

The Incredible Young Heroes from Benton Central Wrestling Team

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I never got a chance to hear even one of their names, but everyone in Indiana and around the nation is hearing about some incredible young heroes on the Benton Central Bison's Wrestling Team from Benton County, Indiana. These wrestlers worked tirelessly to help save my brother and sister-in-law's home from the 2005 Winter Flooding.

No one expects a flood in January, but when the Weather Center announced that the Wabash River was going to crest 25 feet above flood level, Randy Scharer from Lafayette, Indiana set out to save his previously flooded and restored, historic home from the re-turning flood waters. For two days, hundreds of tons of dirt and gravel were trucked in to create a dike around the

entire property. It looked as if the efforts of so many might succeed at holding back the river, but as the water rose and the Weather Center announced even greater flood crest measurements, it did not look good. The decision was made to quickly go for sandbags.

I headed to our local Emergency Management (T.E.M.A.) asking for thou-

