



7th Grade Girls Basketball Team Advances to State

Emma Overton

This year's 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team, coached by Jim Belville and Manning Bricker, succeeded in winning the 2014 Regional Championship.

On November 24th, the girls played Farmington and defeated them 27 to 17. This game advanced the team to the State tournament.

Although they suffered defeat at State, the girls placed Top 8 in the conference, a feat of which our school and community is proud. Coach Belville states, "[They're] a fun group of girls that really bought into the team concept."

Congratulations to the coaches and team on a successful season.

Carnival Craze

Jaimie Randle

The Illini Bluffs Elementary School Carnival is hosted every year by the PTO. This year it took place in the Elementary School gymnasium on November 14, 2014. The carnival is a fundraiser that will fund the Elementary school projects.

Compared to last year, about \$1,000 more was made due to additional games. The PTO ended the carnival with a total of roughly \$3,000. There were 24 games including three inflatable rented games. Instead of selling individual game tickets, wristbands were offered. The most popular games were the inflatable slide and the inflatable obstacle course.

The carnival was not only a success for the PTO, but it was an enjoyable night for all students who attended.

Swinging into Success

Golf Scholarship Awarded

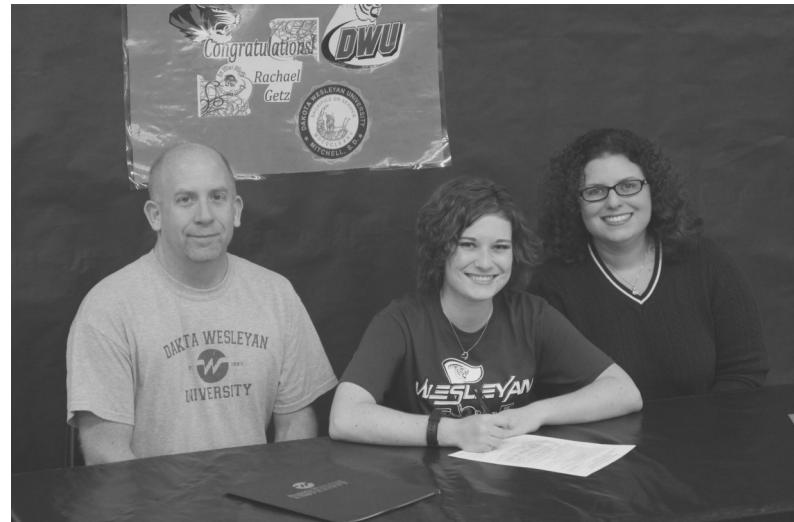
Rachael Getz, a senior at Illini Bluffs High School, has officially signed with Dakota Wesleyan University of Mitchell, South Dakota.

Rachael has participated in golf all four years at Illini Bluffs. This year she advanced to the sectional tournament.

Her golfing skills have not gone unnoticed; after years of hard work, she will carry on Tiger pride with the Tigers of Dakota Wesleyan, noted as 10-Time National Qualifiers and 2013 GPAC Champions.

Rachael's scholarship extends four years, which will help as she pursues a degree in nursing.

We wish her luck as she pursues her degree.



Rachael Getz signs with Dakota Wesleyan with the support of her parents Alan and Heather Getz.

Community Spirit

Veronica Lee

When the holiday season comes round, the Student Council and the Christmas Basket Fund are the best of friends.

This year's Basket raised thousands of items, supplying its recipients with ample food for the holidays.

Each of the high school classes brought in hundreds of food items to be donated and came up with unique designs for their towers: *Elf: Helping People, It's My Favorite* (Seniors), *Monopoly: Get Out of Hunger* (Juniors), *The Walking Fed* (Sophomores), and *Tackling Hunger* (Freshmen). The competition between the Seniors and Juniors was as intense as ever, and the spirit from the Sophomores and Freshmen was outstanding!

On the afternoon of the competition of the Tower of Cans, the gym was buzzing with energy as the classes began building their masterpieces. In the end, the Juniors won the Tower, but the Seniors were victorious in the overall competition with 97,914 points.

After the competition, the Student Council and Wrestlers packed items to be taken to the Legion to be counted and distributed, thus ending another successful year of the Canned Food Drive.



Pictured Above: (Left) Joe Gresham, a senior dressed as Santa Claus, and classmates build their Christmas village. (Right) A view of the gym from under the hoop as the classes work to build towers in 25 minutes.