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The Paper's circulation area made its mark on 2009 in ways both big and small. The milestones of the past year are both happy and sad, reflecting life in our area and keeping each day interesting and different than the last. Of course, we couldn't fit in everything that happened, but the following are a few of the events that helped shape the first half of 2009.

The second portion of this article will appear in the January 6 edition.

January:

Members of Dwight's high school and grade school boards table the idea of a field house for Dwight.

The Wishing Well Cafe, Odell, reopens under the ownership of Misty Owens.

The American Legion Canteen on Franklin Street in downtown Dwight closes its doors after 49 years in the same location.

A two-story building in the 200 block of East

Delaware Street, Dwight, that once housed Dippon's Produce is demolished.

February:

FEMA awards a \$100,225 grant to the Gardner Volunteer Fire Department for operations and safety.

Carolyn Trancoso becomes the new warden of Dwight Correctional Center.

Dwight Public Schools, Saunemin Grade School, Odell Grade School, and Pontiac Township High School enter into a property tax abatement agreement with wind farm developer Iberdrola.

Former Dwight school teachers Kate Sullivan, Adam Gross and John Kresl pass away within two weeks of one another.

March:

Construction begins on Saunemin's new gymnasium and fitness center.

A request by Dwight Township High School to be considered for membership in the Heart of Illinois Conference is declined.

Governor Pat Quinn announces his decision to reverse former Governor Rod Blagojevich's action to close Pontiac Correctional Center.

April:

The first of five Dwight MAPPING sessions is held to discuss the past, present and future of the Dwight community.

Dan and Colleen Barrett become the new owners of Odell Food Mart.

The Dwight Village Board votes to move forward with a 469-acre TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district.

Bill Wilkey is elected as the new mayor of Dwight. In his first order of business, Wilkey recommends Gary Neville to replace Irv Masch-
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A TEN-FOOT-TALL SNOWMAN was built December 22 by (left to right) Rachel Thomas, 17, Kate Muller, 17, and Dan Muller, 10, with some help from parents Dennis and Beth Muller. They constructed the snowman on the Muller farm north of Dwight, using a 6-foot ladder to roll the middle ball onto the bottom and a 15-foot ladder to add the head.

Clausen's Lincoln Takes Her to Italy

by Sara Peters
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After becoming an instant sensation in Illinois, Dwight artist Cathee Clausen's rendition of Abraham Lincoln has leapt across the pond and made a splash in Europe.

Clausen and her husband, Mark, traveled to Italy between November 13 and November 18 to participate in an exhibition honoring Lincoln at the University of Milan. Three of her paintings were displayed, among other artwork designed to honor the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, at a seminar called "Between History and Myth: Politics and Political Uses of Abraham Lincoln."

"We feel like Lincoln is ours and maybe limited to the U.S., and he's so special here in Illinois, but it's wonderful to know that he's important to people in other countries," Clausen said. "They're creating artwork about Lincoln and studying Lincoln."

Professor Marco Sioli invited Clausen and eight other artists including a video artist. Clausen's work included her trademark Lincoln, a full-body Lincoln and a painting blending Lincoln and President Barack Obama's faces.

On November 15, Clausen took part in the opening of the Lincoln exhibition at the Triennale Bovisa, which is similar to The Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art, she said. She was a member of a three-person panel who spoke about the process and the reason for painting Lincoln.



DWIGHT ARTIST Cathee Clausen with her "Long Lincoln" in Milan.

The following day, several discussions took place on topics such as Lincoln and the Civil War, Lincoln and the American Indian perspective, and Team of Rivals: Barack Obama and the political invocation of Abraham Lincoln.

"People were genuine and warm and eager to participate," she said. "The room was quite crowded. Every seat was taken. It was just so fantastic to see the interest and participate at both the exhibition and seminar."

It was so well received that Clausen expects the

exhibition to eventually tour the United States and may appear in such cities as Chicago; Jacksonville, Florida; and Nashville.

"It was tremendous to see how the people of Milan really embraced his memory," Clausen said. "They really had a straightforward reveal of Lincoln. It wasn't just textbook material. It really dealt with issues that aren't always pleasant to look at with Lincoln."

Particularly Lincoln's dealings with the Native Americans, who are the subject of Clausen's next paint-

Sacred Heart Church, Kinsman, Preparing for Fix-ups

by Sara Peters
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Sacred Heart Church in Kinsman is preparing for a facelift – or the application of some anti-aging cream, at least.

The church, originally built in 1888, will have some of its perma-stone veneer replaced in the coming year, said Father John Hornicak. Workers for Normal-based Garneau Construction will smooth out the building's wrinkles and make repairs to the basement and bell tower as part of the \$210,000 project.

Originally brick, the building was covered in the 1950s in a perma-stone, a concrete and plaster mixture that resembles stone. Over the years, the façade has cracked, allowing water in

and causing further cracks.

"Structurally the church is very sound," Hornicak said. "It's just the face that needs repairs."

People may have already noticed the overhangs constructed above the front doors. While they look nice, they're serving as safety scaffolding, Father Hornicak said, to help support the perma-stone and prevent anyone from being injured should a piece break loose.

"Not that we've had any big chunks fall off, but we wanted to make sure that if one would that it wouldn't land on anyone," he said.

Work will likely begin in January on the basement, where drainage around the basement will be improved, as well as in the bell tower, where bricks will be repaired and replaced.

Then, when the weather improves in the spring, work will begin on the exterior.

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Sacred Heart Church in Kinsman is ready for improvements.

Advance Tickets Discounted for Gettinger Family Benefit

A dinner and raffle to benefit the family of Taylor Gettinger will be held Friday, January 8, from 4 to 9 p.m. in the Dwight Township High School cafeteria.

Gettinger is a DTHS senior who is battling brain cancer.

The dinner will include a pork chop sandwich (or choice of hot dog); two sides; a dessert; and a drink

(coffee, tea or lemonade). Carryout will be available.

Advance tickets are being sold at a discounted price until January 7. Tickets also provide free admission to the evening's boys' basketball game versus Wilmington.

Anyone planning to attend is strongly encouraged to buy tickets as soon as possible in

order to give the organizers an accurate count of those attending. Tickets are available at Bank of Dwight, First National Bank of Dwight and the Dwight Grade School and Dwight Township High School offices. Checks should be made out to "Taylor Gettinger Benefit." All proceeds go directly to the Gettinger family.

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Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

Dec. 17: Sara E. Aufieri, 22, Braidwood, driving under influence of alc; driving wrong lane; Sara L. Duerling, 25, Dwight, op. veh. when reg. susp./non-i; suspended, revoked driver's lic.

Dec. 19: Danielle B. Jender, 19, Kankakee, speeding (radar) 60/45.

Accidents Investigated by Dwight Police

Sat., Dec. 19, 2009, 5:34 a.m., 13 E. Northbrook Dr. at Route 47, Dwight: Officer Nanette Scott – Daniel R. Metivier of Chicago, driving a 2004 Dodge pickup, collided with property owned by McDonald's of Dwight.

Sun., Dec. 20, 2009, 8:05 p.m., Waupansie at Chicago, Dwight: Officer Nanette Scott – Willard H. Seyb of Chicago, driving a 1997 Mercury Cougar, was west-

bound on Waupansie Street, left the roadway on the left, re-entered roadway, then left roadway on the right, striking a fire hydrant owned by the Village of Dwight. The roadway was ice-covered. The Cougar traveled approximately 245 feet from where it first left the roadway to where it stopped.

Tues., Dec. 22, 2009, 7:25 p.m., S. Chicago at Andrew Street, Dwight: Officer John Hoy – Carol F. Bush of Dwight was southbound through the intersection after stopping her 2007 Toyota van. Robert E. Richardson of Dwight, driving a 2007 Dodge Durango was westbound through the intersection after stopping. Richardson's Durango hit the side of Bush's van. Richardson stated he did not see the Bush vehicle through the intersection, according to the Police report.

Gardner Fire Department and EMS Calls

Tues., Dec. 22: Medical, Sistek.

Wed., Dec. 23: Medical, W. Lincoln.

Sun., Dec. 27: Fire, mutual aid to Coal City; fire investigation, mutual aid to Coal City.

Non-safety-related H1N1 Nasal Spray Recall in Livingston Co.

Livingston County Public Health Department will now only be giving the injection form of the H1N1 flu vaccine, due to a non-safety-related recall of its supply of the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine.

It is important for people to understand that the recall is not safety-related. The health department was notified December 23 that its supply of the nasal spray vaccine has dropped below the pre-specified strength limit or is at risk for falling below that limit within the upcoming week. Therefore, the health department will discontinue distributing the nasal spray H1N1 vaccine. The Livingston County Health Department has an adequate supply of H1N1

vaccine serum and will be able to meet the need for H1N1 vaccines in the shot form.

Adults who have already received the nasal spray vaccine, or children who received two doses of the nasal spray vaccine, do not need to get revaccinated. The vaccine was fully potent and within specified limits when they received it. However, at this time, parents are reminded that all children younger than 10 years old need two doses of the H1N1 vaccine, in either the nasal spray or shot form, for optimal immune response.

Further information about the H1N1 vaccine may be found at www.flu.gov

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It's always challenging to create financial strategies that are somewhat dependent on tax laws, because these laws are always changing. In 2009, your estate could have passed up to \$3.5 million to your heirs before incurring federal estate taxes at a maximum rate of 45 percent. In 2010, the estate tax was scheduled to be repealed, but in 2011, it was supposed to return, with a maximum exemption of \$1 million and a top rate of 55 percent. But this may change, as Congress is considering extending the 2009 exemption and tax rate figures into 2010, 2011 and possibly even further.

You might think you'll never have enough wealth to incur these taxes, but virtually every asset — your home, cars, life insurance policy, IRA and 401(k) — may be included in your taxable estate. These assets could push your estate over the exemption amount, costing your heirs a substantial amount in estate taxes.

To help address this potential problem, you might want to think about some of the following estate considerations. For example, if you owned a \$1 million dollar life insurance policy, and it was subject to an estate tax rate of 45 percent, your beneficiaries would receive a death benefit of just \$550,000. But if you established an irrevocable life insurance trust (ILIT) with a new insurance policy, the trust would own the policy and distribute the proceeds to the beneficiaries you've chosen. By using an ILIT, you'd keep the life insurance out of your taxable estate.

Another estate planning consideration is a charitable remainder trust, which might be useful if you have a sizable amount of assets, such as stocks, that have significantly appreciated since you bought them. If you kept these assets in your estate, your heirs would inherit them on a "stepped-up" basis, which, in plain English, means the value of the stocks would be the same as their fair market value on the date of your death. (However, in 2010 — and 2010 only — the step-up basis is limited to \$1.3 million for your children or other heirs and \$3 million for your surviving spouse. Beyond those figures, your heirs would assume, or carry over, your basis — the amount you paid for the assets. In 2011, full step-up is scheduled to return.)

All stocks, and especially those that receive step-up treatment, could add to your heirs' estate tax burden. But you could remove the stocks from your taxable estate by placing them in a charitable remainder trust. Furthermore, you could receive an income stream for life once the trust sold the stocks. You could then use this income to make gifts to your loved ones, further reducing the size of your taxable estate. You can give up to \$13,000 per year to as many individuals as you like without incurring gift taxes, up to \$1 million over your lifetime.

Before making any decisions related to estate taxes, consult with your estate planning professional and your tax advisor. Vehicles such as life insurance trusts and charitable trusts are complex and don't lend themselves to "do-it-yourself" solutions.



Temps - 2009

Dec. 16 – high 26°, low 6°
Dec. 17 – high 38°, low 22°
Dec. 18 – high 39°, low 27°
.02" precip., 1/2" snow
Dec. 19 – high 39°, low 26°
trace of precip.
Dec. 20 – high 28°, low 24°
.03" precip., 1/2" snow
Dec. 21 – high 29°, low 25°
.20" precip., 3" snow
Dec. 22 – high 31°, low 28°
.02" freezing drizzle

One Year Ago - Dec. 30, 2008
high 43°, low 13°
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Kaiser's Collectible Available

The Kaiser's Cat's Meow Collectible is now available. A second shipment has been received in the Dwight Main Street office at 117 W. Main St.

Other pieces available are Renfrew Park gates, the rocket, the Gothic Church, Ohlendorf's Bakery, East Side School, Dwight News Agency and the Ambler/Becker Route 66 gas station.

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Dwight Seniors Card Results

The results of the December 17 duplicate bridge game at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center are:

North-South: first, Dorothy Christenson and Leila Patchett; second, Ellen Galeaz and Janet Kresl; third, Liz Houck and Marge Mueller.

East-West: first, Loisanne O'Connell and Mary Drinan; second, Carol Bush and Norma Houck; third, Lee Fuerstenberg and Delores Slattery.

Gardner Lions Breakfast

The Gardner Lions Club will serve breakfast at the Gardner American Legion Hall on Sunday, January 10, from 7 a.m. to noon.

On the menu will be pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, toast, coffee, juice and milk.

Funds raised will benefit the Church of Hope Deacon's Food Pantry, visually and hearing impaired and any other community project funded by the Gardner Lions Club.



JAN KINKADE, center, was one of two people who won \$500 of Dwight Area Chamber of Commerce gift certificates as part of the Chamber's free Christmas raffle. Kinkade entered the drawing at Rodosky Accounting. She is pictured accepting her certificates from **Bob Ohlendorf**, left, and **Rudy Piskule**, right.



THE DWIGHT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE recently held a free Christmas raffle for two winners to receive \$500 of Chamber gift certificates. The drawing was held December 18 at Berta Hardware. Pictured left to right are **Bob Weller**; **Allison Rhodes**, who drew winner **Treva Small's** name; **Janine Boggs**; winner **Treva Small**, who entered the drawing at **Sunnyside Tanning and Video**; **Bob Ohlendorf**; and **Katie Rhodes**, who drew the name of the second winner, **Jan Kinkade**.

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-ing as village attorney.
Dwight school teachers Bill Skridulis and Barbara McKeever announce that they will join fellow teachers Elaine Mortensen and Linda Rosenbaum in retirement at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
Four Dwight residents are arrested on cannabis and other charges.
Dwight's Java Stop drive-through cafe announces its closure as Popejoy plumbing, heating and electric opens next door.

June:
A picnic, bazaar and bean bag tournament is held to raise funds for IMPACT Dwight.
Shirley Seabert retires after 17 years with the Dwight Area Chamber of Commerce.
Rowland's Resale Shoppe opens on East Main Street in Dwight.
The Dwight Trojans varsity boys' basketball team wins the Sectional Championship.
The Gardner Lions Club celebrates its 60th anniversary with an open house at the American Legion Hall.

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- Jerry Beier
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Connor
"For the year 2010, I

pledge to work on my typing skills. In the '80s who knew I'd need that skill? Spelling – well, I'll work on that too."
- Stephan Connor
Conman Painting



"Our new year's resolution is to serve all of our clients to the best of our ability with friendliness, humor and gratitude for choosing to do business with our team."
- Bill Sole
Sancken-Sole Realty

"To do a better job balancing work, volunteering and my family; and to read at least a half dozen really good books from cover to

cover, including the Bible again."
- Bret Heinrich

"Keep my fabric and yarn more organized."
- Kristin Glatz
Prairie Creek Public Library

"My resolution is to wear more high heels."
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Gardner South Wilmington High School is pleased to announce that Alyssa Harms and Kailyn Schultz have been selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar this summer. The students were selected based on their potential for positive leadership within their school, class, sports and clubs.

The HOBY program provides students with leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences in a fun workshop environment. The program will take place at Robert Morris University June 17-20.

Alyssa Harms is the daughter of Tim Harms and Jennifer Smykowski and is a sophomore at GSW HS.

Kailyn Schultz is the daughter of Pete and Cindy Schultz and is also a sophomore at GSW HS.



Alyssa Harms



Kailyn Schultz

DGS, DTHS Music Programs Hold Christmas Concerts

The Dwight Junior High Christmas concert was held Sunday, December 13, and featured the sixth, seventh and eighth grade chorus, concert band and jazz band.

The sixth grade chorus sang three songs. Soloists were Josh Krischel, Marc Rosales, Nick Schultz, Lyndey Krug, Sage Ozment-Herr and Molly Snyder. The seventh and eighth grade choir sang three Christmas songs, with solos by Abigail Groves, Danielle Young, Sarah Hansen and Jayne Tyler. Mr. Lukas Windham accompanied both choirs on the piano, with Mrs. Sarah Windham direct-

ing both choirs.

The sixth grade concert band performed "The Little Drummer Boy," "Dance of the Reed Flutes" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." The Redbird jazz band played "Nutcracker Swing" featuring the alto saxophone played by Skyler Kern.

The seventh and eighth grade concert band played three different songs this year. "Christmas in the Kitchen" featured some unusual instruments - pots, pans and glasses, played by Dylan Cain and Jasmine Lyons. In "All is Calm," a variation of the classic

"Silent Night," Karson Kopmann played the piano, Bailey Zeedyk and Abigail Groves played flute, Skylar Kern and Bryce Mortensen played alto saxophone, Brandon Allen was on trumpet and Rachel Gschwendtner played clarinet. The percussion section was highlighted in the song "African Bell Carol."

The director for the junior high bands is Mr. Mike Guerrero.

The high school concert band and chorus performed later on December 13. This concert was directed by Mr. Rich Benzik and included a mix of traditional Christmas songs and contemporary arrangements. The choir sang five Christmas tunes, and the concert band played four holiday songs.

Acknowledgement was given to participants of chorus that went to Interstate Eight Honor Choral Festival in November, as well as senior band members. There was a giveaway of poinsettias grown by the horticulture class at the high school.

The Dwight Music

Boosters held the 500 Club raffle drawing on Friday, December 11, with the following winners: Carrie Seabert, \$50; Kapri Krople, \$75; Laura Reamer, \$100; Kim Doyle Smith, \$200; Henry Lund, \$500. Tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling Jenn at 815-584-2127 or visiting dwrightmusicboosters.org

All music program parents are invited to join in the next monthly meeting, January 25, at 7 p.m. in the junior high band room. The Boosters will host concessions at the IMEA Solo and Ensemble contest February 20 and will plan the menu and work schedule at the January meeting. The Dwight Music Boosters Board is also planning a "Meet and Greet" for the February 22 meeting. All parents with students in the music programs (grade and high school) are asked to get involved to help keep the music program strong.

Upcoming Meetings

2010

- Jan. 5 Dwight VFW Women's Auxiliary meeting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Dwight VFW Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 8 Dwight Senior Citizens catered dinner, noon; call 815-584-2442 for reservations
- Jan. 12 Dwight American Legion Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at VFW
- Jan. 14 Dwight VFW Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19 Dwight Sons of American Legion Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at VFW

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Dwight FCCLA Officers Attend 2009 National Cluster Meeting



by Mallorie Rosales,
FCCLA Secretary

On Wednesday, November 19, the DTHS FCCLA officers took a road trip to the 2009 FCCLA National Cluster Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky at the Galt House Hotel. The meeting was attended by students from fifth through 12th grade who came from Colorado, Nebraska, Indiana, Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Alabama, Missouri, Illinois and many other states.

The opening ceremony began on Friday, November 21, at 7 p.m. The hour-and-a-half long ceremony consisted mainly of a "superhero" skit and a keynote speaker, Heather Schultz.

Schultz taught the young leaders that "Attitude is everything." In her speech, Schultz spoke passionately about the importance of the young generation today, for they make up 100 percent of the future. She shared personal stories that motivated the young people to believe in their abilities to "Grasp Greatness" (2009 Cluster slogan).

Saturday morning another ceremony was held. The ceremony started off with William "Woody" Held, the

keynote speaker. Held was a brigadier general. While serving in the army, he traveled the globe, speaking to different cultures about reaching their goals. He carried over those points to the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the attendees gathered at different workshops that filled an entire afternoon of learning. Some of the workshops included lessons about entrepreneurship budgets, culinary arts, fashion design, environmental activities and the dangers of drug abuse. The attendees were able to interact with others during many of these workshops.

Early in the evening, the closing ceremony was held, where Paul Vitale spoke to the crowd about respecting others, uniting with others and encouraging others, all while keeping yourself motivated.

After the closing ceremony, the students left for the ballroom for the long-awaited dance.

The Trojan bus left the Galt House Sunday morning, packed up and ready to return home to Dwight. The experience in Louisville was educational, motivating and entertaining. Overall, it was one to be remembered.

Campus Cub Scouts Hold Pack Meeting

Cub Scout Pack 802 of Campus held a pack meeting Sunday, December 13, at the hall in Campus.

After the potluck dinner, the following scouts received their prizes from the popcorn sale: Cade Raymond, compass; Alexander

Palmer, compass and knife. They were also awarded a patch.

The new schedules and the upcoming Pinewood Derby were discussed. "Santa Bingo" was played to end the meeting.

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Lisa Bruner

DTHS Names Freshman of the Month

Dwight Township High School would like to congratulate Lisa Bruner on being named DTSH freshman student of the month of December.

She is an honor roll student and active in volleyball, basketball and softball.

Lisa is the daughter of Paul and Kathy Bruner of Dwight.

OBITUARIES

Ruth P. Rosendall

SARASOTA, Fla. – Ruth P. Rosendall, 90, of Sarasota, Florida and formerly of Dwight passed away Monday, December 21, 2009. She had been a resident of the Bay Area for more than 30 years.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in Dwight.

Mrs. Rosendall was a graduate of Illinois State University at Normal, where she was an accomplished gymnast and the first female member of the popular Gamma Phi Circus. She was a physical education teacher and gymnastics coach at the high school in Gardner. She finished her teaching career in the Dwight Public Schools. Prior to moving to Sarasota, Mrs. Rosendall was a resident of Sun City Center, Florida, where she was a member of

the United Community Church, the Women's Golf Association, Sun City Emergency Squad and the Retired Teachers Association. Mrs. Rosendall was an accomplished cook and took great joy in entertaining friends and family. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend.

She is survived by two sons, Dana Rosendall of Ellicott City, Maryland, and Chris Rosendall of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; a daughter, Jane Paschke of Bradenton, Florida; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rosendall was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, George Rosendall. In 1997 she married Herbert Boyer, a lifelong family friend, who also preceded her in death.

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Kurt Fosnaugh

Kurt Fosnaugh is the son of Eric and Kay Fosnaugh of Gardner.

Fosnaugh Wins Prudential Spirit of the Community Award

Gardner South Wilmington High School is pleased to announce that Kurt Fosnaugh has received the Prudential Spirit of the Community Award.

Fosnaugh received the honor based on his involvement in community affairs and his dedication to community service. He is a member of the GSW Citizenship program; through this program, Fosnaugh helps a teacher each day and assists in community service activities for at least 15 hours per semester.



Amber Eisha

High School Heisman for GSW's Eisha

Gardner South Wilmington High School senior Amber Eisha has been named a Wendy's High School Heisman Award winner.

Eisha was selected for this award based on her excellent academic performance, as well as her amazing athletic ability.

Amber Eisha is the daughter of Melody Eisha of South Wilmington.

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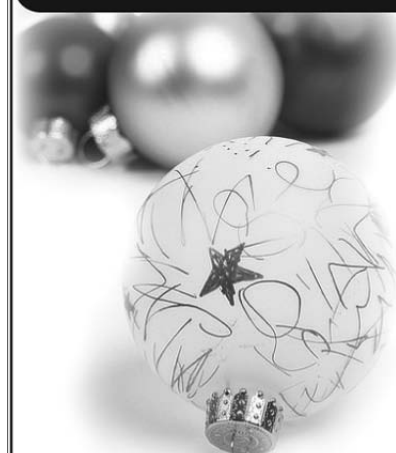
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OBITUARIES

Thomas T. Walsh

CAMPUS – Thomas T. Walsh, 84, of Campus, Chairman of the Board, Campus State Bank, passed away Friday, December 25, 2009 at his home surrounded by his children.

He was born May 2, 1925 in Pontiac, a son of Francis T. and Winifred M. Ahern-Walsh. He was a graduate of Reddick High School with the Class of 1943 and continued his education at DePauw University in Green Castle, Indiana.

Tom was a veteran of the United States Navy, and during that time became a regional boxing champion. In the late 1940s while living in the Bakersfield, California area, Tom owned and operated a restaurant for several years and upon moving back to the Midwest established employment with Ford Motor Company at the Janesville, Wisconsin Assembly Plant.

On June 1, 1953 Tom married Joan V. O’Brien in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Dwight. Joan preceded him in death in 2002.

Between the decade of 1955 and 1965, Tom worked for Phillips Petroleum, as well as owned and operated Walsh Oil Company.

In 1965, Tom joined the Campus State Bank, which was established by his grandfather in 1899. He became President of the bank and served as Chairman of the Board to the present time. During his tenure, he successfully grew the bank’s assets tenfold. Tom was also a real estate and insurance broker, owning and operating Tom T. Walsh Insurance and Walsh Real Estate.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Campus, where he served as an usher and taught CCD for many years.

He was a member of the Lions Club, served as treasurer for the Reddick School Board, served on the Campus Village Board, belonged to the Campus Community Club, and was a former Campus volunteer fireman.

He enjoyed traveling, bowling, playing and winning at poker, and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

He also found many innovative and unconventional uses for duct tape.

Tom was devoted to his faith and his family, and enjoyed all the time spent

with his wife, children and grandchildren. Anyone who met Tom walked away knowing what a good, honest and hardworking person he was. He was an individual of great integrity, a quality that he instilled into his family. His word was his bond, believing that you should never breach someone’s confidence. Tom was a generous man, leading by example to love your family, your God and your church.

Survivors include six children: Peg (Eric) Patchett, Reddick; Thomas M. (Christina) Walsh, Campus; Barbara J. (David) Smith of Monticello; Cindy (David) Mullen of Seekonk, Massachusetts; Joan C. (J.R.) Elling of Campus and John (Deborah) Walsh, Cabery.

Also surviving are 24 grandchildren: Jennifer (Jason) Bruner, Rachael (Richard) Law, Sara (Doug) Ruder, Evan (fiancee - Ashley Highland), Ethan, and Seth Patchett; Lauren, Thomas K., Catherine, and Ryan Walsh; Jordan, Lucas, Hannah, Elijah, Kia, and Kathryn Smith; Kaitlin, Michael, Brendan and Kevin Mullen; Lindsay and Jacob Elling; and Caroline and Chloe Walsh; seven great-grandchildren: Jacob, Anicah, Elise and Cole Bruner; Blake Patchett-Law, Caden Law and Charlie Ruder; one sister, Marilyn (Sherwin “Butch”) Desens of Larkspur, Colorado; a special friend, Wauneta Zeller of Reddick; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Tuesday, December 29, from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Rev. Richard Kostelz in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Campus.

Private family interment: Sacred Heart Cemetery, Campus, with Tom’s sons and sons-in-law acting as pallbearers.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Tom’s memory to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Reeves Funeral Homes, Gardner.

Friends may sign the online guest book or send private condolences to the family at: www.ReevesFuneral.com

Doris Eugenia Conner



COAL CITY – Doris Eugenia Conner, 86, of Coal City passed away Thursday, December 24, 2009 at Sunny Hill Nursing Home in Joliet.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 4, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel. Rev. Caleb Counterman and Rev. Bill Stinnette will officiate.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 3, from 4 - 8 p.m. and Monday, January 4, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Interment: Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Doris was born November 1, 1923 in Poplar Grove to Harold and Sylvia Moon Hawes. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Goose Lake.

Surviving are one son, Tom (Linda) Conner of Augusta, Wisconsin; three daughters: Sandra Hunter of Coal City, LaVonne Valdez of Gardner, and Michele (Ray) Younger of Coal City; seven grandchildren; fourteen great - grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one brother; one sister; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Winfield Conner; two brothers and two sisters.

Coulter Stephani Pustmueller

REDDICK-ESSEX – Heidi and Stephanie Coulter Stephani Pustmueller, 77, of the Reddick-Essex area, formerly of Marissa, passed away Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Visitation was Thursday, December 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. at R. W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, and for one hour preceding the 11 a.m. funeral service at the funeral home Saturday, December 26.

Interment will be at a later date in Marissa.

Mr. Pustmueller was born March 14, 1932, in Belleville to August E. and Dorothy Jones Pustmueller. He married Marilyn Wiseman on June 18, 1954, in Effingham; she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Stephen (Rhonda) Pustmueller of Herscher; a daughter, Pamela (Gregory) Hill of Littleton, Colorado; nine grandchildren: Samuel Hill, David (Felicia) Hill, Matthew (Ashley) Hill, Alana (Steven) Leasure, Kelsea (Dylan) Mountain and Eric, Marissa,

Heidi and Stephanie Pustmueller; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his brother, Joel Pustmueller, and sister, Phoebe Huff.

Mr. Coulter began teaching in Mahomet and Bement for the first five years of his career. He then pursued teaching industrial arts, woodworking, auto mechanics and driver’s ed. at Reddick High School, formerly R.U.C.E., for 27 years. He obtained his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in industrial arts. Mr. Coulter enjoyed pursuing education and eventually studied the German language in his adult life. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He enjoyed woodworking and made furniture, including toy chests for his grandchildren. He was an avid hunter and gunsmith. He loved art, music and spending time with his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society.

D. Evelyn Harris

CABERY – D. Evelyn Harris, 95, of Cabery died Saturday, December 26, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at ASTA Care Center, Pontiac.

Her funeral will be today, Wednesday, December 30, at 11 a.m. at the Cabery United Methodist Church, Cabery.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the hour of the service at the church.

Burial will be in Kempton Hill Cemetery, Kempton.

Evelyn was born June 26, 1914 in Pontiac, a daughter of Earl and Lela (Moffett) Holmes. She married Charles Harris on May 23, 1936 in Pontiac. He preceded her in death in 1963.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Diane Harris of Reddick; four grandchildren: Kathy (Robert) Harris of Piedmont, Oklahoma; Karen Harris of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Steve (Cynthia) Harris of Reddick; and Sandy (Alvie) Harris - Meadows of Elmhurst.

Five great-grandchildren: Marcie, Ty and Taylor Harris of Reddick, and Grace and Charles Meadows of Elmhurst; one brother, Merle (Joann) Holmes of Fairbury; and one sister, Marge (Robert) Black of Clermont, Florida also survive.

Evelyn was preceded in death by one son, Roger Charles Harris; two brothers and three sisters.

Educated in Pontiac schools, Evelyn helped her husband and son farm. She was a member of the Cabery United Methodist Church and Royal Neighbors.

Memorials in Evelyn’s name may be made to Cabery United Methodist Church, Cabery Fire Department or Cullom Food Pantry.

Martin - Burke Funeral Home, Cullom, is in charge of arrangements.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to DTHS, Teen Center

I was excited to read that our Dwight Township High School ranked 44th in the state. Kudos to the faculty, administration, school board and the students. You’ve given us another reason to be proud of our community.

I also applaud the efforts

of Dawn Sutton and all who worked to get a center for our teenage residents. It has taken a lot of work and dedication, and I wish them much success and a positive response to their new endeavor.

Eunice Boyer

Dwight – A Place Where People Show They Care

By the time you read this article, the Salvation Army annual drive will have ended here in Dwight. The response by the volunteers ringing the bells and the generosity of the people in and around this community has been overwhelming.

Even though the economy has not been very good, even though more people have been out of work, and even though people have their own personal problems to deal with...the amount of money raised was a little over \$5,000. And this money stays right here in Dwight to help those less fortunate than most of us.

The Salvation Army team here in Dwight is grateful to Berkot’s Super Foods, the Pride of Dwight BP Amoco station at the north edge of Dwight, and the new Pamida store for allowing us to use their places of business to set up bell ringing on four consecutive weekends.

It would not be possible to list all the volunteers and

local community organizations who stood up and donated their time to ring the bell, but believe me, we appreciate the enthusiasm that was shown by the many individuals and various groups.

It is especially necessary to mention Carol Clavey, who not only called for volunteers but also called each and every one of them the day before they were scheduled to ring the bell with a reminder of their specific time and location.

It’s an honor to help with this project and it is also an honor to live in the community of Dwight, where we all stand together for such a worthy cause.

We hope that you had a very enjoyable Christmas holiday. Thanks, and God bless each and every one of you. You have made a difference in the lives of many people.

Gene and Chris Mortensen

What the Holidays Mean to Me

It’s time to close out what has been a very turbulent year for many Illinoisans and try to look forward to a more positive and prosperous new year. I want to take an opportunity to remind us all about what is universally important.

As a young boy growing up in Livingston County, I realized that family and friends have been the most important thing in my life. Even in the toughest of times, our family and friends are always there for us as a source of strength and support.

Nearly every Sunday, I visit my 98-year-old grandmother at her nursing home facility in Fairbury. She’s always a joy to be around. Additionally, our tight-knit family often gathers with Grandma for birthdays, holi-

days and dinners. My family and friends are my greatest asset!

I hope that your family and friends are as close to you as mine are to me. Take this holiday season to rededicate and reconnect with your loved ones.

Lastly, I would encourage you to donate or volunteer for a charity of your choosing. In this time of economic uncertainty, donations and volunteers are always in high demand. This is an especially good time of year to make a positive impact on someone’s life. Please remember our men and women in the military and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Holidays,

Dan Rutherford
State Senator

In Memory of Michael Allen Melton,
who passed away
December 25, 2008 of cancer.
This is from your family who loves
and misses you very much.

Your mother, Jan Harris
Your fiance, Angie Yarbrough
Your step-children, Derek, David
and Chrissy Yarbrough

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Gernentz
December 26, 2008

It’s hard to believe you were taken away from us one year ago. There is not a day that goes by that you are not thought about or spoken kindly of.

We know you are in a better place now and that you are watching over us. We miss you so much.

Love always,
All of your family

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
)
OF)
) No. 09-P-132
MARGARET D. PFEIFER,)
)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given of the death of Margaret D. Pfeifer of Dwight, Livingston County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 9, 2009 to Betty J. Close, 415 Meadow Brook Lane, Morris, Illinois 60450, whose attorney is Gary M. Neville, 146 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 8, Dwight, Illinois, 60420.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the following address: Livingston County Circuit Clerk, Livingston County Courthouse, P.O. Box 320, Pontiac, Illinois 61764, or with the representative, or both, by not later than June 22, 2010, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Betty J. Close
Independent Executor
415 Meadow Brook Ln.
Morris, IL 60450

Gary M. Neville
Attorney for Executor
146 E. Main St., Box 8
Dwight, IL 60420
Phone: (815) 584-3006

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

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.) No.09-CH-154
)
)
DANIEL L. CURLEY, and unknown owners and non-record claimants,)
)
Defendants.)

NOTICE

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

Lot 6 and the North Half of Lot 5 in Block 6 in the original town, now Village of Flanagan, Livingston County, Illinois.
PIN: 13-22-254-012
Commonly known as: 109 S. Main St., Flanagan, IL 61740.

The title holder of record to the above described real estate are DANIEL L. CURLEY. The mortgage sought to be foreclosed is a mortgage executed on March 1, 2005. This mortgage was recorded on April 4, 2005, at the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Livingston County, Illinois, as document No. 00562450. The cause of action initiated by the Plaintiff, BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, against the Defendant in Case No. 09-CH-154 is currently pending. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald R. McClarey, of the law firm of Strufe & McClarey, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Consequently, unless you, unknown owners and non record claimants, file your answer to the complaint in this action or otherwise enter your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Livingston County, Illinois, held in the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, Illinois, on or before January 18, 2010, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Dated this 8 day of December, 2009.

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

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ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Students in Mrs. Stephanie Flott's sixth grade class at Dwight Grade School made the following new year's resolutions:

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is I want to get along with my sisters and brother. I also want to remember to give my parents a hug every day before I leave just in case something happens.

Courtney Light

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is starting an early career of photography. Next year I want to have collected at least 100 photos of wild animals.

Haley Holzwarth

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is not lying down on the couch watching TV and doing nothing, but

getting up and doing something, energetically, like sports, games or even cleaning!

Molly Snyder

My New Year's resolution is to do my chores the first time they tell me to do them.

Shanna Carman

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to spend more time with my Chihuahua dog.

Magaly Rangel

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to stop twisting my hair.

Madeleine Gartke

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to get everyone to give money to the Humane Society.

Addi Pierson

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to get my parents to stop smoking, even if I hide the cigarettes.

Tarahrae Lowry

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to do better on my homework, so I can get better grades.

Kelsey Christensen

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to be the best babysitter I can be!

Kady Olson

Next year I want to learn how to not be shy or get straight A's. I want to be able to be in more sports, and I want to get along with my brother, so we can get along.

Paige Smith

My New Year's resolution for next year is to eat syrup with spaghetti.

Peter Hansen

Next year I want to make more friends.

Joey Mosier

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to make my whole family be a happy family.

Kaitlyn Ludvigsen

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is not to try to fight with my brother.

April Bartosik

Next year I want to try

not to fight with my sister and not with my parents.

Sierra Kline

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to give up junk food and eat more fruits and vegetables.

Jace Kennedy

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to work even harder than I did this year.

Sage Ozment-Herr

Next year I want to get all A's in school.

Brandon Brant

I want to convince my mom and dad to quit smoking.

Daniel Colclasure

My New Year's resolutions for 2010 are to completely not eat candy, read lots of books, run faster, eat breakfast often and help my mom and dad.

Marc Rosales

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to cut back on my sweet tooth.

Renee Lewis

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to be a little more generous.

Jake Veenstra

My New Year's resolution for 2010 is to be nice to my sister and to eat more fruits every day.

Molly Rodosky



MR. AND MRS. SANTA CLAUS (Jerry and Alta Holohan, at right) and their elves recently celebrated the Christmas season with residents of the William Fox Developmental Center, Dwight. The residents were led in Christmas carols by the choir whose members play softball with the River Valley Rage 96, a traveling softball team made up of members from Manteno, Peotone, Grant Park and Wilmington, and Schererville, Indiana.

Friday, January 1 • 9:30 p.m. No Cover

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VILLAGE OF CAMPUS		
Treasurer's Report		
April 30, 2009		
Excess (Deficiency) Cash Receipts Over Disbursements		\$14,204.38
Balance - Cash in Bank & CDs - April 30, 2008		\$109,519.49
Balance - Cash in Bank - April 30, 2009		
General Fund	\$46,442.82	
Water Fund	19,229.49	
Water Grant	8,519.69	
Motor Fuel Fund	5,940.76	
Total Cash in Bank	\$80,132.76	
Balance - Cash in CDs - April 30, 2009		
Water Fund	\$ 7,918.22	
Motor Fuel Fund	15,228.29	
Motor Fuel Fund #2	20,444.54	
Total Cash in CDs	\$43,591.05	
Total Cash in Bank & CDs - April 30, 2009		\$123,723.81
GENERAL FUND		
Receipts		
Verizon	Franchise Fees	\$ 307.62
State of Illinois	State Income Tax	13,450.48
Livingston County	Property Taxes	12,612.95
State of Illinois	Sales and Use Tax	3,873.50
State of Illinois	State Replacement Tax	179.00
Campus State Bank	Interest	419.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 30,843.51
Disbursements		
Bisaillion Rid All		\$ 1,800.00
Board Trustees		2,975.00
Campus Post Office		71.40
Commonwealth Edison		3,916.27
County Collector		31.74
Deluxe Checks		43.40
Henrich's Insurance		3,692.00
Nicor		1,325.89
The Paper		97.00
Thomas, Rick		2,507.00
Turner, Glenda		147.82
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 16,607.52
WATER FUND		
Receipts		
Miscellaneous	Water Sales	\$ 43,510.00
Campus State Bank	License, Permits & Misc	500.00
Campus State Bank	Interest on CD	161.47
Campus State Bank	Interest on Water Grant CD	49.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 44,220.97
Disbursements		
Allied Waste		\$ 20,986.60
Brenntag Mid South		2,068.31
Commonwealth Edison		1,773.09
Dibble Enterprises		855.06
Eich & Sons		83.00
Elling, Joan		686.74
FBI Buildings		22.89
Haley Brothers		2,372.77
Hillock, John		877.10
Illinois EPA		3,860.46
Julie, Inc		37.35
Mathison, Craig		360.00
Nicor		377.35
Outback Septic		675.00
Smalley, Jim		3,259.70
Turner, Troy		462.31
US Bank		9,601.45
USA Blue Book		614.10
United States Postal Service		13.05
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 48,986.33
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND		
Receipts		
Division of Highways	Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 3,818.86
Campus State Bank	Interest	61.93
Campus State Bank	Interest on CDs	852.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 4,733.75
Disbursements		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ -

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DEALS OF THE MONTH

NEW!

NEW 2006 Featherlite 8946 Aluminum Gooseneck 2Horse Weekender with 5' Shortwall LQ.

NEW!

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Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS		
Dec. 17: IL 17/Campus Road, trauma, refusal; 300 Spencer, medical, refusal; Wilmac, trauma, refusal; Chicago, medical, St. James.	Dec. 18: Scott, refusal; 2800N Road, MVC, Pontiac, mutual aid to Odell; Chicago, medical, Riverside; John St., no patient.	Dec. 19: Mazon, medical, Pontiac; 3300E, 1/2 mi. S of Rt. 17, trauma, refusal; Wilmac, medical, St. James.
Dec. 20: Division, medical, Morris, mutual aid to MVK.	Dec. 21: Mazon, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, refusal.	Dec. 22: Chicago, lift assist, refusal.
Dec. 23: Mazon Ave., trauma, Morris; Waupansie, med-	Dec. 24: Bannon, medical, Morris; Scott, medical, refusal; I-55, trauma, Morris; James, medical, Streator; Chicago, medical.	Dec. 25: Main St., medical, Riverside.
Dec. 26: South, medical, Morris; W. Mazon, medical, Streator; HMNH, medical, Morris; W. William, refusal; DPSC, trauma, refusal; Philmar, trauma, RMC; S. Chicago, trauma, refusal.	Dec. 27: E. William, medical, Pontiac; E. Mazon, trauma, Pontiac.	Dec. 28: Old Mazon Road, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Mazon.

Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Seniors
Hold December Meeting

The Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Senior Citizens met Tuesday, December 15, at the Legion hall in Mazon for their monthly dinner meeting.

The table grace was given by Paul McIntosh, and dinner was served by Weits Cafe through CNN. The pledge to the American flag was given, and President Rita Mills thanked CNN and the Kinsman group for nut cups and festive table decorations and Pam for serving the meal. Dinner music was played by Cheryl Esgar. Shirley Kiss gave a reading.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Christmas cards were signed and sent to absent members.

Edie Brockman celebrated her birthday. There were no

anniversaries. A gift was given to Pam for serving all the CNN meals. Door prizes went to Shirley McAllister, Frank Sereno and Sandra Kern.

Members brought canned goods to be given to the MVK Food Pantry. A white elephant sale was also enjoyed by all.

The meeting was adjourned by Dave Yeck and seconded by Pat Cook.

Christmas carols were sung, accompanied by Cheryl Esgar, and bingo followed.

The next CNN dinner will be January 5 if at least 30 people sign up, and the next senior citizen dinner meeting will be January 19. Have reservations or cancellations in two days in advance by calling CNN at 815-941-1590. Anyone age 60 or over is invited to these dinners.

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Candidate for Livingston County Sheriff

The Odell 7th Grade Ramgals basketball team would like to thank the coaches, fans and sponsors who supported them during their accomplishments in the 2009 season.

Livingston County Tournament Champions

Season Conference Champions

Conference Tournament Champions

Regional Champions

Sectional Champions

State Elite Eight

Season Record 21-1

Fox Developmental Center Employees Honored for Years of Service

Lilia Teninty, Director of Development Disabilities, Greg Fenton, Deputy Director, and Cheryl Winnicki, Fox Center Director, are shown with each group that was honored December 14.



THIRTY-FIVE YEAR EMPLOYEES of the Fox Developmental Center, left to right, are: Lilia Teninty, Steve Janssen, Vic Wiechmann, Greg Fenton and Cheryl Winnicki.

30-YEAR EMPLOYEES, not pictured: Lori Erickson, John Groll and Guy Miller.



20-YEAR: Third from left to right, Ron Winkel, Kathy Feltenz, Randy Waselewski, Ronda Clausing, Sharon Shelby and Barb Thompson. Not pictured are: Peggy Greene, Lee Ann Grieff, Dorreen Hodgson, Nancy Kociss, Vicki Kropke, Sharon Mixen, Cathy Oelschlager and Sue Verdun.



10-YEAR: Third from left to right, Mitzi Wepprecht, Dianna Miller, Sandy Dodds and Amy Hansen. Not pictured: Sue Holt, Jennifer Lolling and Mike O'Connor.



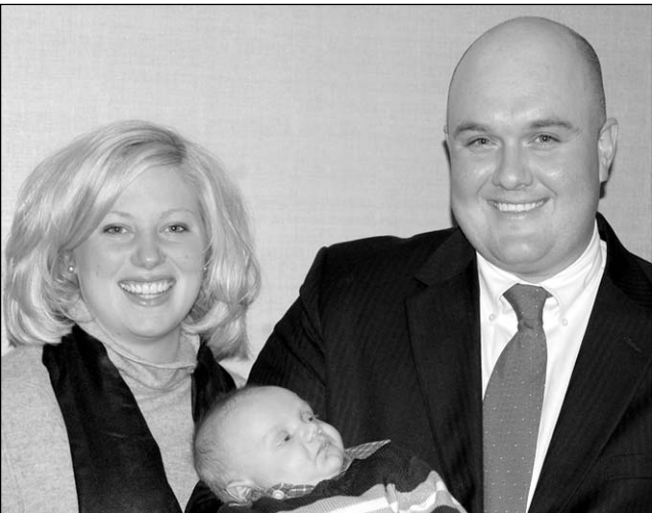
25-YEAR: Second and third from left, Margaret Stamm and Jerry Saulsberry; second from right, Pat Meckley. Not pictured: Carol Hahn.



15-YEAR: Third from left to right, Vicki Bushey, Mark Connell and Rachel Holte. Not pictured: Cindy Giordano, Michelle McInerney and Geri Tallent.



VOLUNTEERS AT THE FOX DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER, Dwight, were honored at the 2009 Service Recognition Program on December 14.



Kate, Logan and Michael Carey

Grundy County Man Receives IFB Young Leader Ag Award

Grundy County Farm Bureau member Michael Carey is the recipient of the 2009 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Ag Excellence Award. The IFB Young Leader Ag Excellence Award recognizes county Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee members who may not be full-time farmers for their efforts in agriculture and in leadership achievement. Carey is assistant vice president and commercial and agricultural lender with Standard Bank in Morris. He is president of the board of the United Way of Grundy County and has volunteered his time for the Grundy County ag education golf benefit. Carey is married to Kate Carey; the couple has an infant son, Logan. Carey will receive \$1,000 cash; a digital camera; and an expense-paid trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in January in Seattle. The awards were presented at the Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting in Chicago.

Morris Hospital Employees Donate \$57,000 to Foundation

Employees at Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers have donated more than \$57,000 to the Morris Hospital Foundation through the 2009 employee gift appeal, and gifts are still being collected. Last year, employees broke a record by giving more than \$55,000. This year's employee campaign goal was set at \$50,000. During the campaign, employees had the opportunity to make gifts with cash, credit card or payroll deduction, or donate hours from their paid time off (PTO) account. PTO is accrued hours for vacation, personal time and short-term illness. Of the \$57,000 total, employees designated \$34,000 toward the unrestricted fund, which allows the foundation to put the gifts to use for the area of greatest need. The Employee/Volunteer Relief Fund received \$22,000, and an additional \$1,900 was designated toward patient transportation, intensive care, Lifeline and wellness.

KCC, JJC Partner with Bradley on Scholarship Agreement

Kankakee Community College and Joliet Junior College students transferring to Bradley University in Peoria will have new competitive scholarship opportunities beginning in fall 2010. Through the Presidents Partnership Scholarship, 20 students from KCC and 20 from JJC will be eligible to receive \$3,500 in financial aid from Bradley. When combined with other Bradley-funded awards, the new scholarship will provide up to \$8,500 per year for qualified students. To qualify, students must have a 3.25 or higher cumulative grade point average and must have completed 30 transferable hours. At Bradley, they must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. The application deadline for the fall 2010 semester is February 1. Applications and other information are available online at <http://admissions.bradley.edu/transfer/>.

Flu Shots for Kids in Grundy County

The Grundy County Health Department has received a shipment of seasonal influenza vaccine for children. The injectable, preservative-free seasonal flu vaccine is made available through the Vaccine for Children Program provided by Illinois Department of Public Health. This vaccine is for children six months through 18 years of age. The health department requests a donation, but no one is turned away if unable to pay. Appointments will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday at the Grundy County Administration Center in the Nursing Clinic. Call the Grundy County Health Department at 815-941-3419 to schedule an appointment. For further information regarding the Seasonal Influenza vaccine for children, contact the Grundy County Health Department at 815-941-3419.

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Happy New Year from The Paper!

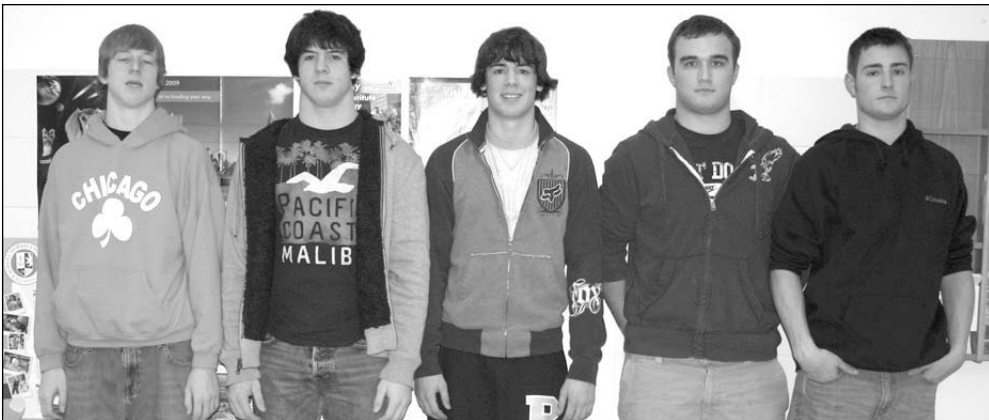
Bowling at Victory Lanes, Dwight

Howard's League
HSG, 235, Mike King;
HSG, 212, Colleen Sassen-
ger; HTG, 2 Plus 2

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	40½	19½
JT's Saloon	36	24
Perkins Wood/Glass	33	27
Serv Pro	29½	30½
Gassman's	29	31
Ron De Voo	28	32
2 Plus 2	22	38
Schultz Media	21	39



DILLON HARRIS (left) was named most improved player, and **Ryan Struppa** (center) and **Jordan Kohrt** (right) were named Most Valuable Players of the 2009 Dwight Township High School Trojan football team.



DTHS FOOTBALL PLAYERS named to the All-Conference team for the 2009-2010 school year are (left to right) **Trent Wiles**, **Ryan Struppa**, **Austin Holland**, **Christian Kulla** and **Jordan Kohrt**.

Wednesday Aft. Bowlers
HG, 249, Doug Gassman;
HS, 646, Doug Gassman;
HTG, 667, Kelly Electric
Shockers; HTS, 1913,
Vigna's

League Standings	W	L
Vigna's	49½	22½
Splitters	47½	24½
Kelly Electric	40	32
William J. Hooker	38½	33½
Curves	36½	35½
Tag-A-Longs	35	37
Foxy Ladies	34	38
Becker's	34	38
The Hen House	34	38

Ladies Night Out
HG, 189, Sharon Heintz;
181, Jennifer Statler; 178,
Paula Watts; HS, 505,
Sharon Heintz; 470, Paula
Watts; 462, Patti Drechsel

League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	34	14
Dairy Queen	31	17
Rodosky Acctg.	28	20
Joan Bullard Rlty.	21	27
Jensen's BP	20½	27½
Street & Alley	20½	27½
Bank of Dwight	18	30
Slammers	18	30

SAUNEMIN EAGLES BASKETBALL

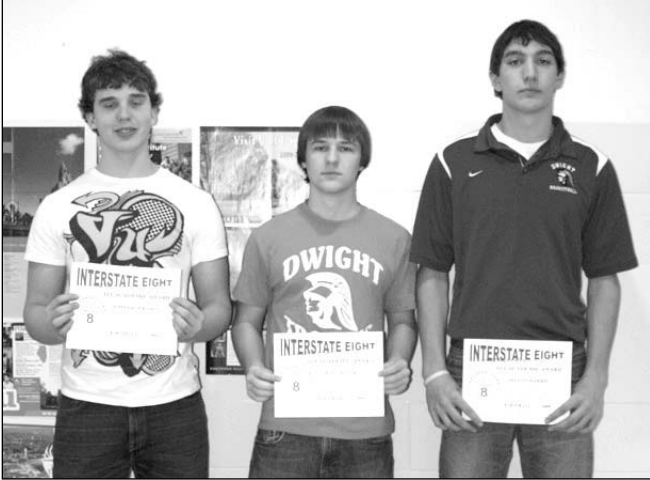
December 19 Eagles vs. Trinity Lutheran 5/6th Grade-
The Saunemin 5/6th grade boys' basketball team defeated Trinity Lutheran, 34-30, in overtime.
Scoring for the Eagles were: Trevor Fox, 14; Austin Graves, nine; Eric Zega, six; Tyler Carley, four; Tyler Lowe, one.
"Trevor Fox hit two free throws with 20 seconds left to tie the game at 26, then scored seven overtime points to help seal the win," stated Coach Stoecklin.
8th Grade-
The eighth grade Eagles were defeated by Trinity Lutheran, 31-18.
Scoring for Saunemin were: Colin Danforth, eight; Zak Holtz-Robisky, four; Garrison Green, three; Logan Henady, two; Josh Anderson, one.

DGS REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

December 15 Redbirds vs. Elwood 7th Grade-
The DGS Redbirds' seventh graders flew over Elwood, 47-6.
Helping with the victory were: Austin Gutierrez, 14 points, six rebounds; Owen Pulver, seven points, four rebounds, one steal; Collin Irvin, seven points; Colton Fieldman, four points, three rebounds, one steal; Caleb Boma, four points, two steals; Ryan Gaston, three points, two rebounds, one steal; Seth Galloway, three points, one rebound, one steal; Ryan Beier, two points, two rebounds, two steals; Drew Jensen, two points, two steals; Devin Connolly, two points, one steal; Chris Peck, three rebounds, three steals; Jayson Powell, three steals, two rebounds; Dylan Cain, three steals, one rebound; Austin Airgood, two steals, one rebound.
"Everyone made the books tonight. This was our final conference game, ending 6-0," stated Coach Connor.

TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS BASKETBALL

December 18 Lady Chargers vs. St. Anne
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Helping score the victory were: Jana Meister, 22 (two three-pointers); Nikki Nichols, 13; Taylor Roach, 10 (two three-pointers); Kinze Krause and Rachael Kerrins, six each; Sabrina Wallrich, two; Lauren Bertrand, one.



2009 DWIGHT TROJAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS earning All-Academic awards were (left to right) **John Broeksmit**, **Doug Black** and **Dillon Harris**. Not pictured are **Lucas Fink** and **GSW co-op team members Allen Cotton** and **Tyler Posing**.

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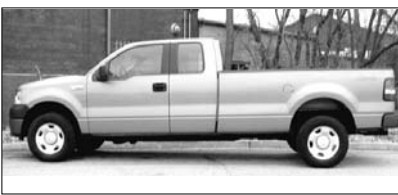
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The registration requirements to be eligible to vote are:

- be a citizen of the United States,
- be at least 18 years old by election day,
- have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to election day.

When registering to vote, two forms of identification are required – one must show the current address of the applicant. A new state law adds identification that is acceptable for registration. A lease or contract for a residence is now an acceptable form of proof of a voter's residence. Also, a photo identification issued by a university or college and mail addressed to the voter at the address of residence is acceptable proof.

Registration can be done in person in the County Clerk's Election Office at the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Tuesday, January 5.

Eligible voters who miss the January 5 deadline may register during grace period registration, which runs until Tuesday, January 26. The law requires that during the grace period, people must register at the county clerk's office, and if they desire to vote in the

primary, must vote at the same time. Those people are not allowed to vote at a polling place on election day.

Illinois residents may check their registration online by going to www.elections.il.gov and clicking "Voting and Elections" and then clicking "Am I Registered" at the top of the page.

Voters in this election will nominate candidates for county clerk, sheriff, treasurer, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, comptroller, U.S. Senate, representatives in Congress, state senators and representatives in the General Assembly and judges. Also, some political party officials such as precinct committeemen will be elected.

In a primary election, an Illinois resident can vote for candidates of one party only, with there being three established political parties in Illinois – Republican, Democratic and Green.

In some precincts, referenda

will be voted upon in this primary. If a voter does not want to declare a party affiliation, he or she may request a nonpartisan ballot only. Nonpartisan ballots for referendum questions will be available in the following districts: Pontiac Township High School #90, Pontiac Community Consolidated #429, Nevada Township, Newtown Township and Sunbury Township.

Early Voting starts January 11 and runs through January 28 and will be conducted in the County Clerk's Office. Two methods of voting will be offered: the AccuVote Optical Scan and the TSX electronic voting system.

The clerk's regular office hours are 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office will be open additional hours Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6 p.m. January 13, 20 and 27; and Saturday mornings 9 a.m. to noon January 9, 16, 23 and 30.

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Jan. 4: 6:15 p.m., Choir; 7 p.m., Dartball at Essex Methodist.
Jan. 5: 7 p.m., Church Council.
Jan. 6: Noon-12:45 p.m., Soup with the Pastor.

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia, Dwight
584-3420, church 584-3425, fax 584-1554, parsonage
Pastor: Rev. William Leppin
Dec. 30: No Youth Activities; 5-9 p.m., Movie Night; 7 p.m., Bible Warriors.
Jan. 1: New Year's Day – Office Closed.
Jan. 3: 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 with Communion; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, Praise and Worship Team Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Praise and Worship Service with Communion; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group.
Jan. 4: 7 p.m., Men's Dartball at Essex Methodist.
Jan. 5: 8:30 a.m., Bible Study, Karla B.; 5:30-7 p.m., First Place 4 Health.
Jan. 6: 7 p.m., Bible Warriors.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Mazon and Prairie Avenues, Dwight
Rev. James Rickey, Pastor
584-3522, Rectory
Jan. 2: 4-4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
Jan. 3: 8 a.m., Mass; 10:30 a.m., Mass.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St., Dwight
815-584-3182
Rev. Daniel Woodward
Dec. 30: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Children's Program.
Jan. 3: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service; 6 p.m., Sunday Evening Service.
Jan. 6: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service and King's Kids Children's Program.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
325 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight
584-3433, church 584-1291 fax 584-1023, parsonage
Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jacob Ehrhard, Assoc. Pastor
Dec. 30: No activities.
Jan. 2: 8 a.m., Properties Mtg.; 5 p.m., Worship/Communion.
Jan. 3: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study; 10 a.m., Fellowship/Coffee; 10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
Jan. 4: 7 p.m., Dart Practice.
Jan. 5-8: 8:30 a.m., Preschool.

Jan. 5: 6:30 p.m., Adult Instruction.
Jan. 6: 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bells; 6:30 p.m., Choir; 7 p.m., Epiphany Service.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa, Dwight
Pastor Heidi Punt
www.stpeterselca.com 584-1199
Dec. 30: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 8:30 a.m., Mail "Epistle."
Jan. 3: 8:15 a.m., Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship; 2 p.m., Heritage Manor.
Jan. 4: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 9 a.m.-noon, Quilting; 7 p.m., Men's Club - Mazon Cong. at St. Peter's; 8 p.m., AA.
Jan. 5: 9 a.m.-noon, Quilting; 1:30 p.m., Pastor's Text Study; 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures; Congregational meeting articles are due.
Jan. 6: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage; 5-6:30 p.m., Confirm.; 6 p.m., Choir; 6-7:30 p.m., Confirm.
Jan. 7: 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures.

New Life Assembly of God
903 S. Old Route 66
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Angel Escamilla, Pastor
584-3430
www.nlaonline.net
Dec. 30: 7 p.m., Worship Practice.
Dec. 31: 7 p.m., New Year's Eve Family Game Night and Youth Group Lock-in.

Jan. 3: 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., Sunday Night Prayer Group.
Jan. 5: 6 p.m., Truthseekers Bible Study.

St. John's Lutheran Church
511 W. Jackson, Cullom
Rev. Trudy Foote, Pastor
689-2120, church st.johns@frontiernet.net
Jan. 2: 5 p.m., Worship.
Jan. 3: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Worship.
Jan. 6: 9:15-9:30 p.m., Prayer Service.

The Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (USA)
Monroe & Jefferson P.O. Box 248
Gardner
815-237-8312
Jan. 3: 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.

Braceville United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 46
106 W. Gould St., Braceville
815-237-8512, church Pastor Andrea Boggs
Jan. 1: 8 p.m., AA Meeting
Jan. 3: 8:15 and 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service with communion; fellowship following.



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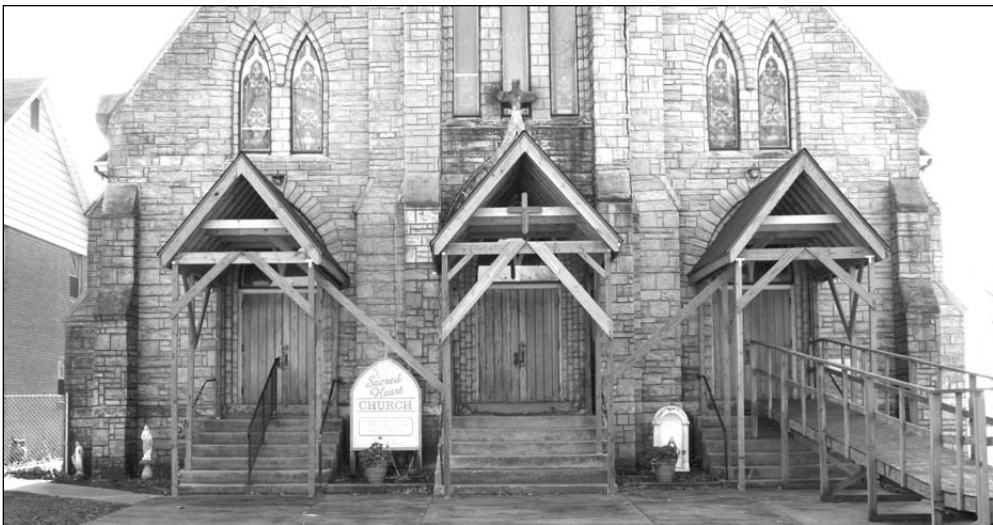
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Workers plan to pull away damaged areas and replace any damaged brick underneath and then seal it back up.

Ideally, the building will look exactly as it does now once the project is done, Father Hornicak said.

"The idea is that once we make the repairs, the building will last for at least another 100 years," he said. "It's a beautiful church, and we'd like to maintain it and use it for as long as possible."

Church services will continue throughout the work, which could wrap up by the end of 2010.



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Clausen's Lincoln Takes Her to Italy

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ings, were not handled well at all, she said.

In addition to a wonderful cultural experience, Clausen said the trip also allowed for some valuable networking.

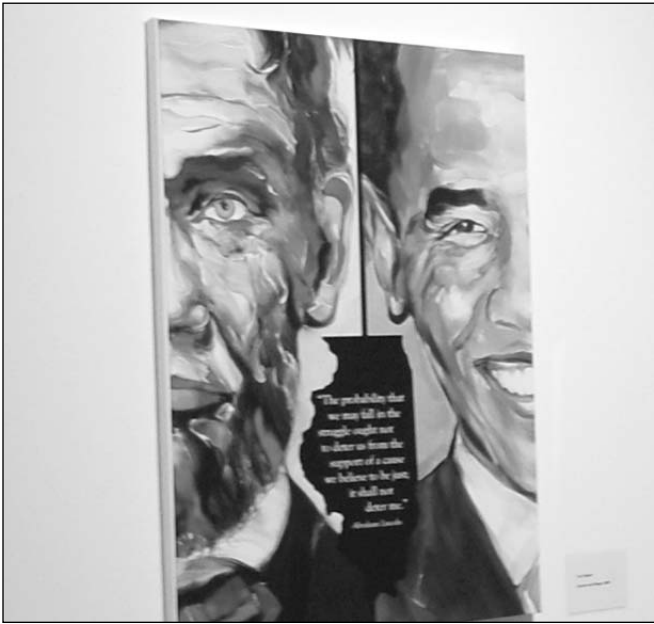
The final part of the trip was spent with Sylvia Pettinicchio at her art gallery, Wannabee Gallery, in Milan. Wannabee Gallery will sell Clausen's work and invited Clausen to participate in an all American art show in 2010.

While there, she also met Scott Manning Stevens, the director for American Indian history at the Newberry Library in Chicago. Stevens invited Clausen to view the artifacts at the library to help her with her next set of paintings.

"It's so interesting in the way your life provides you everything you need for the next step in meeting people and sharing information," she said. "It just seems like one step leads to the next."

Clausen said she could have simply sent paintings to the show, but said she was so glad she traveled there to participate.

"Nothing happens if you stay home," Clausen said. "You meet people if you go



Clausen's Lincoln/Obama Poster at the Milan Show.

and participate so the project can continue to grow and move forward." To view more of Clausen's artwork, visit catclausen.com.

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These days, I prefer to ring in the New Year right in my living room, with a few trusted friends and a good bottle of wine. I want to laugh and listen and bask for a night in the promise of the year to come. I like to wear comfortable jeans, and I don't even mind if the kids are hanging around just being kids.

I guess you could say my New Year's Eve celebrations have evolved, and I like where they've settled. They're less frantic and foolish. They've developed into a kinder, gentler, far more comfortable recognition that change is in the air.

There was a time in my life when the recipe for a New Year's Eve done right called for sparkling clothes, lots of alcohol and a deadly hangover the next morning. I did this for several years whether I enjoyed it or not. To stay home and rock in the New Year with a bowl of popcorn and Dick Clark was a sure sign of being a social outcast or a poor planner. We wouldn't have even considered it. New Year's Eve required that we stand in a crowded, smoky club, getting bumped and jostled and having mixed drinks slopped down my front and all over my shoes. It was fun while it lasted, I think.

After we had kids, like everything else in our lives, New Year's Eve changed. We tried to get out of Dodge, to reclaim the revelry, but were quickly reminded that our status had changed. For about six years solid, I was breastfeeding one child or another, and all we could manage was a quick dinner out before we had to rush home to get a little person fed. Once everybody was weaned and I could squeeze back into my sparkling clothes, we planned for a night on the town, fully prepared to pay a sitter time and a half so we could pretend for a few hours that we were our fun, crazy old selves. Just as we were headed out the door, one of the kids threw up all over the place. We looked at each other and told the sitter to go home.

After the kids caught wind that New Year's Eve was kind of a big deal, they wanted in on the action. We'd get together with Bret's sister and brother-in-law at their house. For little people, a good party means a few potato chips, some juice boxes and silly hats. We'd set the clocks ahead, so their midnight would come a little bit faster. We'd whoop it up with a countdown to nine o'clock and make all kinds of celebratory commotion. With the kids completely duped and tucked

in bed, we could just relax and visit until midnight. For a couple of those years, none of the adults could even make it until midnight. We cashed it in before the real countdown, knowing full well that the youngsters would be ready to party it up before daybreak. This racket only lasted a few years. As soon as the oldest child figured out how to tell time, we were duly busted, and a little bit ashamed of ourselves.

One year, we tried having an adults-only New Year's party at our house. We quarantined the children to a bedroom with a stack of movies, a lifetime supply of orange soda and cheese puffs and a stern warning to let the adults have their good time. I was trying desperately to recreate a great 40th birthday party I'd thrown for my husband just a few months before. I didn't quite meet the mark. The party was fine, but most of the adults excused themselves to give their own kids an occasional call on their cell phones and ended up wanting to get home before the snow got too deep. That year, midnight came and went without any notice at all. Bret and I were too busy finding the right lids for the Tupperware containers that held all the party leftovers. And our little people were honked off because they'd been treated so shabbily all in the name of some good adults-only fun.

We've finally stopped trying so hard to recapture our youth and to get away from our kids on New Year's Eve. I've got a sneaky suspicion that it won't be long before they'll prefer to leave the two of us at home with a bag of chips and Dick Clark, so they can take part in revelry of their own.

And I bet we'll be able to stay up until midnight, and even later, at least until we know they've landed somewhere safe.

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