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Someone You Should Know . . . Dick Zschau

by Sara Peters
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After retirement, some people take up reading. Or walking. Or fishing.

Others, like 83-year-old Dwight resident Dick Zschau, choose to bicycle more than 3,000 miles a year.

In the past nearly 20 years, Zschau has been seen by many riding his bicycle to most of the surrounding towns, including Reddick, South Wilmington, Kempton, Gardner, Coal City, Pontiac and almost to Morris.

I've been a lot of miles in each direction, he said. I just enjoy it. I like going to the different towns. I usually go past the towns because it's not far enough.

To be truthful, Zschau actually took up running after he retired at age 55. He competed in a variety of races and even took first, second and third place in the

Morris half marathon, which is about 13 miles.

Before retirement, he kept busy working and raising children. He spent long days hauling soil and transplanting thousands of tomatoes and other plants at the greenhouse he and his wife Annamae owned that used to exist on east Waupansie Street. During that time, the Zschas provided flowers for many local weddings and funerals.

The couple raised four children: David, John, Ruth and Jimmy, who are now grown with children and grandchildren of their own.

After the family sold the greenhouses, Zschau finished out a career at Caterpillar in Joliet and then took up running. But when his knees started acting up at around age 65, he gave bicycling a whirl. And he hasn't stopped riding since, although Annamae likes to (continued on page 18)



DWIGHT RESIDENT DICK ZSCHAU stands with his recumbent Tour Easy bicycle outside his Morgan Street home. Zschau, 83, can often be found riding along Route 66 and travels 20 to 25 miles daily on his bike, when weather permits. In bad weather, he walks five miles on his home treadmill.

Grand Opening Held at New Cullom Community Market

by Meta Machulis

A grand opening celebration was held Saturday, April 10, for the new Cullom Community Market.

Citizens gathered in front of the new store, where Cullom Mayor Marge Kross thanked the nearly 160 shareholders and 100 volunteer laborers who made the market a reality. State Representative Shane Cultra, Livingston County Board Chairman Bill Fairfield and Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council CEO Larry Vaupel also spoke at the event, and Kross read letters of praise from Representative Tim Johnson and Senator Dan Rutherford.

A ribbon cutting outside and refreshments inside the store concluded the grand opening celebration.

The market is the result of

many community members efforts to bring a grocery store back to Cullom.

Carl Krause III, president of the Board of Directors of Cullom Community Market, Inc., said the Ommen family had owned a market at the same location for more than

25 years, but retired about two and a half years ago. The store then re-opened under new ownership, but closed before long, leaving residents with a long drive to buy most of their grocery items.

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PEOPLE LINED HACK STREET in Cullom Saturday, April 10, to register for a prize drawing at the grand opening celebration of the Cullom Community Market.

Saunemin UMC Takes Fifth Hurricane Relief Mission Trip



VOLUNTEERS FROM SAUNEMIN United Methodist Church, Bonfield First United Methodist Church and the Diboll, Texas United Methodist Church recently took a mission trip to Louisiana to repair homes damaged by hurricanes. Above, the group takes time out from working on the home of Vicky Brooks of Merryville, La., who is standing third from left in the third row.

by Meta Machulis
Members of Saunemin United Methodist Church recently returned from their fifth mission trip to the Gulf Coast for Hurricane Relief.

Ten members of Saunemin UMC were joined by three members of Bonfield First United Methodist Church and eight members from the Diboll, Texas United Methodist Church. The group spent the week of March 20 through March 27 working in the Lake Charles, Louisiana area.

This is the second year that the group from Diboll combined with the Saunemin group. Former Saunemin pastor Rev. Pinckney Love Jr. and his wife, Rev. Becky

Henson Love, led the Diboll group. Rev. John Cross of Bonfield First UMC made his first trip this year.

Most of the week was spent repairing the home of Vicky Brooks in Merryville, La., that was damaged by Hurricane Rita in September 2005.

On the outside, there was a lot of soffit and fascia work to do, and some painting said Dave Lowe, a lay leader with Saunemin UMC. He said the six youth on the trip did much of the painting work.

On the inside of the home, the volunteers put up drywall, finished the walls in a bedroom, and also patched many ceilings still damaged

from water that leaked in during the hurricane.

The group also worked on a mobile home in DeRidder, La., where volunteers replaced doors and fixed a sink.

At the home of Janette Stockman of Lake Charles, La., they did drywall and painting work, and repaired and strengthened a patio and deck.

(Stockman) gets around with a walker, and the house is built up on stilts because it's right near the water, Lowe explained, so the group did what they could to make sure the structures

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Apr. 4: Philip B. Lindgren, 19, Aurora, speeding (radar), 63/45; Emma J. Kucera, 20, Morris, in-state warrant.

Apr. 6: Luke D. Arndt, 26, Dwight, no valid registration.

Apr. 7: Aloma L. Abel, 45, Streator, suspended, revoked driver's license.

Apr. 8: Arica L. Gallo, 28, Wheatfield, IN, speeding (radar), 45/30.

Apr. 2: Mazon, trauma, refusal; Scott, citizen assist, refusal.

Apr. 4: Mazon, medical, MCH.

Apr. 5: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.

Apr. 6: Jesse St., medical, Morris, mutual aid to MVK; Campus, medical, refusal; Mazon Ave., medical, Pontiac.

Apr. 7: Spencer, medical, Morris; Watters, NO PT.

14 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

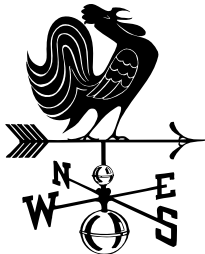
Speeding (radar), 5; obstructed windshield and/or rear window, 1; no rear registration plate light,

1; driving without lights when required, 1; improper lighting — one headlamp, 2; failure to wear seatbelt, 1; improper display of license plates, 1; only one red tail-light, 1; unsafe equipment, 1.

Grundy County Board of Health to Meet

There will be a meeting of the Grundy County Board of Health at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21.

The meeting will take place in the Grundy County Administration Center, 1320 Union St., Morris.



Temps - 2010

Mar. 31 – high 78°, low 48°
Apr. 1 – high 82°, low 53°
Apr. 2 – high 80°, low 50° .05” precip.
Apr. 3 – high 59°, low 36° .17” precip.
Apr. 4 – high 74°, low 43° .39” precip.
Apr. 5 – high 70°, low 46° trace of precip.
Apr. 6 – high 80°, low 57° .40” precip.

One Year Ago - Apr. 14, 2009
Temp. station malfunction trace of precip.



DARK OMINOUS CLOUDS HOVERED over Dwight and the surrounding area Wednesday, April 7. Severe weather warnings were issued. A funnel cloud was sighted in the village of Forrest.

Info Sought on Gardner Bus Lot Damage

Crimestoppers of Grundy County is seeking information regarding damage done to and around the school bus parking area located at Route 53 and Carbon Hill Road, Gardner. There were reports of damage and round bales of hay set on fire the weekend of April 27.

Any person with information regarding this crime is requested to call the Grundy County Crimestoppers line at 815-942-9667.

Rewards of up to \$5,000 are offered for information that leads to the arrest and filing of criminal charges against this offender and other criminal activity in Grundy County.

Garage Sale Deadline April 26

Anyone wishing to participate in Dwight's all-town garage sales should stop at the village hall by Monday, April 26, to get their address on the garage sale list.

There is a fee to be listed. Lists are available for the public to pick up starting Thursday, April 29.

All-town garage sales for Dwight are Friday, April 30, and Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or whenever a sign is posted in a yard.

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Be Prepared for Severe Weather

The following is a public service announcement from the Dwight ESDA (Emergency Services and Disaster Agency).

With the arrival of warm weather, severe weather arrives as well. The following are suggestions to help you and your family be prepared for severe weather.

- ¥ Have a portable AM/FM radio available, preferably a weather alert radio.
- ¥ Have a reliable flashlight available.
- ¥ Monitor TV or radio for weather updates.

Severe thunderstorm watches: These mean that conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms. A watch will be issued by the National Weather Service and will expire at a specified time.

There is no cable TV announcement or emergency siren sounded in Dwight for severe thunderstorm watches. Be prepared to seek shelter. Monitor TV and radio for weather updates.

Severe thunderstorm warnings: These mean severe thunderstorms have been sighted in our area. A warning will be issued by the National Weather Service and will expire at a specified time.

There is no cable TV announcement of the warning. Emergency sirens will be activated only if there is hail, damaging winds above 58 mph, or evidence of funnel clouds forming.

When emergency sirens are sounding: Take cover immediately.

Go to a basement if possible. If you don't have a basement, seek shelter in a small room near the center of your dwelling or the bathroom. Stay away from windows or skylights. Keep a flashlight, portable radio or weather radio with you. Listen for updates. Stay alert until an all clear is given by the National Weather Service or the time has expired for the warning.

Tornado watches: These mean conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. The National Weather Service will issue a watch that will expire at a specified time.

There will be a cable TV announcement for tornado watches. Emergency sirens will be activated only if there is hail, damaging winds above 58 mph or evidence of funnel clouds forming.

Take emergency action as described in severe thunderstorm warnings.

Tornado warnings: These mean tornadoes have been sighted in our area. The National Weather Service will issue a warning that will expire at a specified time.

Emergency sirens will be activated. There will be an announcement of the warning over cable TV.

Take cover immediately. You are in imminent danger.

Go to the basement if possible. If you don't have a basement, seek shelter in a small room near the center of your dwelling or the bathroom. Monitor radio stations or weather radio for updates. Stay in your sheltered area until the time has expired for the warning.

Remember: WATCHES mean in time severe weather or tornadoes may develop. Be prepared to take shelter.

WARNINGS mean severe weather or tornadoes have been sighted in our area. You may be instructed to seek shelter immediately. If sirens sound, take cover.

We suggest purchasing a weather radio that will keep you advised of conditions.

Local radio stations may keep you updated as weather changes occur. Here are a few stations in our area:

Pontiac — WTRX FM 93.7, WPOK AM 1080, WJEZ FM 98.9

Morris — WJDK FM 95.7, WCSJ AM 1550

Dwight cable TV carries The Weather Channel on channel 28. It will carry local Doppler radar of our area if we are experiencing severe weather.

Remember, be prepared. Have a plan and be ready to take action. Tornadoes can occur in any month of the year, with Illinois averaging 25 per year.

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Since spring has sprung, the Village of Dwight would like to remind its residents of some of the basic rules that apply.

¥ It is unlawful for grass and weeds to be in excess of 6 inches tall. Failure to maintain proper height can result in a \$75 fine.

¥ Mowing grass onto village streets is prohibited and can result in a \$75 fine.

¥ All village parks are closed to the general public from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. with the following exceptions: All village parks are closed at 8 p.m. to any person under 21 years of age unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, or leaving Stevenson Pool or a village-sponsored event; and Lions Lake is open 24 hours to fishermen only.

¥ All animals and glass bottles are forbidden in the parks. Violations can result in a \$100 fine.

¥ Curfew for children 16 years and under is 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

¥ All animals must be leashed, and the village does have a pooper scooper law — you must clean up after your pet. Violations can result in a \$75 fine.

¥ Bicycle riding, rollerblading and skateboarding are prohibited on the sidewalks on East and West Main Streets. Rollerblading is also prohibited on Route 47 (Union Street), Route 17 (Mazon Avenue) and Old Route 66. All of the above modes of recreation must obey the traffic laws.

¥ Signs are prohibited to be affixed to telephone poles and traffic signs.

¥ No burning of leaves, yard waste or garbage is allowed in the village.

Grand Opening Held at New Cullom Community Market

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It's 20 miles to Pontiac, 14 miles to Chatsworth, 14 miles to Piper City — people are just tired of driving, Krause said.

So several citizens got talking about how a new store might be opened, and Cullom Mayor Marge Kross formed an ad hoc committee in April of last year to help plan the endeavor, Krause said.

We came up with the idea to offer shares for sale, Krause explained. Each share would be sold for \$100. We just put it out there to see what the interest was, and immediately, people were buying them up. He noted that many people bought 10 or even 30 shares.

In the end, 153 shareholders purchased \$115,000 worth of shares.

In June 2009, Cullom Community Market was incorporated. Krause said he and the others who sit on the market board were elected by the shareholders; other board members are Vice President Joyce Ommen, a former owner of Ommen Family Foods in the same location; Secretary Denise Hall; and directors Corey Turner and Ron Shapland.

After being empty for about a year, the building was purchased in July. Krause said the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council also provided a \$13,500 grant for half the price of the building.

That was kind of nice that a small town got a piece of the action, Krause said. We didn't even have to ask.

Renovations and building preparation lasted from July through November.

It needed a new furnace, new coolers, paint, a new floor and ceilings, and it needed new plumbing, Krause said. Combined, the cost of the building purchase and renovations cost \$57,000.

Next, \$30,000 was used to stock the store's shelves with a variety of grocery items, including fresh meats and

produce, and the Cullom Community Market opened its doors to customers the week before Thanksgiving.

We used the rest (of the money) for operating capital and to start paying the help, Krause said.

Two managers oversee the daily operation of the market — General Manager Patti Kelly and Meat Department Manager Lori Flessner. Krause said Flessner is a daughter of the Ommen family and ensures the Cullom Community Market carries the type of high-quality meat that was popular at the Ommen store.

The tradition's still there, Krause said. He said the meat department is the main draw of the store.

People come from all over to buy the fresh cut meat here.

Although the market is smaller than most other area grocery stores, it's got a little bit of everything, Krause said, noting that Cullom citizens no longer have to drive out of town after work to just pick up enough groceries to make dinner. In addition, if a customer wants to see a certain product or brand on the shelves, we're more than happy to order it and get it in for them, he said.

Krause said the store had held its own so far — It's paid all its own bills, he said, and we don't owe anybody anything. Considering the economy today, you could probably say it's doing really well.



CULLOM MAYOR MARGE KROSS addresses the crowd during the celebration.



THE GREATER LIVINGSTON COUNTY Economic Development Council and the Livingston County Board presented a \$13,500 grant to the Village of Cullom at the new Cullom Community Market's grand opening celebration Saturday, April 10. The grant pays for half the cost of purchasing the store building. Pictured left to right are Bill Fairfield and Vicki Allen of the Livingston County Board; Cullom Mayor Marge Kross; and Larry Vaupel and Mike Stoecklin of the GLCEDC.



MANY CULLOM RESIDENTS came out to the April 10 grand opening celebration at the Cullom Community Market.



STATE REP. SHANE CULTRA praises the village of Cullom for its American ingenuity at the April 10 grand opening of the Cullom Community Market. This is the heart and soul of America, Cultra said.

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Cute it Up with Common Sense

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anything in the ordinance book about the size and the height (of flowers), McNamara said. I would say use common sense.

The Cute Up Your Corner effort encourages all residents and businesses to plant yellow flowers in their yard, corner or storefront to show town unification.

McNamara recommended planting shorter plants on corners, and near stop signs and fire hydrants. Vining plants should not be planted near stop signs, he said, because in the past they've crept up the pole and covered the sign.

Flowers may be planted in the area of yards between sidewalks and roads. Although considered village right-of-way, homeowners pay taxes and maintain that area, McNamara said.

The lead organizer of the beautification effort, Jennifer Connor, recommends tulips in the spring, yellow lilies in the summer and yellow mums for Harvest Days.

Starting a garden in a grassy area of your yard is fairly simple, says Kris Spiezio, owner of Kris Krew Mowing and More.

She recommends tilling the area, taking out large grass clumps and then adding some topsoil to the area. The yard may not need topsoil depending on the quality of the dirt. If it's a clumpy clay area, it could use some topsoil, she said.

Then, plant away, she said.

In the spring, clear away the dead plant leaves, and underneath, the new growth should be poking through.

Need a karma booster? Cute up someone's corner for them — with permission, of course. Maybe you know someone who lives on a corner but isn't able to cute it up themselves. Perhaps you have a grandparent or horticulturally-challenged relative or friend. Do a good deed and offer to plant and maintain it for them.

Additionally, several public locations are still available for adoption by private citizens or organizations. Those locations include the Stevenson Pool entrance, Gothic church, a Renfrew Park entrance, Garret Park and Spencer Park on Washington Street at South Street.

To adopt a public location or for more information, call Connor at 584-0399.

Saunemin UMC Takes Fifth Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

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During the trip, volunteers also had time to meet with Greg and Linda Palumbo of Lake Charles. The group had worked on the Palumbos' home last year. Lowe said the volunteers always try to keep in touch with the families whose houses they repair.

It helps them, but it really helps us, too. We get more out of the trips that way, he said.

Once again this year, St. Luke Simpson UMC of Lake Charles graciously housed the team. Volunteers slept on cots and mattresses in classrooms at the church. Rev. Becky Henson Love served as cook for the group. UMCOR's Response Center in Lake Charles coordinated the housing and work

assignments for the team.

Lowe said there is still much work to be done in the hurricane-affected areas, even though the damage was done several years ago.

In just the Lake Charles area, though the UMCOR Response Center, there are still 180 homes that haven't even been started on yet, he said. He noted that other groups had already done some work on the same houses mended on this trip. Lowe said that although hurricane devastation is no longer obvious when driving through towns in the area, these houses we're working on are kind of off the beaten path.

He said the homeowners are extremely appreciative of the help, and usually overcome with emotion.

Volunteers who participated in the trip ranged from age 12 to retirees, Lowe said. This year's group of 21 brings the total number of volunteers from the five Saunemin UMC trips to 92. They have donated more than 3,000 work hours to aid in the recovery of Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi and Hurricane Rita in Louisiana.

As always, you get a lot more out of it than you put

into it, Lowe said.

In October, Lowe said, Saunemin UMC will begin organizing another mission trip, which may be to the same area.

As long as there's a need, we plan to go back, he said.

If your church or group is interested in hearing more about the trips, contact Dave Lowe at 815-832-4960.



IN A MOMENT OF EMOTION, homeowner Vicky Brooks of Merryville, La., is consoled by former Saunemin United Methodist pastor Rev. Pinckney Love during a recent hurricane relief church mission trip, when Brooks' home was repaired.



JESSICA HAHN, left, and Bob Bradford, right, work together to repair the hurricane-damaged home of Vicky Brooks during a recent mission trip to Louisiana. Terry Lighty is pictured in the background. All three volunteers are members of Saunemin United Methodist Church.

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GARDNER AREA GIRL SCOUTS participated in a Powder Puff Derby March 14. Pictured left to right are, front row: Melissa, Ashley, Abigail, Avery, Annika and Windi; middle row: Alyssa, Shelby P., Shelby S. Jordan, Kimberly, Savannah, Alexis and Rylee; back row: Bree, Gabrielle, Holly, Caroline, Emily, Rebecca, Destiny, Marissa and Sarah.

Area Girl Scouts Compete in Powder Puff Derby Race

Girl Scouts from Troop 224, Troop 304 and Troop 194 held their annual

Powder Puff Derby at the American Legion in Gardner on March 14. The Girl

Scouts designed and painted their own derby cars and showed good sportsmanship.

The Best Design car winners were Melissa (Daisy), Kimberly (Brownie), Sarah (Junior) and Rebecca (Cadette).

For Daisy Girl Scouts, Avery finished in first place, Abigail in second and Windi in third. In the Brownie division, Rylee took first place, Kimberly was second and

Shelby P. took third. In Junior Girl Scouts, Destiny finished in first place, Holly in second and Marissa in third. At the Cadette level, Gabrielle had a first-place finish, Caroline placed second and Emily came in third.

The overall Girl Scout Champion was Avery, who is a Daisy.

Every Girl Scout received a trophy and a Powder Puff Derby patch.

Mary Todd Lincoln Visits Alpha Beta Chapter

by Carol Hughes, Roanoke

On March 27, the Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Elks Country Club in Pontiac.

The highlight of the meeting was the visit of Mary Todd Lincoln, who was dressed in authentic 1860s clothing and shared her life story.

When Mary and Abraham Lincoln were to be married on November 4, 1842, she told her family, His heart is as large as his arms are long. Mary died in 1882 at the age of 64.

Jane Lawder of Beta Chapter in Springfield has thoroughly researched Mary Todd Lincoln and has been performing this role for more than 15 years.

Twelve members will be attending the Lambda State Convention to be held at the Hilton in Springfield on April 23-25, where they will be involved with celebrating the 75th anniversary of Illinois becoming a part of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society in 1935.

Two members have earned special recognition.

Karen Harms of Fairbury, Professional Affairs, reported that two Wal-Mart gift cards for \$20 were sent to our last year's Alpha Beta Recruitment Grant winners, Mary Kallas and Paige Nelson, both of Dwight. At the May meeting, Karen will present the two young women who have been selected to receive the 2010 Recruitment Grants of \$200 each.

The chapter finalized the officers for the upcoming 2010-12 biennium. They

include: Ann Hoke (Forrest), president; Connie Rich (Fairbury), first vice president; Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal), second vice president, Suzanne Coons (Dana) and Janet Whittington (Roanoke), co-recording secretaries; Marylee Harms (Fairbury), corresponding secretary, and Janet Kilgus (Fairbury), treasurer.

Carol Hoffman of Fairbury suggested our making rose corsages to be sold at the Art Mart at convention. Funds realized from the sale support the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award of \$2,000 given to an outstanding college woman who is majoring in an area of the arts.

Lou Ann Jacobs and Sara Kaufman (Eureka), Legislation Committee, discussed the recent SB 1946 passed by the Illinois House and Senate, which will establish a two-tier pension system. Retirement of future teachers will be negatively affected by this new system. Concern was also expressed for the 20,000 teachers in our state who will be losing their jobs for next year.

Alpha Beta's next meeting will be held at the Flame Restaurant in Metamora on Tuesday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m. The program will focus on Sue Schoenherr's Guatemala Work Trip.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an honor society that promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. For more information, visit the website at www.deltakappagamma.net or call Carol Hughes at 309-923-7370.

Cullom Legion Junior Auxiliary Makes Plans for Conference

The American Legion Junior Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit #122 of Cullom met Sunday, March 14, at the Legion Post Home.

Vice President Bailee Osborn called the meeting to order. Chaplain Ali Flessner gave the opening prayer, Gabby Spangler led the pledge and Bailee Osborn led all in reciting the Preamble.

Secretary Lauren Ehlers read the January minutes. They were approved with one correction. Bailee Osborn gave the treasurer's report.

Alexis Waller gave roll call showing five officers and one member, three leaders and one senior present.

There was no old business.

In new business, the Department Junior Conference in Lisle will be April 17 and 18. Attending will be Lauren Ehlers, Bailee Osborn, Gabby Spangler, Alexis Waller, Ali Flessner, Gracie Metz and Atlanta, and possibly Ashton Melton. Adults attending will be Marcia Stalter, Kim Harms, Susan Spangler, Diane Shapland and Judy Ehlers. The group will leave Friday after school.

The District 17 Junior Conference was Sunday, April 11 in Cullom.

Chaplain Flessner gave the closing prayer. Acting President Osborn closed the meeting. Kim Harms served snacks. Ali Flessner is in charge of snacks for May.

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Max out on your Roth IRA. If you qualify for a Roth IRA, try to fully fund it every year. Your earnings grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't take withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2. And now, it's easier to convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Under previous rules, you could only convert if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) was \$100,000 or less. But starting this year, you can convert funds to a Roth IRA even if your MAGI is over \$100,000. And if you convert in 2010, you can report the taxable income from the conversion over a two-year period, in 2011 and 2012.

Distribute assets between taxable and retirement accounts. You'll want to look at all your investments as a whole to determine if they're working together to help you achieve your goals. But in considering ways to control investment taxes, you may also find it useful to look at two separate categories: your tax-deferred retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k), and your taxable accounts, which hold all the investments not in your retirement accounts. As a (very) general rule, you might want to put income-producing securities, such as taxable bonds, into your tax-deferred retirement accounts. When you ultimately take out this money, presumably at retirement, your withdrawals will be taxed at your income tax rate, but by then, you may be in a lower tax bracket. Conversely, you may want to put growth-oriented securities, such as stocks, in your taxable account; as long as you hold these assets at least a year, you'll only have to pay the long-term capital gains rate, which is currently 15 percent if you're in one of the top three tax brackets. (This rate may soon rise, however.)

Sell your losers throughout the year. If you own investments that have lost value and that you don't need to keep for other reasons (such as portfolio balance), consider selling them throughout the year. Your losses can offset any capital gains you might have achieved; if you don't have any gains, the losses can offset up to \$3,000 of your regular income. Plus, any losses that you don't use in a given year can be carried forward indefinitely for use against future capital gains.

Before embarking on any of these strategies, consult with your tax advisor. Every tax-smart move may not be appropriate for your individual situation. But if you're concerned about the impact of investment taxes, it can certainly pay to explore all your options.

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DWIGHT GRADE SCHOOL held a spelling bee for fourth- and fifth-grade students. Sixth fourth-grade and six fifth-grade students vied for the first-place trophy and a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Spelling bee finalists received medals for reaching the school-wide bee. After 10 rounds, Hayden Tjelle finished in first place by spelling the word chinchilla. Bailey Tankersley finished in second place. Finalists pictured left to right are, kneeling: Hunter Esposito, Trevor Heddins, Brooke Bossert, Taylor Anderson, Bailey Tankersley, Blake Graham; standing: Ashley Burkhardt, Megan Van Amburgh, Konnor Dyer, Hayden Tjelle, Nick Jennings and Dakota Harris.



HAYDEN TJELLE holds his first-place DGS spelling bee trophy. He won the March 31 bee, correctly spelling the word chinchilla.



PRIZE WINNERS in the April 2 Easter egg hunt at Heritage Manor Nursing Home, Dwight, were (left to right): Avery Kinnamon, Mia Buck, Jameson Jury and Natalie McCloskey. There was one prize-winning egg in each age category; each winner received a toy.

Gardner All-Town Garage Sale Dates Set

Gardner all-town garage sales will be Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12. More details will follow in upcoming issues of *The Paper*.

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Apr. 17: Benefit Circle Jam, Godley Park District Rec. Hall, 5-9 p.m.

Apr. 18: St. Paul Booster Club Chicken Dinner, Rentz's, Odell, 3-7 p.m.

Apr. 19: Relay for Life fund-raiser, Curves, Pontiac, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Apr. 24: South Wilmington All-Town Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Apr. 24: Grapevine Mission Banquet and Auction, Morris VFW, 5 p.m.

Apr. 30: Dwight All-Town Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 1-2: Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor Festival

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May 7: Cullom-Kempton Townwide Garage Sales, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

May 8: Cullom-Kempton Townwide Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 11-12: Gardner All-Town Garage Sales

June 26: Golf 'Fore' St. Paul Grade School, Wolf Creek, Cayuga

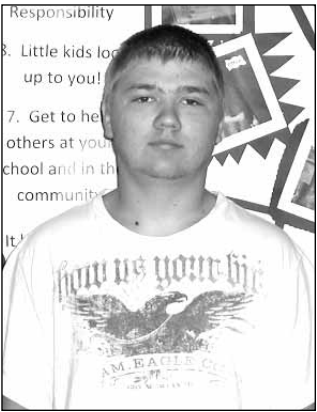
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RICK AND LISA STEVENSON of Dwight were the winners of the \$5,000 grand prize at the Dwight Sports Booster Bash held Saturday, March 27, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Pictured left to right are Master of Ceremonies Mike Tambling, Hostess Pam Vigna, winner Rick Stevenson, Hostess Jill Murphy and Master of Ceremonies Roger Murphy.



DJ Werkmiester
GSW HS Student Spotlight
DJ Werkmiester is this week's Gardner South Wilmington High School student of the week.

Principal Spiezio said, DJ has improved his attendance, his grades and his attitude. He is polite and always lends a helping hand to those in need. He works hard at Work Study, working in the roofing business. He drives a race car and competes at the Grundy County Speedway. He has won numerous awards for his racing ability. Keep up the good work, DJ.

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	Heavy Material Concrete, dirt, large automotive parts
	Miscellaneous Items Tires, wood, large amounts of building and construction debris

Wind Energy Presentation Tonight

Reddick Town & Country 4-H Club will meet tonight, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the Reddick United Methodist Church and will host an informational presentation on wind energy.

Doug Jones from Horizon Wind will be the guest speaker at the monthly 4-H meeting. He will talk about the many wind turbines in the area.

The public is invited to attend.



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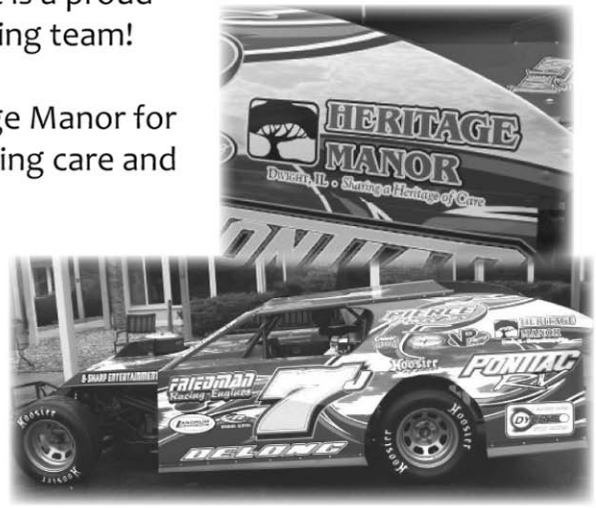
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Ashley and Keelan Amelianovich
Ashley Patten and Keelan Amelianovich Wed Sept. 5, 2009

Ashley Patten of Dwight and Keelan Amelianovich of Naperville were married September 5, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at Evelyn Chapel on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington. Rev. Brian Wood officiated.

Parents of the bride are Joel and Barb Patten of Dwight. Parents of the groom are Tony and Cindy Amelianovich of Naperville.

Maid of honor was Abbey Patten of Chicago, formerly of Dwight. Bridesmaids were Coli Smith of Downers Grove, formerly of South Wilmington; Erin Daniels of Arlington Heights, formerly of Dwight; AJ Schilsky of Arlington Heights; Heather (Pierce) Collett of Knoxville, Tenn., formerly of Dwight; and Adri Amelianovich of Naperville.

Best men were Brice Amelianovich of Naperville and Adam Daukas of Flossmoor. Groomsmen were John Pugliese of Los Angeles, Calif.; Dan Oberlin of Naperville; Dave Fox of New York, NY; and Ross Straseske of Chicago.

Ushers were Jim Lehan of Geneva and Paul Scheuer of Myrtle Beach, SC, formerly of Dwight.

Ring bearers were Kaden and Jarett Brunson of Marshall, Wis., cousins of the bride.

Grandparents in attendance were Wallace and Lorraine Patten, paternal

grandparents of the bride; Jannett Tock, maternal grandmother of the bride; and Rachel Amelianovich, paternal grandmother of the groom.

Reader was John Whalen, uncle and godfather of the bride, who read from the Bible, 1 John 4:7-12 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-18.

The bride wore a satin, strapless, A-line gown with a chiffon overlay.

The bride carried a bouquet of a dozen red roses, while the bridesmaids each carried a small clutch of three red roses. The men's boutonnieres consisted of one red rose.

A reception was held at the Pontiac Elks Country Club, Pontiac.

The couple honeymooned at Couples Negril resort, Negril, Jamaica. While there, Keelan and Ashley ran the Reggae Half Marathon.

The bride earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2005 and her Master of Arts in teaching from Olivet Nazarene University in 2010. She is employed as an English teacher.

The groom earned his Bachelor of Arts in accounting from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2006. He is employed as an accountant.

The couple resides in Evanston.



Parnell and Betty Ann Kennedy
Parnell and Betty Ann Kennedy to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Parnell and Betty Ann Kennedy of Odell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner April 24.

Parnell Kennedy and Betty Ann Bashore were married April 23, 1960 at St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell. Their attendants were Mary Landstrom and Jim Kennedy.

They are the parents of Bob (Steph) of Pontiac; Don (Teri) of Dwight; and Steve (Erin) of Bloomington. They also have eight grandchildren.

He retired in 2004 from his position as maintenance supervisor for Livingston County, and she is a housewife and retired beautician.

Stephanie Ridings Engaged to Brandon Ferguson

Jim and Janet Ridings of Herscher and Larry Jr. and Kathleen Ferguson of Dwight announce the engagement of Stephanie Ridings to Brandon Ferguson, both of Chicago.

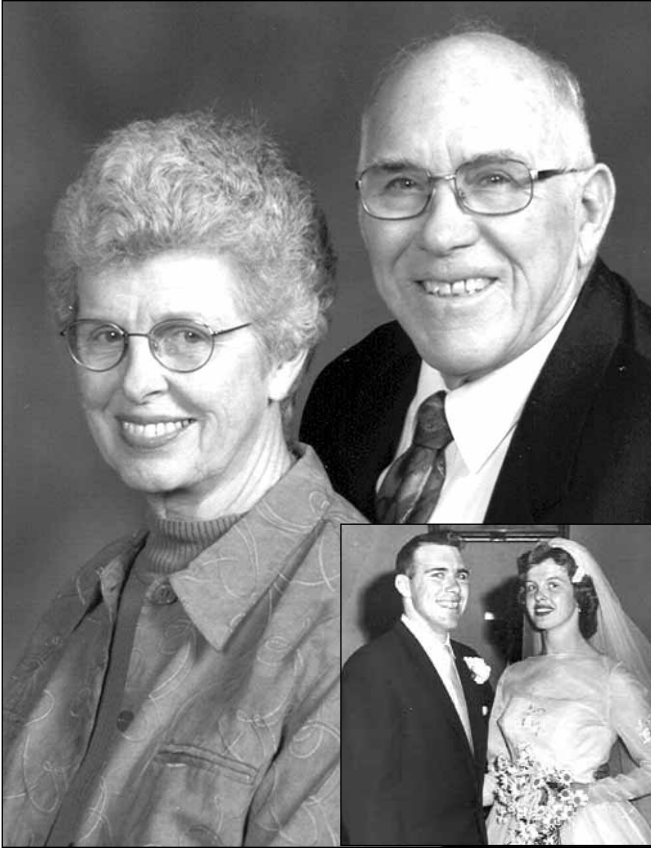
A fall wedding is planned in Florida.

Stephanie graduated from Herscher High School in 2001 and from Illinois State University in 2005 with a degree in finance. She is currently employed at Northern Trust as a portfolio manager.

Brandon graduated from Dwight Township High School in 2001 and from Illinois Wesleyan University



Brandon Ferguson and Stephanie Ridings in 2005 with a double major in business administration and psychology. He is currently employed at Northern Trust as a fixed income portfolio manager.



Eleanor and David Bossert
David and Eleanor Bossert to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

David and Eleanor Bossert of Dwight are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

David Bossert and Eleanor Masters were married April 24, 1960, at the Methodist church in Rockbridge. Their attendants were Ralph Bossert and Arlene Tuttle Webb.

They are the parents of Paul of Albuquerque, New

Mexico; Dan of Dwight; Dean (Denean) of Port Arthur, Texas; John (Maureen) of New Berlin; and Anne (Michael Allison) of Fort Collins, Colorado.

They have eight grandchildren: Jordan, Brittan, Caden, Elora, Dane, Ivan, Quinn and Brooke Bossert.

They are retired from farming.

Educator and Coach to Speak in Gardner

Ken Miller of Coal City, a member of the Methodist church in Coal City, will be the guest speaker at United Lutheran Church, Gardner, on Sunday, April 18, at 10 a.m.

Miller is a well-known educator and coach in the Coal City area. Over the years, he has presented his message to a number of area churches.

The community is invited, as well as students from the area.



Gardner Fire Department and EMS Calls

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Wed., April 7: Medical, Depot St.

Sun., April 11: Medical, Grundy.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 09-CH-109
ROBERT ZENISEK, CITY OF)
PONTIAC, and unknown owners and)
non-record claimants,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgement of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, Attorney at Law, Strufe & McClarey, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The legal description is as follows:
Lot 3 in Block 2 in Owen's Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois
PIN: 15-23-327-004

C. The commonly address is: 916 E. Madison St., Pontiac, IL 61764

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: one story frame house, full basement, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom.

E. The date, time and place of the sale are: May 11, 2010 at 10:30 A.M., first floor of the Livingston County Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

F. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

G. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

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**New Life Assembly of God Church
Celebrates 25th Anniversary of the Church's Founding**
Family Fun Day Held Saturday, April 10



COUSINS JACOB AND HAYLEE ride as Madilynn leads Bunny the pony Saturday, at New Life Assembly of God Church's Family Fun Day. The event celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church's founding.



ELLA SANDENO of Dwight jumps in a bounce house at the Church's Family Fun Day.



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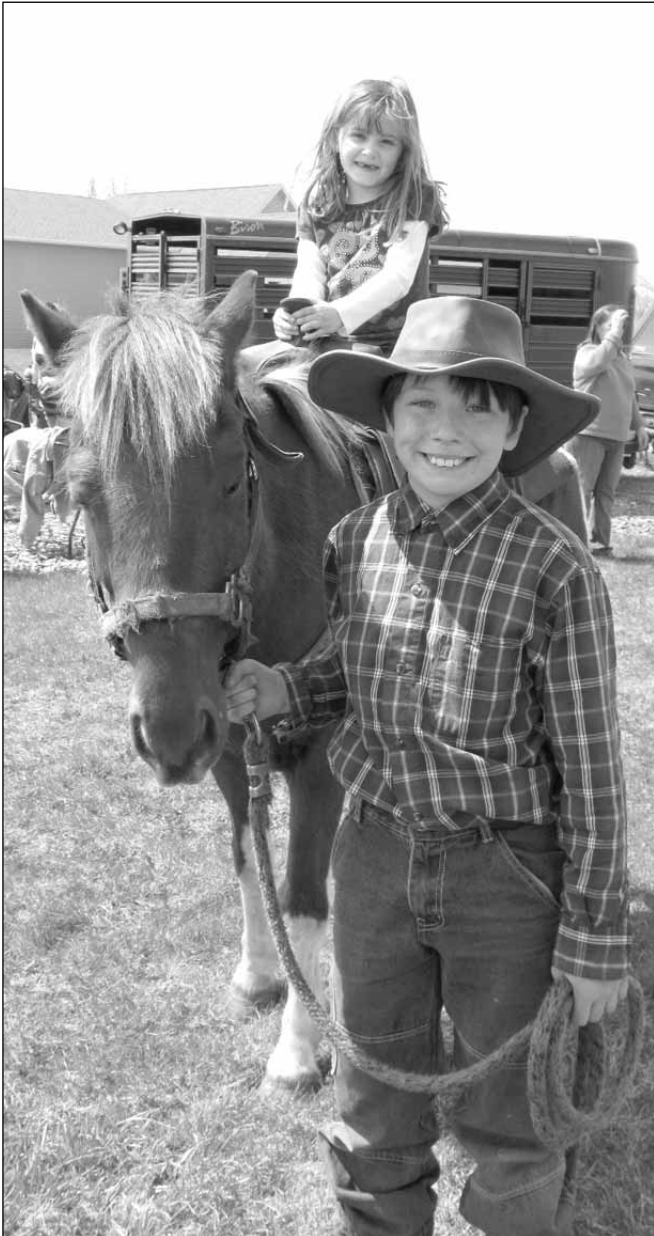
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STEPHEN GRAEFEN of Dwight leads his pony, Indian, as Colsie Conner rides during the Family Fun Day held April 10 at New Life Assembly of God, Dwight, in celebration of the church's 25th anniversary.

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**Gardner Grade School
Kindergarten Pre-registration**

Pre-registration for Gardner Grade School kindergarten will take place Wednesday, April 28, from 2 to 7 p.m. at GGS. There will be a 10 percent discount on the registration fee this day only. The State of Illinois requires a student to be five years of age on or before September 1, 2010 and be a resident of the Gardner Grade School district to be eligible for kindergarten. Bring a birth certificate and two proofs of residency. The State of Illinois Health Examination Law requires all students entering kindergarten to have a health examination, a record of immunizations, eye exam and dental examination by the time of registration in August. If you have any questions, call the office at 815-237-2313.

**S. Wilmington
Garage Sales
to be April 24**

The South Wilmington all-town garage sales will be Saturday, April 24, beginning at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served at the South Wilmington United Methodist Church. The menu includes barbecue, hot dogs, chips, dessert, lemonade and coffee. There will also be a bake sale at the church, and garage sale maps will be available there. For more information, call Kristen, 815-252-7947.



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Grade 7: Blake Banks, John Carter, Ryan Gaston, Victoria Goley, Drew Jensen, Christopher Peck, Owen Pulver, Grace Twagilimana, Jayne Tyler
Grade 8: Sklyer Kern, Demi Krug, Nicole Murphy
3.86 - 3.59 GPA
Grade 6: Leutrim Asllani, Brandon Brandt, Connor Gantzert, Madeleine Gartke, Amanda Gregurich, Harrison Heinrich, Haley Holzwarth, Tarahrae Lowry, Sage Ozment-Herr, Nicholas Pampinella, Magaly Rangel, Molly Rodosky, Zachary Ryan, Matthew Schlieper, Austen Tankersley
Grade 7: Ryan Beier, Caleb Boma, Shannon Cain, Tara Ceylor, Megan Charlton, Devin Connolly, Colton Fieldman, Brittany Hillyer, Hayleigh Knott, Kapri Krople, Jasmine Lyons, Jordan Partney, Owen Pulver, Katelyn Schultz, Bailey Zeedyk
Grade 8: Mjellma Asllani, Hannah Baker, Keegan Bedeker, Jessica Butterfield, Amber Curl, Ryan Folkers, Andrew Froelich, Rebecca Holmes, Karsen Kopmann, Summer Schuler, Beverly Shumaker, Emily Soto, Brandon VanAmburgh
3.45 - 3.00 GPA
Grade 6: Anthony Bartosik, Shanna Carman, Kelsey Christensen, Daniel Colclasure, Kyle Deterding, Elexia Hauert, Kaylee Irvin, Sierra Kline, Lyndey Krug, Dezirae Leonard, Renee Lewis, Courtney Light, Blaine Livingston, Conor Livingston, Kaitlyn Ludvigsen, Joseph Mosier, Kady Olson, Gabriella Ramirez, Anna Richardson, Paige Smith, Ethan Stewart, Skylar Thompson, Jordyn Tilley, Kurdtis Waldron, Alan Western
Grade 7: Brendita Ahmedi, Elizabeth Beyer, Dylan Cain, Payton Christensen, Tyson Christoff, Jacob Esposito, Russell Ferguson, Lilianna Ferrari, Daniel Fromherz, Seth Galloway, Sklyer Gamble, Austin Gordon, Rachel Gschwendtner, Sarah Hanson, Alexander Harris, Katherine Hogan, Collin Irvin, James Larson, Alicia Moyemont, Miranda Page, Jayson Powell, Haven Sciacca, Ellie Shaw, Jenna Stevenson
Grade 8: Amanda Boys, Janessa Carman, Kathryn Castillo, Kevin Ely, Abigail Groves, Donald Harvey, Kitrina Hayner, Jennifer Kuta, Cody Mahoney, Trevor Morris, Bryce Mortensen, Amanda Richardson, August Rieke, Savannah Schuler, Jacob Snyder, Hannah Trainor, Danielle Young

Tri-Point High School 3rd Term Honor Roll 2009-2010

4.00 CLUB AND ABOVE
Seniors: Jessica Juergens, Kaitlyn Krause, Katie Kurtenbach, Tyler Loschen, Jana Meister, Timothy O Neal, Hope Webster
Juniors: Devin Liu, Brooke McInerney, Sabrina Wallrich
Sophomores: Tanya Ifft
Freshmen: Lindsey Bertrand, Joshua Davis, Kenzie Krause, Amy Loschen, Zachary Watts

HIGH HONORS

Seniors: Naomi Cooper, Tessa Deany, Edward Ehrhardt, Alicia Giacometti, Amanda Hoogstraat, Michael Johnson, Sheena Kemnetz, Leah Metz, Jennifer Weller, Larissa Zalite
Juniors: Lauren Bertrand, Zachary Ehlers, Shawn Kinkade, Andrew Wilkerson, Hayden Wilson
Sophomores: Krystal Brown, Dylan Juergens, Lacey King
Freshmen: Sabrina Cox, Claire Fink, Chase Fontinel, Emily Holle, Emily Jehle, Taylor Roach, Jordan Tharp, Scarlett Winters

HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Gabrielle Blake, Jaryn Burns, Rebekah Foltz, Hannah Hoffman, Jeff Meister, Jared Moritz
Juniors: Kristofer Manhart, Bryan Stamm, Jacob Thompson
Sophomores: Steven Langer, Matthew Mogged
Freshmen: Ryan Deford, Gerald Fecke, Kadesia Hamilton, Nathan Hoffman, Kylie Janssen, Rachael Kerrins, Hayley Manhart



BROOKE HAAG, left, and Kenzie Krause, right, each received third place at the District level of the 17th District American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois 2010 Essay Contest, Safeguarding of our Liberties. The girls represented the American Legion Auxiliary of Skinner Trost Unit 122 of Cullom. Haag, a student at Tri-Point Junior High, Piper City, competed in Class I (eighth grade); Krause, a student at Tri-Point High School, Cullom, competed in Class II (ninth-tenth grades).

Dwight Historical Society to Learn About Coal Mining

The Dwight Historical Society will meet Monday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at the Depot. Following a short business meeting, Dick Joyce of Coal City will present a program about Northern Illinois coal mining. The public is invited to attend. Joyce taught history and consumer science for more than 30 years at Wilmington High School. He currently serves on the Grundy County Board. His interest in coal mining began when he researched the topic for a graduate course at Illinois State University. Since then, he's given many programs on the subject for different groups. He is the descendant of coal miners on both sides of his family and is the cousin of Dwight Historical Society member Patti Drechsel.

Dwight Township High School —3rd Quarter 2009-2010

HONOR ROLL 1
4.0 - 3.5 GPA
***Denotes 4.0 GPA**
Grade 9: *Joseph Banks, Alyssa Brownlee, Lisa Bruner, Brayden Cain, Chloe Cockerham, *Regina Dawson, *Elizabeth Eggenberger, *Haley Hansen, *Eleanor Heinrich, Amanda Holmes, Nicole Huffman, Megan Jensen, Lindsay Kaiser, Kiefer Kious, Ryan Kodat, Sklyar Krople, *Mary McClarey, Kacy Murphy, *Elisabeth Myzia, David Reamer, Denise Sanders
Grade 10: Ashley Amanti, Kiley Colebank, Aidan Connolly, Tori Cumming, Gabrielle Davis, Claire Elsey, Annaleah Emm, Alec Frazier, Amy Froelich, Thomas Gallois, Patrick Gliwa, Matthew Hooker, Christopher Leonard, Desarae Morales, Christopher Rieke, Brooke Sassenger, Steven Shumaker, *Jacob Thomas, Benjamin Trainor, Quinn Trewartha
Grade 11: Samantha Berryhill, Danielle Branz, John Broeksmit, Rebecca Cain, Lucas Fink, Haley Gaston, Austin Haacke, Daniel Hansen, Allie Hogan, Erin Hogan, Jashar Kongjeli, Jasmine Lemke, Grace Masching, Lindie McCarthy, Alison McKinsey, Jillian Murphy, Mallorie Rosales, Samantha Rybacki, Sarah Stewart, Donna Tyler, Calbert Vigna, Natasha Zacek
Grade 12: *Cameron Anderson, Amanda Baylie, Shea Connolly, *Karly Feddersen, Taylor Gettinger, *Ashley Gretencord, Bradley Gschwendtner, Melissa Gschwendtner, *Michael Halloran, *Dillon Harris, *Kolby Hoffman, Nolan Hoffman, *Geraldine Holmes, *Ryan Kaiser, Jason Karstens, *Donald McClarey, Melissa Milbauer, *Michael Muzyka, Nicole Rosales, Alicia Runyon, *Kristen Sanders, Kyle Seanard, *Stephany Small, *Chaney Tambling, *Katharine Tock, Monica Zaval
HONOR ROLL 2
3.49 - 3.00 GPA
Grade 9: Annie Cahill, Ryley Christoff, Chloe Cockerham, Austin Gantzert, Lane Hoffman, Blake Huseman, Steven Mann, Adrienne Marek, Clay McCormick, Jacob Wardell
Grade 10: Brian Anderson, Sarah Beier, Courtney Bissey, Aaron Boma, Richard Boys, Christopher Brady, Sarah Butterfield, Tyler Enerson, Alycia Ferrari, Stephanie Fisher, Brady Foose, Maddison Freeman, Erin Gaston, Tori Grzincic, Kasey Heddings, Jessica Hines, Troy Hogan, Tyler Hogan, Joshua Law, Megan Mantia, Tiffany Mascolo, Kevin Oelschlager, Samuel Perschnick, Raegen Riccolo, Amber Richardson, Madelyne Rodosky, Shana Schell
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Grade 12: Douglas Black, Kristina Bulian, John Encinia, Amanda Fromherz, Jon-Paul Gallois, Blair Goley, Austin Holland, Sidney Krople, Gracyn Leskanich, Cole Libby, Remington Riccolo, Travis Roeder, Katherine Sanders, Ryan Struppa, Benjamin Western, Arianna Westrick, Trenton Wiles, Casey Wyllie

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Local Agents Discuss Ups and Downs of Real Estate Market

by Meta Machulis
Sales are picking up. That's the good news in the real estate market for Dwight and the surrounding area, according to Mike Vigna, an owner and broker at Vigna Real Estate, Dwight.

The bad news is that in the Livingston-Grundy area, we're looking at sales prices 15 to 20 percent below the high in 2006 and 2007, Vigna said. He noted that while people are showing more interest in lower-priced homes, higher-priced properties are still slow to sell.

And with the economy still in a poor state, foreclosures are common to find and popular buys among those with limited budgets.

There is always an interest in foreclosures, Vigna said, noting that the downside to purchasing a foreclosure is the risk of having no guarantees and no one standing behind the sale.

Mary Anderson, an agent with Re/Max Realty of Joliet who works in the Dwight and surrounding areas, added, We still have a lot of foreclosures, and because so many people are unemployed, it's hard to get a loan. She said banks have become more stringent with their loan policies recently.

On the other hand, banks are loosening policies when it comes to foreclosures, said Bill Sole of Sancken-Sole Realty, Dwight.

(Foreclosures) are interfering, in my opinion, with regards to the regular home seller, he said.

On the upside, Vigna said that interest rates are good now. He said, People have

to look forward to the future. There's always opportunities out there if you look for them.

Sole agreed. We see a slight tick in the interest rates going up, he said, adding, Our firm sees a brighter future. We do see an increase in sales. We also see an increase in negotiations from both the buyer and the seller.

All three real estate agents said federal government's new home buyer tax credit, designed to boost the real estate market, seems to have helped the market to some degree.

It has brought out a lot of first-time homebuyers, and it's said that it's going to be ending soon, Anderson said.

Sole explained that in order to take advantage of the tax credit, new home buyers have to have a contract signed by April 30, and it has to be financed by June 30. The same dates apply, he said, for the \$6,500 tax credit for repeat home buyers.

Vigna said the most important issues for buyers are price, interest rates and property taxes. In the Livingston County area, he said, the biggest roadblock is that we do have high property taxes, and that does hurt us.

Anderson said her clients are very interested in what the community has to offer them. She expressed her belief that the housing market in Dwight suffers due to a lack of activities for both adults and children, such as shopping and entertainment.

However, she said,



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Everyone is different in what they seek in a home or community.

And Sole took a different perspective on Dwight, saying, We are in a great small community with a lot of good things happening. He believes the new windfarms as well as Love's truck stop, set to be built near Atty's on Route 47, will bring growth to Dwight and prompt the building of new homes.

He said the things his clients look for in a community are a great school system and public services.

Within a home, it seems there is one area where buyers are willing to splurge a little: the kitchen. Anderson said people are interested in larger kitchens and making them upscale with granite countertops, high-end appliances and stainless steel.

Energy-efficiency is also important in the housing market, and green technologies are becoming increasingly popular. Regarding such technology, Vigna said,

People are interested if it is an affordable system and if it will ensure benefits in the future.

Anderson said most people head to the web first when house-hunting.

Ninety-some percent of people start their search on the Internet, she said. She believes it is a great tool because you have such a wide area and narrow down the search yourself. Many of Anderson's home showings begin with people who find listings themselves online and provide her with a page of homes they'd like to

see, she said. Vigna's biggest advice for potential home buyers is to have your homework done ahead of time. He said this includes talking to lenders and working with a good real estate agent.

Sole said buyers must think ahead when house-hunting, asking, How long are you going to expect to live in the home? and checking whether there are extra bedrooms or space to build on to a home in case the family size increases. He said his firm goes through a list of such questions when speaking with potential buyers.

I highly recommend contacting a Realtor, he said. They've been through a lot of courses to help both the buyer and the seller. He recommended Realtor.com as a resource for those buying or selling a home.

Anderson agreed that you need to gather up as much info as you can, including hiring a reliable home inspector, understanding your mortgage and even hiring an attorney to make sure all transactions are legally sound. She added,

Rely on your family and friends, because they know a lot — especially your parents. They've been through it before. And with things beginning to look up, Vigna said those wanting to sell their homes must stay encouraged.

Yes, prices are down a little bit, but people are buying now, he said. It will move — it just takes time.

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OBITUARIES

Bobbie Jo BJ Earling Sr.

REDDICK — Bobbie Jo BJ Earling Sr., 60, of Reddick passed away suddenly April 7, 2010, in Madison, Wis.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 10, at 3 p.m. at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, with visitation for three hours preceding services. Rev. George Hendricks officiated.

Cremation rites were accorded following services. Inurnment will be private at a later date.

BJ was born June 17, 1949 in Joliet to John and Zola Stoddard Earling. He was a retired salesman. He enjoyed helping his sons with their trucking business.

Surviving are his wife, Diana Hanson Earling, whom he married January 14, 1968, in

Manteno; two sons, Christopher (Kim) Earling Sr. of Braidwood and Bobbie (Tammy) Earling Jr. of Wilmington; two daughters, Carrie (Samuel) Thomas and Terrie (Mike) Joslin, both of Braidwood; six grandchildren: Michael, Breanna, Christopher, Amanda, Samantha and Elizabeth; three brothers: John (Carol) Earling of Custer Park; Bill (Alice) Earling of Morris; and Steve (Bonnie) Earling of Bradley; one sister, Joanne (Ron) Ruggerberg of Davenport, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Ruth Anne Lowery and Betty Jo Earling.

Mary Catherine Sullivan

ODELL — Mary Catherine Sullivan, 92, of Odell died at 7:25 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 2010 at ASTA Care Center, Pontiac.

A Mass will be said today, Wednesday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Paul Catholic Church, Odell. Father Peter Pilon will officiate.

Visitation was Tuesday from 4 until 8 p.m. at Duffy Funeral Home, Odell. A scripture reading was at 7:45 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, Odell.

She was born November 12, 1917 in Waseca, Minnesota, the daughter of M. Leo and Loretta Savage Murphy. She married Michael F. Sullivan on January 28, 1942 at St. Bernard's in Sunbury. Her husband died August 8, 1975.

Surviving are sons: Michael J. (Nancy) Sullivan of St. Louis, Missouri and Martin J. Sullivan of Blackstone; a daughter, Therese (Michael) Nussbaum of Bloomington; one brother, Edmond (Eloise) Murphy of Dwight; and a sister-in-law, Helen Murphy of Odell.



Eight grandchildren also survive: Tim, Dan, Brian and Maureen Sullivan; Mike and Molly Sullivan; and Elaine and John Nussbaum.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; brothers: Frank, James, John, Leo C. and Paul Murphy; one sister, Margaret Czerpa; and one daughter-in-law, Kate Sullivan.

Mrs. Sullivan was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Odell; the Altar and Rosary Society, Catholic Daughters, Livingston County Retired Teachers, and was a lifetime member of Illinois Retired Teachers.

She had been a school teacher for 35 years, teaching in rural Farmer City schools and Livingston County, spending nine years at Esmen School and 19 years in Odell Grade School.

Mary attended St. Paul High School and was a 1935 graduate of Moore Township High School in Farmer City. She received her Bachelors degree in teaching from Illinois State University.

The family suggests all memorials be made to St. Paul Grade School or for Masses.

Online condolences may be made at duffyfuneralhome.com

Ava Marie Hefner

ESSEX — Ava Marie Hefner, 75, of Essex passed away Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born July 6, 1934 in Rogersville, Tennessee to Arthur and Bessie Gillam Mitchell.

Ava enjoyed puzzle books and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, James Red Hefner of Essex, to whom she was married November 15, 1955 in Morristown, Tennessee; three daughters:



Barbara Smothers of Essex; Rebecca Ledbetter of West Frankfort; and Linda Sue (Bill) Kendrix of Oklahoma; one son, James L. (Sandra) Hefner of Essex; grandchildren: Jodi (Dave) Decker, Kevin Hefner, Scott Hefner, Larry Mezo, Chris, Matthew, Tyna and Stacy Goldsberry; eleven great-grandchildren: Angel and Skylar, Jacob and Hannah, Dennis III, Evelyn Nicole, Bradley, Katelynn, Christian, Sydney and Ryan; three brothers and two sisters.

Preceding her in death were two sisters, Martha Jones, and one in infancy.

Arrangements were by R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood.

Harold A. Rocky Warmbir

HERSCHER — Harold A. Rocky Warmbir, 93, of Herscher passed away at Alvena Gardens of Waterford in Aurora on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

Services will be held Saturday, April 17, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher at 11 a.m. Rev. Rodney Serbus will officiate.

Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 a.m. Saturday until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Harold was born January 4, 1917 in Milk's Grove, Clifton, the son of Henry M. and Ingrid Widholm Warmbir. He married Marcella Ferden on February 18, 1939 in Forrest. She died March 8, 2006.

Harold was an agent for Standard Oil Co. for 33 years and also farmed for three years.

For 18 years he was on the Herscher Fire Department and was also on the board; member of Herscher Chamber of Commerce and won the Chamber award in 1988; the Herscher Village Board; and was the Grand Marshal of the 1994 Labor Day Parade.

His immediate family includes one daughter, Judy (Jim) Burkard of Oswego; one son, Jim (Karen) Warmbir of Orland Park; grandchildren: Todd (Helen) Burkard of Aurora; Trent (Charlotte) Burkard of Seattle, Washington; Tricia Burkard of Naperville; Jason (Jessie) Warmbir, Jillian Warmbir and Matthew Warmbir, all of Chicago; great-grandchildren: Brandon, Emma and Grace Burkard and McKenzie, Marcella and Logan Burkard; and one sister-in-law, Audrey Warmbir of Clifton; many nieces and nephews; and special nieces, Marlene Malone of Oak Harbor, Washington and Beverly Dayhoff of Kankakee.

Harold was preceded in death by brothers: Walter, Maurice, Ellsworth and Robert Warmbir; and sisters: Evelyn Cook and Elsie LeDuke.

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DTHS Trojan Coach Kaiser, right, instructs Cal Vigna, left, to slide into third base as Tri-Point Charger Jeff Meister reaches for the tag. Find more on the DTHS Trojan baseball team on page 12.



GSW PANTHERS BASEBALL

April 5 Panthers vs. Illinois Lutheran Varsity-

The GSW Panther varsity baseball team fell to Illinois Lutheran, 6-5.

Ben Crater, 0-1, took the loss with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ IP, 6R, 3ER, 8H, 4BB, 3K; Chris Irvin, relief, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ IP, 0R, 2H, 0BB, 5K.

Offense for GSW: Tyler Posing, 2-4, 2R, 3B; Crater, 2-4, RBI; Mark Opyd and Sean Elens, 2-4, 1R each.

The unearned runs are just killing us. We can't seem to make any plays on defense. Again tonight, three unearned runs. Teske did pitch a nice game for them, but we had 10 hits and plenty of chances to score, stated Coach Jon Posing.

April 6 Panthers vs. Seneca Varsity-

The GSW Panthers were defeated by Seneca, 14-8.

Joey Wren, 0-2, 0IP, 5R, 5ER, 3H, 2BB, 0K; relief: Shane Harty, 3IP, 6R, 6ER, 4H, 6BB, 2K; Chris Irvin, 3IP, 1R, 1ER, 2H, 0BB, 5K; Matt Grimler, 0IP, 3R, 3ER, 3H, 1BB; Brandon Riggi, 1IP, 0R, 1H, 0BB, 3K.

Offense for GSW: Brandon Faletti, 1-4, 1R, 2RBI, 1HR; Sean Elens, 2-4, 2R, 2RBI, 2B; Irvin, 2-4, 2R, 2RBI.

Another game when we can't throw strikes and we give up eight runs in the first inning, commented Coach Posing.

April 9 Panthers vs. St. Anne Varsity-

The Panther baseball team defeated St. Anne, 17-1, improving its record to 3-7 over all and 1-1 in the conference.

Dane Sorensen, 1-0, picked up the win with 5H, 1R, 1ER, 1BB, 5K.

Top hitters for GSW were: Chris Irvin, 2-3, 2R, 3RBI; Sorensen, 2-3, 3R, 2RBI, 2B; Mark Opyd, 2-3, 2R, 2RBI, 3B; Sean Elens, 2-4, 1R, RBI, 2B.

Dane pitched a real nice game tonight. He worked quickly, and threw strikes. We needed an effort like this! The offense has been fairly consistent all year, stated Coach Posing.



Bowling at Victory Lanes, Dwight

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League Standings	W	L
2 PLUS 2 (A&S)	39	17
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Ghost	5	43

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League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	37	15
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Dairy Queen	20	32
TBI	12	40

Dwight Seniors Duplicate Bridge Results

Duplicate bridge was played April 8 at the Dwight Senior Citizens Center with the following results.

North-South: first, Lee Fuerstenberg/Delores Slatery; second, Ellen Galeaz/Jan Kresl; third, tie, Liz Houck/Marge Mueller and Dorothy Christenson/Marilyn Munger.

East-West: first, Loisanne O'Connell/Patsy Hardy; second, Carol Bush/Norma Houck; third, Leila Patchett/Mary Ann McNamara.

The next game will be played at the senior center on Thursday, April 22.

CLASS Soccer Registration Ends Friday

CLASS Spring Soccer registration forms have been sent home with Dwight Grade School students, but all area children ages four through eighth grade are welcome.

For more information, call Julie at 584-9051. The deadline to register is Friday, April 16.

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DTHS TROJANS BASEBALL

April 5
Trojans vs. Tri-Point
Varsity-

The DTHS Trojans varsity baseball team defeated Tri-Point, 11-1.



DTHS Trojan Alec Frazier, above, connects with the ball during the DTHS-Tri-Point match-up. Below: Varsity Trojan Jeremy Fracaro throws a heater.



Jeremy Fracaro, 1-0, picked up the win with 7IP, 1R, 1ER, 2H, 8K, 4BB.

Hitting for Dwight were: Pete Moyemont, 3AB, 2R, 1H, RBI, 1SB; Dan Hansen, 3AB, 1H, RBI, 1SB; Cal Vigna, 2B, 3B, 4AB, 4R, 3H, 1BB, RBI, 3SB; Trent Wiles, 3AB, 1R, 1H, RBI; Nolan Hoffman, HR, 5AB, 1R, 1H, 2RBI; Mike Taylor, 2B, 2AB, 1R, 1H; Wes Lehman, 3AB, 1R, 1H, 2SB; Travis Roeder, 1AB, 1R, 1H, 1BB, RBI, 1SB.

Jeremy Fracaro had a nice pitching performance tonight in his first start of the season. We were able to break things open in the top of the fifth with four hits in a row followed by Nolan Hoffman's big two-run homer. His blast broke the Tri-Point spirits and allowed us to coast throughout the rest of the game, stated Coach Dan Kaiser.

April 6
Trojans vs. Grant Park
Varsity-

The varsity Trojans defeated Grant Park, 21-3, improving their record to 6-4 overall.

Alec Frazier, 2-2, picked up the win with 2IP, 0R, 0H, 4K, 0BB; relief: Mike Halloran, 2IP, 1ER, 1H, 4K, 1BB; Wes Lehman, 1IP, 2R,

2ER, 0H, 1K, 3BB.

Hitting for the Trojans were: Trent Wiles, Pete Moyemont and Wes Lehman, 2B each; Dan Hansen and Mike Halloran, HR each.

April 8
Trojans vs. Coal City
Varsity-

The Trojans varsity was defeated by Coal City, 7-2, April 8.

Aaron Murphy, 1-1, took the loss with 4IP, 7R, 5ER, 8H, 1K, 4BB; relief: Dan Hansen, 2IP, 0R, 1H, 1K, 2BB.

Top hitters for the Trojans were: Nolan Hoffman, 3AB, 2H, 2RBI, 3B; Trent Wiles, 4AB, 1R, 2H; Mike Halloran, 3AB, 1H, 2B; Hansen, 3AB, 1R, 1H; Cal Vigna, 4AB, 1H.

Nolan Hoffman's triple to deep center cut the margin to 3-2 in the top of the third and gave us a bit of a spark. Unfortunately, McMillan led off the bottom of the third with a solo home run that took momentum back to their side. Coal City went on to score a total of four runs in that inning. Two were unearned as we unraveled a bit defensively before pulling it back together, stated Coach Kaiser.



GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

April 5
Lady Panthers
vs. Illinois Lutheran

The GSW Lady Panthers softball team defeated Illinois Lutheran, 17-0.

Amber Eisha picked up the win with 5K, 0BB, 4H.

Offense for the Lady Panthers: Rachel Mack, 4-4, 2-2B, 7RBI, 1R; Eisha, 2-3, 3RBI, 3R; Jamie Esparza, 2-3, 2RBI, 2R; Alison Serena, 2-3, 1R.

The girls did a good job hitting tonight. It was nice to be able to get everyone in the game. Every one of our players was able to get on base somehow, and that's a great confidence booster to help us move into our game tomorrow. Rachel Mack did a great job at the plate for us, stated Coach Michelle Lardi.

April 6
Lady Panthers vs. Seneca

The Lady Panthers were defeated by Seneca, 10-0, dropping their record to 7-3 overall.

Amber Eisha, 7-2, took the loss with 9K, 1BB, 13H.

Key hitters for GSW: Eisha, 2-3, 2H; Hallie Zingre and Allison Perkins, 1-2 each.

We definitely had an off night tonight. We fell apart defensively and our bats did-

not start coming around until it was too late, stated Coach Lardi.

April 9
Lady Panthers vs. St. Anne

The GSW girls softball team defeated St. Anne, 4-0, April 9.

Amber Eisha, 8-2, picked up the win with 9K, 2BB, 1H.

Key hitters for GSW: Rachel Mack, 1-3, HR, 2RBI, 1R; Alison Serena, 2-2, 2-1B; Kelsey Lutz, 1-3, RBI; Katie Gretz, 1-3, 2R.

Tonight's game went by really quick. We had four innings on defense that we were able to allow only three batters with three outs in a row. We had a little trouble at first adjusting to the pitcher, but once we did we started to get our bats going. Rachel Mack had a great hit in the fourth that got her a home run and two RBI's, stated Coach Lardi.



TRI-POINT CHARGERS TRACK & FIELD

April 5

The Tri-Point Chargers track and field team traveled to Clifton Central for its second outdoor meet. The girls placed third behind Clifton Central/Iroquois West and Momence beating St. Anne and CPCL.

Individual results: long jump, Lindsey Bertrand, 13.65, fifth; 100m, Bertrand, :15.22, fourth; triple jump, Rachael Kerrins, 27.10, second; 800m, Kerrins, 2:45.59, first; 200m, Kerrins, :30.13, third; 1600m, Sabrina Wallrich, 5:58.56, first; Brooke Shelby, 6:49.60, fifth.

The boys captured fourth place with 43 points. Individual results: 4x100m, Matt Mogged, Chase Fontinel, Nathan Froelich and Jordan Willis, :48.98, third; 110m HH, Mogged, :19.10, first; 300m LH, Mogged, :46.99, first; 100m, Fontinel, :12.51, fourth; 1600m, Fontinel, 5:24.14, third; high jump, Fontinel, 5'4", third; long jump, Froelich, 17'10.25, fourth; 200m, Froelich, :25.50, fourth; Willis, :25.59, fifth; triple jump, 35'3.5", second.

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DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

April 9
Lady Trojans vs. Coal City
Junior Varsity-

The DTHS Lady Trojans junior varsity softball team defeated Coal City, 19-9, at Dwight, improving its record to 4-1 overall.

Maddie Rodosky picked up the win with 5K, 4BB.

Top hitters for the Lady Trojans were: Lisa Bruner,

2-1B, 2B; Hailey Hoegger and Megan Jensen, 2B each; Haley Hansen and Hayley Sparrow, 1B each.



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DTHS TROJAN Ryley Christoff, far left, sprints with the baton during the relay. **LEFT:** Christian Kulla begins his approach in the shot. Kulla finished second with a throw of 44' 2". **ABOVE:** Jon-Paul Gallois and Lane Hoffman stay in stride during the 3200m run. The Trojans finished in third place during the nine-team meet hosted by DTSH April 6.

DTHS TROJANS TRACK & FIELD

TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS SOFTBALL

April 5
Lady Chargers. vs. Dwight
 The Tri-Point Lady Chargers softball team defeated Dwight, 2-0.
 Hope Webster picked up the win with 7IP, 1H, 1BB, 15K.
 Top hitters for the Lady Chargers were: Webster, 2H, RBI; Tessa Deany and Larissa Zalite, 1H, RBI each.

April 6
Lady Chargers vs. St. Joe
 The Lady Chargers fell to St. Joe, 11-1.

Hope Webster took the loss.

April 8
Lady Chargers vs. St. Joe
 The Tri-Point girls softball team was defeated by St. Joe, 11-5, dropping its record to 7-4 overall.
 Hope Webster, 5-3, took the loss.
 Jenni Weller, 2H, HR, 3RBI, was the key hitter for the Lady Chargers.

April 6
Dwight Track Meet
 The DTSH Trojan track and field team hosted a nine-team meet. Schools included: Clifton Central, Flanagan, Beecher, Lexington, Plano, Prairie Central, St. Anne and Tri-Point.
 The Lady Trojans took home sixth place with 37 points to Prairie Central's 107.
 Individual results:
 4x800m: Dwight, 11:40.1, fourth; 3200m, Nicole Glab, :15.29, third; 1100H, Kacy Murphy, :19.194, fifth; Alison McKinsey, :20.014, sixth; 100m, Haley Residori, :14.459, fourth; 800m, 2:52.4, Miranda Faletti, sixth; 4x200m, Dwight, 2:00.428, third; 300LH, Chelsea Schultz, :52.356, first; 200m, Lindie McCarthy, :31.836, fifth; 4x400m, Dwight, 5:02, sixth.
 The Trojans captured third place with 67 points to Plano's 114.
 Individual results: shot put, Christian Kulla, 44' 2", second; discus, Kulla, 127' 3", first; 4x800m, Dwight, 9:41.33, third; 3200m, Lane Hoffman, 11:26, fourth; Jon-Paul Gallois, 12:31, fifth; 800m, Brian Scoggins, 2:10.1, first; 400m, Jordan Kohrt, :51.557, first; 300LH, Remington Riccolo, :44.8, second; Austin Walsh, :48.5, sixth; 4x400m, Dwight, second.
 This meet had great weather and awesome competition, stated Coach Larry Lane.

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Apr. 20: 9 a.m., Newsletter Articles Due; 6:30 p.m., Deacons.
Apr. 21: 7 p.m., Trustees.

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325 E. Mazon Ave., Dwight
584-3433, church 584-1291 fax 584-1023, parsonage Rev. Daniel Ognoskie, St. Pastor Rev. Jacob Ehrhard, Assoc. Pastor
Apr. 14-15: 8:30 a.m., Preschool.
Apr. 14: 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bells; 6:30 p.m., Choir.
Apr. 15-16: Defensive Driving Class for Seniors.
Apr. 17: 5 p.m., Worship Service/Comm.
Apr. 18: 9 a.m., Bible Study/Sunday School; 10 a.m., Fellowship/Coffee; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Communion.
Apr. 20: 6:30 p.m., Adult Instruction.
Apr. 21: 1 p.m., Mary and Martha; 3:30 p.m., Weekday School; 5:45 p.m., Bells; 6:30 p.m., Choir.

St. Peter s Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa, Dwight
Pastor Heidi Punt www.stpeterselca.com 584-1199
Apr. 14: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance; 5-6:30 p.m., Confirmation; 6 p.m., Choir; 6-7:30 p.m., Confirmation; Pastor at Stephen Ministries through Friday.
Apr. 15: 8:30 a.m., NE Conf. Mtg. at St. Peter Lutheran in Crescent City; 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures.
Apr. 16: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 8 p.m., AA Meeting.
Apr. 17: 2:30 p.m., ELCA Global Mission Gathering in Naperville; ELCA Lutheran Men s Reg. 5 Gathering in Brookfield, WI.
Apr. 18: 8:15 a.m., Worship; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School; 10:15 a.m., Council Minutes; 10:30 a.m., HC Worship; 1 p.m., New Member Class.
Apr. 19: 8-9 a.m., Exercise.
Apr. 20: 9 a.m., Dorcas Circle at St. Peter s; 3-4:30 p.m., After School; 7 p.m., VBS Meeting, Council Meeting.
Apr. 21: 8-9 a.m., Exercise; 10 a.m., Heritage Woods HC.

Apr. 21: Noon, Good Samaritan Volunteer Luncheon, Flanagan; 5-6:30 p.m., Confirmation; 6 p.m., Choir, Anna Circle; 6-7:30 p.m., Confirmation.
Apr. 22: 9 a.m., Prison Worship; noon, Prairieview Volunteer Luncheon, Clifton; 1:30 p.m., Sarah Circle at St. Peter s, Barb Mortensen, hostess; 3-4:30 p.m., After School Adventures (last day).

Dwight United Methodist Church
701 S. Columbia, Dwight 584-3420, church 584-3425, fax 584-1554, parsonage Pastor: Rev. William Leppin
Apr. 15: 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir; 7 p.m., Evangelism; 8 p.m., AD Council.
Apr. 17: 8:30 a.m., Set up for Great Ingathering/Pork Chop Dinner; 6 p.m., YAGOs — Dwight Country Club.

Apr. 18: Great Ingathering; 7:15-8:15 a.m., Set Up for UMYF Coffee Shop; 8 a.m. Traditional Worship Service; 8:30-10:30 a.m., UMYF Coffee Shop; 9-11:30 a.m., Set up, Preparation and Cooking; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, Praise and Worship Team Rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., Praise and Worship Service; 11:30-3:30 p.m., Serving (noon-2 p.m.) and Clean Up; 5:30 p.m., Prayer Group.
Apr. 19: 8:30 a.m., UMW Executive Meeting; 1 p.m., Memorial Committee.

Apr. 20: 8:30 a.m., Bible Study, Karla B.; 9 a.m., Bible Study, Jean V.; 5:30-7 p.m., First Place 4 Health.
Apr. 21: 2 p.m., Bingo at Heritage; 3-4:30 p.m., Children s Choir, Jr. UMYF; 4:45 p.m., Confirmation; 5:30-8:30 p.m., Sr. UMYF; 7 p.m., Bible Warriors, GLOW; 8:30-9:30 p.m., UMYF Bible Study.
Apr. 22: 6:30 a.m., Midwest Distribution Center; 3-4:30 p.m., Kids Club Celebration; 5-9 p.m., Set up for Hop for Haiti; 7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St., Dwight 815-584-3182
Rev. Daniel Woodward
Apr. 18: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service; 6 p.m., Sunday Evening Service.
Apr. 21: 7 p.m., Wednesday Evening Service and King s Kids Children s Program.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon and Prairie Avenues, Dwight
Rev. James Rickey, Pastor
584-3522, Rectory
Apr. 17: 4-4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
Apr. 18: 8 a.m., Mass; 10:30 a.m., Mass.

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Angel Escamilla, Pastor 584-3430
www.nlaonline.net
Apr. 14: 10 a.m., Women of Focus Bible Study; 4:30 p.m., Leadership Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Mpac Girls Club; 7 p.m., Worship Practice; no Royal Rangers until further notice.
Apr. 15: 6:30 p.m., Xtreme Youth, Women of Focus Bible Study.
Apr. 18: 9 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10 a.m., Church Service, Pre-K Church (age 3-5); no Kids Church; 6 p.m., Sunday Night Prayer Group.
Apr. 19: 5:30 p.m., First Place.
Apr. 20: 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
Apr. 14: 9:15-9:30 a.m., Prayer Service.
Apr. 15: 8:30 a.m., Northeast Conference/St. Peter, Crescent City.
Apr. 17: 10 a.m., Pr. at CSIS, Springfield; 5 p.m., Worship/HC.
Apr. 18: 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Worship.
Apr. 19: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Friendship Day; 7 p.m., WELCA General Meeting hosted by MN group.
Apr. 21: 9:15-9:30 a.m., Prayer Service; 10:45 a.m., Pastor at Good Sam—Flanagan; noon, Good Samaritan—Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; 7 p.m., Worship and Music Meeting.
Apr. 22: Noon, Prairieview Volunteer Luncheon, Zion Lutheran, Clifton.

The Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (USA)
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Janet Chandler, Pastor
Apr. 14: 8:30 a.m., Pastor s Lectionary Group Meeting; 4 p.m., Choir Practice.
Apr. 18: 9 a.m., Sunday School and Confirmation Class; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.
Apr. 21: 8:30 a.m., Pastor s Lectionary Group Meeting; 4 p.m., Choir Practice.



RANSOM GRADE SCHOOL eighth grade students observed the 50th anniversary of CPR with a training course from the Allen Township Fire Protection District on Friday, April 9. The lesson, which included adult and child CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, is part of the National Fire Protection Association s Risk Watch program. This is the first year Allen Township has participated in the program. Pictured left to right, kneeling, are students Kimber Daly, Mason Kling and Brittany Shannon; standing are Marcia, a St. Mary s Hospital nurse who observed the program; Kim Gardner of the Allen Township Fire Protection District; and student Jess Jaworski.



ALTHOUGH THE SUBJECT was serious, at left, Kimber Daly (right) laughed in a light moment during CPR classes held April 9 by the Allen Township Fire Protection District. Fellow eighth-grader Elizabeth Trowbridge, left, looks on.



ST. PATRICK S DAY was celebrated at Heritage Woods of Dwight. Above, residents (left to right) Maitetta Dornbierer, Margaret Tanner and Howard Fredensborg partake in a festive holiday meal.

Several Scholarships Available

Application deadlines are approaching for several scholarships available to area residents.

Illinois State Treasurer s Excellence in Agriculture Scholarships
Awards: Ten \$2,000 scholarships

For: Illinois high school seniors who plan to study agriculture-related majors at an Illinois-based college or university

Based on: Statement of goals and plans; 250-word essay; high school transcript; two letters of reference; list of extracurriculars

Restrictions: Must have minimum 2.75 GPA during 2009-2010 school year; must be accepted at an accredited higher education institution in Illinois; plan to pursue a career in agriculture or argiculture-related field

Application deadline: Friday, May 14
For application/info, visit: www.treasurer.il.gov or call 217-557-6436

George McKibben Memorial Scholarship
Award: \$500

For: Any agriculture student who will be a junior or senior for the 2010-2011 academic year enrolled at any state college in Illinois

Based on: Superior agriculture academic achievement; commitment to soil and water conservation; potential for innovation and/or leadership ability

Restrictions: Must be enrolled at University of Illinois, Western, Southern or Illinois State

Application deadline: Monday, May 17
For application/info, visit: www.aiswcd.org/Program/awards.htm and scroll down to #6 George McKibben Memorial Scholarship; or call 217-744-3414.

Livingston County Home and Community Education Association Scholarship
Awards: \$1,000 and \$300

For: Any student who has graduated or will graduate this May from a Livingston County high school or who has resided

in Livingston County prior to attending college (\$1,000); Current HCE members who will be taking classes at college next school year and reside in Livingston County (\$300).

Based on: No criteria specified

Restrictions: Preferred area of study is family and consumer sciences; applicant must be enrolled or have been accepted at an accredited two- or four-year college.

Application deadline: Monday, May 31
For application/info, visit: University of Illinois Livingston County Extension Office, 1412 S. Locust St., Pontiac; or call 815-842-1776.

Dwight Peace Meals

Wed., April 14: Chicken pot pie with hearty veggies, orange glazed beets, whole grain biscuit, fruit juice, cake.

Thurs., April 15: Apple and spice pork loin, yams, California blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, gelatin with fruit.

Fri., April 16: Country fried pattie with gravy, mashed potatoes, tomatoes

and zucchini, whole wheat bread, cranberry muffin, applesauce.

Mon., April 19: Golden spicy chicken cutlet, hot potato salad, spinach, whole wheat bread, blushing pears.

Tues., April 20: Settlers beef and beans, warm cinnamon apples, warm roll, sliced peaches.

Wed., April 21: Glazed baked ham,

rice lentil pilaf, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, Mandarin oranges and pineapple.

Thurs., April 22: Salisbury beef pattie, mashed potatoes, Waldorf salad, whole wheat bread, warm fruit crisp.
Milk is served each day.

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Area U.S. Census Mail-back Participation Rates Mediocre

The U.S. Census mail-back deadline was April 1, but still, not all census forms have been returned. If the census for your household has not been mailed back, it is important to send it as soon as possible.

Currently, more of Herscher's residents have returned their census than any other town in *The Paper's* circulation area. Most area towns are ahead of the national participation average, 63 percent. However, every household should mail back a completed census form — being counted in the census helps communities get government funding. If you do not mail back the form, a census worker will come to your residence in May to gather your information, and this process will cost taxpayers money.

The following numbers indicate the percentage of each village's population that has returned the U.S. Census form as of Thursday, April 8. N/A indicates a percentage was not available or not yet calculated.

Blackstone: N/A	Dwight: 78	Kempton: 61	Saunemin: 78
Braceville: 73	East Brooklyn: 66	Kinsman: 69	South Wilmington: 75
Buckingham: 68	Emington: 63	Mazon: 74	Union Hill: 65
Cabery: 69	Essex: 65	Odell: 78	Verona: 73
Campus: N/A	Gardner: 70	Ransom: N/A	
Cullom: 70	Herscher: 81	Reddick: 72	

Someone You Should Know . . . Dick Zschau

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remind him that he's not as fast as he used to be.

I'm getting old, he says. I'm 83.

She replies: I tell him that he's not getting old. He is old.

After 61 years of marriage, Dick lets that slide.

I don't feel old, he replies.

Despite diabetes that requires two insulin shots a day, weather is the only thing that hampers his riding. It needs to be 40 degrees in the morning. If it's cooler, he'll walk five miles outdoors instead. If it's raining, snowing or significantly below zero degrees, he'll walk five miles on his home treadmill instead.

He prepares for each ride with 45 minutes of warm-up calisthenics, and then he looks over the 86-inch-long low rider red recumbent Tour Easy bicycle that allows him to sit reclined back slightly.

Armed with a speedometer, two holders for a drink and his sugar-free candy container (he likes to suck on candy while he rides), a pack for things like a cell phone, and an orange flag and an American flag on the back, he's off.

Where he rides depends on the wind's direction. He rides into the wind during the first leg of the journey, typically traveling eight or nine miles per hour. On the way home, he rides 15 to 18 miles per hour with the wind at his back.

His average daily trip lasts three hours.

Zschau's youthful playfulness shines through as he tells about how he tugs his arm at semis on Interstate 55, hoping to elicit a honk.

Just like a kid, Annamae says.

Or how he does the same for passing Amtrak trains and often gets a special toot from a particular conductor who always gives a hearty wave with his arm outside the train's window.

Or how his grandson, Adam, has seen his grandpa a few different times from the interstate while traveling from Bloomington to Chicago and hung his body out of the vehicle to wave enthusiastically at Zschau riding along Route 66.

He gets his greatest support from his wife, who is proud of his hobby that keeps him out of the house for hours each day. People have asked Annamae if she worries for him.

Why should it (worry me)? she asked. No, I just pray for him to keep him safe and put it in the Lord's hands.

Occasionally, people have expressed concern for his safety riding along sometimes busy Route 66.

To heck with that noise, he says. I've never had any trouble with traffic ever. Ever. So I keep riding.

Some people wonder what motivates him to ride so often and so far at his age, but for Zschau, it's pretty simple.

I enjoy it, he says.

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