

## **Charger Students of the Month – January, 2010**

**Maria Gambrell** was selected as the female Charger of the Month for January. Maria is the senior daughter of Rick and Pam Gambrell of Carthage. At Illini West Maria is a member of the Art Club, Band, Drama Club, FBLA, International Club, SADD Chapter and Scholastic Bowl team. Maria was also named an Illinois State Scholar this school year. Away from school, Maria is a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Carthage. As a member of the church she is part of the Heart Ministry Youth Group. Maria's future plans include living in Denmark for one year as a Rotary Exchange Student. She then plans to continue with her education and attend a university with an undecided major.

**Michael Lafferty** was selected as the male Charger of the Month for January. Michael is the senior son of Tim and Kelly Lafferty of LaHarpe. At Illini West Michael is a member of the Git-R-Done History Club and National Honor Society. During this school year Michael was selected as an Illinois State Scholar. Michael has participated in football for four years and basketball and baseball for 3 years. Michael has been named as an All-State Quarterback in football and twice made the Academic All-State Football team. Away from school, Michael is a member of the LaHarpe Union Church youth group. Michael's future plans include attending a four year college with an undecided major and playing either baseball or football.