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Thought for the Week: Happy Valentine's Day Friday, February 14!

GARDENER FORUM

The Huntington County Master Gardeners will be hosting a program on Wednesday February 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Huntington City-Township Public Library Conference Room located at 200 West Market St. in Huntington. Cindy Sheets of Sweet Life Honey Farm LLC will be the presenter for the evening. She will share information about beekeeping, producing honey and beeswax products.

Note that this program was originally scheduled for Wednesday February 5 and it was postponed due to inclement weather in the area.

This program is open to the public. Please RSVP by calling the Huntington County Extension Office - 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202 at 260-358-4826.

Sock Hop!

A fun-filled evening is planned for all ages on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the old Warren High School (KBC) from 6-9p.m. Cost is \$2.00 per person for \$5.00 per family. Mark Vickrey will be hosting this event and Rob Caylor from Stylus will be spinning the records. Around 7:00 p.m. there will be a Dessert and Sweets Auction - auctioneer Jody Holloway. There will be refreshments available throughout the evening. Make sure to wear your favorite socks - it is a sock hop and only socks (or shoes not worn outside) are permitted on the gym floor.

If you would like to donate to the auction, forms are available at the Warren branches of PNC Bank or iAB Financial. Suggested donations are caramel corn, pies, cookies, bread, cinnamon rolls or candy and can be

dropped off at the KBC the day of the Sock Hop between 12 - 4p.m outside the gym entrance. Monies will go to benefit Historic Warren's Beautification Project. Thank you for sharing in the fun and partnership that makes Warren strong.

4-H OPEN HOUSE

The annual 4-H Sign-Up Day and Open House will be held Saturday, February 15, 9 AM - 12 Noon at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. 4-H members and families are encouraged to stop by to fill out membership forms, meet with your club leaders (pick up last year's record books), pay your membership fees, and pick up this year's manuals and meeting schedules. 4-H volunteers will be on hand to help answer your questions and assist families.

All of the township and county clubs will be represented along with Horse and Pony, Archery, Shot Gun Safety and Alpaca/ Llama Club.

If the date is not convenient, families are welcome to stop by the Purdue Extension Service Office located at the 4-H Park where they can pick up a 4-H membership form. The membership form can also be found at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

Families may also enroll online at the same webpage. This option allows families to pay the \$20 membership fee online. Scholarship forms for the membership fee will be available at the Open House and at the Extension Office.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and may continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) consecutive years. Mini 4-H

forms will also be available for youth in grades 1 & 2.

If you have questions about any project, please call your 4-H Club leader or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412, or email rsherer@purdue.edu. The Extension Office is located at 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN 46714.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Spots are still available to join an Indiana Master Naturalist class that starts March 5 in Bluffton.

Participants will learn about Indiana's plants, wildlife, geology and geography, meet others with similar interests, and make connections with natural resource professionals. More information is at IndianaMasterNaturalist.org.

The course consists of eight Wednesday classes from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and two Saturday field sessions. Each class is taught by an expert or natural resources professional.

The course fee is \$75. Space is limited to 30 people.

The registration deadline has been extended to Feb. 20. To register or for more information, contact Jody Heaston, Indiana Master Naturalist coordinator, at jheaston@dnr.in.gov or (260) 437-8650, or visit Ouabache State Park.

The Ouabache course is organized by the Friends of Ouabache State Park group, Ouabache State Park and Wells County Purdue Extension.

The standard park entrance fee will be waived for students during class times.

Ouabache State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2975.htm) is at 4930 E. State Rd 201, Bluffton, IN.

JUNIOR LEADERS

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Thursday, February, 13, 7:00-8:00 pm at the County Jail, 332 E State St, Huntington. The group will be taking a tour of the County Jail. Members will have the opportunity to sign up to work at the Beef Preview Concession Stand which will be on Saturday, March 22nd at Hier's Park.

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to any 4-H member in grades 7-12. For more information, please contact Julia Miller, jwickert@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Huntington.

BREAKFAST

Wells County 4-H will be sponsoring a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, February 15, 7-11 AM at the Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

Volunteers will be serving buttermilk pancakes and whole hog sausage just like at the Bluffton Street Fair Booth!

The event is open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted with the proceeds to benefit the new restrooms being planned and the log cabin renovation.

Families may also sign up for 4-H at an Open House, 9 AM - 12 Noon at the Community Center.

For more information about the event or 4-H call 824-6412 or visit www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

FAIR BOARD

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Board will meet Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00 pm, Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, Huntington. The board will discuss continuing plans for the 84th Annual Huntington County 4-H Fair to be held July 11-25, 2014.

For more information, please contact Julia Miller, jwickert@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Huntington.

UNITY FEAST

Love In the Name of Christ, with sponsorship from several local churches, will be hosting the 5th Annual Love Unity Feast in Heritage Hall at Hier's Park on March 2nd, 2014 from 11 am - 2 pm. Love Unity Feast is an opportunity for Christians all over Huntington to come together in unity to share a meal and raise funds for Love INC. The event will feature a pie auction which begins at 11:30 am and will occur every half-hour. There will also be a bake sale. The meal options are Chicken and Noodles or Pork Loin with all the fixings! \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. All proceeds go to help Love INC further their mission of mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ.



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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THE UPTOWN GARDENER
 by Ruth Herring

Cabin fever at my house couldn't get much worse than it is now. Can't even get my back door open to feed the birds. Hoping that the February Thaw comes soon.

I have done spring cleaning, sewing, read books, work on a puzzle, take a walk thru the house several loops to keep my legs in working order then repeat the procedure. I don't get to excited over watching tv but it does make some noise in the house.

I have done a bit of dreaming about what flowers I might plant outside and have ordered a few to be shipped at planting time if it ever gets here. I have a few that I kept over and some are blooming and is nice to care for them. When my great granddaughter comes over it is her job to help water them which she is always anxious to do. Hopefully I can get her good help when it is time to put them outside. She is quite a helper for being only four.

One thing I have gotten done that I have put off to long is redoing my hand written cook book, that took quite a bit of my time and actually did enjoy doing it, many recipes have been passed down from family members that are long gone and gives time to reflect and think about many happy times. One that I have lost was from my grandmother, it was a candy recipe that she used cold mashed potatoes, I think she added butter, powdered sugar, coconut and vanilla. Wasn't the best but always tasted good because grandma made it for us when we visited her. She passed away when I was 10 so that memory is a very old one.

Here is a cookie recipe my mom always made for Valentines day and this year I thought perhaps I had better keep the tradition going.

Moms Sugar Cookies
 Cream 1 cup butter, add 2 cups sugar, 1 tsp vanilla, 1/2 tsp lemon extract, add in 3 egg yolks. Sift together 2 1/2 cups flour, 1 tsp. soda, 1 tsp cream tartar add to butter mixture, dough will be quite dry, if necessary add 1/2 teaspoon water till it is holding together. Form into rolls and refrigerate several hours or overnite, slice and bake 350° for 8 minutes. Mom added red sugar sprinkles for a Valentine treat.

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 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship ... 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Brad Kelly, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Heath Jones
 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
 Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.
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 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/224-3376
 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.
 Daycare provided during Worship Service

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 1st Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

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

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

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

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana
 Jim Graham, Pastor
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456
 260/375-4224
 Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis
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 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org
 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.

SOLIDROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Pastor Brian Holland
 www.mountetnachurch.com
 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.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Wass, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.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.
 www.vanburenumc.org

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm

WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher
 Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Youth Group 6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

PESTICIDE WORKSHOP

A workshop will be held for crop growers from Huntington County and surrounding areas on Wednesday February 19. This session will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall at Hier's Park in Huntington. Program registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

This program will include the following topics:

- Using the Herbicide Site of Action Numbering System
- Controlling Problematic Pigweeds in Indiana
- Marestalk – Why Can't We Figure This One Out?
- New "Knowledge" Regarding Nozzles
- Pesticide Disposal—Clean Sweep Program

Speakers for the program will be Bill Johnson and Travis Legleiter, Purdue Extension Weed Specialists, along with Ed Farris, who is a Purdue Extension Educator in Huntington County.

This workshop has been approved as an Indiana Private Applicator Recertification Program. A \$10 fee is required for those who wish to obtain recertification credit for attending the program. Attendees who wish to obtain credit are reminded to bring their Indiana Private Pesticide Applicator license number with them.

Continuing Certification Hours for Agricultural Pest Management Category 1 & Registered Technician Commercial Applicators as well as credits for Certified Crop Advisors have been requested.

Please pre-register for the program by calling the Huntington County Extension Office by February 14. Lunch will be provided following the program.

Individuals with an Indiana Private Pesticide Applicator license can find more information about scheduled recertification programs on-line by visiting this

website: <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/ppp>. Click the PARP programs bar on the left; or Gold bar Private Applicator drop box "Private Applicator Recertification Programs" and from box 'Find Recertification Programs.' If you have questions, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

AG OFFERS HELP

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced today that his office will assist consumers who face critically low propane levels and experience supplier issues - especially as temperatures continue to drop.

Consumers whose propane tank's supply is at 10 percent or less and have trouble contacting their supplier, or cannot find an alternative supplier, should contact the attorney general's office by calling 1-800-382-5516. Zoeller said his staff stands ready to reach out to suppliers on the customer's behalf to determine the reason for delayed delivery or failure to respond.

"The extreme winter conditions and market forces have created substantial problems for Hoosiers who are trying to keep their families warm, but also for the industry trying to meet the needs of their customers," Zoeller said. "My office is offering to help customers by following up with their propane provider to mediate delivery issues or by ensuring another provider can be a source of temporary supply, if needed. It is our hope these efforts will help ensure Hoosiers have the fuel they need to heat their homes during this weather emergency."

Zoeller is also working with the Indiana Propane Gas Association to keep a pulse on what's hap-

pening in the industry and ensure propane suppliers are treating consumers fairly.

Consumers are often required to obtain a written authorization from their propane supplier in order to have a separate company service their tank, but Zoeller said there are exceptions. State law allows customers to bypass the requirement if there is a weather emergency or their regular suppliers fail or are unable to make timely deliveries.

Many Indiana propane suppliers currently work with their competitors during emergency situations to ensure customers are not left without a heating source. In the instances where suppliers are unable to work with their customers or competitors to meet an emergency need for propane, the attorney general's office will investigate with the priority to assist the customer to find a supplier to help.

"Indiana propane marketers have been taking extraordinary measures to ensure their customers are being served during this nationwide crisis. In the rare occurrence where a customer's needs are unable to be met, we welcome the Attorney General's involvement to ensure that Hoosiers will stay warm during this brutal winter," said Scot Imus, Executive Director of the Indiana Propane Gas Association.

Under the energy emergency declared on Jan. 28, the attorney general's office can investigate consumer claims of price gouging and if violations are found, seek injunctive relief, consumer restitution and civil penalties. Zoeller's office is continuously monitoring propane prices at all levels of the market. Zoeller reminded consumers that his office cannot assist with negotiating the price of propane.

Since Dec. 16, the Attorney General's office has received 290 consumer complaints related to the propane shortage.

Hoosiers who want to report suspected price gouging can file a complaint by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516 to request a complaint form.

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DEAN'S LIST

Huntington University has announced the students that were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2013-14 school year.

The Dean's List is published two times per year at Huntington University. The honor recognizes students for outstanding academic achievement during the previous semester. Honorees must be classified as regular students, be enrolled full-time with a load of 12 hours or more in graded courses, and must achieve a semester grade point average of at least 3.50 on a four-point scale.

The following students from our area were recognized:

- Kendall Green, of Van Buren, IN, is a senior Business Management, History and Entrepreneurial Small Business Management major.
- Liz Bolinger, of Warren, IN, is a junior Nursing major.

TRINE DEAN'S LIST

The following local students have been named to Trine University's dean's list for the fall 2013 semester:

Cody Buzzard of Warren, a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Seth Gressley of Van Buren, a junior majoring in Civil Engineering (BS/CE).

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have earned a semester grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.749 and carry a minimum of 15 credits.

HP POOL

There were 20 residents that entered the pool tournament at Heritage Pointe on February 7th. The winners were Dick Hinton and Norm Hiser with Clarence Myers and Mel Dooley finishing second. The in-house play is held every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults recreation room.



MADE DEAN'S LIST

Neil and Wendy Laymon are pleased to announce that their son Noah, has made the Dean's List at Indiana University's School of Public Health. He will graduate this spring with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Health Safety.

ALMANACS AT PHARMACY

The Warren Pharmacy still has a few copies of the 2014 Farmers Almanac. It is available as your FREE gift when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

HP POOL TOURNEY

There were 20 residents that entered the January 31st pool tournament at Heritage Pointe. The winners were Bob Beavans and Norm Hiser with Clarence Myers and Ralph Taylor finishing second. The in-house play is held every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults recreation room.

HONOR ROLL

The following students at Salamonie School achieved Honor Roll status for the Second Quarter.

Fifth Grade - All A's - Grace Barlow, Kourtney Chaney, Lillian Clanin, Felicity Henline, Gary

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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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A/B - Kade Brown, Wyatt Casto, Thomas Charles, Bryce Davis, Jonah Ellis, Brandon Gardner, Thain Kelly, Anna Manry, Ashton Mattucci, Kael Maul, Connor Miller, Valerie Miller, Chase Moriarity, Dayton Phelps, Anna Scott, Clayton Shively, Miranda Spitzer, Colin Suchcicki, Logan Surfus, Lane Wright.

Fourth Grade - All A's - Mackenzie Bargo, Jillian Bieber, Engelbert Dickson, Madison Herstad, John Markley, Aurora Maul, Cam McCarver, Paige McCutcheon, Kennedy Mitchem, Nicholas Neuenschwander, Megan Ormiston, Evan Reynolds, Mason Scaff, Cheyne Slone.

A/B - Gabrielle Alford, Derek Anstead, Grace Clabaugh, Gage Crawford, Alexander Gallegos, Bradley Gardner, Craig Ingram, Isaac Justice, Abigail Miller, Zariah Norman, James Ormiston, Riley Pearson, Kayla Spangler, Jacob Sprinkle, Jarrod Sprinkle, Tyler Stanley, Austin Sullivan, Logan Welker.

Third Grade - All A's - Gage Cronin, Cadence Crouse, Zoe Erickson, Joshua Justice, Keaden Justice, Emily Manry, Cole McCarver, Lucas Trickle, Abagayle Wright.

A/B - Ashton Antoine, Isaac Bodkins, Blaine Brown, Erica Dickson, Cassandra Imel, Summer Jackson, Savannah Johnson, Gabrielle Leichty, Matthew Martin, Shaul Mitchem, Amiah Norman, Hadleigh Phelps, Alexandria Raab, Kiera Searles, Brooke Swaidner, Kora Vickrey, Samantha Wildey, Charlie Zehner

Second Grade - All A's - Clayton Bell, Rehgyun Brooks, Trinity Cain, Asher Chipchosky, Aiden DeWeese, Noah Gallegos, Kahlen Lows, Tessa Maul, Ellie Pearson, Ava Poulson, Brooklyn Scaff, Blake Sheward, Julia Spitzer, Shaylyn Suchcicki.

A/B - Cincent Carboni, Kelsey Chaney, Jay Clampitt, Dalton

Davis, Devon Davis, Izaya Dunno, Parker Ellenburg, Nolan Knapp, Jillian Loftis, Jericho Lykins, Riley Mautz, Aiden Miller.

NOODLE DINNER

Help support the 2014 Blackford County 4-H Fair by attending a Chicken & Noodle Dinner sponsored by the Blackford County 4-H Fairboard, Inc. on Sunday, March 16, 2014, starting at 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Blackford County 4-H Building, 310 E. Park Avenue, Hartford City, IN.

Menu: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Roll & Butter, Green Beans, Dessert & Beverage

Cost: \$8:00 adults (13 years and older), \$5.00 youth (age 10 and younger).

Tickets are available from a Fairboard member, the Purdue Cooperative Extension Office or at the door the day of the dinner.

If you need further information, please call the Purdue Extension Office at 765-348-3213.

SEEKING APPLICANTS

Fort Wayne, IN - Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 166 is seeking applicants to fill at least 20 five-year apprenticeships for plumbers, pipefitters, welders, and heating and air conditioning technicians.

Applicants must have a high school degree or the equivalent, be at least 18 years old by July 1 this year and pass an aptitude test before being considered.

The recruiting process is being done in partnership with WorkOne Northeast. Deadline for applicants is Feb. 14.

The wages of selected apprentices will gradually rise during the course of the program - from \$12.32 an hour to \$26.19 an hour.

More information is available by calling Local 166 at 260.490.5690.

SCIENCE ACADEMY

WHAT: 129th Annual Academy Meeting (of Indiana scientists, science educators, and science students)

WHEN: March 15, 2014, Saturday

WHERE: J.W. Marriott, 10 S. West Street, Indianapolis, IN. 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Indiana Academy of Science is proud to present the 129th Annual Academy Meeting. The 129TH Annual Academy Meeting will offer over 150 science research presentations, workshops and hot topics, and will host 400 Indiana scientists from industry and academia, science educators, and graduate and undergraduate science students. The 129th Annual Academy Meeting marks nearly 129 years of science by a non-profit professional organization that continues to be an important voice of Indiana science since its inception in 1885. This Annual Meeting is unique in that it is multi-disciplinary, inclusive of the scholarly work of industry and academic scientists that work in fields ranging from astronomy, to microbiology, to environmental science, to science education, to physics and more. The 129th Annual Academy Meeting will include the most up to date research, 'hot topics,' and information and skill building workshops.

2014 speakers include over 150 Indiana scientists and aspiring scientists, and world class guest speakers: Dow AgroSciences Dr. Jim Bing 'The New Hoosier Farmer: Makes Corn in a Laboratory'; Dr. Johannah Barry, Founder and President of the Galapagos Conservancy who will talk about 'Endless Forms Most Beautiful: Saving Galapagos in the 21st Century'; Dr. Paul Rothrock, Author of the widely acclaimed Sedges of Indiana; Dr. Dale Edwards, Academy President and Author of the newly released Mites of Freshwater Mollusks; Genetic Educator Dr. Sam Rhine who will present 'From Skin to Stem: Recent Advances in Stem Cell Technology' and more. Several of Indiana's future scientists from Indiana's public schools have also been invited.

The 129th Annual Academy Meeting is generously sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Subaru of America, White River State Park, and WFYI (media partner)

The Indiana Academy of Science continues to enjoy a high professional stature with a membership that includes many of the states' premier scientists and science educators. The Academy is one of the oldest scientific organizations in the United States, and holds a significant presence in the state of Indiana and Midwest. The Indiana Academy of Science is dedicated to promoting scientific research, encouraging communication and cooperation among scientists, diffusing scientific information, and improving education in the sciences. It is the Indiana affiliate of the AAAS (AAAS affiliates serve more than 10 million members, representing the world's largest federation of scientific and engineering societies)

DEER GUIDE

The impact of white-tailed deer within urban communities is a growing problem nationwide, including in several Indiana communities.

Managing the problem can become controversial.

To help local communities better understand deer and available management options, the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife has put together an online booklet - the Urban Deer Technical Guide.

"The Urban Deer guide was developed to support communities that struggle with urban deer conflicts," said Chad Stewart, DNR's deer management biologist. "Very few topics can be as polarizing as dealing with white-tailed deer in an urban setting. How to resolve these conflicts can cause elected officials many sleepless nights."

Go to dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/7477.htm and locate the Urban Deer Technical Guide link.

The 32-page booklet explores how overabundant deer can impact deer-human interaction, cause ecological damage, and present health issues for humans. It addresses the pros and cons of both lethal and non-lethal management options.

The booklet outlines considerations for developing a successful deer management program and how to set up a monitoring program to assess results.

Several examples of special deer reduction programs are cited.

"There's a lot of great biological information, details on options available to communities, and case studies from here in Indiana," Stewart said. "If a community is facing this issue but not sure where to begin, this is a great first place to start."

"Red" AT HU

Riches and high achievement, torment and darkness tantalize Mark Rothko during the prime of his artistic career. Huntington University Theater Company presents the six-time 2010 Tony Award winning drama "Red," to open Feb. 13.

Nestled in Bowery, New York, 20th century artist, Mark Rothko (Jay Duffer) has been commissioned to paint murals for the Four Seasons Restaurant. He guides his assistant, Ken (Joshua Coochingham) to mix paints and

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BARCUS

Herman M. Barcus, 95, of Bluffton, passed away at 11 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Barcus was born Oct. 15, 1918, in Liberty Township, Wells County, to William E. Barcus & Lillie (Morris) Barcus. He graduated from Liberty Center High School with the class of 1936. On Jan. 21, 1939, he married Edith (Williamson) Barcus. They have shared the last 75 years together.

Herman was a lifelong farmer in Wells County and worked for the Railway Express for over 10 years. He was a member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir and held many offices as Sunday school superintendent. For 20 years, Herman & Edith enjoyed the winters in Sebring, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Edith, of Bluffton, along with a daughter, Janice (Floyd) Soper of Liberty Center, and two sons, Jack L. (Karen) Barcus and James A. Barcus, both of Bluffton. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Sharon (Terry) Cressman of Sturgis, Mich., Susan (Dave) Batdorff of Bluffton, Tammy (Tim) Garwood of Springfield, Ill., and David (Nikki) Barcus of Poneto; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home, with Pastor Chad Yoder & Pastor Steve Bard officiating. Calling hours will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with calling for one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Herman's name to the Liberty Center United Methodist Church.

HIRONS

Richard L. Hirons, 78, of Bluffton and formerly of Van Buren, passed away at 11:16 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

He was born Friday, Feb. 8, 1935, in Anderson. Richard was a 1953 graduate of Hartford City High School and served in the Hartford City Unit of the Army National Guard. He was a member of both the Van Buren United Methodist Church and the Life Community Church in Bluffton. Richard retired in 1996 after 40 years of service with General Motors in Marion.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Hirons of Bluffton; four daughters, Penny (Chuck) Slayton, Fort Wayne, Sherry (Charlie) Barnes, Bluffton, Catrena (Kevin) Taylor, Toledo, Ohio, and Lori (Todd) Johnson, Mesa, Ariz.; two sons, Rob Caylor, Montpelier, and Jonathan (Melissa) Caylor, Oklahoma City, Okla.; two grandsons, Andrew Slayton and Luke Slayton, both of Fort Wayne; and 14 step grandchildren and seven step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Eva (Monroe) Hirons; his biological parents, Edward Paine and Ruby Hatton; his first wife, Marie (Nash) Hirons; and a daughter, Cindy K. Evers.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at the Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5.

A service to celebrate Richard's life will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, in the fellowship hall of the Van Buren United Methodist Church, 108 S. 2nd St., Van Buren. Pastor Jerry Qualls and Pastor Leon Pomeroy will officiate. Interment will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren.

Preferred memorials are to Family LifeCare, 265 W. Water St., Berne IN 46711 or the Wells County Community Foundation, 360 N Main St, Suite C, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Arrangements are being handled by the Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.



BREWER

George W. Brewer, 93, of Van Buren, IN, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014, at 11:45 a.m., at the VA Hospital, in Marion.

Mr. Brewer served in the United States Army during World War II. He retired from General Motors, in Marion, in 1982. He was a member of the Van Buren Lions Club, Black Creek Conservation Club and Van Buren United Methodist Church.

He was born June 6, 1920, in Marion to Benjamin D. and Lena Mansbarger Brewer. He married Lois Bollhoefer on Nov. 1, 1945, and she preceded him in death in 1995.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, V. Marie Brewer.

Calling is Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Van Buren. A service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be at the Van Buren Cemetery, in Van Buren.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Van Buren Lions Club.



LAMB

Douglas Ray Lamb, 67, of rural Marion, IN, passed away at 5:39 AM on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at his residence.

He was born on Friday, August 09, 1946, in Mount Vernon, KY. He attended the Livingston School Systems, Livingston, KY. He married Wanda Turner Lamb on January, 08, 1966 in Booneville, KY. Doug served overseas in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Doug had worked at General Motors in Marion, retiring in 1998. He enjoyed auto body work, working on vehicles, fishing, hunting and camping. Doug enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Survivors Include: Wife - Wanda (Turner) Lamb, Marion, IN, Son - Jeffrey A. Lamb, Marion, IN, Daughter - Regina Eccles, Yorktown, IN, Grandson - Allen Lamb, Marion, IN, Grandson - Christopher Lamb, Marion, IN, Granddaughter - Chelsey Jones, Marion, IN, Granddaughter - Hope Eccles, Yorktown, IN,



Granddaughter - Kayla Lamb, Warsaw, IN, Grandson - Andrew Lamb, Warsaw, IN, Great Granddaughter - Ava Allgood, Mathews, IN, Great Granddaughter - Alexis Lamb, Mathews, IN, Great Grandson - Draedyn Lamb, Montpelier, IN, Sister - Mary (Elzie) Doan, Mount Vernon, KY, Sister - Maggie (Ernie) Lewis, Marion, IN, Brother - John (Diane) Lamb, Mount Vernon, KY, Brother - Leroy (Flossie) Lamb, Mount Vernon, KY, Brother - Frankie (Sue) Lamb, Mount Vernon, KY, Nieces & Nephews - Several, Great Nieces & Nephews - Several. He was preceded in death by his: Father - Kaleb Lamb, Mother - Kathrine (Bullock) Lamb, Brother - Woodrow Lamb

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home 201 N Main Street Van Buren, Indiana on Thursday, February 06, 2014 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

A visitation will also be held on at the Calloway Holiness Church, Calloway, Kentucky on February 07, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Doug's life will be at Calloway Holiness Church, Calloway, Kentucky at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 08, 2014 with the pastor Elzie Doan officiating. Interment will follow in the Griffin Cemetery in Calloway, KY.

Preferred memorials: To the Funeral Home to Help the Family during this difficult time.

MYERS

Ronald E. Myers, 56, of rural Warren, IN, left this dimension at 5:27 PM on Sunday, February 02, 2014 at his residence.

He was born on Tuesday, July 09, 1957, in Marion, IN, son of the late Clell H. Myers Jr. and Marjorie Areba (Zoda) Myers. Ron was interest in Ultralight Aircraft and Rotocraft for over thirty years. Ron worked as an EMT for Marion General Hospital. He felt that this was his greatest gift of helping people. By his request no services will be held. His body will be cremated but rest assured his friends will gather together soon and celebrate his life.

Ron is survived by one Brother - Jim (wife Debra) Myers, Warren, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are being

handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

SELLERS

Miss Dorothea D. Sellers, 93, of Poneto, passed away at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at the Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Dorothea was born Aug. 2, 1920, near Poneto, to Emory Bing Sellers and Nora L. Doyle Sellers. She was a graduate of Petroleum High School.

Miss Sellers earned a bachelor's degree in education from Manchester College, a master's degree from Ball State University, and did graduate work at the University of Colorado. Her graduate work in music was from Indiana University, IU-Purdue Central and Ball State University.

Miss Sellers taught at Lancaster Central Elementary until the 1985-86 school year after teaching 43 years in Wells County schools. Miss Sellers started her teaching career by traveling each week to teach music and art to students in grades 1 through 8 in three different Harrison Township schools. Throughout her teaching, she recorded the names of 5,900 boys and girls who participated in her music class.

Miss Sellers received the 1968 Community Service Award presented at the Wells County Fish Fry for outstanding service rendered beyond the normal call of her teaching duties in recognition of the various concerts and programs given by the high school music groups.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Margaret Sellers and Ruth T. Sellers, along with a brother, Leroy Thomas Sellers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Mr. Ted Ellis will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Van Buren Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Foundation Scholarship Fund.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

NEUENSCHWANDER

Karen Kay Neuenschwander, 53, of Bluffton, passed away at 5:36 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Karen was born April 15, 1960, in Huntington, and was preceded in death by her mother, Mary E. (Douglas) Heck.

She married Kenneth W. Neuenschwander April 30, 1988, in Warren. He survives.

Karen worked at Fleetwood in Decatur for 21 years and was currently employed with McHenry Manufacturing in Bluffton. She enjoyed cooking, decorating, shopping, gardening, and taking pictures. She loved spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandson.

"Karen will be loved and missed by many."

In addition to her husband, Karen is survived by two sons, Rickie Dean (Amy) Douglas of Bluffton and Nicholas (Beth) Neuenschwander of Roanoke; two daughters, Katie Lynn Neuenschwander (fiancé Jackson Truex) of Vera Cruz and Ashley (Daniel) Cole of Houston, Texas; a grandson, Ryder Dean Douglas; a brother, Don (Jeri) Douglas of Warren; and a sister, Michelle Runyan of Huntington.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Goodwin-Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the funeral home, with an additional hour of visitation prior to the service. Larry Sprinkle will be officiating at the funeral services.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

KEELING

Frances Suzanna Keeling, 97, a resident of Heritage Pointe, in Warren, IN, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, at Heritage Pointe.

A former resident of Gas City, Mrs. Keeling had worked as a receptionist in a doctor's office for 10 years and owned Powder Puff Grooming for 12 years. She was a charter member of the Marion Philharmonic, where she played trombone, and had been a member of the Easter Pageant orchestra for 30 years. She was a member of First Friends Church of Marion and taught Sunday school at the church.

She was born Sept. 21, 1916, in Marion to Byron Woodford and Mabel E. Gillette Baxter. She married Delmar E. Barnes, and he preceded her in death. She then married John Keeling, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn Pelfrey, of Gas City; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Ann Amster, of Buena Vista, CO; three grandchildren, Wesley (Teresa) Brubaker, Frank (Julie) Barnes and Angela (Ty) Abshear; and eight great-grandchildren.

A service was held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Rev. Bob Garra officiated. Burial will be at a later date at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to First Friends Church, 2211 N. Wabash Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

PRESSLER

Mary Pressler, 71, of Huntington, IN, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, at 1:18 p.m. at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pressler earned an associate's degree in computer science from Ivy Tech, in Fort

Wayne. She worked for Shamban, in Fort Wayne, as a computer programmer for two years before retiring.

She was born April 3, 1942, in Keystone to Louis Andrew Piquine and Irene Groscop Bright. She married Charles K. Pressler on Dec. 19, 1970, in Wabash. Her husband preceded her in death in November 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Lisa (Bruce) Drake, of Huntington; three brothers, James (Ida) Piquine, of Huntington; Jerry (Sharon) Piquine, of Mt. Zion; and John Piquine, of Michigan; two sisters, Janet (Lowell) Hartman, of Berne, and Melody (Russell) Searles, of Huntington; and three grandchildren, Kaila Hardesty, Schuyler Hardesty and Eric Hardesty.

There were no calling hours or services.

Bailey-Love Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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prepare the frames for paint. Young Ken's curiosity gets the best of him and he continues to question Rothko's theories of art. The intense play speaks to the heart of an artist and to all those who long to be understood.

"Red" is a reminder of many life lessons to us all. Life is short. Don't waste the time we have been given," said director Thom Hofrichter. "Time is a gift to be used wisely, a finite gift — use it to be passed on to those who are making the most out of life."

The cast of "Red" is perhaps one of the smallest in HU history and ultimately highlights faculty and staff of the Huntington University Theatre Company. Stepping from backstage and taking the stage as Rothko is department chair and associate professor of theater arts Jay Duffer. Jonathan Hicks, assistant professor of theater, dis-

plays his talents through set, lighting and sound design. Costume creation credit belongs to Mary Zellers. Adjunct professor Thom Hofrichter puts on the director's hat. Murals for the drama were created by 2012 HU alum Kendra Kendall.

"I think it is a great opportunity for Josh (Ken) to see and perform with a professional actor (Jay), and it is exciting to see just how good of an actor Jay is." Hofrichter said.

"Red" was originally written by John Logan and first performed in London in 2009 and was awarded "Best Play" at the 2010 Tony Awards.

"Red" will debut in the Studio Theatre of the Merillat Centre for the Arts at Huntington University from Feb. 13-15 and Feb. 20-22. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with special 2 p.m. matinee performances on Feb. 15 and 22. Running time is 90 minutes without an intermission. Due to some language and adult content, this drama is not suitable for younger audiences.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, \$6 for children 13 and younger, \$5 for HU students and \$9 for HU faculty and staff.

Because of the stage setup, seating is limited. Purchase your tickets early to guarantee space.

For reservations, call the MCA Box Office at 260-359-4261 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Tickets also will be sold at the door before every performance. Tickets are now on sale.

For more information about the Huntington University Theatre Company, visit www.huntington.edu/theatre.

DNR COOKING VIDEOS

Indiana's "CookIN Gone Wild" video series now teaches viewers not only how to prepare their wild game, but also how to harvest it.

The video series launched last year on Indiana DNR's YouTube channel and initially focused only on cooking. Now it also includes everything viewers need to know to harvest the featured fish or game animal, a format called field-to-table.

The first episode in the new format highlights steelhead trout and coho salmon fishing on Trail Creek in Michigan City. Viewers will learn some steelhead and salmon biology, equipment requirements and fishing techniques, including some insider secrets.

Each video ends with a recipe for the harvested game. The steelhead episode offers a healthy, open-faced steelhead salad sandwich.

"We really wanted to offer viewers the entire experience," said Michelle Cain, DNR wildlife informa-

tion specialist and host of CookIN Gone Wild. "Showing that anyone can try new outdoor adventures is important to the future of hunting and fishing. These videos give you everything you need to know to try it yourself."

"CookIN Gone Wild" episodes are at youtube.com/idnrvids. New episodes come out every other month.

A downloadable cookbook and recipes are at wildlife.IN.gov/7562.htm. A selected recipe also appears in each issue of Outdoor Indiana magazine.

Next in the series is ice fishing at Trine State Recreation Area in Angola.

Future episodes will feature dove hunting, squirrel hunting, wild edibles and urban fishing for catfish.

BIRD HABITAT FUNDS

Private landowners looking to improve wildlife habitat on their property may qualify for financial assistance through the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, particularly if they want to benefit bobwhite quail and ring-neck pheasants.

Bobwhite quail and ring-neck pheasant are prized game birds. However, populations of both have suffered from permanent habitat loss or lack of maintenance on existing habitat.

The DNR Fish & Wildlife's Private Lands Unit works with landowners to restore such habitat. A district wildlife biologist will meet with the landowner, inspect the property and prepare a management plan. The biologist also will discuss financial assistance programs through DNR Fish & Wildlife to help offset the cost of habitat restoration or maintenance. Qualified landowners are reimbursed in the amount agreed to by the DNR Fish & Wildlife. Enhanced cost-share assistance is available to landowners in any of the Division's quail or pheasant priority areas.

"Each district wildlife biologist has a quail or pheasant priority area," said Josh Griffin, south region private lands supervisor for DNR Fish & Wildlife. "The more pheasant and quail habitat we can create or restore in these areas, the greater the potential for these birds to disperse into other areas of good habitat and maintain sustainable populations."

To determine if your land is in a quail or pheasant priority area, see dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/2352.htm. For more information on quail or pheasant priority areas, or for information on developing wildlife habitat on your property, contact your local district wildlife biologist. A directory for district wildlife biologists is at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/2716.htm.

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People who know me may be surprised that I write this letter. I believe the Plum Tree Wind Farm would be good for Huntington County, and hope to be fortunate enough to have turbines on my acreage.

This may shock opponents, but Apex is welcome to put a turbine in my backyard. I have no worries about the blades flying off, being hit by ice, or losing sleep because of the sound. Why? Because I've visited two wind farms and stood beneath the spinning blades with a decibel meter. I've seen for myself that a truck on the highway makes more noise than the "whooshing" sound of the turbine blades. I've talked with people who live and farm near turbines and I'm convinced the county's turbine setback requirements are adequate protection against noise and safety concerns. The county officials did their research and wrote a solid ordinance that protects the public. What does it say to manufacturers or other businesses considering investment in Huntington County if we change the rules in the middle of the game? Yes, moving that much heavy equipment is likely to damage county roads. The ordinance addresses that problem by requiring that roads be fully restored before the wind farm operator gets its operating permit. The county has final say on this issue. Farmers in Ohio and in northwest Indiana showed me roads repaired to better-than-new condition by their wind farm operators. Problem solved.

A previous letter to the editor

warned that landowners are being duped by promises of lease payments that won't be fulfilled if the wind doesn't blow. The agreement presented to me guarantees payment whether the turbines have a productive year or not. If the wind farm has a particularly productive year, we will receive enhanced compensation.

Plum Tree Wind would be built in one of the least populated parts of the county. There's nothing else you could do with this land that's compatible with farming, yet would generate as much tax revenue and benefit the entire county. Some argue that taxes paid won't ever reach the many millions promised. But even if it's half as much, so what? It's still money the county didn't have before for schools, roads and vital services. And, it's money that isn't taken from working families. So what if the taxes are phased in over a few years? How does that hurt anyone? Does it take anything out of your pocket?

If you're opposed to wind turbines just because you don't like the way they look, well, I can't argue that point. They are what they are. What they aren't is the greatest threat to society and mankind that some people make them out to be.

Do your research. Listen to credible sources. Don't believe everything you read on the Internet. I have done my homework and that's why I welcome Plum Tree Wind to Huntington County.

John Vickrey
Warren, IN

ANOTHER OPINION

(To the Editor: This is undoubtedly the most important event in our lifetime. It can devastate our township and town. When Tom Wall said only two people were opposed, he must have asked the wrong question. It should have been: 'Would you be opposed to a 500+ foot wind turbine that will destroy the land, scenery and tranquility of our area - and makes a lot of noise?' Thank you for your considerations - John Paul, Warren) At the December 20, 2013 Huntington County Commissioner meeting, the bulk of time was used by the Apex Wind System representative. It consisted of a video touting the 'benefits' of Wind Turbines. At the end of the show, Commissioner Leon Hurlburt made a statement to the effect "We (the commissioners) are duty bound to the people of this county to reflect the majority interests, respect their needs and do the very best we can for them". Commissioner Larry Buzzard concurred in those sentiments. Hurlbert asked the Apex person: "How much money does the federal and state government pay Apex?". The rep's reply: "None. They only get Tax Credits". That, fellow citizens, is the crux of the matter - the reason only the wealthiest of investors participate in this political and financial charade. The stimulus money; accelerated depreciation (6 years) and deductible expenses and - yes, Tax Credits. History repeats itself: After a year or so, they will come back to the county and request a tax abatement....because they didn't make any money.????? Usually it's approved. 5 or 6 years down the road the turbines have been fully depreciated. They sell them to another group and the tax rip-off is repeated - while the equipment falls apart and left for the community to clean up.

In the January 13, 2014 meeting, Mr. Hurlburt made a motion to suspend the current ordi-

nance (2010-17) for six months - to allow the commissioners time to obtain feed-back from we citizens (so far they have received very few comments), analyze the demands made on the county by this huge project and study the inferred 'benefits' promised by Apex. Commissioner Tom Wall stated (as reported in local newspapers) the proposal was "probably illegal". Commissioner Buzzard indicates he would have seconded the motion, but the county attorney was not present for consultation. On January 27, 2014, the same proposal was made and the the county attorney advised he couldn't do that. That procedure has and can be done as an amendment to the ordinance.

The letter to the editor of 12/15/13 (HP) and 12/16/13 (TAB) described many negative aspects of the monsters. You were asked to submit a printed form indicating your position to repeal the current ordinance. The response was most gratifying...but not enough to move the commissioners. (Those replies will be provided the commissioners when appropriate). Many respondents added notes and letters describing their personal experiences with wind turbines. One wrote how her parents and grandparents had built their farm...fearful it now could be destroyed. Another drove to Van Wert, Ohio to see the horrible (his word) effects. One told how she and her husband were ready to build their long dreamed-of home in Salamonie Township. Karla Funk, who has knowledge of turbines, drove to Elwood to witness the impact they have in that area. Coming home after dark, she witnessed the 'show' of red lights (airplane warnings). She clocked the distance they were still visible at 13 miles. We have a relative that lives on the Grant-Madison line. They bought a run-down farm about 12 years ago. Have worked hard and put much money into improvements to

create what is now a beautiful setting. Those turbines can be seen (3 miles away) from their home. That is the foot-in-the-door Phase 1. Phase 2 will start soon and Phase 3 will put them across the road...and their investment and work goes down the tube.

Fellow Huntington County Citizens, there are strong indications there is an accelerated move to place those horrendous 500+ Foot towers setting on 1,000+ tons of concrete in our community - OUR LAND! The commissioners state they have received only a few objections to them. Remember this: No one could make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little. For you; your family; the value of your property; your community; your fellow church members; your friends and the peace, tranquility and visual enjoyment of your community, you must help.

Your opinion is vital. Write a short note or letter to the commissioners as listed below. Include your name, address and phone number. Possible subjects: 'Repeal Ordinance 2010-17 now'; "The turbines will hurt my property values"; 'I do not want the noise of turbines interfering with my life or health'; 'Require a maximum noise level of less than 40 Decibels'; 'Use the same ordinance as Whitley County (3/4 mile setback or 6 1/2 times the height of the upright blade on the turbine)'; 'Do as Marshall County - Total Ban!' Or use one that you feel the strongest about. The \$1.50 spent on postage will be the best investment you probably ever make...or E Mail your comments. Please send your letter or email to all three commissioners!

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