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Thought for the Week: One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say. Will Durant



## ANNIE JR.

### Opens February 28 at Pulse Opera House

LEAPIN' LIZARDS! The popular comic strip heroine Little Orphan Annie takes center stage in *Annie Jr.*, an adaptation of one of the world's best-loved and most-performed musicals. With pluck and positivity, Annie charms everyone she meets despite a next-to-nothing start in the Depression-era New York City of the 1930s. She is determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan.

Developed by renowned educators and designed for the energies and attention spans of younger people and schools, the MTI Broadway Junior collection features condensed author-approved version of classical musicals. All performers in *Annie Jr.* are between the ages of 5 and 18. The large (36 members) cast comes from Warren, Huntington, Bluffton, Poneto, Lafontaine, Sweetser and Wabash.

In addition to regular performances, the Pulse is producing two days of daytime performances for area schools. So far, students from Andrews, Huntington Catholic, Lincoln, Salamonie, Southern Wells and Wabash will attend.

*Annie Jr.* runs February 28, March 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15. Tickets are \$14 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Lobby opens at 7:00 p.m. Doors to the theatre open at 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry and receive \$2 off one adult ticket.

Online reservations can be made at [www.pulseoperahouse.org](http://www.pulseoperahouse.org) or phone reservations can be made at (260) 375-7017. The theatre is located at 127 1/2 Wayne Street, Warren, IN. Recommended for the entire family!

Photo: Grace Dimond as Annie

## FREE MEAL

Warren United Church of Christ is hosting a Free Community Dinner Thursday evening, February 20th from 5:30-7:30pm. All are welcome to join us for a delicious meal and fellowship with friends. The dinner will be held in our new Fellowship Hall located at 202 East Second Street. We hope to see you there!!

## FISH & CHICKEN

An All-You-Can-Eat Fish and Chicken Supper will be held at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren on Friday, February 28 from 4-7p.m.

Sponsored by Huntington County Council on Aging, tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and Free for 5 & under.

Purchase tickets ahead of time at Huntington County Council on Aging or from Board members.

## SKILL-LINK INITIATIVE

WorkOne Northeast has developed a customized incumbent worker training initiative for employers that allows employees to earn certifications for in-demand jobs, Northeast Indiana Works announced.

Northeast Indiana Works, which oversees 11 WorkOne Northeast career centers in northeast Indiana, provides the Skill-Link training for free to employers.

"Employers throughout northeast Indiana are in great need for skilled workers in a number of areas," said Gary Gatman, executive vice president of strategic initiatives for Northeast Indiana Works. "Skill-Link, which customizes the training to an employer's specific needs, gives employers an opportunity to

raise the skill levels of selected employees and in the process open up positions for other workers."

Thus far, Skill-Link programs have been carried out in four counties—Adams, DeKalb, Noble and Wells counties—for 18 employers and 52 employees. Northeast Indiana Works, through Greater Fort Wayne Inc., is in discussions with another group of employers in Allen County.

The training has involved classes in industrial maintenance and CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machining. Classes in welding and quality control are planned.

The Skill-Link training is being conducted with the assistance of community and education partners, including local economic development leaders.

"This program is a key component to the success of our industries in northeast Indiana," said Tim Ehlerding, executive director of Wells County Economic Development. "It is the perfect combination of public and private resources working together to improve our manufacturing climate."

## RED CROSS MONTH

For 133 years, the American Red Cross has helped individuals and families prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. And each spring since 1942, starting with Franklin Roosevelt, the U.S. President acknowledges the American Red Cross and encourages volunteerism by issuing a proclamation that declares March as Red Cross Month.

"We touch lives down the street, across the country and around the world," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO of the American

Red Cross Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. "And it's your support that allows us to be there every day for the millions of people who depend on us during their time of need."

In 1881, 60-year-old Clara Barton launched the American Red Cross based on a European movement that provided relief and protection to wounded soldiers. Now, 133 years later, the Red Cross continues to help individuals and families prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Red Cross Month celebrates the services and volunteers in areas like blood donation, disaster relief, health and safety training, and support to military members and their families.

Red Cross officials say it's easy to get involved in helping to effect change in your community. Volunteers can give blood, donate their time and talents, or make financial contributions. Nationwide, more than 500,000 volunteers make a difference through Red Cross services.

Locally, the Red Cross blood program supports patients at more than 60 hospitals across 52 counties. Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion. Donated blood helps accident victims, premature infants, those being treated for cancers or blood disorders, and help make routine surgeries possible. "Whatever way you give—be it through blood donation, volunteerism or financial contribution—you'll feel good knowing you're helping to change lives," said Whitman. "Without people like you, there would be no American Red Cross."

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### WINDMILL OPINION

A few years ago, my husband and I purchased land in Rock Creek Township with the dream of building a home in the country. We intentionally chose this location due to the good people, peaceful environment and quality of life they provide. Imagine our dismay, no, anger, at hearing that there are plans to destroy this beautiful county with giant wind turbines

Not only are these turbines massive eyesores, they also pose no economic value to Huntington County. APEX brings in their own employees to set up these turbines and only 1 permanent local job is created for every 12-15 turbines. That means that only 5-6 jobs will be created in Huntington County, hardly outweighing the damage they do. The electricity created will not benefit the people of Huntington County. Instead it is sold to urban areas on the East Coast whose appetite for energy will never be satisfied. The East Coast gains electricity while the residents of Huntington County bear the burden.

APEX has approached area land owners to lease the rights to their property in order to construct their factory wind farm. In the end, the land owners who partner with APEX profit from the destruction of their neighbors property values.

The turbines also infringe on personal property rights, as no structure may be built within the existing 1000' set back. How dare a company from Virginia tell the residents of Indiana how they may use their own property!

The turbines also pose a threat to the environment and wildlife. Birds and bats are killed, increasing the insect population as their natural predators are eliminated by the whirling blade of a nearly 500' wind turbine. Farm fields are rendered useless in the wake of the massive concrete base. Even if the turbine is decommissioned, torn down, and the concrete base broken up, top soil has been removed, leaving only the underlying clay behind. As anyone who lives in this area knows, very few plants will thrive in Indiana clay.

This is not a "Plum Tree area" problem. This is a county wide problem. If wind farms are allowed in the southern end of Huntington County, it is only a matter of time before APEX begins looking at the rest of Huntington County to place their massive turbines.

Please write or email the county commissioners: Leon Hurlburt, Tom Wall and Larry Buzzard. Let them know that the people of Huntington County do not want a giant wind farm threatening their homes, health and quality of life. Visit [www.huntingtonccc.org](http://www.huntingtonccc.org) for more information and get involved.

This is a watershed moment in the history of Huntington County and its leadership. Decisions made on this issue will affect all future generations. The question is, will there be future generations living in Huntington County, or will it be nothing more than an industrial wind turbine wasteland?

Sincerely,  
 Greta Siebert  
 Rock Creek Property Owner

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<p><b>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b>          8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier          Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor</p> <p>Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.          Wed Carry-in &amp; Fellowship ... 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>          375-2510          Rev Mark Davis          Bus Service 375-2510  <a href="http://www.hillcrestnazchurch.org">www.hillcrestnazchurch.org</a></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN</b>          468-2412          Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</p> <p>Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.          Church School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p>
<p><b>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>          8294S 900W 35          Brad Kelly, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.          Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.          Thurs. Kings Kids ..... 6:30 p.m.          BYG Youth Svc. (2&amp;4Sun.) ..... 6:00 p.m.          CWF Ladies (3 Tue) ..... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>SOLIDROCK UNITED METHODIST</b>          485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873          Kathy Newton, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.          Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>          375-2102          Pastor Scott Nedberg          Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST</b>          Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor          Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>LANCASTER WESLEYAN</b>          468-2411          Doug Sharrard, Pastor          David Thrift, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.          Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings .... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>          765/934-3321 Parsonage          Jeff Wass, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.          Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.          Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00 p.m.          Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>          Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199          Pastor - Heath Jones          Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones</p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>          Pastor Chad Yoder</p> <p>Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>          765-934-1431          Pastor Leon Pomeroy</p> <p>Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.          Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 2:30 p.m.          Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 p.m.          UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.          Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue ... 10:00 a.m.          Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA</b>          Pastor Wayne Couch          260/224-3376</p> <p>Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.          Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MCNATT UNITED METHODIST</b>          375-4359          Bill VanHaften, Pastor          Lois Slusher, Supt.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.          Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>          375-3022          Ethan T Stivers, Minister          Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister          Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries</p> <p><a href="http://www.warrenchurchofchrist.org">www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</a>          Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.          Worship &amp; 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</p>
<p><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN</b>          8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779          Matt Kennedy, Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship Service ..... 8:15a.m.          Sunday School ..... 9:30a.m.          2nd Worship Service ..... 10:30a.m.</p>	<p><b>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST</b>          260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124          Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor</p> <p>Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.          Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.          Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.          Sunday Youth ..... 6-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH</b>          Corner of N. Wayne &amp; Matilda Sts.          Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher          Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.          Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b>          101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726          Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.          2nd Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN</b>          Pastor Brian Holland  <a href="http://www.mountetnachurch.com">www.mountetnachurch.com</a></p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.          Bible Study (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.          Children's Ministry (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.          Youth (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH</b>          375-2330 6th &amp; Nancy Sts. Warren          Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor          Wesley Welch, Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.          Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b>          Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.          OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT          Tues, Thurs, Fri &amp; Sat          Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>          375-2691          Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>          Pastor Richard Ladouceur          11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609</p> <p>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</p>

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

## AREA NEWS

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#### UPCOMING AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES IN YOUR AREA:

• Saturday, March 1, from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Dillman Church in the Fellowship Hall, located at 8888 South 1100 West 90 in Warren.

#### How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

About the American Red Cross  
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

### GOAT MEETING

The Huntington County Goat Association will meet Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 pm at Lancaster Wesleyan Church, Lancaster, 3147 W 543 S. The association will discuss items pertaining to the 84th Huntington County 4-H Fair. All are welcome to attend the meeting including anyone who has participated in the Hun-

tington County 4-H goat project.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County office, located at 354 N Jefferson Street – Suite 202, Courthouse Annex, Huntington or calling 260-358-4826 or email [jwickert@purdue.edu](mailto:jwickert@purdue.edu).

### DIVERSITY FAIR

Students at Huntington North High School along with faculty and staff are proud to announce the annual Diversity Fair. This event will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2014 from 9:00a–12:30p in the Huntington North High School Library.

We were honored to have Mr. Brett Eastburn speak to the student body, to begin the week on Monday Feb. 17th, with his presentation, "No legs, No arms, No boundaries." He is an exceptional person and motivational speaker. We are also very excited to have a wide range of guest to speak with our students and share their experience. Here are just a few of the scheduled guests for the event on February 20th:

YWCA: Burmese immigrants  
HNHS exchange students  
Huntington history: German influence with Jim Taylor  
A lo Nuestro, a local Hispanic group  
Diversity Club  
French Club  
Chinese Club  
Special Olympics  
Pathfinders of Huntington  
HU Multicultural Activities Council  
HU student: Quinceañeras in Mexico

The Diversity Fair Mission Statement: We, the student body of Huntington North, will pledge to do our best to make this school and community more educated on the issue of diversity. We will do this by enriching ourselves in areas of religion, gender, age,

equality, social economics, ethnicity, and disability, so that we may be the strength that holds our community together.

For more information, please contact:

Chad Daugherty – Principal or Beth Beery – Foreign Language Dept. Chair and Chair of the Diversity Fair

### SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

The Warren Sportsman's Club is located at 816 E 3rd Street in Warren. It is a great facility for family reunions, graduations, birthday parties, wedding receptions, company meetings, parties and so much more. We have a full working kitchen including access to a steamtable and small salad bar for your convenience.

Due to the high cost of heating and electricity we are forced to raise our rental rates. These rates have not been raised in 8 years. As of March 1, 2014 all new rentals will be charged \$100.00 per day. This rental would be for all day, not just a few hours. We never rent to two groups on the same day. You can rent the facility from 8:00 in the morning until 10:00 at night. Even with the raised rental amount we are still cheaper than most places in the area. Any existing rentals that are already paid for 2014 or are already on the calendar because of being annual rentals you will still have the rental fee of \$75.00. Then after this years rental your rate will also raise to \$100.00.

If you have any questions or would like to rent the Sportsman's Club, please call Robyn Groves at 375-2984 after 5:00pm.

### HUNTER ED

There will be a Hunter Ed Class at the Warren Sportsman's Club on Saturday and Sunday, March 8th and 9th. You must be present on both days in order to receive your certification. The class will run from 8:30-3:30 both days. This is a free class and open to the public. The class is taught by certified Hunter Ed Instructors and Indiana Conservation Officers. To register: Please go on-long to--register-Ed.com. Go to menu and select a state ( IN), view upcoming events, use zip code for Warren (46792), and for miles use within 10 miles. Then View event. This will give you the class at the Sportsman's Club. You will need your name, address, phone # and birthdate. If you have any trouble, please call Ken or Robyn Groves at 375-2984 after 5:00pm.

### NEW AT WPL

New items recently added to the collection at Warren Public Library:

DVDs: Captain Phillips; Last Vegas; My Little Pony Classic Movie Collection; Despicable Me 2; Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2; Best Man Down; Blue Jasmine; Enough Said; Be My Valentine; Lee Daniels' The Butler; One Direction: This is Us; Downton Abbey Season 4; Austenland

CD: Ellen's I'm Gonna Make You Dance Jams

ADULT FICTION: Quindlen-Still Life with Bread Crumbs; Smith-A Star for Mrs. Blake; Allen-Lost Lake; Knott-Robert B. Parker's Bull River; Woods-Standup Guy; Unger-In the Blood; Gardner-Fear Nothing; Clark-That Old

Black Magic; Childs-Eggs in a Casket; Peterson-All Things Hidden; Ladd-The Headmistress of Rosemere; Aiken-She Shall Be Praised; Carlson-Once Upon a Winter's Heart; Gray-Hopeful; Brockmann-Do or Die; Cook-Cell; Helget-Stillwater; Ferris-The Drowning Spool; Meissner-A Fall of Marigolds; Helprin-Winter's Tale

ADULT NON-FICTION: Edsel-The Monument's Men; Gehring-The Complete Juicer; Strayed-Wild; Updegrove-Second Acts; Yancey-The Question that Never Goes Away; Menasche-The Priority List; Andrews-Badluck Way  
YOUNG ADULT FICTION: Hill-Horns; Friesen-Aquifer

YOUNG ADULT NON-FICTION: Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life; O'Brien-The Ultimate Player's Guide to Minecraft; The Unofficial Guide to Minecraft and Other Building Games

CHILDREN'S FICTION: Mader-Lost Cat; Dodd-Foxy in Love; Mayer-Just a Little Love; Yoon-Penguin in Love; Sheehan-Love is You & Me; Scieszka-Melvin's Valentine; Yee-Mouse and Mole: Secret Valentine; Prelutsky-It's Valentine's Day; Kirby-Captain Awesome Gets Crushed; Limbaugh-Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims; Rosenthal-Exclamation Mark!; Pett-The Boy and the Airplane; Scieszka-Battle Bunny; Willems-That is Not a Good Idea!; Wiesner-Mr. Wuffles!; Dyckman-Tea Party Rules; Brown-Mr. Tiger Goes Wild; Durand-Mitchell Goes Bowling; Holub-Little Red Writing; Fleischman-The Matchbox Diary; Bicknell-Mouseton Abbey: The Missing Diamond; Rocco-Super Hair-O and the Barber of

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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.

Feb 14 Valentine's Day  
Feb 17 President's Day  
Feb 17 6:30pm KBC Board Meeting, at KBC  
Feb 19 7:00pm Van Buren Council meeting  
Mar 5 Noon Warren Chamber Luncheon, Assembly Hall  
Mar 5 7:00pm Van Buren Council Meeting  
Mar 10 6:30pm Warren 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

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## ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

March 1 is the 4-H enrollment deadline. You can pick up enrollment forms from your local County Extension Office or by going online and enrolling at the Purdue Extension Office website.

extension.purdue.edu/counties/(your county)

## TURKEY HUNTS

Hunters can begin submitting online applications for reserved turkey hunts to be held on certain state and federally owned properties beginning Jan. 31.

The application period runs through March 24 at [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm).

New for 2014, DNR will offer a reserved hunt at Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area in southwestern Indiana.

Hunters must possess a valid 2014 spring turkey license, or lifetime license or youth hunt/trap license to apply for any of the reserved hunts. Applicants are allowed to apply for one property, and choose from the available dates for that property.

Whether a drawn hunter can bring a hunting buddy varies by property. On DNR properties, drawn hunters are not allowed to bring a buddy. At Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, drawn hunters may bring a buddy, but only the drawn hunter can hunt. At Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, a buddy is required.

Hunt dates and properties are as follows:

— Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: April 23-24, 25-26, 27-28, and 29-30.

— Deer Creek, Glendale, J.E. Roush, Jasper-Pulaski, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Pigeon River, Tri-County,

Willow Slough and Winamac fish & wildlife areas; Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes; and Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area: April 23-25, 26-27, 28-30, and May 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-11.

— Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Fairbanks Landing, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake and Minnehaha fish & wildlife areas, and Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge: April 23-25, 26-28.

— Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area: April 23-25, 26-27.

## YOUTH WORKER TRAINING

FORT WAYNE, Ind.— Nationally renowned trainers will present five workshops in Fort Wayne to help those who work with children fine tune mentoring practices, succeed with difficult students, prevent dropouts and write better grant proposals.

The Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) is bringing four experts March 6 to Fort Wayne. Half-day and full-day pricing options are available. Attendees can choose between two different workshops for the morning session and three workshops for the afternoon session.

Designed for youth workers, teachers, youth ministers, family service providers and others who work directly with children, the morning sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon, while the afternoon trainings run from 2 to 5 p.m. The morning choices are:

“When Consequences Don’t Work: Succeeding with Difficult Students.” Former teacher and now education consultant Grace Dearborn will highlight practices that allow youth workers to effectively work with children whose behavior remains trying. The session will focus on both prevention and intervention. Par-

ticipants will learn when and how to use consequences while modeling respectful communication, teach personal responsibility and de-escalate confrontations.

“Indiana Quality Mentoring Standards: A Readiness Workshop for Program Participation.” Licensed psychologist and PASS-WORD Community Mentoring Founder Dr. Pamela Carrington Rotto focuses on how to use the Indiana Quality Mentoring Standards to fit different programs and on helping organizations determine if they are ready to implement the standards. The standards are designed to help mentoring organizations guide, improve and document their work with youth and mentors, as well as show their quality and impact on the community. This morning session builds a foundation for an afternoon session. Attending both sessions is recommended but not required.

The three afternoon sessions are:

“Their Money, Their Rules: What You Need to Prepare a Successful Grant Proposal.” Non-profit advisor Melissa Brown will cover trends and tactics in successful grant writing proposals. Attendees will learn techniques to help create grant proposals that stand out from the pack and how to increase capacity for quick grant turnaround times. Participants will leave being able to “think like a funder” to increase their chances of securing more funding.

“Holding Back the Tide of Dropouts.” The Leadership Program vice president of programming Erika Petrelli teaches successful prevention strategies to work

with students who are “on the bubble” of dropping out. The session will showcase effective programs that take a student-by-student approach that address issues both within and outside of school.

“Indiana Quality Mentoring Standards: A Strategy Workshop for Program Implementation.” Rotto returns in this afternoon session to show participants how to incorporate national trends in mentoring and the Indiana Quality Mentoring Standards into their own work. The session is designed so participants leave with a work plan to take back to their jobs.

The trainings will be presented at the Indiana Tech Seitz Conference Center at 1600 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, 46803. The cost is \$20 to attend one session or \$40 for all day. Individuals can register online with a credit card at [www.iyi.org/spring2014](http://www.iyi.org/spring2014). Onsite check-in begins 30 minutes in advance of each session.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for the workshops are available through various professional organizations; details can be found at [www.iyi.org](http://www.iyi.org). These workshops also will be presented in South Bend, Sellersburg, Evansville, Merrillville and Indianapolis.

These trainings are supported by Lilly Endowment Inc. and the Nicholas H. Noyes, Jr., Memorial Foundation. Additional support for the Allen County trainings is provided by the English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation.

The Indiana Youth Institute promotes the healthy development of Indiana children and youth by serving the people, institutions, and communities that impact their well-being.

For more information, contact Juanita Goodwell, IYI Northeast Indiana field representative, at [jgoodwell@iyi.org](mailto:jgoodwell@iyi.org).

## FREE CONCERT

Join America’s Hometown Band on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. celebrating 50 years of performance at Emens Auditorium. With special guest performances by Keith O’Neal and the Destiny Christian Center Choir; Kevin Woodget and the Living Praise Singers; and singer/dancer Indiyah Balfour.

This is a special community concert featuring America’s Hometown Bands, a community volunteer band, led by Roger McConnell, music director and their guests. The Band features a roster of BSU & East Central Indiana connected performers. This event is free and not ticketed. Call the Emens box office at (765) 285-1539 for more information.

Special guest performances by: Keith O’Neal and the Destiny Christian Center Choir

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Kevin Woodget and the Living Praise Singers

The Living Praise Singers were established in 2000 as The Church of The Living God was in it’s beginning stages. Living Praise is the musical arm and outreach of The Church of The Living God. Living Praise has 5 recordings to their list of credits and have also performed in concerts as well as traveled throughout the country with their Pastor, Dr. Kevin D. Woodgett and they are respected throughout the music community for their original music styling’s.

Indiyah Balfour  
11-year-old Indiyah Balfour has a voice that exceeds her years singing various genres including gospel. She is a student at Royerton Elementary School and often sings, dances and performs at her local church.

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## PETTY

Parker Alan Michael Petty, 3 months old, passed away unexpectedly at 11:42 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2014 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Parker was born on November 4, 2013 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Schyler A. Petty and Morgan J. Sawyer.

His parents survive him in Bluffton along with grandparents; Jody & Kristi Mounsey of Poneto, Indiana, Chuck & Cindy Petty of Bluffton, Indiana, Brad Sawyer of Bluffton, Indiana along with great-grandparents; Steve & Laura Sawyer of Bluffton, Indiana, Ruby Stidham of Bluffton, Richard & Bonnie Baumgartner of Warren, Indiana, Rick & Kathie Mounsey of Poneto, Indiana, and great-great-grandparents; Bill Sawyer of Bluffton, Indiana, Dean & Pat Mounsey of Poneto, Indiana and Billy Zent of Sun City, Arizona.

Parker is preceded in death by great-grandparents; Allen Stidham, Charles & Mary Jane Petty, Betty Sawyer, John & Betty Seagrave, LeRoy & Mary Belle Baumgartner and an uncle Evan Sawyer.

Friends are invited to call on the family from 2 to 8 on Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at Sonlight Wesleyan Church, with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Parker's memory to the Angel of Hope Memorial Park, with checks payable to the Wells County Foundation, or Morgan & Schyler. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the direction of the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

## McCARVER

James C. McCarver, 74, of Warren, IN, passed away at 11:01 PM on Friday, February 14, 2014 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born on Thursday, September 4, 1939, in Scottsboro, AL. He married Joyce Ann Powers on November 7, 1964. She preceded him in death on April 21, 2007. Jim was then blessed

to find love again and married Faye Kilgore on Sunday, June 07, 2009 in Huntington, Indiana. James was plant manager at Wayne Metal in Markle, IN. He retired from Lime City in Marion, IN, where he was a plant manager. He was an Owner-Operator of a Metal Polishing Shop in Markle, IN. He was a member at Healing Waters Ministries in Majenica, IN. He enjoyed music, fishing and his church.


Survivors Include: Wife - Faye (Kilgore) McCarver, Warren, IN; Sons - Gary McCarver, Huntington, IN and Trent (Christy) McCarver, Warren, IN; Daughters - Lisa (Danny) Burns, Warren, IN and Angie Hamilton, Warren, IN; Sister - Marie Oswalt, Warren, IN; Brothers - Londa McCarver, Brownsville, AL and Jimmy (Debbie) McCarver, Smithville, NC; 9 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: Parents - Jess & Rhoda (Bass) McCarver; Sisters - Ozlene Long and Betty Daniel; Brother - Doyle McCarver

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Monday, February 17, 2014 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

A service to celebrate James life will be at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 with Pastor Wayne Couch officiating. Interment will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

## PURSIFULL

 Carl C. Pursifull, 91 of Markle passed away at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014 at his residence.

Carl was a Truck Driver for many years and then worked for Wayne Metal for over 35 years retiring as Shipping Foreman. He was a 1942 graduate of West Rock Creek High school. Carl was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he drove heavy trucks, serving in WWII in Normandy and other European locations.

He was born on May 22, 1922 in Allen County, the son of Doyle Sr. and Pearl (Minnick) Pursifull.

He was united in marriage to Joan M. Sieberns on March 19, 1952 in Markle. His wife sur-

vives.

Additional survivors include four daughters: Marilyn J. (Wayne) Butts of San Antonio, TX., Maxine "Max" (Don) Hinshaw of Bluffton, Rebecca (Jeff) Souder of Warren and Sarah A. Kirkpatrick of Markle; Two sons: Gene (Jennefer) Pursifull of Markleville and Alan Pursifull of Huntington; Three brothers: Loyall Pursifull of Markle, Jim Pursifull of Minnesota and Vern (Martha) Pursifull of Huntington; Nine grandchildren, Two step grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother: Doyle Pursifull Jr.; two sisters: Geraldine Scher and Barbara Scarborough.

Graveside Services will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at Noon at the Marion National Cemetery, 1700 East 38th St., Marion, Indiana, with Military Rites and Pastor Scott Nedberg officiating.

Memorial Donations can be made out to the VFW Post 2689 of Huntington, sent in care to Myers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770

## SMITH

Maxine L. Smith, 90 of Warren and formerly of Huntington passed away at 6:30am on Monday, February 17, 2014 at Heritage Pointe.

Maxine was a 1941 graduate of Roanoke High School where she was salutatorian. She was a homemaker had farmed with her husband for many years on their hog farm and also accompanied him on the piano while he played Rattle Bones. They played at the Indian House at the Forks of the Wabash for many years and at several local nursing homes. She was well known for her chocolate chip cookies. She was a member of the Northview Church of Christ.

Maxine was born on September 6, 1923 in Huntington County, a daughter of Clarence A. and Tessie A. (Landrum) Dolby.

She was united in marriage to Glen W. Smith on March 14, 1942 in Andrews, Indiana. He preceded her in death on March 3, 2000.

Survivors include a son: Marvin G. (Nancy) Smith of Huntington; two daughters: Sharon (Don) Bole of Hartford City; Kathy (James) Close of North Webster; a sister: Evelyn (Roland) Wehr of Marion; six grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren

and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Robert Dolby, Richard Dolby and a great granddaughter: Riley Smith.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2014 from 2:00-4:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 11:00am at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Gerald O. Moreland officiating.

Interment will take place at the Markle Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made out to Woodburn Children's Home in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

## KURTZ

Helen "Betty" Kurtz, 97, of Liberty Center passed away at 1:20 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at her residence, surrounded by her family.

Betty was born May 3, 1916, in Liberty Center, to Chase O. Garrett and Nellie B. Popejoy Garrett. She graduated from Liberty Center High School and obtained her teaching degree from Manchester University. She taught for many years in Wells County schools, in Greencastle, Ind., and Appleton, Wis., retiring in 1964. She was a member of the Liberty Center Baptist Church and a member of the Federated Church in West Lafayette. She was also a member of the P.E.O. Wives of the World and the Indiana Teachers Association. She volunteered in numerous positions in Tippecanoe County of Indiana.

She married Royce E. Kurtz Nov. 18, 1939, in Liberty Center. They shared 46 years together before he preceded her in death in 1985.

She is survived by a son, David R. (Jennifer) Kurtz of Lafayette; three grandchildren, James R. Recker II of Indianapolis, Daniel (Amy) C. Recker of Indianapolis, and Elizabeth (Michael Rankin) B. Recker of New Mexico; and five great-grandchildren, Chase, Phineas, Blake, Zella, and Holden. She is also survived by a great niece, Taneka Garrett of Bluffton.

Betty was preceded in death by a daughter, Deanne E. Recker, in October of 2013, and a son, Garrett W. Kurtz, in August of

2012. Also preceding her in death were a brother, Joseph Dean Garrett, in March of 2009, and a nephew, Gregory "Greg" S. Garrett, in 2014

A memorial service will be held at Fairview Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made in Betty's memory to the Royce E. Kurtz Educational Scholarship at Manchester University.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

## HOLLOWAY

Steven James Holloway, 62, of Poneto, passed away at 6:04 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jim was born Oct. 10, 1951, in Wells County to Joe D. Holloway and Martha Ferne (Starr) Holloway.

He graduated from Southern Wells High School with the class of 1970.

He worked at Hulcher's Emergency Services, Ryder Transport, and Ruan Transport. He enjoyed horses, reading, dogs, and country living.

James is survived by a companion, Ms. Jessie Hall of Poneto, along with a son, Jonathon Holloway (fiancé Amber Dearing) of Van Buren; siblings, Sally Jo Tinkel of Fort Wayne, Dan (Rose) Anderson of Bluffton, Jenelle (Fred) Webb of Fort Wayne, Jill (Kenneth) Ellenberger of Bluffton, Jerri (Don) Lehman of Craigville, Jon (Carla) Holloway of Angola, Jeff Holloway of Fort Wayne, Jody (Jodi) Holloway of Bluffton and Jay (Marie) Holloway of Hartford City; along with a brother-in-law Eric Jarrett of Liberty Center. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, a brother Jack Holloway and a sister Sara Jane Jarrett.

As Jim requested, a private family graveside service will be held at Stahl Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made in Jim's memory to a charity of your choice. Friends are invited to reminisce with Jim's family at the Café of Hope, Huntington, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.



## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

### YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS

Youth hunters can apply for a reservation to hunt one of 21 DNR properties during the special youth wild turkey hunting season, April 19 and 20.

The hunters must be younger than 18 on the day of the hunt.

The reserved hunts are at the following fish & wildlife areas (FWAs): Atterbury, Crosley, Deer Creek, Glendale, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Sugar Ridge, Kankakee, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Pigeon River, Roush, Tri-County, Minnehaha, Fairbanks Landing, Hillenbrand, Chinook, Winamac and Willow Slough.

Hunts will also take place at Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes.

The number of hunters allowed on each property will be limited. Interested hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone with the property they wish to hunt. Hunters should register between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. local time between March 17-21 or March 24-28. Hunters can register for only one property.

Those wanting to sign up for Fairbanks Landing and Chinook hunts may do so at Deer Creek FWA. Those wanting to sign up for Hillenbrand or Minnehaha hunts may do so at Goose Pond FWA. Those wanting to sign up for LaSalle may do so at Willow Slough.

At properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available, a drawing will be held on March 31. A youth hunter may be drawn for either one or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

Applicants must possess a 2014 Youth Consolidated Hunting & Trapping License, a 2014 Non-Resident Youth Spring Turkey License with a game bird habitat stamp privilege, or Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting License. Apprentice hunting licenses of the types named above also may be used.

When registering a youth for one of the hunts, make sure to have the type of license being used for the hunt and the license number.

Hunts will run one-half hour before sunrise until noon at properties in the Central Time Zone, and one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. on properties in the Eastern Time Zone.

Youth hunters who are selected for the hunt may check in at any time each day until the end of legal hunting hours for that property. Properties will not have a daily "no-show" drawing. Hunters interested in possible unfilled quotas at a property should phone that property for more information before showing up.

During youth wild turkey season, hunters younger than age 18 on the day of the hunt can take a bearded or male wild turkey. The youth must be accompanied by someone 18 or older.

The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow. The adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The adult does not need to possess a turkey hunting license unless the youth is using an apprentice license, or unless the adult is calling turkeys.

Phone numbers for information or to register at area properties: Roush (260) 468-2165, Salamonie (260) 468-2125.

To purchase a Youth Consolidated or Turkey license go to [IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov](http://IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov).

For wild turkey hunting regulations go to [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/huntguide1/hunting1.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/huntguide1/hunting1.htm).

For turkey hunting safety tips go to [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/hunt/turkey/turkeysafe.html](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/hunt/turkey/turkeysafe.html).

### SMART TIPS FOR YOUR TAX REFUND

(StatePoint) If you're fortunate enough to receive a refund this tax season, it's time to think about sensible uses for the extra income so, as Grandpa used to say, "it doesn't burn a hole in your pocket."

The smartest thing to do with a little extra money, say experts, is to use it in a way that benefits your budget, generates extra income or helps you achieve fi-

nanacial peace of mind.

This can be accomplished in several ways, including putting the money into a savings account with a competitive interest rate, investing in energy saving improvements for your home, or paying down debt. Or, if these options don't move you, consider donating your refund to a charity of your choice.

"There's an old saying that money can't buy happiness, and while this may be true, our research shows that saving money can impact our sense of well-being," says Diane Morais, Ally Bank deposits and line of business integration executive.

In fact, among those with a savings account, 38 percent of respondents surveyed report feeling extremely, or very happy, versus 29 percent of those without one, according to a recent Ally Bank survey.

Beyond a savings account, another smart move is to make a deductible IRA contribution. Not only will you earn interest, your contribution may be eligible for a tax deduction. Depending on the size of the refund, you may need to find a bank that has no minimum deposit requirement or monthly maintenance fees that can quickly eat away at your principal. For example, Ally Bank, Member FDIC, meets both criteria. To learn more about options that meet your specific personal needs, visit [www.AllyBank.com](http://www.AllyBank.com).

While few people will regret saving money, another wallet-friendly option is to invest your tax refund into money-saving projects, such as energy efficient home improvements. In addition to helping reduce utility costs, you may qualify for a tax credit, called the Residential Energy Ef-

ficient Property Credit, on such projects as solar power and wind turbine upgrades. More information can be found at [www.Energy.gov](http://www.Energy.gov).

Also, consider paying off credit card debt to save on the interest expense and improve your credit score to help you obtain better terms for big ticket items like a car or a home. For free budgeting and credit tips, visit [www.AllyWalletWise.com](http://www.AllyWalletWise.com).

And finally, you may also want to consider making a donation to a charitable cause, which in some instances may reduce your tax liability. Always check with a tax professional if this is a concern.

Regardless of how you spend your refund, remember that it's your hard-earned money, not a windfall -- so be sure to use it wisely.

### FINANCIALLY PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM FLOODING

(StatePoint) When it comes to protecting your family from the devastation of unexpected events, you may think homeowners insurance is all you need to be covered. However, most standard homeowners insurance policies don't cover flooding — the number one natural disaster in the United States.

"If it can rain where you live, it can flood," says Jeanne Salvatore of the Insurance Information Institute. "Just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't necessarily mean you won't in the future. Flood risk can change rapidly from year to year."

Experts advise to do your family a favor and prepare for the worst. Here are some tips to help you keep your head above water as you make plans to prepare for a flood:

- Know the causes: Many may not think of flooding in winter, but the season can bring weather that can cause devastating floods, like heavy rains, rapid snowmelt and winter storms. Also, areas that have experienced a wildfire are at a significantly increased risk of flash flooding for up to five years.

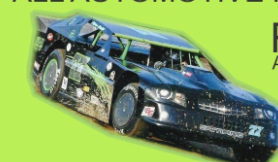
- Be proactive: Just a few inches of water can cost tens of thousands of dollars in damage and federal disaster assistance is usually a loan that must be paid back with interest. Additionally disaster assistance is only available if the president signs a declaration of disaster. Not all floods are declared a disaster, so get flood insurance before catastrophe strikes.

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Typically, there's a 30-day waiting period before flood policies take effect. Don't wait until the storm clouds gather to get insured.

• Insure wisely: Flood insurance, which is recommended for almost everyone, is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to homeowners, renters, condo owners and business owners. While rates are set and don't differ from company to company or agent to agent, opting for a flood savvy agent means you will get your questions answered properly.

• Stay safe: What's even more important than protecting your home during a flood, is protecting you and your family. Floods can be life-threatening events, so monitor weather reports to assess impending flood risk and get to a safer location, when needed.

Be sure to know the do's and don'ts of flood safety. If flooding occurs, go to higher ground, avoiding flood-prone areas on the way. Never attempt to walk across flowing streams or drive through flooded roadways.

Listen to a battery-operated radio for information. Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if advised to do so.

Remember, flood water can contain harmful substances like gasoline and bacteria. If you've come in contact with floodwaters, wash your hands with soap and clean water.

More flood safety tips can be found at Ready.gov. To assess your current risk for flooding and

to locate an agent serving your area, visit FloodSmart.gov or call 888-226-9499.

### WHAT EVERY COLD AND FLU SUFFERER NEEDS TO KNOW

(StatePoint) During cold and flu season, an ounce of prevention goes a long way. But despite best efforts, getting sick is sometimes unavoidable.

This year, Americans will suffer from approximately one billion colds, and as many as one in five will get the flu.

Many people turn to over-the-counter medicines (OTC) for relief from their cold and flu symptoms. When illness strikes, treating your symptoms safely and responsibly is just as important as relief.

During this cold and flu season, McNeil Consumer Healthcare, the maker of Tylenol, is educating consumers about the safe and appropriate use of medicines through its educational initiative "Get Relief Responsibly."

Many cold and flu medicines contain acetaminophen, a common pain reliever used to provide relief from their cold and flu symptoms such as fever, sore throat, and body pains.

Acetaminophen is the active ingredient in Tylenol but it can also be found in more than 600 OTC and prescription medications such as NyQuil, Theraflu, Percocet and Vicodin.

If you take multiple medicines at a time to treat various symptoms, it is important to be aware of the ingredients and to follow labels to prevent accidentally taking more than the recommended dose.

"Acetaminophen is safe when used as directed, but taking too much can harm your liver," says Edwin Kuffner, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs at McNeil Consumer Healthcare. "Some people may accidentally take more than the total daily dose of acetaminophen because they do not realize they are taking multiple products containing acetaminophen, or because they may not read and follow the label."

This cold and flu season, get relief responsibly with these tips from McNeil Consumer Healthcare:

- Always read and follow your medicine labels carefully. If you're taking more than one medicine, read and compare the labels.
- Never take more than one medicine that contains the same active ingredient at the same time.
- Never take more than the recommended dose, unless directed by your doctor. And don't take any medicine for longer than directed. If you're not getting effective relief, contact your doctor.
- Inform your doctor and pharmacist of your medical history and what medications you take. This will help your healthcare team ensure you're taking medicines that are appropriate for you.
- If you suspect an overdose, even if you don't have any symptoms, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away at 1-800-222-1222.

• Learn more. Visit the website [www.GetReliefResponsibly.com](http://www.GetReliefResponsibly.com) for tools and resources about how to take medicines safely – including an interactive medicine checker to find out which of your medicines contain acetaminophen, tips on how to read medicine labels and steps to keep medicines safely out of the reach of children.

During cold and flu season, do yourself a favor. When seeking relief, first learn about the medications you're taking and be sure to take them responsibly.



### DESIGN WINNER

The 2014 Huntington County 4-H Theme/Design Contest Winners Photo Above – Left to right: Alyssa Fulton, Emma Melcher, Rachel Fulton, Katie Melcher. Not Pictured – Amanda Pugh, Justin Hladik, Kennady Chapin, Sophie Ottinger

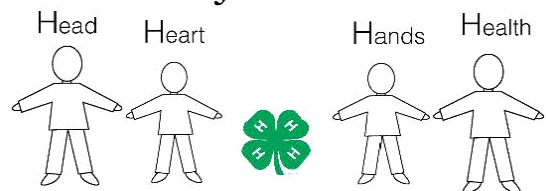
The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Organization recently recognized the winners of the 2014 Huntington County 4-H Theme/Design Contest. The following youth received recognition for their participation in this annual contest:

- 1st place – Emma Melcher, Corn Cob 4-H Club
- 2nd place – Rachel Fulton, Crystal Clovers 4-H Club
- 3rd place – Katie Melcher, Corn Cob 4-H Club
- Honorable Mention – Amanda Pugh, Blue Ribbon Riders 4-H Club & Justin Hladik, Crystal Clovers 4-H Club
- Participation – Alyssa Fulton, Crystal Clovers 4-H Club; Kennady Chapin, Crystal Clovers 4-H Club; & Sophie Ottinger, Neighborhood Workers/Farmer Lads 4-H Club

Emma's winning theme design (below), "Making our way into the future...One 4-Her at a time." will be used on a variety of 4-H program materials during the year, including the Huntington County 4-H Fair Book which will be available the beginning of March.

For more information about the Huntington County 4-H Program, contact Julia Miller, [jwicker@purdue.edu](mailto:jwicker@purdue.edu) or 260-358-4826 – at the Purdue Extension – Huntington County office located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson, Suite 202 Huntington.

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