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Possible Hate Crime Charges in Kinsman Bar Beating by Sara Peters

sjhpeters2@gmail.com

Two men may be charged with a hate crime after beating a Muslim man who works at the First World Management meat packaging facility in Kinsman.

Grundy County police believe at about 1:15 a.m. Sunday, November 22, Luke Harty, 32, of Ransom, and Scott Finch, 32, of Diamond, attacked the victim outside Uncle Dave's Bar and Grill, 210 W. Main St., in Kinsman.

"According to Nafie (the victim), the three of them walked outside to have a cigarette and when he wasn't looking, one of the subjects hit him and knocked him down and then both of them started hitting and kicking him," Grundy County Sheriff Terry Marketti said.

There were no indications of a fight brewing inside the bar, according to the bartender who witnessed the situation, Marketti said.

Both men were arrested and charged with aggravated battery. Finch was also charged with resisting arrest.

transported to jail, Finch allegedly made comments saying he was "defending his country against terrorists," Marketti said.

As a result, the state's attorney's office asked the sheriff's department to investigate further into the incident, and hate crime charges could be issued.

Nafie is an employee at the slaughterhouse in Kinsman, which was raided by the FBI in October.

The facility's owner, Tahawwur Hussain Rana, faces federal terrorism charges after being linked to a plot against a Danish newspaper that published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Rana is also accused of funding attacks in Mumbai, India that have left as many as 170 people dead, the Tribune reported.

During those raids, Marketti stressed, FBI investigators were never suspicious of the workers themselves. The raid focused solely on the owner.

Marketti said he believes all three men were intoxicat ed and that the situation will be an isolated incident.



STUDENTS IN MISS KELLY'S KINDERGARTEN class at Dwight Grade School celebrated learning about the first Thanksgiving with a "friendship feast." The class made pilgrim placemats, pumpkin pie pudding, corn muffins, popcorn and sliced apples. Above, Emily Scott and Miranda Adamchak enjoy the feast. BELOW: "Pilgrims" and "Native Americans" are Jack, Jeremy, Bryce, Matthew, Esme and Kendahl.



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The victim, Faud Nafie, 35, of Kinsman, was taken to Morris Hospital, where he was treated and released Sunday evening.

While being transported to Morris Hospital for injuries to his hand and then bond and were released.

"They made some bad decisions, and unfortunately, now they'll have to pay for it," Marketti said.

Both men posted \$1,000

Gardner Village Board Shows the Holiday Spirit November 23, when he

by Don Phillips



THE GARDNER BEAU-**TIFICATION** Committee held its tree lighting ceremony in downtown Gardner Sunday evening. Refreshments were available. Persons attending who brought an item for the food pantry were entered into a drawing for cash prizes.

Commissioner Dick Hileman brought the Gardner village board into the holiday Monday night, spirit

motioned to provide Gardner Days funds to the Gardner Girl Scouts and Gardner Beautification Committee in conjunction with their Christmas tree lighting ceremonies. Hileman noted his intention to provide \$100 to the Girl Scouts and \$250 to the beautification committee. The funds were for cash drawings at the two tree lighting ceremonies on Sunday, November 29. Commissioner Gary Cox questioned what approvals may be required in connection with the disbursement of the funds; however, Village Attorney Scott Belt advised that any committee action that may be required or advised under the Gardner Days fund would be from a recommending body only, with the village board having final say on all disbursements. Representatives of the beautification committee stated they would provide a ticket to each person who brings a non-perishable food item for the community food pantry. The committee would then draw five winners at the village tree lighting and award five \$50

prizes. Cox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mike Serena reported to the board that the salt storage shed is progressing well, as is the South Jackson surfacing project. Serena then raised a concern with the status of the Nielsen Grain elevator repairs. He noted the owners had removed the antenna as promised, but Serena was not aware of any other work having been done. Belt commented that the property had been the subject of nuisance code violations in the past, and the village is open to take further action if the board deems it necessary. Hileman suggested placing discussion of the property on the agenda for the next meeting. Belt added there are several options for dealing with the property, all of which could result in significant expense to the village.

Commissioner Cox reported he had located basketball back boards and rims on the Internet for use in the village parks. Cox will provide cost information to the village clerk

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Deb Stirnaman of Dwight Wins National Award for Potica

by Meta Machulis

A Dwight woman has gained national recognition with her international dessert.

The potica made by Deb Stirnaman of Dwight was recently named the best in the United States in a contest sponsored by the Slovenian Women's Union of America (SWUA), of which Stirnaman is a member. The contest was judged by Nick Carmody of the Coloradobased Rocky Mountain Potica Company.

Potica, pronounced "po-TEET-suh," is a traditional Slovenian dessert of dough and filling. The process of making potica involves cooking down nuts, honey, evaporated milk, sugar and eggs; putting that topping onto yeast dough that has been stretched thinly across a table; and rolling the dessert to be placed in a pan.

"It has to be very thin, so yeast dough, you don't want



DEB STIRNAMAN OF DWIGHT, left, stands with Nick Carmody of the Rocky Mountain Potica Company. Carmody judged Stirnaman's traditional Slovenian dessert as the best potica in the United States.

to have any holes – that's the big goal," Stirnaman said.

Her finished dessert weighs about four pounds. She said there are many versions of potica, but "my family's favorite is the potica with raisins."

It was the judge's favorite, too, when Stirnaman brought her potica to the national potica bakeoff.

She served her potica with ham on the side and decorated it with carnations, the traditional Slovenian flower.

"He liked it because it was moist, and maybe because I had the gimmick -I'm not sure!" Stirnaman said.

She received further re-(continued on page 3)

when you're stretching the Joliet on June 19, the day of cognition when her winning recipe was published in a



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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Nov. 19: Adam J. Krimpelbein, 25, Dwight, retail theft; battery; vehicular invasion; Brian K. Kobiela, 25, Dwight, false police report; obstructing justice.

Nov. 20: Joseph M. Faris, 24, Dwight, vehicular invastion; battery; Jonathon E. Starbuck, 19, Dwight, instate warrant; Sheila K. Griego - Mascolo, 43. Dwight, in-state warrant.

Nov. 21: John E. Clark, 52, Forrest, op. veh. when reg. susp./non-i; operate uninsured motor vehicle.

Nov. 22: Andrew W. Furbee, 43, Dwight, disobeying traffic control dev.; Willie Davis, 66, Champaign, expired registration sticker.

Nov. 23: Sarah D. Akins, 25, Dwight, in-state warrant. Nov. 24: Allison R. Park, 19, Morton, passed school bus loading/unloading.

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

Nov. 19: Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; John, medical

Nov. 20: DPSC, medical, refusal; Karen, medical, Morris.

Nov. 21: Main, trauma,

Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; DCC, medical, Morris; Mazon, trauma, refusal.

Nov. 22: Main St., Kinsman, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to M-V-K Ambulance; W. Main St., medical, Morris.

Nov. 23: I-55, no patient, mutual aid Gardner; W. Main, medical, Morris; S. John, medical, St. James. Nov. 25: Aldi Drive,

medical, St. James; William St., medical, Morris.

Nov. 26: W. Main, medical, Morris.

Nov. 27: I-55, medical, Morris, auto aid from Gardner; Renfrew St., medical, St. Joe's; Mazon, medical, Morris; Prairie, refusal; DCC, medical, Morris.

Nov. 28: 47 and Stonewall, trauma, Morris, Gardner; 47 and Stonewall #2, trauma, Morris, S. Wilmington, Morris; Emington, medical, Morris, Emington; Aldi Dr., trauma, Morris; Main, medical, St. Mary's; Mazon, medical, Morris; Delaware, trauma, Morris.

5 Warnings Issued

Speeding (radar), 2; failure to signal when required, 1; disobeying traffic control device, 2.

Correction/Clarification

A report from Dwight police in last week's Paper erroneously stated that police were called to the Country Mansion in

response to a man who was beaten and robbed. The alleged attack took place at South Street and Carriage House Lane in Dwight.



Temps - 2009

Nov. 18 - high 47°, low 41° .06" precip. Nov. 19 – high 47°, low 33°

trace of precip. Nov. 20 - high 50°, low 28° Nov. 21 - high 55°, low 30° Nov. 22 – high 57°, low 32° Nov. 23 – high 48°, low 29°

Nov. 24 - high 52°, low 42° .57" precip.

One Year Ago - Dec. 2, 2008 high 33°, low 18°

Tri-Point HS Holding Food, **Toy Drive**

Tri-Point High School is holding a canned food and toy drive now through Monday, December 7.

Donations go to the Cullom Food Pantry for stockings for families in need. Items may be dropped off at the high school in Cullom.

ber of Commerce is once

again offering Christmas gift

certificates. Certificates at \$25

are available for \$20. There is

a \$100 limit per household.

These

DTHS WRESTLERS TOOK CARE OF BUSINESS and then took a time out for this photo. Working for a donation, members of the Dwight Wrestling team raked leaves and did other yard work to raise money for the wrestling team. Pictured above, front row I to r, Soren Jessen, Kyle Senard, Mikey Kelly and Dean Fredricks. Back row, Coach Len Tryner, R.J. Rodrick, Luke Fink, Pat Gliwa, Jeff Bullian, Austin Holland, Chris Gage and Assistant Coach Korey Rodrick.

Dwight Chamber Gift Certificates Available; Drawing to be Held

The Dwight Area Cham- redeemable only at Chamber member businesses until January 31, 2010. A listing of retail businesses will be provided when purchasing the certificates.

> ing a free sign-up for two winnotification of winners will be

Dwight Teen Center to Host Craft/Bake Sale

Several events are planned crafts for the sale should be for the new Dwight Teen dropped off on December 10. Proceeds will benefit the teen Center. center.

certificates are

Dec. 5: Beginning at 8 a.m., volunteers will clean and paint the teen center to get the building ready. Pizza may be provided. Be sure to bring old clothes for painting.

Dec. 11-12: A bake sale to benefit the teen center will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m A craft sale will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Baked goods and

'Love Boxes' Seeks Donations, Volunteers, Families in Need

Once again, it is time to begin to assemble the Ministerial Association-sponsored "Love Boxes" for people in need in Dwight.

Food and monetary contributions may be donated to this community project. Many Dwight area churches are participating in this project; any contributions should be at the Dwight United Methodist Church by 9 a.m. Friday, December 11, as the boxes will be delivered at 9 a.m. the following day.

join in packing or delivering the boxes.

Donations in the form of checks may be made out to David Bossert-Love Boxes. This money will be used to help pay the grocery bill.

If you have any questions or know someone who should receive a box, please call David Bossert at 815-584-2902 or the Dwight United Methodist Church office at 815-584-3420 and give the name, address and number of people in the family in need.

Anyone is welcome to

Christmas for Kids Drop-off and Delivery

All Christmas for Kids shoppers need to drop off wrapped gifts at the Dwight United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 10, between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

If you wish to help deliver the gifts, be at the church Saturday morning, December 12, by 9 a.m.

If you have any questions, call 815-584-2179.

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Certificates can be purchased at the Chamber office,

on Friday, December 18.

The Dwight Teen Center is

now located at 120 E.

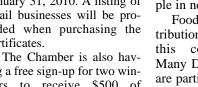
Chippewa St. If you have any

questions or would like to

volunteer, contact Dawn

Sutton at 815-584-6948.

the Dwight Teen Center.





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FINANCIAL FOCUS Changing "Seasons" of Life May Require

Changes in Investment Strategy

As we make the transition from autumn to winter, you may be reminded that seasons don't just change on the calendar they also change in your life. And as you move from one season of your life to another, you'll find that some of your goals may have changed. Consequently, as time goes by, you may need to adjust your financial strategies as well.

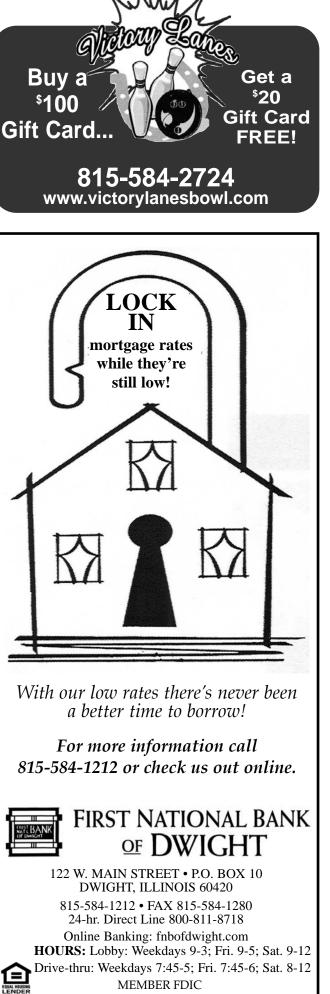
To illustrate the "seasonal" nature of your investment strategies, let's quickly go through a typical life cycle and look at the differing financial goals at each stage:

• Starting out - When you are beginning your career, you may not have a lot of money with which to invest, but it's important to try to put away something each month. If you have a 401(k) where you work, take advantage of it — your money is deducted, pretax, from your paychecks, so it's an easy way to start investing. And at this stage of your life, consider investing primarily for growth. Of course, when you invest in growth-oriented vehicles, you typically assume an above-average degree of risk because the price of these investments can fluctuate greatly over time. However, if you buy quality investments and hold them for many years, you may be able to overcome the "blips" along the way and benefit from the growth prospects these vehicles can offer.

• Middle years — During this season of your life, things have likely changed. Your kids may have already graduated from college or otherwise left home, so you may need to re-evaluate your life insurance needs. You're likely earning more money and have more available to invest — which means, among other things, that you should consider "maxing out" on your IRA and also putting as much as you afford into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Because you may have a decade or more until you retire, you still may need considerable growth potential from your investments. At the same time, though, you might not want to invest quite as aggressively as you did when you started out, so you may want to increase the percentage of bonds and other fixed-income vehicles in your portfolio.

· Retirement years - Many people assume their expenses will drop when they retire. And some will drop - but others, such as health care, will increase. Furthermore, it's not at all unusual for people to spend two, or even three, decades in an active retirement — and during those years, inflation can be a factor. Consequently, even as a retiree, you'll find that growthoriented investments are important, balanced with others that provide income. Furthermore, you'll want to manage the withdrawals you take from your IRA, 401(k) or other employersponsored retirement plan to help make sure you don't outlive your resources. At the same time, you should consider exploring estate-planning techniques, such as life insurance trusts, that can help you leave the legacy you want without burdening your heirs with heavy estate taxes. To help you meet these needs, work with your tax advisor and estate-planning professional.

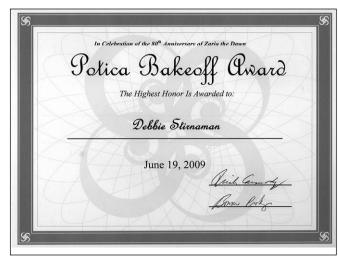
The seasons of the year change every three months. The seasons of your life change much more slowly, but these changes can have a big impact on your financial situation.



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Deb Stirnaman of Dwight Wins National Award for Potica



THE POTICA BAKEOFF AWARD went to Deb Stirnaman of Dwight following a national contest held June 19 in Joliet.

(continued from page 1) cognition when her winning recipe was published in a recent issue of "Zarja – The Dawn," the magazine of the SWUA.

In Slovenian culture, potica is popular around the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and especially Easter. Stirnaman said potica and other foods are often taken to church on Holy Saturday to be blessed by the priest, and the meal is eaten for breakfast on Easter morning.

Last year, Stirnaman and her sister traveled to Slovenia to visit relatives and were served potica by everyone they visited.

Stirnaman's mother and grandmother, who also belonged to the 88-year-old SWUA, passed on their potica recipes and talents to Stirnaman. Her mother used to make and deliver poticas for many people in her hometown of Joliet; upon her mother's retirement, Stirnaman took on the job, and it has now been passed on to Stirnaman's sister, Marlene Perschnick of Dwight.

Stirnaman said she makes the potica "mostly in remembrance of my mom" and that "all the thanks have to go to my mom, because she had the patience to teach us how to make it."

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Six Dwight Area Friends Served in World War II

Dwight area all served in the United States military during World War II. They were the late Merlin "Bud" (the late Ruth) Legner; the late Earl (the late Margaret) Burkhart; the late Peder "Pete" (Ruth "Sid," of Dwight) Pedersen; the late Joe (Lucille, of Reddick) Christensen; Victor "Vic" (Lorraine) Fieldman of Dwight; and the late LeRoy (the late Eleanor) Andersen.

Memories about several of the men were shared.

At least Legner, Pedersen and Fieldman were inducted into the Army at Camp Grant, Rockford, on February 12, 1942. They attended infantry training camp at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. Burkhart was also at Camp Robinson.

Fieldman said his starting pay was \$21 per month - \$7 for insurance, \$7 for laundry and \$7 spending money.

"My parents and Lorraine came to visit me on a weekend at Camp Robinson," Fieldman recalled. "That was the last I saw of them until I got out of the Army almost four years later."

Legner married his wife, Ruth, at Little Rock on April 4, 1942. Pedersen was his best man.

Legner and Pedersen were sent to Fitzsimons Hospital near Denver, Colorado. Legner was trained as a surgical technician and Pedersen was a medical technician.

Legner was then sent to Palm Springs, California, where he worked at the hospital. Ruth joined him, and

Saunemin Gym, Fitness Center **Open House** December 5

Area residents are invited to an open house of the newly finished Saunemin Grade School Gymnasium and Village of Saunemin Fitness Center on Saturday, December 5, from 8 to 11

Six friends from the their son, Jim, was born there in 1944. Then Legner was shipped overseas from Fort Lewis, Washington. He was in the Marianas, Guam, Spain, the Philippines and Tinian.

Legner was in Guam when the atomic bomb was dropped in Japan. He was discharged in 1946 and moved back to Dwight, where he worked as an assistant administrator for the VA hospital until it closed. He was an assistant administrator for the Fox Center until his retirement.

Fieldman was part of an engineer company at Hamilton Air Force Base in went to Guadalcanal, where in the kitchen. After work, he

Once the war was over, fog. The military men cele-

the train station in Kankakee Fieldman said.



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SIX DWIGHT AREA MEN SERVED together during World War II. They were, front row, left to right: Merlin "Bud" Legner, Earl Burkhart and Peder "Pete" Pedersen; back row: Joe Christensen, Vic Fieldman and LeRoy Andersen.





DONALD PHILLIPS read The Night Before Christmas during the Gardner Beautification Tree Lighting Ceremony Sunday evening at the Gazebo.

Gardner Village Board Shows the Holiday Spirit -

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for purchase.

Cox advised Belt that he and Serena attended a recent fire board meeting and discussed village business.

While no village business was conducted, Cox felt it appropriate to notify Belt of the occasion. Belt advised, based on Cox's description, no violation of the open meetings act.

a.m. The fitness center's grand

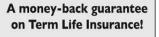
opening will be Monday morning, December 7, at 6 a.m.

At the open house, guests will be able to take tours of the facility, meet members of the fitness center staff and register for memberships to the facility. Membership will be open to any member of the public, regardless of community of residence.

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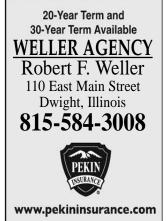
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Tammy Reneé Harris

Tammy Reneé Harris to Perform in Cabery

Singer, speaker and recording artist Tammy Reneé Harris will perform Saturday, December 5, at Cabery United Methodist Church, located at Ames and Chester streets, Cabery.

Her high-energy presentations are enjoyed by all ages. The public is invited to attend the all Christmas concert starting at 7:15 p.m.

For more information, visit www.tammyrenee.org

Bake Sale and Craft Sale in Saunemin

A bake sale and craft sale will be held Sunday, December 6, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Saunemin Christmas Celebration, held at the Saunemin Community Building.

The bake sale and craft sale is sponsored by the Saunemin United Methodist Women. Proceeds will be donated to the Saunemin Area Christmas for Children Fund.



Sara Isenberg and Samuel "Rambo" Botkin

Sara Isenberg **Engaged to** Samuel Botkin

Matt and Judi (Laughlin) Isenberg of Pontiac are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sara Elizabeth, also of Pontiac, to Samuel Dean "Rambo" Botkin, son of Ronald Dean Botkin Jr. of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Luncinda McClanahan of Pontiac.

The bride-to-be is a 2009 of graduate Pontiac Township High School and is a student at Heartland Community College. The prospective groom was a 2005 graduate of Prairie Central High School and is employed at Prairie Central Co-op in Weston.

No date has yet been set for the wedding.

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Britt Provence Awarded NCPA Presidential Scholarship

Britt Provence was awarded the National Community Pharmacist Association's (NCPA) Presidential Scholarship at its annual convention and trade show in New Orleans. She was also named an NCPA Outstanding Student Member of Drake University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

The NCPA Foundation recognizes students with demonstrated leadership qualities, academic achievement and an interest in pharmacy management. The scholarship that Provence received was sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Provence is a 2005 graduate of Dwight Township High School and is a fifthyear student at Drake in Des Moines, Iowa. Upon gradua-

Mobile Food Pantry Available for Grundy County Residents

The next Northern Illinois Grundy County address. Food Bank mobile food Every person in line will be pantry will take place on asked to show this proof, Wednesday, December 9, at even if they have been to a First Christian Church, mobile food pantry in the Morris. past.

Registration will begin at approximately 3:45 p.m., and at least the first 100 numbers for a place in line will be drawn by lottery.

Any family that resides in Grundy County and is in need of assistance with food is welcome to come to these food distributions. Recipients are asked to provide proof of their residency, either with a valid driver's license, state I.D. or utility bill with their current



Britt Provence

tion, she will receive a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She is also a pharmacy technician at Doc's Drugs of Dwight. She is the daughter of Randy and Debbie Provence of Dwight.

If you have any questions,

call the We Care office at

Family Movie

Night at Odell

Public Library

gram will be held at Odell

Public Library on Wednes-

day, December 2, at 6 p.m.

and will feature the movie

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A family movie night pro-

815-942-6389.

Tambling and Dillon Harris, who were recently named school winners for the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award. To be eligible for this award, students must exhibit excellence in academics, athletics, and community/school leadership.

athlete who competes on the volleyball, girls basketball and softball teams and has also competed in track during her four years in high school. Dillon competes in football and boys basketball at Dwight.

"Chaney and Dillon are

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Dillon Harris and Chaney Tambling

Tambling, Harris Awarded Wendy's High School Heisman

Dwight Township High an inspiration to those School is extending a special congratulations to Chaney

Wendy's High The School Heisman program, awarded in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman, celebrates the achievements of the nation's top high school seniors, both in and out of the classroom. Just as the collegiate Heisman is known for being the top award in college football, the Wendy's High School Heisman award is known for being the most prestigious award at the high school level. The award encourages future leadership by recognizing well-balanced lifestyles at an early age.

Chaney is a three-sport

School Heisman award judging," said Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Memorial Trophy and Wendy's High School Heisman program spokesperson. "I'm proud to be a part of a program that honors young men and women who embody the spirit of the Heisman tradition of hard work, dedication and an outstanding record both on and off the field." Chaney is the daughter of Mike and Shari Tambling and Dillon is the son of Tim Harris and Marion Harris.

around them and will repre-

sent their school well in the

next stage of Wendy's High



Nicole Huffman **DTHS Names** Freshman

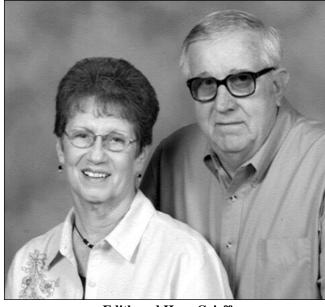




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Edith and Harv Grieff

Harv and Edith Grieff, Odell, to Observe 50th Anniversary

Harv and Edith Grieff of of Odell. Odell celebrated their upcoming 50th anniversary this past summer, when the entire family took a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and stayed togther in a log house in the mountains.

Harv Grieff and Edith Waldschmidt were married December 5, 1959, at St. Bernard's Church, Sunbury. Their attendants were the late Norma Waldschmidt Limberg and Gene Fearman

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The couple has five children: Shelly (Terry) Spivey of Bourbonnais; Brad (Sue) Grieff, Rich (Deb) Grieff and Tim (Michelle) Grieff, all of Odell; and Amy (Gary) Stephenson of Quaker Hill, Connecticut. Harv and Edith have nine grandchildren.

Harv works part-time for Grieff's Exteriors, and Edith is a library aide at Odell Grade School.

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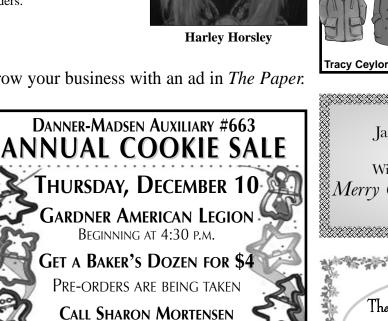
GSW HS Student Spotlight

Gardner South Wilmington High School congratulates Harley Horsley as she is in the Student Spotlight this week.

English teacher Mr. Cozzi said, "Harley is an outstanding student with valuable insights that challenge other students to become stronger leaders."



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AT 815-584-2411 Arrangements may be made to pick up orders in Dwight.



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Saunemin Hometown Christmas

Sunday, December 6

• Soup Supper, 4 -6:30 p.m. - Sponsored by the Saunemin Woman's Club at the Community Building Menu: Chili, Potato Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Hot Dogs, Chips, Relishes, Desserts and Beverage. Adults: \$6 Children 8 and under: \$3.

- UMW Bake Sale
- Musical Entertainment By Saunemin Grade School Students 4 4:30 p.m
 - Santa and Mrs. Claus Arrive at 5 p.m. at the Community Building. Pictures with Santa from 5 - 6:30 p.m. One free picture per child or per family. Pictures will be taken by Keri Jo's Studio.
- Carriage Rides from 5 7 p.m. Free ticket with purchase of Supper...otherwise, \$1
 - Live Nativity at the Methodist Church
- Christmas Cantata 7 p.m. at the Saunemin United Methodist Church. "Hope Has Hands"







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In the Air There's a Feeling of Christmas. Children Laughing, People Passing. Friday, December 4, 2009 Continued

Visit with Santa after the Parade in the Downtown Park. Bring your camera and take a picture of your child with Santa!

Saturday, December 5, 2009

8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa in the Country Mansion Garden Room A ^s5 ticket is required of everyone attending and must be purchased in advance. Tickets available at First National Bank of Dwight, Sunnyside Tanning & Video and Bank of Dwight

Sunday, December 6, 2009

5:30 p.m. Christmas Under the Windmill in the Country Mansion Garden Room Enjoy a delightful evening of entertainment, food and fun with area talent. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and program starting at 7 p.m. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Tickets available at Emling Florist and Country Mansion.

Rachel Heath and Landon Hunter Brown have been chosen by the Dwight Christmas Committee as the parade's Princess and Prince.

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Flynn-Eich American Legion Donates Blankets to Veterans

The Flynn-Eich American Legion Post #451 and the women's auxiliary met on November 5 at Pour Richard's in Odell for dinner. There were 21 members in attendance. Joe and Betty Kelly and Elmer and Marvella Kohrt were hosts and hostesses for the evening.

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The chicken dinner was followed by both organizations' business meetings. Marcia Drach, president, conducted the women's auxiliary meeting. Louise Masching, secretary, took roll with 10 members present. The minutes from last month's meeting were read by Masching, and the treasurer's report was given by Marie Bunting. Both reports were accepted as read.

Drach showed the fleece blankets that the Legion and women's auxiliary gave to each of the veterans at the nursing home on veterans day. Each blanket had the veteran's name and branch of service embroidered, and the women veterans received a fleece shawl, also with their name and branch of service. Also, to show their appreciation to the servicemen in their own Legion post, \$2 McDonalds

gift certificates were given to Earing, 150 hours; Marvella each veteran.

The women's auxiliary has started a scrapbook of the Legion members and are in need of several members' pictures. If you are a member of the Emington Legion post, send a copy of a picture of yourself in uniform, along with your rank of service, to Marcia Drach.

Installation of officers was done with Drach, president; Betty Bunting, first vice president; Marvella Kohrt, second president, Louise vice Masching, secretary; Bunting, treasurer; Virginia Spafford, historian; Joyce Conroy, chaplain; and Donna Lynn Earing, sergeant-at-arms.

Throughout the year, the women volunteer in some form to help the veterans. Whether it is knitting helmet liners, blankets, sending packages, baking goodies or running them to doctor's appointments, the following ladies work hard to show their appreciation to the servicemen and women. The ladies who turned in hours were presented with a certificate for volunteerism. They were: Betty Bunting, five hours; Donna Lynn

Kohrt, 275 hours; Donna Jean Earing, 200 hours; and Virginia Spafford, 984 hours. Each member was also presented with an auxiliary pin.

As a special program for the evening, Elmer Kohrt gave a talk on his "Honor Flight"

that he took to Washington D.C. with other World War II veterans to see the memorial and other sights. There was difficulty with the slide show presentation, but the problem will be rectified and Elmer will show them again at the December meeting.

December 3 will be the next meeting at Pour Richard's in Odell with Jim and Marcia Drach as hosts. Members are reminded to bring canned goods for the Love Boxes.

The meeting adjourned and euchre was played.



MEMBERS OF THE FLYNN-EICH American Legion Post #451 are, front row, left to right: John Eggenberger, Jim Conroy and Vern Gassman; back row: Clarence Masching, Jim Drach and Elmer Kohrt.

GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73 BOX 257, 500 EAST MAIN STREET GARDNER, IL 60424

NOTICE OF PROPOSED **PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON** HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase of Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 for 2009 will be held on December 16, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Gardner-South Wilmington High School Board of Education Room.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Richard S. Decman, Superintendent, at the high school office, 815-237-2176.

II. The corporate and special purpose

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERS of the Flynn-Eich American Legion Post #451 are, front row, left to right: Mae Dornbierer, Betty Kelly, Joyce Conroy and Betty Bunting; back row: Louise Masching, Donna Earing, Donna Lynn Earing, Marcia Drach, Marie Bunting and Marvella Kohrt.



Deck the Halls with Hope

Hospice of Kankakee are encouraged to attend and Valley will host "Deck the Halls with Hope" on graph that can be scanned Monday, December 7, at and trimmed to put inside 6:30 p.m. at the Hospice of Kankakee Valley office, 482 necessary to ensure that Main Street Northwest, enough supplies are provid-Bourbonnais.

Events at **Fossil Ridge** Library

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Donations of hats, mittens and gloves for needy children living within the library district will be accepted for the mitten tree during the month of December at Fossil Ridge Public Library, 386 W. Kennedy Rd., Braidwood.

Other December library events include:

Dec. 10: L.I.H.E.A.P., 1-3 p.m.

Dec. 12: Christmas Stampin' Crafts, 10 a.m. There is a registration fee per child, and space is limited.

Dec. 28: Book Club discussing "Skipping Christmas" by Grisham.

For more information, call 815-458-2187 or visit www.fossilridge.org

Saunemin Woman's Club to Host Supper

The GFWC Illinois Saunemin Woman's Club is hosting a soup supper on Sunday, December 6. Serving will be from 4-6:30 p.m., in the Saunemin Community Building.

The menu will include chili, cream of potato soup, vegetable beef soup, hot dogs, chips, relishes, desserts, and beverages.

There is a cost for the supper. Proceeds from the supper are used for scholarships and donations to local and state organizations supported by the GFWC Illinois Women's Clubs. The supper is held in conjunction with Saunemin Christmas celebration and community cantata that same evening. Come join us for a fun evening in Saunemin.



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property taxes extended for 2009 were \$1,239,828.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2010 are \$1,320,634. This represents a 6.5% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2009 were \$322.731.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2010 are \$320,587. This represents a .66% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes levied in 2009 were \$1,562,559.

> The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2010 are \$1,641,221. This represents a 5.03% increase over the previous year.

V. This resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage.

> deposit amount is \$500; Maximum is \$2.000. To be minor must be primary account holder and 17 years of age or younger. Certificate ne year. Limit one certificate per member. Offer available December 1-31, 2009 only 企

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ed; RSVP by calling 815-Both adults and children 939-4141.

Recent Memorial Donations to Odell Public Library

Funds were recently donated to the Remodeling Fund at Odell Public Library in memory of the following: In memory of Fran Dixon

by Floyd Dixon; Carl and Judith Bressner; the Joe Cleary family; Russell and Rose Ann Craig; John Haushalter; Brian and Jenifer Metz; Stanley and



Thursdays thru Saturday evenings plus Wednesday evenings in Dec.! 309-965-2545

Debra Meyer; and Ronald and Debra Snyder.

In memory of Jeannine Hansen by Ruth Beck; Victor and Jane Miller; James and Sharon Stahler; Robert and Joyce Anderson; Tom and Rachel Blakeman, Alan and Joanie Schrock and all the supporting staff at the law firm of Blakeman & Schrock, Ltd.; the John Cassady family; the Joe Elton Cleary family; Hansen; Jeffrey and Susan LaBorence; Frank and Candace Lhotka; Lila McCoy; and Jeanne Willhoite.

In memory of Paul Schook by James and Sharon Stahler and the Joe Cleary family.

In memory of Bob *Watters, Sr.* by the Joe Cleary family.

Are you 55 years of age or older and have Macular Degeneration? **Glaucoma?** Cataracts?

LIFE Center for Independent Living is sponsoring a

FREE Low Vision Clinic

When: Thursday, December 10 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Where: St. Patrick s Parish Hall 118 W. Mazon Ave., Dwight

Appointments must be made for the Low Vision Exams by contacting Kim Tarkowski at 309/663-5433 or by email at kim@lifecil.org



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Obituaries

Nora Ann Moore Lilienthal

DWIGHT – Nora Ann Moore Lilienthal of Kellerton, Iowa passed away November 17, 2009.

Cremation and graveside services were held November 21 in Kellerton.

She was born July 26, 1943, in Atlanta, Illinois to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Moore.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Lilienthal; three sons: Todd, Kenny and Victor; and one daughter, Lori. All live in the Kellerton, Iowa area with their families. Nora is also

Pfeifer, 70, of Dwight passed

away at Morris Hospital

November 27, 2009, at 10:05

Funeral mass will be

Friday, December 4, 2009 at

11 a.m. at St. Patrick's

Catholic Church, Dwight.

Father James Rickey will

Goodfarm Cemetery.

Inurnment will follow at

Friends and family will

She was born December

gather for lunch after the

services at St. Patrick's

28, 1938 in Goodfarm

p.m.

officiate.

Parish Hall.

survived by three brothers: Tom and family of Carson City, Nevada; Bill and family of Gardner; and Doug 78, Moore and family of Cornell; and four sisters: Elsie West and family of Bloomington; Patricia Kinkade and family of Pontiac; Carol Newman of Tucson, Arizona; and Lynne Haley and family of Bronson, Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two sisters, two nieces and two nephews.

Margaret D. Pfeifer DWIGHT – Margaret D.

Margaret Goldie Pfeifer.

She is survived by a sister, Betty Close, Morris: brothers, Wallace (Peg) Pfeifer and James (Janice) Pfeifer, both of Dwight; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Raymond Pfeifer.

Margaret belonged to St. Patrick's Catholic Church and worked for the William Fox Center, Dwight. She enjoyed antiquing, gardening and playing cards with friends.

Memorials may be made Township to Wallace and to the donor's choice.

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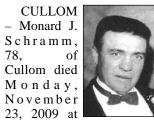
the Essex EMS coordinator,

Sue Vining, at 815-365-

Funeral Homes, Inc.

Any questions about this

Monard J. Schramm



6:15 a.m. at Livingston Manor Nursing Home, rural Pontiac.

Visitation was Tuesday, November 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Martin-Burke Funeral Home, Cullom. A memorial service was held Wednesday, November 25, at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Cullom, with Rev. Trudy Foote officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded. A private inurnment will be held at a later date.

Monard was born August 3, 1931, in rural Charlotte, a son of Leonard and Elsie Ringiesen Schramm. He married Agnes Knudsen September 3, 1949 in Cullom.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Agnes Schramm of Cullom; his children: Ronald (Kathryn) Schramm Cropsey; Katherine of Wallrich (Robert) of Chatsworth; Michael (Pamela) Schramm of Hazel Green, WI; and Jon (Laura) Schramm of Jonesboro; six grandchildren: Bryan, Lisa,

Mark, Emily, Jamie and

Josh; and six great-grandchildren: Gavin, Claire, Sophie, Addie, Grayson and Gwyn. He is also survived by two brothers. Marlin and Lloyd Schramm; one sister, Linda Hawkins; several nieces and nephews; and his faithful companion, Lucy.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Andrew Wallrich.

Monnie was a lifetime resident of the Cullom Area, where he graduated high school in 1949 and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He was a carpenter for 40 years and could build and repair anything. He had many interests, including: hunting, fishing and camping; the Cullom Ramblers; draft horses; ping pong; Boy Scouts; clocks; tools; the river; the Chicago Cubs and Bears; and especially his kids' and grandkids' activities. Monard was a strong, honest and hardworking man who loved his wife and family.

Memorials in Monard's name may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Cullom or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

FCCLA Blood Drive at DTHS

The family of Doug Daly would like to thank everyone for

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) will host a blood drive in the Dwight Township High School gymnasium Wednesday, December 9, from noon to 5 p.m.

Willing donors must be over 110 pounds and at least 17 years of age (or 16 with a permission slip). All donors must bring a photo ID and will receive a pair of flannel pants in gratitude.

Call Kathy Christenson at 815-584-6210 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

New Additions to Odell Library

The following selections were recently added to Odell Public Library: Young adult fiction:

Juvenile fiction: "Diary

by Cecily Von

"Lucky"

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of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days" by Jeff Kinney; "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins" by Dr. Seuss.

Juvenile DVD: "Hannah Montana: The Movie."



The family of Dwain "Bud" Wilson wish to thank everyone for the acts of kindness shown during his illness and passing.

Thanks to Dr. Travis Swink and OSF Medical Center staff for kindness shown; to Heritage Manor, Dwight, for the love and compassion given during his stay; Pastor Dennis for his support; Hager Memorial Home for a beautiful service.

Joanne Wilson Diane Sorensen Patricia and Robert Kelly

The family of Robert H. Watters would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful expressions of help, sympathy, food, and memorials given at the time of Bob's passing.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the support and prayer given to us by Preacher Dan Woodard and Pastor William Leppin. Also, the great care from the staff at BroMenn Hospital, OSF Hospice of Pontiac, and the home visits made by relatives and friends in his final days.

Bob and Connie Watters and family Linda and Tom Morrisey and family Arla Poppe

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO ELDERLY (OVER 65) AND HANDICAPPED VOTERS REGARDING THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION **FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

Notice is hereby given to elderly over 65 and handicapped persons that the County of Livingston has complied with federal and state election laws to promote the fundamental right to vote by improving access to polling places and election day voting as follows:

All polling places are now wheelchair accessible. If your polling place is difficult for an elderly or handicapped person to manage, there are some alternatives:

1. On request by phone or letter, the county clerk will supply you with a proper affidavit for a voter unable to enter the polling place on Election Day. This must be completed and returned to the County Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2010. On election day two judges from your polling place, of opposite parties, will bring the ballot sheet outside the entrance, providing that you are within a distance of not more than 50 (fifty) feet from the door to the polling place.

2. If an elderly or disabled voter has difficulty in reading the ballot sheet he or she may ask for assistance at the polling place, or may bring a friend or relative to assist. After filling out the proper affidavit, the friend or relative or two judges of opposite parties, can assist you.

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3. A request can be made by phone or by mail to the County Clerk's

Essex to Begin Charging for Ambulance Services

Due to the rising costs of equipment and the demand for trained volunteers, the Essex Fire Protection District will begin charging for ambulance services. These charges will become effective January 1, 2010.

All residents of the Essex Fire Protection District will be subject to a \$450 charge



Family members

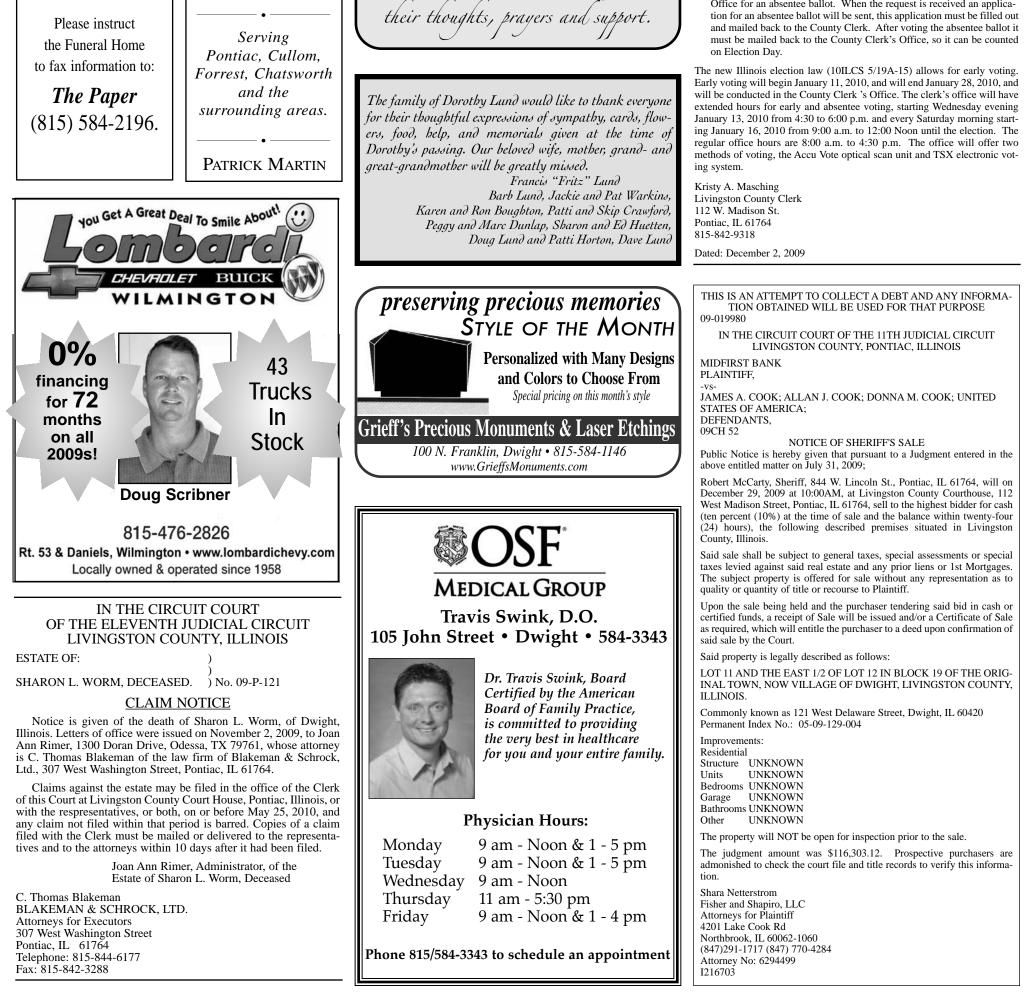
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DTHS VARSITY TROJANS won their own Turkey Tournament November 28. Team members pictured above, front row, l to r, Travis Roeder, Casey Wyllie, Nolan Hoffman, Cal Vigna, Luan Ahmedi, Jashar

Kongjeli, C.J. Grzincic. Back row: Dillon Harris, Jens Kennedy, Jason Karstens and Brad Gschwendtner. Not pictured is Mike Taylor. The Trojans went undefeated in the tournament.



Trojans Jason Karstens and Travis Roeder and Junior Jens Kennedy. Kennedy also earned Most Valuable Tournament Player. For tournament results see page 13 of The Paper today.

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GSW PANTHERS HEAD COACH SHANE TUCKER uses a time out to regroup and get set for the next play. GSW went two for two in the Dwight Tournament, losing to Wilmington, defeating Beecher and Ridgeview, and then falling in the final tourney game to Dwight.





I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Gardner Community Consolidated School District 72-C for 2009, will be held on December 14, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the Gardner Grade School Work Room, Gardner, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Jim Prather, Superintendent, at the school at (815) 237-2313.

II. The corporate and special purpose tax extended for 2008 were \$481,036.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2009 are \$521,598. This represents an 8.4% increase over the previous year.

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DRIVE IT TO THE HOOP, SCORE TWO MORE! DTHS varsity Trojan Cal Vigna makes a drive against a Beecher opponent during game two of the Dwight Trojan Turkey Tournament, November 24. The Trojans defeated Beecher, 50-27. For more results, pictures and who was crowned champion of the Dwight boys' basketball Turkey Tournament, check out page 13.

Campbell Cracks Open 6-Pack Week 11 Paper Bowl VIII

Raise your hand if you thought you won The Paper Bowl last week. The phone didn't ring, did it? That's because 34 of you tied with 12-2 records. We don't blame you for waiting by the phone. That score is usually good enough to win this game. But hey, keep that chin up. You could have been one of the six swamis with 13-1 records in week 11 that didn't get a phone call.

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Odell's Doug Campbell got a phone call. His 13-1 entry form also had a tiebreaker guess only six points off. The tiebreaker for week 11 was 607. Campbell guessed 601. We didn't get around to calling Buckingham's Martha Schneider, even though she had two 13-1 entries. Her tiebreaker guesses were 589 (-18) and 588 (-19). Dwight's Josh Stevenson had an open line after guessing 641 (+34) on his 13-1 entry. We still have no idea what Dwight's Jared Anderson's ring tone sounds like. His tiebreaker guess was 554 (-53). Reddick's "Blue Birdman" Joe Forneris is still checking his signal after his 13-1 entry fell short with a 493 (-108) tiebreaker guess.

We really should have called you all. It is the holiday season. What were we thinking? If you see one of our 13-1 losers, please send them our best.

One hundred eighty-six entries were collected in week 11. Thirty-nine entries were 11-3; 41 were 10-4; 30 finished 9-5; 21 scored 8-6 records and the remaining entries were .500 or below.

Doug Campbell received the season's first \$50 sponsor gift certificate. The Paper will keep handing these out for the next several weeks. You want one of those, don't you? Well, all you have to do is fill out an entry form and get in our game. You can enter four times this week. The drop locations are Route 66 Tire



Doug Campbell

& Auto, Turtle's Tap, Streator Onized Credit Union and Old World Liquors. Please only enter for yourself. It's good, clean fun. We'll call you when you win.

Paper Bowl VIII Sponsor Results • Week 11

Old World Liquors 13-1 over Jensen's BP 8-6 Turtle's Tap 12-2 (-4) over Bank of Dwight 12-2 (-18) Route 66 T & A 12-2 over Streator Onized C. U. 11-3 Danko's State Farm 11-3 over Big Boyz Toyz 10-4

Dairy Queen 11-3 over DeLong Ford 10-4 S. Tock LPL 11-3 over Berkot's Super Foods 10-4 First National Bank 11-3 over Victory Lanes 10-4

SPONSOR STANDINGS

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| Route 66 T&A | 7-4 | Danko's State Farm | 9-2 |
| OWL | 7-4 | First National Bank | 8-3 |
| Dairy Queen | 6-5 | S. Tock LPL Financial | 7-4 |
| Victory Lanes | 5-6 | Streator Onized C. U. | 6-5 |
| Jensen's BP | 5-6 | Bank of Dwight | 5-6 |
| Big Boyz Toyz | 2-9 | DeLong Ford | 4-7 |
| Berkot's Super Foods | 2-9 | Turtle's Tap | 4-7 |

Perschnick Named AVCA South Region Freshman of the Year

Carly Perschnick, freshman middle blocker for Nova Southeastern University, was selected as the (AVCA) American Volleyball Coaches Association Freshman of the Year on November 27.

Carly averages 2.68 kills, 0.73 blocks and 0.38 digs per set. Her .331 hitting percentage ranks fifth among all SSC players. The honor marks the first time a player from Nova Southeastern has been awarded AVCA Freshman of the Year. Perschnick was the only freshman listed as a first-time performer. She adds the award to the SSC Volleyball Freshman of the Year honor previously earned.

Carly is a 2009 Dwight Township High School graduate and the daughter of Jeff and Coreen Perschnick of Dwight.

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MVK MAVERICKS BASKETBALL

Mavericks vs. Cornell 7th Grade-

November 23

The MVK Mavericks seventh grade basketball team defeated Cornell, 39-28.

Helping with the victory were: Brian David, 18 points, six steals, five rebounds, four assists; Brant Baudino, 10 points; Justin Ralls, five points; Baudino and Ralls combined for 16 rebounds.

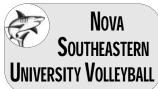
8th Grade-

The eighth grade boys'

basektball team galloped over Cornell, 37-13. Making the stat book

were: Devin Leo, 16 points; Brandon Pasdertz, 14 points; James Miller, five points; Brad Wyss, 15 rebounds.

"The MVK Mavericks' eighth grade team outscored Cornell in the first quarter, 16-0 and cruised to a victory," stated Coach Kirk Walker.



November 19

The Nova Southeastern University Sharks lost to Eckerd in four sets in the NCAA Division II South Regional. The loss concludes the NSU season at 19-11.

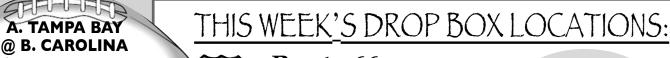
Freshman middle blocker and Dwight native Carly Perschnick scored five kills in the third set.

Area Athletes Earn Letters at Millikin

Millikin University's football team has named its 2009 varsity letter and award winners. The Big Blue finished the season with a 6-4 record. Letter winners from The

Paper area are:

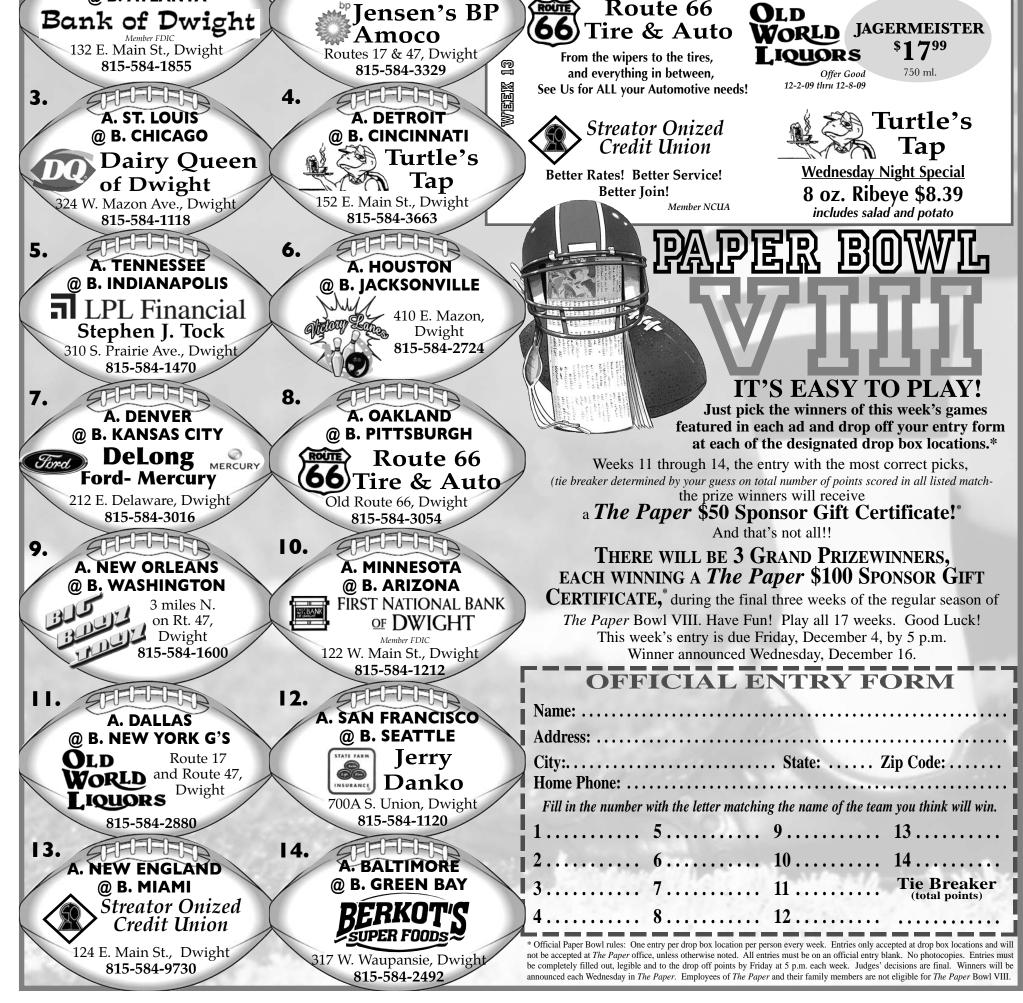
Defensive lineman Steve Noe (Reed-Custer High School); punter Danny Thompson (Dwight Township High School); and wide receiver Erik Tobey (Herscher High School).



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November 20

7th Grade-

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Redbirds vs. St. Mary's

to St. Mary's, 33-30.

The DGS seventh grade

Making the stat book were:

Redbirds basketball team fell

Owen Pulver, seven points,

nine rebounds, four steals;

Drew Jensen, seven points,

two steals, one rebound;

Caleb Boma, four points, four

steals, two rebounds; Austin

Gutierrez, four points, five

rebounds, four steals; Collin

Irvin, four points, one

rebound, one steal; Devin

Connolly, two points, three

steals, one rebound; Ryan

Gaston, two points, one

the LCT Championship.

Everyone played very hard.

These are the type of games

we will win in the future,"

stated Coach Jeremy Connor.

basketball team defeated

The eighth grade Redbirds

Helping score the victory

were: Christian Banks, 12

points, seven rebounds, seven

steals, three assists; Aaron

Wyllie, nine points, five

steals, three rebounds, three

assists; Gus Rieke, seven

points, five rebounds, two

steals, two assists; Kevin Ely,

four points, six steals, four

rebounds, four assists;

Starts at 1 p.m.

Karsen

Redbirds vs. Odell

8th Grade-

Odell, 33-24.

"We lost a tough game in

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ODELL RAMS BASKETBALL

November 24 **Rams vs. Grand Ridge** 7th Grade-

The Odell Rams seventh grade basketball team was defeated by Grand Ridge, 32-17.

Scoring for the Rams were: Mike Doran, six; Noah Worby, five; Chance Carlson, four; Bryan Worby, two.

8th Grade-The Rams eighth graders were defeated by Grand Ridge, 40-28. Scoring for Odell were: Kyle Tucker, 14; Matt Hilleary, six; Tyler Schmoeger, four; Dillon Coleman and Zack Brockman, two each.

GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

November 20 Lady Panthers vs. Roanoke Benson

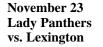
The GSW Lady Panthers basketball team defeated Roanoke Benson, 53-38, at Lexington.

Helping with the victory were: Rachel Mack, 19 points; Amber Eisha, 12 points; Missy Gretz, 11 rebounds, four assists. Lady Panthers vs. Porta

The GSW girls' varsity basketball team was defeated by Porta, 70-37, in game two at Lexington.

Leading the Lady Panthers stat sheet was Kellie Tyler with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

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The GSW Lady Panthers pounced on Lexington, 56-48.

Scoring the victory were: Amber Eisha, 20; Rachel Mack, 16; Kellie Tyler, 11.

November 24 Lady Panthers vs. Dee-Mack

The GSW varsity girls' basketball team defeated Dee-Mack, 71-56, to finish second in the Lexington Tournament.

Helping score the victory were: Amber Eisha, 32 Rachel Mack, 12 points; points and 10 assists.

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November 21 Lady Redbirds vs. Shabbona 7th Grade-

The seventh grade DGS Lady Redbirds basketball team fell to Shabbona, 29-27, at Morris-Saratoga.

Making the stat sheet Desi Lowry, 10 were: points, 6/9 free throws, 13 steals; Katie Hogan, seven points; Sarah Hansen, four; Quinn Bossert, Libby Beyer, Lili Ferrari, two points each; Rachel Gschwendtner and Shelby Anderson, tied for most boards; Ferrari, Hogan, Beyer, Alicia Moyemont and Payton Christensen contributed 3-4 steals each.

"The seventh grade Lady Redbirds played a tough game agaist Shabbona. The game was very close throughout the first three quarters and continued to be neck-and-neck in most of the fourth. Unfortunately, the girls could not hang on to the lead," stated Coach Lyon. "They couldn't have played a better game and it was a good way to finish out the season. Way to go, seventh grade Lady Redbirds!"



Dwight V FW 506 OLD ROUTE 66, DWIGHT

FRIDAY, December 4

TOMMY

EDWARDS

8 to Midnight

SATURDAY, December 6

Bean Bac Tourney

DGS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Bookwalter, one steal.

November 23 **Redbirds vs. Channahon** 7th Grade-

The seventh grade Redbirds inched out a victory, 33-32, over Channahon.

Soaring to the win were: Caleb Boma, 14 points, five rebounds, three steals; Collin Irvin, six points, eight rebounds, three steals; Owen Pulver, four points, seven rebounds, two steals; Ryan Gaston, four points, one rebound, one steal; Devin Connolly, four points, three rebounds; Drew Jensen, one point, three steals, one rebound; Austin Gutierrez, one rebound, one steal.

"We really pulled off a tight one; we kept it close by not making our free throws, but Boma took it the length of the court to put us up by one with six seconds left, and Pulver blocked their last-second attempt. It was a great win," stated Coach Connor.

November 24 **Redbirds vs. Channahon** 6th Grade-

The sixth grade 'A' team was defeated by Channahon, 38-5.

Leading Dwight were: Blaine Livingston and Austin Adamchak, two points each;

Jace Kennedy, one point.

"Kennedy was also the leading rebounder as he has been all season and the leading hustler," stated Coach Gettinger.

The Redbirds 'B' team was defeated by Channahon, 14-2. Drew Hansen was the lone

scorer with two points. Nick Pampenella led the team in hustling.

November 25 Redbirds vs. Streator Northlawn

6th Grade-The Redbirds sixth grade 'A' team fell to Streator Northlawn, 28-11.

Scoring for Dwight were: Connor Gantzert, four; Jace Kennedy, three; Conor Livingston and Jake Sanders, two each.

"Dwight played much better tonight but just could not get any shots to fall," stated Coach Gettinger.

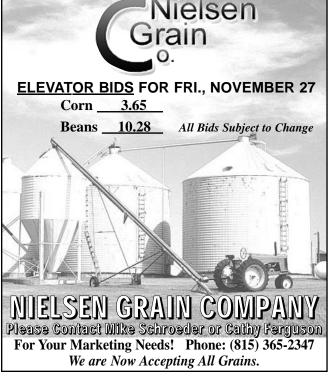
The Dwight Redbirds 'B' team flew over Streator Northlawn, 12-8.

Leading scorers were: Nathan Zabel, six; Nick Schultz, Adam Fase and Austin Adamchak, two each.

"It was a game that could have gone either way. The Dwight boys kept their composure and took the game," commented Coach Gettinger.



DGS REDBIRD sixth grader Drew Hansen, left, dribbles down the court to score a two-pointer. The Redbirds 'B' team was defeated by Channahon, 14-2, November 24.





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2009 Dwight Thanksgiving Tournament

November 24 Wilmington vs. GSW Game One-

Wilmington defeated GSW, 62-39, in game one of the DTHS Thanksgiving Trojan Tournament.

Top scorers were: Wilmington- Jake Van-Duyne, Andy Crutchfield and Ty Anderson, 12 each; GSW-Chris Irvin, 13; Allyn Mack, 11. Dwight vs. Beecher Game Two-

The DTHS Trojans marched over Beecher, 50-27, in game two

Leading scorers for the Trojans were: Jens Kennedy, 14; Jason Karstens, 12; C.J. Grzincic and Travis Roeder, six each; Dillon Harris and Brad Gschwendtner, four each; Nolan Hoffman, three; Cal Vigna, one.

"A nice way to start the season. Any time you can hold a team under 30 points, you have to be pleased with the defensive effort," stated Coach Gibson.

November 25 **Ridgeview vs. Beecher** Game One-

Ridgeview inched out a victory over Beecher, 39-37.

Top scorers were: Ridgeview- Zech Kollross, nine; Shawn Maffett, six; Beecher-Alex LaBanca, 14; Zach Stluka, seven.

Dwight vs. Wilmington Game Two-

The DTHS Trojans defeated Wilmington, 66-52, in game two of the Turkey Tournament.

Scoring in the Trojans victory were: Jens Kennedy, 25; Travis Roeder, 13; Jason Karstens, 10; Cal Vigna and Dillon Harris, eight each; Casey Wyllie, two.

"A nice win over a very solid Wilmington club. We were able to make a run in the second quarter and continue through the third. Defensive pressure was

the key," stated Coach Gibson. Ben Tracy, 16; Bryan Jackson, Scoring for Wilmington

were: Ty Anderson, 20; Jake VanDuyne, 12; Crutchfield, five.

November 27 GSW vs. Beecher

Game One-The GSW Panthers defeated Beecher, 54-53.

Scoring for GSW were: Kyle Mack, 19; Chris Irvin, 15; Nathan Florey, 11; Brian Scoggin, five; Matt Grimler, four.

Top scorers for Beecher were: Jake Hering, 12; Alex LaBanca, 11; Zach Stluka, 10. **DTHS vs. Ridgeview** Game Two-

The DTHS Trojans defeated Ridgeview, 60-30.

Helping score the victory for DTHS were: Jens Kennedy, 19; Nolan Hoffman, 10; Travis Roeder, nine; Jason Karstens, seven; Dillon Harris, five; Jashar Kongjeli and Cal Vigna, three each; Casey Wyllie and Brad Gschwendtner, two each.

Top scorers for Ridgeview were: Shawn Maffett, 10; Dana Bose, eight; Ben Tracy, seven.

November 28 Wilmington vs. Beecher Game One-

Wilmington defeated Beecher, 54-34.

Top scorers were: Wilmington, Jake VanDuyne, 20; Andy Crutchfield, 12, Ty Anderson, 11; Beecher-Alex LaBanca and Jake Hering, seven each.

GSW vs. Ridgeview Game Two-

The GSW Panthers defeated Ridgeview, 75-54.

Helping score the victory for GSW were: Kyle Mack, 29; Chris Irvin, 22; Matt Grimler, six; Brian Scoggin and Nathan Florey, five each; Tom Sandeno and Nathan Ruffatti, four each. Scoring for Ridgeview were:

points; Kelly Pagel, seven

points; Braxton Thweatt, six

points; Lauren Cassady,

four points; Ashley Fox, two

ODELL RAMGALS BASKETBALL

points.

November 25 **Ramgals vs. Lexington** 7th Grade-

The seventh grade Odell Ramgals basketball team defeated Lexington, 35-18, claiming the Regional Championship.

Helping with the victory were: Jorden Grieff, 16

10; Brandon Naas, seven. Wilmington vs. Ridgeview Andy Game Three-Wilmington

Ridgeview, 62-37. Top Wilmington- Ty Anderson and Andy Crutchfield, 15 each; Jake VanDuyne, 11; Ridgeview-

Zech Kollross, nine; Bryan Jackson, eight; James Boyd, six.

DTHS vs. GSW Game Four-

The DTHS Trojans marched over GSW, 69-37.

scorers

Helping the Trojans score the victory were: Jason Karstens, 14; Dillon Harris and Jens Kennedy, 13 each; Cal Vigna, 12; Travis Roeder, eight; Luan Ahmedi, four; Nolan Hoffman, three; C.J. Grzincic, two.

Scoring for GSW were: Chris Irvin, 12; Kyle Mack, 10; Nate Florey, eight; Brian Scoggin, three; Nathan Ruffatti and Tom Sandeno, two each.

Players named to the All-Tournament team were: GSW-Chris Irvin; Wilmington- Ty Anderson and Jake VanDuyne; Dwight- Jason Karstens, Jens Kennedy and Travis Roeder. Kennedy was named Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.



GOBBLE. GOBBLE. IT'S THE DTHS TURKEY TOURNAMENT! Clockwise: GSW Panther Chris Irvin takes the ball down the court; the Panthers finished the tournament with a 2-2 record. DTHS Trojan Jason Karstens, left, defends the hoop against GSW Panther Nathan Florey. DTHS Trojan Dillon Harris, right, blocks his opponent's shot. The DTHS Trojans were named champions of the Turkey Tournament, November 24-28.

SAUNEMIN EAGLES BASKETBALL

November 23 **Eagles vs. Braceville** 7th Grade-

seventh grade The Saunemin Eagles basketball team flew over Braceville, 26-14.

Scoring the victory were: Eric Zega, six; Ashton Mays, Kyle Walker, Austin Graves and Noah Nelson, four each; Tyler Lowe and Robert Shelby, two each.

The Eagles eighth graders picked up their first win with a 37-15 victory over

Helping score the victory were: Zak Holtz-Robisky, Brandon Danforth, two.

November 24

The 4/5/6th grade Saunemin Eagles were defeated by Bloomington Cornerstone Academy, 20-

Scoring for Saunemin were: Alex Blaetz, 13; Noah Nelson, two.

5/6th Grade-

The Eagles 5/6th graders defeated Bloomington Cornerstone Academy, 26-8. Scoring the victory were: Trevor Fox, nine; Austin Graves, seven; Tyler Carley, four; Tyler Lowe, Eric Zega and Kyle Walker, two each.

8th Grade-

The eighth grade boys' basketball team was defeat-Bloomington ed by Cornerstone Academy, 39-31.

Scoring for Saunemin were: Zak Holtz-Robisky, 12; Garrison Green, nine; Colin Danforth, six: Logan



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GSW TIGERS BASKETBALL

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November 19 **Tigers vs. Braceville** 7th Grade-

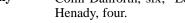
The seventh grade GSW Tigers basketball team pounced on Braceville, 37-6.

Scoring for GSW were: Jack Davidson, 10; Blake Marks, eight; Brendan Elens, seven; Trevor McDaniel, Kyle Robison

and Seth Patterson, four each.

8th Grade-

The eighth grade Tigers defeated Braceville, 48-34. Scoring the victory for GSW were: Jeremy Kunz, 23; Jordan Wilkey, 15; Nathan Ruffatti, six; Ryan Riley, four.



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Older Students Earning Perfect Attendance Awards Braceville Elementary School 1st Quarter 2009-10



Braceville Elementary Students Earning a 1st Quarter Honorable Mention

St. Paul School Honor Roll First Quarter 2009-2010

HIGH HONORS *Denotes Straight "A"s Grade 8: Julie Hogan*, Emily Leonard, Anna Stevenson*, Alyson Wiemken* Grade 7: Chance Carlson,

Grade 6: Dori Cooling, Michael Doran, Kelsey Grieff, Jack Noonan, Rachel O'Lone, Francesca Raddatz*, Mary Wiemken Grade 5: Rachel Carroll*, Emily Carroll*, Lauren Cas- Justin Fox*, Michael Rad-

Wednesday, December 2, 2009



1st Ouarter "A-B" Braceville Elementary Honors Students



Younger Students Earning Perfect Attendance Awards **Braceville Elementary School 1st Quarter 2009-10**

Tri-Point Superintendent's News

by Steve Fink **Tri-Point Superintendent**

First, congratulations to Tyler Loschen, a senior at Tri-Point High School and FFA member. Tyler was named the national winner of Diversified the Crop Production - Entrepreneurship Proficiency award program at the 82nd National FFA convention in late October. Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excel in the field of agriculture. Tyler's crop enterprise project began his freshman year with renting 20 acres and has since expanded to 180 acres. Tyler grew corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and grass hay for his Diversified Crop Project. Tyler is the son of Gary and Diana Loschen of rural Kempton. Diana Loschen is the FFA chapter advisor for Tri-Point High School. Congratulations, Tyler.

Second, congratulations to Joan Kane, a first grade teacher at Tri-Point Elementary School in Kempton. Joan was recently inducted into the Illinois State University College of Education Hall of Fame. High school holiday This honor is bestowed upon band/chorus concert in College of Education graduof distinction. ates Honorees are nominated by peers, faculty or others who can attest to the quality of the individual's contributions to education. Joan's name will be added to the Hall of Fame plaques that are on permanent display at the College of Education. Congratulations, Joan. Third, congratulations to Katie Kurtenbach, a senior at Tri-Point High School. Katie was named the student-of-the-month for October by the Livingston Area

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Career Center. Katie was nominated by Diana Loschen. Diana noted Katie's outstanding attitude and personal traits. Diana added that Katie's classroom work is meticulous and Katie is a great student. Congratulations, Katie.

Fourth, the school district is continuing to make progress with the ongoing health/life safety projects. The roof replacement work has been completed at the Kempton west building and the high school building in Cullom. Currently, the electrical mains are being replaced at both school buildings in Kempton and Cullom. The electrical work will be completed in early January. More updates about the school district's construction projects will be available as they move forward. The health/life safety work has improved the school district's facilities and made them safer and more pleasant for the students and staff members.

Fifth, below is a list of upcoming dates of importance for the school district:

Wednesday, December 9:

Odell Grade School First Quarter Honor Roll 2009-10

PERFECT HONORS (Straight "A"s)

5th Grade: Carlie Weaver 6th Grade: Eric Campbell, Paige Long, Alexander Olson, Dylan Oxendine 8th Grade: Miranda Brown, Andrea Flynn, Erica Flynn, Nicole Gutt

HIGH HONORS (3.5-4.0 GPA)

Grade: Matthew 5th Birkett, Shayna Bolen, Seth Foster, Keith Mills, Charlotte Somodi 6th Grade: Dacota Hanson, Ike Robinson, Cory Tucker

7th Grade: Zachary Aiken, Celeste Brown, Emily Mills, Alexandria Row, Alissa Swatkowski, Braxton Thweatt, Dylan Witkowski

8th Grade: Tyler Schmoeger, Kyle Tucker

HONORS (3.0-3.49 GPA)

5th Grade: Kaitlyn Bates, Alyssa Bryan, Tyana Hetherington, Errin Hodges, Austin Trucks, Carter Wykes 6th Grade: Samuel Barrett, Dakota Brown, Geno Dyke, Kyle Hodge, Nicholas Hoegger

7th Grade: Hannah Kavanaugh, Cody McElroy, Nickole Oxendine, Clayton Roff, Benjamin Somodi, Cody Weaver

8th Grade: Samantha Battle, Aaron Buchheit, Dillon Colman, Rachael Fearman, Matthew Hilleary, Kaela Hodges, Daniel O'Connor

son, Alexandria Brainard,

Tanner Hilsabeck. Jacob

Matern, Lucas Roe, Breair

Fifth grade: Shiann Barick-

man, Matthew Birkett,

Quenton Clay, Tylor Haag,

Errin Hodges, Keith Mills,

Charlotte Somodi, Austin

Barrett, Michael Brown,

Seventh grade: Emily

Mills, Benjamin Somodi,

Alissa Swatkowski, Dylan

Eighth grade: Samantha

Battle, Kaela Hodges, Kyle

Weaver,

Samuel

Trucks, Carlie

Sixth grade:

Carter Wykes

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Preschool: Maritza Anezcua, Gage Duffee, Keith Gray, Markice Hamilton, Brianna Hilleary, Troy Lowrance, Abigail Matern, Kyle Taylor, Kohlvin Thweatt

Kindergarten: James Birkett, Zeta Folkestad, Lydia Jones, Cole McMeen, Seth Miles. Grace Mund, Christina Pozdol, Logan Schmoeger, Tristin Taylor, Gavin Wykes

First grade: Logan Roe

Second grade: Miguel Barrett, Tate Haag, Tyler Kinney, Tyler Masching Third grade: Logan Hanson, Shayla Long, Cassidy Taylor

Fourth grade: Sean Ander-

General Assembly Scholarships Available for 2010-2011 Year

State Senator Rutherford (R-Pontiac) has posted applications for the 2010-2011 General Assembly Scholarships on website his at www.DanRutherford.com

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Dan ties for the 2010-2011 school year, and live within the 53rd Senate District, which includes all or parts of Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, LaSalle, Livingston, Mc-Lean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Woodford counties.

> Completed applications, along with letters of recommendation, must be returned

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Thursday, December 10: Elementary school holiday program, TBA. Monday, December 14:

School board meeting in Kempton, 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 15:

2:10 p.m. dismissal, school improvement meeting. Tuesday, December 15:

elementary/junior Upper high school holiday program in Piper City, TBA.

Friday, December 18: 2:10 p.m. dismissal, holiday break. School resumes on Tuesday, January 5.

Notification of scholarship recipients will be made during April of 2010.



Dec. 5 Dwight Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 6 Saunemin Woman's Club Soup Supper, Comm. Bldg., 4-6:30 p. Dec. 10 Auxiliary Cookie Sale, Gardner American Legion, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 12 Cookie Jamboree, St. Margaret Mary Church, Herscher, 9 a.m.

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> "Community spirit and pride are top priorities at Pamida. We look forward to

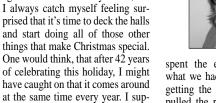
underprivileged and families more than \$700,000 to building our partnerships with these organizations and are committed to making a difference in the Dwight community through our donations," said Jessica Strohman, executive director of the Pamida Foundation.

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THE PAMIDA TEAM gathered for a photo during the Dwight store's grand opening celebration on October 30. The new store is located at 110 Watters Drive.



pose I'm a slow-learner. Encouraged by well-meaning aunts and uncles, and grandparents and good friends, my kids have no problem coming up with lists of things that they'd like to have under the tree, but I'm getting harder and harder to buy for. I guess age has seasoned me to understand something that I wasn't able to grasp as a child, or even as a young adult: happiness just doesn't come in a bag or a box and it's as fleeting as a snowflake melting on the tongue.

Small Talk

again? I'm not sure why this is, but

by Anne Shaw Heinrich Is it really the holiday season

To me, happiness is temporary. It comes blasting in, but never lasts for long. A bottle of my favorite perfume, or a new pair of boots certainly gives me momentary pleasure, but just like many of the toys children rip open on Christmas morning, the perfume and boots are quickly forgotten.

I guess I'm hard to buy for because I'm just not satisfied with mere happiness anymore. What I'm looking for is something deeper, something that's not fleeting, something that won't get thrown into the bottom of my closet.

I prefer joy.

Joy takes you by surprise, and you can pull the moments that bring it out again and again, like old, comforting friends. I'll never forget one of the most joyful holiday seasons in my life. I still pull this one out of my heart and thank God for giving it to me.

It was Thanksgiving weekend, but Bret and I had been ordered by the doctor to stick close to home because our first baby was due any moment. In fact, our firstborn was two weeks late. Bret prepared the entire Thanksgiving feast in our tiny kitchen. I was too fat and miserable to move. After dinner, he insisted that we take a long walk, hoping to coax baby into making an appearance. I heaved myself off of the couch and grudgingly waddled around the block a few times with him. I was starting to get crabby and had myself convinced that I'd be pregnant for eternity.

After a long nap, we decided that it would be a good idea to put up our tree. Back then, we didn't have that many ornaments, but we



spent the early evening placing what we had on the branches, and getting the lights just right. Bret pulled the rocking chair that he'd bought in preparation for the baby over by the tree. We lit some candles and there was some Christmas music plaving. While Bret hauled all of the boxes back down to the basement, I settled into the rocker, wrapped in a blanket, and just admired our pretty tree.

As I rocked there, with my hands resting on my swollen belly, I could feel our baby shift and kick there in the soft light. I kept rocking and drifting and every once in awhile, Bret would come in to ask if anything felt different. There was no change on the baby's status, but I felt more content and at peace than I had in weeks.

I was overcome with joy that I harbored new life in my body.

I felt confident that the baby would come when it was meant to arrive. I felt thankful that our home, as tiny as it was, would be a warm, inviting place for a child who was long anticipated. I was thankful that Bret and I had enjoyed so many years as "just the two of us" before having a family. We were ready.

About midnight, something did change. Sixteen hours later, our daughter was born. We named her Eleanor, which in Arabic, means "God is my light." We couldn't stop looking at her and touching her pretty little face. Fourteen years later, the joy from this particular experience is still unblemished. unbroken and unforgotten. I can't look at her, or begin a holiday season without recalling each and every detail of that miraculous time in our lives.

Once you're blessed enough to experience even one gift like this, it's hard to go back to boxes and bows

For each and every soul this season, I wish peace, love and profound moments of joy that take you by surprise and stay with you for a lifetime.

Anne Shaw Heinrich is a freelance writer living in Dwight. Each time Small Talk is published, The Paper donates \$100 to an area nonprofit organization or community effort. Proceeds from this month's Small Talk will benefit Livingston County Commission on Children.

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Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Worship. Dec. 9: 6:30 p.m., Advent Supper; 7 p.m., Advent Service.

Dwight United Methodist Church 701 S. Columbia St., Dwight 584-3420, church 584-1554, parsonage Rev. William Leppin, Pastor Dec. 3: 5:30 p.m.,

Handbells; 6 p.m., Out-reach; 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal. Dec. 4: 2 p.m.,

6 p.m., Evenglow; Christmas Parade. Dec. 5: 4-6 p.m., Girl

Scout Coat Drive. Dec. 6: 7:15-8:15 a.m., Set up for UMYF Coffee Shop; 7:45 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; 8 a.m.. Traditional Worship Service; 8:30-10:30 a.m., UMYF Coffee Shop; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, Praise and Worship Team Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Praise and Worship Service; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group.

Dec. 7: 7 p.m., Men's Dartball at DUMC. Dec. 8: 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Karla B.; 9 a.m., Bible Study, Jean V.; 7 p.m., SPRC.

Dec. 9: 8 a.m., Willing Worker's Christmas Breakfast at Pete's; 3-4 p.m., Children's Choir Christmas Party; 3-4:30 UMYF Jr. p.m., Christmas Party; 5:30-8:30 p.m., Sr. UMYF Caroling in Community; 6 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting; 7 p.m., Bible Warriors, Jane H.; 8 p.m., Youth Council. Dec. 10: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Christmas for Kids; 3-4:30 p.m., Kids' Club Christmas Party; 5:30 p.m., Handbell Rehearsal;

p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal. Church of the Nazarene 410 E. Philmar St.,

Dwight Pastor C. B. Hinton Phone (815) 434-3242 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday Service, 10:30

St. Patrick Catholic Church Mazon and Prairie Avenues, Dwight Rev. James Rickey, Pastor 584-3522. Rectory Dec. 5: 4-4:45 p.m.,

Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass. Dec. 6: 8 a.m., Mass; 10:30 a.m., Mass.

First Congregational United Church of

Christ 200 W. Delaware, Dwight

Phone 584-1260, church Pastor Patricia Morton November mission: Christmas Fund, Love Boxes/Christmas for Kids, Hat & Mitten Tree Dec. 2: Noon-12:45 p.m., Soup with Pastor; 3:30-4:45 p.m., Youth Group. Dec. 6: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Dec. 7: 6:15 p.m., Choir; 7 p.m., Dartball at

Church of Hope. Dec. 8: 7 p.m., Church Council.

Dec. 9: 7 p.m., Women's Guild.

Trinity Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

1¹/₂ mi. north I-55, ¹/₂ mi. east of Rt. 47 515 E. Stonewall Rd. Ph. 815-584-3407 Rev. W. E. Duey, Pastor 9 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship Service.

New Life Assembly of God 903 S. Old Route 66, Dwight 815-584-3430

Pastor Angel Escamilla www.nlaonline.net Dec. 2: 6:30 p.m. Royal Rangers, Mpact Girls Club; 7 p.m., Worship Practice. Dec. 3: 6:30 p.m., X-

treme Youth, Women of Focus Bible Study. Dec. 4: 2 p.m., Church decorating. Dec. 6: 9 a.m., Sunday

School for all ages; 10 a.m., Church Service, Pre-K Church (age 3-5), Kids Church (1st - 5th Grade); 3 p.m., Ladies Tea and Prayer; 6 p.m., Prayer Group. Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m., First

Place. 8: 6 p.m., Dec. Truthseekers Bible Study.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 325 E. Mazon Ave.,

Dwight 584-3433, church 584-1291 fax

Preschool

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Cullom United **Methodist Church** VanAlstyne @ Walnut 815-689-2484; 815-832-4370 Rev. Dr. David L. Phillips

and Rev. Jane Bradford

Dec. 2: 3:30 p.m.,

Weekday School; 5:30

p.m., Advent Supper

(music); 5:45 p.m., Bells;

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

Advent Service. Dec. 5: 8 a.m.,

Properties Meeting; 9:30

a.m., Youth Babysitting

Dec. 6: 9 a.m., Sunday

School Program Practice/

Bible Study; 10 a.m.,

Coffee/Fellowship; 10:30

Dec. 7-10: 8:30 a.m.,

Dec. 7: 7 p.m., Dart

Dec. 8: 6:30 p.m.,

Dec. 9: 3:30 p.m.,

Weekday School; 5:30

p.m., Advent Supper (M

& M); 5:45 p.m., Bells;

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

Evangelism Meeting.; 7

First Baptist Church

401 N. Clinton St.,

Dwight

Pastor Daniel L.

Woodward

815-584-3182

Sunday School; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning

Service; 6 p.m., Evening

Dec. 9: 7 p.m., Wed-

Kids

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King's

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Methodist Church

Ames @ Chester Streets

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Rev. Dr. David L. Phillips

and Rev. Jane Bradford,

Pastors

St. Joseph's Catholic

Church

10:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.; SS

Children's Program.

Service.

and

Dec. 6: 9:45 a.m.

p.m., Council Meeting.

Dec. 10: 6:30 p.m.,

at

Adult Instruction.

Advent Service.

p.m.,

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Dwight

Fund-raiser; 5

Worship Service.

a.m., Worship/

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Methodist.

Pastors S.S. 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. St. John's Lutheran Church

511 W. Jackson, Cullom Rev. Trudy Foote, Pastor 689-2120, church st.johns@frontiernet.net

Saturday Worship, 5 p.m. Sunday School, 9 a.m.;

Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.

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mous meetings, Fridays, 8 p.m.

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Church Fr. Peter Pilon, Pastor Saturdays: Confessions 4 to 4:45 p.m.; Mass at 5 p.m. a.m.

Sundays: 8 a.m., Mass. Mondays: 5 p.m., Mass

Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8 9:00 a.m. a.m., Mass. Celebration Time After School

United Church of Odell 109 N. Morgan St., Odell Phone 815-998-2271 Pastor Patricia Morton

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Sunday: Sunday School, adult and youth, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

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Wednesdays: Bible Study, 7 p.m. Communion Holv

served the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions.

St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church 9:15 Mass: Sunday, a.m.

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Janet Chandler, Pastor Office hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. - 12 237-8312

United Lutheran Church. ELCA

Pine and Jefferson Streets Pastor Royan Rodney 237-2227 Worship Sunday: Service, 10 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

REDDICK Reddick United

Methodist Church Old Route 17/West Main PO Box 63, Reddick, IL 815-365-4223 Pastor Dennis Brooks

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Army food collection the first Sunday of every month.

Zoar Community Church 18172 W. Route 17

933-4905 Pastors

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WILMINGTON

United Methodist Church Pastor Dennis Brooks Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship; 9:30 a.m., Sunday School.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Masses. Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. Daily Mass: Monday thru Wednesday, 7:30

a.m. Communion Service, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

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Nazarene 105 E. Main St. • (815) 253-6250 Rev. John A. Mohler, Pastor Sunday Services: Sunday 9:30 a.m.; School. Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 6

p.m. Kempton United Methodist Church 305 W. Main Street 815-253-6373; 815-832-4370 Rev. Dr. David L. Phillips and Rev. Jane Bradford Pastors S.S. 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

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United Church of Christ 806 Park St., Mazon

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EMINGTON Emington Congregational United Church of Christ Ed Sinclair, Pastor Home phone (217) 935-

8782 Sunday Service, 9:00 a.m.

VERONA

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Thurs., Dec. 3: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, succotash, fruit juice, wh. wheat bread.

Fri., Dec. 4: Tuna noodle casserole, peas and carrots, Harvard beets, mixed fruit salad, wh. wheat bread. Mon., Dec. 7: Pork cutlet w/fruit glaze, Tex-Mex rice, mixed vegetables, blushing pears, wh. wheat bread. Tues., Dec. 8:

caramel crisp. Wed., Dec. 9: Grilled chicken pattie, hot German potato salad, Capri blend vegetables, fresh apple, bun.

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Operation SOS to Collect Donations at Christmas Parade

Operation SOS (Support Our Soldiers) volunteers, along with the Dwight Girl Scouts, will be pushing shopping carts in the Dwight Christmas Parade again this year. Donations of items for our troops can be dropped in the shopping carts as the volunteers pass by. All donations received will be shipped in the Christmas boxes, which will be sent out on December 5.

Suggested donations include gum, candy, beef jerky, hot chocolate packets, cereal bars and licorice. Cash is always needed for postage

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Operation SOS strives for community involvement every year with its Christmas presents and appreciates the class' help.

Stellar Line-up Ready To Celebrate Christmas Under the Windmill 2009

Kelly Johnson and Dr. Derek Buckley have been added to the list of performers for this year's Christmas Under the Windmill Concert. The concert will take place in The Country Mansion's Garden Room on Sunday, December 6. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The concert will start immediately after dinner is served.

Kelly Johnson is from Seneca, and has been performing for over 20 years. Her experience ranges from being a member of the Prairie Singers to performing in local theatre guilds and beyond. Dr. Derek A. Buckley, tenor, holds a Doctor of Musical Arts, vocal performance, degree.

the US and Europe. This past fall he had the honor of singing at Notre Dame Cathedral, and at Carnegie Hall. While his passion lies in opera, he is also a fan of both Broadway and popular music. Kelly and Dr. Buckley met during Stage 212's production of CATS. Shortly after, they worked together on a musiproduction cal titled "Broadway on the Balcony" held at the Hegeler Carus Mansion. Most recently, Kelly played the role of Louise Saeger opposite Mary Pfeifer at Engle Lane's October production of "Always-Patsy Cline". For Christmas Under The Windmill, the two performers will each have a solo,

He has performed in both and will sing the vocal duet "The Prayer".

> Other performers include The Joliet Junior College Chamber Singers, Mary Pfeifer and Bob McFedries, Dan Tock, Alan and Lindsey Presswood, Vince McGinnis, Amanda Hentsch, Janelle Price and Terry Carter from The Clients. Laura Pepin, Margot and Cole Downey, Mike McConnell, The Ruskin Friends and Family, Pete Moyemont, Catherine Beier and Jerry Beier.

> Tickets are available at Emling Florist and The Country Mansion. The tickets include dinner. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Christmas For Kids, Area Love Boxes and Windmill Beautification.

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