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Central Heights volleyball team wins tournament. See Page 7.



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## TUESDAY EDITION

■ EDWARD FISHER

# Man gets probation in church theft case

By JENALEA MYERS  
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Edward Fisher still mows the lawn of the Rantoul Presbyterian Church for free, his attorney says.

Even though Fisher, 58, Rantoul, was convicted of stealing nearly \$30,000 from the church while he was serving as treasurer, that doesn't make him a bad person, Brian Williams, his attorney, said during Fisher's sentencing Monday at Franklin County District Court.

"He's not a bad person," Williams told Judge Thomas Sachse. "He made a bad decision, but he's not a bad person."

Fisher, who prior to this case had no criminal history, was sentenced to 24 months of probation and was or-

dered to pay \$29,937.63 in restitution.

Williams said during the time in which the crime was committed — Jan. 1, 1997, to Oct. 5, 2008 — Fisher suffered from a heart attack and experienced other health problems. Those conditions have Fisher on nine types of medication and have left him unable to work, Williams said.

But Sachse said Fisher's conditions weren't excuses for his behavior.

"A lot of people have heart attacks, and a lot of people have health problems," he said. "That's not an excuse to steal money."

Fisher was arrested in April and charged with felony theft. He posted a \$5,000 bond

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# SYMBOL OF FAITH



Photos by Elliot J. Sutherland/The Ottawa Herald

**Above:** Donita McMillan, who works at Hasty Awards in Ottawa, holds a picture frame containing her holy writ identifying her as a member of the Holy Order of Saint Anne. McMillan recently was inducted into the order as an esquire for her help in reproducing the order's 900-year-old medallion. Hasty Awards now holds the U.S. contract to produce the order's medallions. **Inset, above:** The 900-year-old medallion of the Holy Order of Saint Anne was reproduced by Hasty Awards from old photos.

# DONITA MCMILLAN PROVES HER METTLE WITH MEDAL

By COURTNEY SERVAES  
Herald Staff Writer

Donita McMillan doesn't think things happen by accident — she thinks they happen because God wants them to happen.

Like the day she picked up the phone while working at Hasty Awards, the day she answered the call from someone with the Catholic Church needing help with an elaborate medal.

"It just gives me goosebumps," she said. "It was divine intervention."

Anyone could have picked up the phone that day, McMillan, Williamsburg, said. But she's the one who did.

McMillan, who is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, said officials with the Catholic Church were looking for an engraving company that could help them reproduce a 900-year-old medal that's sacred to the Catholic Holy Orders. They found just what



As a new member of the Holy Order of Saint Anne, Donita McMillan was given a dagger, which is the weapon of an esquire, and several lapel pins, including a service award.

they were looking for at Hasty Awards.

"Fortunately I was the one who answered," McMillan said. "I was glad because it was something I was very, very

interested in."

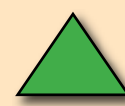
McMillan said she was sent information and photographs of the medal and quickly got

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## Gas prices rising

TODAY'S LOCAL AVERAGE PRICE

\$2.43



Up from \$2.36 Sept. 17



Posted prices for regular unleaded or ethanol-blend gasoline in Ottawa and area towns as of 8 p.m. Monday. Prices subject to change.

	Aug. 13	Sept. 17	Oct. 20
Cenex at Logan St.	\$2.55	\$2.34	\$2.43
Casey's at Co-op	\$2.52	\$2.36	\$2.43
Shortstop	\$2.49	\$2.36	\$2.43
Conoco	\$2.52	\$2.39	\$2.42
BP at 23rd St.	\$2.52	\$2.39	\$2.43
Ottawa Mini Mart	\$2.49	\$2.36	\$2.40
Casey's at 7th St.	\$2.52	\$2.36	\$2.43
Casey's at N. Main St.	\$2.52	\$2.36	\$2.43
Zarco 66 at I-35	\$2.58	\$2.39	\$2.49
Princeton Quick Stop	\$2.55	\$2.39	\$2.43
Casey's, Pomona	\$2.53	\$2.33	\$2.43
Short Stop, Garnett	\$2.50	\$2.31	\$2.35

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