

# Mt. Zion Spelling Bee's

## Junior High Spelling Bee

### District Spelling Bee Qualifiers:

**7th grade:** Makobi Adams, Gabrielle Daniels, Peyton Shumate, Lyndsey Barnett

**8th grade:** Kaitlyn Matthews, Allison Bradford, Audrey Bradford, Kameron Farrow



## Asking for a Friend

All submissions will remain anonymous. If you want to submit your question or situation to the paper, you can send it to mtzionregionnews@comcast.net ; send a private message to the new Facebook page; or send a letter to 433 N. State Highway 121 Mt. Zion, IL 62549.

### Asking for a friend....

I am a female in my early twenties. This weekend I went on a trip (missed the whole snow storm - thank goodness) and had car trouble. I was stranded on the side of the highway for quite a bit before a tow truck showed up. It was a stressful ordeal, which is why I need advice on what happened and what I should do.

I use a company that contracts out to tow truck companies nearby, which means my basic contact information gets sent to the driver so they can call me and let me know they are heading to me and ask any questions so they can be prepared. The man who towed my car was in his mid to late thirties and seemed nice enough. We chit chatted in the cab of the truck while he took me to my friends apartment where I was staying. Shortly after he dropped my car at a repair place and me back at my friend's place, I got a text from an unknown number. The guy took my information from the company and texted me asking to grab a drink. I instantly felt uncomfortable. There is an obvious age difference and the fact he went out of his way to go through the company they contract out of to find my

information to message me from his private number.

I blocked him without replying and I'm conflicted about reporting him to the company. I feel a bit violated but also scared this might make him upset and cause issues. I frequently visit my friend and am nervous about him waiting for me in the parking lot of her complex. What should I do?

- Creeped Out

Dear Creeped Out,

I am so sorry this happened to you. Young women do not deserve to feel this way and what he did was totally inappropriate. I also understand being scared, but the best way to prevent this from happening to anyone else is to report it to the company who contracted out to this tow truck company. They should know that they have employees to are using private information to try and get dates. If you feel nervous about him showing up to your friend's place, notify the apartment complex main office and any neighbors that you or your friend trust. Be vigilant and if you suspect he might be hanging around, you or your friend should call the police. Maybe carry pepper spray for a while, protects you and helps you feel a bit more secure from your car to the apartment.

From one woman to another, I am so sorry this happened to you. What he did is not okay.

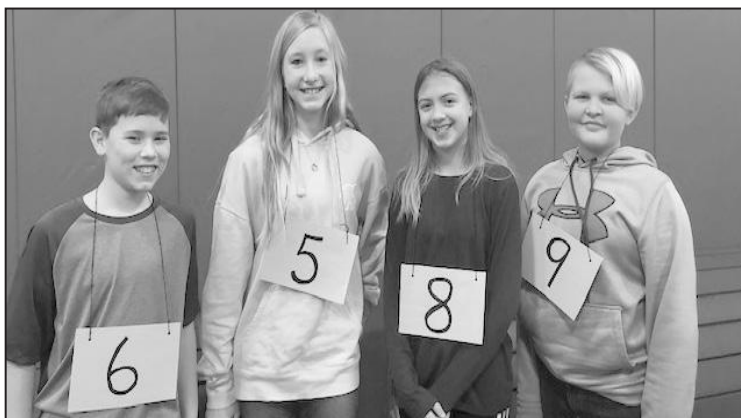
## Intermediate School Spelling Bee



**4th Grade.** Finalists: Bradyen Whicker, Brea Sanders, Chloe Lusvardi, and Grace Gherardini.



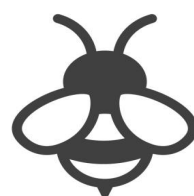
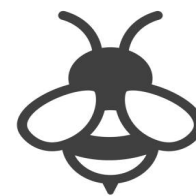
**5th Grade.** Finalists: Justin O'Neill, Makaylah Adams, Aidan Marquis, and Kaya Turgut.



**6th Grade.** Finalists: Caiden Wright, Claire McNeill, Ainsley Risley, and Alex Collins.



District Spelling Bee - Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 pm



## Easy Eats

### Pineapple Fluff Pie

You come home from a long day at work and your significant other tells you they made plans for the both of you over the weekend. You panic because you have so much on your to do list and you don't have time to make the dessert they promised you'd bring to the party. In your head you are mentally planning how you're going to get it all done, and the other part is praying that round 2 of the snow storm is going bring

another snow day and a perfect excuse to stay in.

Unfortunately, mother nature is a fickle woman and you may just need to find a quick and easy dessert. Well you are very much in luck (cue a choir of angels) because this recipe is for you. Pineapple Fluff Pie is easy to make when you have company, last minute dinner party plans, or just to make a treat for the family. Simple to put together and it looks and tastes decadent.

### Ingredients

- 1 can Eagle Brand Condensed Milk
- 1 8 oz can of crushed pineapple w / juice
- 1/4 cup lemon or lime juice - (can add a bit more for taste)
- 1 8 oz carton of Extra Creamy Cool Whip
- 1 9 oz Graham cracker crust - it's the extra 2 slice size

### Directions

Blend condensed milk and lemon juice. Add pineapple. Fold in Cool Whip. Pour into graham cracker crust and place plastic lid, that comes with it, on top. Refrigerate. Tastes better if it sits overnight. If you are in a hurry, it can be put in the freezer for a couple of hours or so before serving.

### First General Baptist

2825 S. Baltimore, Decatur 423-8359

#### Schedule of Services

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. for all ages  
Wednesday Bible Study/Children's Choir 6:30  
Child Care Provided

### Antioch Christian Church

5409 E. Route 36 Decatur, IL 62521 864-3444



Classic Worship Service at 8:45 am  
Sunday School at 10:00 am  
Contemporary Worship Service at 11:00 am

www.acdeatur.org antiohc@comcast.net

### Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church

345 Main St., 864-2528 Rev. Mike Wakeland

Sunday Worship - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.



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### Mt. Zion Assembly of God

634 Woodland Dr. • Mt. Zion 864-2701

#### Schedule of services

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Service 10:45 • Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Power Night 7:00 p.m. • Children's Service 7:00 p.m.

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