner. Kathryn plans to attend Heartland Community College. Nathan Worby, son of Nancy and Brian Verdun. Nathan plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Martin, a lifelong resident of Odell and a teacher in the Odell public schools for 32 years, died March 31, 2004. She stipulated that scholarships be granted to high school graduates seeking to continue their educations at accredited colleges or universities in the fields of liberal arts, music, science, nursing, business or engineering.

Martin was responsible for both the choral and instrumental music programs at both Odell Grade School and Odell Community High School for 32 years. In addition to her responsibilities for the music program, she also served as the faculty adviser for the yearbook for many years.

The Mazon-Verona-Kinsman ESD 2C Board of Education will hold its regular board meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the middle school library.

If the regular meeting date falls on a holiday, the board will meet the following Tuesday. Scheduled meetings that do not fall on the fourth Monday will be held on May 26, June 17 and December 14, 2009; and May 25 and June 16, 2010.

16th Annual Children's Fishing Derby

Billed as one of Godley Park District's largest youth programs, its Annual Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, June 13; registration starts at 9 a.m., with fishing starting at 10 a.m. The Derby is open to children ages 2 to 16 yrs.

Trophies will be awarded in several age brackets. There will be door prizes and lunch will be served.

Children should bring their poles and the Park will furnish bait. Pre-registration will end on May 22, but walk-ins are welcome.

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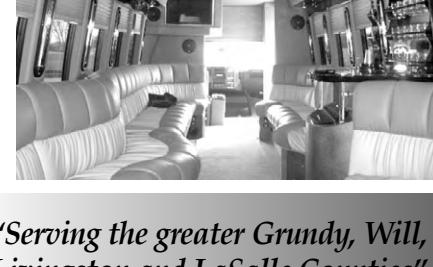
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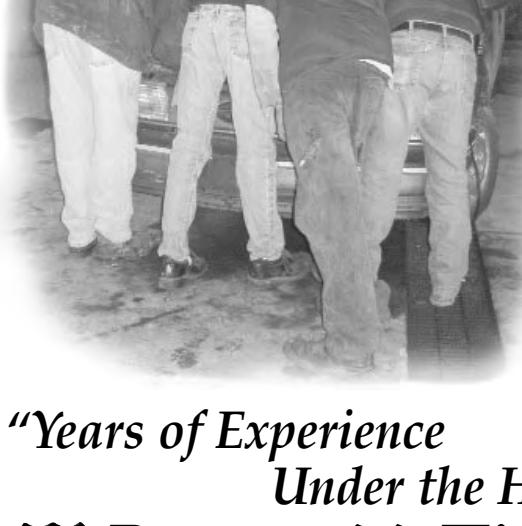
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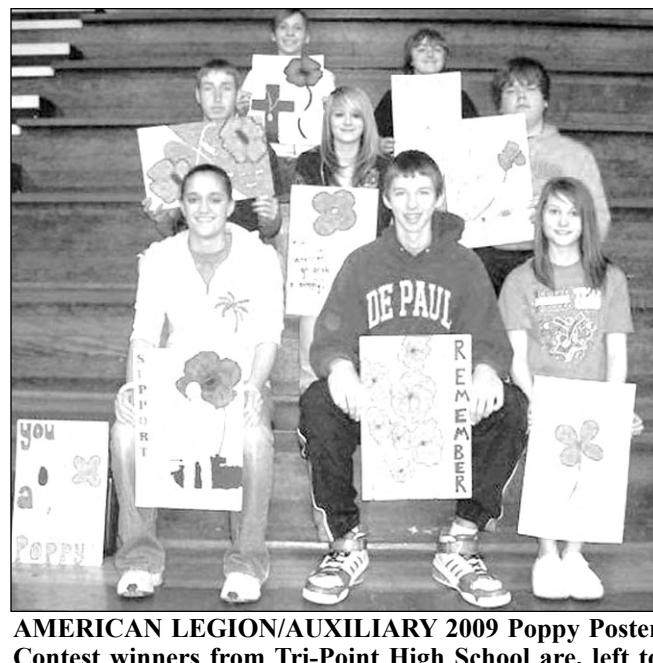
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American Legion Poppy Poster Tri-Point Winners Announced

AMERICAN LEGION/AUXILIARY 2009 Poppy Poster Contest winners from Tri-Point High School are, left to right, front row – first place winners: 11th grade, Jana Meister; 10th grade, Danny Olson; 9th grade, Nikki Nichols. Middle row – second place winners: 11th grade, Jeff Biskie; 10th grade, Kylie Clay; 9th grade, Zak Toley. Top row – third place winners: 10th grade, Lauren Bertrand; 9th grade, Damon Lee. Not pictured is 12th grade first place winner Alicia Fredericks, whose poster is displayed at the bottom left of the photo.

not, however, have to be in an art class to participate.

Posters were judged by members of Unit 122, and the first place winners were taken to Department Headquarters in Bloomington to be judged on the third Saturday in April. Winners will be notified and announced at the Department Convention in July in Springfield.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS in the "Trashformations" contest at South Wilmington Grade School are, left to right, Grace Halpin, Kylie Hawks, Austin Landry and Austin Kavanaugh.

'Trashformations' Made at South Wilmington Grade School

A recycled sculpture contest was held at the South Wilmington Grade School on April 9. Students learned a variety of ways to be creative while using recyclable materials.

First-place winners included "Polly's House," created by Grace Halpin and Kylie Hawks; "Caterpillar XL," created by Austin Landry; and "Space Alien," created by Austin Kavanaugh. The winners' art moved on to the Grundy County Annual

"Trashformations" Contest, held April 21, where Halpin and Hawk's sculpture received first place in the kindergarten-first grade team division at the county level.

Second-place finishers at South Wilmington Grade School included Kyle Peters, Niko Alvarez, Madison Jackson and Celia Barna. Taking third place were Angel Welter, Aaron Tramatulo, Cloey Neese and Lucas Residori.

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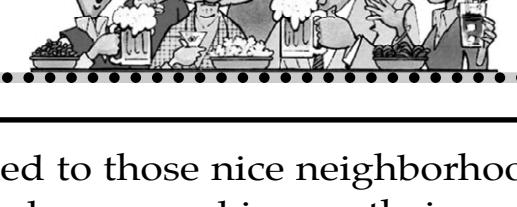
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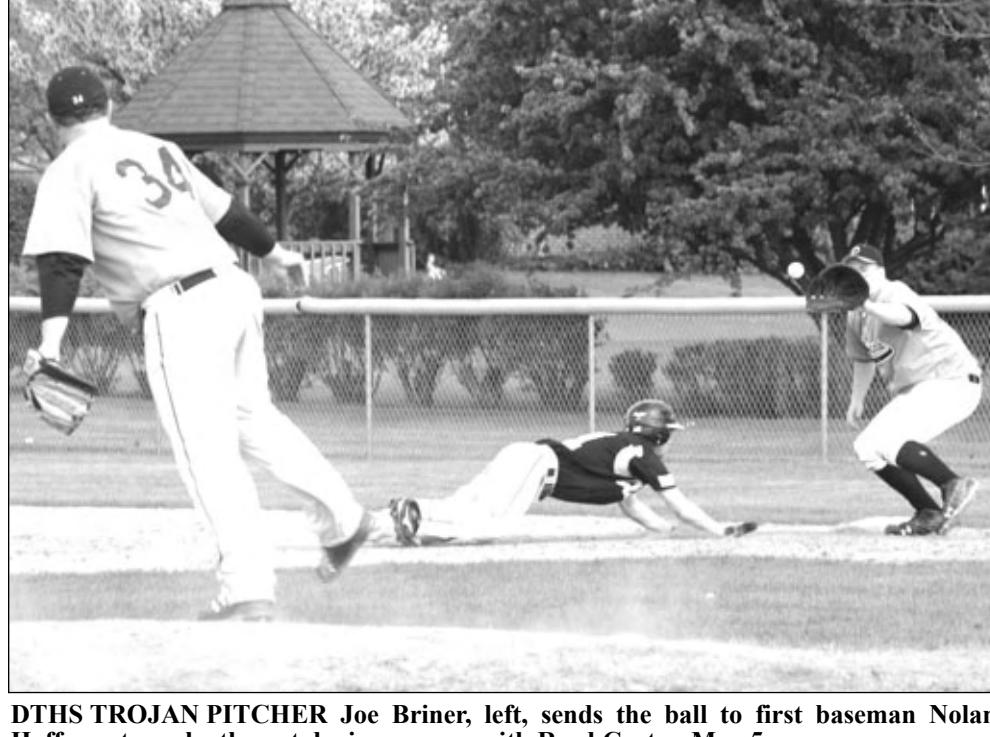
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DTHS TROJAN PITCHER Joe Briner, left, sends the ball to first baseman Nolan Hoffman to make the out during a game with Reed Custer, May 5.



DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL

May 8

Trojans vs. Seneca

The Trojans fell to Seneca, 13-5.

"Once again, the team belted out 11 hits but could not contain the offensive output of the Irish."

"Joe Briner collected three of the 11 hits with a single, double, and home run. He had one run and two RBI. Kirk Telford also delivered with three hits (two singles, one double), one run scored, and one RBI. Mike Halloran came through with a single and a double while scoring one run. Dan Grubbs had an RBI single in the second inning and scored a run on Telford's double in the seventh.

"Other Dwight players collecting hits were Blake Becker (single) and Travis Roeder (single)."

"Kyle Cahill took the loss on the mound but still managed to strike out seven bats-

ters in seven innings of work," stated Coach Kaiser.

on a fielder's choice in the second inning," stated Coach Kaiser.

May 5

Trojans vs. Reed Custer

Dwight fell to Reed-Custer 10-7.

"The Trojans knocked out 11 hits in the contest but couldn't keep the Comets from scoring four runs in the fourth and three in the sixth.

"Leading the Dwight offensive attack was Kyle Cahill who delivered with three hits and two runs scored. Joe Briner continued to swing a hot bat with two more hits including a double. Briner also scored twice in the game. Noah Trainor collected a pair of hits and had a run scored while Kirk Telford delivered with a triple, RBI, and run scored.

"Other Trojans reaching base with singles were Blake Becker, Mike Halloran, and Pete Moyemont (RBI).

Nolan Hoffman had an RBI

May 4

Trojans vs. Reed Custer

The DTHS Trojan baseball team fell to Reed Custer, 4-3.

Kyle Cahill took the loss, pitching one walk and five strikeouts.

"Cahill put the Trojans on the board in the first inning with a single to center that plated Kirk Telford. Telford had reached on a walk and stole second. Telford singled in the top of the sixth and was on base when Joe Briner tied the game at 3-3 with his sixth home run of the season. Noah Trainor and Travis Roeder each had a single in the game," stated Coach Posing.

In game two, the Panthers preyed on Donovan, 9-3.



May 6

Panthers vs. Donovan

The GSW boys' baseball team defeated Donovan, 10-0, in game one of double header play. The team improved its record to 13-6 overall and 6-0 in the conference.

Ben Crater, 6-0, picked up the win, pitching five innings, five hits, five strikeouts and no walks.

Hitting for the Panthers were: Zach Sorensen, 2-2, two runs; Matt Grimler, 2-2, two runs, RBI, two stolen bases; Mark Opyd, 2-2, one run, two RBI; Chris Irvin, 1-3, double, one run, three RBI.

"Our offense did the job again today. Ben kind of struggled today with locations but was able to make quality pitches when needed. I was happy coming out in game one strong offensively. We're kind of banged up right now, so I was pleased with the effort of the whole team," stated Coach Posing.

In game two, the Panthers preyed on Donovan, 9-3.

Josh Hall, 2-1, starter, pitched two innings, four hits, three runs, two earned runs, four strikeouts and three walks; Shane Harty, 1-1, picked up the win, pitching three innings, one hit, one walk and three strikeouts.

Hitting for the Panthers were: Hall, 3-3, one run, three RBI, two stolen bases; Matt Grimler, 2-2, three runs, RBI, two stolen bases; Ben Crater, 1-3, home run in the fourth, one run, three RBI.

"This game wasn't easy, but Ben put it out of reach with the three-run bomb in the fourth. Shane Harty did a nice job in relief, picking up the win," commented Coach Posing.

GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

May 5

Panthers vs. Watseka

The Panthers fell to Watseka, 6-3, at home.

Dane Sorensen, 0-1, took the loss, pitching 6½ innings, 10 hits, five runs, two earned runs, five strikeouts, two walks; Shane Harty, relief, ¾ inning, one run, two walks and one strikeout.

Hitting for the Panthers were: Zach Sorensen, 3-3, 3-RBI; Ben Crater, 1-2, home run, one run, two RBI.

Coach Posing commented,

"Sophomore Dane Sorensen started his first varsity game and pitched terrific. With eight games this week, I needed some young pitchers to help us out. Dane tonight and Tyler Posing last night were huge. Our defense didn't help Dane at all early. Watts for Watseka threw a nice game, but I thought our offense did some good things against him."

May 4

Panthers vs. St. Anne

The GSW boys' baseball team preyed on St. Anne, 22-0.

Tyler Posing, 1-0, picked up the win, pitching five innings, four hits, five walks and no walks.

Swinging the bats for the Panthers were: Matt

Grimler, 3-4, double, triple, three runs, six RBI; Josh Hall, 3-3, three runs, two RBI; Chris Irvin, 2-2, double, four runs, two RBI.

"With eight games in six days this week, we needed to come out and take care of business. Tyler did a great job for us, throwing a no-hitter in his first varsity start. Our offense ended the game early in the first inning, scoring 15 times," stated Coach Posing.

May 1

Panthers vs. Iroquois West

The GSW Panther baseball team defeated Iroquois West, 5-0.

Ben Crater, 5-0, picked up the win, pitching seven innings, five hits, 11 strikeouts and no walks.

Hitting for the Panthers were: Crater, 1-3, home run, one run, two RBI; Zach Sorensen, 2-2, one run; Chris Irvin, 1-2, triple, one run, two RBI.

"After not playing all week, I didn't know what to expect from my team. They came out and played a very clean game. Ben was terrific on the mound today. Our offense made adjustments and got the job done. I couldn't have been happier," stated Coach Posing.



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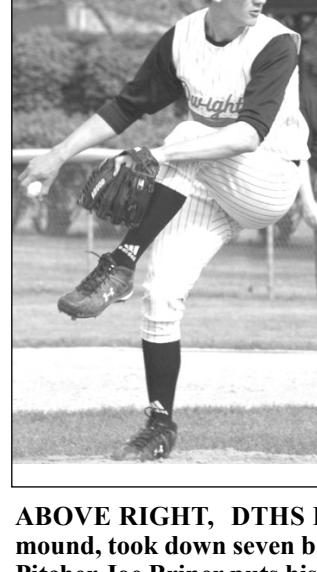
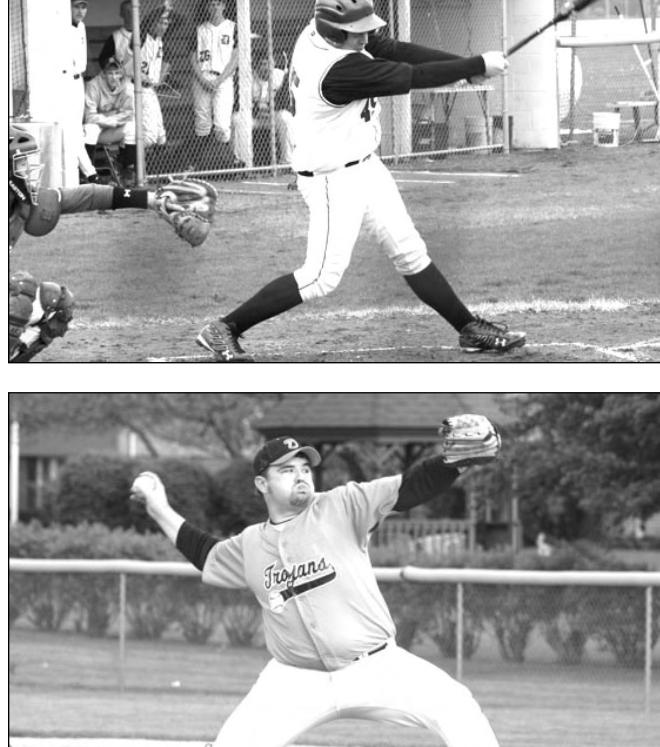
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ABOVE RIGHT, DTHS Pitcher Kyle Cahill, on the mound, took down seven batters in seven innings. LEFT: Pitcher Joe Briner puts his muscle behind this pitch. He's not only giving the heat, but he's hot with the bat, too. TOP LEFT: DTHS Trojan Nolan Hoffman has perfect form while batting against Reed Custer, May 5. DTHS Trojan Dan Hansen, CENTER, kicks up some heat while pitching.

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AMIE HOGAN, center, a DTHS volleyball player, signs a letter of intent May 7 to play volleyball for the JJC Wolves. Looking on are her parents, Paul and Tammy Hogan.

DTHS Senior Amie Hogan Signs to Play Volleyball at JJC

Dwight Township High School is proud to announce that on Thursday, May 7, standout volleyball setter Amie Hogan signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for the Joliet Junior College Wolves. JJC plays in Division III of the National Junior College Athletic Association's North Central Community College Conference.

Amie was named co-MVP for the 2008 Lady Trojans volleyball team that advanced to the Class 1A Elite 8 in 2008 and won a Class 1A Regional title in 2007. She was named to several all-area teams for averaging 8.04 assists per game while collecting 295 points on the season with a 96 percent success rate serving during her senior year.

"Amie is a coach's dream,"

said JJC Head Coach Lakisha Cameron. "She's been well-coached, has plenty of playing experience in tough and competitive situations and is a hard worker. I expect her to be a huge weapon for us this fall and help JJC volleyball go to the level it's capable of. Amie is, hands down, a gifted athlete with a lot of passion for the game. I see her making an immediate contribution this year and raising not just our team's level of play but other teams' in our conference as well. I am thrilled to have a player of Amie's caliber on this year's team!"

Amie was joined at the signing by DTHS Volleyball Coach Coreen Perschnick; her parents, Paul and Tammy Hogan; and her grandparents, Harold and Bev Lund.

DWIGHT BRONCOS BASEBALL

May 4

The Dwight 1 Bronco team defeated the Dwight 3, 14-12.

Bryce Mortensen pitched 6½ innings, picking up the win, and Connor Gantzert pitched ½ of an inning, getting the save.

Hitting for the Dwight 1 team were: Mortensen, 3-3, double and two singles; Anthony Bauer, 2-4, double and single; Gantzert, 2-3, two doubles.

May 1

The Dwight 1 Broncos galloped over Seneca 2, 8-0, in Dwight.

Shawn DeLong pitched a complete game shut-out for the win, racking up 15 strikeouts.

Hitting for the Dwight team were: DeLong, 3-3; Anthony Bauer, double; Connor Gantzert and Trevor Robison, single each.

DWIGHT XTREME SOFTBALL

May 5

The Dwight girls' 10-and-under ASA softball team defeated Prairie Central, 17-1 and 13-2, in doubleheader play.

May 2-3

The Dwight Xtreme ASA softball team took home third place in a Pontiac tournament.

On day one, the Xtreme defeated the Minonk Crush, 4-3, in an extra inning; Lincoln Way Storm, 5-4, in an extra inning; and Homer Heat, 6-3, finishing the day ranked number one.

On day two, the girls' softball team was defeated by Lincoln Way Storm, 2-1.

FAIRBURY SPEEDWAY AREA RESULTS

May 3

Modified- semi-feature two: Jim Farris, Odell, first; feature: Dave Porth, Gardner, fifth; George Aimone, Gardner, seventh; T.D. Burger, Saunemin, eighth; Jim Farris, ninth.

Sportsman- heat two: Joel Funk, Dwight, third; Andrew Funk, Dwight, fifth; feature: Joel Funk, first; Andrew Funk, third.

Street Stock- heat one: Joel Funk, third; heat three: Rick Thomas, Dwight, third; feature: Rick Thomas, third; Joel Funk, fifth.

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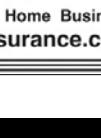
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game. Our bats were great in the first game, but we struggled a little in the second game. Only playing five innings was a big disadvantage for us in the second game, considering that we struggled in the fifth," stated Coach Lardi.

May 4 Lady Panthers vs. St. Anne

The GSW girls' softball team preyed on Donovan, 16-0, in game one of doubleheader play.

Amber Eisha, 13-3, picked up the win, pitching 13 strikeouts, one walk and three hits.

Key hitters for the Lady Panthers were: Eisha, 2-3, two doubles, two RBI, three runs; Kristen Bexson, 2-4, home run, five RBI, two runs; Kelsey Lutz, 2-3, RBI, two runs; Missy Gretz, 2-3, RBI, one run.

In game two, the Lady Panthers fell to Donovan, 2-1.

Kristen Bexson, 2-2, took the loss, pitching eight strikeouts, two walks and one hit.

Hitting for the Lady Panthers were: Ashley Sorensen, 1-2, run; Jamie Esparza, 1-2.

"Both pitchers pitched good games today, and it was a hard loss for us in the second

game. Our bats were great in the first game, but we struggled a little in the second game. Only playing five innings was a big disadvantage for us in the second game, considering that we struggled in the fifth," stated Coach Lardi.

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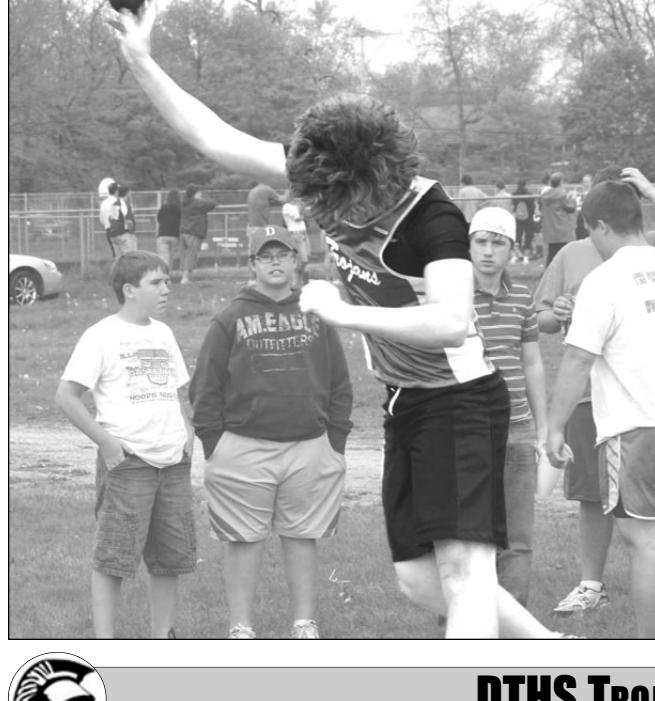


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DTHS TROJAN Alan Wade, above, hustles down the track running the third leg of the 4x800m relay. **LEFT:** John Broeksmit launches the shot for the Trojans. **TOP LEFT:** DTHS freshman Stephanie Fisher kicks down the lane running the second leg of the 4x800m relay.



DTHS TROJANS TRACK & FIELD

May 4

"The team continues to show improvement. We had many personal or season bests. The team would like to thank our seniors for all their contributions to the program. We will miss you. Our seniors are Madison Pfister, Mitch Papiese, Michelle Ruffatti, Chloe Trewartha, Brianna Vigna and Emma Wood," stated Coach Lane.

Girls: Markie Paige, shot, 23'1"; discus, 76'6", second; Brittany Soto, shot, 29'11", third; discus, 72'9", fourth; Chloe Trewartha, 100, :14.32, second; 300m hurdles, :50.14, first; Lindie McCarthy, 100m, :14.35, fourth; Sarah Beier, 100m, :15.05; 200m, :31.06; 400m, :1:14.18; Haley Residori, 200m, :28.24, first; Brianna Vigna, 400m, 1:04.69, first; Michelle Ruffatti, 400m, 1:17.69; Emma Wood, 100/110 hurdles, :19.04, second; 300m hurdles, :57.62; Alison McKinsey, 300m hurdles, :54.89, third; Jill Farrell, 800m, 3:19.64; 1600m, 8:15.16; Madison Pfister,

800m, 2:53.98, fifth; 1600m, 6:41.16, fourth; Nicole Glab, 1600m, 6:44.39, fifth; 4x800m: Glab, Stephanie Fisher, Ruffatti and McKinsey; 4x100m: McCarthy, Anna Oelschlager, Vigna and Residori; 4x200m: McCarthy, Oelschlager, Fisher and Residori; 4x400m: Fisher, Oelschlager, Ruffatti and McKinsey.

Boys: Jim Robinson, shot, 37'7", fourth; discus, 84'3", fifth; John Broeksmit, shot, 26'5"; discus, 86'1", ninth; shot, 23'10", 20th; Briana Vargo, long jump; high jump; triple jump; Chloe Trewartha, long jump, 14'6", fourth; triple jump, 32'10", first; 300m low hurdles, :49.64, third; Alison McKinsey, 100m hurdles, :19.90, 15th; 300m low hurdles, :54.74, ninth; Emma Wood, 100m hurdles, :20.25, 16th; Michelle Ruffatti, 100m, :14.85, 22nd; 200m, :31.86, 23rd; Stephanie Fisher, 100m, :14.90, 24th; 400m, :1:08.6, 15th; Madison Pfister, 3200m; Nicole Glab, 800m, 2:56.57, 13th; Brian Scoggan, 800m; Jill

Paul Gallois, 1600m, 5:16.48; Alan Wade, 1600m, 7:19.61; 4x800m: Gallois, Ferrari, Wade and Scoggan, 9:50.39, first; 4x200m: Robinson, Gage, Broeksmit and Perschnick, 2:02.10, fourth; 4x400m: Ferrari, Riccolo, Scoggan and Gage, third.

Boys: Jim Robinson, discus, 110'2", 11th; shot, 35'2", 18th; John Broeksmit, discus, 92'10", 20th; shot, 24'11", 25th; Remington Riccolo, pole vault, 11'0", third; 110m hurdles, :17.626, fifth; 300m inter. hurdles, :43.49, third; Christopher Gage, long jump, 16'3", 15th; triple jump, 35'3", ninth; 400m, 1:00.03, 20th; Jon-Paul Gallois, 3200m, 12.02.17, 11th; Scott Severson, long jump, 14'7", 19th; triple jump, 29'10", 16th; 100m hurdles, :13.39, 25th; 200m, :28.18, 21st; Sam Perschnick, 100m hurdles, :13.51, 26th; Brian Scoggan, 800m, 2:08.96, fourth; 1600m, 4:54.59, third; Alan Wade, 800m, 3:06.78, 23rd.

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May 6 Indians vs. Pekin Junior Varsity-

The JV PTHS Indians fell to Pekin, 6-3.

Singles: Doug Black vs. K. Myers, Pontiac wins, 8-2; Evan Rich vs. B. Parker, Pekin wins, 8-3; Tyler Cockerham vs. M. Tennell, Pekin wins, 8-1; Matt Trone vs. D. Felix, Pontiac wins, 9-8 (7-5); Tod Nelson vs. J. Flannigan, Pekin wins, 8-4; Aaron Boma vs. B. Stuff, Pekin wins, 8-5.

Doubles: Black and Rich vs. B. Parker and J. Flannigan, Pekin wins, 8-6; Matt Heiser and Taylor Long vs. M. Tennell and K. Myers, Pekin wins, 8-4; Tim Tjarks and Cory Finkenbinder vs. B. Stuff and D. Felix, Pontiac wins, 5-3 (rain). Varsity-

The PTHS Indian varsity challenged Pekin, no decision was decided due to a rain-out.

Singles: Tim Thomas vs. Jeremy Millan, Pekin wins, 6-2, 6-1; Chris Fairall vs.

May 5 Indians vs. LaSalle-Peru Varsity-

The varsity tennis team fell to LaSalle-Peru, 5-4.

Singles: Tim Thomas vs. Patrick Hammers, LaSalle-Peru wins, 6-0, 6-0; Ben Montalbano vs. Nick Decker, LaSalle-Peru wins,

long jump, 17'5", ninth; Ryan Redmon, triple jump, 34'1", 12th; Samuel Sievert, 3200m, 12:20.68, 12th; Matt Mogged, 110m hurdles, :19.52, ninth; 300m interm. hurdles, :48.57, 11th; David Kelley, 100m, :14.38, 27th; 200m, :30.09, 23rd; Jordan Willis, 800m, 2:21.07, 13th; Jacob Froelich, 400m, :57.16, 14th; 400m Relay: N. Froelich, Willis, Redmon and J. Froelich, :50.12, 11th; 800m Relay: Kelley, Sievert, N. Froelich and Redmon, 12th; 1600m Relay: N. Froelich, Redmon, Sievert and Willis, 3:59.78, 12th.

TRI-POINT TRACK & FIELD

May 1 Herscher Invitational

Girls: Katie Kurtenbach, discus, 69'8", 17th; 100m, :17.17, 26th; Bonnie Brewer, long jump, 12'8", 16th; 400m, 1:08.19, 10th; Whitney English, high jump, 4'8", seventh; 800m, 2:49.56, seventh; Lauren Bertrand, 100m hurdles, :18.58, 10th; 100m, :14.82, 21st; 300m low hurdles, 1:02.40, 21st; Taylor English, 400m, 1:07.79, eighth; Brooke Shelby, 1600m, 6:30.41, 13th; 1600m Relay: Bertrand, Brewer, T. English and W. English, 4:51.30, 11th. Boys: Nathan Froelich,

GSW TIGERS TRACK & FIELD

May 4

The GSW Tigers competed against MVK and Braceville, May 4.

7th grade girls: ReAnn Scoggan, 1600m, 6:42, second; Kayla Garret, 800m, 3:10, second; discus, 41'5", third; hurdles, :21.28, fifth; Mady Patten, 100m, :18.35, fourth; 800m, 3:28, fourth; Kylie King, 1600m, 7:11, fourth; Emily Hopwood, 400m, 1:43, fifth; 4x200m: Hopwood, Patten, King and Garret, 2:37, third.

8th grade girls: Chelsea Schultz, long jump, 12'11", first; hurdles, :19.65, first; 400m, 1:12, first; Miranda Faletti, 800m, 2:50, first; long jump, 11'1", third; shot, 15'6", fifth; Kaley Tilley, 800m, 3:09, second; 4x200m: Schultz, ReAnn Scoggan, Tilley and Faletti, 2:15, second.

7th grade boys: Jordan Wilkey, 1600m, 6:05, first; 200m, :34.4, fourth; Nathan Ruffatti, long jump, 11'8", second; 800m, 2:56, fourth;

Michael Mankowski, 1600m, 6:23, second; 800m, 2:55, third; Nate Seabert, shot, 16'11", fifth; Danny Housman, hurdles, :26.81, fifth; 400m, 1:19, fifth; 4x200m: Housman, Ruffatti, Scott Horrie and Mankowski, 2:28, third.

8th grade boys: Hunter Eutsey, long jump, 16'6", first; shot, 37'6", first; 1600m, 5:44, second; Austin Walsh, high jump, 5', first; hurdles, :18.18, first; 400m, 1:03, second; Dalton Wright, 1600m, 5:30, first; 400m, 1:12, first; Mirinda Faletti, 800m, 2:50, first; long jump, 11'1", third; shot, 15'6", fifth; Kaley Tilley, 800m, 3:09, second; 4x200m: Schultz, ReAnn Scoggan, Tilley and Faletti, 2:15, second.

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7th grade girls: Hannah Trainor, 100m, :14.63, third; 400m, :1:15.8, first; long jump, 12'3 1/2", fourth; Amber Curl, 1600m, 6:38.3, third; Libby Beyer, 1600m, 6:52.1, fifth; Summer Schuler, 400m, 1:18.6, second; Katrina Hayner, 800m, 2:54.4, first; Harley Ledwa, 3:15.3, fifth; Shelby Anderson, discus, 50'1", first; Emily Soto, high jump, 3'8"; Savannah Schuler, 200m, :31.69, second; Grace Twagilimana, 200m, :32.42, fifth; 4x400m: Soto, Su. Schuler, Brianna Swoke and Sa. Schuler, 5:19.2, first; 4x200m: Sa. Schuler, Su. Schuler, Swoke, Trainor, 2:15.6, third.

DTHS Athletes of the Week

Dwight Township High School is proud to recognize Remington Riccolo and Chloe Trewartha as athletes of the week.

Chloe and Rem are members of the DTHS track team and are being recognized for their efforts at the Herscher Invitational. Remington pole vaulted 11' and ran :43.49 in the 300m int. hurdles – both personal bests that earned third place in each event. Chloe was the team's leading scorer, winning the triple jump, finishing fourth in the long jump, running third in the 300m low hurdles and running on the third place 4x400m relay team.

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE - Big barn/yard sale, 30916 N. 1900 East Rd., Odell. West on Rt. 17 and south on Kinsman. Antiques, furniture, boat w/trailer, tons more! Thursday, May 14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, May 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; & Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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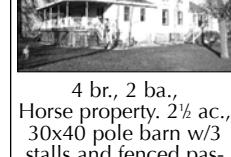
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Pastor Patricia Morton

Mission for May:

"Blanket Sunday"

May 13: 6 p.m.,

Mother and Daughter

Banquet.

May 17: 10:15 a.m.,

Worship and Dedication

of Carillon; 2 p.m.,

Heritage Manor Worship.

May 20: RSVP

"Church Basement La-

dies"; 7 p.m., Trustees.

May 24: 10:15 a.m.,

Worship and Celebrating

Graduates.

May 16: 10-11 a.m.,

Share Food Sign-up; 3:30

p.m., Church Family

Fellowship – Planting

Party and Picnic.

May 17: 8:15 a.m.,

Worship; 9:15 a.m.,

Sunday School; 10:15

a.m., Minutes Meeting;

10:30 a.m., HC Worship;

Pastor to Georgia until

May 22.

May 18: 8-9 a.m.,

Exercise; 8 p.m., AA

Meeting.

May 19: 9 a.m., Dorcas

Circle at Leila Patchett's;

Text Study; 5 p.m., Bell

Choir; 6 p.m., Fundamen-

tals of Faith.

May 20: 8-9 a.m.,

Exercise; 8:30 a.m., Time

Out with God; 5-6 p.m.,

Confirm. (Sr.); 6 p.m.,

Choir; Anna Circle; 6-

7:30 p.m., Confirm. (Jr.).

May 21: Ascension

Day; 1:30 p.m., Sarah

Circle at church – Hos-

tess: Barb Mortensen.

May 17: 8:30 a.m.,

Sunday School Breakfast

with classes following;

last day of Sunday school

until fall; 10:15 a.m.,

Worship with Holy Com-

munion; Elder's Meeting

following worship serv-

ice; 1 p.m., Voter's Meet-

ing.

SERVICES OFFERED

May 18-20: God-with-
Us Preschool.

May 20: 1 p.m., Mary
& Martha; 5:30 p.m.,
Preschool ending pro-

gram; Friday, May 22 is

the last day of classes.

May 21: 7 p.m.,

Ascension Day Service.

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May 13: 8-9 a.m.,

Exercise; 5-6:30 p.m.,

Confirm. (Sr.); 6 p.m.,

Choir; 6-7:30 p.m.,

Confirm. (Jr.).

May 17: 8-9 a.m.,

Exercise; 8 p.m., AA

Meeting.

May 20: 1-3 p.m., Set

Up for Youth/Children's

Choir; 3:05-4 p.m.,

Children's Choir; 3:05-

4:30 p.m., Jr. UMYF;

4:45 p.m., Confirmation;

6-6:30 p.m., Sr. UMYF

Praise & Prayer; 6:30

p.m., Sr. UMYF Meal; 7

p.m., Bible Warriors;

GLOW (Night Out); 8

p.m., Bible Study,

Corilyn.

May 21: 6 p.m.,

Outreach; 6:30 p.m.,

Sanctuary Choir; 7 p.m.,

Evangelism; Finance

Meeting; 8 p.m., Ad

Council.

May 14: 7 p.m., Sanct-
uary Choir.

May 16: 6 p.m.,

YAGOs - R Place, Morris.

May 17: 7:15 a.m., Set

Up for UMYF Coffee

Shop; 7:45 a.m., Sanctu-

ary Choir Rehearsal; 8

a.m., Traditional Worship

Service; 8:30-10:30 a.m.,

Coffee Shop; 9:15 a.m.,

Sunday School; Praise &

Worship Rehearsal; 10:30

a.m., Praise & Worship

Service; 5:30 p.m., Prayer

Group; 6:30 p.m., Bible

Study.

May 18: 9 a.m., Mis-

sion/Exec. Meeting.

May 19: 8:30 a.m.,

Bible Study, Karla Be-

hounek; 9 a.m., Bible

Study, Jean Voights; 6:30

p.m., Worship Commit-

tee.

May 20: 7 p.m., Wed-

nesday Evening Service

and King's Kids Program.

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May 13: 8:30 a.m.,

Pastor's Prayer & Lec-

tionary Group; 4 p.m.,

Choir practice.

May 14: 9:30 a.m.,

Morning Prayer Group;

10:30 a.m., Kerygma

Class.

May 17: 9 a.m., Sun-

day School; 10:15 a.m.,

Worship Service.

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Choir Practice.

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Pastor



VOLUNTEERS CONSTRUCT a new playground May 2 at the Livingston County 4-H Fairgrounds in Pontiac. Thirty-four volunteers including fair board members, 4-H ambassadors, 4-H parents and members of the Henry Street Horrors haunted house worked to build the new playset in one day. The fair board got a discounted playset in February and has asked all 18 4-H clubs in the county to hold a bakeless bake sale to defray the cost. The club that earns the most money will get a pizza party. Henry Street Horrors also donated the income from its 2008 haunted house toward the playground. The Playground Improvement Committee includes Bonnie Bolen, Mark Hilleary and Aaron Fox. The playground is open to the public April 1 through November 1.



NEW, EIGHT-FOOT-LONG BENCHES wait to be installed at the new 4-H playground in Pontiac on May 2. Area businesses and families donated the benches, which feature the names of the donors. The benches and one handicap-accessible picnic table are now in place at the Livingston County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Frickey for Sheriff - - -

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and supervisory certification and more than 1,800 hours of specialized training with Mobile Training Unit #8.

He began as a deputy sheriff with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department from 1979 to 1992. He has been a police officer with the City of Fairbury since 1992, taking a one-year hiatus in 1996. He was promoted to sergeant in 2003 and lieutenant in 2007 and has been the school resource officer at Prairie Central High School for three years.

In addition, Frickey is a past or current member of 14 boards and community organizations.

Frickey is married to the former Cindy Clausen. They have three children: Megan (Bryan) Fehr, Jon Frickey and Dane Frickey; and a granddaughter, Maggie Fehr. Frickey has a website, which is currently under construction, at frickey4sheriff.com. He is available to speak to groups or organizations by contacting him at 815-692-2653 or frickey2010@verizon.net

McKeever, Mortensen to Retire from Teaching at DTHS

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Barbara
McKeever



Elaine
Mortensen

Alan, will take a vacation to upper New York state in June to stay in a restored 200-year-old Shaker house; in July, she will spend three weeks in Germany. The couple is also planning a trip to the East Coast in the fall to enjoy the autumn leaves.

In addition to traveling, Mortensen plans to spend more time on her hobbies. "I will sew, garden, read, and of course, socialize and cook," she said. "I can't wait to see what God has planned for me."

Mortensen said she will miss teaching students life skills.

"When students do not think that they will like sewing or cooking, but after they do it, they decide that they do like it—I will miss experiencing the moment when they realize they can do it!" she said. "I know that learning new skills builds confidence. I love seeing the teens leave at the end of the semester with more confidence than when they started." She added that she will also miss watching students grow up during their time in high school.

A few of Mortensen's favorite memories are "connecting with the students, helping them gain confidence, learning to be leaders and working through conflicts. Getting to know the parents has been rewarding, too," she said. "Another joy is when students take your class or go on a field trip and decide that 'This is my career choice.'"

Mortensen said she will also miss laughing with the students and enjoying the funny things that happen.

"After being so involved with the students' lives, especially with FCCLA, I know it will be one of the things I will miss when I retire," she said. "I still want to use my skills and knowledge to help others."

Mortensen is a member of the National and Illinois Economic Teacher Associations and the Dwight Woman's Club. She and her husband, Alan, an employee of the Dwight Correctional Center, will continue to live in Dwight. The couple has two daughters, Marissa and Michelle; a large, white German Shepherd named Shalom; and a "black, furry, fat cat" called Bones.

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