



Rolling in the Dough

By Sam Giftos

In Ms. Jackson's Food Service Occupation class, "Foods II" to most students, students created scones for a delicious breakfast treat. The quick-bread treat was made with dried cranberries and a little bit of orange zest to give it flavor. "I felt like it would be a good thing to build skills as well as find out some interesting cultural information," said Ms. Jackson.

While scones are not considered a healthy breakfast treat because of high sugar content, the cranberries and orange zest provide some nutrients in the pastry. "They were easy to make as long as you followed directions," said junior, Hailey Stauffer.

The students did enjoy the process of making scones and were able to use equipment that was new to them. "We



used equipment that we don't typically use, like the grater for the orange zest and the butter," said Ms. Jackson. The scones were also quite tasty, especially topped with vanilla icing. "The scones were fluffy and tasty. I

would have liked chocolate chips in them though," said Hailey.

The scones were a delightful treat for Ms. Jackson's Food Service Occupation class, and they provided the students with a learning opportunity.

Hailey Stauffer, a Junior, rolls the scone dough out before cutting it into triangular pieces. Ms. Jackson's Food Service Occupation class made scones on Thursday, February 11th, and they turned out to be a delicious breakfast treat.

Molding Realism

By Maggie Look

This week in Clay, students worked on *l'oeil projects*, which are clay sculptures meant to look so realistic that they appear identical to a real-life object. *L'oeil* techniques can be used in other forms of art as well, but it takes a special kind of skill to incorporate them into a three-dimensional plane.

The Clay class is made up of both stu-

Life After High School

By Mandy Seybold

Two outstanding Illini Bluff High School seniors have recently signed with their select colleges to continue their love of sports.

Savannah Anzaldua signed with Robert Morris University in Spring-

field, Illinois on Monday February 8th to continue her softball career. She received a four year scholarship that will pay for forty percent of her tuition per year. Her mother, Trish Anzaldua, father Isaac Anzaldua, brother, Jordan Franks, and her sister, Chloe Anzaldua were all at her signing to give her love and support. Along with her family was Nancy

Meyer, Steve Bishop, coach Denny Hughes and Jen Schafer who were her high school coaches and her friends and teammates. Her future college coaches will be Stacy Sparks and Boyd Nowicki. Savannah stated that, "I am very excited to be able to continue my softball career in college and I am so thankful to all of my friends for helping me accomplish this and for supporting me so much along the way."

Sam Giftos was another student who also signed with a college: Westminster in Fulton, Missouri. He will be furthering his baseball career there under head

assistant coach Dane Hughes. His mother Aana, sister Alaina, brother Will, and girlfriend Julia Lugeanbeal attended his signing ceremony to give all their care and encouragement on this milestone. Sam said "I am grateful for the opportunity, and excited for the new journey ahead of me. Playing college baseball has always been a goal of mine and I am proud to say I have reached one of my goals. I know that I made my family proud, and especially my Grandfather who had always supported me in baseball and has been with me in spirit through all my struggles and triumphs."

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dents who took the class first semester and students who are new to the class. Students who have previous experience have a distinct advantage, but the new students have proven to be quick learners who are easily getting the hang of even the more difficult techniques.

Mr. Hallstrom is very pleased with how the students have become much more comfortable working with clay and more familiar with the terms involved. He hopes that they will all have mastered the pottery wheel by the end of the year.

5th Grade's Love for School

By Bethany Cusac

Fifth grade spread love throughout Illini Bluffs Elementary School! The students were involved in many Valentine's Day activities and many of their teachers incorporated the holiday into lessons. In English, the students created an acrostic po-

em, which is a poem where the first, last or a letter in between spell out a word. In Reading, they had a "Love of Reading Night," a night where an author signed books; volunteers read books aloud to the students in different classrooms; and they gave away food, door prizes, and fun! They ended the week with a Valentine's Day classroom party on February 12.

A Victorious Valentine's Day

By Lexie Swardenski

This year's Valentine's Day was on the weekend, but that didn't stop the Second graders from sharing love with their classmates and family on the Friday before. Throughout the week, they were assigned to see how many different words they could find within the word "sweetheart." The students usually come up

with a lot of words by rearranging the letters. The students were also assigned an art project, where they made valentines and old-fashioned doilies for their family members. At the party, the students handed out valentines to all their classmates and were able to read some of the ones they received to the class. They also played festive games, including Valentines Bingo. The kids had a blast and it was a lovely way to start their weekend.