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**Holocaust Survivor Speaks to  
Smart Intermediate School Students  
9 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

*Davenport, Iowa* – Smart Intermediate School eighth grade classes will host a special speaker as part of their current study of World War II. Ralph Troll, a retired Augustana College professor, and child survivor of the Holocaust, will speak to students at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at Smart Intermediate School, 1934 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Troll's family lived in German at the outbreak of World War II. His father was Roman Catholic and his mother was Jewish. When the deportations to the concentration camps began, the family hid for a time, but his mother was caught and sent to Terezen concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. Mr. Troll's was 12 years old when his mother was captured. The Russian Army liberated the camp and the survivors were taken to farms to recuperate from their experience. Mr. Troll's father found his wife at one of the farms and brought her home. The entire family emigrated to the United States in January, 1947. Mr. Troll resides in Port Byron, Illinois. He and his younger sister are the only surviving members of the family.

As part of the language arts curriculum, eighth grade students began their study of World War II by reading "Anne Frank, Diary of a Young Girl" and have each written a research paper dealing with an event, person or place from that time period.

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