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Thought for the Week: Even with the best of maps and instruments, we can never fully chart our journeys. Gail Pool



YOU'RE INVITED

Salamonie School would like to invite Warren to the 7/8th grade Boys Basketball County Tourney beginning with 7th grade on Monday, Feb. 1st, and 8th grade on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Both games begin at 6:00 p.m. The Championship game will be played @ Huntington North High School on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd @ 7:00 p.m. Come and cheer the Salamonie Rebels on to Victory!

SSF 2010

One piece of log creates a small fire, adequate to warm you up, add just a few more pieces to blast an immense bonfire, large enough to warm up your entire circle of friends; needless to say that individuality counts but team work is dynamite. ~Jin Kwon

How would you like to be part of a team that ignites this town and watch it burn with FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP? You can be part of that team and it is called the Salamonie Summer Festival Committee. We are looking to add new things, change a few things, and mix it up a little for the 2010 Festival. We need additional "logs" to make all this happen.

Are you looking for something to get you out of the house? Are you looking to be part of something exciting and fun? Then our group is just what you need! There are several small jobs that need to be accomplished and completed. Some of the committees are: Advertising & Publicity; Food Vendors; Craft Vendors; Carnival Rides; Parade; and several other committees that need help to make the

Salamonie Summer Festival a reality!

We have moved our meeting night to the 1st Monday of the month at 5:00 PM. Our next meeting will be Monday February 1st, 5:00 PM at the Town Annex. We need and welcome any help you can give! PLEASE STOP IN AND FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

BUS TRIPS

The Warren Road Runners want to remind everyone that we still have room for our upcoming bus trips and are inviting any area folks to ride along with us.

The first is a trip to the Statehouse in Indianapolis on Monday, February 1st. Gerald Moreland will be having the opening prayer for the Representatives session that day and a tour of the statehouse is scheduled after the session. We will leave the Warren Church of Christ parking lot at 9:00 a.m. with a stop at Cracker Barrel in Indianapolis for a light lunch on the way down. There will be a group picture taken with Rep. Phyllis Pond before the session begins. Cost is \$10. Call Colleen Franklin at 414-0223 to reserve your seat.

On February 12, the bus is taking a MYSTERY TRIP to ?????? That's why it's called a mystery trip!!! Hints....Enjoy an array of multiple selection and picture an interesting view and then sweet surroundings. Cost is \$48. Leave WCC parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Call by Friday, Feb. 8th to reserve a seat.

On February 23, the bus will take a load of hungry folks to Norm's Preble Garden Restaurant in Preble, IN. Freewill offering for the ride.

Bus leaves WCC lot 8:30 a.m.

Keep posted on more upcoming trips or write to Colleen Franklin at: P.O. Box 394, Warren, IN 46702 to get a newsletter with complete news of upcoming events.

PROS LUNCH

Just a reminder that PROS (Parents Reaching Out at Salamonie School) is hosting a Sunday Lunch at the Knight Bergman Center in Warren on Sunday, January 31st from 11AM-1PM. The menu, which is generously prepared by Kim's Katered Affair and Salamonie parents, includes ham, beef & noodles, chicken & noodles, lasagna, meatballs, hot dogs, mashed potatoes, rolls, corn, green beans, applesauce, assorted salads and desserts. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for kids age 6-12 and children 5 & under are FREE! For your dining entertainment members of the Salamonie School band will perform. There will also be projects on display from several of the classes. In the past funds generated from this lunch have been used for recess equipment, scholarships and improvements to the Salamonie School woods. We hope you will be able to come enjoy lunch with us this Sunday!

FULL MOON EVENT

Enjoy an evening on the moon-focusing on the moon, that is. From 4 - 8 p.m., learn fun facts about the Earth's only natural satellite from members of the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society during an indoor presentation, and eat a "moon"

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WIN TOURNEY

The 8th Grade Salamonie Boys won the Adams Central Tournament-They beat Blackford School in the first round and then beat Adams Central in the final game! Back row : Wyatt Cocklin, Kody Smith, Brady Herr, Robert Sliger, Mathew Knight, Coach Rod Sprinkle Front Row: Grant Canady, Kennan Mooberry, Wesley Smith, Cameron Buzzard, Jared Bradford, Colton Mooberry, Keenan Leichty

FREE - SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Mark your calendars for Feb. 9th to join Solid Rock United Methodist Church for our annual "FREE" Soup for the Soul Supper to be held at the Knight-Bergman Center from 5:00-6:30 or until the kettle runs empty (which ever comes first). Invite your family, neighbors and friends to join us as we warm your body with a bowl of vegetable, chili or chicken & noodle soup and warm your soul with some great fellowship.

In July of 2008 Warren United Methodist Church and Jefferson United Methodist Church merged and formed the Solid Rock United Methodist Church. We are now meeting at the former site of the Warren United Methodist Church with Sunday Worship Services at 10:00AM and Sunday School

Classes meeting at 9:00AM. We invite you to join us on Sunday or we have several Bible Study Groups, United Methodist Women, Youth Groups, Mens Fellowship and mens, womens and mixed choir groups that your can participate in. Call the church office at 260-375-3873 to find out more about any of these activities. Hope to see you on the 9th.

STORY TIME

Preschool story time at the Warren Public Library will begin again on Friday, February 5th.

Sessions last for one half hour and are open to all children. No registration is required.



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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop, mail to P O Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.375.7007 or email to wwklly@citiznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

DEAR EDITOR,

We would appreciate you publishing in your next issue of the Warren Weekly, the following message sent by us on Senator's Bayh's e-mail form on his web site:

"Dear Senator Bayh,

You were quoted as saying, after the Massachusetts election, that if Democrats continued the same course, there would be a catastrophe. Also if you [one] lose Massachusetts and that's not a wake up call, there is no hope of waking up.

Question Senator? What were you doing on Christmas eve when you voted aye on the health bill, riddled with payoffs, no transparency, and which a large majority of the public didn't want? Were you asleep??

Don't be a "Rip Van Winkle" the next time around, or you will be the "Martha Coakley" of Indiana."

Signed Roger and Helen Koehlinger

I AM WINTER

By V NEIL WYRICK

I am Winter.

The soft quiet gray of a leaden sky.
 The gentle falling flake of white in the pale light
 of a February noon.

The smooth folds of shifted snow.
 The special quiet of snow falling on snow.

I am Winter.

The whine and whistle of the wind through the naked trees,
 The whirl and twirl of dancing ice,
 The late dawn and early dusk
 Holding the cold long upon the land.

I am Winter.

One of four seasons to give variation to the
 mating call of change.

The waters grow hard beneath my touch.
 The children, old and young, frolic at my magic.
 I have a beauty all my own, a crisp brusque way
 Of challenging each day to come alive.

There is vigor in my breath newly come from
 Virgin fields of arctic snows.

The call of nature is not heard by all.

Its teaching often fall on ears made deaf by unconcern.

Be not one of these—

Be rather alive to all God's seasons,

Drink deep of their content,

Glory in their exchange,

Learn from their moods

So different in their extremes.

Three siblings have I,

Summer, Spring and Fall.

We speak in passing,

We leave our mark upon the land.

We are God's handwriting from the stretches of
 Eternity to man, who lives by the stream of time.

I am Winter,

And to have known me is to have traveled close
 With one of the creative thoughts of God.

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 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue)6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

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 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
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 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School10:40 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
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 Sunday Service10:30 a.m.
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 Sunday School.....9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m.
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 (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

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 1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services9:00 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING

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 Worship Service10:00 a.m.

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 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
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 Pastor Dan Sommer
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School10:45 a.m.

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375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
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 Coffee Fellowship.....8:30 a.m.
 Worship9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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260/468-2148
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 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

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 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed)6:00 p.m.

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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.
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 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
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 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Youth Group6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm

AREA NEWS

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meal in the warmth of the heated building.

Then, head outside to view the night sky through telescopes belonging to society members while listening to stories around a bonfire. Finally, take part in a property-wide scavenger hunt from the comfort of your car.

There is a \$5 program fee per participant. Registration is required by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

There is no gate fee at this time.

POLAR PLUNGE

Brave souls and warm hearts from the Fort Wayne area are preparing for an icy dip as the 2010 Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Indiana returns for the third year to the University of St. Francis campus. On Saturday, February 13, participants will "take the Plunge" into Mirror Lake, raising vital funds for Special Olympics Indiana athletes in their community and throughout the state.

As Special Olympics Indiana's signature fundraising event, the Polar Plunge invites Hoosier residents to be "freezin' for a reason" by raising funds and awareness for adults and children with intellectual disabilities. Beginning the last weekend of January and continuing throughout the month of February, 10 Polar Plunge events will be held across the state. Dozens of local residents and students are expected to turn out this year for the wintry event, which was first introduced to the Fort Wayne area in 2008.

In order to plunge, participants must raise a "bear" minimum of

\$75 (\$50 minimum with a student ID). Awards are given for those who raise the most funds for Special Olympics Indiana. This wet and wacky event also includes prizes for the best costume, incentives for dollars raised and an After Splash Bash. As the University of St. Francis event is one of four Polar Plunges to be held on a college campus this year, the Plunge will feature a Campus Challenge, in which a special award will be given to the largest campus group of Plunge participants (i.e., fraternity, sorority, sports team, club, etc.).

"People all over Indiana are fans of Special Olympics," said Michael "the Icicle" Furnish, president / CEO of Special Olympics Indiana and veteran Polar Plunge participant. "They know about our program and believe in our cause. An event like the Polar Plunge presents people with an opportunity to make their support official by getting involved in a fun activity that really makes a difference in the lives of our deserving athletes."

Participants are urged to pre-register online for the Polar Plunge at www.soindiana.org. Walk up registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Mirror Lake Park located on the campus of the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne. The Polar Plunge will kick off at 12 p.m. (noon) outside with Opening Ceremonies featuring a costume contest. After the ceremony, participants will take to the water.

Plungers are invited to warm up immediately afterward at the After Splash Bash party located at Hutzel Athletic Center. While complimentary hot food and beverages will be available for

Plungers, a nominal \$5 fee will be charged for guests to partake of food and beverage.

The 2010 Polar Plunge events also feature another new prize, introduced in honor of the Indiana Knights of Columbus' continued support of Special Olympics. An award will be given to the Indiana Knights of Columbus district(s) in each of the following categories—most Plunge participants overall and most funds raised overall. In addition, the Super Plunger program will return for the second year, daring Plunge participants to go beyond the call of duty by raising a minimum of \$4,000 and participating in at least two Plunges at different sites, including the Indianapolis Plunge on February 27.

For more information about the Polar Plunge event in Fort Wayne and throughout the state, please visit www.soindiana.org or call (800) 742-0612.

About Special Olympics Indiana - Special Olympics Indiana is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in more than 20 Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, reaching more than 10,000 athletes across Indiana. The organization receives no federal- or state-appropriated funds, is not a United Way agency and relies entirely on corporate, civic and individual donations. For more information about Special Olympics Indiana, call (317) 328-2000 or visit www.soindiana.org.

ALCOHOL AND KIDS

Talking with your kids about alcohol can be a challenge—you may feel nervous and fidgety and your kids might roll their eyes and wish they were somewhere else. Get some help with this important conversation with free online publications from the Century Council and the Federal Citizen Information Center.

Studies have shown that kids can start drinking as early as twelve years old. More than 10% of 13 and 14-year-olds say they've tried alcohol in the past month. For this reason, the online publications What You Don't "No" Can Hurt You and How to Talk to Your Adolescent About Alcohol are both aimed at younger kids in grade school to prepare them for when they get older.

Ninety-two percent of kids surveyed said the most trusted information they get about alcohol comes from their parents, with mom as the number one source. These free materials help you facilitate conversations with your children by using educational cartoons and testimonies from other kids and by discussing smart techniques to help escape peer pressure situations. They also include a set of kid's coupons good for a dinner of their choice or "getting out of chores" when they complete the activities. And there's a contract that both you and they can sign that promises mutual respect and openness when discussing alcohol.

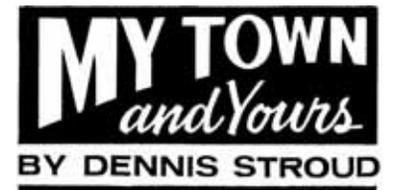
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with these free materials. There are two ways to get a copy: Read or download them online What You Don't "No" Can Hurt You (http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/family/kidsalcohol/dontmix.pdf) or

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Her enthusiasm and love for her work never wavered and she worked almost sixty years as night operator of the Warren Switchboard. Of course, this article is about Ella Blair.

Ella Crum was born in Wells County in 1883. When she was eight years old, her father, Dr. John William Crum, moved his family to Marion, where he practiced until his death at the age of 39. Ella married Harry Blair and moved to Warren. Mrs. Blair started as night operator in 1914 and retired 59 years later. Since baby sitters were unheard of back then, Ella would take her two boys to work and

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Community Calendar

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 cancelled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

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| Jan 31 | Sunday Lunch, 11-1p at KBC, sponsored by PROS |
| Feb 2 | Groundhog Day |
| Feb 3 | Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall |
| Feb 3 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| Feb 8 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. |
| Feb 12 | Lincoln's Birthday |
| Feb 14 | Valentine's Day |
| Feb 15 | President's Day |
| Feb 15 | KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. |
| Feb 17 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 5:00pm at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus



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would lay them down, for the night, in a bed supplied by the company.

Babies have the habit of coming in the middle of the night and many Warren citizens were ushered into this world by a doctor summoned by Ella Blair. Warren citizens expected the town operators to do everything. Besides connecting some 1300 exchanges by memory, the operators gave the time, made wakeup calls, summoned the police, firemen, doctors and relatives when there was an emergency and they were, also, company for the lonely.

I remember when I was in the service at Fort Knox, Kentucky our telephone number was 150R and it was a chore calling home. I tried to call at the same time so I could get the same operator and wouldn't have to explain to them that was all the number I had. One night I got through to the Warren operator, gave her my number, and Ella told me she had talked to my mother earlier and they were going to be at my grandparents that night and she would ring me out there. I am sure everybody can remember their number back then and would have some memories of Ella and other Warren operators. The Citizens of Warren found a lot of comfort in knowing there was someone with sound judgment at the other end of the line.

After retiring Mrs. Blair worked on her handicraft work. Through the years she had helped many young people who would go to her home for help with crafts. Her fascination with the switchboard operator's job prompted her to construct her own miniature switchboard with dolls as operators. Mrs. Ella Blair, one of many great people from the Warren Community.

WHAT'S COMING THIS YEAR?

A look back to 2009 brings to mind plant diseases which affected many folks in the area. Those rainy periods last year certainly had an effect on plant health.

An area farmer might remember last year because of the Gibberella Ear Rot in his corn fields. A homeowner, on the other hand, might have had late blight that wiped out her tomato crop.

So, will these problems return next year? Gail Ruhl, a Plant Disease Diagnostician from Purdue University, recently held a video-conference with Agricultural Extension Educators from across the state to discuss the "hot" plant diseases of the past year. Ruhl uses a triangle drawing to describe how a disease develops in plants in her presentations. In other words, each of the three sides of the triangle represents something, which must happen for a disease to take hold in a plant.

The first side of the triangle is "susceptible host plant", which means that a plant must be prone to getting the disease. The second side is "active pathogen" – this is what causes the disease (ie. fungus). The third side of the triangle is "favorable environment for infection" – note that this usually means experiencing warm and damp weather.

Rule specifically mentioned the outlook for late blight (a fungal disease) in tomatoes in 2010. She felt that the commercial tomato plant growers who supply retail outlets will be very careful this year. You may recall that the general consensus among university specialists was late blight was widespread in 2009 because of infected tomato transplants from the eastern

U.S.

Rule anticipates that the combination of factors that brought late blight in '09 will not occur in 2010. She did, however, mention that potato volunteers that grow in a garden this year may harbor the disease if it was found in the '09 tomato plants. This is because late blight can affect both tomatoes and potatoes. Note that this disease was confirmed in 30 Indiana counties in 2009 including Huntington.

Rule also discussed fire blight, a bacterial infection found in apple and pear trees. This disease was prevalent in Huntington County last spring. If you had fire blight infected trees in 2009, it is recommended to prune out diseased branches in late winter during dormancy. The branches can be removed 10 to 12 inches below the visible margin of cankers or blight.

Another suggestion by Rule was to be on the lookout for scab in apple and crabapple trees this spring. If scab was noticed last year, it is important to rake and destroy fallen leaves. Both pruning and spraying fungicides early in the spring are also recommended.

The Plant and Pest Diagnostic Lab at Purdue has a website (<http://www.ppd.l.purdue.edu>) with pictures and discussion of "hot" topics. A new timely topic and picture is updated every week.

For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports program begins on Sunday, January 31 with the first classroom meeting for the 4-H Pistol discipline from 2:00-4:30 pm in the Family Living Building, Hier's Park, Huntington. 4-H members interested in taking the pistol classes and parents must complete and sign the necessary enrollment forms and pay the \$20 registration fee no later than the January 31st classroom meeting.

Other 4-H Shooting Sports discipline classroom meetings include:

Rifle – Tuesday, February 9, 6-8 pm, Sportsman Club,

Warren

Muzzleloader – Tuesday, February 16, 6-8, Sportsman Club, Warren

Shotgun – Tuesday, March 9, 6-8 pm, Family Living Building, Hier's Park, Huntington

Archery – Wednesday, April 14th, location to be announced

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is designed to teach safe use of archery and firearm equipment while helping youth grow in a variety of life skills. There is a \$20 registration fee for each discipline which must be paid at the time of enrollment. Shooting Sports leaders and the Extension Office have copies of the necessary enrollment forms and forms must be completed no later than the first scheduled meeting of each respective discipline. All 4-H Shooting sports classes are under the direction of 4-H adult volunteers who have been certified through the State 4-H Shooting Sports program and Purdue University. Goals of this 4-H program include:

- Promoting the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, including sound decision making;
- Teaching safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, self-discipline and concentration;
- Strengthening families through participation in lifelong recreational activities;
- Enhancing the development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities;
- Encouraging responsible, self-directed and productive members of society;
- Encouraging participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through shooting, hunting and related activities;
- Exposing youth to the broad array of vocational and lifelong hobbies related to the shooting sports.

For more information about the Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports program, including enrollment and registration information, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington, phone 260-358-4826 or email laldridg@purdue.edu.

BB/RIFLE

Final sign up for this years 4-H BB & Rifle Safety Program will be held Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 PM.

Meetings will continue each Tuesday night, 6:30 – 8:30 PM until April 1.

Youth in grades 3, 4, and 5 can participate in BB Gun. Youth in grade 6 and above can participate in Rifle or Pistol.

First time members who are old enough for Rifle or Pistol will be required to pass a BB Gun shooting skills proficiency test which reviews the positions and range safety procedures.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade or become ten years of age sometime during the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) and may continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the calendar year they become nineteen (19), whichever comes first.

A membership fee of \$20 for BB Gun and \$25 for .22 Caliber Rifle should be paid at the first meeting. The fee covers the cost of equipment, materials, ammunition, insurance, and awards. Checks should be made payable to Wells County 4-H Rifle Club. Scholarships are available by checking with 4-H Leaders at the event. If you have more than one person in the family, the second member is only \$15. No person will be turned away due to financial constraints.

Members are not allowed to bring their own equipment. Advanced registration is not required. Sign up will be at the first meeting. All participants must have a completed and signed health form before participating in the hands-on activity.

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WILKERSON

 Robert 'Bob' E. Wilkerson, 86, of Warren, IN, passed away at 9:00 PM, on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, IN.

He was born on April 17, 1923 in Wells County, IN. Mr. Wilkerson was a graduate of Huntington Schools. He was in the U.S. Navy as a Gunner's Mate. He also worked at General Motors in Marion, IN for 23 years, retiring in 1985. He married Mary (Rochelle) Wilkerson on June 25, 1948 in Huntington, IN. He was the son of the late Eldo Wilkerson & Lillie (O'dier) Wilkerson.

Survivors include his wife-Mary (Rochelle) Wilkerson of Warren, IN, daughters-Zedra (husband, Dennis) Miller of Huntington Co., IN and Dalaine (husband, Ronald) Warner of Wells Co., IN, sons-Dault Wilkerson of Wells Co., IN, Randy (wife, Lana) Wilkerson of Blackford Co., IN and Taryl Wilkerson of Huntington Co., IN, 12 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by her parents-Eldo and Lillie (O'dier) Wilkerson, sister-Doris Randolph, brother-Richard Wilkerson and a grandson-Joseph Wilkerson.

Services were held at Glancy H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, with Pastor Larry Harvey officiating. Interment was at Gardens of Memory in Marion, IN.

Memorials may be made to: Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water Street, Berne, IN 46711 or Your Local Food Pantry.

SCHWARTZ

Jerry L. Schwartz, 70, of Huntington passed away at 10:13 a.m. Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

He was a 1957 graduate of East Union High School; he received his bachelor's degree from Ball State University in 1961 and received his master's degree from Ball State University in 1964. He taught in the Huntington County Community School Corporation at Warren High School and Huntington North High School for 34 years teaching business education and accounting, he retired in

1995. Following retirement he worked at Myers Funeral Homes since 1996.

He was a member of the Huntington County Retired Teachers Association and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. He was active with the Historic Forks of the Wabash for many years where he served as the treasurer of the building campaign as well as portraying the school master and providing tours of the Chief's house. He was a member of the College Park United Brethren Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher. He was well known around the region as a member of the Newsmen Quartet.

He was born on July 10, 1939 in Muncie, Indiana, the son of Paul H. and Evelyn E. (Corll) Schwartz.

He was united in marriage to Kathryn A. (Kate) Woodward on June 2, 1962 in Markle. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters: Jill C. (Darren) Mingear of Vero Beach, FL; Mary K. Schwartz of Huntington and six grandchildren.

Services were held at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Gary Dilley and Gerald O. Moreland officiating. Interment was at the Markle Cemetery.

Memorials are to College Park Church Benevolence Fund or to Historic Forks of the Wabash both in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

TURNER

Betty Ann Turner, 70, Van Buren, IN, passed away Saturday, January 23, 2010 at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center, Marion, IN.

She was born Monday, July 3, 1939 in Marion, she was the daughter of the late Everett & Aletha Alice (Kem) Rust.

She worked as a cook for Marion City Schools, and for a while at the Wesleyan Nursing Home in Marion, IN. Betty was a member of the Van Buren American Legion Auxillary of Van Buren, IN.

Surviving are 4 sons-Max Turner of Van Buren, IN, Mark (wife, Kathy) H. Turner of Marion, IN, Donald P. Turner of Marion, IN, and Richard B. Turner of Warsaw, IN, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, a brother-Philip (wife, Donna) E. Rust of Marion, IN and a sister-Dorothy Doyle of Marion, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, IN, with Rev. Will Shelor officiating. Interment was in the Gardens of Memory in Marion, IN.

NUNLEY

M. Ruth Nunley, 47, of McNatt (rural Wells County), IN, passed at 2:00 PM, on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at her residence.

She was born on Friday, August 31, 1962, in Huntington, WV.

Mrs. Nunley was a member of the McNatt United Methodist Church, Phi Beta Kappa at IVY



TechState College in Marion and a 1981 graduate of Southern Wells High School. She also enjoyed writing poetry for poetry.com.

She married Terry L. Nunley on March 27, 2000 in Huntington, IN. She was the daughter of David Davis and Wanda (Ekers) Dickey.

Survivors include her Husband-Terry L. Nunley of McNatt, Father-David R. Davis, Sr. of Maysville, Ga., Mother-Wanda Dickey of Poneto, Step Son-Tony E. Nunley of Markle, Step Daughter-Michelle D. Nunley of Markle, Brothers-David (Wife-Chris) Davis, Jr. of Maysville, Ga., Mitchell Davis of Poneto, Danny (Wife-Cindy) Davis of Columbus, Ohio and a Sister-Dee Kipfer of Ossian. She was preceded in death by her Step Father-Wayne Dickey and Step Mother-Patricia Davis.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind., where the family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, January 27, 2010 and from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Thursday, January 28, 2010.

Funeral service will be at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 11:00 AM Thursday, January 28, 2010 with Pastor Bill VanHaften officiating. Interment will be at Jones Cemetery in Warren, Ind. Memorials to McNatt U.M. Church C/o Verlis Slusher 8343 S. -1000 W. -90 Montpelier, IN 47359

BIRTHS

Kendra Flemming and Donnie Slusher are the parents of a girl, born Tuesday January 12, 2010 at 5:25 p.m. at Bluffton Regional. She has been named Kylynn Madison Slusher. Kylynn weighed 8 lbs. 2oz. and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are John and Treva Flemming of Warren. Paternal grandparents are Don and Janet Slusher of Warren. Maternal great grandparents are Wayne and Ruth Herring of Warren and paternal great grandmother is Madaline Long of Markle.

Kaikela Michael Hanohano Kaohi was born Sunday January 24th at 2:08 PM in Bitburg Germany. Kaikela weighed in at 6.5 lbs and was 18.5 inches long. Proud parents and family are Leslie Ackley of Warren and Kianoa Kaohi of Lihue Kauai Hawaii; Grandparents Mike & Cammy Ackley, Warren, and Gaylord & Raquel Almeida-Kaohi of Lihue; Aunt Nicole Ackley of Indianapolis; Great Grand Parents Les & Ruthann Ackley and James & Jone Smith all of Warren.

Leslie and Kai are both stationed at Spangdahlem Air Force Base in Germany.

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In case of bad weather, listen to radio station K105 FM or WMEE 97.3 FM for cancellations. Usually, if one of the schools cancel, the 4-H event will be postponed.

The 4-H Shot Gun Safety Club, 4-H Pellet Pistol Safety Club, and the 4-H Archery Club will all begin in April.

A Hunter Education Class will also be available March 8, 10 & 11, 5:30–9 PM at the 4-H Park. Call 824-0692 to register for Hunter Ed.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of the Shooting Sports Leaders: Don Kiefer, 824-1585; Chad Captain, 417-6488; Tex Mauger, 827-0266; Gregg Palmer, 701-2975; and James Painter, 639-6547.

DISCUSS TAX SITUATION

Larry DeBoer, Purdue Extension Specialist, will be discussing the city and county tax situation in Huntington on Monday February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crestview Middle School.

DeBoer is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. He studies state and local government public policy, including such topics as government budget and taxing options, issues of property tax assessment, local government revenue options, and the fiscal impact of economic development. He has worked with the Indiana Legislative Services Agency on tax and finance issues since 1988. He contributes to the annual state revenue forecasts. Dr. DeBoer also teaches an undergraduate course in macroeconomics.

Larry will be sharing information and reviewing our local tax situation as it relates to Huntington city and county budgets. He is presenting a program in Huntington County at the request of the Huntington County Extension staff.

This program is open to all Huntington County citizens. Crestview Middle School is located at 1151 W 500 N in Huntington.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

DON'T BE FOOLED

As W-2s and other income tax forms make their way to Huntington County taxpayers' mailboxes – signaling the start of yet another tax season – today Pathfinder Community Connections announced that it is offering free tax preparation services to area residents, and advised taxpayers to be aware of the real cost of "quick refund" services offered in today's market.

Pathfinder Community Connections is one of many local nonprofit NeighborWorks organizations that offer free tax preparation services to new and current clients. Depending on the complexity of the return, using a free service can save each Huntington County taxpayer hundreds of dollars.

"Our tax preparation service is an added value to residents of Huntington and is aligned with our mission of service and economic empowerment," said Jan Baumgartner, Director of Pathfinder Community Connections.

While some for-profit tax preparers claim to offer tax preparation services for free, according to research conducted by several consumer rights organizations, these free services are offset by the interest these preparers receive when consumers take what's called a "refund anticipation loan" or a "quick tax" or "instant" refund, often taken the same day their taxes are prepared. These same-day so-called "quick refunds" are actually high-cost loans that can carry an annual percentage interest rate of 50 percent or more, unnecessarily costing consumer's money that they would have saved had they waited for the IRS or state government to process their taxes and issue their refunds.

"In the current economic climate, it's all too easy to accept a check on the spot and pay what seems to be a small amount of money in order to walk out the door with cash in hand," said Baumgartner. "By waiting just a little while longer, a taxpayer can receive all of his or her money without paying interest, and continue on the path toward 'financial fitness.'"

Taxpayers encouraged to seek the advice of trained tax preparers, like those at Pathfinder Community

Connections, include first-time homebuyers because of the federal homebuyer tax credit that was available to qualified first-time homebuyers in 2009. And as always, it's important to see a professional who can help a taxpayer determine if he or she is eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

For more information about the tax preparation services offered by Pathfinder Community Connections please contact Beth Stevens at (260) 356-0521 or (800) 3120-9510. Stevens can also be reached via e-mail at bstevens@pathfinderservices.org.

DAFFODIL DAYS

For more than 35 years, the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days® program has been making a difference in the fight against cancer and providing hope for those facing the disease. Although Daffodil Days involves offering daffodils to donors every spring in appreciation for their contributions, it is about more than just giving beautiful flowers; it is an opportunity to share hope for a world with less cancer and more birthdays, where cancer never steals another year from anyone's life.

This year's Daffodil Days is coming to Northeast Indiana on March 24-26. The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers—anyone from school children to corporate CEOs—to assist in taking requests for, packing and delivering daffodils during February and March at work, in neighborhoods, in schools, and around town. To help make a difference in the fight against cancer through Daffodil Days, contact your American Cancer Society 260-471-3911.

Northeast Indiana residents have until March 12 to place requests for daffodils. For a donation of \$10, supporters will receive a bouquet of fresh-cut daffodils and, more importantly, the knowledge that they are helping fight cancer.

Dollars raised through Daffodil Days provide the Society with much-needed dollars to save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; helping people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis; by finding

cures through investment in groundbreaking discovery; and by fighting back by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and by rallying communities worldwide to join the fight.

For more information about Daffodil Days, to place an order or to get involved with the program, contact Amy Simmons at 260-471-3911.

The American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion with nearly a century of experience to save lives and end suffering from cancer. As a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers, we fight for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. We save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; helping people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis; by finding cures through investment in groundbreaking discovery; and by fighting back by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and by rallying communities worldwide to join the fight. As the nation's largest non-governmental investor in cancer research, contributing about \$3.4 billion, we turn what we know about cancer into what we do. As a result, more than 11 million people in America who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will be celebrating birthdays this year. To learn more about us or to get help, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. announces the availability of applications for the Larry Smock Scholarship. Scholarship funds are available to Indiana residents who have chronic kidney disease, are on dialysis, or have received a kidney transplant and are pursuing higher education in an academic or monitored occupational setting. All applicants must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The Fund was established in 1992 with monies donated by the Smock family and the Martinsville community in memory of kidney patient Larry Smock. Larry was awaiting a kidney transplant when he passed away. Nearly 100,000

Americans are currently awaiting life-saving transplants (kidney, liver, heart, lungs, bone marrow and pancreas). Nine to ten people die each day while waiting for an organ transplant. In Indiana alone, nearly 1,500 Hoosiers await transplants.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the health and well being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

The application deadline is March 12, 2010. Applications for the Larry Smock Scholarship Program are available by contacting the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at (800) 382-9971.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their annual Guest night on Tuesday, January 19th at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center with Opal Brubaker and Sandy Brubaker as hostess for the party.

Crazy Eights was played with lots of fun and laughter, bringing back lots of childhood memories.

Delicious and colorful refreshments were served to two guests and the following members, Tara Korporal, Carol Irick, Sondra Zabel, Suzette Gephart, Sandy Eichhorn, Rosemary Zeller, Betty Yoder, Susan Ralson, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummer and Sharon Gebhart.

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Customers now have more ways to access Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) services. Andy Miller, BMV Commissioner, today encouraged customers to "think outside the branch" for simple transactions such as registration renewals and changes in some customer information by using new service options and the enhanced and secure myBMV.com Web site.

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The Warren Town Council will be taking sealed bids for removal of debris related to demolishing of a house at 104 N Hendricks Street on February 8, 2010. Bids must be delivered to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at 132 N Wayne Street prior to 5:00 p.m. on that date or delivered at the Town Council meeting on that date at 131 N Wayne Street. The bids will be opened at 6:30 p.m. Project: 104 N Hendricks Street Removal of Debris

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LEGION (R)
FRI-SUN 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
MON-TH 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

TOOTH FAIRY (PG)
FRI-SUN 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
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THE BOOK OF ELI (R)
FRI-SUN 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
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FRI-SUN 12:00, 2:05, 4:10
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Redesigned myBMV.com Web site allowing customer to update insurance information, mailing address, confirm license plate registration fees and pay BMV reinstatement fees online.

To encourage customers to use a Customer Choice option for registration renewals, the 2010 registration renewal notice highlights all of the options with simple instructions.

Beginning this year customers can renew their vehicle or watercraft registrations by phone through the BMV Call Center at 1-888-myBMV-411 (1-888-692-6841). A customer will need to have his/her driver's license number, Social Security number and ZIP code. Payment is by credit card or e-check.

Customers will also be able to renew their driver's licenses online through myBMV.com. This option is only available for renewal customers who do not have any change in personal information or address and do not require any testing. A customer will need to have his/her name, date of birth, legal address and Social Security number. Payment is by credit card or e-check. A customer can renew his/her driver's license online every other time the credential expires. Miller emphasized that the online renewals will be issued as non-SecureID driver's licenses.

Miller also announced that AAA Hoosier Motor Club offices will begin renewing driver's licenses and identification cards in March as an expansion of the partnership between AAA and the BMV re-established in August, 2007 for the processing of titles and registrations.

Commissioner Miller explained, "We launched our Customer Choices initiative two years ago to provide ways for our customers to do business with the BMV without visiting a license branch. We knew that there were simple transactions that could be completed through new technology at home or at business locations partnering with the BMV. Over the past two years more and more of our customers have

used our Customer Choices. In 2009, over 46 % of all registration renewals were completed outside of a license branch. These include mail-in, online, or at a self-service terminals located at 35 license branches. Other renewals were completed at one of the 356 auto dealerships, five Old National Bank branches, seven AAA offices and seven Clean Air Check locations that are all official BMV service partners. Our goal is to have 65% of all registration renewals completed outside a branch in 2010."

CABIN FEVER

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
This time of year we all start getting cabin fever. This sickness is fueled by the never ending flow of our junk mail filled with gardening and seed catalogs. I am a sucker for them. The thought of a beautiful garden filled with fruit trees, butterfly attacking bushes and perennials makes me smile.

When we first married the patch of dirt in front of our home would not grow anything. We are surrounded by a forest. The only open spot is just above our home and where a maple tree had to be removed. Direct sunlight only happens at noon. I spent a whole winter plotting and scheming.

When I moved into Robert's home in 1996, I was determined to make it mine too. I was not going to move in and not unpack! This went for the yard too! The first thing I need to do was to figure out what I liked and what I didn't like about the front yard.

That was easy! I didn't like the ivy that grew on the concrete block wall that was beside our driveway. The rest was going to be a little more challenging. As those gardening books and magazines flooded into our home I would spend 15 minute culling through them with scissors in hand. Each time I saw something I liked, I would cut it out and put it into a sheet protector. Then place that sheet into my Garden Control Journal. This was just a place to keep my

wish list. It had no plan except for holding the things that I loved along with some interesting articles. After I was through clipping pictures I would toss the magazine into the recycle bin.

Slowly my vision for our garden began to blossom in my head and my Garden Control Journal. But it was not on the ground in front of our home. No one was going to see it stuck in my book. For this vision to come to life there had to be actions. I began one baby step at a time and with the use of a timer. I knew me! I can hyper-focus with the best of them. I would set my timer for 15 minutes and go pull some ivy! Each day I could declutter a little bit of the ivy! The best part was that I didn't kill myself in the process. That decluttered ivy unveiled an ugly block wall. One project led to another one. Isn't that the way it always goes. Thank Goodness! We don't have to do it all at once!

I know you really want to get your home organized RIGHT THIS MINUTE, but stop yourself! I don't want you to crash and burn! You can't develop habits that will take root if you try to do everything at once. Baby steps and being kind to yourself are the seeds to growing effective habits and cultivating them into the routines that will nourish you the rest of your life.

Are you ready to plant the seeds of change in your home? Get out your timer! Set it! Then go shine your sink! It is the actions that plant the seeds; not the wishing for the clean house!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

HONOR ROLL

Students achieving honor roll status for the October 16 through Dec 22 grading period are as follows:

All A's
2nd Grade - Hailey Alford, Grace Asher, Emelia Benson, Brody Brown, Logan Christian, Reuben Davis, Beldon Glasgow, Kolson Herstad, Kate Leichty, Claire Ludlow, Kaitlyn Martin, Zeck Myers, Todd Nichols, Michael Parks, David Rigdon, Taylor Roupp, Colin Sackett, Erin Small, Sydney Smekens, Corbin Snow, Paige Starr, Keaton Waters

3rd grade - Brock Eltzroth, Brock Spahr, Devin Suchcicki

4th Grade - Carson Bolinger, Rachel Ervin, Jarret Gray, Andrew Lund, Conner Mason, Alyssa Newsome, Kaleb Nightenhelser, Hannah Schindler, Tabitha Smith, Taylor Starr, Tyler Stroud, Leigh Trickle, Benjamin Warpup, Maggie Winters

5th Grade - Hayley Haynes, Alexis Miller, Amanda Pugh, Sophia Smekens, Brooke Trice

6th Grade - Olivia Bolinger, Emily Bucher, Madison Canady, Alexandra Christian, Kaitlyn Drayer, Alivia Eppler, Hannah Frankle, Jeffrey Holley, Delaney Huff, Kaitlin Jones, Olivia Newsome, Spencer Sharpe, Jake Stephan

7th Grade - Walter Hacker, Danielle Kem, Mariana Lane, Makayla Langston, Megan Pressler, Fiona Sackett, Katherine Schenkel, Walker Spahr, Emma Thompson, Amanda Tolen

8th grade - Thomas Bolinger, Jonathon Goulding, Tatum Johnson, Connor Sabinske, Tyler Shaw, Harlie Summers

A's & B's

2nd Grade - Jalyn Campbell, Hayden Chipchosky, Alivia Harmon, Brenna Mason, Jacob Miller, Peyton Miller, Nolan Skidmore, Carly Spangler, Jasmine Spencer, Keaton Stetzel, Hunter Sullivan, Lauren

Trickle, Jade Waters
3rd grade - Jordan Bieber, Kaytlynn Chaney, Mason Herrberg, Logan Hippensteel, Darren Jackson, Drew Kreiger, Broc Miller, Austin Rigdon, Brayden Rudy, Dylan Scalf, Andrew Smekens, Katelyn Spangler, Rylee Williams

4th Grade - Makayla Berry, Makenzie Bowman, Cory Bustos, Gage Bustos, Cassandra Casto, Sam Ellenburg, Willow Erickson, Pierce Huff, Henry Sackett, Mary Surfus

5th Grade - Robert Bolinger, Olivia Bowman, Tianna Caudill, Kayci Clark, Jared Coolman, Johnna Cummins, Garrett Girvin, Bailey Irick, Nash Johnson, Brent Kreiger, Eric Lehmkuhle, Kevin Lehmkuhle, Elijah Link, Cassandra Littleford, Bailey Martin, Lily Sabinske, Joshua Scott, Kory Shaw, Connor Small, Nicholas Stucky, Natalie Wilson

6th Grade - Tristyn Bishop, Adam Carey, Ian Deetz, Tyler Herrberg, James Kibellus, David Kimmel, Nicholas Kimmel, Elizabeth Mitchell, Cody Moriarity, Katherine Pugh, Isaac Smith, Margaret Warpup, Kimberly Wilson

7th Grade - Benjamin Blinn, Alyssa Davis, Jessica Davis, Austin Eltzroth, Stephanie Glessner, Gregory Goff, Shelbie Goulding, Blake Gray, Kayla Konz, Matthew Shafer, Quintin Surfus, Lina Willard, Alicia York

8th Grade - Cameron Buzzard, Addison Clark, Courtney Cochrane, Halie Collins, Paige Coolman, Elizabeth Freck, Lea Gamble, Aaron Gilmore, Kole Hale, Katie Korporal, Brooke Leichty, Laresa Lund, Shaun Mericle, Morgan Miller, Ashley Mitchell, Colton Mooberry, Kennan Mooberry, Rachel Platt, Braydon Poulson, Andrew Smith, Alissa Weight

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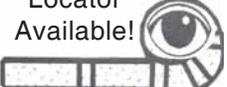



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