

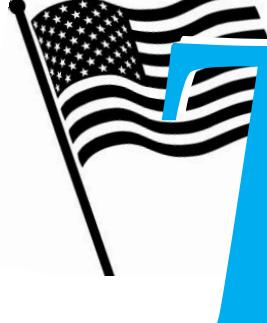
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Herscher Labor Day Celebration

The 89th annual Herscher Labor Day Celebration will be September 5 through 7. The three-day event hosts a softball tournament, parade, food, programs and entertainment. More information can be found on page 4.

Bidding Waste

Companies Question Gardner Village Board

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board opened its regular session Monday evening, August 24, with a reading of the garbage contract bids. Representatives from three contractors bidding for the contract attended the meeting, including Allied Waste, Waste Management, and the current vendor, Heartland Disposal.

Several questions concerning the bid and specifications were raised, beginning with a question concerning yard waste removal from one of the bidding contractors. The current contract does not include yard waste due to cost at the time of the bidding. Village Attorney John Bates stated he can request the bids to show prices breaking out the yard waste to show the change of cost. The bids will also include five-year and three-year proposals.

Other questions regarded size and style of garbage and (continued on page 10)

Wilkinson's mission: Trips around the world

by Sara Peters
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Many children in India wander the streets as homeless beggars, but for one month this summer a Dwight teenager helped make a difference in the lives of some of them.

Masha Wilkinson, 18, of Dwight, returned at the end of July from a month-long trip to Mumbai, India, with the Touch the World organization where she volunteered at a children's shelter.

While some students spend summer days loung-

ing around, Wilkinson has used her summer breaks to help those in need.

"I like to get involved. I don't want to waste my summer and just lay around the house the whole time," said Wilkinson, who is attending Heartland Community College in Bloomington and studying to be a social worker. "I want to get out there and do something with my summer. You see a broader perspective of life when you go on them."

Beyond India, she participated in two mission trips while still in high school. She traveled to Quito, Ecuador, for two weeks as a freshman, and last summer she spent three weeks in Belize.

In Mumbai, India, many children are turned loose to fend for themselves and some never remember having a home. They've been on the street living as beggars or prostitutes for as long as they can remember, she said.

"It's a rough and hard living in that country," Wilkinson said. "We have the security here, and they don't have anything like that there. They have to defend themselves."



MASHA WILKINSON SHOWS HER LOVE for two of the children she got to know while working with Touch the World organization this summer in Mumbai, India.

A big adjustment for those on the trip was eating traditional Indian food every day for every meal.

"Two of my team members were up all night throwing up," she said. "Their food is very spicy and you

don't really know what's in it. Everyone had diarrhea every day. Your body is not used to it at all."

While in India, the volunteers lived at the shelter with the children and jumped right into their daily routine,

waking when the children woke and sleeping on the floor in sleeping bags.

"We spent time tutoring them, and helping teach them English and showing them love that they've never (continued on page 10)

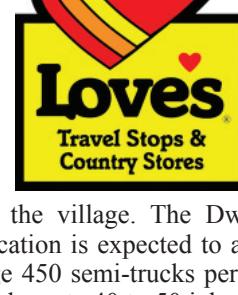
Love's Travel Stops and Top Crop Wind Farm Facility Good News for Dwight

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Dwight has been selected as the site for two significant business ventures with plans quickly moving forward following board approvals which took place at the August 24 session of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees.

Approval of the final plat of a 12-acre subdivision and a special-use permit for fueling services has allowed for a proposed Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores to proceed as planned. A variance was also approved allowing the advertising sign height for the business to extend to 102 feet.

The truck stop facility will be located north of Arby's Restaurant off of Northbook Drive and bordered by Route 47 and I-55. While projected revenue dollar figures for the Village of Dwight are not yet available, one percent of qualifying sales tax dollars comes back



to the village. The Dwight location is expected to average 450 semi-trucks per day and create 40 to 50 jobs.

"Anytime we can bring more jobs to Dwight, it is a good thing," Dwight Village Administrator Kevin McNamara told *The Paper* regarding Love's arrival.

Oklahoma based, Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores are family owned and operated with more than 200 locations in over 30 states. Along with fueling station services, the Dwight site will also offer a store and a Hardee's Restaurant.

According to its website, Love's is currently ranked number 25 on Forbes Magazine's annual list of

America's largest privately held companies.

Also receiving the green light to move forward is a wind farm facility proposal. Following deliberation by the Plan Commission where concerns were raised by an adjacent 86 acre property owner regarding whether or not the new plat would impede access to the 86 acre property, the Commission determined that other reasonable options for access were available and recommended that the board grant the Watters subdivision request.

Acting on that recommendation, the board approved the final plat for a second 20-acre addition to the Watters subdivision with one of the five acre plots to be used by Top Crop Wind Farms for a central office and maintenance facility serving the Horizon Wind Energy group. The street running through the addition will connect to Route 66

(continued on page 3).

Area Schools Welcome New Teachers and Administrators

by Meta Machulis

GARDNER GRADE SCHOOL welcomed new teachers, left to right, Holly Daggett, Betsy Hennessy, Elizabeth Hein and Mary Ashlock.

Holly Daggett of Cissna Park joins the GGS staff this year as an early childhood instructor. Daggett earned her Bachelor's in Special Education from Illinois State University, Normal, and Master's in Reading from Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais. This will be her 17th year working with early childhood students in Grundy county; she was also a

hearing impaired itinerant teacher for two years.

"I hope to provide my stu-

dents with a fun learning environment that will encourage (continued on page 8)

Capone, who had bought potato chips in other parts of the country, decided he wanted chips in his speakeasies in this part of the country.



BILL HERR, left, displays his circa 1930s Mrs. Japp's potato chip can, while his daughter, Sage, holds a more modern Jays potato chip can for comparison. Mrs. Japp's changed its name to Jays following the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Dwight Snack Distributor Adds Mrs. Japp's Can to Collection

by Meta Machulis

A Dwight man has added a piece of controversial history to his potato chip can collection.

Bill Herr of Dwight has been collecting the cans since 1997, the year after he became an independent distributor for Jays Foods, which has since been bought out by Snyder's pretzel company. Since then his collection has grown to include 87 cans of various sizes and brands.

Last year, Herr acquired a rare piece of history — a "Mrs. Japp's" potato chip can.

Herr explained that Mrs. Japp's was the original name of Jays. He said the company began in 1927 when Al

Capone, who had bought potato chips in other parts of the country, decided he wanted chips in his speakeasies in this part of the country.

He requested that the Japp family of Chicago begin supplying the chips, and the business became a success.

However, the Mrs. Japp's company changed its name to Jays in 1941 after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, the United States entered World War II, and anti-Japanese sentiment made "Japp" an undesirable word, Herr said.

He got the Mrs. Japp's can, which was probably made in the 1930s, from a friend who found it on eBay (continued on page 3)

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Aug. 20: Angel D. Angelico, 32, Streator, speeding (radar), 50/30; Rhonda M. Bruemmer, 30, Odell, in-state warrant.

Aug. 21: Noah W. Martin, 20, Coal City, obstructed windows (tint); Timothy J. Villarreal, 18, Dwight, in-state warrant.

Aug. 22: Michelle L. Sanders, 17, Bourbonnais, speeding (radar), 71/55; Kim M. Watchinski, 50, Terre Haute, IN, in-state warrant.

Aug. 23: Gregory M. Welsh, 18, Dwight, in-state warrant.

Aug. 24: Devin C. Carlton, 21, Montgomery, expired registration sticker, no valid driver's license.

Aug. 26: Michael A. Fontaine, 20, Dwight, in-

state warrant.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Aug. 20: Circle Dr., fire, mutual aid to Odell, disregarded.

Aug. 21: Bannon, medical, Morris; Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

Aug. 22: 3200 N., medical, Morris.

Aug. 24: Main, medical.

Aug. 26: Lincoln, medical, St. James.

Aug. 27: Bannon, medical, Pontiac; Prospect, medical, Streator.

4 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Expired registration sticker, 1; obstructed windows (tint), 2; only one red taillight, 1.

Temps - 2009

Aug. 19 - high 79°, low 59°
.87" precip.

Aug. 20 - high 77°, low 59°

Aug. 21 - high 74°, low 53°

Aug. 22 - high 71°, low 53°

Aug. 23 - high 74°, low 52°

Aug. 24 - high 78°, low 53°

Aug. 25 - high 80°, low 54°

One Year Ago - Sept. 2, 2008

high 91°, low 60°

.10" precip.

Blood Drive in Saunemin September 10

Labor Day marks the traditional end to summer, but the need for blood continues year-round. The American Red Cross thanks the dedicated blood donors whose donations helped maintain a stable blood supply during the difficult summer months and reminds eligible individuals that the need for blood is constant.

Area residents will soon have the opportunity to donate when a blood drive is held Thursday, September 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Saunemin Community Building. To make an appointment, call Karen Kohlmeier at 815-832-4403.

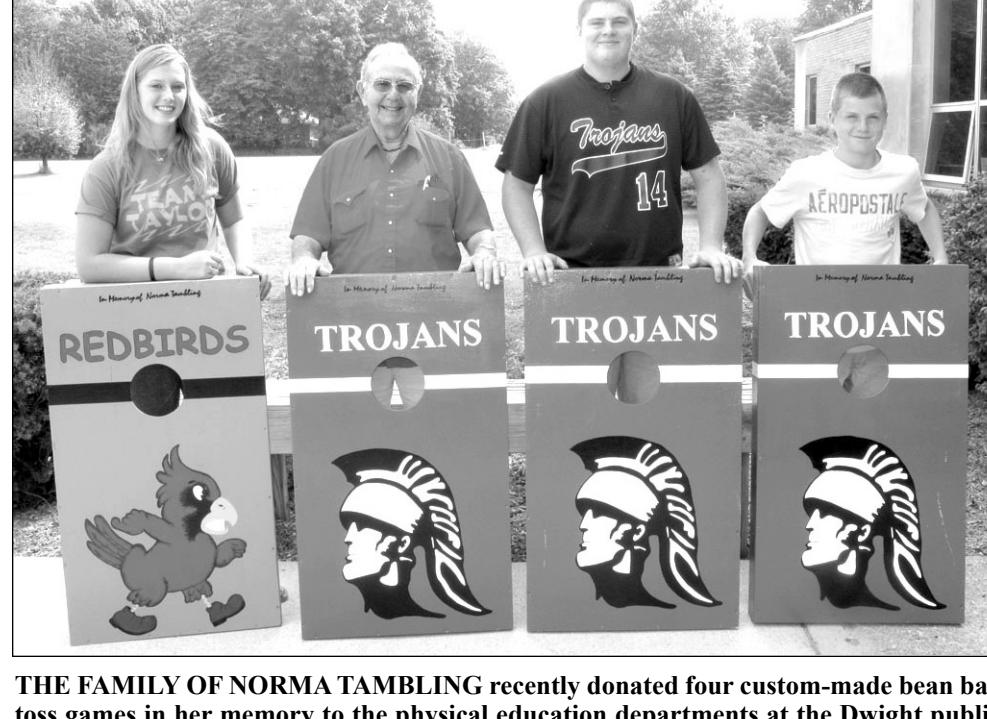
Duplicate Bridge Results

The results of the duplicate bridge game played August 27 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center are:

North-South: first, Janet Kresl/Marge Mueller; second, Lee Fuerstenberg/Delores Slattery; third, Dorothy Christenson/Mary Lou Carter.

East-West: first, Janyce Gross/June Miller; second, Erna Andrews/Leila Patchett; third, Norma Houck/Darlene Drechsel.

The next game will be played at the senior center on Thursday, September 10.



THE FAMILY OF NORMA TAMBLING recently donated four custom-made bean bag toss games in her memory to the physical education departments at the Dwight public schools. Two games went to the high school and two to the grade school. Pictured with the games, left to right, are Norma's granddaughter, Chaney Tambling; husband, Lyle Tambling; and grandsons, Nolan and Lane Hoffman. Norma, who spent many years as the Dwight School District Superintendent's secretary, passed away last March.

World War II Museum to Visit Herscher

The "Traces" World War II Museum will be set up during the Labor Day weekend in Herscher.

The museum is located in a modified bus that has a 21-seat theater. Its focus is the German prisoners of war who were held in the Midwest.

During the war, the Midwest was home to approximately 250 POW camps. Of the 380,000 Germans imprisoned across America during World War II, tens of thousands were held in the Midwest. These prisoners embody timeless themes of war and peace, justice during times of war, human rights, international reconciliation and lessons for future conflicts.

The mobile museum will be open in Village Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, September 6, and Monday, September 7.



BARB AND JOE IMHOFF offer garden produce and baked and canned goods at Dwight Main Street Farmer's Markets. Assorted jams and jellies are available for tasting so you can choose your favorite before buying. Pickles and relish are also available. Markets are held every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon in the East Main Street parking lot. New vendors are always welcome.

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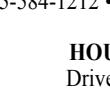
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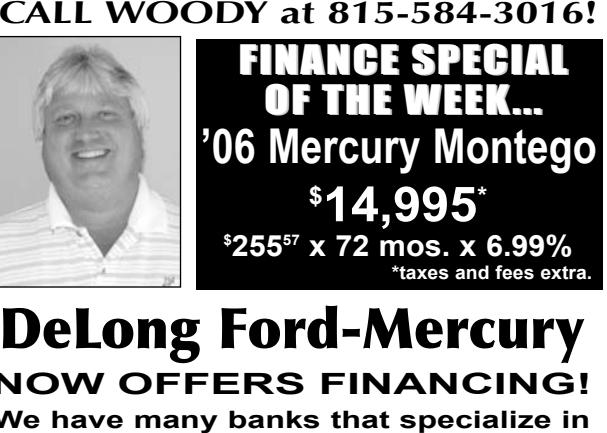
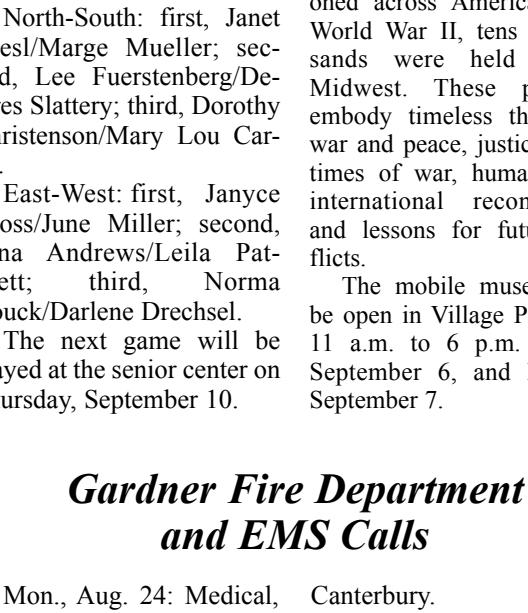
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Dwight Snack Distributor Adds Mrs. Japp's Can to Collection

(continued from page 1) for \$140. Among the many other brands represented in his collection are Saratoga, the first potato chip company; Tri-Mee, a company that was based in Peoria; and Herr's, an Eastern U.S. company that shares his last name. Other unique brand names include "Humpty Dumpty" and "Chesty."

"What's kind of sad about it is the majority of these companies are out of business," Herr said.

He said the oldest cans can be easily recognized because they do not have a UPC bar code label.

Herr said about 90 percent of his chip cans were found by friends Esther and the late Bob Krug.



MIKE THOMAS, left, chef at The Country Mansion in Dwight, stands with visiting German Chef Siegfried Loock near the restaurant's sign.

Country Mansion Chef Welcomes Siegfried Loock

Siegfried Loock, who helped manage a restaurant/bistro in East Berlin before the fall of the Berlin Wall and for several years after German unification, was in Dwight recently visiting friends Girard and Jean Steichen Loock, who is also a retired chemist and energy planner, shared several of his traditional German recipes with Country Mansion Chef Mike Thomas.

Siegfried's Berlin bistro, Zum Tresen, was located minutes from Checkpoint Charlie and was one of the most popular pubs in East Berlin, with patrons ranging from factory workers and taxi drivers to artists and members of Berlin's theater and university communities.

When not sharing recipes in Dwight or visiting his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter in Grand Junction, Colorado, Loock volunteers in community projects and tends to his garden in Reichenbach, a town in southeastern Germany.

GLCEDC Launches Website Providing Community Info

The Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council (GLCEDC) would like to announce the launch of its website: www.glcdec.org

The website provides quality information for both longtime residents and those looking to move to the area. Business assistance is provided for both existing businesses and to those thinking of opening a business.

Executive Committee Chairman Mike Stoecklin commented, "One of our many goals is to become a sort of one-stop-shop for information in regards to the offerings that our county and its communities can provide, and this site is already providing some of that information. As with many things, our website will be an ongoing process. We will continue to tweak, edit and compile pertinent information, as we need to and as we should do. We will continue to work with our investors and local communities to address the needs and wants of our site."

Community demographic information, as well as sites and buildings for sale or lease, are listed on the website. Entrepreneurs will find information on developing a work plan, finding funding sources, training and networking. Links to area chambers of commerce, school systems, utilities and opportunities for workforce

development are available for residents. Members and future members of GLCEDC will also find information about membership benefits, membership applications, and committee activities.

Check out the GLCEDC news section on the home page for upcoming GLCEDC events.

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RR Donnelley Dwight Retirees to Gather September 12

by Madelyn Fogarty

Retirees of RR Donnelley Dwight Manufacturing Division will soon have an opportunity to reunite and rekindle friendships while sharing memories. A picnic for the Dwight RRD retirees will be held at the Odell Pool Park on September 12 at noon. Organizers of the event are Skinner and Margie DeMarse, Steve Day, Harold LePard and Eileen Hitchcock.

According to Hitchcock, organizers are hoping to have the casual gathering annually in September. Earlier this year, the group held preliminary picnic in May with 63 retired employees and guests in attendance. The upcoming event is open to anyone who has retired from the Dwight facility or is expecting to retire in the near future. There is a \$2.50 per

person charge to cover current and future expenses, and those planning to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass, beverages and lawn chairs. Discussion will take place regarding other possible events, such as monthly or quarterly breakfasts, and officers for the group will be elected.

RR Donnelley, the world's premier provider of integrated printing solutions, opened its Dwight plant in 1968 with a large number of area employees completing their careers while employed at the Dwight facility. An integral part of the community, two past employees have served as Dwight's mayor and several others have held positions on Dwight and area village and school boards.

For more information, please contact Eileen Hitchcock at 815-584-5142.

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Love's Travel Stops and Top Crop Wind Farm Facility Good News for Dwight — —

(continued from page 1). Horizon operates the LaSalle County wind farms. Dwight was selected as their office and maintenance facility site due to its central location as Horizon is expected to expand into Grundy and Livingston counties. The Dwight site will employ 40 to 60 people.

Groundbreaking for both Love's Travel Stops and the Top Crop Wind Farm facility are expected this fall.

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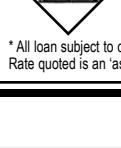
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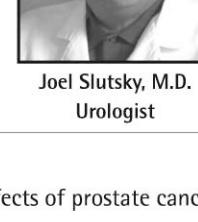
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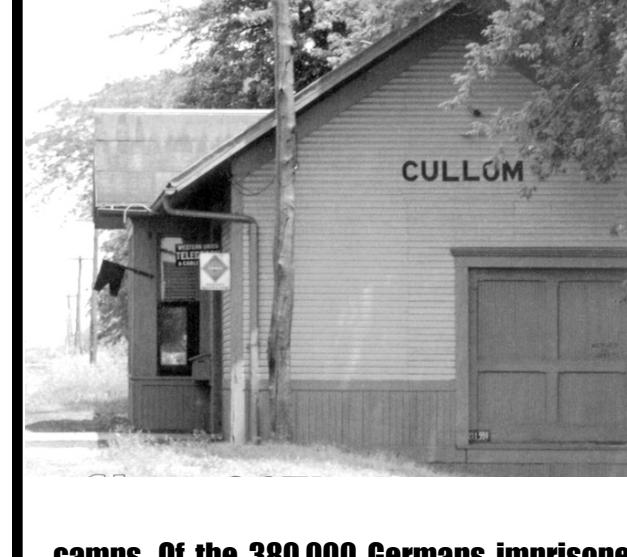
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The exhibit is free to the public.

Herscher's 89th Labor Day Celebration

Saturday, September 5, through Monday, September 7

Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 5

- 5 p.m. - Beer Stand Opens with 'The Hooligans'
- 6 p.m. - Fifth Annual Co-Ed 16-Inch Softball Tournament

Sunday, September 6

- 10 a.m. - Fifth Annual Co-Ed 16-Inch Softball Tournament
- 11 a.m.-6 p.m. - TRACES World War II Museum
"Held in the Heartland" German POWs in the Midwest 1943-46 Village Park
- 12 - 11 p.m. - Beer Stand Opens with 'On the Rocks'
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Herscher Area Historical Society Presents: "Railroads of County West," at Village Hall.

Sunday, September 6 continued

- CARNIVAL OPENS- hours to be determined
- 6 p.m. - 28th Annual Herscher Hare and Tortoise Race 5k-run and 2-mile fun walk. Starts at Village Park.

Monday, September 7

- 9 a.m. - Arts and Crafts Show State Bank of Herscher Parking Lot
- 10:30 a.m. - Grand Parade with Parade Marshal Paul Lund
- 11 a.m.-6 p.m. - TRACES World War II Museum
"Held in the Heartland" German POWs in the Midwest 1943-46 Village Park
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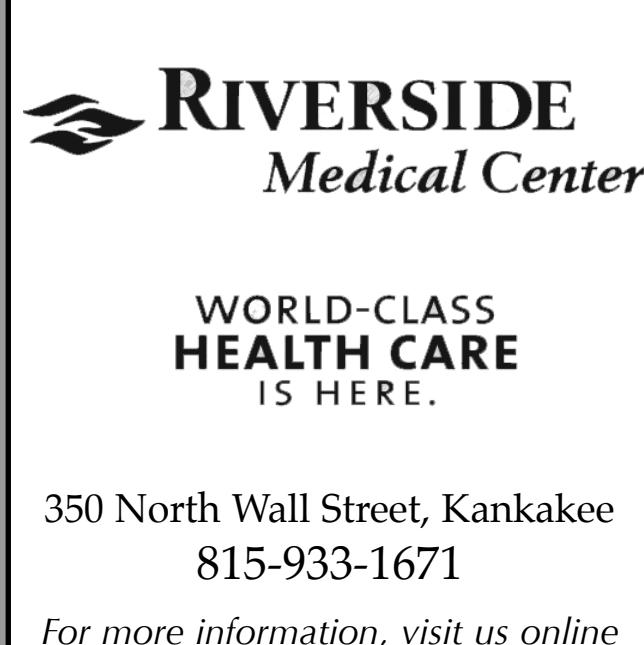
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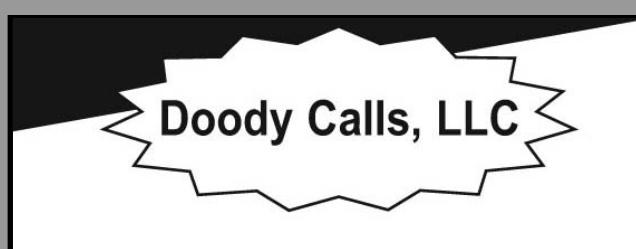
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Schedule of Events

Monday, September 7 continued

- 11:30 a.m. - Grand Dinner served at Herscher High School Cafeteria by Herscher United Methodist Church. Barbeque Chicken, Potato, Salad, Drink and Dessert will be served.
- 12 p.m. - Fifth Annual Co-Ed 16-Inch Softball Tournament
- 12 - 10 p.m. - Beer Stand Open
- 1 p.m. - Bean Bag Tournament after parade; Kiddie Tractor Pull Village Park; Herscher High School Marching Band on stage Village Park; Herscher Fire Department Activities: Water Wars Herscher Christian Church Parking Lot, Dunk Tank and Fire Safety House.
- 1 - 4 p.m. - Bingo Legion Community Center

- 1:30 p.m. - Sinatra Memories with Crystal Gamez Village Park
- 2:15 p.m. - Herscher Junior High Band on stage Village Park
- 3 p.m. - 'American Pie' Randy & Kathy Burris '50s and '60s Rock 'N Roll on stage Village Park
- 3:45 p.m. - Herscher High School Jazz Band on stage Village Park
- 4 p.m. - Punt, Pass and Kick Village Park
- 4:30 p.m. - 'American Pie' Randy & Kathy Burris '50s and '60s Rock 'N Roll on stage Village Park
- 5:15 p.m. - Paula Aubry School of Dance Presents: Kankakee Kompany and Kankakee Kompany 2 on stage Village Park
- 5:45 p.m. - Spirit of Illinois Barbershop Chorus on stage Village Park
- 6:30 p.m. - Annual Local Talent Show Village Park

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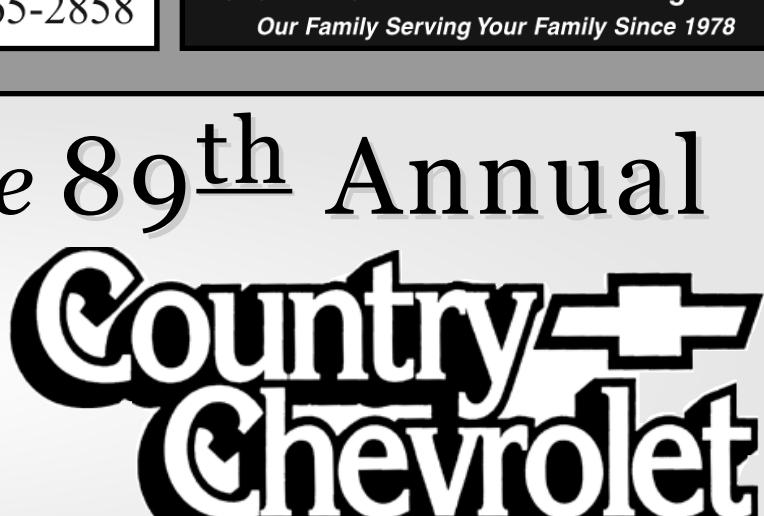
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Karson Michael Finn

A boy!

Michael and Jeanna Finn of Morris are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Karson Michael Finn.

Karson was born July 14, 2009 at Morris Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and was 20½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ben and Debbie Trusty of South Wilmington. Paternal grandparents are Matt and Tami Finn of South Wilmington and John and Dorinda Triner of Coal City. All are first-time grandparents.

Maternal great-grandmothers are Carol Bruck and Patricia McClean of Momence. Paternal great-grandmothers are Charlotte Finn of South Wilmington, Janice Tambling of Gardner and Judy Pate of Coal City.

Karson also has four aunts, Sara and Jill Trusty, Mallory Finn and Emily Triner; and two uncles, Brian Finn and Ben Trusty.

Odell All-town Garage Sales October 2-3

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Carson David Sandeno & Claire Julieann Sandeno

Twins!

Joel and Erica (Bryant) Sandeno of Dwight announce the birth of their twins, Carson David and Claire Julieann Sandeno, born Thursday, August 6, 2009 at Rush Copley Medical Center, Aurora.

Carson was born at 9:26 a.m. He weighed five pounds, 13 ounces and was 18½ inches long.

Claire was born at 9:27 a.m. She weighed five pounds, six ounces and was 18½ inches long.

They were welcomed by their big brother, Evan Amos Sandeno.

Maternal grandparents are Julie Wicks of Compton and Rick Bryant of Seneca. Paternal grandparents are David and Karen Sandeno of Morris. Paternal great-grandmother is Fran Howard of Dwight.



Grace Ann Richie

A girl!
Grace Ann Richie was born July 15, 2009. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

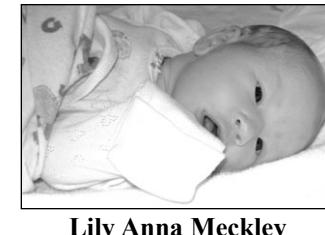
Her parents Paul and Heather of Kempton; big brother Glen; grandparents Mark and Sue Richie of Cabery, Jon and Linda Price of Bonfield, and Randy and Holly Clapp of Kempton, and great-grandparents Roy Clapp of Cabery and Lou Hendricks of Kankakee are excited for the new addition to their family.

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Lily Anna Meckley

A girl!

Lily Anna Meckley was born Sunday, August 9, at 3:43 a.m. to Rob and Rachel Meckley of Heyworth. She weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Lyle and Sheryl Landstrom of Goreville, Robin and Lisa Meckley of Dwight and Linda Walters of Hollidaysburg, PA.

Great-grandparents are Burl and Shirley Lucus of Dwight; Charlotte Schade of San Diego, CA; Don and Vada Meckley of Westover, PA; and Glen Hennigh of Spring Mills, PA.



Laura Myers and Timothy Williams

Laura Myers Engaged to Timothy Williams

James and Christine Myers of Ransom are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Myers, to Timothy Williams, son of Paul and Judy Williams of Laramie, Wyoming.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Dwight Township High School and received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Creighton University in May 2009.

The prospective groom is a 2005 graduate of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and a 2009 Doctor of Physical Therapy graduate of Creighton University.

Laura and Timothy are both currently employed as physical therapists at Gottsche Rehab Center in Thermopolis, Wyoming.

The couple will be married October 31, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight.

Dwight Brownie Troop Meetings to Begin Sept. 14

Dwight Brownie Troop #1181 meetings will begin Monday, September 14, at the Dwight United Methodist Church. Meetings will be on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m.

Second- and third-grade girls are eligible and welcome to join in this active troop. Anyone interested may call Alicia Daly at 815-584-9884 for registration information.

Dwight Woman's Club to Hold Opening Dinner September 15

The Dwight Woman's Club will hold its opening dinner Tuesday, September 15, at the home of Jim and Marcia Drach. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30.

The Tea Ladies, Inc. – Nancy Perzo and Karen Patton from Bloomington – will present a new program written especially to showcase 19 beautiful vintage and current wedding gowns on loan from ladies in Dwight and surrounding communities. Gowns from the 1930s through the year 2005 will be modeled by DTHS cheerleaders. Weather permitting, the style show will be held in the backyard. There will be a few bridal gowns on display from the 1900s.

The Dwight Woman's Club is always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining may attend the opening dinner. Call Jan Schreiner at 815-584-2153 for reservations.

The Woman's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month from September through April at 7 p.m. at the Prairie Creek Library. The club helps with civic improvements in Dwight and with scholarships to any DTHS student who has met the criteria. The club's main source of fund-raising is the Christmas Housewalk, which will be held in December 2010. This year, the club will hold a program about "The Titanic" as a fund-raiser at the Dwight Country Club. The last meal served on the Titanic will be served at the event, and participants will learn about some of the passengers who were aboard that tragic night.

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- Sept. 2 Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Essex Lions Hall, Doors open at 5 p.m.
- Sept. 3 GLCEDC Business After Hours, 5-6:30 p.m., Country Mansion
- Sept. 4-5 Dwight All-Town Garage Sales
- Sept. 5 Main Street Market, Downtown Dwight, 8 a.m.-Noon
- Sept. 6 Hare & Tortoise Race, 6 p.m., Village Park, Herscher
- Sept. 9 Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Essex Lions Hall, Doors open at 5 p.m.
- Sept. 10 Bunco, 7 p.m., St. Pat's Parish Hall, Dwight, 28 and over
- Sept. 11-12 Chatsworth Townwide Garage Sales
- Sept. 12 Main Street/Kid's Market, Dwight, 8 a.m.-Noon
- Sept. 13 Gardner Lions Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m.-Noon, Am. Legion
- Sept. 16 Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Essex Lions Hall, Doors open at 5 p.m.
- Sept. 18-20 Dwight Harvest Days
- Sept. 20 St. Paul Booster Breakfast, St. Pat's Hall, Dwight, 8 a.m.-Noon
- Sept. 22 "A Night Out" in Gardner, businesses open 5-8 p.m.
- Sept. 23 Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Essex Lions Hall, Doors open at 5 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Chicken Wing & Spaghetti Dinner, Dwight VFW, 5-8 p.m.
- Sept. 26 Volunteer Downtown Clean-up, Dwight, 8 a.m.
- Sept. 26 Main Street Market, Downtown Dwight, 8 a.m.-Noon
- Sept. 27 Clinton Apple 'n Pork Festival, Godley Park Dist., Reg. by 8/29
- Sept. 30 Bingo, 6:30 p.m., Essex Lions Hall, Doors open at 5 p.m.
- Oct. 3 Main Street Market, Downtown Dwight, 8 a.m.-Noon
- Oct. 4 Gardner Lions Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m.-Noon, Am. Legion
- Oct. 4 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment, 5-6 p.m., Country Mansion
- Oct. 25 Essex Historical Society Open House, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Chicken Wing & Spaghetti Dinner, Dwight VFW, 5-8 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Volunteer Downtown Clean-up, Dwight, 8 a.m.
- Nov. 10 "The Titanic", fund-raiser for Dwight Woman's Club
- Nov. 13 Chicken Wing & Spaghetti Dinner, Dwight VFW, 5-8 p.m.

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Thursday, September 3

10 a.m. - Opening Ceremony
 11 a.m. - Saw Mill, Threshing
 Noon Whistle - Dinner
 12:45 p.m. - Rock Crushing
 1 p.m. - Threshing
 2 p.m. - Saw Mill
 3 p.m. - Baling

Friday, September 4

10 a.m. - Sheep Shearing, Champaign/Urbana Spinners
 10:30 a.m. - Saw Mill
 11 a.m. - Sheep Shearing
 11:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet Abe & Mary Lincoln
 Noon Whistle - Dinner
 12:45 p.m. - Rock Crushing
 1 p.m. - Parade of Power, Sheep Shearing
 1:30 p.m. - Saw Mill, Threshing
 2 p.m. - Baling
 3 p.m. - Bingo
 7 p.m. - I.T.P.A. Sanction, Antique Tractor Pull, Fun Tractor Pull members only, Mini Rod Pull-1,800 lb.
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Saturday, September 5

8:30 a.m. - Country Tractor Drive
 10 a.m. - Open Horse Show
 10:30 a.m. - Saw Mill, Pedal Tractor Pull
 Red Hot Kids On the Go (gymnastics)
 11:30 a.m. - Ron Lighty with "Jason"-Ventriloquist, Threshing
 12:45 p.m. - Rock Crushing
 1 p.m. - Parade of Power, Saw Mill, Nostalgics
 1:30 p.m. - Threshermen Olympics
 2 p.m. - Pedal Tractor Pull
 4 p.m. - Threshing, Baling
 6 p.m. - Draft Horse Pull
 7 p.m. - "Cattle Bandits" Country Music

Sunday, September 6

ALL DAY
 Antique Car & Truck Display
 9 a.m. - Church
 10 a.m. - Saw Mill, Holy Cow Garden Tractor Pull
 11:30 a.m. - John Deere History, Baling
 Noon Whistle - Dinner

Sunday, September 6 cont'd

1:15 p.m. - Threshermen's Parade
 Downtown Pontiac, Baling
 1:30 p.m. - "The King Family" Gospel Music
 2 p.m. Saw Mill
 3:30 p.m. - Baling
 4:30 p.m. - Saw Mill
 5 p.m. - I.T.P.A. Sanction, Tractor/Semi Truck Pull 9,000/12,000 lb.
 FS Tractors and Semi Trucks
 6:45 p.m. - "Silver Wings" Old & New Country Music

Monday, September 7

9 a.m. - Tractor Pull members only
 10 a.m. - Saw Mill
 10:30 a.m. - Threshing
 11 a.m. - Gaming/Fun, Horse Show
 Noon Whistle - Dinner
 1 p.m. - Saw Mill
 1:30 p.m. - Parade of Power
 2 p.m. - Threshing
 2:30 p.m. - Baling
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them to meet their goals and dreams," she said.

Daggett and her husband, Scott, have three children who attend MVK schools. She said her ideal day would be spent reading on her back porch.

Mary Ashlock begins this year as a Title I/Response to Intervention/Library Director. She received her education in early childhood and elementary education from Illinois College in Jacksonville. She has previously taught kindergarten and first grade in the Streator, DePue and Pontiac school districts.

"I want to get to know as many students as possible and help them be successful, achieve their goals and enjoy school," she said of her goals for this school year.

Ashlock lives in Streator with her husband and daughter. She enjoys reading, music and scrapbooking. Ashlock grew up in Flanagan and said "It feels great to be back in a small, close-knit community."

Betsy Hennessy of Gardner joins the GGS faculty full-time this year as a second grade teacher. Hennessy, who received her Bachelor's in Elementary Education from the University of St. Francis, has been a substitute teacher at GGS for several years and finished the previous school year as a kindergarten teacher.

"This year, I am looking forward to creating an environment for my second graders that is filled with fun and exciting learning experiences," Hennessy said.

She has been married to Bryan for eight years, and the couple has two young daughters. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, taking pictures, and spending time with her family and friends.

Elizabeth Hein is a new special education teacher for kindergarten through eighth grade. She is from Huntsville, Alabama and earned her bachelor's in Education Psychology from Mississippi State in 2002, her Master's in Special Education from Indiana University Northwest in 2006 and her Master's in Educational Leadership from Western New Mexico University in 2009. She has six years of experience as a special education teacher — three in Indiana and three in New Mexico.

Other new GGS teachers this year are kindergarten aide Carrie Volkman and special education teacher Laura Cuchara.

Gardner South Wilmington High School

Stephanie Pasek, 23, replaces Ben Wittenkeller in the science department as a biology and agriculture teacher. Pasek hails from Tinley Park and received her education at Andrew High School and Hope College in Holland, Mich., where she majored in biology education with a minor in math education. This is her first teaching job.

Michelle Scaccia takes over English for Ms. Pickett, as she has moved to the Special Education department. Scaccia is from Tinley Park and earned her Bachelor of Art in Secondary Education from Governors State University and Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She will begin working toward her Master's in English in January.

She previously taught English at Reed Custer High School, Braidwood.

"I love being in the classroom and teaching students — I can't imagine doing anything else the rest of my life," she said. "My goals for the school year are to get to know my students and their families and to do my best to ensure that everyone achieves their goals for this year."

Scaccia has a husband, Brian, and a step-daughter, Taylor, as well as a dog and three cats. She also teaches dance classes at Finale Studio in Wilmington.

In addition, Mary Bedlinger replaces Molly Schrishuhn in the special education department at GSWHS, and Carrie Claudnic is the new head volleyball coach. Tiffany Berger joins the staff this year, replacing Christine Anderson as guidance counselor secretary.

South Wilmington Grade School

The school has a new principal this year, Cynthia Christensen. A graduate of Gardner South Wilmington High School, she resides in Gardner and earned her Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from the College of St. Francis, Joliet, and her Master's of Education in educational leadership from Illinois State University, Normal. For the past six years, she was principal at MVK Elementary School for pre-K through fourth grade. She has also taught in Morris District #54, Wilmington Middle School and the University of St. Francis.

"I like to watch and participate in outdoor and indoor sports. I am a big Bears and

becoming an administrator at South Wilmington Grade School.

I have always admired and respected the quality of education that students receive at a small school such as SWGS and look forward to working with students, staff and parents to ensure that students at SWGS get the highest quality of education possible," she said, adding, "I have always believed in lifelong learning. As the year starts, I will also be returning to school to pursue a higher degree. During my years in education, I have always believed that I have learned much from my students and staff and am excited to be able to share my experiences with a new staff teacher and para-professional.

Christensen is married to Denny and the couple has four adult children and four grandchildren with another on the way.

Beth Tobolsky of Mazon also joins the faculty as a second grade teacher. Tobolsky has her Master's in Education and has been teaching for more than nine years, including as an early childhood teacher and three years as a fourth/fifth-grade combined classroom teacher.

Braceville Elementary

Kristin Steidinger begins teaching second grade at Braceville Elementary this year.

The school also has a new head cook, Bonnie DeMarse.

Herscher

Herscher Grade School welcomes Ashley Highland as a new sixth grade teacher this year.

Among the new faces at Herscher High School are teachers Alex Rodriguez, 23, and Jennifer Janus, 25. Both will teach driver's education and health, and Janus will also teach P.E.

Rodriguez is from a small town called Worth and earned his Bachelor of Science in P.E., Health and Driver's Education from Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais.

"This is my first year (teaching), and honestly, I can't wait!" he said.

Rodriguez currently coaches JV girls volleyball and will coach JV girls soccer in the spring.

Janus is from Lake Zurich and earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University. Last year, she taught P.E. and health at Round Lake Middle School; she has also coached soccer, basketball and volleyball.

"I like to watch and participate in outdoor and indoor sports. I am a big Bears and

White Sox fan," she said.

"My goal for the upcoming school year is to form a good rapport with staff, faculty and students, as well as the community here in Herscher. Go Tigers!"

Other new HHS teachers are Jason Spang, who teaches boys P.E., and Rebecca Williams, who teaches math.

Tri-Point

A new teacher at Tri-Point Elementary in Kempton is Ashley Nissen, 24, who teaches pre-kindergarten. She graduated from Illinois State University in December 2007 and has previously worked as a substitute teacher and para-professional.

Nissen grew up on a farm in Iowa and moved to Fairbury with her parents and brother when she was a sophomore in high school. She graduated from Prairie Central High School in 2003.

"I knew from the time I was in second grade that I wanted to be a teacher," she said, adding, "I'm very happy to have found a teaching home here in the Tri-Point School Community."

Nissen said, "I'm really looking forward to this school year and am expecting many great things. My students are great and are really eager to learn. I hope to encourage that excitement and love of learning."

Also joining the Kempton school faculty is Valerie Wahls, 26, of Piper City. She is teaching third grade. Wahls is a 2001 graduate of Tri-Point High School and a 2005 graduate of Illinois State University. She has taught junior high science and social studies at South Wilmington Grade School for the past three years.

"My goal for the third graders is that they will all learn their multiplication and division facts by the end of the year," Wahls said. "I'm looking forward to a great year getting to know the students!"

Tri-Point Elementary's other new teacher this year is art teacher Casey Hadley.

The upper elementary/junior

high welcomes two new teachers this year, fourth grade teacher Kate Walter and special education teacher Ann Nugent.

Sauvemin Grade School

This year, Sabrina Norrick joins the faculty as junior high language arts teacher. Kristen Telford is the new special education teacher, and the school welcomes Susie Garrett as an aide.

Odell Grade School

The school welcomes a new

superintendent/principal this

year, Jon Hill.

Hill has an Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Western Illinois University, a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Troy University in Troy, Alabama, and a Bachelor's Degree in

in Fairbury.

Mazon-Verona-Kinsman

At the grade school, Leslie Petersen is the new early childhood teacher, and Stephanie Austin is welcomed as the speech pathologist. New teachers at the middle school are Amy Jones, fifth grade; Kevin Promis, special education; and Stephanie Haas, resource teacher.

Ransom Grade School

The school has hired three new teachers this year — first grade teacher Melinda Stevens, junior high math and science teacher Nicole Hall, and junior high language arts teacher Nancy Santori.

Julie Stroebel contributed to this article.

Dwight Teachers on page 19.

JON HILL is the new superintendent and principal at Odell Grade School.

Education from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. He was principal of Dunlap Middle School in Peoria before coming to Odell.

"Everyone, including teachers, parents, the secretary, the bookkeeper, instructional assistants, the custodial staff, the cafeteria staff, district support staff and of course the students, is continually learning, growing and working together to enrich the learning environment and develop social skills. Learning together and from one another is one of the most powerful ways to learn, and it also builds relationships and the community," Hill said in a welcome note on the Odell Grade School website.

Hill is married to Sidney, a doctor at OSF in Peoria.

St. Paul School

Dan Schmitt is the new principal this year at St. Paul School in Odell.

Schmitt received his bachelor's, master's and administrative degrees from Northern Illinois University. He has worked in the Prairie Central

High School District for the past 25 years, most recently as principal.

Schmitt and his wife reside

Additions and Memorials to Odell Public Library

The following books and CDs have recently been added to Odell library:

Adult fiction: "Smash Cut" by Sandra Brown, "South of Broad" by Pat Conroy, "Intervention" by Robin Cook, "Eifelheim" by Michael Flynn, "Forgiven" by Shelley Shepherd Gray, "Blindman's Bluff" by Faye Kellerman, "Wyoming Brides" by Debbie Macomber, "Sand Sharks" by Margaret Maron, "Rhinoceros" by Larry McMurtry, "The Bridegroom" by Linda Lael Miller, "The Deep Blue Sea for Beginners" by Luanne Rice, "Fields of Grace" by Kim Vogel Sawyer.

Adult non-fiction: "Cahokia: Ancient America's Great City on the Mississippi" by Timothy R. Pauketat.

Juvenile fiction: "Panda & Polar Bear" by Matthew J. Baek, "Good Night for Ghosts" by Mary Pope Osborne, "Dog and Bear: Three to Get Ready" by Laura Vaccaro Seeger.

Adult audio CD: "Knockout" by Catherine Coulter, "Relentless" by Dean Koontz.

As a memorial, funds were recently donated to the Remodeling Fund in memory of Lloyd Schott by Paul and Sue Schroeder.

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Obituaries

Wilma Wilkey

EL PASO — Wilma L. Wilkey, 90, of El Paso died peacefully at 3:10 a.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home, El Paso, surrounded by her family.

Her memorial service was at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 22, at Calvert and Froelich Memorial Home, El Paso, with Rev. Shelly E. Forrest officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service.

Cremation rites were accorded. Inurnment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso.

Wilma was born August 25, 1918, in Gridley, the daughter of Thomas and Lelah Dye Lewis. She married Raymond P. Wilkey on August 25, 1940, in El Paso. He died September 11, 1998.

Surviving are two children, Carolyn (Randy) Henderson, Bloomington, and Steve (Patricia) Wilkey of Dwight;

three grandchildren, Eric Roeder, Whitney Wilkey, and Katie Wilkey; a and a great-grandson, Aiden Dewasme. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Lloyd "Pete" Lewis and Donald Lewis; and three sisters, Mildred Grimes, Dorothy McAn-drews and Alice Miller.

Wilma was a member of the United Methodist Church in El Paso and a 50-year member of the El Paso American Legion Auxiliary Post 59.

Wilma was a loving, gentle person who will be missed by all who knew her, especially her grandchildren. She was our perfect "storybook" Grandma and we will miss you and love you forever.

Memorials may be made to the El Paso Rescue Squad or the El Paso American Legion Auxiliary Post 59.

Brian M. Gallet

DWIGHT — Brian M. Gallet, 37, of Dwight passed away Monday, August 24, 2009 in Dwight.

Brian was born June 29, 1972 in Oak Lawn and was a 1990 graduate of Stagg High School in Palos Hills. He worked as an asphalt roller for J & R Asphalt Co. for many years.

A Funeral Service was held at 8 p.m., Friday, August 28, at Lawn Funeral Home in Orland

Park. Visitation was Friday after 2 p.m.

Interment was private.

Brian was the husband of Sara Wilkey Gallet; father of Jack, Luke and Heather; son of Sue and the late Jack Gallet; brother of Darcy, Ray (Dawn), Robert (Cheryl) and John (Tricia) Gallet; son-in-law of Vicki Carter and the late Terry Wilkey; brother-in-law of Terry (Michelle) Wilkey; and uncle and cousin to many.

Mary J. Bolatto

BOLATTI, 78, of Braidwood passed away Friday, August 28, 2009 at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

She was born January 9, 1931 in Braidwood, to Steve Cermak and Gertrude Wagner Cermak Harrop.

A graduate of Lower Braidwood Schools, Mary was employed by Grinchucks Pants Factory in Braidwood for many years; was a member of Santa's Helpers in Braidwood; RC Booster Grandma; and helped with the Knights of Columbus fish fries. Her children and grandchildren were her life.

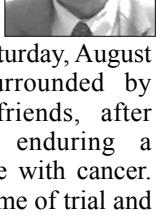
Surviving are her husband, Steve Bolatto, to whom she was married April 13, 1958 in Braidwood; three daughters: Lora (Dav-id) Grant and Tammy (Scott) Favero of Braidwood; and Nicole (Rob) Carlo of Coal City; one son, Richard (LuAnn) Bolatto, Braidwood; one step-son, Stevie Bolatto of Lowgap, N.C.; five grandchildren: Joshua Bolatto, Jacob Bolatto, Michael Favero, Andrew Favero and Joshua Plesse.

Honorary pallbearers were Brandon Carlo, Rob Carlo, Scott Favero, Dave Grant, and Steve Bolatto.

Memorials in her name to the Braidwood Fire Department or The American Lung Association would be appreciated.

Wayne R. Macomber

PEORIA — Wayne R. Macomber, 63, of Peoria passed away peacefully at



11:40 p.m., Saturday, August 29, 2009, surrounded by family and friends, after courageously enduring a yearlong battle with cancer. Through his time of trial and hardship, he maintained a constant attitude of hope and faith.

Wayne was born July 4, 1946 in Medford, Massachusetts to Willis and Constance Macomber. He married Cynthia Paulsen in Dwight June 27, 1970.

He is survived by his wife; daughter Christine and her husband Doug Pitzer; step-grandchildren Adam and Lucas Pitzer and grand-dog Kaylee Pitzer, all of Peoria.

Also surviving are a sister, two brothers, an aunt,

and one sister-in-law, Jennifer Paulsen (Loren Holmes) of Dwight, along with three nieces and four nephews and two great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be at the Woolsey - Wilton Funeral Home, 2408 W. Willow Knolls Dr., Peoria, from 5 until 7 p.m., Saturday, September 5.

Services will be at The First Federated Church, 3601 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, Sunday, September 6, at 3 p.m. One hour of visitation will be held at the church preceding the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to scholarships in Wayne's name for music and soccer at Richwoods High School, where he taught from 1974 until 2001.

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Patricia Anne Landers

GARDNER — Patricia Anne Landers, 78, of Gardner passed away Sunday, August 23, 2009 at her home.

Funeral services were held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Thurs-day, August 27, at 7 p.m. with visitation three hours preceding services. Rev. Jan Chandler officiated.

Inurnment was private at Goodfarm Cemetery, Gardner.

Patricia was born August 16, 1931 in Gardner to Orville and Jennie Burkhardt. She was employed for more than 20 years as a mental health technician at the Fox Center in Dwight. She was an avid reader and a Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her husband, John Russell Landers, whom she married February 24, 1951 in Gardner; one son, James Ryan Landers; one brother, Bill Burkhardt; and two sisters, Eileen Gentry and Diane Burkhardt.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to the Gardner Fire Department and Ambulance.

Surviving are her son, Jack (Pamela) Landers of Oakbrook Terrace; daughter, Diane (Randy) Passini of Gardner;

seven grandchildren, Sally (Eric) Phillips, Mary Landers, Patrick Landers, John Paul Landers, Heather (Brian) Trvz, and Amanda (Tom) Novak; six great-grandchildren, Sophie Randolph, Joshua and Jennie Trvz, Cameron McCurrie, Mary Clare Phillips, and Mick Landers; one sister, Helen Christensen of Gardner; two brothers, Dick (Fern) Burkhardt of Dwight and Jim (Shirley) Burkhardt of Joliet; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the El Paso Rescue Squad or the El Paso American Legion Auxiliary Post 59.

Surviving are her son, Jack (Pamela) Landers of Oakbrook Terrace; daughter, Diane (Randy) Passini of Gardner;

eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Shelly was preceded in death by her husband, Norwood Shelly, and a brother, Harland Marth.

A graduate of Kankakee High School, Mrs. Shelly was a Lioness in Reddick, active in Women's Society of World Service at the EUB church in Reddick, in the United Methodist Women's group, taught children's Sunday School and Bible School classes for many years, and sang in the church choir.

Valera enjoyed knitting and sewing. She sang with the Bonnie Belles women's barbershop group for several years.

Memorials may be made to the Reddick United Methodist Church.

Valera Shelly

REDDICK — Valera Martha Shelly, 81, of Reddick died Thursday, August 20, 2009 at Manor Care Health Services, Kankakee.

Visitation was Saturday, August 29, at 1 p.m. until the service at 3 p.m. in the Reddick United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Round Grove Cemetery.

Valera was born October 13, 1927 in Kankakee to M. Carl Marth and Elsie (Lehnus) Marth.

She married Norwood Shelly May 1, 1948.

Surviving are three daughters: Judy (Donald) Harness, Dawn (Brian) Pritchard and Denise (Doug) Anderson; one son, Henry (Janet) Shelly; two sisters, Wilma Scaro and Patricia (Bud) Kenner; one brother, Marvin (Mary) Marth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Bidding Waste Companies Question Gardner Village Board

(continued from page 1) recycling totes, specifications for post-storm pickup volume, sticker requirements for extra and bulk items, yard waste specifications, demolition materials, prevailing wage, requirements of the performance bond and garbage totes purchased by individuals other than from the contractor.

Bates will prepare the amendments to the bid packet and send them to all parties who received bid packets. Contractors can contact Bates if they have additional questions.

Boy Scout Matt Pasternak addressed the board with an update on the completion of his Eagle Scout project. Pasternak thanked the village board and residents for their support in his project and reported he completed his project, installation of a concrete slab at the Gardner Grade School baseball concession stand.

The board next voted to approve purchasing an advertisement on placemats used at the Gardner Lions Club pancake breakfast. The village would use the advertisement to encourage participation in the 2010 census.

In the absence of Commissioner Bill Gerrish, the board tabled the contractor registration issues in favor of a workshop, proposed for August 31 at 6 p.m., on the condition that Gerrish is available at that time. The meeting was to be for discussion only with no formal action and also involved discussion of building permits, as the current permit does not allow for a contractor registration.

Commissioner Dick Hileman reintroduced his proposal to reimburse the Gardner Lions Club for the cost of the Dixie Rose Band for its August 15 performance at the village gazebo. Hileman motioned to pay the \$300 from the Gardner Days

fund. Commissioner Gary Cox questioned if the Gardner Days fund was not established for the building or maintenance of village parks. Hileman replied that the fund was originally established for parks; however, the fund has been used for numerous projects over the years. Cox questioned the difference between this expenditure and the expenditures that led to the removal of the beautification committee from the village's oversight. Hileman clarified that the difference is that the village was aware of the expenditure prior to the expenditure; however, he was unable to place the item on the agenda. Commissioner Mike Serena seconded the motion, and the motion carried, with Commissioner Cox casting the lone dissenting vote.

Hileman next motioned that the village provide up to \$500 for the village Halloween party, with the expenditures to be determined by the sponsors of the party, the beautification committee and the fire department. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Serena provided the board with the price for the salt storage shelter and motioned for the village to accept the \$4,460 grading and asphalt bid from D Construction; the \$1,400 bid for the concrete block walls from Coal City Redi-Mix; and \$10,959.90 for the tarp cover and support structure.

Commissioner Cox questioned the size of the building, and commissioners Hileman and Serena explained that the size of the building would allow for storage of cold patch and parking the tractor inside as needed.

All motions were passed unanimously for a total cost of just under \$17,000.

Serena and Village Engineer Guy Christensen

reported that the Jackson Street project is being delayed two to three weeks to allow Nicor to move the gas line at no cost to the village.

Commissioner Gary Cox asked if the village could request Flatland Construction to install a sidewalk at the gazebo to connect the city sidewalk to the brick pavers. Hileman reported that he was contacted by the beautification committee to connect the committee's work to the village's work. Hileman also stated that he would be open to the village paying for the sidewalk if the committee asks.

Christensen presented the bids for the Wilmington Street storm sewer project on behalf of Commissioner Gerrish. Serena presented the motion to accept the low bid and the motion carried.

Christensen also reported that Mug-A-Bug sprayed the cattails along the railroad ditch the previous week, and this should be the only time a separate application would be needed for the cattails, and they will be included in the regular annual spraying next year.

Mayor Tom Wise introduced a proclamation for the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fund-raiser to be held September 18-20.

The board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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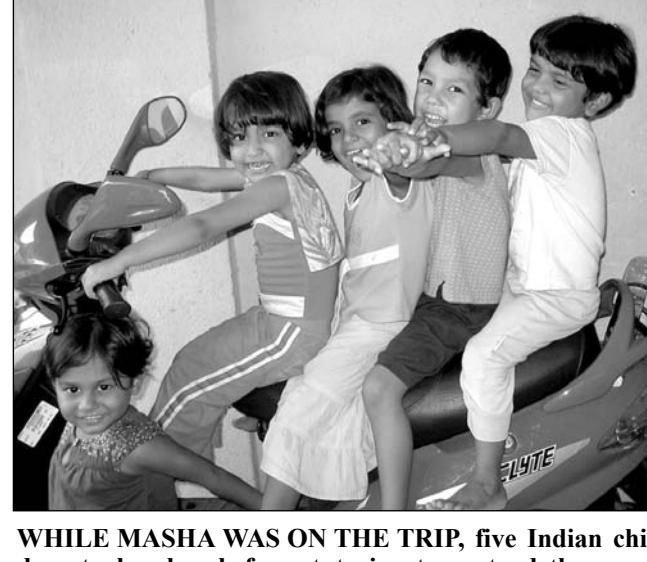
(continued from page 1) had in their childhood," she said.

The trip included one brief sight-seeing mission to Bombay.

"Eight white people in India isn't very safe," she said. "We had to be underground. If they found out what we were doing we probably would have been persecuted. We split the team up four and four. That was really heartbreaking seeing all the kids on the street there, but it was really neat to see as well."

Wilkinson received a lot of encouragement from members of her church, Pontiac Bible Church,

"My church is so supportive. It's great. I love it," she



WHILE MASHA WAS ON THE TRIP, five Indian children took a break from tutoring to pretend they were driving a scooter.

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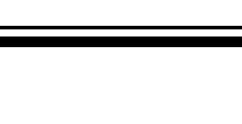
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Home Improvements on the Rise

by Sara Peters
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People concerned by the economic fallout are creeping back out of their shells and letting loose with some cash, resulting in a dramatic increase in the number of home improvements done this summer.

A couple of area business owners say this has been the best year for business for them – ever.

Last year, home owners stuck to necessity repairs – windows, roofs and bathrooms, said Larry McWilliams, of rural Saunemin, who owns My Father's Handyman.

This year, people have branched out to bigger projects including garages and attic remodels.

"People aren't moving to the new homes, they're working on the ones they have," McWilliams said. "This has been the busiest year of all eight years that I've been in business. I didn't think it would be. I thought it would slow up."

Tim Clark, owner of Tim's Painting, has painted 25 homes in Dwight this year, as compared to four last year.

People aren't frivolously spending money, he said, but they're going beyond the bare minimum.

"They're still not going crazy with the money," he said. "But last year they may have painted one room and said 'we'll wait until next year to paint the others.' This year, they're saying 'well, we might as well go ahead and do it all now instead.'"

Clark has operated out of Dwight since 2005.

"I've done more this year in Dwight since I've started here," he said.

Clark attributes the increase in homes he's painted as a result of people wanting to improve the look of the town as well.

"It's our town sticking together," he said.



Walt Opiola, left, and Tim Clark, owner of Tim's Painting, replace hinges on a fence at a house on Chippewa Street. Clark has been busy this summer as home improvements have picked up this year.

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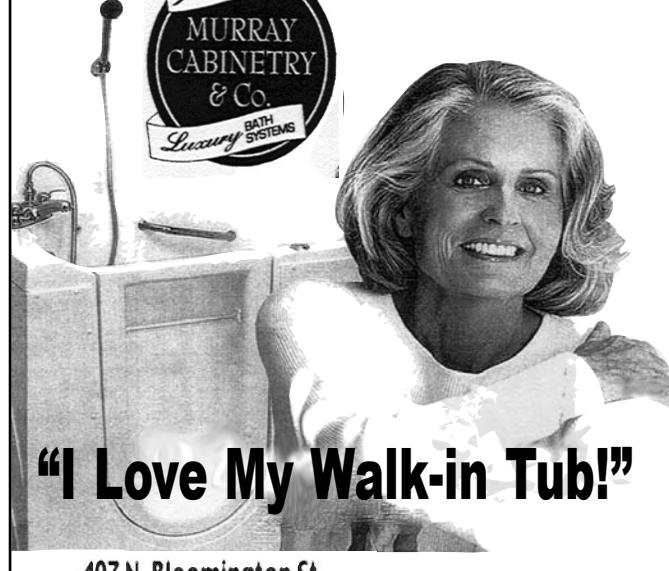
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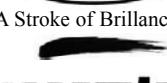
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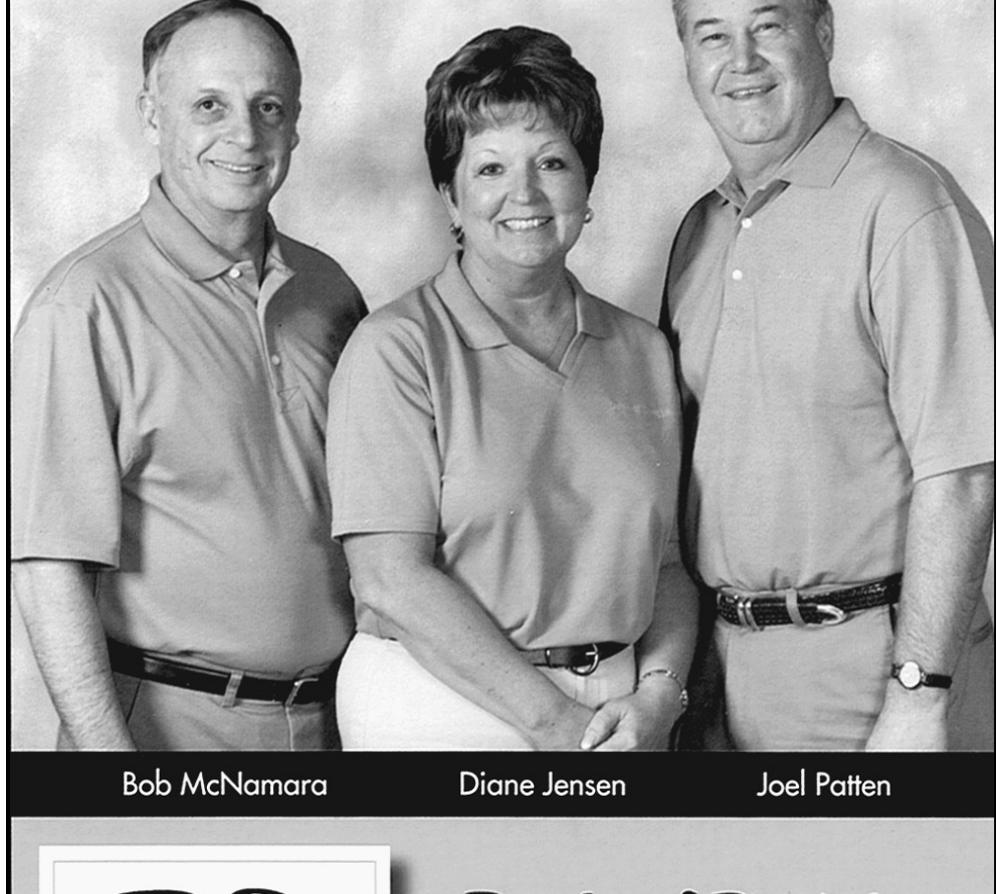
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Protecting Your Home From the Top Down - Maintenance is Key to Longevity

by Joe Cline

You want to have good walls; you want to have good floors. You want an interior that reflects a positive nature and gives you a sense of calm. The indoor, the floors and the walls are, after all, what you will see the most of. But they aren't the only things that need taken care of. You need to pay attention to the exterior, too, particularly the exterior you see the least. Protecting your roof, chimney and gutters will guarantee you have a home that is stable from the top down.

Begin with your roof. It takes up nearly half of your home's exterior and acts as a shield for the rest of the house. Without it you would have an extremely damaged and uninhabitable interior and crumbling, abused exterior walls. So, monitor its condition regularly. Inspect the shingles and flashings every few years, replacing them as needed. If your shingles are strong, your flashing should be, too. Flashing is the point where roof surface, walls and chimney meet, so obviously it's vital that it remain in good condition. Every 20 years, or following a particularly harsh season, you may want to replace the roof entirely. This is a large chore, however, so don't do

it unnecessarily. If you replace the shingles as they are damaged, do the same with the flashing and keep your attic well ventilated to avoid excess heat and moisture, you should be fine for a few decades at a time.

Once you have the roof secure, move on to the gutters. As annoying as the task may seem, you have to keep them clean. There should not be, under any circumstances, an excess amount of leaves or debris in your gutters. This will cause water to back up, which can cause leaks, which can destroy your house. Therefore climb the ladder and clean your gutters - once in late autumn, when the leaves have finished falling, and once in the spring to get rid of leaf buds and seedpods.

If you have a lot of difficulty keeping the gutters clean, try a blowvac. Many come with gutter attachments and clean gutters easily, if the gutter can be reached. Additionally, a gutter protection system could keep maintenance to a minimum and turn your bi-annual chore into a quick and easy task. There are a number on the market that are definitely worth investing in.

Finally, with a sturdy roof and clean gutters, turn to your chimney. A decrepit

chimney could send bricks tumbling, injuring a passer-by. A clogged chimney could ruin your first winter fire, sending smoke tumbling through your home, clouding the atmosphere and leaving a lingering smell for days to come.

For the chimney, hire outside help. Get someone to come in and inspect and sweep the chimney, at least once a year if you use it regularly. Make sure the chimney sweep looks for cracks, flue problems and anything else that could go wrong, like a family of squirrels setting up their nest in the top. Be sure all repairs are done properly and with great care. Afterward, take over responsibility for the chimney. Keep the damper shut when it's not in use, clean it regularly to avoid unintentional fires and consider a chimney cap to keep out those pesky rodents and birds. If you do all this, your chimney should stay standing and working properly for some time to come.

And if you pay attention to all three aspects of your homes exterior - the roof, the gutters and the chimney - you should be able to sleep easy at night, knowing that overhead is a structure that won't let you down and won't come down on you.

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Vertical blinds can be hung to sill length or to the floor. Make sure that the length of the slats suits your window. Smaller windows like the ones in cloakrooms or on stair landings can benefit

Can Create Attractive Windows

from this type of treatment too so that you can create a coordinated look throughout your home or office.

Just as having the same carpet running through rooms and hallways creates an illusion of space and continuity, having similar blinds dressing the windows has the same effect. Keeping wall colours the same, flooring the same throughout and windows dressed in vertical blinds will suddenly 'enlarge' a space - at least to the eye.

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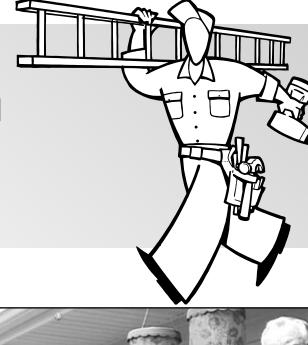
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Choosing the Right Thermostat

Both electromechanical and electronic thermostats work with most types of gas, oil, electric, and even hydronic heating systems, as well as with air conditioners. Most have some type of adjustment to suit the system—wires that are jumpered, a small switch on the back, or the like. This adjustment is necessary because some heating systems are much slower to heat up than others and cycle differently. And some types of heating require system fans and others don't.

If you have a system that provides multiple stages of heating and cooling, such as a dual-speed air conditioner, a furnace with two sets of burners, or a heat pump, you need a thermostat that is designed to handle this complication. Such a thermostat may be either electromechanical or electronic and, in fact, even some conventional thermostats have a jumper or switch that can be set to modify the thermostat for such equipment.

A zoned heating system, with multiple heating or cooling zones, can be operat-

ed with electromechanical thermostats, but you can really fine-tune your home's areas for comfort with a programmable electronic thermostat.

Most heat pumps have an auxiliary electric heating element that kicks on when the room's temperature drops about 2 degrees lower than the thermostat's setting (or "set point"). If the room temperature is allowed to drop to 60 degrees at night and is then turned up to 70 degrees in the morning, the auxiliary heat will come on until the room temperature reaches about 68 degrees. In most parts of the country, using this much electric heat is quite expensive.

A sophisticated electronic heat-pump thermostat, on the other hand, automatically calculates when the heat must come on to bring a room's temperature up to the set point by the time you've programmed it for. It tells the heat pump to bring it up from 60 to 61 degrees, then from 61 to 62 degrees, and so forth. That way, the electric auxiliary heat is "fooled" into staying off.

Keeping the Carpets Clean

While we all have our own threshold for how clean our house needs to be, there's a point where many of us simply can't take it anymore. In the case of a carpet—especially a light-colored one—that point may come when there are so many stains that you can't tell if that's the pattern of the carpet or not. When it gets that bad, you can either live with it, get a new carpet, or clean your existing carpet.

If you're living in luxury mansion house plans, you'll probably opt for getting a new carpet, since money is probably not an object to you. If you're like some of us, you'll live with it and dream of the day when you'll be able to get new flooring. But for those of us in the middle, cleaning your carpet can be an effective way to get your carpets looking closer to new, without spending a ton of money.

Since we don't all have luxury home plan styles, we're usually looking for the cheapest way to get the best value. Cleaning your carpets fits that bill pretty well. Of course, if you choose to clean your carpets, you can go the cheaper route or the more expensive route as well. If you want to save some cash, you can buy or rent a steam cleaner and do the cleaning yourself. Sure, this takes more of your time and means you have to do the work yourself, but if you can save a couple hundred bucks, it can be well worth it. Some people are very pleased with the results while others think it leaves something to be desired. Since everyone has that threshold for cleanliness, you'll have to make up your own mind.

The other option for cleaning your carpets is contracting with someone to do the work. Sure, this will cost

more money, but you also won't have to deal with any of the work yourself, and if you were renting the steam cleaner, you won't have to deal with the logistics of picking it up and returning it.

For those of us with craftsman bungalow house plans, that might be an appealing option. While many people seem quite satisfied with the quality of cleaning they get with a professional carpet cleaner, there are some that are concerned with the environmental impact of the chemicals used in the cleaning process. If that's your concern, check it out before you sign the contract!

Illustration showing a woman kneeling on the floor, using a steam cleaner to clean a carpet. She is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The steam cleaner is connected to a hose and is being used on a dark-colored carpet.

Granite Worktop - Gives a beauty to your Kitchen

by Jason Colling

Granite worktops have become the kitchen worktop of everybody's choice. They are very hard wearing, heat resistant, and can be cut into any shape desired and look absolutely stunning.

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Granite worktops come with different price ranges varying from reasonable to very expensive ones. The primary reason why granite is being used for the worktops is due to its durability, heat resistance, and low maintenance. It is a very durable material which can last for very long without much care required from the user. The best thing about the granite is that you can easily clean the surface with a soft damp cloth. Its worktops are usually available in many different colors and patterns.

The various colors available are black, grey, blue, red. However, the more attractive pattern you look for, the more you will have to pay. Before you go out for buying the granite, you should first match it with your cabinets and shelves.

Everything has its own advantages, as well as disadvantages and the same goes with granite worktops. There are few disadvantages to using them, which you should be aware of before investing in them. Granite is easily stained and tricky to install.

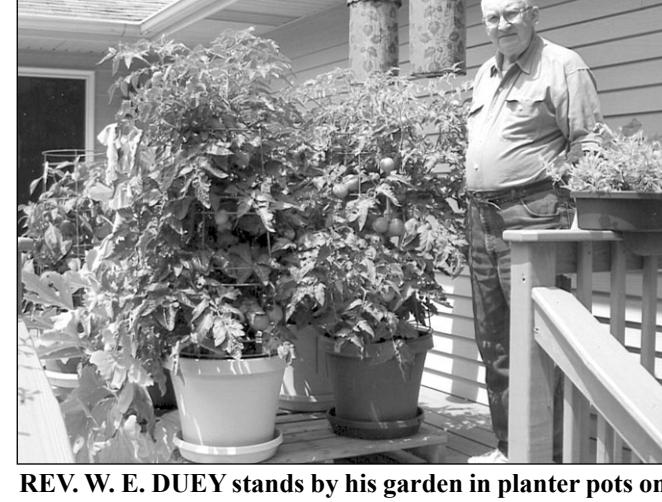
If you are going to use the granite worktop in the kitchen you should be careful of spills, knife cuts, and always keep hot pans away from the granite to avoid damage to the surface. However, these disadvantages can be easily overcome, if you do the right planning which can be done by selecting a cost efficient granite pattern. To overcome the problem of staining you can select a darker color and pattern and when you install the granite, rely on the specialists.

There are a few things that you should keep in mind while buying granite over the internet:

Usually, people think that all granite worktops are same which is not true.

Usually, some granites sold over the internet may carry the same name as those stones seen in granite showrooms, but certainly they are not of the same brand, so it is advisable to do some research before buying.

You should make sure that the brand which you are buying is genuine.



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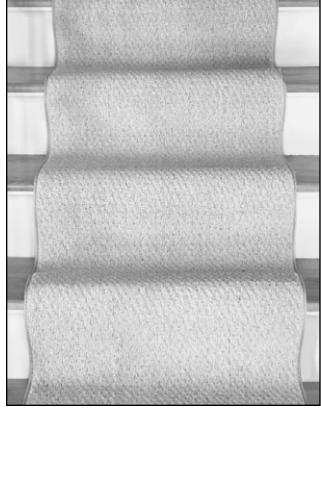
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DGS EIGHTH GRADE REDBIRD Anthony Bauer, takes a swing during the Redbird-MVK matchup, August 25.



DGS 8TH GRADE REDBIRDS BASEBALL

August 15

Redbirds vs. Peotone

The eighth grade DGS Redbird baseball team fell to Peotone, 10-8, in game one of doubleheader play.

Aaron Wyllie, 0-1, pitched 4.2 innings, six strikeouts and gave up 10 runs, three earned, eight hits and three walks; Kevin Ely, relief, 2.1 innings, two strikeouts and one hit.

Top hitters for the Redbirds were: Karsen Kopmann, 3-4, RBI, two runs, stolen base; Ely, 2-4, three RBI, two runs, stolen base; Ryan Folkers, 1-3, two stolen bases; Ryan Folkers, 1-3, two stolen bases; Wyllie, 1-3, RBI; Jake Snyder, 1-4, RBI, stolen base; Anthony Bauer, RBI; Zach Bookwalter, two stolen bases.

Game Two-

The Redbirds fell to Peotone, 5-2, in game two.

Kevin Ely took the loss, pitching five innings, three strikeouts and giving up five runs, seven hits and one walk.

Topping the offense were: Karsen Kopmann, double, RBI; Anthony Bauer, single, run; Aaron Wyllie, double.

August 20

Redbirds vs. GSW

The eighth grade baseball team flew over GSW, 14-1.

Aaron Wyllie, 1-1, picked up the win, pitching five innings, seven strikeouts and giving up one run, two hits and two walks.

Helping soar to the victory were: Kevin Ely, 2-4, four RBI, two stolen bases, two runs; Karsen Kopmann and Wyllie, 2-3, RBI, two stolen bases, two runs each; Ryan Folkers, 2-3, three RBI, two stolen bases; Andy Froelich, 1-3, two RBI; Bryce Mortensen, 1-2, stolen base, two runs; Jake Snyder, RBI, two runs, two stolen bases; Triston Dircks, two RBI, one run; Jake Enerson, stolen base, one run.

August 21

Redbirds vs. Northlawn

The Redbird baseball team was defeated by Northlawn, 7-4.

Kevin Ely took the loss, pitching six innings, eight strikeouts and giving up seven

runs, one earned, four hits and four walks.

Top hitters for the Redbirds were: Aaron Wyllie, 2-3, two doubles; Triston Dircks, 1-4, single.

August 22

Redbirds vs. Channahon

The DGS eighth grade baseball team fell to Channahon, 11-0.

Zach Bookwalter took the loss, pitching five innings and giving up three runs, two earned, four hits and four walks.

Topping the offense were: Kevin Ely, 1-2, double; Aaron Wyllie, 1-2, single; Jake Snyder, 1-1, single.

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Send us your team's stats!

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Volunteers Needed for CLASS Soccer

Julie Marx is looking for someone to volunteer to help and coordinate the fall CLASS soccer season.

Knowledge of the game isn't necessary. The commitment would be from mid-September through October.

Anyone willing to help or who has questions should call Julie at 815-584-9051.



ODELL RAMGALS SOFTBALL

August 20

Ramgals vs. Tonica

The Odell Ramgals softball team defeated Tonica, 16-1.

Julie Hogan picked up the win, pitching 11 strikeouts and one walk.

Helping out with the victory were: Amy Wyant, two singles, four RBI; Ashton Farris, single, triple, RBI; Kaela Hodges, single, four RBI; Ashley Fox and Jordan Grieff, single, RBI each; Allison Wiemken, single.

August 24

Lady Chargers vs. Momence

The Tri-Point Lady Chargers varsity volleyball team fell in the first game of the CPCI tournament, 9-25 and 12-25.

Brooke McInerney topped the stat sheet with two aces, two kills, four digs.

August 25

Lady Chargers vs. Fisher

The Lady Chargers fell to Fisher, 11-25 and 11-25, in

Mazon Speed Bowl and Racers Reunion Labor Day Weekend

The annual Mazon Speed Bowl and Grundy County Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Racers Reunion will be held over Labor Day weekend this year, from Friday, September 4, until Sunday, September 6, at the Grundy County Fairgrounds.

the annual Night of Features Sunday evening.

The annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 5.

Art Fehrman's Illinois Vintage Racing Association will be on hand to show its restored race cars on Saturday afternoon and will race on Sunday night during the annual Night of Features.

This organization has really taken off since it was formed a couple of years ago. These cars don't just make a few parade laps – they actually go out and race! There will also be vintage race cars on display Saturday afternoon.

Tri-Point Lady Chargers Volleyball

CPCI tournament play.

Topping the offense were: Brooke Shelby, 12 assists, two aces; Kaitlin Krause, four digs.

Lady Chargers vs. Donovan

The varsity Lady Chargers were defeated by Donovan, 24-26 and 9-25, in the CPCI tournament.

Making the top of the stat sheet were: Jessica Juergens, three aces, three kills, seven digs; Kaitlin Krause, three aces, three kills, six digs.

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**GSW LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL**

August 25
Lady Panthers
vs. Reed Custer
Varsity-

The GSW Lady Panther varsity fell to Reed Custer, 8-25 and 12-25.

Topping the Lady Panther stat sheet were: Kelsey Lutz, three points, three digs, one block; Kayla Kellogg, two points, four digs; Sam Foley, one point, three digs; Amber Eisha, three digs, one block; Alison Serena, three digs; Kellie Tyler and Katie Gretz, one dig each; Kailyn Schultz, two blocks.

Junior Varsity-
Lady Panthers
vs. Wilmington

The Lady Panther junior varsity was defeated by Reed Custer, 7-25, 25-23 and 23-25.

Pumping up the offense were: Abby Horrie, 14 points, four kills, two aces, two digs; Chelsea Schultz, eight points, one kill, one dig, one block; Alli Perkins, four points, three kills, two digs; Miranda Faletti, three points; Brenna Hyslop, two points, five digs; Sam Scholes, one point, one dig; Ciara Seeman, three digs.

Freshman-

The Lady Panthers freshman volleyball team was defeated by Reed Custer, 11-25, 25-20 and 12-15.

Helping out with the offense were: Chelsea Schultz, seven points, four digs, one kill; Abby Horrie, five points, three kills, three digs, one ace; Taylor Daniels, four points, two kills, one dig; Aly Harms, three points, six digs, two kills; Miranda Faletti, three points, one ace, one dig; Kasteel Croy, one point, one kill.

August 27
Lady Panthers
vs. Wilmington

Varsity-

The Lady Panther varsity squad fell to Wilmington, 25-17 and 25-17.

Leading the Lady Panther stat sheet were: Amber Eisha, four points, three digs, two kills, one ace, one block; Keona Kelly, four points, two aces, one kill, one assist, one dig; Kayla Kellogg, four points, three assists, one ace; Sam Foley, four points, two kills; Kelsey Lutz, three points, two digs; Kellie Tyler, two points, two blocks, one dig; Kailyn Schultz, one kill, one

block; Alison Serena, two kills.

Junior Varsity-

The GSW junior varsity volleyball team was defeated by Wilmington, 25-19 and 25-19.

Bumping up the stat book were: Alli Perkins, four points, five digs, four kills; Paige Brauer, four points, five assists; Brenna Hyslop, three points, eight digs, one kill; Chelsea Schultz, three points, seven assists, one ace; Abby Horrie, three points, four digs, two kills; Aly Harms, three points, two kills, one dig; Sam Scholes, one dig.

Freshman-

The freshman Lady Panthers were defeated by Wilmington, 25-16 and 25-14.

Making the stat sheet were: Kasteel Croy, three points, four digs, one ace; Chelsea Schultz, three points, one ace, one assist, one dig; Miranda Faletti, two points, two digs, one ace, one assist; Taylor Daniels, two points, two digs; Courtney Gleason, two kills; Alison Hakey and Megan Chambers, one dig each.

TRI-POINT RAIDERS BASEBALL

August 20
Raiders vs. Saunemin

The Tri-Point Raiders baseball team defeated Saunemin, 7-5.

Tim Crouch, 1-0, picked up the win, pitching 5% innings, nine strikeouts and giving up five runs, one earned, eight hits and five walks; Shea Sunday, relief, 1½ innings, two strikeouts and one walk.

Helping with the victory were: Zach Taylor, 2-2, three RBI; Josh Flessner, 2-3, double, two runs, RBI.

"Tim Crouch pitched a whale of a game for us. We played pretty good 'D' behind him and he struck out Crescent City's No. 3 hitter with the tie run on second base to end the game. It was also nice to have Zach Taylor and Josh Flessner contribute heavily with their bats today. We needed them," stated Coach Ping.

Top hitters for the Raiders were: S. Sunday, 2-4, double, two runs, two RBI; Zach Sunday, 2-3, double, two RBI.

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August 24
Raiders vs. Crescent City

The Raiders baseball team marched over Crescent City, 5-3.

Tim Crouch, 2-0, picked up the win, pitching seven innings, six strikeouts and giving up three runs, two earned, three hits and three walks.

Helping with the victory were: S. Sunday, 2-3, double, two RBI; Zach Sunday, 2-3, three RBI; Zach Taylor, two RBI; Robinson, three runs.

"Our pitchers threw strikes which hopefully gives a chance. Our defense was able to make most of the plays. We had a nice five-run third inning which gained us control of the game, and Zach Sunday had a couple of clutch hits in other innings to drive in a few big runs," stated Coach Ping.

August 26
Raiders vs. Donovan

The Raiders improved their record to 3-1 with a victory over Donovan, 12-6.

Kyle Robinson, 1-0, picked up the win, pitching four innings, three strikeouts and giving up four runs, two earned, three hits and one walk; Shea Sunday, relief,

two innings, one strikeout, two runs, three hits; Tim Crouch, relief, one inning, one strikeout.

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**DTHS LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL**

August 27
Lady Trojans
vs. Lexington
Varsity-

The DTHS Lady Trojan varsity volleyball team was defeated by Lexington, 25-15, 20-25 and 21-25.

Marching on to the stat sheet were: Kolby Hoffman, 10 points, 12 kills, five digs, three aces, one assist; Chaney Tambling, 11 points, 10 kills, six digs; Lindie McCarthy, seven points, nine assists, two digs; Kaitlyn Colebank, six points, one dig; Gracyn Leskanich, one point, six

digs, one kill, one block; Claire Elsey, 14 assists; Becca Cain, seven digs; Haley Gaston, one assist, one block.

Junior Varsity-

The Lady Trojans junior varsity squad marched over Lexington, 24-26, 25-15 and 25-20.

Helping with the victory were: Jamie Stanton, 10 points, 10 assists, two aces; Erin Gaston, 10 points, three aces, two digs, one kill; Kiley Colebank, 10 points, five digs, four aces, one kill; Lisa Bruner, eight points, three kills, three assists;

Brooke Sasseger, four points, seven kills, one ace; Kate Pfeifer, two points, four digs; Raegan Riccolo, four kills, one block, one ace; Hailey Hoegger, one dig.

Freshman-

The freshman Lady Trojan volleyball team defeated Lexington, 25-12 and 25-20.

Helping march to the victory were: Megan Jensen, six points, three aces, one kill; Lindsay Kaiser, two points, three aces, one kill; Skylar Krople, two points, one kill; Jamie Stanton, three blocks, one ace; Lisa Bruner, four blocks, three aces, one assist; Haley Sparrow, two blocks, one ace; Ashley Dronenberg, one ace.

Notice of Public Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education School District No. 230, known as the Dwight Township High School District and also known as the Dwight High School District, in the county of Livingston, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 will be, and is, on file and conveniently available for public inspection at 801 S. Franklin St., in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education from and after 8:00 o'clock a.m. on the 17th day of August, 2009.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 16th day of September, 2009 at the High School Board Room in this School District No. 230.

Board of Education, Dwight Township High School District No. 230, County of Livingston, State of Illinois.

By: Deb Conroy
Secretary
Board of Education
District No. 230

Notice of Public Budget Hearing

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Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held during a regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 16th day of September, 2009 at the Dwight Common School Library, 801 S. Columbia St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Board of Education, Dwight Common School District No. 232, County of Livingston, State of Illinois.

By: Deb Conroy
Secretary
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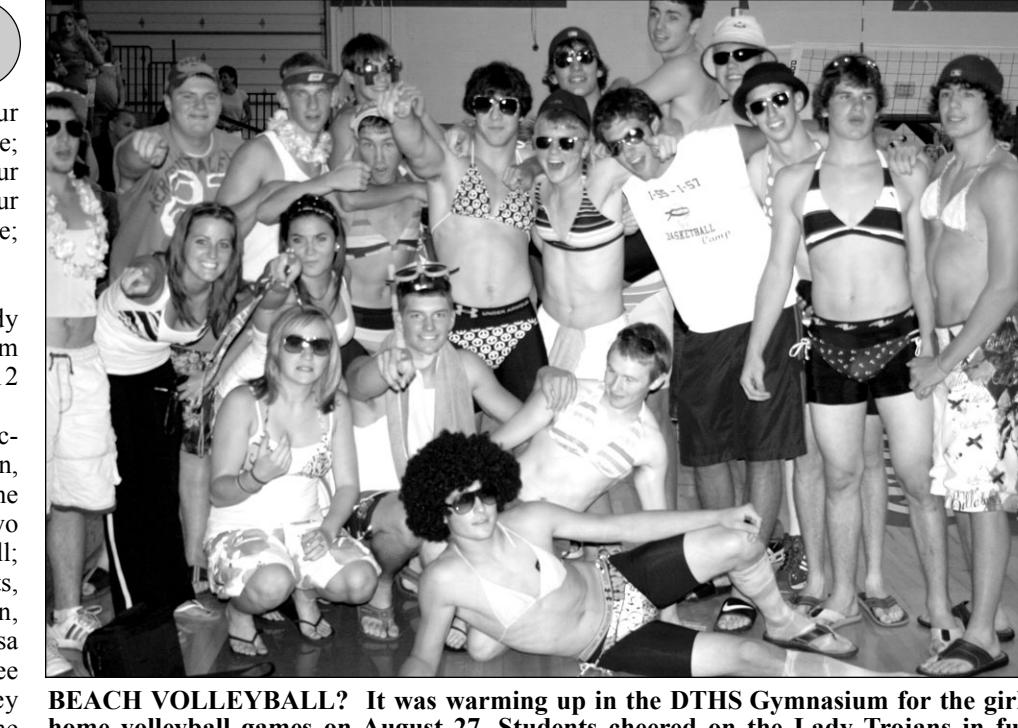
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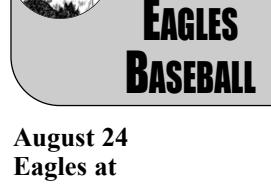
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BEACH VOLLEYBALL? It was warming up in the DTHS Gymnasium for the girls home volleyball games on August 27. Students cheered on the Lady Trojans in full beach gear. **BELOW**

RIGHT: The Lady Trojans warm up before the Lexington match.

**August 24**
Eagles at Saunemin Celebration

The Saunemin Eagles baseball team knocked off Joliet Laraway, 13-4, in game one of tournament play.

Tyler Carley picked up the win, throwing five innings and striking out 15.

Topping the offense were: Colin Danforth, three hits, triple; Tyler Lowe, two hits.

In game two, the Eagles fell to Mazon, 8-2.

Kyle Eggenberger took the loss, throwing five innings and striking out three.

Logan Henady had the sole hit for Saunemin, a second-inning double.

August 25
Eagles vs. Fieldcrest

The Eagles baseball team was defeated by Fieldcrest, 12-9.

Colin Danforth, starter, 4½ innings, five earned runs and striking out two; Trevor Fox took the loss, pitching 2½ innings, three earned runs and striking out one.

Leading the Eagles were: Tyler Lowe, two hits; Kyle Eggenberger, Tyler Carley and Austin Graves also had hits.

August 26
Eagles vs. Odell

The Eagle baseball team fell to Odell, 15-7.

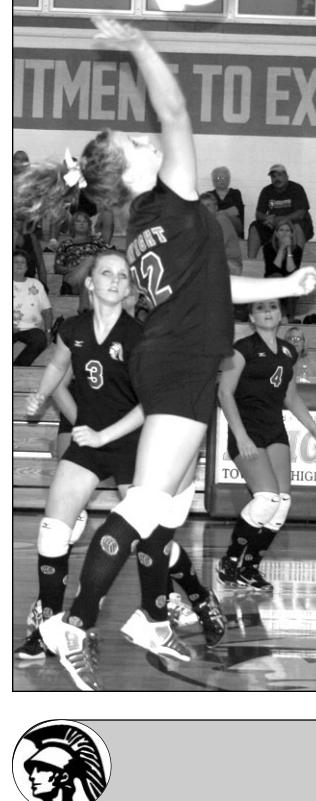
Kyle Eggenberger took the loss, pitching six innings and striking out seven.

Topping the offense were: Eggenberger, three hits including a double; Tyler Lowe, Tyler Carley, Colin Danforth and Eric Hiller, two hits each; Logan Henady and Austin Graves.

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BELOW LEFT: Junior varsity Lady Trojan Elizabeth Eggenberger spikes the ball to the opponent.

**DTHS TROJANS GOLF**

51; Ryan Kaiser, 54; Colin Grimler and Kiefer Kiou, 51.

Junior Varsity-

The junior varsity Trojans fell to Streator and LaSalle Peru, 168-173-178.

Individual scores: Cody Gibson, 43; Patrick Gliwa, Kiefer Kiou and Ben Trainor, 45; Michael Ruffati, 49; Blake Huseman, 50; Tod Nelson, 55; Steven Mann, 56.

August 27**Trojans vs. Reed Custer****Varsity-**

The DTHS Trojan golf team fell to Reed Custer, 175-178.

Individual scores were: Michael Halloran, 39; Tyler Halloran, 43; Colin Conroy, 47; John Smith and Cal Vigna, 49; Ryan Kaiser, 51.

Junior Varsity-

The junior varsity Trojans defeated Reed Custer, 192-222.

Individual scores were: Patrick Gliwa, 46; Jake Thomas, 48; Cody Gibson and Ben Trainor, 49; Matt

Grimler and Kiefer Kiou, 51.

Junior Varsity-



THE MAZON-VERONA-KINSMAN MAVERICKS proudly display its championship trophy in the Saunemin B-team tournament during the Saunemin Celebration, August 22.



MVK MAVERICKS BASEBALL

August 22

Mavericks vs. Odell

The MVK Maverick baseball team defeated Odell, 12-4, in the Saunemin Tournament.

Brandon Viken picked up the win, striking out ten and giving up four hits and walking five.

Helping with the victory were: Matt Houchin, 2-3, two

doubles; Brian David, double.

"Brayden Basil made a fine catch in center field," stated Coach Houchin.

Mavericks vs. Saunemin

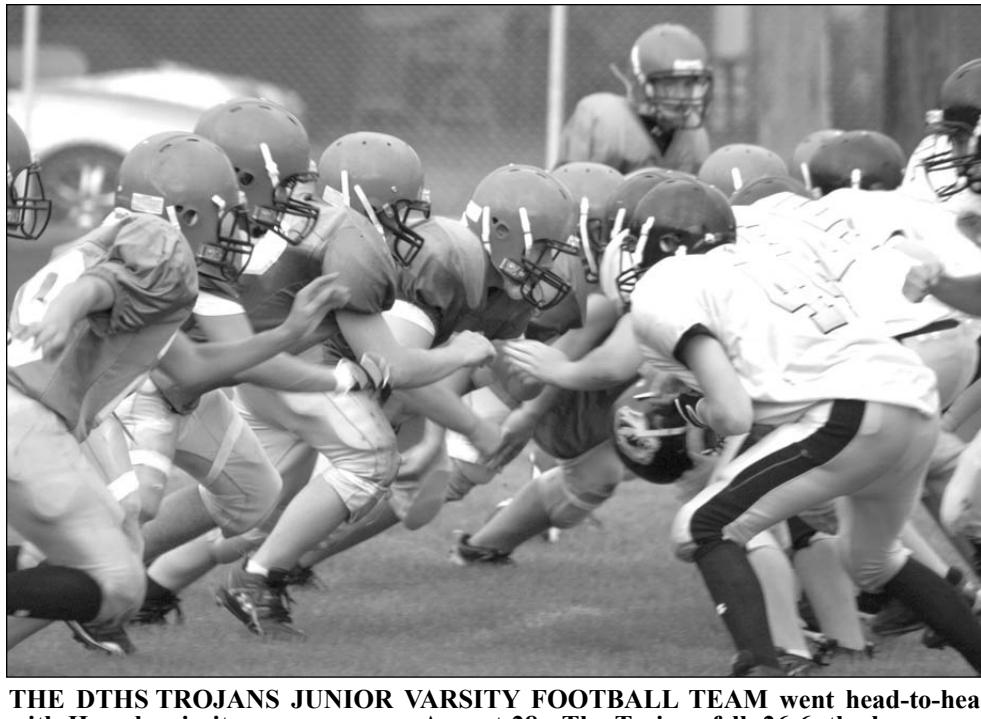
The Mavericks galloped over Saunemin, 8-2, taking home the championship title in the Saunemin Tournament.

Matt Houchin, starter,

pitched two innings, giving up two runs; Brody Harty, relief, pitching three scoreless innings, giving up no hits.

Topping the offense were: Zack David, 3-3, double; Hunter Simon, double.

"Matt Grushkin executed a perfect squeeze bunt," commented Coach Houchin.



THE DTHS TROJANS JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM went head-to-head with Herscher in its season opener, August 28. The Trojans fell, 26-6, the lone scorecoming on a 2-yard-run by Jim Sasseger. Catch the Trojans in action when they travel to Sandwich September 4; kick-off is at 5:30 p.m.



DGS 7TH GRADE REDBIRDS BASEBALL

August 25

Redbirds vs. MVK

The DGS seventh grade Redbirds defeated MVK, 21-10.

August 29

Redbirds vs. St. Mary's

The seventh grade Redbirds baseball team was defeated by St. Mary's, 4-2 in round one of the St. Mary's eighth grade tournament.

Redbirds vs. Holy Trinity

The Redbirds defeated Holy Trinity, 6-5, in the second round of tournament play.

"I was very satisfied with a well-played tournament," stated Coach Eggenberger.

Upcoming games:

September 3- DGS at Seneca; **September 4-** DGS vs. Wilmington; **September 8-** Redbirds vs. Odell; **September 10-** Redbirds vs. Prairie Central, beginning at 4:15 p.m.

The IVC tournament will take place the weekend of September 11.



GSW PANTHERS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

by Coach Larry Lane

Lady Panthers

Our squad for the 2009 season has 4 girls on the team. There are 3 juniors and a sophomore running this fall. The team is slowly rounding into good shape for the upcoming races. Three of the girls are returners and have improved their fitness from the start of the 2008 season. Their primary goal is to train smart and show as much improvement as possible. It will be an exciting year to watch that growth.

Jill Farrell: She is starting the year in good shape. Jill is struggling with a nagging, small injury problem that comes from adjusting to our early season training. I expect her to show great improvement as the year progresses.

Nicole Glab: Nicole ran middle distance on the track team last year and is a first time cross country athlete. She is having a great early season. She is a hard worker and great competitor which will make her successful this fall for the team.

Alison McKinsey: She is one of our captains and brings lots of energy to the position. Alison is working hard to improve over last season. As a 2nd year runner and a determined competitor, Alison is expecting to enjoy a great year.

Haley Residori: Haley is a captain and our lone sophomore this fall. She is our leading returner from the 2008 season. She had great speed after an outstanding track campaign and with the improved endurance she is building will be one of the top sophomores in the area.

Panthers

Last year we had 11 on the team and this season we have 20 runners, 11 of which are freshmen. Both of those numbers, 20 and 11, are my largest ever. The team had a good summer of training and is beginning the season much improved and fitter than in 2008. We have strong leadership, excellent team chemistry, good depth, and a great mix of experience and youth in our top 12. As many as 5 freshmen may be in that first 12 right now.

Jon Paul Gallois: As a tri-captain, he leads by example as evidenced by his nearly 300 miles of summer running. Jon Paul's endurance is much improved from last track season. We call him "Mr. Team Bonding" because of his efforts to have the team socialize outside of practice. "Team bonding" is a word he coined.

Brad Gschwendner: Brad is one of four seniors on the team. He is training hard to improve his fitness level to help the team and get in shape for basketball. Brad has a great attitude and truly enjoys his teammates and watching them succeed.

Chris Irvin: He is a GSW senior who uses cross country to be ready for basketball. Chris had a good first season in 2008, but wants a better finish to the 2009 campaign. He has worked hard this summer to get himself ready for his final year in high school.

Jason Karstens: Another tri-cap-

tain who is readying himself for basketball while a great aptitude for distance running. He is showing considerable growth as a runner since the 2008 season ended. His intelligence and leadership will allow the team to reach its full potential.

Trevor Marek: He is a DTHS junior trying cross country for the first time. Trevor comes from a swimming background which has allowed him to adjust to this sport more rapidly than other first time runners. He has a strong desire to succeed and is getting better.

Jacob Schultz: Jacob was a big surprise last season with his rapid improvement throughout the year. He has continued that growth during the off season. As a smart racer in the meets, he will push his teammates to do the same and get better.

Brian Scoggins: He is our #1 returner from 2008. Brian has set some big goals that will make him one of the best runners in the area. Our area is very competitive and that fact will help Brian achieve those goals. He is also our junior tri-captain who leads by his example of working hard every day.

Joey Wren: He is determined to his best in every practice during this his junior year. Joey has a new goal for the 2009 season. He wants to race smarter so he can help the team in the post season. Nobody on the squad has more "I can" attitude than Joey.

Quinn Trewartha: Quinn is our lone sophomore. He is much improved since the start of his freshman season as he is training hard with the upperclassmen. I expect Quinn to be one of the leaders of our outstanding fresh/soph team this fall.

Ryan Burgoine: Ryan is a freshman who just joined the squad last week. He has shown a lot of determination and effort in practice as he attempts to catch his teammates. As the season continues, Ryan will improve and push hard for a spot in the fresh/soph top 7.

Brayden Cain: He joins us after a strong year in grade school track as he was a state qualifier. Brayden has been an early season surprise with his rapid development into a distance runner. His continue rise as a runner will make his team even stronger.

Ryley Christoff: Ryley is our #1 fresh/soph runner at this time. He is running with the top varsity boys in practice. He is pushing them hard which makes his older teammates better. With his talent and racing experience, I believe he can be one of the best freshmen in our area.

Ryan Cunningham: He is a grade school sprinter who also has 1600 experience. Ryan is a hard worker and a coachable athlete. He has a bright future as a distance because of his work ethic and desire. I have enjoyed watching Ryan get better this fall.

Hunter Eustey: Hunter is a strong, tall freshman runner who has a big upside in distance running. He threw the shot put in grade school, but has handled cross country training very well. He shows no fear of our hard workouts and will really

help the fresh/soph team this fall.

Stinnett Gettinger: He is an athlete who enjoys distance running. Stinnett is driven to succeed and do his best in every workout. He has quickly moved up the ladder on our squad because he worked hard this summer. If he continues to improve, he could be in the varsity top 7 by regional time.

Tyler Halloran: Tyler is a hard worker and a young runner who enjoys his sport. With his work ethic and great attitude, he will be one of our most improved runners this year. So far I have run many of our training runs with Tyler and have enjoyed watching him improve.

Lane Hoffman: As a freshman, Lane has fit right in with his older teammates. Some of that result is because he has and is training right alongside them. He is a hard worker with a positive attitude who desires to succeed. Those characteristics are a formula for success.

Jon Sudieri: Jon comes to high school with a successful background in middle distance running. He has adjusted to high school training very well. As he grows into the sport, his team will get better and better. Jon keeps practices loose and relaxed which makes it fun for his teammates.

Austin Walsh: His resume in running is as an outstanding hurdler in grade school. Austin does have, however, distance running talent and continues to show that every day in practice. Once he adjusts to racing the longer distances, Austin will be one of our top freshman runners.

Dalton Wright: Dalton was the top 1600 runner from the GSW grade schools last spring and continues to that talent this fall. He is an athlete who wants to succeed and improve with every practice. He is also one of our freshmen who could certainly make the varsity top 7 by regional time.

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Dwight's Olson 'Famous Far Beyond Bradley'

by Bill Liesse
Peoria Journal Star

It wasn't enough for Kenny Olson to be just about the biggest thing ever to come out of Dwight, and to help put Bradley basketball on the map as part of the Famous Five.

So Olson was quarterback of the Bradley football team, making all-America, and also played on BU's track and tennis squads.

It wasn't enough for Kenny Olson to all but build the athletic departments at Maine West and East high schools in Chicago's northwest suburbs. He coached at both schools in a Hall of Fame career that included nine football conference titles (and 10 runner-up finishes) and a .700 winning percentage in basketball.

So Olson became Maine West's first athletic director, supervised the building of sterling facilities and concurrently served 18 years as a Des Plaines commissioner of parks and recreation.

It wasn't enough for Kenny Olson to enjoy retirement boating in Florida with his wife, the former Evelyn Harmening, whom he met on the Hilltop. So after "Vie" died in 1983, Olson moved to Colorado and took up downhill skiing.

At age 70.

"I remember him being very serious-minded," said Charles Orsborn, now the sole survivor of BU's six-member Famous Five after the passing earlier this month of Olson, at age 93, in Tucson, Ariz.

"Whatever he had to do," Orsborn said, "he applied himself fully. And he would reap the benefits."

"Ozzie," reached at his summer home in Minong, Wis., said he talked to Olson a couple years ago after being out of touch for years. "I didn't know where he was," the legendary former Braves coach said.

Olson moved around. He went from his retirement in Des Plaines in 1976 to Florida. His family's description of those years read this way in Olson's obituary in the Arlington



Photo courtesy Peoria Sports Hall of Fame

Heights Daily Herald:

"It was with great joy that they cruised the warm waters in their boat named "Happy Ours." Not a day went by that they didn't marvel at how far they had come and how grateful they were to be in this special place."

Olson's move to Crested Butte, Colo., saw him take up skiing at 70. From there he went back to Naples, Fla., and finally to Tucson. One day in the Arizona desert, he got a call from his old Sigma Phi fraternity brother.

"Phi, not Chi," Orsborn said adamantly. "Phi became Chi."

"What did we talk about? I don't remember. What the (heck) do two old guys talk about? We mostly reminisced, I guess."

As Olson did Wednesday upon learning of his friend's passing.

"He replaced Les Getz in the five that most people remember," Orsborn said. "He gave us additional defensive rebounding strength. As a football player, he was not averse to contact."

And as a football player, Olson excelled. He set a BU

punting record in a 0-0 tie in 1939 with Illinois that Orsborn remembered, although he said he did not attend the game in Champaign.

"Normally, Illinois would be expected to beat Bradley rather handily," Orsborn said. "But Bradley had a good defense. And Kenny's punting — well, I call it kicking — kept Illinois out of the end zone. Teams didn't try field goals as much then."

Olson turned down professional overtures from Philadelphia and New York and became a coach, starting with a single season at Farmington, in 1941. Moving to then-Maine Township, Olson employed a powerful single-wing offense and won 166 games against 40 losses in days long before state playoffs.

His family — one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive — said his 33 years of retirement were filled with regular notes and letters from former players, thanking Olson for his impact on their lives.

Orsborn recalled Olson missing the 50-year reunion of the Famous Five, which excelled under coach A.J. Robertson, primarily from 1936-39. But his alma mater remained dear to Olson's heart, as son Bob and daughter Sue requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Ken's name to the Bradley Alumni Association's B Club.

Olson is the second Famous Five member to die this year. Getz died Jan. 18 in Naples.

Carl Schunk died in 1997.

"Dar (Hutchins) and (Ted) Parish are gone, too," Orsborn said. "I'm the sole survivor of the six of us — however, there were others on the team — and I'm not going to live forever. But I'm not going to give in, either."

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"MIGHTY MITES" number 88, Jordan Emmons, above, runs the ball past his Clifton Central opponents on Saturday, August 29.

Clifton Central had no chance of stopping "Juniors" player number 40, Justin Fox, right, during the football game on Saturday.



Luxembourg Films on Rt. 66

by John Weiss

Seeing travelers from around the world is not an unusual sight on Route 66. Tourists with cameras and independent film and news crews are also a common sight on this famous highway.

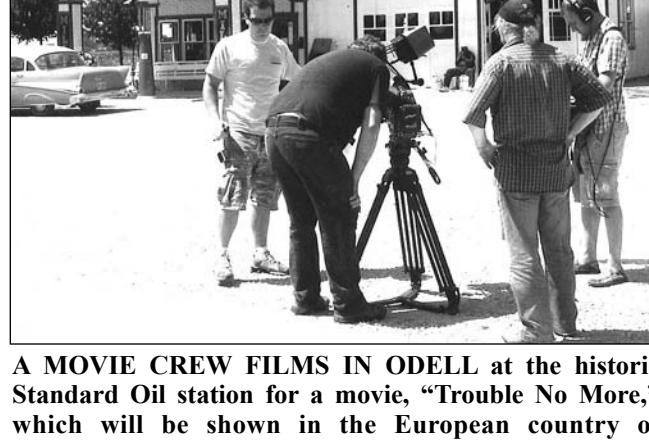
However, this group was different. They were here to film segments of a feature film for a movie studio in Luxembourg.

First, it is important to note that Luxembourg is a small European country near Germany. Its citizens speak a distinctive language all their own. As a result, distribution of a feature film from Luxembourg is limited to mainly that country.

Andy Bausch is a well-known movie director in Luxembourg. In 1988, he directed the film "Troublemaker." The lead character was an inept criminal known as Johnny Chicago. This film was well received. Ten years later, director Bausch worked on a sequel entitled "Back In Trouble." Again a hit! The character, Johnny Chicago, was played by Thierry Van Werveke in both films. Unfortunately, the star actually died early this year. So a third and final episode



A MOVIE CREW FROM LUXEMBOURG sets up props while filming a scene for "Trouble No More" along Route 66 in Gardner recently.



A MOVIE CREW FILMS IN ODELL at the historic Standard Oil station for a movie, "Trouble No More," which will be shown in the European country of Luxembourg.

was written. In the plot of this film, titled "Trouble No More," the character Johnny Chicago has died. So a friend he knew from jail, Chuck Moreno, decides to come to Chicago and travel with Johnny Chicago's ashes to places he once visited and reminisced about.

Good old Johnny Chicago's ashes traveled on Route 66. The beat-up 1957 Chevy stopped at the old gas station in Odell. Here, according to the script, the unthinkable happened. Johnny's ashes spilled out of the urn. The harmonica-playing attendant, played by actor Mario Andre, shows mild curiosity as actor Ender Frings as Chuck Moreno tries to vacuum up poor Johnny's ashes.

The crew also filmed a short segment at the grain elevator in Cayuga. Here, an old blues guitarist, played by Richard Porter, is strolling down the country road as the car and ashes travel past the

old elevator structure. Many town folks came out to witness this short but unique experience. Everyone seemed to enjoy Cayuga's part in a European feature film.

The final travel segments were filmed in Gardner on the dead-end section of old Route 66 known locally as Route 129, where the bridge was removed. Some sound effects were also created and recorded at Gardner's two-cell jail.

Mr. Bill Douglas was the Chicago area coordinator. Location assistance was provided by local Route 66 author and historian John Weiss.

The "Troublemaker" trilogy series will now come to a close in Luxembourg. However, some areas of Livingston and Grundy counties will always remember when they were visited by the fictional character Johnny Chicago.

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Kankakee County Train Line Historians to Speak in Herscher

A program on trains in western Kankakee County will be one of the highlights of this year's Labor Day festivities in Herscher.

The presentation is set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 6, in the Herscher Village Hall.

Two prominent historians, Thomas French and Paul Burgess, will give the presentation. Burgess is the editor of "The Mid-American," the quarterly magazine of the Illinois Central Railroad Heritage Association. French wrote an article on the Tracy District of the Illinois Central for the Spring 2009 issue of the magazine.

Tracy was a coal mining town near Essex and Clarke City in the 1880s and 1890s. A spur line of the Illinois Central's Bloomington Branch was built from Buckingham to the mines at Tracy in 1882. Both Tracy and Clarke City are gone, disappearing after their coal mines closed.

The coal mining area was named the Herscher Quadrangle by the state. The Illinois Central named its area the Tracy District, since names were given to the northernmost station point.

French's article, "Ghost of the Boomer Line," tells the history of the Bloomington Branch in western Kankakee County. The article includes present-day, full-color photographs of what remains of the pilings for the trestle at Crane Creek on the Roger Wagner farm near Buckingham, the concrete footings for the water tank at Buckingham and old rails taken from the tracks that now are used as a base for storage tanks on the Clyde Unz farm. The article also includes photographs of the railroad's water reservoir at Buckingham and the elevator on the Unz farm.

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First Annual West William Street Block Party

Saturday, August 22, the 300 block of West William Street in Dwight held its first Block Party. The street was blocked off from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m.

All the families brought their lawn furniture and grills to the front and family and friends began to arrive for the fun.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, deep friend turkey, all types of salads, and corn were just some of the foods provided. Money was donated from all members of the block to rent a five-in-one jumper from Party Time Pop Ups for the children and also a DJ from Company One DJs.

Tracy was a coal mining town near Essex and Clarke City in the 1880s and 1890s. A spur line of the Illinois Central's Bloomington Branch was built from Buckingham to the mines at Tracy in 1882. Both Tracy and Clarke City are gone, disappearing after their coal mines closed.

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Dwight Mayor Bill Wilkey was so impressed with the event that he donated a snow cone machine for the day.

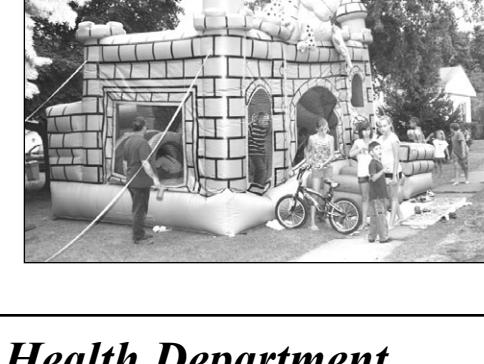
A firetruck, ambulance, police, and Smokey the Bear were also part of this block party. The children were able to learn about their different jobs.

The firemen turned on the hose on top of the truck and the children were playing in the water. The EMTs let the children sit inside the ambulance and answered questions. Everyone was pleased and pictures were taken. New friends were made, children played, people

laughed and danced.

The block party was an event that will never be forgotten and will go on for years to come. It was a great way to end the summer.

We can't wait until next year!



Support Scuba Don's Team in the 2009 ALS Walk4Life

by Sue DeLong

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, more than 5,000 people will participate in the ALS Walk4Life to benefit the Les Turner ALS Foundation. The event features a two-mile walk along Chicago's beautiful lakefront to help raise much-needed funds for ALS patient services, research and public awareness. This is the third year family and friends of Don DeLong will participate. Don passed away in the fall of 2008 after a courageous battle with ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease). This year we walk to remember Don and celebrate his faith and courage.

We believe in and support the Les Turner ALS Foundation because they were a tremendous help to us during those awful months when Don was so sick. With your involvement, we can help make a difference in the lives of all ALS patients and their families. If you would like to walk with our team, please wear a red t-shirt if you have one. To walk with us or donate, sign onto the Les Turner ALS Foundation website at

<https://ssl.charityweb.net/lesturners/Walk4Life/scubado>

nsteam.htm and click on WALK WITH TEAM or DONATE TO TEAM. If you prefer to send a check, the address is: Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Avenue, Suite 302, Skokie, IL 60077-3254. Please be sure to indicate on your check that your donation is for Scuba Don's Team. Donations are tax deductible.

We will meet at DeLong Ford-Mercury, 212 E. Delaware St., at 7:15 am and leave Dwight promptly at 7:30. We have some drivers, but more may be needed. If you would like more information or can drive, please call Sue DeLong at 584-1597. The walk will start at 10:00 am and be over by noon. Some of us plan to stay downtown and eat lunch afterwards. Bring your entire family along with wagons or strollers and make this a family event. Special entertainment is planned for the kids. We hope you will join us for this fun, worthwhile event and help us Strike Out ALS!

Wherever people come together, joined in common cause, there is hope.

Sept. 24: Odell Bank, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Dwight Village Hall, 10-11:30 a.m.

Sept. 30: Saunemin

Livingston County Health Department Sets Dates for Flu Shot Clinics

Community Building, 8-9 a.m.

Immunizations are also available at the health department building September 23 and October 7, 14 and 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All clinics are conducted on a walk-in basis during specified clinic hours and are open to the general public.

There are separate costs for the influenza (flu) vaccine and the pneumonia vaccine.

For questions regarding the health department's flu and pneumonia clinics, call 815-844-7174. For more information about the seasonal flu vaccine, go to www.cdc.gov/flu



Campus Days '09



Campus Days Tractor Pull and Fishing Derby Winners Next Week

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF

VS

WILLIAM D. KRAMER; JO LYNN KRAMER; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DWIGHT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS 08 CH 140

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT ***THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE*** PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on June 26, 2009, SHERIFF in LIVINGSTON County, Illinois, will on September 29, 2009, in LOBBY OF THE Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, IL61764, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of LIVINGSTON, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 1, AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 2, ALL IN BLOCK 9 OF SPENCER'S ADDITION TO VILLAGE OF DWIGHT, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. (05)-04-483-010 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 105 NORTH UNION STREET DWIGHT, IL 60420

Description of Improvements: WHITE WOOD 1 STORY SINGLEFAMILY WITH ATTACHED 1 CAR The Judgment amount was \$49,017.08.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Suite 200, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 .

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street, Suite 200 DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

I205062

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

STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.) No.09-CH-83

) ALLEN SEGGERMAN, JR., TONY JAMES,)

) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and)

) unknown owners and non-record claimants,)

) Defendants.)

NOTICE

Notice is given you Defendants, unknown owners and non record claimants, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, praying that a Judgment of Foreclosure be entered against real estate legally described as follows:

All of Block 4 in Hoobler's Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois

PIN: 15-22-308-001

Common Address: 802 W. Water St., Pontiac, IL 61764

The title holder of record to the above described real estate is ALLEN SEGGERMAN. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on June 6, 2006. This mortgage was recorded on June 7, 2006, at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 00572090. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, STATE BANK OF GRAYMONT, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendant in Case No. 09-CH-83 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, of the law firm of Strufe & McClarey, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before September 30, 2009, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 6 day of August, 2009.

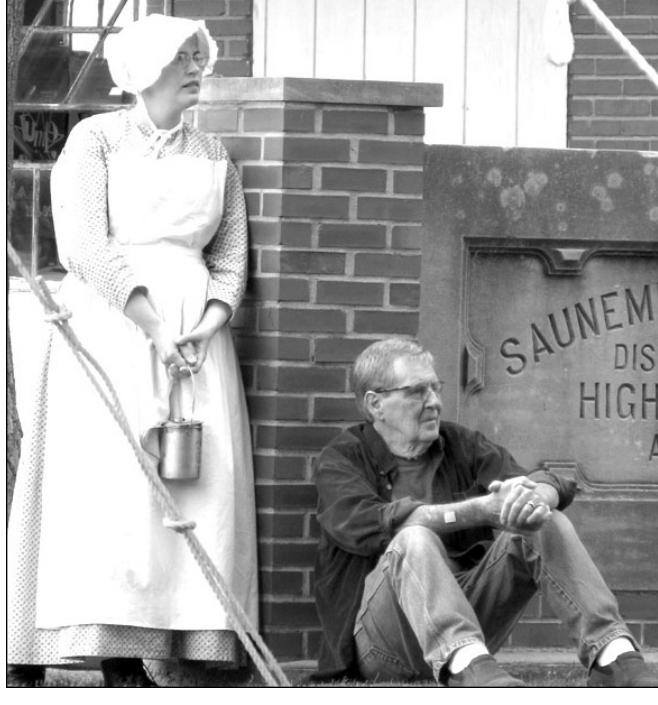
Judith K. Cremer, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois



A CIVIL WAR REENACTOR plays his drum to keep soldiers in step during Saunemin Summer Celebration on August 22.



NATHAN JOERNNDT of Pontiac performs on his keyboard during Saunemin Summer Celebration August 22. Joerndt has Williams Syndrome and a great aptitude for music. Many may recognize him as a greeter at Pontiac Wal-Mart.



THE PAST AND THE PRESENT MINGLED when Battery G of the Second Illinois Light Artillery from Stillman Valley conducted a Civil War camp at Saunemin Summer Celebration. Above, a reenactor and a fairgoer watch a musical performance held during the event.

CIVIL WAR REENACTORS from Company D of the 104th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment prepare to fire an original Civil War cannon during Saunemin Summer Celebration.



A FOUR-YEAR-OLD pedals hard during the kiddie tractor pull at Saunemin Summer Celebration.



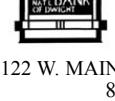
HANG ON TIGHT! Children slide down a giant inflatable slide during Saunemin Summer Celebration on Saturday, August 22.



MEMBERS OF THE SAUNEMIN WOMAN'S CLUB prepare and serve food during Saunemin Summer Celebration.

In observance of Labor Day our Lobby and Drive-thru will be Closed Monday, September 7.

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A CIVIL WAR MEDAL of Honor was on display during Saunemin Summer Celebration. The medal, dated 1863, was won by Oscar Slagle, who is buried in Broughton Township Cemetery, Kempton.

Upcoming Card Games at the Dwight Senior Center

The September card game schedule for the Dwight Senior Citizens Center, 106 S. Franklin St., is as follows:
Sept. 3, pinochle, 1 p.m.;
Sept. 9, euchre, 6:30 p.m.;
Sept. 10, bridge, 1 p.m.;
Sept. 15, euchre and bridge, 1 p.m.; Sept. 17, pinochle, 1 p.m.; and Sept. 24, bridge, 1 p.m.

All area seniors are invited to join.

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DINNER FOR ONE...

2 PIECES CHICKEN

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NEW!

5 EXTRA-LARGE CHICKEN STRIPS

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NEW! All of the above dinners include choice of (pick one): mashed potatoes and gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, french fries, seasoned waffle fries or spaghetti; choice of green beans or corn; and, bread stick. NEW Chicken Strip Dinners also come with the choice of two sauces.

THE COUNTRY MANSION

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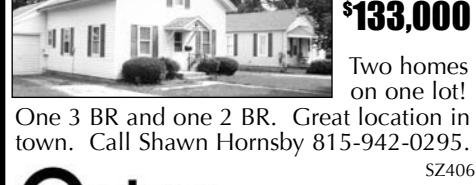
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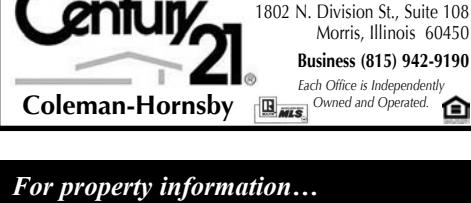
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318 Wilmac, Dwight • 310 N. Prairie, Dwight

LISTINGS

NEW: 310 W. James, Dwight.....\$129,000

NEW: 34735 E. 2200 N. Rd., Kempston....\$374,500

NEW: 24350 E. 1500 N. Rd., Saunemin....\$194,000

NEW: 122 Depot, Gardner.....\$119,000

NEW: 124 Peale, Joliet.....\$ 70,000

309 Susan, Dwight.....\$249,000

307 Scott, Dwight.....\$247,500

123 John, Dwight.....\$239,750

128 W. Delaware, Dwight.....\$229,000

20 Burbeck, Dwight (Business Only)....\$210,000

316 Linden, Dwight.....\$175,000

304 E. Philmar, Dwight.....\$163,500

310 S. St. Louis, Dwight.....\$160,000

53 Spafford, Saunemin.....\$145,000

411 W. South, Dwight.....\$144,900

220 W. Chippewa, Dwight.....\$129,900

308 N. Center, Gardner.....\$124,500

113 E. Waupansie, Dwight.....\$115,000

203 & 205 E. Division, Gardner.....\$105,000

202 N. Pine, Gardner.....\$ 95,000

1540 E. Livingston Rd., Dwight.....\$ 89,900

401 W. Prairie, Odell.....\$ 89,000

311 S. Clinton, Dwight.....\$ 62,500

116 Elm, Gardner.....\$ 60,000

104 E. Seminole, Dwight.....\$ 54,900

315 Jesse, Verona.....\$ 45,000

300 E. Spencer Lot 30, Dwight.....\$ 35,000

300 E. Spencer Lot 29, Dwight.....\$ 16,500

COUNTRY PROPERTY

Rt. 66 N., Dwight.....\$360,000

22720 E. 2500 N. Rd., Odell.....\$349,000

23984 N. 2600 E. Rd., Odell.....\$249,900

13481 N. 3300 E. Rd., Chatsworth.....\$189,900

22929 N. 3400 E. Rd., Emington.....\$149,900

12571 N. 2700 E. Rd., Forrest.....\$95,000

26500 E. 2900 N. Rd.....\$11,000 acre

FARMLAND / LOTS

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Lot 26, 27, 28 Block 10, E. Mazon, Dwight.....\$60,000

410 N. Mitchell, Braceville.....\$36,000

302 S. Chicago, Dwight.....\$32,000

312 E. Deer, Odell.....\$20,000

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

158-162 E. Main, Dwight.....\$185,000

109 E. Chippewa, Dwight.....\$189,000

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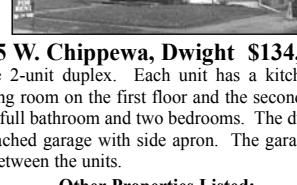
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Featured Property of the Week

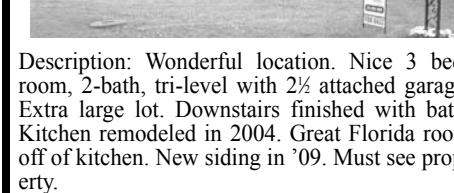


215 W. Chippewa, Dwight \$134,900

Very nice 2-unit duplex. Each unit has a kitchen, dining room/living room on the first floor and the second floor features one full bathroom and two bedrooms. The duplex has a 2-car detached garage with side apron. The garage space is divided between the units.

Other Properties Listed:
104 Karen, Dwight.....\$204,000
10 Wellington, Saunemin.....\$140,900
507 Jennings, Dwight.....\$137,000
103A Susan, Dwight.....\$94,000
Commercial Properties:
140 E. Main, Dwight.....\$149,000
416 W. Waupansie, Dwight.....\$147,500

202 W. 2nd St., Odell REDUCED! \$148,900



Description: Wonderful location. Nice 3 bedroom, 2-bath, tri-level with 2½ attached garage. Extra large lot. Downstairs finished with bath. Kitchen remodeled in 2004. Great Florida room off of kitchen. New siding in '09. Must see property.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LIVINGSTON COUNTY - PONTIAC, ILLINOIS
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION TRUST 2006-WF3 PLAINTIFF

VS

RICHARD T. WOLF; RACHEL WOLF; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RICHARD T. WOLF, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;

DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF

FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT ***THIS DOCUMENT IS AN

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PURPOSE*** PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on June 26, 2009, SHERIFF IN LIVINGSTON County, Illinois, will on September 29, 2009, in LOBBY OF THE

Courtouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, IL 61764, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of LIVINGSTON, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 05-05-04-379-011

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 124 W SEMINOLE STREET AND 124 1/2 W SEMINOLE STREET DWIGHT, IL 60420

Description of Improvements: 2 UNIT WITH NO GARAGE. The Judgment amount was \$79,584.10. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The property is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://service.attypierce.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file #PA0828399 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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Description of Improvements: WHITE WOOD 1 STORY SINGLEFAMILY WITH ATTACHED 1 CAR THE Judgment amount was \$49,017.08. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The property is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://service.attypierce.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file #PA0830164 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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DWIGHT – 2-bedroom duplex w/appliances and water provided. Deposit required. No pets. Call 815-584-2981.

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED – MVK Elementary School is accepting applications for a part-time aide/clerk position. Must be qualified as a Parapro under NCLB guidelines. Applications may be picked up and returned through 9/9/09 in the office at 513 Eighth St., Mazon, IL 60444.

35-2w

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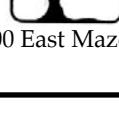
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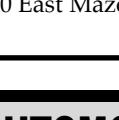
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Dwight Park Curfew Tightened; Sewer Fee Changes Approved

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Anyone under the age of 21 in a Dwight park after 8 p.m. could be fined up to \$400 following action taken by the Dwight Village Board of Trustees at its August 24 session.

The Ordinance Committee recommendation came to the board as the village looks for ways to curtail park vandalism. Per the new ordinance, all municipally owned parks, except Stevenson Pool, shall be closed from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. for any person under the age of twenty-one years of age unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or attending or leaving a village

sponsored function. First, second and third offense fines would be \$100, \$200, and \$400 respectively. Normal park hours are 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. for those over the age of 21.

Determination of park curfew violations will be left to the discretion of local police, and youths utilizing park sidewalks when going to or from the village swimming pool area or another "village sponsored function" will not be penalized.

A second ordinance aims to hit the pocketbook of anyone guilty of park vandalism with a flat fine of \$750. Some members of the board felt that financial repercussions might be the strongest and fastest deterrent of van-

dalism.

"We need to nip it in the bud and take care of it," commented Trustee Jared Anderson.

The park curfew and vandalism fine ordinances will be effective September 15.

In another matter, the board approved imposing the current sewer replacement fee of \$7.25 per month on all residential units in the Village. The fee previously was imposed per water meter; however, this left residents in multi-unit buildings not properly assessed. According to a Utilities Committee report, imposing the fee on all residential units will add approximately 310 units and an additional \$26,970 to the sewer fund.

Also approved was an additional sewer replacement rate structure fee applied to all users over 30,000 gallons per billing cycle. The fee for usage from zero to 30,000 gallons will remain at \$7.25 per month. The fee for usage from 30,001 gallons and above will be billed an additional \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons of usage. The increased

fee is expected to add \$40,000 to the sewer fund.

Both sewer replacement fee changes are effective October 1.

In other business, the board approved:

- the reappointment of Mike Metzke to the Plan Commission.
- a two-way stop sign at E. William where it intersects St. Louis Street.
- the low bid of \$62,400 from Lee Farms Excavation of Onarga for demolition and removal of the Chippewa Street concrete water tower.
- a bid of \$4,110 from Municipal Well & Pump, Waupaua, Wisconsin for testing Well 101.
- a Harvest Days street closure of S. Franklin Street from E. Delaware to E. Chippewa beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, to allow food vendors to park extra vehicles.

The next Dwight Village Board meeting will be Monday, September 14, 6 p.m., in the Public Services Complex.

Audit Reflects A+ Rating for Village of Dwight

by Madelyn Fogarty
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Despite ongoing concerns regarding the financial stability of the Village of Dwight, an auditor's report of Village finances and funds provided a refreshing and positive perspective when the Fiscal Year 2009 audit was presented to the Dwight Board of Trustees during its August 24 session.

Phillips and Associates of Bloomington provided the audit and reported that the Village of Dwight has received an A+ rating from Standard and Poor's Rating Service. Several factors noted that led to the rating were physical location, satisfactory income levels, low debt burdens and strong cash reserves.

The audit showed the Village ended the year with an excess of \$192,000 over last fiscal year in the General Operating Fund. The Village operated under budget in almost all areas with revenues exceeding expenditures, resulting in a positive balance.

"Overall financial condition, you are better off than a year ago even though the economy hasn't been that great," the auditor told the board. "You have about six months worth of expenditures in reserves right now and that is probably where you should be."

Village finances are projected to remain stable with continued ability to maintain at least a balanced budget.

In another budget-related matter, the board approved an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$630,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The move allows for refinancing the 1997 Public Services Complex Bond.

First Midstate of Bloomington has secured a net interest rate of 2.8309 percent which will provide a savings for the Village of over \$57,000. The new principal and interest total on the bond issuance is \$714,952. The current bond will be paid off December 1, 2015.

Livingston County Health Dept. Announces Wellness Clinics

The Livingston County Health Department has appointments available for wellness clinics, which will be conducted at the health department on Tuesdays, September 8 and 22. The wellness clinic is open to all adults in Livingston County.

Basic wellness clinic services include blood pressure screening, metabolic syndrome screening and a blood chemistry profile. This profile includes testing for all cholesterol levels, glucose level, blood count and liver and kidney function enzymes.

The cost for a basic wellness clinic visit includes all lab fees. Lab results are reviewed by the health depart-

ment and sent to participants within one week.

Additional services available through the wellness clinic at additional fees include PSA (prostate specific antigen) prostate cancer testing for men; thyroid (TSH) screening; and HbA1c screening for clients with diabetes.

Women participating in the wellness clinic may also receive osteoporosis screening, which is conducted using ultra-sound to measure bone density, for an additional fee.

To make an appointment for the wellness clinic, call the Livingston County Health Department at 815-844-7174, ext. 210.



IS THAT THE GOOD HUMOR MAN? Keith Miller of Dwight brought his 1946 Chevy panel truck to the Historic Ambler-Becker Texaco Station on Old Route 66 on Thursday, August 20. The street rod with an old-fashioned Good Humor Ice Cream logo was painted by Tech-Ni-Kolor AutoCrafters of Dwight. Keith's wife, Rosie, said the couple decided to volunteer at the station to revive their Route 66 roots – in the 1960s, Keith worked at a Route 66 gas station and Rosie at an A&W on the 'Mother Road.'



FFA MEMBERS attending the 2009 Illinois FFA Leadership Camp are, left to right, State FFA Secretary Kirsten Casey; Dwight FFA members Sid Krople, Gracyn Leskanich and Chaney Tambling; and Section 10 President Cory Kregal.

Dwight FFA Members Attend Leadership Camp

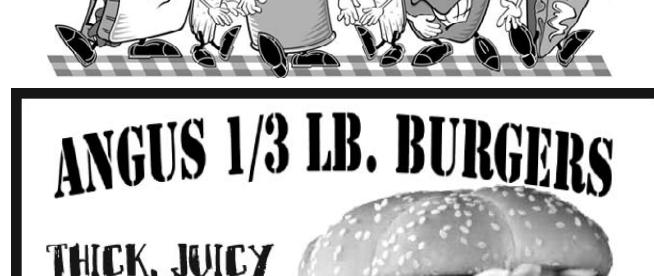
Sid Krople, Gracyn Leskanich and Chaney Tambling of the Dwight FFA Chapter recently attended the 2009 Illinois FFA Leadership Camp, held at Allerton Park near Monticello from July 29 through August 1.

The girls were among more than 300 campers from across the state who gathered to develop leadership skills and learn more about the FFA. Campers participated in a challenge course to develop

teamwork, Ag Olympics, FFA power sessions, dance and a large water balloon fight. They also listened to presentations from the Illinois FFA Alumni, Illinois Foundation FFA, hypnotist Dr. Morton Ford and guest speaker Harlan "Butch" Cotter.

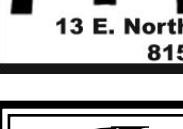
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