READING AT RAY MILLER ELEMENTARY - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2: Chair Dale Schenewerk circulated signup sheets for the 23 slots available to read to 3rd to 5th grade students for thirty minutes. You may bring your own book or pick a book from those Dale received from Diane Burger. Just be sure to return the book to the box when finished. If you didn’t get to sign up today, contact Dale <dales@cableone.net>. Ten slots remain to be filled.

RYLA APPLICANTS SOUGHT: Scott Templeton, said if you know an interested current high school freshman or sophomore, suggest he or she go the counselor’s office and request an application. Scott said two applicants will be selected from our club, with one each from the other two clubs. Andrea said RYLA will be held at William Woods this summer, however, future expansion is anticipated.

CLASSIFICATION TALKS - MILLENA MARLER AND SCOTT ALBERTS: Millena Marler, 27, was born to Brazilian immigrants who were on work and college visas at Brigham Young University in SLC, Utah. At age two her family moved to Redwood City in Silicon Valley, CA and returned to Brazil when Millena was six years old. Her parents moved the family back to California two years later after their car was hijacked and they were ordered to turn over their money; they had only checks. Fortunately, the family survived without injury. Millena attended high school in Orlando, FL, but graduated in Utah. She attended the University of Utah for a time but left to work at a timeshare resort. This led to a position as manager of a 360-room resort in Knoxville, TN at age 20. Having reached a glass ceiling, however, she decided to return to school and earned a BS in Psychology at the University of Utah. She met her husband, Tyler there; they were married in 2009. In 2012 they moved to ATSU where Tyler was pursuing a biomedical sciences master’s degree. Tyler will earn his medical degree from ATSU in 2018. As a hospice volunteer, Millena saw how music touched people and would like to pursue a career in psychology incorporating music. At ATSU, she has been active in the student advocate organization, coordinating weekly meals for clubs on campus and is serving a second year as VP. She organized an Angel Tree project here to help needy children at Christmas. Millena is employed as a Universal Banker at U.S. Bank. She and Tyler have two children, Rachel, born in 2010 and Jacob, born in 2011. Scott Alberts grew up outside Pittsburgh, PA in a town called Freedom (Ralph grew up on the opposite side of Pittsburgh.) His dad was a carpenter with an interest in math and his mother was a nurse. He earned his undergraduate degree in music and math at Oberlin College in Ohio and his PhD in industrial engineering and management science from Northwestern University. He worked in St. Olaf, MN before coming to Kirksville. He has taught statistics at TSU for 15 years, and is happy to be returning to the classroom half time this semester after time spent in administration. (He served as director of interdisciplinary programs coordinating programs outside of departments.) He met his wife, Dr. Hyun-Joo Kim, a fellow TSU statistician, at a sexual harassment workshop led by Lanny Morley! They have three children. Scott serves as choir director and music coordinator at Trinity Episcopal Church here in Kirksville. Scott spoke about how statistics is changing. In the computer age, it is less related to math. He said Truman has a statistics consulting center which helps with data, focus groups and surveys. There are 17 students involved and Scott is one of their four faculty members. (Pictured from left: Wes Roper, Millena Marler and Scott Alberts)