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Blood Drive Today at GSW High School

The National Honor Society at Gardner South Wilmington High School will host a Heartland blood drive at the school on Wednesday, December 9, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.



CHILDREN ATTENDING the Thanksgiving Day worship service at Trinity "Goodfarm" Lutheran Church, rural Dwight, learned about the first Thanksgiving and participated in the service wearing pilgrim bonnets and hats and Indian headbands. Pictured left to right are Madison Jackman, Wilton Jackman, Ashton Burkhardt, Austen Tankersley and Bailey Tankersley.

Christmas for Kids, Love Boxes Delivery Dates Approaching

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. The deadline for Love Boxes is also approaching. Any contributions should be at the Dwight United Methodist Church by 9 a.m. Friday, December 11. Anyone may help assemble the boxes that day. Both the Christmas for

Kids gifts and the Love Boxes will be delivered Saturday morning, December 12; be at the church by 9 a.m. if you would like to help. Anyone is welcome to join in delivering the boxes and gifts. If you have questions about Christmas for Kids, call 815-584-2179. For questions about Love Boxes, call Dave Bossert, 815-584-2902, or the Dwight United Methodist Church, 815-584-3420.

Community Chord Chorale to Present 'Hope Has Hands'

The Community Chord Chorale will present a Christmas cantata, "Hope Has Hands," created by Sue C. Smith, Phil Cross and Russell Mauldin. The cantata is a joyous Christmas message about Emmanuel, our hope of salvation, sent to us some 2,000 years ago. It is filled with some classic carols and songs like "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem," "Go, Tell It on the Mountain," "Mary, Did You Know?" and "Joy to the World." Soloists include Jim Fulton, Diana Eggenberger, Debi Johnson, Zack Ehlers

and Paula Trainor-Rosenbaum. The cantata will be performed Sunday, December 13, at Grace Episcopal Church, Pontiac, at 6 p.m. The group consists of 28 members and two narrators from the towns of Cabery, Cullom, Dwight, Kempton, Saunemin and Pontiac. The Community Chord Chorale has been together for eight years performing Christmas, Easter and patriotic cantatas. The chorale is under the direction of Diana J. Eggenberger of Saunemin. New members are always welcome.

Agreement Could Net Dwight Schools Nearly \$2 Million

by Sara Peters
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An enterprise zone agreement between the Dwight school districts and wind farm company Iberdrola Renewables could bring the schools nearly \$2 million in the next five years. The agreement – originally approved by the school boards in February 2008 – allows the school districts to abate the Streator Cayuga

Ridge wind farm's property taxes, which in turn saves the district from losing state aid. Dwight school board members this month will pass resolutions to bolster Iberdrola's application to the state to become a part of the Streator Enterprise Zone. The Illinois Enterprise Zone program is designed to stimulate the economic growth for businesses within a particular enterprise zone. "The way I've been explaining it is that the state has never turned down an application once the pieces were all put together," Superintendent Dale Adams said. "All these little steps are how our bureaucracy works." The IDOC could approve the agreement early next year. If approved, the agreement allows the Dwight school districts to abate the property taxes on the \$9 million 150-turbine project and then split the money it would have received from Iberdrola. Additionally, abating the taxes keeps the project from affecting the districts' state aid. The state uses a formula based on a school district's (continued on page 10)



THE MARK OTTEN FAMILY OF DWIGHT enjoyed cookies and warm beverages during the Christmas Parade Friday night in Downtown Dwight. Clockwise, the Otten family, Abbey up top, Mark, Anastasia, Amber, and William. Mom, Linda Otten, was busy collecting items for the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Dwight Village Board Meets November 30 Trustee Ron Skinner Remembered

by Madelyn Fogarty

A moment of silent remembrance for former Trustee Ron Skinner opened the meeting of the Dwight Village Board of Trustees when the board met on November 30. "I would like to take a moment to remember Mr. Ron Skinner – a devoted husband, family man, church worker, community worker

and very trusted Trustee," said Mayor Bill Wilkey. "His untimely death has left a hole in this community." An appointment by Mayor Wilkey will take place at an upcoming meeting to fill the open Village Trustee position. Moving on to Village business, Mayor Wilkey pointed out some recent improvements that have taken place in the Village

and commented on Heritage Woods, a new assisted living community on Dwight's east side, which opened its doors to new residents on November 27. "I am still amazed," said Wilkey with regard to the facility. "That is really a fine addition to Dwight." Wilkey also spoke about the status of the proposed Love's Travel Stops and (continued on page 3)



BISHOP DANIEL R. JENKY, center, of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, stands with Father James Rickey of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, and Carolyn Trancoso, warden of Dwight Correctional Center. The bishop visited DCC on December 3 to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation with 34 inmates.

Bishop Jenky Visits DCC 34 Offenders Confirmed

by Meta Machulis

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria visited the Dwight Correctional Center on Thursday, December 3, to celebrate Mass and confirm 34 inmates into the Catholic faith.

"They were very ecstatic, very happy," Father James Rickey, pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight, said of the offenders. "When the bishop comes, it's an important day in their lives." The inmates celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at

the chapel on the DCC grounds. Women being confirmed wore red stoles over their DCC-issued clothing, and a group of the confirmands sang as a choir. Many offenders not being con-

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police
Nov. 27: Alan V. Sweetwood, 28, South Chicago Heights, driving under influence of alcohol.
Nov. 28: Kristi K. Stites, 28, Streator, suspended, revoked driver's license; Michael W. Rippey, 46, Dwight, suspended, revoked driver's license.
Dec. 1: Paul M. Romines, 21, Essex, operate uninsured motor vehicle.
Dec. 2: Kelley M. Becker, 25, Rantoul, minor

Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS
Nov. 30: Mazon, medical, Pontiac.
Dec. 1: 3200 N. Rd., medical, Pontiac; Mazon, medical, Pontiac.
4 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police
Expired registration sticker, 1; disobeying traffic control device, 1; only one red taillight, 1; wrong way on one-way street, 1.



Free Christmas Day Dinners

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Dwight is once again continues the Christmas Tradition of providing Free Christmas Day Dinners on Friday, December 25. Meals will either be delivered to your home or you may join them at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 326 W Chippewa for dinner and fellowship.

A Christmas dinner of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and a vegetable with pie for dessert will be delivered between 11:30 and 12:30 on December 25, 2009. Dinner will be served at the church as soon as all the deliveries have been made.

Anyone in the community is invited to help prepare and deliver meals. If you wish to donate food items or cash to be used to help provide the meal, donations are also welcome. St. Peter's would like to thank Thrivent

Financial for helping with this wonderful Christian ministry.

If you know someone in need of a hot meal on Christmas Day, if you wish to receive a meal or if you wish to join them for lunch in the Fellowship Hall, please call St. Peter's church office at 815-584-1199 or Lynne Cronin at 815-584-1106 and leave the name, address, phone number and number of meals needed. Please be sure to leave ALL the requested information. They cannot deliver meals if they do not have an address or phone number.

A volunteer will call each individual on December 25 to inform them what time the volunteers will deliver their meal so they know it is coming.

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If you're like many people, you're watching your dollars extra carefully this year as you do your holiday shopping. And that's a good thing, because even in the best of times, it's never wise to go overboard on gifts. But by making the right moves during this holiday season, you can also help ensure that you stay on track toward your long-term financial goals.

Specifically, what steps should you be taking during these weeks? Here are a few suggestions:

- Avoid racking up big debts. In a time of economic uncertainty, the last thing you want is to take on a new debt load. Everyone in your life who is important enough to receive a gift from you will understand if you don't splurge on presents you can't afford. And winter can be pretty gloomy when you're trying to pay off big credit card bills from the past holiday season.
- Establish a gift fund. For next year's gift-giving season, you may want to open a special "gift fund." Of course, it's not easy for any of us to find "extra" money after we're done paying our bills, so the best way to set up your gift fund may be to have the money moved automatically each month from your checking or savings account to another liquid account — one that you wouldn't normally touch for your day-to-day expenses. Even if you can only afford to put in a small amount each month, you might be surprised at how much you'll accumulate in a year.
- Don't touch long-term investments to pay for gifts. Some people tap into their long-term investments to pay for holiday gifts, telling themselves they'll re-fund the investment when they "get caught up" — but that rarely happens. In fact, once you cash out part of an investment to pay for a gift or an everyday expense, you'll set yourself back in your pursuit of your financial objectives — so do whatever you can to help preserve those investments. Apart from setting up a gift fund, you'll also want to make sure you have a reasonable amount of "cash" and cash equivalents in your investment portfolio.
- Protect yourself from identity theft. Victims of identity theft can testify that it's an enormous — and possibly expensive — hassle. Unfortunately, identity theft seems to go up during the holiday season, so take steps to protect yourself. When you go out shopping, just take one debit or credit card with you — and look around whenever you use it. Identity thieves have been known to copy down credit card numbers and even photograph credit cards with cell phones. Also, if you're shopping online, make sure you're on a secure web site. One way to check for a secure site is to look for "https" in the Web address, along with the icon of the locked padlock on your browser's status bar.
- Shop early for bargains. As you probably know, some of the best bargains come during stores' "after-holiday" sales. By taking advantage of these sales, you can stock up on gifts for the next holiday season.

By following these suggestions, you may be able to remove a lot of the financial stress that often accompanies the holidays — and that, by itself, can help you enjoy the season even more.

Cause of Mazon Avenue Garage Fire Undetermined

by Sara Peters
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A garage fire that occurred in Dwight on Mazon Avenue in October may have been set intentionally, but investigators don't have enough evidence to declare it arson.

Dwight fire and police responded to the blaze in the two-car detached garage at 407 W. Mazon Ave. at about 3 a.m. Oct. 10.

Police believe a burglary took place prior to the fire based on several items sitting outside the garage that were originally in the garage before the fire, said Dwight Police Detective Gary Beier. However, they could not eliminate other ignition sources, such as electricity attached to the garage, in order to declare it arson.

"We left it undetermined because we can't eliminate other ignition sources," Beier said. "There's a good

chance it may have been arson, but at this point we can't prove that."

The fire damaged two neighboring garages in addition to melting the siding on a nearby house.

Two of the garages have since been rebuilt.

Police interviewed several people in the area at the time of the fires but have since eliminated them as suspects.

Beier worked with a team of fire investigators through MABAS 15, who help assist investigations in this region.

"At this point we've pretty much followed up every lead that we had," Beier said. "Obviously if people have further information, that would be great. We're always looking for that."

Anybody with any information regarding the fire can call the Dwight Police Department at (815) 584-3132. To remain anonymous, call (815) 584-1975.

KEN WHITE, right, a candidate for Livingston County Sheriff, talks with Larry and Judy Zabel during White's "Meet the Candidate" fund-raising dinner at the Dwight VFW on December 2.

LINDA ROSENBAUM sells breads as a fund-raiser for Ken White during "Meet the Candidate Night" at the Dwight VFW on December 2. Rosenbaum, a retired Dwight Grade School teacher, said she spent many years working with Ken White's wife, Julie, who is also a retired DGS teacher. Rosenbaum said the Whites are "good friends and good people."

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THE PAMIDA FOUNDATION donated \$1,000 to Dwight Christmas for Kids on December 2. Above, Deb Tock (center) of Christmas for Kids accepts the donation from Dwight Pamida Assistant Store Team Leader Amy Koehn (left) and Store Team Leader Connie Buberle.

Light County Race
Balanced By Primary

by Sara Peters
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A light county race for February's election is balanced by the fact that it's also a primary for the state's highest offices as well as national senate and congressional seats.

"People will be voting for candidates for the governor and the state offices, so that could bring out a lot more people," said Livingston County Clerk Kristy Masching.

Many Livingston County residents may only vote for one contested race within the county on Feb. 2, 2010: the two-way race for sheriff between Kenneth White, of Dwight, and Martin Meredith, of rural Streator.

The only other contested race is in district three, which includes the southern half of the county. There, five people seek the four open two-year seats for the county board. They are: challengers John Yoder, of Gridley; and William Peterson, of Fairbury; and incumbents Carl Borngasser, of Fairbury; Ronald Deany, of Chatsworth; and Stanley Weber, of Pontiac.

In district two, which includes the northern half of the county, four people seek four open seats. They are Joseph Steichen, of Kempton; and incumbents Daryl Holt, of Dwight; William Flott, of Dwight; and Robert Weller, of Dwight.

In district one, which includes the townships of Rooks Creek and Pontiac, four people seek four open seats. They are: John McGlasson, of Pontiac; and

incumbents Bruce Koerner, of Pontiac; G. Michael Ingles, of Pontiac; and John L. (Jack) Vietti, of Pontiac.

While a lack of contested local races may normally bring out a smaller number of voters, the state primary will probably boost those numbers, Masching said.

Beyond Livingston County, this election serves as the primary for the Nov. 2 general election for statewide offices such as governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, comptroller and state treasurer. The ballot will also include the United States senator, representatives in the 11th and 15th congressional districts and representatives in the general assembly 75th, 76th, 105th and 106th districts.

The last day to register is Tuesday, Jan. 5. Grace period registration and voting begins Jan. 6 at the clerk's office.

People can register at the clerk's office in Pontiac, at their local city hall or with their precinct committee-man.

For those who wish to vote absentee, the first day to apply for that is Dec. 24. Those votes must be returned by Feb. 1.

Masching is the only person running for the county clerk's office. Additionally, Barbara Sear, of Pontiac, is the lone county treasurer candidate.

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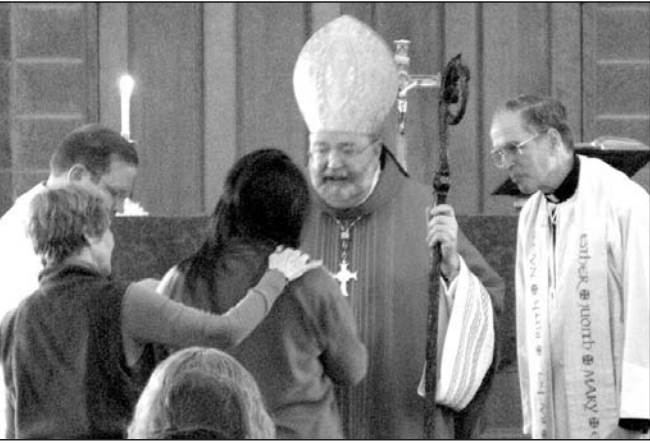
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AN OFFENDER AT DWIGHT CORRECTIONAL CENTER is confirmed as a member of the Catholic Church by Bishop Jenky of Peoria at the DCC chapel December 2.

Bishop Jenky Visits DCC — —

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firmed also attended Mass. Following Mass, a reception with refreshments and fellowship was held for the confirmands.

“It helped to brighten their spirits and their day,” Father Rickey said.

Father Rickey said he wrote to the bishop about 10 months ago asking him to visit Dwight and received a positive reply. While visiting the offenders at DCC, Father Rickey mentioned the bishop’s upcoming visit, and an offender asked whether confirmation classes could be held at the correctional center.

“It always makes me very happy when people are interested in their spiritual

growth and development,” Father Rickey said. So, for the past several months, Father Rickey and several members of St. Patrick’s have been teaching weekly confirmation classes to a group of incarcerated women at DCC.

Father Rickey said this is the first time in his 16 years as pastor of St. Patrick’s that the church has held confirmation classes at DCC. The last time Bishop Jenky visited the correctional center was seven years ago.

Father Rickey said he was happy that the bishop was able to visit DCC and that the offenders confirmed may now “understand God more and follow His ways more faithfully.”

Dwight Village Board Meets November 30 — —

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Country Stores and indicated that “everything is moving along” and construction on the new truck stop facility is expected to begin in the spring. The approximately \$7 million facility will be located on 12 acres north of Arby’s Restaurant off of Northbrook Drive and bordered by Route 47 and I-55.

Rodney Connor, representing IMPACT Dwight, informed the board of a future intended IMPACT Dwight project which would extend Pinecone Path (the path through Rotary Park) all the way to Lions Lake. Connor also requested permission for the group to light the current path with Christmas lights throughout the month of December.

“We are really trying to get people to utilize the parks more,” stated Connor. The board granted the lighting request which will be at no cost to the village.

In another matter, village residents are reminded that burglaries, particularly targeting the contents of unlocked vehicles and garages, continue to plague Dwight and many surrounding communities. Residents

are strongly encouraged to lock vehicles, homes and garages, keep valuables out of sight and report any unusual or suspicious activity.

The board also:

- accepted a bid of \$37,500 from Durham Electric of Pontiac for the installation of a three-phase automatic standby generator for the water filtration plant.
- granted the proposed Dwight Teen Center a waiver of the \$100 occupancy permit.
- approved a transfer of \$71.36 from the General Fund to the Public Service Bond Fund.
- approved a transfer of \$2,684.57 from the General Fund to the Windmill Project Fund.

Village reminder:

Overnight parking (2 a.m. to 6 a.m.) on village streets is prohibited from December 1 until March 1 or anytime snowfall reaches two inches or more.

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

Grundy County Climatological Data

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

Highest daily temperature, 74° on November 8; lowest daily temperature, 29° on November 12.

The average monthly temperature was 45.8°. The temperature dropped below 32° on six days.

The peak wind gust speed for the month was 23 mph on November 28.

1.32 inches of liquid precipitation were received in November, for a total of 48.34 for the year.

The highest 24-hour liquid precipitation amount for November was .54 inches on the 25th.

There were seven days with measurable amounts of rain.

Odell Tip-Top 4-H Meets

The Odell Tip Top 4-H club held a meeting on November 22. The meeting came to order at 4:05 and started with attendance. There are around 40 members in our 4-H club, but there’s room for more! If you would like to join, you still may.

After taking attendance, we had new business which was ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on December 6. Everyone had to sign up to ring the bells for a one-hour time slot.

Bonnie Davis, our leader, handed out our folders and talked about the newsletter. Our president talked to the club about coming up with some ideas as to what we could do as a group for fun and things to do for community service.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30. Refreshments were provided by the Snyder, Wyant, and Black families.

Abby Snyder, Reporter

Braceville Fireman’s Breakfast
December 13 • 7 a.m. - 12 noon
at the Braceville Community Hall • 102 N. Mitchell Street
Adults (12 and older)- \$6 Children (6-11)- \$3
5 & Under- FREE

The Braceville Volunteer Fire Department is cooking breakfast. Come out and enjoy a great meal and visit with friends, family and the fire department members.

On the menu: pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, milk, bottled water and coffee.

See you at our next breakfast on January 10, 2010, at 7 a.m. to 12 noon!

Temps - 2009

Nov. 25 – high 49°, low 34° .14” precip.
 Nov. 26 – high 39°, low 29° .08” precip.
 Nov. 27 – high 41°, low 27°
 Nov. 28 – high 56°, low 28° trace of precip.
 Nov. 29 – high 49°, low 32°
 Nov. 30 – high 42°, low 31°
 Dec. 1 – high 55°, low 31°
One Year Ago - Dec. 9, 2008
 high 42°, low 17°
 .25” precip., 1” snow

Gardner Fire Department and EMS Calls

Tues., Dec. 1: Mutual aid- fire, Dwight; medical, E. Main.

Thurs., Dec. 3: Citizen’s assistance, N. Cedar.

Fri., Dec. 4: Medical, mutual aid Dwight.

Sun., Dec. 6: Trauma, Morgan.

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A Beautiful Night Under The Windmill

The Christmas Concert Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy our annual concert. It was a festive evening and will be hard to forget. Proceeds from every ticket purchased will help make this a better Christmas season for many of our neighbors.

We also thank our sponsors, Bank of Dwight, First National Bank of Dwight and RR Donnelley. Your donations allow us to give more to our charities. You are all so generous and we are grateful.

Linda Embling and her flower girls do a wonderful job selling our tickets. They sell a large portion of our tickets and handle all the money and reservations. It gets to be a big job when tickets are in high demand the last few days before the show. Your work did not go unnoticed.

We also thank *The Paper* for giving us the exposure we needed to sell out this year. You are always easy to work with, and you gave us more than we could ask for. We are lucky to have you.

Bob, Ashley and everyone at The Country Mansion made us feel welcome. You prepared a delicious meal and fed more than 300 of us in 25 minutes. The service you provided to the audience should make you proud. The Garden Room sparkled.

We thank Mike McConnell for making this concert possible. Mike played on eight songs and rehearsed for several hours with other performers. You are irreplaceable.

Thanks also go out to Kolby Hoffman, Cal Vigna, Doug Patten, Dan Tock, Mitch Edwards, Don Pfeifer, Jason Stanton, Rodney Connor, Dwight Christmas Committee, Dwight Chamber of Commerce, IMPACT Dwight, and Dwight Main Street.

And last but not least, thank you to all of our performers. Where do we find you? For seven years now we have found neighbors, friends of friends, nieces and nephews and so on to perform our favorite holiday songs. You always deliver. We are in awe.

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ALL AGES

Saunemin Elementary School to Present 'Christmas Is In the Air'

The annual Christmas program at Saunemin Grade School will be Friday, December 11, at 7 p.m. in the gym. The theme for this year's program is "Christmas Is In the Air."

The program will feature classes from preschool to fifth grade, combined fifth through junior high band, junior high band and chorus.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. Colleen Rapp, music teacher.

A food drive will take place prior to the program to help the Saunemin Food Pantry. Those in attendance are being asked to bring a nonperishable food item to the program and put it in the collection box at the entrance to the gym.

Community CPR Class Offered

OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center will hold a community CPR class, which is open to the general public, on Monday, December 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The class is designed to provide basic knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation for adults, infants and children and will be held in the OSF Saint James Education Center on the second floor of the hospital.

There is a cost per person or per couple. Registration is required and can be made by calling 815-842-4545.



SEVENTH-GRADER KATY HAAG of Cullom was honored for her acrylic landscape at the 2009-2010 Illinois Art Education Association Student Art Show.

GSW Honor Society Holding Coat, Hat and Mitten Drive

Gardner South Wilmington High School's National Honor Society is sponsoring a gently used coat drive and new hat and mitten drive until Friday, December 18.

In conjunction with the drive, the school will raffie gift cards for Big R and Walmart during the Thursday, December 10, basketball game.

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Katy Haag, Cullom, Honored at IAEA Student Art Show

Katy Haag, daughter of Doug and Kelly Haag, Cullom, was honored at the 2009-2010 Illinois Art Education Association Student Art Show. Only 40 works were selected for this show from over 400 entries.

Katy, a seventh-grade student at Tri-Point Upper Elementary and Junior High School, Piper City, did an acrylic painting of a landscape.

A reception and awards ceremony was held on Saturday, November 7, at the IAEA Convention in Lisle. Katy was also honored at her school by her principal, Duane Hitchens, and her art teacher, Marge Lucht.

St. Paul Booster Club to Hold Candy and Cookie Sale

The Booster Club of St. Paul School, Odell, will have a homemade candy and cookie sale at the Odell Bank on Friday, December 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, December 12, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Cookies will be sold by the dozen, and candy will be sold by the pound. Proceeds will benefit St. Paul School.

American Legion Auxiliary Fourth Division Meets

The Fourth Division American Legion Auxiliary held its first meeting of the 2009-2010 year in Heyworth at the VFW on Sunday, November 15, at 1 p.m.

The board meeting took place at 12:45 p.m. President Diana Runyon conducted the meeting and the formal opening was observed. Cathy Woodburn gave the welcome and Vice President Jane Besson gave the response.

Department President Julia Moore was escorted to the podium and brought greetings from Department. She reminded all of her special-project being twofold: USO and Education Scholarships. The Department fund-raiser will be held with the Legion. There will be two drawings, one in February and another in July at convention. Information will be coming soon.

The Department membership caravan will start January 20 in Heyworth. Memberships need to be turned in.

SAL Fourth Division Commander Harl "Butch" Ray brought greetings along with Fourth Division Commander Denver Phelps and Senior Vice Commander Bruce Hallam.

The Courtesy Committee was appointed: Mary Lou Meadows, chairman; Pat Swartz and Mary Beschoner.

Recognition of past department presidents from Fourth Division being five: Joann Schafer, Ramona Henricks, Shirley Jones, Irene Lofton and Sharon Conatser; and 16 past Fourth Division presidents.

Appointed to read the November 15 minutes were Chairman Elsie Tibbs, Louella Buske and Jane Wagner.

First-time Fourth Division attendees were Peggy Vaughan, Forrest, and Jane Magee, Washburn.

Roll call was taken and reports given. Membership for Fourth Division stands at 72.88 percent and the men are at 77 percent. There are 15 units at goal in Fourth Division; certificates were presented.

The poppy seminar will be held March 14 at 10 a.m. in Danville with the Fourth Division meeting at 1 p.m. The Junior Department Conference will be April 17 and 18 in Lisle. Illini Girls State is June 13 through 19 at Charleston.

The Fourth Division fund-raisers for the year are: 50/50 with three prizes; bag raffles; sale of used books; bakeless bake sale; quilt raffle; and gift cards.

Attending from American Legion Auxiliary Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom were Lorena Metz, Pat Fagan, Marsha Haag, Judy Ehlers and two junior members, Emily and Hannah Reeves.

Dwight Women to Sing in Sweet Adelines Holiday Show

The Sweet Adelines Vermillion Valley Show Chorus' Christmas show, "Holiday Acappella," will be held Saturday, December 12, at 2 p.m. at the Westbrook Auditorium, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington. This women's barber-shop chorus is comprised of members from 21 different communities around central Illinois. Local members are Janet Brady and Patti Drechsel.

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2009-2010 CHARLOTTE PLAN-ITS 4-H Club officers, left to right, are Vice President Ashten Melton, Secretary Lauren Ehlers, President Zach Ehlers and Treasurer Jared Haberkorn.

Charlotte Plan-Its 4-H Club Makes Holiday Plans

The Charlotte Plan-Its 4-H club met November 11 at the Cullom Community Building. President Zach Ehlers opened the meeting. Lacey King led the pledge to the flag and the 4-H pledge.

The new officers seated were President Zach Ehlers, Vice President Ashten Melton, Secretary Lauren Ehlers and Treasurer Jared Haberkorn.

Two new members were welcomed: Ana Reynolds and Margy Ann Billerbeck.

Lauren Ehlers read the minutes of the October 14 meeting, and Haberkorn gave the treasurer's report. Both were approved.

Lauren Ehlers gave roll call. Eleven members, two leaders and six parents and grandparents were present.

In old business, "Thank You" notes will be sent to Cuts 'N' Stuff for use of the window for the 4-H display and to Casey's for pumpkins.

In new business, Monday, November 23 was Achievement Night at the Pontiac Bible Church; all received an award.

Saturday, December 5, was the bake sale fund-raiser at the GFWC IL Woman's Club of Cullom Breakfast with Santa event. All members were asked to bring baked goods.

President Zach read the Code of Conduct and all signed.

Wednesday, December 9, will be the Christmas party. Everyone was asked to bring a snack to share. There will be a \$5 gift exchange.

The club discussed a community service project to either donate items for soldiers; donate gifts or tray favors for bingo to a nursing home; or bake cookies for shut-ins around town. It was voted to do cookies for shut-ins. Each member was to bring a dozen cookies to the December meeting, assemble and deliver.

The club made 4-H invitation post cards. A work-together activity was played by all.

Refreshments were brought by Linze Haren. The meeting was adjourned.



FORMER ILLINOIS SOYBEAN Association Chairman David Hartke, left, presents the Award for Excellence in Print Media to Tom Doran of Odell during the ISA's annual meeting.

Tom Doran, Odell, Receives Soybean Association Award

Tom Doran of Odell was recently named the recipient of this year's award for Excellence in Print Media at the Illinois Soybean Association's annual meeting.

Doran serves as field editor for Illinois AgriNews in its Bloomington office. He is a graduate of Dwight Township High School and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Doran began his career as a photographer and dark-room technician at the Dwight Star and Herald before moving to editor of the Odell Times and Emington Joker newspapers. He was later managing editor of the Star and Herald.

He joined AgriNews Publications more than four years ago. His primary coverage area includes the central one-third of Illinois,

focusing on soybeans, corn, legislative issues and the environment.

Doran and his wife, Peg, have three children: Maureen, Michael and Madelyn.

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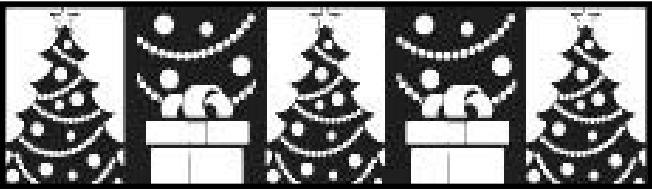
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Laura and Tim Williams

Laura Myers and Tim Williams Married October 31, 2009

Laura Myers and Tim Williams, both of Thermopolis, Wyoming, were married at 2:30 p.m. October 31, 2009, at St. Patrick Church, Dwight.

The bride's parents are Jim and Chris Myers of Ransom. The groom's parents are Paul and Judy Williams of Laramie, WY.

Allison Myers, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bronsen Schliep, friend of the groom, served as best man.

The bride wore an ivory, strapless A-line dress and carried a bouquet of ivory calla lilies. The bridesmaids wore chocolate-colored V-neck dresses and carried bouquets of mango-colored calla lilies.

The reception was held at Jennifer's Garden, Morris. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia.

The bride is a graduate of Creighton University and is a doctor of physical therapy at Gottsche Rehab in Thermopolis, WY. The groom is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and Creighton University and is also a doctor of physical therapy at Gottsche Rehab.

The couple currently resides in Thermopolis, WY.



Sarah and Michael Condon

Sarah Huseman and Michael Condon Married April 25, 2009

Sarah Beth Huseman and Michael Edward Condon were united in marriage on April 25, 2009, at The Four Rivers Environmental Center in Channahon.

Sarah is the daughter of Rick and Alice Huseman of Dwight. Mike is the son of Edward and Geri Condon of Benton and Karen Condon of Romeoville.

Their rehearsal dinner was at the Joliet Historical Museum in Joliet.

Sarah is employed by Wells Fargo Advisors in Lisle, and Mike is employed by Bill Jacobs Chevrolet in Plainfield.

The couple honeymooned in California, and they reside in Minooka.

Photo compliments of Photography by James Kraft.

Morris Hospital Employees Honored for Service Milestones

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers recently honored 113 employees for reaching milestones in their service years at the annual employee recognition dinner.

Forty-four employees were honored for five years of service, 22 were honored for 10 years of service, 12 were honored for 15 years of service, 13 were honored for 20 years of service, seven were honored for 25 years of service, 11 were honored for 30 years of service, one was honored for 35 years of service, and four were honored for 40 years.

"The annual employee recognition dinner gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the remarkable service and dedication of our long-term employees," said Erin Murphy - Frobish, human resources manager at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. "Some of our employees have devoted the majority of their lives here. They have an unwavering commitment to their professions that I believe stems from their devotion to our patients. We truly are grateful to have such dedicated and experienced staff here at Morris Hospital."

Each honoree received a long stem rose and Grundy County Chamber of Commerce gift certificate. Employees with 20 or more years of service received a keepsake pen engraved with their name and years of service. The 40-year honorees each received a bouquet of flowers.

Area employees honored for achieving milestones in service years in 2009 include:

Five years: Linda Baker, Verona, nutrition services; Sara Ruder, Reddick, laboratory; Meghan Slattery, Mazon, CT scan; Joan Wren, Braceville, health information management.

Ten years: Jennifer Elliott, Mazon, radiology; Stephanie Hauch, Mazon, surgery; Lori Patten, Gardner, emergency department; Richard Payne, Mazon, environmental services.

Fifteen years: Mary Baudino, Verona, family birthing suites; Amy Laird, Braceville, Minooka Healthcare Center.

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Starlights 4-H Club Holds Nov. Meeting

by Anna Paputsa
Starlights Reporter

On November 19, the Starlights 4-H Club held ceremonies for the installation of new officers, welcomed new members and recognized new chairmen.

Sarah Jablonski reported on a workshop she attended on speaking to legislatures. Jordan Abbott demonstrated how to use his various bows. Zachary Moritz demonstrated three different ways to sharpen a knife, and Shealee Moritz showed the club how to make (and enjoy) sugar cookies.



NEW OFFICERS OF STARLIGHTS 4-H are (left to right), front row: Brittany McClure, Sarah Jablonski and Anna Paputsa; back row: Jennifer Paputsa and Katherine Grimes.



NEW CHAIRMEN of Starlights 4-H are (left to right) Sunshine Chair Shealee Moritz, Fund-raiser Chair Montanna Cox and Planning Chair Luke Grimes.

Upcoming Odell Library Events

The movie "Gremlins" will be played at the Odell Library on Wednesday, December 16, at 6 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

The next Odell Library adult book club program will feature "A Christmas Carol," written by Charles Dickens. Copies of the book are available for checkout; on Wednesday, December 23, at 2 p.m., the movie based on the book will be played. Refreshments will be provided, and a short discussion comparing the book and movie will follow.

The next Odell Library Old-Time Radio & TV Club program will be held on Wednesday, December 23, at 6 p.m. Classic television episodes will be played. Food will be potluck and refreshments will be served by the library.

If there are any questions regarding any of the above programs, or if there are any ideas for future programs, call the library at 815-998-2012 or review the website at www.odelllibrary.com

Fruits and Veggies Add Color, Nutrition to Holiday Meals

Tired of the same holiday party foods you've served for years? Carol Schlitt, University of Illinois Extension nutrition and wellness educator, offers these suggestions for using fruits and vegetables in holiday meals and party menus:

- Along with standard vegetable and dip trays, make a fruit tray with strawberries, grapes, melon pieces, pineapple chunks, thick kiwi and starfruit slices on skewers or picks. Serve with a low-fat or no-fat flavored yogurt dip.
- Microwave bite-size red potatoes and serve with no-fat sour cream and a sprinkling of chives.
- Liven up green salads with berries, citrus, kiwi, starfruit, chopped apple or pear, raisins or other dried fruits. Use a sweet and tangy, low-fat salad dressing.
- Grill chunks of favorite fruits and/or vegetables along with poultry, fish or meat.



NEW MEMBERS OF STARLIGHTS 4-H, left to right, are John Rosenquist, Emily McClure, Mackenzie Lasser and Zachary Moritz.

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Obituaries

Kyle Alexander Knox

W I L - LIAMSVILLE – Kyle Alexander Knox, 16, of Williams-ville died at 9:26 p.m. Sunday, November 15, 2009.



A public memorial gathering was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, November 22, at the Williamsville High School Gym. A private memorial service was held at Athens Christian Church.

He was born September 9, 1993, in Springfield, the son of Karl A. and Kim A. Statler Knox. He was a resident of the Williamsville and Sherman area most of his life. He was a sophomore at Williamsville High School. He was a member of

Williamsville Christian Church Youth Group. He enjoyed working on any kind of engines and especially his truck.

Surviving are his mother, Kim A. Knox (Ray Anderson) of Williamsville; father, Karl A. (Carla) Knox of Petersburg; one sister, Kelsey A. Knox of Williams-ville; paternal grandparents, Bob and Shirley Miller of Trinity, Texas, and Jim and Pat Knox of Springfield; maternal grandparents, Carrol and Evelyn Statler of Kempton; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friend-in-Deed program, % The State Journal - Register, Springfield.

M. Annette Mund

M. Annette Mund, 73, formerly of Gardner, passed into heaven at the home of her daughter on December 4, 2009 after a brief struggle with cancer.

Annette was a member of Germantown Baptist Church and the Verna Jones Fleming Adult Bible Fellowship class.

She is survived by her daughters: Patty Roedel (Mark) Littrell of Germantown, Tennessee; Becky Roedel (Bob) Everett of Chattanooga, Tennessee;

sons: Ed Roedel-Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Rick Roedel of Shelbyville, Illinois.

She has 10 grandchildren: Madeline, Robinson, and Landon Littrell; David (Gina) Brown; Dayna (Kenny) Boatright; Daniel Brown; Daryn (Scott) Ruff; Ryan (Jessie) Everett; Patrick (Brittany) Everett; and Carly Watters. She also left five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Milan, Tennessee.

Charles L. Enerson

MORRIS – Charles L. “Chuck” Enerson Sr., 76, of Morris passed away peacefully Friday morning, December 4, 2009 in the Morris Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born August 28, 1933 in Morris, the son of Andrew E. and Lillian Milton Enerson. He was educated in the Morris schools. Chuck married Martha E. “Marty” Friant June 5, 1954 in Stickney.

He was employed with Jefferson-Smurfitt Corp. in Morris for more than 30 years, retiring June 30, 2008.

With his wife they enjoyed traveling, especially to Las Vegas. He treasured the time spent with his family, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters: Glenda Whalen of Morris and Jerri (Jerry) Angeloff of Verona; two sons: Charles L. Enerson, Jr. of Morris and Rick (Lynn) Enerson of Gardner.

Also surviving are twelve grandchildren: Charlie, Nathan, Brianne, Lainie, James Michael, Gary, Brock; Katie and Billy Whalen; Erica, Ashley and Olivia Angeloff; nine great-grand-

children: Bobby, Mariah, Cade, Tyler, Jacob, Peyton, Colton, Alyssa and Tayden; one sister, Sharon (Tom) Hougas of Morris; three brothers: Earl (Arlene) Enerson of Aurora; Andrew (Lynnete) Enerson Jr. of Melbourne, Florida; and William (Pat) Enerson of Morris; a special friend, Marianne McLuckie of Coal City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife on December 6, 2007; and one brother, Fred Enerson.

Friends called Tuesday, December 8, from 4 p.m. until the time of the funeral services at 7 p.m. Rev. Kevin Yandell officiated at the U.C. Davis & Sons Funeral Home, Ltd., Morris.

Per Chuck’s wishes, cremation rites were accorded and private family interment will follow at a later date in Sample Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Online condolences may be extended at www.ucdavisandsons.com

Raelene R. Malone

KEMPTON – Raelene R. Malone, 73, of Kempton died Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 1:45 p.m. at Livingston Manor Nursing Home, rural Pontiac.

Raelene was born January 2, 1936 in Pontiac, a daughter of John Sr. and Marguerite Dalton Bohm. She married William Malone July 15, 1953 in Pontiac.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, December 9, from 4 until 8 p.m. at the Martin-Burke Funeral Home in Cullom and for one hour preceding the memorial service at the church.

A Memorial Service will be Thursday, December 10, at 10 a.m. in the Kempton United Methodist Church with Pastor David Phillips and Rev. Herb Thompson officiating.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Inurnment will be in Kempton Hill Cemetery, Kempton.

She is survived by her husband, William E. Malone of Kempton; three daughters: Debra Howard of Apache Junction, Arizona; Deanna (Reed) Myer of Denver, Colorado; and Dona (Dean) Tharp of Cullom; five grandchildren: Tony (Ginger) Howard, Jared Howard, Will Myer, Morgan Malone Tharp and Jordan Tharp; and two great-grandchildren: Elissa and Quin Howard.

Also surviving are three brothers: Irvin (Judy) Bohm, George (Phyllis) Bohm and Robert (Darlene) Bohm; one sister-in-law, Gayle Bohm, and one brother-in-law, Chuck Lee.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Peggy Lee, Delores Bohm, Donald Bohm and John Bohm, Jr.

Mrs. Malone graduated from the Kankakee Cosmetology School and was a hairdresser for many years. She retired in 2000 from the Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee.

She was a member of the Kempton United Methodist Church, where she was involved with the United Methodist Women. She was a member of the Olson-Bute-Malone Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary in Kempton, and the National Cosmetology Association.

Raelene gave of herself for others throughout her life. She enjoyed china painting, cooking and gardening. She was a loving wife, mom, grandmother, sister and friend and will be greatly missed.

Memorials in Raelene’s name may be left to the OSF Saint James Hospice or the Kempton Hill Burial Park.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.martin-burkefuneralhome.com

Livingston County Health Dept. December H1N1 Vaccinations

The Livingston County Health Department has scheduled several free H1N1 vaccination clinics during the month of December, for the first priority groups, at the health department, 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac.

Clinics will be Wednesday, December 9, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, December 22 from 2 to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, December 30, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adults and children age 10 and over will only need

one dose of vaccine. Children ages six months through nine years will need two doses, with the second dose being given at least 21 days after the first dose.

The H1N1 vaccine is being provided at no cost to the public.

The health department expects to receive weekly shipments of the vaccine. Future clinic dates and times will be announced as additional vaccine is received and priority groups are expanded.

Letter to the Editor

Locke Family Grateful for Dwight Community Support

How does a family of 10 end up in Dwight, Illinois with \$70 to their names and no place to live? Well, I’ll start from the beginning.

Olivia and myself have eight magnificent children – six boys and two girls. The youngest is three months old; the oldest is 11. My wife and I have been truly blessed to have such great kids.

Two years ago, our lives started to change for the worse. At the time, we had a small, successful business on the Northwest Coast. We lost business gradually as the economy sank. We had some savings, but with so many kids, it quickly disappeared. We sold our toys to make ends meet. Eventually, the bank took the SUVs and cars. We lost everything. My wife and I rented a small storage unit to put the last of our things. We tried to find a rental property, but trying to find a landlord willing to rent to a large family with bad credit is much harder than most people realize.

We left the West Coast and moved back to the Midwest to live with a distant relative. We prayed that our situation would improve. Unfortunately, we moved to one of the most economically devastated areas in the Midwest – Ft. Wayne, Indiana. We didn’t let that bother us, though. We have always been a strong family and believe that prayer, hard work and luck have a way of eliminating obstacles.

When things didn’t work out in Ft. Wayne, we realized we needed a new plan. We left Ft. Wayne with very little savings and a partially paid-for van that drove horribly. We weren’t even sure if it could cross the nearest county line. We took a huge leap of faith and left anyway, praying the van would get us where we needed to be.

We were headed to visit my parents’ graves, hoping there might be some answers there. While driving along I-55 south, the van started acting up and was completely undriveable by the Dwight exit. We pulled over at the McDonald’s, and I looked under the hood. My wife went inside to get some food for the kids. By some strange fate, she called a local church for help. To make a long story much shorter, the small town of Dwight answered our nearly exhausted prayers. A living space was provided, food to stock the shelves, beds to sleep on, and a great school for the kids to attend.

As the holidays approach, my wife and I are constantly reminded that our situation is far from good. We have eight little people putting all their hopes and wishes in our hands. My wife and I keep telling each other that things will work out. And then we pray. A lot. Together. Alone. Before any of the kids wake up. Long after the kids have gone to bed. Praying that Christmas will bring peace of mind to our family. Although we are a homeless family of 10, we are still a hopeful family. We are together, we are healthy, and we have found a wonderful community to live.

So many people have touched our lives with their generosity and compassion, and our family is extremely grateful to the citizens of Dwight. We may not have found the answers to our many questions, but we now know that our prayers can still be heard.

From our family to your families, may God bless you and keep you safe and healthy this Christmas season.

Roger and Olivia Locke

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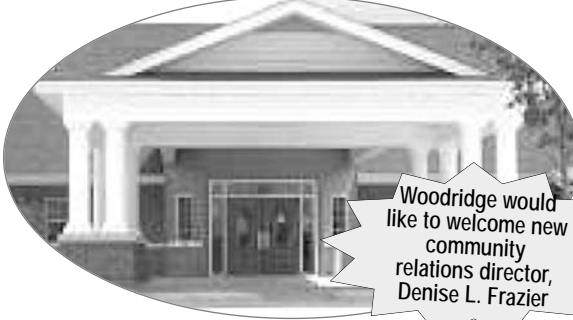
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Woodridge would like to welcome new community relations director, Denise L. Frazier

The Paper SPORTS

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DTHS TROJAN TRAVIS ROEDER, above, makes the lay-up. LEFT: DTHS Trojan Cal Vigna takes the shot while surrounded by GSW Panthers during the Dwight Thanksgiving Tournament, Nov. 24-28.

DGS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

**November 30
Lady Redbirds
vs. Shabbona
8th Grade-**

The DGS Lady Redbirds eighth graders flew over Shabbona, 25-16, in the opening round of Regional play.

Helping with the Dwight victory were: Savannah Schuler, six points, five steals, two rebounds; Hannah Trainor, four points, six steals; Amber Curl, four points, three steals, two rebounds; Demi Krug, four points, two rebounds, one steal; Jessica Butterfield, three points, three steals, two

rebounds; Nicole Murphy, two points, seven rebounds; Amanda Richardson, two points, two rebounds; Summer Schuler, two rebounds.

"It was a great team effort that saw a balanced scoring attack," stated Coach Chuck Butterbrodt.

**December 1
Lady Redbirds
vs. Pontiac
8th Grade-**

The eighth grade girls' basketball team was defeated by Pontiac, 45-25, in round two of Regional play.

Making the stat book were: Hannah Trainor, 10

points (two-for-two at free throw line), five steals, one rebound; Jessica Butterfield, seven points, eight steals, one rebound; Demi Krug, four points, six rebounds; Savannah Schuler, two points, two rebounds, two steals; Amber Curl, two points, three steals, one rebound; Nicole Murphy, four rebounds, one steal.

"The Lady Redbirds played very well in their last game of the season. We finished with a 5-17 record. It was an exciting season in which the girls worked very hard and improved," stated Coach Butterbrodt.

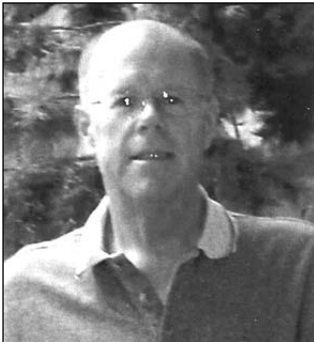
Ho! Ho! Ho! Two In A Row! Week 12 Paper Bowl VIII

It is shaping up to be quite a Merry Christmas for the Campbells in Odell. Doug Campbell has won his second straight Paper Bowl prize after scoring a perfect 14-0 in week 12. Campbell claimed the first two \$50 sponsor gift certificates *The Paper* will hand out this holiday season. He also won week seven, bringing his total earnings for Paper Bowl VIII to \$125. Hope you're on his shopping list this year.

One hundred twelve entries were collected in week 12. Seven swamis tied at 13-1. They were Dwight's Keith "Cub #2" Lauritzen, Bob Flynn, Kasey Kemper and Lee Dixon; Pontiac's "Post" Mark Mackinson; and Gardner's Tracy Horrie. Twelve entries were 12-2; 17 were 11-3; 24 were 10-4; 22 were 9-5; 20 were 8-6; and

the remaining entries were .500 or below.

Keep those entry forms coming in. Doug Campbell can't win every week. You can enter four times this week. The drop locations are DeLong Ford, Big Boyz Toyz, LPL (the Keeley Building) and First National Bank of Dwight. You are all invited to play our game. Get in and win.



Doug Campbell

Paper Bowl VIII Sponsor Results • Week 12

Danko's SF 12-2 (-13) over Route 66 T&A 12-2 (61)
Bank of Dwight 13-1 over Big Boyz Toyz 12-2
Dairy Queen 11-3 over Old World Liquors 10-4
Jensen's BP 12-2 over Berkot's Super Foods 9-5
Victory Lanes 11-3 over Turtle's Tap 9-5
DeLong Ford 10-4 over First National Bank 8-6
S. Tock LPL 8-6 over Streater Onized C. U. 7-7

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NORTH	W-L	SOUTH	W-L
Route 66 T&A	7-5	Danko's State Farm	10-2
OWL	7-5	First National Bank	8-4
Dairy Queen	7-5	S. Tock LPL Financial	8-4
Victory Lanes	6-6	Streater Onized C. U.	6-6
Jensen's BP	6-6	Bank of Dwight	6-6
Big Boyz Toyz	2-10	DeLong Ford	4-8
Berkot's Super Foods	2-10	Turtle's Tap	4-8

TRI-POINT CHARGERS BASKETBALL

**December 1
Chargers vs. Lexington
Varsity-**

The Tri-Point Chargers basketball team fell to Lexington, 52-49.

Scoring for the Chargers were: Dylan Juergens, 15; Shawn Kinkade, 14; Danny Olsen, 12; Drew Wilkerson, four; Jeff Meister and Josh Nichols, two each.

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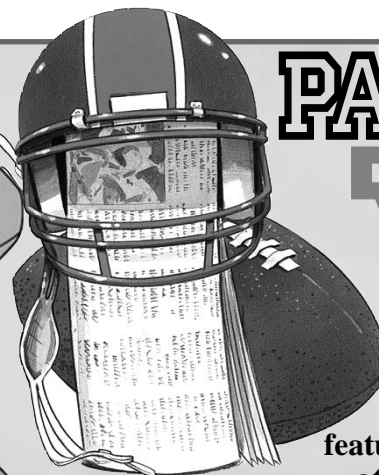
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This week's entry is due Friday, December 11, by 5 p.m.
Winner announced Wednesday, December 23.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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Fill in the number with the letter matching the name of the team you think will win.

1	5	9	13
2	6	10	14
3	7	11	Tie Breaker
4	8	12	(total points)

* Official Paper Bowl rules: One entry per drop box location per person every week. Entries only accepted at drop box locations and will not be accepted at *The Paper* office, unless otherwise noted. All entries must be on an official entry blank. No photocopies. Entries must be completely filled out, legible and to the drop off points by Friday at 5 p.m. each week. Judges' decisions are final. Winners will be announced each Wednesday in *The Paper*. Employees of *The Paper* and their family members are not eligible for *The Paper Bowl VIII*.



Bowling at Victory Lanes, Dwight

Sportsman's League
HG, 269, Paul Seabert;
HS, 718, Jim Petry; HHG,
305, Paul Seabert; HHS,
744, Paul Seabert

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	32	24
J.F. Recycling	32	24
K & D Detailing	32	24
DeLong Ford	31	25
Jensen's BP	28	28
McArdle Grain	28	28
Willy's Pub	27	29
Smoke Wrench	26	30
Dwight Trucking	26	30
Starr Trucking	18	38

Commercial League
HG, 255, Kent Jensen;
HS, 685, Kent Jensen; HTG,
958, Victory Lanes; HTS,
2768, Jensen's

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	35	21
Meier Bros.	33	23
Jensen's	31	25
TBI	31	25
Turtle's Tap	26	30
Dairy Queen	25	31
FJ Metals	23	33
Dwight Printing	20	36

Wednesday Aft. Bowlers
HG, 226, Doug Gassman;
HS, 639, Doug Gassman;
HTG, 691, The Hen House;
HTS, 1972, Tag-A-Longs

League Standings	W	L
Vigna's	41½	18½
Splitters	38½	21½
William J. Hooker	35½	24½
Kelly Electric	34	26
Tag-A-Longs	33	27
Foxy Ladies	29	31
The Hen House	27	33
Curves	26½	33½
Becker's	26	34

Ladies Night Out
HG, 179, Red Woodcock;
175, Kim Sancken; 174,
Aimee DeCoste; HS, 493,
Kim Sancken; 493, Red
Woodcock; 457, Aimee
DeCoste

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	26	10
Rodosky Acctg.	23	13
Dairy Queen	21	15
Street & Alley	17½	18½
Jensen's BP	16½	19½
Joan Bullard Rlty.	15	21
Bank of Dwight	12	24
Slammers	12	24

DTHS Names Senior Student of the Month

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Chaney Tambling on being named DTHS senior student of the month for December.

She is a Board Scholar, a responsible young lady and has a selfless attitude. She is also active in volleyball, basketball, softball, Peer Advisors, FFA and Spanish Club.

Chaney is the daughter of Mike and Shari Tambling of Dwight.



Chaney Tambling

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009			
Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, 2009. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:			
Odell CCSD #435	203 N. east Street, Odell, IL 60460	815-998-2272	7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
<i>School District/Joint Agreement Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Office Hours</i>
Also by January 15, 2010 the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009 , will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net .			
SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.			

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2009										
		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	780,520	81,182	0	57,597	39,837	0	16,692	2,419	224
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	405,779	79,327	0	65,842	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	198,385	22,454	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		1,384,684	182,963	0	123,439	39,837	0	16,692	2,419	224
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		1,404,388	166,030	0	108,439	43,239	0		0	235
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2008		750,742	594,940	0	247,946	94,531	0	165,517	0	12,037
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2009		731,038	611,873	0	262,946	91,129	0	182,209	2,419	12,026

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
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Hilleary Construction	\$3,347.70	THIS	\$12,611.56
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MVK MAVERICKS BASKETBALL

November 24
Mavericks vs. Elwood
7th Grade-

The MVK Mavericks seventh grade basketball team defeated Elwood, 36-11.

Galloping to the victory were: Derek Dunny, Brian David, Josh Davanon, Justin Ralls, Brant Baudino and Devin Bryant, four points each; Brody Harty, eight rebounds.

8th Grade-

"At Elwood, the eighth grade boys' basketball team improved to 2-0 in the IVC. The eighth graders jumped out to a 15-3 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Scott Anderson made a three-pointer in the first quarter and Teddy McCormack made a basket. Devin Leo led the Mavericks in rebounds with 18," stated Coach Kirk Walker.

November 30
Mavericks vs. Grand Ridge
7th Grade-

The seventh grade boys'

basketball team fell to Grand Ridge, 30-26.

Making the stat sheet were: Mathew Houchin, eight points, 10 rebounds; Brant Baudino, seven points; Justin Ralls, five points.

"We got off to a slow start but the kids fought hard in the final quarter but Grand Ridge made their free throws in the end," stated Coach Walker.

8th Grade-

"At Grand Ridge, the eighth grade Mavericks could not cool down the hot outside shooting of Grand Ridge in a 47-29 defeat on Monday night. MVK's Devin Leo tossed in 17 points and grabbed six rebounds. Brandon Pasdertz chipped in with eight points, and Chance Gonnem and Brad Wyss each had two. Grand Ridge shot the lights out tonight, and their guard play was very good," commented Coach Walker.

December 1
Mavericks vs. Seneca
7th Grade-

The seventh grade Mavericks defeated Seneca, 41-10.

Helping with the victory were: Mathew Houchin, 16 points, nine rebounds, seven steals; Justin Ralls, seven points; Brian David, six points.

"The boys were coming off a tough loss at Grand Ridge the other night and came tonight with a lot of energy and purpose. We had eight guys that scored tonight and it's nice to see the balanced scoring," commented Coach Walker.

8th Grade-

The eighth grade boys' basketball team was defeated by Seneca, 44-29.

Making the stat book were: Devin Leo, 18 points, eight rebounds; Brandon Pasdertz, nine points, nine rebounds.

"We hung in there for a while but Seneca pulled away in the end," stated Coach

Walker.

December 3
Mavericks vs. Rockdale
7th Grade-

The MVK Mavericks seventh graders galloped over Rockdale, 31-9.

Helping with the victory were: Brant Baudino, eight points, nine rebounds; Brian David, seven points, six steals; Brandon Viken, Justin Ralls and Mathew Houchin, four points each.

8th Grade-

The eighth grade boys' basketball team defeated Rockdale, 41-31.

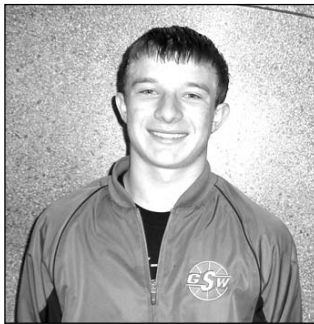
Helping with the victory were: Devin Leo, 27 points, 23 rebounds; Brandon Pasdertz, seven points; Brad Wyss, four-for-four from the free throw line.

"We played some really good teams (Grand Ridge, Seneca and Joliet Laraway) this week and it was nice to get a conference win tonight," commented Coach Walker.

GSW HS Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Jacob Schultz, who is in the Gardner South Wilmington High School Student Spotlight this week.

Mrs. Eltrevoog, math instructor, said, "Jacob has always been a respectful student, in and out of the classroom. I have had him for three years now and have never had to discipline him in any way. He is a hard worker and a role model for other students. He has been able to balance academics and extracurricular activities



Jacob Schultz

without complaining. Other than bringing a Snuggie to class, Jacob has been a great student to have in class!"



GSW PANTHERS BASKETBALL

December 1
Panthers vs. Wilmington
Freshmen-

The GSW Panther freshmen basketball team defeated Wilmington, 42-26.

December 3
Panthers vs. Illinois Lutheran
Junior Varsity-

The Panthers junior varsity defeated Illinois Lutheran, 58-23.

Scoring for GSW were: Brandon Riggi, 13; Dalton Wright, nine; Lucas Jett, seven; Cody Harvey and Shane Harty, six each.

Go, Panthers, Go!
Fight, Panthers, Fight!
Win, Panthers, WIN!
Go! Fight! Win!

Input Sought for DTHS Sports Accomplishment Sign

by Meta Machulis

The Dwight Sports Boosters have purchased a large sign to recognize the accomplishments of Dwight Township High School sports teams and sports-related teams from the present back to 1956, when the building opened.

Guidance Counselor Jackie Froelich said, "We want to highlight the accomplishments of all who have gone before in our building." Noting that the community has done a lot for the sports boosters, she said, "This is one thing that we really want to do for the community."

Froelich is currently compiling a list of major accomplishments in Trojan athletics since 1956 so that the championships, etc. can be named on the sign, which will be placed on the wall in the DTHS gymnasium.

To ensure no accomplishments are overlooked and that all the information is correct, Froelich is seeking the community's input. Former DTHS

athletes and fans of Dwight sports are encouraged to search through their collectibles and memories such as trophies, patches and plaques, listing specific dates and accomplishments. It would be valuable to this project. If you know of a championship win or other major accomplishment in Trojan athletics since 1956 not already on the following list, or if you notice an error on the list, call Froelich at 815-584-6205 or e-mail her at froelija@dwright.k12.il.us before Friday, December 18.

So far, championships and accomplishments for the following years are to be included on the sign:

Football: Conference- '62, '66, '67, '70, '83; Play-offs- '83, '84, '86, '93, '04, '06. **Volleyball:** District/Regional- '75, '77, '79, '06, '07, '08, '09; Sectional- '08.

Boys golf: Conference- '66, '73, '78, '93; District/Regional- '73, '77, '80, '81, '82, '83, '92; Sectional- '80; State- '78 (fourth), '79 (fourth), '80 (first), '91 (eighth). **Girls golf:**

Regional- '06. **Boys basketball:** Conference- '69, '70, '71, '75, '79, '81, '84, '00; Regional- '67, '72, '74, '75, '76, '78, '79, '80, '83, '84, '85, '00, '04; Sectional- '85. **Girls basketball:** Conference- '05, '07; Regional- '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, '06, '08, '09; Sectional- '06. **Wrestling:** Regional- '06. **Trojan guard:** State champions- '90, '91, '92, '95, '96, '97, '99, '00, '01, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09; **Competitive cheer-**

leading: State qualifier- '08, '09. **Baseball:** Conference- '76, '80; Regional- '92, '09; Sectional- '09. **Softball:** Conference- '94, '99, '00, '06; Regional- '94, '99, '01, '06, '07. **Boys track:** Conference- '80; State- '89 (seventh). **Girls track:** Conference- '95, '00, '01, '02, '08; Sectional- '90, '96, '00, '01, '02, '03; State- '07 (third). **Pep band:** State appearances- '84, '87, '89, '91, '93, '99, '01, '04, '08, '09.

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DGS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

December 1
Redbirds vs. Gardner
7th Grade-

The DGS seventh grade Redbirds basketball team defeated Gardner, 32-24. Soaring to the victory for the Redbirds were: Collin Irvin, 14 points, eight rebounds, three steals; Drew Jensen, seven points, two steals, one rebound; Caleb Boma, four points, two rebounds, one steal; Devin Connolly, four points, one

steal; Chris Peck, two points, three rebounds, two steals; Colton Fieldman, one point, one rebound; Ryan Gaston, three steals, one rebound; Jayson Powell, one steal; Garrett Grossich, one rebound. "It's nice to start the conference with a win. We could have started playing harder earlier, we scored 17 of our 32 points in the fourth quarter," stated Coach Jeremy Connor.

8th Grade-
The eighth grade Redbirds flew over Gardner, 60-18. Helping with the win were: Christian Banks, 11 points, six rebounds, three steals; Trevor Morris, 10 points, seven steals, two rebounds; Gus Rieke, 10 points, four rebounds; Ryan Schlabowske, six points, four rebounds, three steals; Keegan Bedeker, six points, two rebounds, one steal; Mitchell Deterding and Kevin Ely, four points, three rebounds each; Bryce Mortensen, three points, one rebound; Aaron Wyllie, two points, three steals, one rebound; Zack Bookwalter and Karsen Kopmann, two points, two steals each. "That was our best game of the year, all played well and our defense was solid," stated Coach Joe Stevenson.

**December 3
Redbirds vs. Saratoga
7th Grade-**
The seventh grade Redbirds flew over Saratoga, 38-21. Soaring to the victory were: Ryan Gaston, 15

points, five steals, one rebound; Caleb Boma, nine points, five steals, one rebound; Devin Connolly, six points, one rebound, one steal; Collin Irvin, five points, six steals, five rebounds; Austin Airgood, three points; Chris Peck, three rebounds, two steals; Dylan Cain and Jayson Powell, two rebounds each; Colton Fieldman and Austin Gutierrez, one rebound each. "Our outside shots were falling and there was confidence tonight. Everyone played hard and contributed. When we play this hard we look pretty tough," stated Coach Connor.

8th Grade-
The Redbirds eighth graders defeated Saratoga, 39-30. Helping with the victory were: Christian Banks, 13 points, seven rebounds, three steals; Kevin Ely, 12 points, five rebounds, six steals; Trevor Morris, six points, three rebounds, nine steals; Gus Rieke, four points, seven rebounds; Aaron Wyllie, four points, four rebounds, five steals.



DTHS TROJANS WRESTLING

November 28

"The Dwight Trojans wrestling team had a good first outing over the weekend, recording a win over Unity and losses to Rantoul and Hoopeston. The Trojans were short-handed but won 15 of the 21 matches wrestled," commented Coach Lenny Tryner.

Individual results for the Trojans were: Dean

Fredericks- 112 lbs., 3-0, two pins, tech fall; Pat Gliwa- 119 lbs., 2-0, two pins, 125 lbs., one loss; Mikal Kelly- 125 lbs., 2-0, two pins; Austin Holland- 160 lbs., 3-0, three pins; Lucas Fink- 171 lbs., 3-0, three pins; Kyle Seanard- 1-1, with a crucial win against Unity; Christopher Gage- 140 lbs., and Christian Kulla- 285 lbs., also wrestled good matches.



DTHS LADY TROJANS BASKETBALL

December 1
Lady Trojans vs. Westmont Varsity-

The DTHS Lady Trojans varsity basketball team was defeated by Westmont, 43-30. Leading the Lady Trojans were: Chaney Tambling, 14 points, six rebounds; Kolby Hoffman, six points, five rebounds. "With the loss, Dwight falls to 4-1 (0-1). Westmont, which was led in scoring by Steph Wolff with 14, is now 5-1 (1-0). It was a typical I-

8 battle with Westmont outscoring Dwight 13-3 in the fourth," stated Coach Jeff Froelich.

**December 3
Lady Trojans vs. Lisle Varsity-**
The Lady Trojans varsity was defeated at Lisle, 54-51. Making the stat book were: Kolby Hoffman, 26 points, seven rebounds; Chaney Tambling, 10 points, seven rebounds. ---
The junior varsity Lady Trojans fell to Lisle, 30-22.

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Author Ridings Featured on WGN News

Herscher author Jim Ridings was a guest on the WGN-TV Midday News on November 2, discussing his book, "Len Small: Governors and Gangsters."

Ridings was interviewed live in the Channel 9 studio by Steve Sanders.

The book also has a chapter on Frank L. Smith of Dwight. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1926, but because of the questionable methods of raising campaign funds, the Senate denied him



Jim Ridings

admittance. According to Ridings, Smith is the only person from Illinois elected to the Senate who was denied a seat.

BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-003 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BRACEVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: That there is hereby levied and assessed, for corporate purposes of the Braceville Fire Protection District of Grundy County, Illinois, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2010, the total sum of \$48,800.00 upon all property subject to taxation within the District, as the same is assesses and equalized for the current year, at a rate in excess of .125% but not in excess of .30% of the value of all taxable property within the District, as the same is assessed and equalized for the current year. The several purposes for which said tax is levied are as follows:

Trustee's Expenses	Appropriated	Levied
Trustee's salaries	\$ 3,000.00	
Office supplies, postage & notice publications	1,500.00	
Legal expenses	5,000.00	
Audit expenses	480.00	
Casualty Insurance	5,000.00	
Liability Insurance	10,000.00	

Building Apparatus and Equipment

Accumulation fund for building improvements and acquisition of fire fighting apparatus and equipment (70 ILCS 705/14)	\$ 9,000.00	
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Operations

Contract services: For Fire Fighting Operations by Braceville Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 53,420.00	\$ 48,800.00
TOTALS	\$ 87,400.00	\$ 48,800.00

SECTION 2: And Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Braceville Fire Protection District has ascertained the total amount of appropriations for all other purposes legally made and to be provided for by tax levy of the current year as specifically set forth below.

THEREFORE, there is hereby levied upon all property, real and property, subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the Braceville Fire Protection District, in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2009, and ending April 30, 2010, as the same are assessed and equalized, the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law in excess of the general corporate tax rate for the following purposes, as authorized by the statute indicated, to wit:

AUDIT FUND	Appropriated	Levied
50 ILCS 310/9	480.00	600.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND		
745 ILCS 10/9-107	8,000.00	9,500.00
AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND		
70 ILCS 705/22	\$ 53,420.00	\$ 48,800.00

All of the items in this SECTION 2 are levied in excess of the general corporate tax rate in compliance with the laws of the State of Illinois with reference to the levying of taxes which may be levied in excess of the general corporate tax.

SECTION 3: That the Secretary file certified copies of this Ordinance with the County Clerk of Grundy County, Illinois; that the Secretary make publication of this Ordinance as provided by law; and that the County Clerk extend the taxes as provided by law.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 9th day of November, 2009.

Michael A. Perino
President
M. S. Zilm
Secretary
Randy Berry
Treasurer

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COUNTY OF GRUNDY)

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Braceville Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-003

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES

Which was duly passed on roll call vote by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays of the Board of Trustees of the Braceville Fire Protection District on the 9th day of November, 2009, and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Braceville Fire Protection District on that date.

I do further certify that there are three trustees of said District authorized by law to be appointed.

I do further certify that I am the legal custodian of all papers, documents and records of the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this certificate and affixed the seal of the Braceville Fire Protection District this 9th day of November, 2009.

M. S. Zilm
Secretary

STATUTORY NOTICE

The ordinance above adopts a tax rate in excess of .125% but not in excess of .30% of the value of all taxable property within the District, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. The rate in excess .125% but not in excess of .30% may be the subject of a referendum in the event a petition signed by the electors of the Fire Protection District equal in number to 10% or more of the electors residing within the Fire Protection District is filed with the Board of Trustees of the District within 30 days after the publication of this ordinance.

The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of the adoption of the tax levy be submitted to the voters of the District is 51.

The date of the prospective referendum would be March 17, 2009.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TRUTH AND TAXATION

I, the Presiding Officer of Braceville Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that the LEVY adopted on November 9, 2009 complies with the provisions of P.A. 82-102 (THE TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT).

(PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

☒ The District has not levied a final aggregate tax levy resolution or ordinance greater than 105%, of the preceding years aggregate extension, thereby the requirement for a truth in taxation hearing is inapplicable.

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Signature, Presiding Officer: Michael A. Perino
Title, Presiding Officer: President
Date: November 9, 2009

Amended by P.A. 86-1475, effective January 10, 1991.



ODELL RAMS BASKETBALL

December 1
Rams vs. Cornell
7th Grade-

The Odell Rams seventh grade basketbal team fell to Cornell, 34-21.

Scoring for Odell were: Noah Worby, 10; Chance Carlson, six; Justin Fox, three; Cody Weaver, two.

8th Grade-

The Odell eighth graders defeated Cornell.

Scoring for the Rams were: Kyle Tucker, 19; Tyler Schmoeger, 15; Zack Brockman, four; Matt Hilleary, one.

December 3
Rams vs. Woodland
5/6th Grade-

The Odell 5/6th grade boys' basketball team fell to Woodland, 26-9.

Scorin for the Rams were: Mike Doran, three; Dillon Oxedin, Austin Ellis and Justin Fox, two each.

7th Grade-

The Odell seventh graders were defeated by Woodland, 30-24.

Scoring for the Rams were: Noah Worby, 12; Bryan Worby, four; Justin Fox, Cody Weaver and Sam Barrett, two each.

8th Grade-

The eighth grade boys' basketball team knocked over Woodland, 56-44.

Scoring the win for the Rams were: Kyle Tucker, 21; Garrett Howard, 10; Dillon Coleman, nine; Tyler Schmoeger, eight; Matt Hilleary, six.

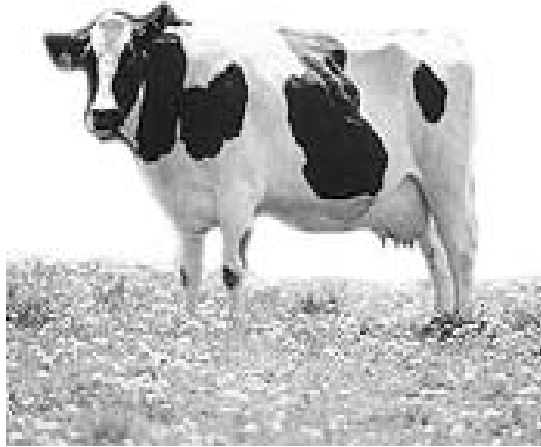
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Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

The results of the duplicate bridge game played December 3 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center are:

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East-West: first, Carol Bush and Norma Houck; second, Janyce Gross and Stella Spandet; third, Loisanne O'Connell and Patsy Hart.

The next game will be played at the senior center on Thursday, December 17.



GSW LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL

December 3
Lady Panthers vs. Illinois Lutheran Junior Varsity-

The GSW junior varsity girls' basketball team defeated Illinois Lutheran, 40-17.

Helping with the victory were: Haley Residori, 14 points; Brenna Hyslop, 12 points; Chelsea Schultz, six steals, five assists; Kailyn Schultz, six steals, three assists.

The Lady Panthers improved their record to 2-0.



SAUNEMIN EAGLES BASKETBALL

December 1
Eagles vs. Tri-Point 4/5/6th Grade-

The Saunemin 4/5/6th grade Eagles basketball team fell to Tri-Point, 16-13.

Scoring for Saunemin were: Alex Blaetz, nine; Noah Nelson and Eric Zega, two each.

7th Grade-

The seventh grade boys' basketball team was defeated by Tri-Point, 40-29.

Scoring for the Eagles were: Tyler Carley, 10; Trevor Fox, six; Micheil Shelby, five; Kyle Eggenberger, four; Austin Graves and Eric Zega, two each.

8th Grade-

The eighth grade Eagles were defeated by Tri-Point, 23-16.

Scoring for Saunemin were: Garrison Green, eight; Zak Holtz-Robisky, four; Logan Henay, three; Michael Walker, one.



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The addition brings the amount of open area at Midwin to 9,100 acres, nearly half of the 18,225 acres of land currently managed by the Forest Service. The new area will also be open for deer hunting, managed by splitting the former bunker field into two zones: 811 North and 811 South. More information about hunting at Midwin is available online at www.fs.fed.us/mntp/ or by calling 815-423-6370 during regular business hours.

In addition, the new Grass Frog Temporary Trail has been established in the South Patrol Road Restoration Area. The two-mile mowed path can be reached from the parking lot at the River Road seedbeds. It will be replaced in the future by a permanent trail for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding, but for now provides temporary hiking access to Midwin's most mature prairie restoration.

New maps are available online.

Midwin's Welcome Center with interpretive exhibits and a small bookstore is currently open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The prairie and its trails are open to the general public every day of the year from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. More information about activities at Midwin is available online at www.fs.fed.us/mntp/

Upcoming Meetings

- 2009**
Dec. 10
 ■ Dwight VFW Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15
 ■ Dwight Sons of the American Legion Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
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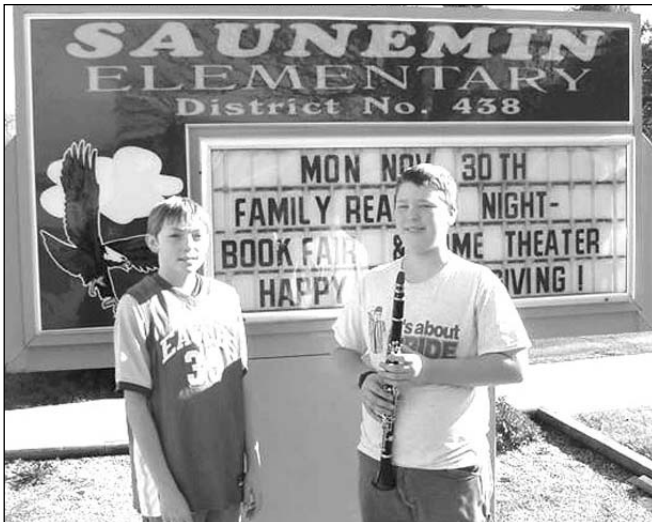
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& Mitten Tree*
Dec. 9: 3:30-4:45 p.m.,
Youth Group; 6:30 p.m.,
Women's Guild Party at
Country Mansion.
Dec. 13: 10:15 a.m. Worship
Service.
Dec. 14: 6:15 p.m., Choir.
Dec. 16: 7 p.m., Trustees.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
325 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight
584-3433, church
584-1291 fax
584-1023, parsonage
Rev. Daniel Ognoskie,
Sr. Pastor
Rev. Jacob Ehrhard,
Assoc. Pastor
Dec. 9-10: Preschool, 8:30
a.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.,
Advent Service.

Dec. 10: 6:30 p.m.,
Evangelism Meeting; 7 p.m.,
Council Meeting.
Dec. 11: 5:30 p.m., Adult
Fellowship.

Dec. 12: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.,
Christmas Resale Event; 5 p.m.,
Worship Service.

Dec. 13: 9 a.m., Bible
Study/Sunday School Program
Practice; 10 a.m.,
Fellowship/Coffee; 10:30 a.m.,
Worship; Elders Meeting fol-
lowing worship; 2 p.m.,
Heritage Manor; 4 p.m.,
Preschool Christmas Program.
Dec. 14-17: Preschool, 8:30
a.m.

Dec. 14: 6:15 p.m.,
Christmas Caroling; 7 p.m.,
Dart Practice.

Dec. 15: 6:30 p.m., Adult
Instruction.

Dec. 16: 3:30 p.m., Weekday
School; 5:30 p.m., Advent
Supper (Youth); 5:45 p.m.,
Bells; 6:30 p.m., Choir; 7 p.m.,
Advent Service.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
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Dec. 9: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 9
a.m., Ministerial Alliance; 5-6
p.m., Christmas Program Prac-
tice; 6 p.m., Choir; 6:30 p.m.,
Advent Supper; 7 p.m.,
Worship.

Dec. 10: 2 p.m., Prison
Ministry; 3:430 p.m., After
School Adventures.
Dec. 11: 8-9 a.m., Exercise;
8 p.m., AA Meeting.

Dec. 13: 8:15 a.m., Worship;
9:15 a.m., Sunday School;
10:15 a.m., Council Minutes;
10:30 a.m., Worship.

Dec. 14: 8-9 a.m., Exercise;
8 p.m., AA Meeting.
Dec. 15: 9 a.m., Dorcas
Circle at St. Peter's; 6 p.m.,
Anna Circle at Country
Mansion.

Dec. 16: 5-6 p.m., Christmas
Program Practice; 6 p.m.,
Choir; 6:30 p.m., Advent
Supper; 7 p.m., Worship.
Dec. 17: 8:30 a.m., CSIS NE
Conf. meeting; 11:30 a.m.,
Sarah Circle at Country
Mansion then to Barb
Mortensen's.

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia, Dwight
584-3420, church
584-3425, fax
584-1554, parsonage
Pastor: Rev. William Leppin
Dec. 10: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.,
Christmas for Kids; 3-4:30
p.m., Kid's Club Christmas
Party; 5:30 p.m., Handbells; 7
p.m., Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal.
Dec. 11: 8-12 noon, Love
Box Staging/Christmas for
Kids.

Dec. 12: 8:30 a.m., Love
Boxes/Christmas for Kids
Distribution.

Dec. 13: GLOW's Cookie
Walk; 7:45 a.m., Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal; 8 a.m.,
Traditional Worship Service;
9:15 a.m., Sunday School,
Praise and Worship Team
Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Praise
and Worship Service; 1:30 p.m.,
DUMC Budget Committee
Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Prayer
Group.

Dec. 15: 8:30 a.m., Bible
Study, Karla B.; 7 p.m.,
Worship Committee.

Dec. 16: 2 p.m., Bingo at
Manor; 3-4 p.m., Children's
Choir; 3-4:30 p.m., Jr. UMYF;
5 p.m., Sr. UMYF Dinner at 'R'
Place; 5:15 p.m., Choirs and
Handbells Meet to Sing & Ring
'R' Place; 6:30 p.m., 'R' Place
Christmas Caroling; 7 p.m.,
Trustee Meeting, GLOW, Bible
Warriors, Jane H.

Dec. 17: 5:30 p.m.,
Handbells; 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal; 7 p.m.,
Evangelism; 8 p.m., Ad
Council.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
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Dwight
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Dec. 12: 4:00-4:45 p.m.,
Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
Dec. 13: 8 a.m., Mass; 10:30
a.m., Mass.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St., Dwight
815-584-3182
Dec. 13: 9:45 a.m., Sunday
School; 10:45 a.m., Sunday
Morning Service; 6 p.m., Child-
ren's Christmas Program.
Dec. 16: 7 p.m., Wednesday
Evening Service & King's Kids
Children's program.

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Dec. 9: 6:30 p.m., Royal
Rangers Christmas Party, Mpac
Girls Club Christmas Party; 7
p.m., Worship Practice.
Dec. 10: 6:30 p.m., Xtreme
Youth.
Dec. 11: 6 p.m., Leadership
Christmas Supper; No scrap-
booking this month.
Dec. 13: 9 a.m., Sunday
School for all ages; 10 a.m.,
Church Service, Pre-K Church
(age 3-5), Kids Church (1st-5th
grade); 6 p.m., Prayer Group.
Dec. 14: 5:30 p.m., First
Place Victory Celebration.
Dec. 15: 6 p.m.,
Truthseekers Bible Study.

St. John's Lutheran Church
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Rev. Trudy Foote, Pastor
689-2120, church
stjohns@frontiernet.net
Dec. 9: 9:15-9:30 a.m.,
Prayer Service, Advent Bible
Study follows.
Dec. 10: 6 p.m., WELCA
Holiday Gathering and General
Meeting.

Dec. 12: 8:30 a.m.,
Christmas SS Practice; 5 p.m.,
Worship/H.C.

Dec. 13: 8:45 a.m., Conf.
Class; 9 a.m., SS/ Christmas
Practice; 10 a.m., Worship/H.C.
Advent Bible Study follows
Worship.

Dec. 16: 9:15-9:30 a.m.,
Prayer Service, Advent Bible
Study follows.

The Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (USA)
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Dec. 9: 8:30 a.m., Pastor's
Prayer and Lectionary Group; 4
p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m.,
Bible Study.

Dec. 10: 10:30 a.m.,
Kerygma Class.
Dec. 13: 9 a.m., Sunday
School and Confirmation Class;
10:15 a.m., Worship Service.
Dec. 16: 8:30 a.m., Pastor's
Prayer and Lectionary Group; 4
p.m., Choir practice; 7 p.m.,
Bible Study.
Dec. 17: 10:30 a.m.,
Kerygma Class.

Braceville United Methodist Church
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815-237-8512, church
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Dec. 11: 8 p.m., Alcoholics
Anonymous Meeting.
Dec. 13: 8:15 a.m. and 10:15
a.m., Worship; Fellowship fol-
lowing; 6 p.m., All Church
Christmas Program.

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Wed., Dec. 9:
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etables, fresh apple,
bun.

Thurs., Dec. 10:
Baked ham, scalloped
corn, 3-bean salad,
pineapple tidbits, warm
wheat roll.

Fri., Dec. 11:
Salisbury beef patty,
mashed potatoes, to-
matatoes and zucchini,
fruit salad w/blueber-
ries, wheat bread, gra-
ham crackers.

Mon., Dec. 14:
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turkey salad, fresh
tomatoes, Mandarin
oranges, crackers,
wheat bread.

Tues., Dec. 15:
Chicken rice casserole,
sunshine salad, warm
cinnamon apples,
banana, wheat pan roll.

Wed., Dec. 16:
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crackers, whole grain
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- Promoting a growing, diverse and broadening tax base for Dwight and the surrounding area

- Supporting a high quality of life through proactive, value-added community development

- Providing a forum for discussion, study, development, implementation and evaluation of recommendations of mutual interest regarding community development activities for the Village of Dwight and its surrounding area.

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