

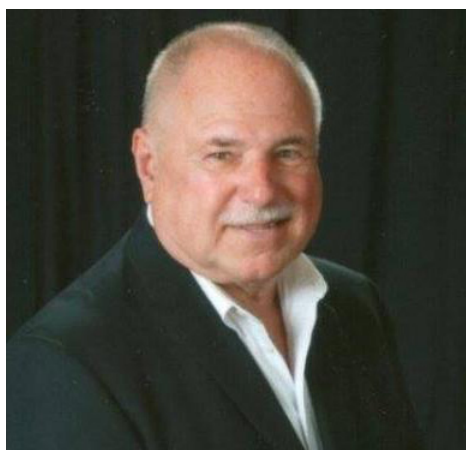
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DR. RAY ZARVELL '56 RECEIVES LYDIA MOSS BRADLEY AWARD



KHS alum Ray Zarvell was this year's recipient of the Lydia Moss Bradley Award at Bradley University in Peoria, IL. The award was established 30 years ago to recognize outstanding commitment and service to the university.

As executive director of student development and health services, Dr. Zarvell impacted the lives of thousands of students as he oversaw counseling, testing, student health, orientation, advisement, learning assistance, and peer counseling programs.

Ray was a pioneer in college orientation and advisement programs, and during his tenure, the orientation programs received national recognition. He also was instrumental in the creation of the Academic Exploration Program for undecided majors, a program that became a model for other institutions nationwide.

His impact on students also was evident through his mentorship of the student aides, who have grown into some of Bradley's finest student leaders and have taken their skills into leadership roles across the country.

Dr. Zarvell also served his profession and the community in numerous ways. Among them, he was a founder of the National Peer Counseling Association and its national conference; served on the regional planning committee of the National Orientation Directors Association; and was founding director of a major component of the community mental health system in the State of Illinois for which he was awarded an honorary doctorate.

He was elected to the board of directors of Delta Upsilon international fraternity, a role in which he was responsible for organizing educational conferences and programs. The fraternity recognized him in 2001 with its Founders Medal for Service.

Early in his career he was a teacher at Williamsfield and Limestone high schools and, in 1968, was named State of Illinois Teacher of the Year.

A graduate of Kewanee High School in 1956, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Bradley and his Ph.D. from Illinois State University.



BRADLEY University

LINDSAY STALZER '05 EARNS BRADLEY UNIVERSITY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Four of the all time greats in their respective program's history, including Kewanee High School graduate Lindsay Stalzer and Bradley basketball's last Missouri Valley Conference championship team make up the 2016-17 Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame class.

Stalzer, the Missouri volleyball career kills record holder, will be joined in the Hall of Fame class by record setting soccer goalkeeper Chris Dunsheath, two time Missouri Valley Conference women's golf individual champion Meaghan LeBlanc, three time All-MVC men's basketball forward Marcellus Sommerville and the 1995-96 Valley champion men's basketball team.

Stalzer and Sommerville both play professionally overseas but will soon be on break during the holiday season and will be honored during the Braves Club pre-game party on Dec. 29 at the Peoria Civic Center and officially inducted into the Hall of Fame during halftime of that night's men's basketball game against Southern Illinois at Carver Arena.

The 2005 Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year, Stalzer led the nation with 720 kills during her senior season and the total still stands as the Bradley and MVC single season record. A 6'1 middle blocker, Stalzer is the only three time, first team All-MVC selection in Bradley volleyball history and she remains one of two players in program history to boast at least

1,000 kills, 500 digs, 100 aces and 300 blocks. In addition to her success on the court, Stalzer also was a three time, first team MVC Scholar Athlete and she was a third team SIDA Academic All-District V honoree in 2005. In addition to the single season kills records, Stalzer still owns the Bradley and MVC marks with 1,928 career kills. While leading The Valley in kills as both a junior and senior, Stalzer also paced the league in aces during her senior season in 2005.

Stalzer is in her 11th season playing professionally on the international level. Currently with Foton in the Phillipine SuperLiga, Stalzer was named the league MVP in 2015 after helping her squad to the league title. Last season, she was named the finals MVP after leading HPK to Finland's league championship, then returned to Foton for another PSL title and participation in the 2016 Asian Club Championships and 2016 World Club Championships.



RILEY HANSEN MAKES KEWANEE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF HISTORY



Riley Hansen finished her freshman golf season in style by earning All-State honors at the Class 1A girls golf tournament held at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur, IL.

Riley is the first ever female state golf qualifier. After firing 84 in the opening round, Hansen followed with a 79 to tie with four other golfers for eighth place.

Riley qualified for state with a round of 82 at the Class 1A Rock Falls Sectional to earn fourth of 10 qualifying slots.



NEPONSET AND CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE IN ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

The Neponset Grade School Bot-Cats recently attended a First Lego League Tournament Competition in Moline, Illinois at the John Deere World Headquarters.

FIRST Lego League consists of students between 4th-8th grades that work together in order to complete a previously announced challenge. The group has been working on the Animal Allies challenge. The students worked to build 10 stations that had to do with helping different animals.

In addition to the Lego building, there are other aspects that the team was judged on which included: Core Values, Robot Design, and Project Presentation where the students presented a poster and performed a cheer about saving the Honeybee. The Bot-Cats very happily accepted the Judge's Award at this event for honesty, likeableness and the ability to work well together.

The Lego Robotics team at Neponset Grade School has been made possible through a partnership between Martin Engineering, Kewanee Schools, and the Regional Office of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.



MARTIN ENGINEERING IN NEPONSET SPONSORS ROBOTICS PROGRAM

by Mike Berry of the Star Courier

The contraption in the Center for Bulk Materials Handling Innovation at Martin Engineering in Neponset doesn't look much like a robot. But when it's finished, it will be able to throw a ball, climb a tower, attach itself to a bar 60 inches off the ground and pull itself up.

Under the guidance of several Martin Engineering staffers, more than 30 high school students from Kewanee, Wethersfield, Annawan, Stark County and Cambridge are taking part in a robotics team that's competing in a contest sponsored by FIRST robotics.

The students are divided into several groups: Electrical, mechanical, programming and marketing, for example. They designed the robot with the help of Martin Engineering's engineers under the direction of product engineer Travis Grawe.

Grawe said most of the components of the robot were fabricated in the Martin Engineering facility, using a laser cutter and numerically controlled processor. Other parts, such as the 12-volt battery and motor that power the robot, were purchased.

Robert Nogaj, Martin Engineering's chief operating officer, said the company has sponsored a robotics team for five years. The goal is to get young people interested in careers in science, technology and math — areas in which companies like Martin Engineering are looking for talented people. "It's a tremen-

dous opportunity to learn how to be on a team," Nogaj said. "I think it's a priceless experience."

Being on the robotics team requires an investment of time on the part of the students. They practice one evening a week for three hours, and for four hours on Saturday mornings.

Calling itself "the varsity sport for the mind," FIRST Robotics is "a multi-national competition in which high school students work side by side with science and engineering professionals and other adult mentors, to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way," according to its website (www.ilfirst.org).

"Winning is not solely defined by which team's robot scores the most points. FIRST also awards FRC teams for their achievements in areas such as excellence in design, creativity, innovation, business and marketing plan creation, (and) gracious professionalism," the website says.

Nogaj said that while Martin Engineering has invested a lot of time and money in sponsoring its robotics team, if just one student can be inspired to pursue a career in a technical field, it will be well worth it.



HARRY ANDERSON TRUST MONIES HELP UPDATE NEPONSET GRADE SCHOOL SCIENCE CURRICULUM

The Neponset Grade School teachers have worked together to determine the best practices that enhance the Next Generation Science Standards in order to provide academic excellence for our students.

Grade level themes were decided and lessons formed to align to the new standards. Supplies and materials funded through the Kewanee Schools Foundation and Harry Anderson Trust have aided in the implementation of S.T.E.M. Challenges throughout grades K-8.

At the junior high level, engineering challenges are being implemented in which students engineer and construct devices that are capable of heating water, holding and lifting loads, and storing potential energy. At the elementary level, teachers are utilizing funds to add hypotheses, experimentation, forming and testing predictions, and using evidence to support their results within the science curriculum.

Students in grades K-8 visited the Peoria Riverfront Museum and Planetarium in October. At the museum students were involved in experiences which taught S.T.E.M. based content via a fusion of physical exhibits and state of the art video game technology to learn about the solar system at its best. Students participated in various hands-on activities such as the astronaut simulator, gravitational pull center, and experimented with forces.

In the classroom, teachers

have utilized the materials purchased with the Harry Anderson Grant monies to teach grades K/1 variations of light and how a rainbow is formed.

In second grade, students have learned about buoyancy and density by experimenting with "Goo" and conducting "Sink or Float" experiments.

Second grade also planned and conducted investigations with bubbles. They utilized the scientific method by collecting and analyzing data.

In third grades, students have experimented with magnets to determine how they work. Students have learned that magnets have an invisible field that forces other objects to react to its properties. They have learned that magnetic fields have particles called electrons that actively shift and move within the field. Students used the materials to visualize that magnets have the ability to draw objects towards themselves. Vocabulary terms such as electron, magnetic field, and magnetism were also learned throughout this unit of study.

In the spring, third grade will utilize the Life Cycle of the Butterfly materials. In this unit of study they will learn about animal life cycles, recognize that different animals have different life cycles, and they will study the life cycle of a butterfly. At the end of the unit, students will release

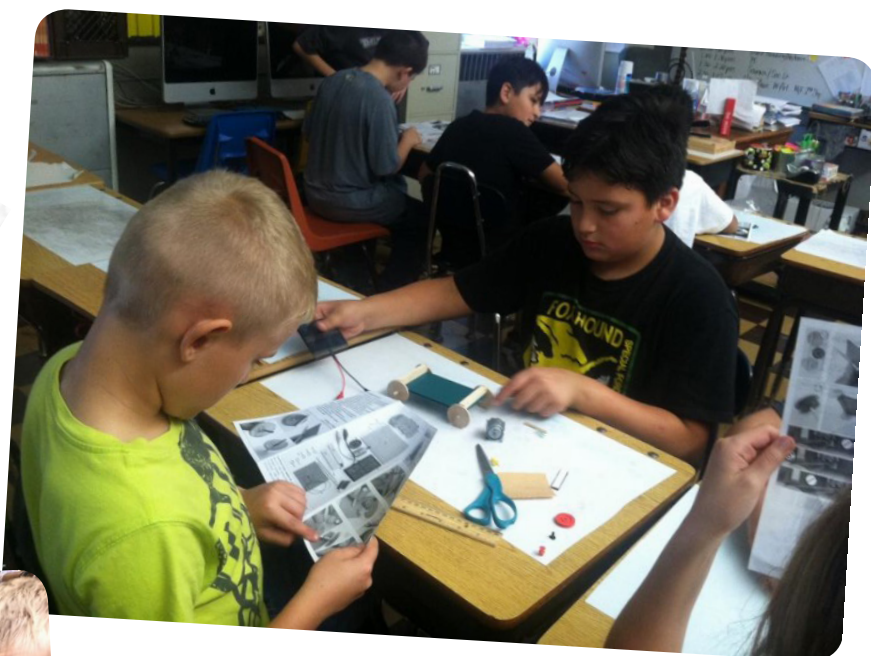
the butterflies in our school butterfly garden.

The 4th/5th grade classroom has been learning about different types of energy. Through the purchase of solar car kits, students were able to engineer the design of their car and test it's capabilities. Students learned about solar energy, potential energy, and kinetic energy. Students are beginning their unit on Simple Machines in which they will be utilizing materials purchased with Harry Anderson Grant funds to construct simple machines, make hypotheses, conduct investigations, and analyze data.

At the junior high level, students will utilize the Water Cycle kit in the spring in order to gain a better understanding of its importance in our everyday lives. Students have currently been studying potential and kinetic energy, as well as conductors and insulators. Students have utilized materials to engineer and test energy efficient homes and energy conversion vehicles.

It is with great appreciation to receive the Harry Anderson Grant and provide learning experiences to enhance our science curriculum. These materials and field experience at the Peoria Riverfront Museum and Planetarium have provided our students with the utmost learning experiences.





KEWANEE FFA AND AG CONSTRUCTION CLASSES ON THE MOVE

Four members of the Kewanee FFA Chapter and their advisor traveled to the Neponset Cemetery over the Memorial Day weekend to help the American Legion place 146 American flags on the graves of the service men and women who served or died in the armed forces. The students enjoyed the morning alongside the American Legion members placing of the flags, but were also sad as they read the name on each grave, the military branch in which they served, and the year they died.



Pictured left to right: Mr. Joe Schneider, FFA Advisor; FFA members Jeff Sterling, Seth Williams, Rae Ann Hollis and Heather Hoadley

The vet tech and agriculture construction classes took advantage of warmer days to move an 8' x 12' storage shed at the high school farm. After much planning and a lot of "grunt" work by the students, the shed was moved 35' to a new location.



Pictured left to right: Katie Lane, Tiffany Behnke and Michael Shaw.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL PERFORMED AT KHS BY THE TALENTED HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC AND THEATER DEPARTMENT



Pictured above front: Kylie Welgat. Back left to right: Kat Wolf, Alex Toutant, Haley Hamilton, Cydnie Robinson, Zach Woods

Marc Nelson wanted to share a positive message with this year's fall play at Kewanee High School. So he chose Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol". "In my class, I was focusing on acts of kindness that people do without getting credit for them," said Mr. Nelson, who is the art teacher at Central School.

Two performances were held on November 5 and 6 in the Petersen Auditorium by a large group of talented freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior students.

What made "A Christmas Carol" appropriate is that it shows that one can transform himself at any age.

Also presented at the play was a four minute video that Mr. Nelson and the students created, which celebrates unsung heroes. In the foyer of the auditorium, artwork of unsung heroes and literary portraits were on display. Artwork was provided by sixth and eighth grade students at Central School.

COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR HELD AT KEWANEE HIGH SCHOOL FOR AREA SCHOOLS



Pictured above, juniors and seniors from Kewanee, Alwood, Cambridge, Stark County, Galva and ROWVA high schools who had the unique opportunity to visit with over thirty college, military and career representatives at the 2016 KHS College and Career Day that was co-sponsored by the Kewanee Schools Foundation.



PASSINGS

CLASS OF '37

Dorothy (Ostman) Anthony - 1/17/16

CLASS OF '38

Mary "Betty" (Grieve) Hyer - 11/23/16

CLASS OF '39

Carolyn (Barlow) Ellis - 7/16/16

CLASS OF '40

Helen (Vlahos) Johnson
Eugene Carlson - 11/20/16

CLASS OF '41

Evelyn (VerShaw) Ptasnik - 6/25/16
Louise (Scott) Kalvin - 7/24/16
Helen (Binkley) Lovejoy - 9/15/16
Vivian (Lammens) Verstraete -
11/12/16

CLASS OF '44

Dorothy (Kubinsky) Hepner - 9/15/16
Gordon C. Johnson - 10/10/16

CLASS OF '45

Gene Behnke
Robert L. Hepner - 7/27/16

CLASS OF '46

Norma (Asbell) Nyman - 6/24/16

CLASS OF '48

Kenneth Yarger - 8/25/16
Shirley (Bradley) Pilarski - 9/17/16

CLASS OF '49

Joseph DeValkenaere - 6/8/16
Leandro "Andy" Domingez - 8/6/16

CLASS OF '51

Geraldine (Kuster) Helmkamp -
10/3/16

CLASS OF '53

Frances (Anderson) Horton - 6/17/16

CLASS OF '55

Joan (Faoro) Keener - 2/23/16
Verna (Fjeld) McKeever - 10/11/16

CLASS OF '56

Sylvia Kay (Streicher) Johnson -
8/24/16
Carol (Currier) Roser - 12/7/15

CLASS OF '57

Thomas Ording - 11/24/16

CLASS OF '58

Sandra (Daulton) Hubbell - 5/25/16
Thomas Sleeper - 10/23/16

CLASS OF '62

Sheila (Ward) Collins - 1/29/16

CLASS OF '64

Fred Gustaitis - 8/21/16

CLASS OF '66

Walter "Walt" Peterson - 9/23/16

CLASS OF '67

Patricia (Turner) McGill - 8/14/16

CLASS OF '71

Randall Kirman - 11/30/16
Bernard Seyller - 11/18/16

CLASS OF '72

Karen (Tunney) Suik - 1/3/16

CLASS OF '74

Diana (Hoffman) Osborne - 10/22/16

CLASS OF '75

Lawrence (Larry) Ryan - 9/23/16

CLASS OF '77

Edward J. Price - 10/15/16

CLASS OF '78

Kimberly McKeever - 7/18/16

CLASS OF '80

James F. Sckrabulis - 4/17/16

CLASS OF '81

Lori (Prusator) Hebert - 11/25/16

CLASS OF '07

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