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Thought for the Week: Depend not on another, but lean instead on thyself... True happiness is born of self-reliance. The laws of Manu

FORUM POSTPONED

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 bee-keeping, 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.

FREE SOUP SUPPER

Have you made plans for that special Valentine or have you been planning on taking that good friend or neighbor out for a meal to say thanks for being a friend or a good neighbor. Let us help you out by offering to you a meal of Chili, Vegetable or Chicken and Noodle Soup on February 11th at Solid Rock UMC located at 485 Bennett Drive in Warren. We will be serving from 5:00pm to 6:30pm or until the kettle runs dry. Come and join us to warm your body with some hot soup and warm your soul with some great fellowship. You can also join us any Sunday morning with Sunday School starting at 9:00am and Worship Service beginning at 10:00am with Pastor Kathy Newton. Hope to see you soon.

It's A 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. 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.

If you would like to donate to the auction, forms are available at the Warren branches of PNC Bank or iAB Financial. Suggested donations could be caramel corn, pies, cookies, bread, cinnamon rolls or candy and can be dropped off at the KBC the day of the Sock Hop (time to be announced). Monies will go to benefit Historic Warren's Beautification Project.

Thank you for sharing in the fun and partnership that makes Warren strong.

COOKIE WEEKEND

Record-setting snow and cold hasn't slowed down Girl Scouts on a mission to build business skills and gain financial knowledge. From cookie booths in local retail stores to visits throughout their neighborhoods, Girl Scouts in the community are selling everyone's favorite cookies through March 11, 2014.

To celebrate the biggest girl-led business in the world, February 7-8 is National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend, offering additional recognition and promotion for thousands of local Girl Scouts. The activities will include special troop activities and expanded sales in some of the 706 active and upcoming booths already scheduled. Find a nearby location by visiting <http://www.girlscoutsnorthernindiana->

michiana.org/buycookies.

Each box of Girl Scout Cookies sells for \$3.50. Because less than one-third of the price goes to pay for the cookies, most of the money raised supports local Girl Scouting. The money each Girl Scout troop earns makes it possible for them to execute the activities, trips, and community projects they have planned.

"Girls are the main beneficiaries of the Girl Scout Cookie program, the largest girl-led business in the country. As they build important life and leadership skills, girls are supported by the dedication of their families and the thousands of hours their troop leaders and others give as volunteers," says Sharon Pohly, CEO, Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana.

For more information, contact Connie Frederick, (260) 422-3417, ext. 130

Today, as when founded in 1912, Girl Scouts helps cultivate values, social conscience, and self-esteem in young girls, enabling them to succeed as leaders today and tomorrow. Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana provides leadership experiences for more than 11,000 girls ages 5-17. They are guided by more than 4,200 adult volunteers who mentor them and work behind the scenes to support the Girl Scouts mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

SSF MEETING

The SSF will be meeting Feb. 10, 6:30 at the Sportsman Club house. Theme for this year's festival will be "Once upon a time in Warren". The dates for the festival will be

July 4, 5 and 6. All you people who asked what happen to this event or why did we do that please come to the meeting and help us plan it.

NATURALIST CLASS

Do you love our natural world and sharing it with others? If you would like to learn more about nature in an indoor/outdoor hands-on setting at a State Park then this Master Naturalist Program is for you.

The Friends of Ouabache State Park, Ouabache State Park and Wells County Purdue Extension are hosting an Indiana Master Naturalist class at Ouabache State Park from March 5 through May 7 on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm-9:30pm. The Indiana Master Naturalist Program (IMNP) is an educational/volunteer program developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Purdue University Extension to provide Hoosier's who love experiencing and then sharing nature with others by learning through hands-on educational opportunities.

The mission of the IMNP is to bring together natural resources specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils and wildlife and to promote volunteer service in local communities.

Myra Myrtle, President of the Friends of Ouabache State Park, indicated that she hopes graduated participants will choose to use their newly learned skills as volunteers for the Park and the Friends group.

The class size will be limited to 30 students and the fee for the class is \$75.00. Registrations will be due by February 11. To get a

registration or to learn more about the program, contact Jody Heaston, State Parks and Reservoirs Volunteer Coordinator, at jheaston@dnr.in.gov or 260-437-8650 or visit Ouabache State Park.

Ouabache State Park is located at 4930 E. State Rd 201, Bluffton, IN.

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

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

DON'T FEAR WIND FARMS BECAUSE OF HEARSAY

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

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Supt.</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH 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>Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA 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. Daycare provided during Worship Service</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 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>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 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>HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE MINISTRIES 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana Jim Graham, Pastor 260/494-6753 260/489-1456 260/375-4224</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Rev Mark Davis Bus Service 375-2510 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org</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>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST 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>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 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>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 Aaron Westfall, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Chad Yoder Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>MCNATT UNITED METHODIST 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>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 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>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN Pastor Brian Holland www.mountetnachurch.com</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>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 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>Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Wass, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 Pastor Leon Pomeroy</p> <p>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</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Ethan T Stivers, Minister Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries</p> <p>www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</p> <p>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)</p> <p>K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm</p> <p>WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher</p> <p>Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino Sunday School 9:00a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 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>
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Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

FUND REQUESTS

The Pathfinder Foundation is now accepting Fund Requests for 2014 from organizations who have received a 501(c)3 status from the Internal Revenue Service.

A major goal of the Pathfinder Foundation is to assist people with disabilities through funding not-for-profit organizations, including Pathfinder Services, Inc., in Huntington, Wabash, Marshall, Starke, Allen and Whitley Counties. The Foundation Board of Directors will consider all requests with emphasis on those requests that support the Pathfinder Services, Inc. clients as well as community residents with disabilities not served by Pathfinder Services.

Organizations requesting funds need to fill out the Request for Funding Form, which must be submitted in writing by Friday, March 7th, 2014. Requests will be reviewed at the March meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors on Wednesday, March 19th.

To receive a Request For Funding Form from the Pathfinder Foundation, please visit www.pathfinderservices.org, contact Sheryl Glancy at sglancy@pathfinderservices.org, or call the Pathfinder Services Huntington office at (260) 356-0500. To request a form in person, please stop by Pathfinder Services Inc.'s North office location at 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington.

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
- Marestail – 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.

MOVIE DAY

Sheets Wildlife Museum and Learning Center will be having a movie day on Saturday, February 8, 2014. The movie will be free and if you would like a tour of the museum, the price would be \$1.00. Movie will start at 10:30 AM and will last approximately 75 minutes.

The movie we will be showing will be a two part movie on Alaska. The first movie will be Wild Alaska. It will be a magnificent visual portrait of wildlife on The Last Frontier. Shot in some of the most remote regions of Alaska, this program takes you in close, into habitat and viewing areas rarely visited. It will be breath taking in its scope and beauty, captures the grand scale of Alaska's wilderness and the intimate relationships of animal life within it. The second movie is Alaska's Sea Life. Slowly, powerfully, the majestic Killer Whale makes its way from the warm waters of Hawaii to the frigid waters of Alaska in its effort to store up food for the long winter. Brightly-colored Puffins fly overhead and then plunge deep into the sea. Below the surface, salmon overcome men, bears and the elements to continue their relentless trek to a certain death. This is the world of Alaska's Sea Life.

There will be an easy quiz with the top three youth receiving a gift certificate to be used in the museum gift shop.

Seating is limited so it is suggested that you call 356-9453 to

reserve a seat.

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. Participants 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

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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 5 Noon Warren Chamber Luncheon, Assembly Hall
Feb 5 7:00pm Van Buren Council meeting
Feb 10 6:30pm Warren Council Meeting, Assembly Hall
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

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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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. 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. 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.

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 Ingram, Joseph Kibellus, Lacey Jo Nighthenheller, Aisan Raab, Damon Rains, Hannah Warpup, Hudson Winters.

A/B - Kade Brown, Wyatt Casto, Thomas Charles, Bryce Davis, Jonah Ellis, Brandon Gardner, Thain Kelly, Anna Manry, Ashton Mattucci, Kalel Maul, Connor Miller, Valerie Miller, Chase Moriarity, Dayton Phelps, Anna Scott, Clayton Shively, Miranda Spitler, 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 Scaf, 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, Riah 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 Scalf, Blake Sheward, Julia Spitler, Shaylyn Suchcicki.

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SEEKING APPLICANTS

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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.

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.

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 as-

tronomy, 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

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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 Hutton; 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.

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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 Cookingham) to mix paints and 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, displays 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.

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.

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.

COPING WITH SCHOOL

VIOLENCE

The recent tragic events that occurred at Purdue University can bring about a range of reactions and emotions, both for those on campus and for those taking in media reports regarding the shooting. Our nation is not new to these concerns. It was only a year ago that we were talking about the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary school. School violence, whether at an elementary school, middle school, high school, or college is becoming an increasing and ever-present concern for Hoosier families.

In the aftermath of tragedy, healthy coping tools are essential for children, adolescents, teens, and adults. According to the American Psychological Association (APA) tip sheet "Managing Your Distress in the Aftermath of a Shooting" there are several things people can do:

- Talk about it. Ask for support from people who care about you and who will listen to your concerns. Receiving support and care can be comforting and reassuring. It often helps to speak with others who have shared your experience so you do not feel so different or alone.

- Strive for balance. When a tragedy occurs, it's easy to become overwhelmed and have a negative or pessimistic outlook. Balance that viewpoint by reminding yourself of people and events which are meaningful and comforting, even encouraging. Striving for balance empowers you and allows for a healthier perspective on yourself and the world around you.

- Turn it off and take a break. You may want to keep informed, but try to limit the amount of news you take in whether it's from the Internet, television, newspapers or magazines. While getting the news informs you, being overexposed to it can actually increase your stress. The images can be very powerful in

reawakening your feeling of distress. Also, schedule some breaks to distract yourself from thinking about the incident and focus instead on something you enjoy. Try to do something that will lift your spirits.

- Honor your feelings. Remember that it is common to have a range of emotions after a traumatic incident. You may experience intense stress similar to the effects of a physical injury. For example, you may feel exhausted, sore or off balance.

- Take care of yourself. Engage in healthy behaviors to enhance your ability to cope with excessive stress. Eat well-balanced meals, get plenty of rest and build physical activity into your day. Avoid alcohol and drugs because they can suppress your feelings rather than help you to manage and lessen your distress. In addition, alcohol and drugs may intensify your emotional or physical pain. Establish or re-establish routines such as eating meals at regular times and following an exercise program. If you are having trouble sleeping, try some relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing, meditation or yoga.

- Help others or do something productive. Locate resources in your community on ways that you can help people who have been affected by this incident, or have other needs. Helping someone else often has the benefit of making you feel better, too.

- If you have recently lost friends or family in this or other tragedies. Remember that grief is a long process. Give yourself time to experience your feelings and to recover. For some, this might involve staying at home; for others it may mean getting back to your daily routine. Dealing with the shock and trauma of such an event will take time. It is typical to expect many ups and downs, including "survivor guilt" — feeling bad that you escaped the tragedy while others did not.

When it comes to helping your children cope, Carrie Cadwell, PsyD, HSPP Indiana Psychological Association Public Education Coordinator states, "All of the APA tips apply to children and adolescents, too. Talking with and listening to your children and teens in the aftermath of a shooting or any school violence is key. Helping them to identify and talk about their feelings with

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you, while reinforcing their safety, can begin to help children and teens cope successfully".

It is equally as important to pay attention to how you and your family are coping as time passes. If distress becomes worse or does not begin to subside after a period of time, talking to a mental health professional such as a psychologist may help. Many may feel compelled to work to find solutions to prevent violence in their communities. Creating connections and social networks of support and problem-solving can build resilience within communities.

For further information, or to find support, please visit www.indianapsychology.org.

VALENTINE'S DAY IS

COMING: ARE YOU READY?

(SPM Wire) This year, don't let Valentine's Day catch you unprepared.

From red roses to dinner reservations, romantic resources are in demand on Valentine's Day, so it's best to place your orders in advance and call ahead.

Here are some tips to let that special someone know that you care:

- Whether you're spending big or opting to go smaller, including a handwritten card personalizes a gift and offers you the chance to express yourself authentically.
- Don't believe everything you hear. Just because the object of your affection claims that he or she doesn't care about Valentine's Day, doesn't make it necessarily true. Err on the side of caution and get your loved one something – even just a card to say 'I love

you.'

• Do your research. If you're planning on dining out, remember, many restaurants offer only a special prix-fixe menu with limited options on such occasions as Valentine's Day. Additionally, the venue may also require a reservation. So plan ahead accordingly.

Even with the best of intentions, Valentine's Day can cause strife if expectations are not met. However making arrangements in advance could mean the difference between a sullen sweetheart and a delighted date.

DISCOVER WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR HOME'S EFFICIENCY

(StatePoint) Now is a great time to learn more about how your home uses energy. By making more energy efficient choices, you can increase the comfort of your home, reduce your energy bills, breathe healthier air indoors and help the environment.

While there are many ways you can make your home more energy efficient on your own -- from upgrading your appliances to turning lights off when you exit a room, there are also a number of potential inefficiencies in your home that can't be seen by the naked eye.

An energy audit, conducted by a home performance contractor, can pinpoint key ways your home can improve its energy efficiency. Visit www.GreenHomesAmerica.com to learn more and to find a home performance contractor in your area.

With a few tweaks, you can make your home and community a healthier place for you and your family.

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. Hurlburt 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 ordinance (2010-17) for six months - to allow the commissioners time to obtain feedback 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 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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