



New junior high NHS members

The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony at Carroll Junior High School was held April 9 in the John Bush Memorial Auditorium. New members are, from left: Row 1 - Daniel Budreau, Andy Eller, Trey Overholser, Daniel Huckstep, Matthew Hufford, Icesis Feasel, Lauren Nesbitt, Alyssa Ingram. Row 2 - Justin Barbour, Jeremy Hayes, Matthew Downham, Chami Ayres, Lauren Werner, Cody Kelly; Back - Chad Griffin, Jordan Collins. Not Pictured - Kate Hickner, Jordan Hendershot and Sydney Pencek. Photo provided



Carroll NHS inductees

Four new members were inducted into the Carroll High School Chapter of National Honor Society on April 9. They are, from left: Brooke Yoder, Matt Morehouse, Brittany Reef, and Katilyn Brewster. Photo provided

Huseman is Leader of Tomorrow finalist

Comet staff report

Twin Lakes High School senior Sydney Huseman is one of 13 finalists in the "Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow" program. As a finalist she received a \$500 cash award for college and \$500 for her school, a donation from EMBARQ.

The statewide "Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow" program is sponsored by EM-

BARQ. The Carroll County Comet and Monticello Herald Journal teamed up with EMBARQ to recognize young leaders in grades 9-12 for their leadership through community volunteerism, academic success and extracurricular activities.

Huseman was selected as a finalist for her academic excellence, strong leadership skills and her passion for working

with special needs children.



Huseman

She is the daughter of Martin and Katherine Huseman, Monticello. "EMBARQ congratulates Sydney (Huseman) and all those who have been nomi-

nated in this program," said Jim Wagner, EMBARQ public affairs manager. "We are pleased to be able to recognize area youth for the leadership roles they are playing and hope to encourage others to become volunteers in our community."

The statewide winner of the "Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow" program was Erin Murphy of Columbia City High School in Columbia City. A panel of judges selected Murphy as the winner from more than 200 nominations from around the state.

Lynde is wrestling All-American

Tanner Lynde not Tanner Cripe was the All American wrestler for Delphi. It was incorrectly reported in last week's Comet.

Tanner Lynde, son of Ted and Mimi Lynde, moved into the Delphi school system at the beginning of the school year. He is a seventh grader at the Middle School.

Lynde traveled to Northern Iowa University in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to wrestle in the Kids Folkstyle National Championships. He became an All American by placing fifth in his weight class. He wrestled Schoolboy (13 and 14 year olds).

In round one Lynde wrestled Ryan Bedross of Iowa. Lynde pinned him in 2:49. In round two, he wrestled Dan Tibury of Minnesota. Lynde pinned him in 0:48. In the third round, Lynde won by 4-0 decision over Scanlon of Wisconsin. At the end of the first day Lynde was assured he would place in the top eight and be an All American.

In the first round on the second day, Lynde wrestled Benitz of Wisconsin, losing 6-2. This put Lynde in the loser's bracket. In his next round, he wrestled Clark from Virginia, who won by an 8-1 decision. Lynde wrestled Lara from Illinois in the last match, beating him by a 9-0 major decision to finish the tournament in fifth place. Those finishing in the top

eight were named All-Americans.

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Answer: Each of us who has a pet realizes that eventually we'll lose it. The loss will be as painful as if the pet were the last link with a spouse who has died.

There is a pattern to the way most people grieve. Through grief, we realize that our pet has died; through the pattern of grieving, we come to terms with our loss. This is a normal part of human emotions. Most experts believe that there are four major steps in the grieving process: 1) disbelief, 2) anger, 3) depression and 4) recovery.

You seem to be in the third phase, depression. Due to the way Buffy died, you probably passed through the first two phases fairly quickly. Depression often brings a feeling of hopelessness which can result in loss of sleep and appetite and a lack of interest in daily happenings. It also is common to have short periods of intense anxiety and uncontrollable crying. During this period of depression, it is important to realize that Buffy is dead and to

deal with the feelings and changes the loss creates. It is best not to hide your thoughts; at the same time, you should remember the good times you had with Buffy. Feelings of loneliness and emptiness may overwhelm you for some time, but they will eventually recede to the back of your mind.

It is important to realize that this grieving process is healthy and should not be suppressed. Whether there is a pet loss or human loss, the person who experiences grief fully will recover faster than the one who suppresses it.

Recovery from grief begins when the deceased pet becomes less apparent in the owner's thoughts. Eventually the sorrow and pain disappear and only love and good memories remain. We sympathize with you and the ordeal you are experiencing. You are not alone in your response to Buffy's death. Many people who lose a pet, including those who must have their pets euthanized, are ashamed about feeling so strongly and try to deny their emotions. We should be more concerned about their mental state than about the grieving owner who cries occasionally.

If you have a question about your pet, write to Dr. Wise, Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, 201 S. Capitol Ave. Ste. 405, Indianapolis, IN, 46225 or www.invma.org.

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