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*Thought for the Week:* Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all! No Paper next week.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Church of McNatt will present its 21st annual Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m. December 24 at the church.

The reading of the story of Jesus' birth will be accompanied by music from a variety of artists including Pentatonix, The Statler Brothers, Mannheim Steamroller, Celtic Woman and many others.

You are invited to join us for an inspirational and relaxing celebration of the Nativity.

For details call 375.3186.

## FREE LUNCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is hosting a FREE community lunch on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at noon. All ages are welcome! Come enjoy a hot meal with us!

## WARREN AUTHOR

Author Andi M. Helms takes children into a world of fun and fantasy as he teaches them how to care for our furry friends in his book, "Chickens on Strike."

Have you ever just wanted to be lazy all day? Well, this lazy farmer learns a valuable lesson from Rowdy Rooster, his hens, and their farm friends by making the farmer feel their pain! In Helm's literary fiction for kids, children are taught the value of responsibility and the effect they have on others and how we make them feel in "Chickens on Strike."

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at [www.tatepublishing.com](http://www.tatepublishing.com) /bookstore, or by visiting [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Andi M. Helms taught second grade for nine years, opened a school on her farm for ten children for three years, and continues to be a motivational speaker and leader in furthering education and behavioral modification.

She and her husband, Roger K. Helms II, are parents to five wonderful children, three feisty chickens, and one energetic dog

named Sophie. They are also Grandpa and Grandma to a growing number of creative and adorable grandkids.

## FARMERS ALMANAC 2016

The Warren Pharmacy has the 2016 Farmers Almanac available. It is FREE when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women in all sectors of agriculture will be offered educational and networking opportunities at the 15th Annual Midwest Women in Agriculture Conference.

The Feb. 17-18 conference will return to the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, in Columbus, Indiana.

A preconference program, "Leasing Land on a Tight Margin," will be 1-4 p.m. Feb. 16, also at the Clarion Hotel and

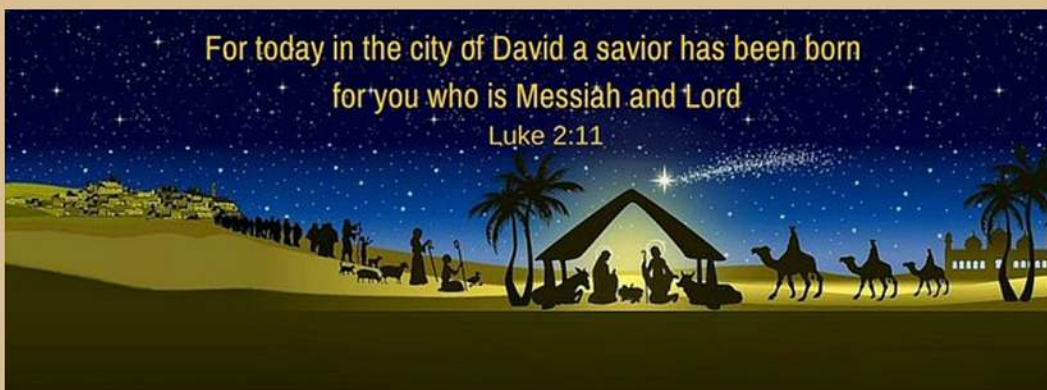
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## ANOTHER DONKEY DONATION

Historic Warren presented a \$100.00 donation to the Warren Fire Dept. From proceeds from the Donkey Basketball Fundraiser.

Pictured left to right; From Historic Warren, Kevin DeaKyne, representing the Warren Fire Dept. Lee Poulson and Wendell Brown, also from Historic Warren, Becky Souder.



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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Leave news and/or advertising at Town Hall or mail to PO Box 695, Warren or email to editor@warrenweeklyindiana.com.

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## Kudos, Kicks & Karats



## THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

The happy time of the year has approached us and soon begins another year. We will soon begin making those silly New Year resolutions that often do not last thru a week. I just don't bother making them I just take each day at a time and hope it goes well for me.

I always reflect back to my childhood and think of the times that Christmas was pretty slim at our house financially. We were not blessed but rich in so many other ways.

One of the highlights was my aunt and uncle, who was childless and lived in New York state, always remembered us kids at Christmas with wonderful gifts. The best day of the season was the day my dad would bring home from the post office the huge box from New York. Many of the gifts I no longer recall what they were but was always something very nice and special. The Christmas I remember most vividly was when I was 5 and I received a complete set of china play dishes which I still have but have passed them on to the great granddaughter when she is old enough to appreciate them. They were always very special to me also that year my sisters and I together received a nice slate blackboard which still is in my possession and hangs in my garage. I learned to print my name on it and also learned spelling words and adding and subtracting. Also most all the young ones in the family have had their turn at some form of education on it. Needless it is a treasured piece with many memories.

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**ASBURY CHAPEL  
 UNITED METHODIST**  
 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier  
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor

Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 8294S 900W 35  
 Brad Kelly, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. Kings Kids ..... 6:30p.m.  
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) ..... 6:00p.m.  
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) ..... 6:00 p.m.

**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor  
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Pastor - Heath Jones  
 Youth Leader - Kelly Jones

Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.  
 Handicap Accessible

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 Pastor Wayne Couch  
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Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Daycare provided during Worship Service

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
 Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor  
 1st Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 2nd Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto  
 Steve Sutton, Pastor  
 765/728-2065 for more info  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**HILLCREST  
 CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Rev Mark Davis

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 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 Paul Burris, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington  
 468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor  
 Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday:

CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings .... 7:00 p.m.  
**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 694-6622

Aaron Westfall, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Chad Yoder  
 Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**McNATT UNITED METHODIST**  
 375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45-11:30a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 6-7:30 p.m.

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**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2691  
 Jill Miller, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

**SALAMONIE  
 CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102

Pastor Scott Nedberg  
 Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Meetings-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Slater, Pastor

Jim Knight, Superintendent  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Cindy Osgood

Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 The Highway (2nd Service) .... 11:00 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 2:30 pm  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  
 www.vanburenmc.org

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022  
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister  
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister  
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes -  
 Secretaries

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 Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 11 to 11:40 a.m.  
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)

K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-7:30pm

**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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 Youth Directors

Peter & Mindy Fairchild  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Group: Grades 3-5 ..... 4-5:30p  
 Grades 6-12 ..... 5:30 - 7p

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
**375-2330** 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
 Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609

Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes ..... 9:30 am  
 Youth Group ..... 6:00 pm  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study ..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm

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Conference Center.

The preconference seminar will cover calculating cash lease amounts and valuation of property, long-term cash rent decisions, flex leases as an alternative to cash renting, communication for landowner and tenant relationships and the legal aspects of leasing.

"The committee has been working hard to provide a program to fit the needs of women in all sectors of agriculture and in different phases of their life," said conference chair Kelly Heckaman, Purdue Extension agriculture and natural resources educator in Kosciusko County.

Some of the 20 session topics of the conference are on improving farm financial management skills, educating people on modern agriculture, protecting profit margins in an unstable market, addressing meat controversies and retirement programs and farmstead planning.

Key speakers and their topics:

\* Jolene Brown, farmer, author and professional speaker: "If We Huff and Puff, Will We Blow Your House Down?" and "Who's Hiding the Humor?"

\* Kenzie Kretzmeier, Indiana FFA state president: "Realizing a New Vision for Agriculture."

\* Karen Plaut, senior associate dean for research and faculty affairs for Purdue's College of Agriculture: "Creating Effective Linkages with Campus Research Communities and Cooperative Extension."

Registration for either Wednesday or Thursday costs \$80, or \$90 for both days, if received payment is received by Feb. 3. Checks should be made payable to the Purdue Education Fund and sent to Midwest Women in Agriculture Conference, Kosciusko County Extension Office, 202 W. Main St., Warsaw, IN 46580. A \$10 handling fee will be assessed on all refunds, and there will be no refunds after Feb. 3.

To print the registration form, visit <https://ag.purdue.edu/>

extension/wia/ or contact Kelly Heckaman at 574-372-2340 or [kheckaman@purdue.edu](mailto:kheckaman@purdue.edu).

### ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Indiana 4-H enrollment is now open in Huntington County through January 15, 2016. 4-H is a premier source of enjoyable, educational programs to help young people reach their full potential. Plus, new for 2016, enrollment is easier than ever with the 4-H Online system, <https://in.4honline.com>.

Indiana 4-H is the state's largest youth development program for grades 3-12, reaching over 200,000 youth in all 92 counties. 4-H Youth Development Educators in each Purdue Extension county office coordinate local activities.

In Huntington County, approved adult volunteers teach young people specific skills related to a wide variety of subjects through hands-on, experiential learning. Youth also develop leadership and citizenship skills by participating in one of 34 organized 4-H

Clubs. Subjects include: science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); agriculture; citizenship; healthy living; art; consumer and family sciences; and more. In 2013, a Tufts University study showed that 4-H members also excel in positive youth development areas compared to peers, including:

- Four times more likely to contribute to their communities (grades 7-12)
- Two times more likely to make healthier choices (grade 7)
- Two times more likely to be civically active (grades 8-12)
- Two times more likely to participate in extracurricular STEM programs (grades 10-12)



Now, the new 4-H Online system makes it even more

convenient to offer enrollment, event registration, calendars, and secure payment online.

Youth may be enrolled in Huntington County 4-H by January 15, 2015 online at <https://in.4honline.com> or by visiting the Huntington County Purdue Extension office, 1350 S. Jefferson St, Ste. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The \$15 fee per child includes all Indiana 4-H program fees.

For more information about specific 4-H subjects in Huntington County or the 4-H program in general, visit [www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington). If you have questions about Huntington County 4-H,

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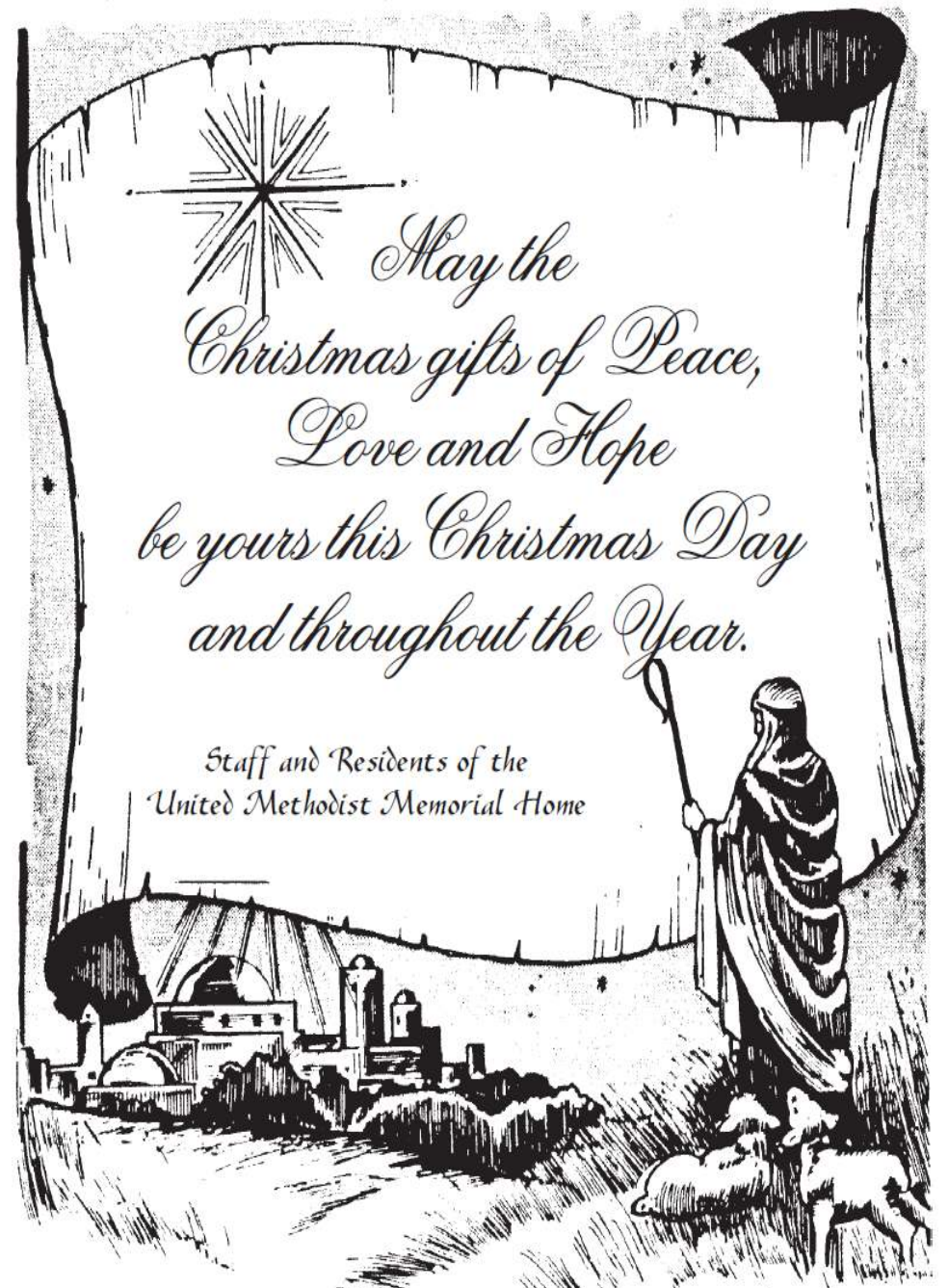
Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

<b>Dec.24</b>	Christmas Eve
<b>Dec.25</b>	Christmas
<b>Dec.31</b>	New Year's Eve
<b>Jan.01</b>	New Year's Day
<b>Jan.06</b> Noon	W - Chamber of Comm., Assembly Hall
<b>Jan.07</b> 7 p.m.	V - Town Council Meeting
<b>Jan.11</b> 5:30p	W - Town Council Meeting

**Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC**

**Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus**

**These Events Can Also Be Found at [www.warrenweeklyindiana.com](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)**





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call Karen Hinshaw, County Extension Director, Health & Human Sciences Educator, at 260-358-4826.

**4-H SCHOLARSHIPS**  
The 2016 4-H scholarship forms are due Monday, January 25th at the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service located at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.  
The 4-H Foundation Scholarship – Senior Year is a one time award (non-renewable). Approximately 225 will be awarded with a range of \$250 - \$400. The scholarship can be used at any school.  
The “4-H Accomplishment Resume’ Scholarship” awards 34 \$1,000 scholarships in areas of: Animal Sciences, Citizenship, Communications, Engineering & Technological Sciences, Health Living, Food & Nutrition Science,

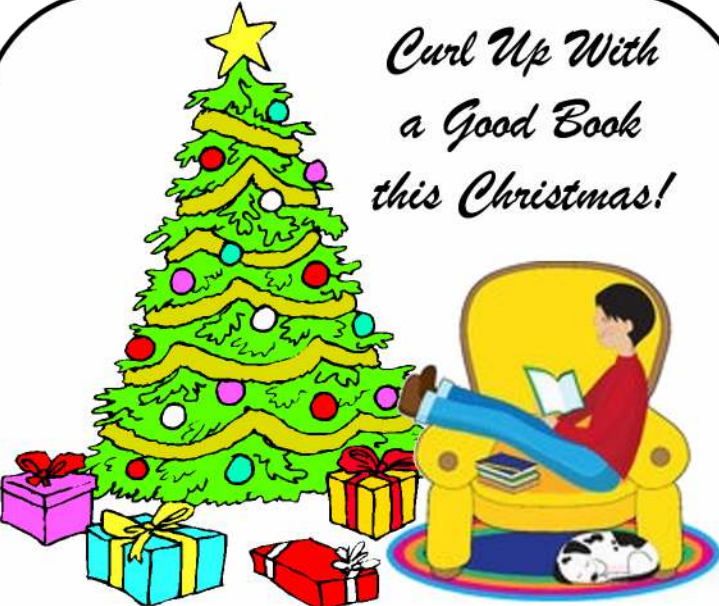
Leadership Development, Plant & Environmental Science.  
Another opportunity for assistance is the “4-H Club Scholarship”. This is available as tuition reduction. The applicant must be accepted in the College of Agriculture or the Academic Units of Child Development and Family Studies; Consumer Sciences and Retailing; Foods and Nutrition; and Hospitality, Tourism, and Management and have your FAFSA application filed by March 1. These scholarships are good at any Purdue University campus including IPFW. The scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years.  
Applications forms are available at [www.four-h.purdue.edu](http://www.four-h.purdue.edu). Completed application forms are to be submitted electronically in MS Word and downloaded into the Indiana 4-H Online Enrollment system.

For more information about the 4-H scholarships, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service, 824-6412 or [rscherer@purdue.edu](mailto:rscherer@purdue.edu).

**BEEF ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
Indiana Beef Cattle Association in northeast Indiana will meet Thursday, January 7 at the Eagles Nest Event Center, 125 S. Eagle Glen Trail, Columbia City. Rob Rabb, Director for northeast Indiana extends an invitation to anyone (adult and youth) who raise beef cattle in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties. The event is free. Call Ed Farris, 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension Service – Huntington County to make reservations or email at [emfarris@purdue.edu](mailto:emfarris@purdue.edu).

**MEMORIAL BOWS**  
Following are the Memorial Bows placed on the Town Christmas Tree. White for deceased, Yellow for Service Members, Red for those who are still living.  
George Brown, white; Jimmy Dale Scwob, white; Jesse j Brown, white; Madge & Dorman Hudson, white; Mary Alberta Brown, white; Frank Minnich, white; John Bill Buzzard, white; Eloise Sheets, white; Gerald & Maxine Sheets, white; Tony Chambers, white; Phillip Boxell, yellow; Roger Ruble, white; William Bell Collins, white; Patty Hoch, white; Carl "Jake" Douglas, white; Hop Ruble, White; Paul, Frances, Mike Gilmer, White; Esther Ruble, White; Sherman Brown, White; Jerry Boyer, White; Lelah Brown, White; Larry Michael, White; Von Brown, Yellow; Mr. & Mrs. Joyce Michael, White; Devon Brown, White; David DeWeese, Red; Don Brown, Yellow; John DeWeese, Yellow; Floyd Brown, Yellow; Rovene Heaton, White; Martha Eppard, White; Francis Heaton, White; David Lee Brock, White; Roger Heaton, White; Elwood Karchner, White; Gary Jones, White; Bentey Gene Spears, White;  
Marquerite Osborne, White; Jerry "Tiny" Spears, White; Ray Osborne, White; Alva & Osa Roberts, White; Bill Eckman, White; Sheryl Slusher, White; Glade Eckman, White; Don Slusher, White; Mildred Eckman, White; Oscar Long, White; Mrs. Slaughter, White; Madaline Long, White; Harold Brauchla, White; Jane Haley, White; Dale Brown, Yellow; Roscoe Slusher, White; Barbara Brown, White; Helen Slusher, White; Steven Banter, White; Nina Slusher, White; Ora Banter, White; Todd Bowers, White; Hilda Banter, White; Scott Whitaker, White; Martha Banter, White; Gary Martin, White; Virginia Sumwalt, White; Noah Slusher, White; Becky England Sumwalt, White; Dean & Opal Hardin, White; Edward Sumwalt, White; Windy & Kevin Mann, White; Jim Sumwalt, White; Jess & Lois Langston, White; Tom Sumwalt, White; Mark & Ruby Rittenhouse, White; Don Sumwalt, White; Ralph & Pauline Blair, White; Fred Sumwalt, White; Burton & Elizabeth Gebhart, White; Barbara Sumwalt, White; Roy & Cleo Stuber, White; Chester Myers, White; Erle & Doris

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## DOMINOS

There were 6 players in the December 16th domino tournament. Scores ranged

from a low tie score of 23 for "Clancy" Myers and "Curly" Taylor. "Engineer" Ruble had 31; "Captain" Hall had 37 for the HIGH score. "Sawdust" Minnich got 32 points; "Farmer" Bonham had 37 Points. December 19th had 4 players, with "Engineer" Ruble winning for a change with only 20 points. "Captain" Hall- and "Yooper" Forsberg tied for 2nd at 26 "Farmer" Bonham was high looser with 38 big ones!! December 20th was back to a 6 man playoff. Of course the scorekeeper "Curly" Taylor won again as he was only able to count up to 20 this week!! "Engineer" Ruble was 2nd at 23. The 2 left handed Dick's "Popcorn" Lintner and "Corncob" Hinton tied for 3rd with 25 points, "Sawdust" Minnich was 5th with 32, and the owner of the dominos "Captain" Hall came in LAST with 37 points.

## SIGMA PHI

On December 15, 2015 the Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their Christmas Social, at the Knight Bergman Center. An evening of fun, fellowship and food was enjoyed. Hostesses for the evening were Sharon Gebhart,

Kathy Ralston and Sandy Booher.

Sandy started the evening by reading lines from Christmas songs and having the group guess which song they belonged to. Carol Irick kept the group entertained by humming or singing as she tried to figure them out. Betty Yoder knew more of them than anyone one.

Followed were yummy refreshments prepared by the hostesses. Later Secret Sister gifts were exchanged.

Others present were Opal Brubaker, Rosemary Zeller, Sondra Zabel, Sandy Eichhorn, Susan Ralston, Suzette Gephart, Lorie Fiock, Jenny Plummer and Tara Korporal.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

## MINI 4-H ENROLLMENT

Youth in kindergarten, first and second grades are invited to join in the fun of Mini 4-H and exhibit a project at the Wells County 4-H Fair, July 16 – 21. Mini 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in one of the various projects of their

choice. The projects include: Collections, Crafts, Dinosaurs, Farm Animals, Foods, Horse & Pony, Models, My Pet & Me, Plants and Flowers, Sewing, Whales & Dolphins, and Rabbit.

Participants complete the project during the summer and bring it in to the Wells County 4-H Fair, July 16 – 21. Mini 4-H members will also be invited to some Mini 4-H events during the year that will be planned and organized by the 4-H Jr. Leaders. Information about 4-H was distributed to Ossian Elementary School in December and will be distributed to Bluffton, Lancaster and Southern Wells schools the first week of January.

Enrollment for Mini 4-H (K-2)

and regular 4-H (grades 3 – 12) is through the 4-H Online system at [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells) or Google "Wells County 4-H".

Enrollment is free for Mini 4-H. Regular 4-H has a program fee that is \$20 with a cap of \$60 per family.

If you do not have internet access or if you have questions about 4-H, please call the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service at 824-6412. You may also visit the office located at 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton.

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IBBBY starts Jan. 1 and continues through mid-December.

Birders who find at least 100 species will receive a commemorative IBBY sticker or decal provided by the Indiana Audubon Society.

Birders who find at least 200 species will also be entered in a drawing for Indiana DNR Annual Entrance Permits, DNR Inns Gift Cards, complimentary Indiana Audubon memberships, Eagle Optic binoculars, tickets to the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival and more.

Because 2016 is also the 100th anniversary of Indiana State Parks and the National Park Service, 100 of the 200 species must have been found on an Indiana State Park (or reservoir) or National Park site in Indiana. State Fish & Wildlife Areas, State Forests and State Nature Preserves (not located inside a

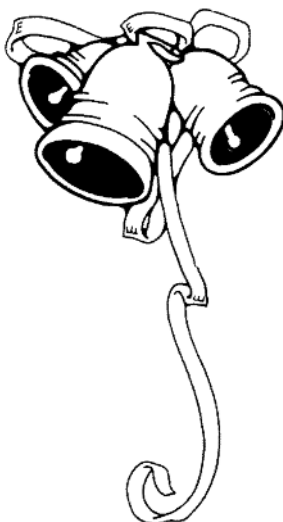
state park) do not count toward these criteria.

Participants must log their checklists and download their year list into ebird.com by Dec. 16.

IBBBY is an official Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project.

Additional sponsorship comes from the Robert Cooper Audubon Society.

For more information, call the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center at (219) 926-1390 or visit [indianaaudubon.org](http://indianaaudubon.org).



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Mom usually made eggnog at some time during the holiday and we always had good fresh eggs, milk and cream to make it with. We always looked forward to that special treat. Also if we had fresh snow on the ground snow ice cream was a must.

I try to make eggnog also on Christmas Eve as a tradition for our family when we were all together. Now it is only me and I still have the tradition don't always make it (so much easier to buy it) but I still enjoy the eggnog and the memories of the past Christmas Eves.

Here is my mom's recipe as much as I can remember I don't think she had a recipe for it but it was delicious as usual. She took 6 eggs and about 1/2 cup sugar 2 cups milk beating it well to mix the sugar and eggs she added more milk about 2-3 more cups and a cup of fresh cream teaspoon vanilla dash of grated nutmeg and cinnamon. Today it is safer to cook the eggs and part of the milk to about 160 degrees then let cool and add the remaining ingredients.

To each of you I wish you a wonderful and Blessing Christmas and New Year.



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