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**Alissa L. Clawson**  
 Rossville High School junior

Alissa L. Clawson, 16, is the daughter of Rusty and Amy Clawson.

She was nominated by Chylene Price.

Clawson has participated in activities involving school clubs such as Student Council, FCA and FCCLA which do work around the community such as picking up trash around our city park and various fund-raisers. She won a calendar contest when she attended Piper Elementary School in Kansas City, Kan. This city-wide program brought awareness of air pollution dangers to the people who live in Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri. She has been actively involved in a safety awareness program at her father's workplace. Most recently, she again was recognized in the Christmas card safety awareness program and was selected as the January safety calendar contest winner. This achievement was conducted around all company locations throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

Clawson is a graduate of Learning to Lead program of Clinton County. She and other student leaders presented a smoking awareness program to Rossville Middle School students. This past summer, she joined the Teen Volunteer Shining Stars program in which she worked two days each week at St. Vincent Frankfort Hospital.

This year she is participating in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program at her school in which she meets her "little brother" once a week and plays games and helps him with his homework.

Clawson has earned "A" and "A-B" honor roll recognition several times. She currently has a 3.66 GPA and is 12th in her class. Her academic achievements are: President's Award for Academic Excellence, Science Enrichment,



**ALISSA L. CLAWSON**

top five students in English, Social Studies and Math. She has received the "Euclid" Award twice for achievement in math.

Clawson also enjoys art class and has been recognized for several of her art projects. A piece of her artwork was featured on the cover of the 2006 Underclassmen Awards program.

Her extracurricular activities include: playing flute in the school's Concert Band; Rossville High School "Rockettes" dance team; Student Council; vice-president of the junior class; junior/senior prom committee; Spanish Club; freshmen class treasurer; and sophomore and junior class vice-president. She has attended the Challenger Center in Brownsburg; the Oakwood Leadership Academy in Syracuse; and attended a leadership workshop when she was a middle school Student Council member. Clawson was also named a McDonald's Super Citizen and also received a Piper School Good Citizen Award.

She has always been active in sports. She has played volleyball, basketball and softball. She has also spent two summers working for a detasseling contractor.

She has also donated to the America's Fund for Afghan Children.

**Christopher W. McGrew - Carroll Jr./Sr. High School senior**

Christopher W. McGrew, 18, is the son of Curtis and Joetta McGrew.

He was nominated by Kristen K. Seward.

McGrew has been a member of the Junior Volunteer Fireman Program for five years. During his two years as a deacon at Cutler Presbyterian Church, he has participated in youth group, served as a lay leader, filled in as a janitor and rang the Salvation Army bell over the holidays.

He is serving as Assistant Scout Master in Boy Scouts.

He has made the A-B honor roll at Carroll several times. His current GPA is 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale.

He is ranked 39 of 89 students and has earned 40.5 credits so far. He has enjoyed being a member of the school's ICE program for the last two years.

McGrew has achieved the



**CHRISTOPHER W. MCGREW**

rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts.

He has also been a member of FFA for four years and has participated in several community service activities with this organization.

**Rebekah L. Hadley**  
 Twin Lakes senior

Rebekah L. Hadley, 18, is the daughter of Tom and Michelle Hadley, Monticello.

Hadley's extracurricular activities and awards include: Varsity girls' golf, 4 years—Girls Captain, junior and senior year; All Hoosier Conference Team, three years; Girls' Golf Hoosier Conference champs, three years; Girls' Golf Sectional champs, four years; Girls' Golf Regional champs, 2007; IHSAA Girls Golf State Finalist, four years; Sectional low medalists, 2007; Personal best score of 75 even par at Lafayette Municipal; Sophomore year gold award, Most Improved; Junior year gold award, Future Champion; Senior year gold award—Vardon, MVP; Varsity Girls' Tennis, 2 years—freshmen No. 2 doubles (15-1); sophomore No. 1 singles; and Team Sectional Champs, freshmen year; school yearbook, freshmen and sophomore year; fall play—freshmen year; stage crew—junior and senior year; band—freshmen and sophomore year; Spanish Club, four years; National Honor Society—senior year; American Sign Language Club—junior year; Monticello Christian Church's youth group—four years; and Student Council, four years.

Hadley has a GPA of 10.4 on a 12 point scale. She is ranked 18th in a class of 188 students. Her academic achievements are: Academic Excellence; Nominee for 2005 Leaders of Tomorrow for outstanding leadership and commitment to the community; *Herald Journal* Scholar Athlete (2007-2008); National Honor Society her senior year; and Spanish National Honor Society.



**REBEKAH L. HADLEY**

Hadley has also been a member of the Mountain Dew Junior Tour, the Central Indiana Junior Golf Association and the Plantations Junior Golf Tour. This past summer she came in runner-up in the Betsy Rawls flight during the Girls' State Tournament.

Her many community activities include: two week leadership program at Camp Tecumseh (summer of 2006); 2005 summer mission trip to West Virginia; she has helped out at summer golf camps with children at the Tippecanoe Country Club for many years; volunteer work at the food pantry her junior and senior year; Relay for Life volunteer; volunteers during her study hall time to help with Jill Cocanower's fifth grade class and Kelly Pampel's Kindergarten class (during her senior year); tutors children at the United Methodist Church (senior year); has helped Stacey Meyers out at Personal Fitness for the last four years and has been involved in the Monticello Christian Church Youth Group for four years.

**Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow program generates nominees**

■ EMBARQ™, the *Herald Journal* and the *Carroll County Comet* honor White and Carroll County's youth volunteers.

From Staff Reports  
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Featured in this section are nine area students who have been nominated for the Indiana Leaders of Tomorrow program.

This statewide program, sponsored by EMBARQ™, the *Herald Journal* and the *Carroll County Comet*, honors area youth in grades 9-12 for their leadership and community volunteerism.

In addition to the students featured in this section, a total of more than 3,000 students from around the state have been nominated for this program. All nominations will be reviewed by a new panel of community leaders.

One of the students pictured in this section will be named a district finalist for this

area during the week of April 7-11.

There will be a total of 13 district finalists from around the state.

The finalists and the schools they attend will receive a \$500 cash award.

One of the 13 district finalists will be named the "Indiana Leader of Tomorrow" winner. This person will receive a \$2,500 cash award for college and his or her high school will receive a \$2,500 donation from EMBARQ.

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**Camilla Quinn Oldenkamp**  
 Twin Lakes senior

Camilla Quinn Oldenkamp, 17, is the daughter of Dan and Julie Oldenkamp, Monticello.

She was nominated by Teri Roscka.

Oldenkamp has taken part in numerous non-profit activities in the community that include working at the public library and food pantry, assisting young girls who participate in volleyball camp and helping build for the Habitat for Humanity. She has worked at the food pantry every Monday since her sophomore year.

She has maintained a 10.5 GPA through high school and remained on the A, B honor roll and ranks in the top 12 percent of her class. She represented Indiana in a national speech contest, is the editor-in-chief of the school newspaper and photography editor for the school's yearbook.

Her extracurricular activities include fine arts all four years of high school (one year in choir and three years in art), four years in theatre and volleyball for three years. Oldenkamp was inducted into National Honor Society as a junior in recognition of not only her academic success, but also her exemplary character, service and leadership.

**Drew C. Ayres - Carroll Jr./Sr. High School senior**

Drew C. Ayres, 18, is the son of Kirk and Chrystal Ayres, Bringham.

He was nominated by Makay Adams.

Ayres has delivered presents for the Kokomo Rescue Mission at Christmas time. He has also been active in his church by volunteering to teach Sunday School and work in the nursery. He has also worked at the nursing home and washed vehicles for the elders.

He has earned a 3.46 GPA and is ranked 26 out of 87 in his class. He has been on the honor roll and due to his achievements has earned a place in the honor society.

Some of his extracurricular activities include Cougar Blues,



**CAMILLA QUINN OLDENKAMP**

democratic success, but also her exemplary character, service and leadership.

She plans to enter a career in telecommunications and photography. She is a very talented artist and has won judge's merit awards at Twin Lakes High School art show. She is also an outstanding speaker. In fact, she was the state winner for the Sons of the American Revolution speech contest.

She is unfailingly friendly, helpful, kind, honest, dependable and conscientious. Her commitment to service is inspiring.

**Michelle Annette Burke**  
 Twin Lakes senior

Michelle Annette Burke, 17, is the daughter of Tim and Julie Burke, Monticello.

Burke was nominated by Teri Roscka.

For the past two years she has been involved with Helping Hands in which she has helped two elderly ladies with household chores, grocery shopping and laundry. She also volunteers at the White County Food Pantry stocking shelves and helping the customers with their shopping. Her church provides a meal twice a month called "Soup for the Soul" where she helps as much as possible preparing food, serving and cleaning up.

This past year she has volunteered at the Monticello Public Library after school, shelving books and tutoring children. She has also been involved with National Honor Society where she was Co-Chairman of the Turkey Dinner for the White County Food Pantry and has also helped fill bags with sand for the Luminaries for the White County Relay for Life. Also, she has been on a team for the White County Relay for Life for several years raising money for cancer.

Through school she was involved with S.H.O.C.K. (Students Helping out Community and Kids) Day. She has been active in her 4-H club and Junior Leaders, working with community service projects in Carroll County including playing Bingo with the Carroll Manor residents, collecting food items for the food pantry and leveling gravel donated by her 4-H club for the church parking lot where their meetings are held.

Burke is currently ranked third in her class of 188 and holds



**MICHELLE ANNETTE BURKE**

an 11.96 GPA. She has been recognized as the Scholar Athlete of the Week and received the JV Softball Scholar Athlete Award. She was one of two students selected to attend Camp Tecumseh for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and was also selected to attend Hoosier Girls State last summer where she was a State Representative. She also is a member of the National Honor Society and has been on the "A" Honor Roll.

She is currently the Treasurer of the Spanish Club, a member of Mock Trial Club and Student Council. She has participated in History Club and Stock Market Club and has helped with the Winter Dance and Prom Committees. She is involved in the Fine Arts by participating in Golden Throats, Singalongs and plays and musicals all four years of high school. Burke was on the Cross Country team for two years, Swimming and Diving for four years and Softball for four years. She also is a member of the LIFE Youth Group at her church.

**Adam Tussinger - Carroll Jr./Sr. High School senior**

Adam Tussinger, 18, is the son of Brian and Cindy Tussinger. He was nominated by Ed McColley.

Tussinger has helped serve breakfast at the rescue mission. He has participated in various service projects that have been done in the community, such as cleaning up after major community events.

He carries a GPA of 4.008 and is in the top five in his class.

Tussinger is involved in the National Honor Society and is also the captain on the soccer team and basketball team.



**ADAM TUSSINGER**

**Abigail M. Tetzloff - North White senior**

Abigail M. Tetzloff, 18, is the daughter of Peter Tetzloff, Reynolds.

She was nominated by Ingrid Miller.

Tetzloff has been active in community service and organizations including Helping Hands, North White Education Telethon and Tri Kappa volunteer work. She has been in National Honor Society for two years, Spanish Club for three and has had many awards for academic achievement. She has also been in the North White Dance for three years.



**ABIGAIL M. TETZLOFF**

**Emily Schneckloth - Carroll Jr./Sr. High School sophomore**

Emily Schneckloth, 16, is the daughter of Carl and Laura Schneckloth, Flora.

She was nominated by Patricia E. Spence.

Schneckloth's contributions include volunteering for Indiana Horse Rescue, volunteer coach for summer swim, helping with mini 4-H activities, reading at church, community service for National Honor Society and donating time and money for residents of county home and needy children.

She has a GPA of 3.6 and her commitment to high academic standards by taking Advanced Placement courses is exemplary.

She also participates in school sports of cross country and swimming. Further, she is active in a variety of service and



**EMILY SCHNECKLOTH**

academic clubs such as Student Council, Key Club, Pep Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Prom Committee, 4-H, Junior Leaders and Church Teen Pilgrimage.