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Thought for the Week: Happy Valentine's Day to All!



#### HEARTLAND SINGS

Heartland Sings Opera: Then & Now highlights an eclectic blend of music from classical Opera, Gilbert & Sullivan, musical comedy, and American Broadway theatre. Chock full of favorite melodies, the performances will have audiences humming along and tapping their feet. The tour will also include appearances by Carver Cossey, the HCC Guest Artist, whose renditions of popular opera, Gospel, and soul music has delighted worldwide audiences.

The group will perform Saturday, February 14 at 2 p. in the Heritage Pointe Chapel. Admission is free and there will be refreshments after the concert in the Fults Rec. Room.

(Editors Note: Local resident Barry Jamison is a member of this group.)

#### FISH/CHICKEN FRY

The Southern Wells Music Department will present their annual Spring Dinner on Saturday February 28, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, in the SWHS cafeteria. The meal will feature the popular DAN'S fish and chicken, all you care to eat, plus potato chips, seasoned green beans or applesauce, dessert, and drink. entertainment will feature all Southern Wells Music groups from the band and choir departments (see schedule below).

Adult dinners are \$8.00. Children 10 & under are \$5.50. Meals are available by advance reservation only. Contact any Southern Wells Music Student or call 765-728-2121 by February 13th. Proceeds from this event will go directly to the Southern Wells Music Department.

Performance Schedule:

5:30 PM Fifth/Sixth Grade Beginning Band

5:40 PM Seventh/Eighth Grade

6:00 PM High School Concert Band & Pep Band

6:30 PM RadFoZz Jazz Band 6:50 PM In Harmony (Elementary Show Choir)

7:10 PM Raider Rhythm (Junior High Show Choir)

7:30 PM Junior High Choirs

8:00 PM High School Singers

#### SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority has a scholarship available to some deserving high school senior in the area. If you are interested, pick up a form at our local high school. They are available at Huntington North High School and Southern Well High School councilor's offices. The deadline for this scholarship is March 31, 2009. Hurry and get your form and get it turned back in to the address available on the form.

#### **BUFFET OPENING**

There is an opening for a Sunday Buffet, March 1, 2009, at the Knight-Bergman Center. If interested in hosting one please call Rosemary Zeller at 260-375-2454, for details. This is something that needs to be started right away for the advertising and everything, so make your plans now.

#### RECYCLING BAGS

Blue recycling bags are now available! Marion Services is now providing recycling services to Warren. Their Blue Recycling Bags come in a package of #10 for only \$3.00! The Warren Pharmacy is thankful to provide recycling bags for our community.

Warren residents may also obtain Blue plastic bins for recycling at the Warren Town Hall 375-2656.

Read all the Advertisements in the Warren Weekly They're full of all kinds of useful information.

#### SUPPER AT KBC

The annual Dan's All you can eat Fish & Chicken supper sponsored by the Huntington County Council on Aging/Senior Center will be held Friday, February 13th. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Knight Bergman Center. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$4.25 for children 6-12, and 5 and under eat free. Tickets will be available at the door.

All proceeds will go to the **Huntington County Council on** Aging.

#### **B**owl for **K**ids

Bowl for Kids' Sake is the largest fundraising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana. It will take place Sunday, February 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Rainbow Lanes in Huntington. Participants include members of Huntington County community and Local 'Bigs' and 'Littles'.

In 2008, 75 children were served in Huntington County. To recruit, screen, and sustain a match the cost is \$1,000 per child annually. Bowl for Kids' Sake is a fun celebration of the successful fundraising of our teams and supporters.

#### FREE SUPPER

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 17th, and join Solid Rock United Methodist Church for the Free Soup For the Soul Supper to be held at the Knight Bergman Civic Center. Temperatures may be cold outside, but we will warm your soul with a choice of Vegetable, Chili or Chicken and Noodle soups. We will be serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m. unless the kettle runs dry before then. Come, bring your family or a friend for some great fellowship and find out what Solid Rock Church is all

"Reading aloud to young children is so critical that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that doctors prescribe reading activities along with other advice given to parents at regular checkups." American Academy of **Pediatrics** 

#### GUILD SCHOLARSHIP

The Parkview Huntington Hospital Guild is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors or students enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution for 2009-10.

Applicants must be a relative of a current Guild member, a relative of a current Parkview Huntington Hospital employee or they must be an employee of Parkview Huntington Hospital. Preference is given to students pursuing education in a health-related field, and scholarships will be awarded based on financial need.

Applications are available at the Huntington North High School guidance office or at the Gift Shop at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Applications must be returned to either location, or they may be mailed to the scholarship chair Phyllis Pieper, 3669W-422N, Huntington, IN, 46750, no later than March 28.

For additional information, call the Parkview Huntington Gift Shop at (260) 355-3017, or Phyllis Pieper at (260) 356-8217.

#### ONLINE DISCOUNT

With thousands of registration renewal notices heading to Hoosier mail boxes, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) reminded customers to renew online and save \$5 per vehicle.

Customers are also reminded to watch for their new registration renewal date in 2009, according to BMV Commissioner Andy Miller. Starting in 2009, the new

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# KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

#### A TRIBUTE TO

#### THE SPIRITUAL ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Who was Lincoln, the man? All the hours he spent in church listening to sermons certainly had their influence. There is no record of his first heavenly appeal, but it is well established that he believed prayer is a conduit that reaches the heart of heaven.

His Godly upbringing and constant quoting of the scriptures throughout his life gave ample and potent proof that this was a man comfortable with the Almighty. How else could he say and mean, "He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help." Or "It is the duty of nations as well as men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God."

When a president continues to think and speak this way, often commenting on sin and mercy more like a preacher than a politician, it is worth scrutinizing this element in his life. When Abe swore on the Bible to uphold the Constitution, the faith he brought with him helped him to honestly support the five reference to God found in the Declaration of Independence; supreme Lawmaker, Creator, Source of certain unalienable rights, world's supreme Judge and Protector on whom we can rely. It is not that an atheist or agnostic could not pay lip service to these; it is just that an obvious lack of enthusiasm would make its mark.

It is not just that he mentioned prayers on such a regular basis, but how comfortable he was in doing it. "I invite the people of the United States...to invoke the influence of His Holy Spirit..." It is well to remember that the man behind this national proclamation also wrote that he had a solemn oath registered in heaven to finish his work. And why not? This, after all, was a man who at Gettysburg, with generals and other men of good counsel all around, still fell to his knees and thereby, found "sweet comfort" creeping into his soul.

As the Civil War continued he would say more than once, "My concern is not whether God is on our side. My great concern is to be on God's side." Was Lincoln, before he died, overly proud that he had so much to do with the preserving of the Union? It is more likely that he quoted once again words of one of his favorite poets, William Knox, "Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

This child of the wilderness had had no city lights to mute the stars or compete with moonlight. He had watched his own growing, side by side with all the other growing things in field and forest. It seemed natural to him to ponder that human life must be more of mind, and soul a reality.

Though six-foot four and weighing one hundred eighty-four pounds. Abraham Lincoln was never too big for his long legged britches. He was not overly impressed with himself, but always impressed by the works of the Almighty.

In his growing up he knew little of the thin two hundred square mile strip of civilization hugging the eastern coast. He would, of course, live and die there one day, this man who would travel so far from the wilderness to Washington. Would travel, but never alone, for his was a soul attuned to heaven.

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Wed. Bible Study ......6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Kings Kids ......6:30 p.m.

BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.

CWF Ladies (3 Tue) ......6:00 p.m.

1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

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468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor David Thrift, S.S. Supt. Sunday School ......9:30 a.m. Worship ......10:30 a.m. Wednesday:

CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings .... 7:00 p.m. LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

Pastor Dan Sommer Sunday School ......9:00 a.m. Fellowship ...... 9:55a.m. Worship ...... 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study ...... 7:00 p.m. LIBERTY CENTER

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Dale Lilnhart, Interim Pastor Morning Worship ......9:30 a.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt. Coffee Fellowship......8:30 a.m. Worship ......9:15 a.m. Sunday School ......10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. ..... .. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 Tony Johnson - Pastor Trad. Worship ...... 9:00 a.m.

Mdrn Worship ...... 10:30 a.m. 1st Worship......9:00 a.m. **MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN** 10:30 a m Rev. Charles Dederick. Pastor Sunday Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Pastor Blake J. Neff Worship Service ...... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School ...... 10:30a.m. Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)...... 6:30 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed ...... 7:00 p.m.

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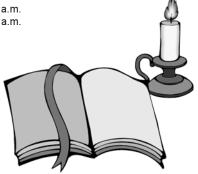
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Wesley Welch, Supt. Sunday School ......9:30 a.m. Worship ......10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m. www.warrenwesleyan.com



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## AREA NEWS

The next business meeting will

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year-round program increases the number of expiration dates from 19 to 45 as a way to spread out the volume of business that historically peaks on the due dates. February 7 is the first renewal date of the new schedule.

"By adding the new due dates, the number of branch customers and the volume of renewal requests will be more evenly distributed, creating a better branch experience and more efficiency in mailing registration materials to customers," said Miller. On the new schedule, most registrations will be due on the 7th, 14th, 21st or 28th of each month.

The \$5 discount offer was launched in 2008 by Governor Mitch Daniels and extended into 2009 due to its popularity. Last year, 1.3 million customers used the online renewal service and collectively saved \$6.5 million.

"As the 2009 registration cycle kicks off, customers have more options than ever before to obtain registration services in convenience one-stop locations," said Miller. "But none is more convenient than the cost-saving, online option at your fingertips when using the improved myBMV virtual license branch at www.myBMV.IN.gov."

The BMV's Customer Choices program also offers the opportunity to conduct registration transactions at 323 auto dealerships, seven AAA branches, five Old National Bank branches and seven Clear Air Auto Check emission testing sites in Lake and Porter counties.

Miller also noted that customers do not need to wait for a mailed notice to renew license plates online, at one of the partner locations, or at any license branch.

#### **EUCHRE CLUB**

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Joan Huffman. Carolyn Carrollwonhigh, Jane Lieurance won low and Doris Tyner had the most lones. Others enjoying the evening were Jo Banter, Joyce Willman, Mary Jo Zoda, Nancy Willman, Marge Jones, Phyllis Dickey, Diane Ring and Sharon Gebhart. We will meet next at the home of Doris Tyner in April.

#### SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority met for their regular meeting at the Knight-Bergman Center on February 3, 2009. The meeting was call to order by Susan Ralston, president. Roll Call was answered by your favorite kind of chocolate. Our thought for the month was "where there is love the heart is light".

Minutes of the last meeting were read by recording secretary, Carol Irick. Suzette Gephart, treasurer, gave the treasurers report.

Delegates to Alpha Province meeting in Lafayette on March 14 & 15 will be Jenny Plummer and Tara Korporal. Alternate will be Mandy Maddock.

Our Charter for the Cub Scouts of Warren has been signed and sent in

Letters were read from the Province President, Beth Ostermeyer, Province Secretary, Renee Chenault, and International Service Secretary, Mary Ann Tuer. Correspondence consisted of announcements of International and Province candidates for offices.

Those in attendance besides the ones mentioned above were Sandy Booher, Opal Brubaker, Peggy Sue Clark, Sandy Eichhorn, Sharon Gebhart, Sondra Zabel, Rosemary Zeller.

#### be held on March 3, with a social on February 17, which will be pledge night, at the room in the Knight-Bergman Center.

#### MEET THURSDAY

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet at the Family Living Building, Hier's Park, from 7:00-8:30 pm on Thursday, February 12. The group will discuss two major fundraising activities for March and schedule times to work at the events, conduct a brief business meeting, then participation in a Valentine Card program.

The County Junior Leader organization is open to any 4-H member currently in grade 7 or older.

For more information about the Huntington County 4-H Junior Leader program, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington, phone 260-358-4826 or email laldridg@purdue.edu.

#### SUMMER ASSISTANTS

The Huntington County Extension Office is accepting applications for two summer program assistants. Students currently enrolled in post high school educational programs are preferred. Responsibilities include general office work, preparations for the 4-H Fair and summer judging activities, coordinate Mini 4-H support and other summer program assistance. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2009 and can be picked up at the Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington, Indiana.

#### GIVE BLOOD

"You gotta have heart" to help save a life.

By giving blood through the American Red Cross in the next few weeks, eligible donors can help save the lives of up to three people, and recognize two heartfelt events: Valentine's Day and American Heart Month.

"When you give, you'll also be helping to offset the slump in blood collections we typically see in the heart of winter," says Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross.

The winter months can be a challenging time for the blood supply since blood donations can decline week-to-week, and day-to-day as poorweather conditions can make it hard to travel to donate. Those up-again, downagain donations can contribute to blood shortages, particularly of high demand blood types like Type O-negative.

Blood products are used every day to help patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, and serious diseases such as cancer and sickle cell anemia. In addition, patients with heart disease often have transfusion needs.

"As our nation brings awareness to heart health this month, the Red Cross continues to meet the needs of those affected by various heart diseases," says Whitman. "Please join us and give from and for the heart."

Local blood drives: Thursday, Feb. 12, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, located at 801 Huntington Ave. in Warren

#### HENN SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation is please to offer the Rob Henn Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is offered to a Huntington North High School Senior Athlete.

Family and Friends established the scholarship in 2008 in honor of Rob Henn, an avid supporter of Huntington North Athletics.

The recipient of the Rob Henn Memorial Scholarship will be an athlete with unquestionable character, a high regard for teammates and due respect for opponents. While scholastic achievement and financial need are considerations they will not be a major factors in the decision making process.

Scholarship applications are available at the Huntington County Community Foundation located at 356 W Park Drive, 260-356-8878 or from the Huntington North High School Guidance Office. The completed application must be returned to the Community Foundation by March 27, 2009.

#### **E**XTENSION **M**EETING

The Huntington County Extension Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, February 19 at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. This year's annual meeting will present a special focus on understanding the realities of poverty in our local communities through a Poverty Simulation. This simulation will allow participants the chance to role-play the lives of low-income families. Some are TANF recipients, some are disabled. and some are senior citizens on Social Security. Participants have the stressful task of providing for basic necessities and shelter on a limited budget during the course of four 15-minute "weeks". They interact with human service agencies, grocers, pawnbrokers. bill collectors, job interviewers, police officers and others.

Although play money will be used, the Community Poverty Simulation is not a game but an experience that enables participants to look at poverty from a variety of angles and then to recognize and discuss the potential for change within their local communities. simulation was designed to sensitize those who frequently deal with low-income families as well as to create a broader awareness of the realities of poverty among policy makers, community leaders and others.

The evening's program will begin with registration at 6:00 pm, with a light meal available. At 6:30 pm a brief business meeting will be conducted to elect new members to the Huntington County Extension Board, recognize retiring board members and to hear oral reports from the Extension staff, including Margy Stinson, program assistant; Karen Hinshaw, Extension Educator - Consumer & Family Sciences; Ed Farris, Extension Educator - Agriculture & Natural Resources and Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator - 4-H Youth Development. The Poverty Simulation will take begin at 7:00 pm and conclude by 9:00 pm.

The Huntington County Extension Annual Meeting is open to all citizens, youth and adults in Huntington. Reservations for this meeting are

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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 12 Warren Recycle Day Feb 14 Valentine's Day Feb 14 Angel Food Ministry Ordering Deadline KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 @ KBC Feb 16 Feb 16 SSF Committee Mtg, 6 p.m., Assembly Hall Feb 16 President's Day Feb 18 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. Warren Town Council, 4 Assembly Hall Feb 26 Warren Recycle Day Feb 28 Angel Food Ministry Pick Up Day Mar 4 Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall Mar 4 Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m. Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall Mar 9 Mar 12 Recycle Day Mar 14 Angel Food Ministry Order Deadline Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 5:00pm at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC Depression Support Group 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary

Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-

8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus Farmers Market Satur-

days 8-noon in Daugherty Parking Lot.



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lives. You make each
day special and that
makes us a truly
blessed family.

blessed family. We love you always, Mom and Dad

# **AREA NEWS CONTINUED**

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necessary and need to be made no later than Friday, February 13 to the Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office. Reservations may be placed by calling the Extension office at 260-358-4826, email to cholmes@purdue.edu or stopping by the office located at 354 N Jefferson—Suite 202, Huntington, Indiana.

#### HUNTER ED

A Hunter Educator course will be offered Monday, February 23rd, Wednesday, February 26th and Thursday, February 27th, 5:30 – 9 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park

Participants completing the class will receive certification which is required to obtain a hunting license in Indiana and other states.

Pre-registration is required by calling 260-824-0692. The class is free and open to the public. Youth who are under age 16 must be accompanied by a guardian. Attendance at all classes is required for completion.

Class instructors will include certified instructors Mike & Jodi Pinkerton, Darrel Reynolds, Rich Falk, Rick Bergman, Tracy Myers, and Indiana Conservation Officer Kenny Wireman. The event is organized by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. For more information and details, call 260-824-0692.

#### BEEF ID DAY

The Wells County 4-H Beef AND Dairy Beef Identification Day will be held Saturday, February 21, 2009, 9 AM – 11 AM. The event will take place at the Wells County 4-H Park Multi-Purpose Arena located behind the Horse Barn. All beef steers, dairy beef steers, and market heifers must be ear tagged, nose printed, and weighed to be eligible to show at the 2009 Wells County 4-H Fair, July 18 – 23. In addition, animals planning to be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must be retinal eye scanned.

Commercial heifers (nonregistered) will also be eartagged, nose printed (retinal eye scanned if showing at the State Fair).

Registered heifers do not need to be brought to the ID Day. These animals will be identified by their registration papers which includes their animal ear tattoo number.

Official livestock enrollment forms will be available at the ID Day and may be completed there or turned in to the Extension Office by March 6, 2009.

Members who participated in the Dairy Feeder Steer Calf

project are also encouraged to enroll their animals in the Dairy Beef project. These animals will exhibit in a separate show at the 4-H Fair. The Beef Show at the Wells County 4-H Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, and the Dairy Beef Show will be held Monday, July 20.

Youth may also enter a calf in the Beef Starter Class. This special class is for beef calves born after January 1st and up until June 1, 2009.

For more information about 4-H or the 4-H Beef project, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton, 260-824-6412 or Beef Superintendent Brian Clark, 824-0908 or Dairy Beef Superintendent Brad Thiele, 260-639-6091.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will hold their annual meeting Thursday, February 19, 6:30 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

A lasagna dinner will be served and \$4 per person is payable at the door. Reservations are due February 13 by calling 260-824-6412 or email lbushee@purdue.edu

A short business meeting will be held and an election of five members to the Extension Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board is a 15 member Board that assists in advising the entire Extension Program that includes Agriculture and Natural Resources, Consumer & Family Sciences, Community Development, and 4-H Youth Development.

Those presently serving on the Extension Advisory Board include: Duane Scott, Shirley Gaier, Pamela Probst-Beck, Rhonda Ryan, Floyd Soper, Lois Neuenschwander, Steve Bales, Jerry Shaw, Sharon Mc Millan, John Huseman, Carolyn Gilber, Kyan Harris, Doug Klefeker, Dorrance Stinson and Stan Worthman.

#### AMPHIBIAN WORKSHOP

Speculation about a nationwide decline in frogs and toads has prompted the Indiana DNR to offer three one-time workshops on Indiana's 17 frog and toad species.

The first will be held at the Salamonie Lake Nature Center on Feb. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. The purpose is to train volunteers to help gauge the state's populations of these amphibians.

Attendees will learn how to identify Indiana toads and frogs by their calls and how to conduct the surveys. Those who take a

class may volunteer to assist the DNR with Indiana Amphibian Monitoring Program (INAMP). One does not have to volunteer for the program to be eligible to attend the training session, and you do not have to attend the training session to volunteer. Past program participants are not required to attend to volunteer again.

Workshop participants should tell the gate or building staff at the workshop location that they are attending the Amphibian Monitoring Workshop so they are not charged gate entrance fees. Workshop details follow.

Feb. 28 Salamonie Lake (Nature Center), 9214 West Lost Bridge West, Andrews, IN 46702, (260) 468-2125

Those who volunteer will listen for frogs and toads from late February through July, which is the amphibians' breeding season. Surveys are conducted at night, usually after rainy days, or on misty nights, when frogs and toads give their breeding calls. Information collected helps DNR biologists better understand the distribution and abundance of amphibians in Indiana.

Anyone is welcome to attend, but you must be 18 or older to participate in the monitoring program. Registration is not required. Internet access is required to participate in the program. Attendees should bring pen and paper.

The Indiana Amphibian Monitoring Program is part of the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP) of the U.S. Geological Survey. National routes are driving routes that take one to two hours to complete, not including drive time to the survey area. Surveys are repeated three times during the breeding season.

This program is funded by donations to the Endangered Wildlife Fund on the Indiana state income tax form. Look for the eagle and donate all or a portion of your state tax refund to keep frogs and toads hopping in Indiana.

#### PHOTO CONTEST

Photographers with an eye for the many historic preservation highlights of Indiana have until April 15 to submit entries for the 5th annual Historic Preservation Month photo contest.

The contest is an annual highlight of Historic Preservation Month, which is held every May. Each photographer can submit up to three photos. Each image should be identified with the name, location and description of the subject. Entries also must include the photographer's name and contact information. For contest requirements and entry

form, see dnr.IN.gov/historic.

Students have an added incentive to enter. The school class with the most participants will get a free tour of the Indiana Statehouse and Monument Circle in Indianapolis.

Winning images will be printed in Preserving Indiana (the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology's newsletter) and placed on the division's Web site. Photos will be displayed in the Indiana Statehouse, the Indianapolis Artsgarden, and the Indiana University-Southeast Library in New Albany in May 2009.

For more information, call Amy Walker (317) 232-1647 or awalker@dnr.IN.gov

#### JUDGING TEAM CALLOUT

4-H youth interested in participating in the Huntington County 4-H Horse & Pony judging team are encouraged to attend the call-out meeting on Sunday, February 15, 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Scott & Kristin Husband's home. For directions to their home, contact the Purdue Extension – Huntington County office or Scott & Kristin at 672-8225.

The 4-H Horse & Pony Judging members will gain knowledge to evaluate the athletic ability and soundness of a horse, to differentiate differences among breeds and riding styles, as well as become a better horseperson. Youth will also learn skills in communication, decision making, organization and self-confidence and also meet new people and friend involved in the horse industry.

For more information about the 4-HHorse & Pony Judging Team, contact the Purdue Extension – Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington or contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator 4-HYouth, at laldridg@purdue.edu.

# REVOLUTIONARY PARENTING

What are the greatest challenges to raising godly kids in today's world? Overextended families? Unhealthy influences of media? Invasive technologies? Pressures to grow up too fast? Great kids

don't just happen. Parenting requires tough work, a lifetime commitment and a revolutionary mindset. There are no quick fixes, but there is hope! Revolutionary Parenting LIVE via Satellite is coming to the Wabash Friends Church (3563 South, SR 13, Wabash, IN) on Saturday, March 14th (9:00 am to 3:30 pm). Join other parents, grandparents, teachers, foster parents, public officials, Sunday School teachers, Youth Pastors, and other church leaders as they learn how to develop a radical commitment and a plan to beat the odds in raising a new generation of spiritual champions.

This simulcast is sponsored by the Wabash Friends Counseling Center. Scott Makin, Director of Counseling stated, "You will find out how you can make kids successful. Is it hard work and responsibility, the ability to connect well with others, knowing how to deal with failures and loss - or embrace their unique talents and creativity? It's all this and more! Participants will discover the keys to developing the six most crucial areas in raising a successful and thriving child."

Join parenting experts George Barna, John Townsend, Jim Burns and Steve and Valerie Bell for an eye-opening and practical look at the kind of parenting that today's kids really need. The greatest thing that we can do for

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# GENEALOGY REPORT & AREA NEWS CONTINUED

#### MURRAY

S Eugene Murray, 77, of Warren died at 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2009 at Heritage Pointe.

Mr. Murray was born May 11, 1931 to Edward and Mildred (Pancoast) Murray in Swayzee, IN.

He was a 1949 graduate of Swayzee High School. He lived most of his life in Jackson Twp of Wells County. He worked at Thompson Electronics as an Equipment Technician in Marion for 20 years and retired in 1996. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Marion, and also a member of the Elks Lodge. He was an avid ham radio operator and enjoyed flying.

Survivors include his wife Helen Virginia Murray of Madison TN; Four sons, Charles (Betty) Murray of Warren, Cris (Cathy) Murray of Salem AL, Randall (Lisa) Murray of Savannah TN, Andrew Murray of Pikeville TN; three daughters Sandra Hodgson of Woodbury TN, Susan (Bob) Stewart of Crystal River FL, Debra Ziesel of McMinnville TN; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter Shirley Peterson and a sister Carolyn Sue Murray.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, February 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Glancy – H Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 12 at the Funeral Home with Pastor David Henry officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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our world is to equip our children. Start a parenting revolution in your community that will not only strengthen families but will change the course of culture!

To register you can go online at www.wabashfriendscounseling.com or call 877.350.1658. The cost is \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a couple before the early registration deadline of February 27th. After February 28th and at the door the cost is \$35 and \$55 respectively. For more information you can also email scott@wabashfriends.org.

Wabash Friends Church Senior Pastor, Dave Phillips said, "Kids today need parenting that's a lot more revolutionary than a list of do's and don'ts. This training will help people learn to build strong kids from the inside out! They will discover the importance of selfimage and healthy family relationships in dealing with issues of sexuality, drug and alcohol use, the internet and more.

"So join us in developing a revolutionary mindset and a plan to beat the odds of raising the next generation of spiritual and civic minded champions," invited Makin.

#### IU IVY TECH PARTNER

Indiana University and Ivy Tech Community College announced they are easing the pathway to a teaching career through transfer agreements that will allow Ivy Tech education students to transfer credits towards an IU degree.

These transfer agreements make it possible for students who complete an Associate of Science in Elementary Education at any of Ivy Tech's 23 campuses to transfer credits earned that will count toward Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degrees offered at Indiana University campuses. IU President Michael McRobbie and Ivy Tech President Tom Snyder joined other campus leaders at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis this morning to celebrate the signing of the final agreement that will make system-

wide transfer possible. "Working together with four-year colleges and universities such as Indiana University will continue to ensure we meet the needs of the Indiana economy by providing a workforce that is ready for the jobs of the future," said Snyder. "These students will be provided on-site classroom experience during their course of study at Ivy Tech making them better prepared to meet the changing needs of Indiana's workforce. Together the state's community college and our fouryear partners are making higher

education and career training seamless across our state."

"This agreement furthers the long history of cooperation between Indiana University and Ivy Tech in the interests of higher education across Indiana," McRobbie said. "It will open the door to new career opportunities for many Hoosiers, and it will help the state of Indiana fill a critical demand for well-trained elementary school teachers. Young people in virtually every Indiana community who may be interested in pursuing a career in teaching will now be able to complete the initial requirements leading to a bachelor's degree at an Ivy Tech campus near their home.'

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development listed elementary school teachers as one of its "Top 50 Hoosier Hot Jobs" in 2008. The department estimates a 12 percent increase in school teacher employment between 2006 and 2016.

The Elementary Education degree transfer agreement adds to other formal agreements that allow students to transfer credits earned in associate degree programs from Ivy Tech to apply toward bachelor's degrees at Indiana University campuses throughout the state. Previous degree agreements include six liberal arts degrees as well as nursing and criminal justice.

This current academic semester shows nearly 1,600 lvy Tech education majors throughout the state. Certain courses that count toward the Associate of Science in Education at Ivy Tech will be accepted as equivalents to coursework toward an IU Elementary Education degree. The coursework includes courses in language arts, mathematics, and some introductory education classes.

"Quality educators in Indiana's communities not only fuel our growth, but are integral to our state's success," said Ivy Tech-Bloomington Chancellor John Whikehart. "Students in the education programs at Ivy Tech and IU will shape the future of our institutions, and it is important that we work together to provide them with seamless opportunities. As our teaching workforce ages, reflecting trends in our general population, we are partnering to meet the professional workforce need for the next generation of Indiana's teachers."

"The increased access to education degrees will not only help the state meet the need for teachers, it will also increase the diversity of the teaching workforce," said IU University Dean of Education Gerardo Gonzalez. "Students will be able to start their education degrees at any Ivy Tech and transfer seamlessly to IU Northwest, IUPUI, Bloomington or any other IU campus."

The agreement is the latest in a long line of collaborative efforts between IU and Ivy Tech that have resulted in greater educational opportunities for Hoosiers. In recent years, the two institutions have partnered to provide expanded transfer of credit opportunities throughout the state; establish a program ("Hoosier Link") that provides a select group of students an opportunity to attend Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington with guaranteed admission to IU Bloomington upon cohort completion; and designed a successful "Passport" system that has simplified the transfer of credit and/or degrees between Ivy Tech Community College-Central Indiana and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public postsecondary institution and the

nation's largest singly-accredited statewide community college system with more than 120,000 students enrolled annually. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering affordable degree programs and training that are aligned with the needs of its community along with courses and programs that transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

Indiana University serves more than 100,000 students in both undergraduate and graduate programs on eight campuses across the state. With more than 7,000 faculty members, IU offers 963 degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences and various professional schools, including Medicine; Nursing; Law, Music; Business; Education; Informatics; Journalism; Health, Physical Education and Recreation; and Public and Environmental Affairs.



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Tuesday, February 17

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- your health just by analyzing your sleep Learn what to expect when having a sleep study
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#### Redirecting Everyday Power Struggles from Toddlers to Teenagers

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## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

#### **EVERYTHING HAS A** PLACE

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley We want a home that hugs us! But where do we start? This has been the underlying question that causes us to procrastinate. I have an answer. We start with shining our sink. That is the absolute first habit to establish is keeping our sinks clean and shiny. Then we declutter. That's when the question comes up again, "Where do I start?" I have been thinking about this and sometime we get the cart before the horse.

Here is the reason we have to address our clutter issues.

- 1. Clutter wastes time
- 2. Clutter makes our house look
- 3. Children pull out everything; less to pull out = less mess
- 4. Too many clothes makes laundry hard to do and to put
- 5. Clutter causes us to feel overwhelmed tired. It zaps our
- 6. We want peace in our lives and with clutter around there is no peace.

Back to the question of the day; Where do I start? Chicken or the egg syndrome once again; do I declutter the flat surfaces or the cubby holes. I have the answer. BOTH! Now don't get upset! We are not going to do it all at once. I am going to walk you through this one babystep at a time.

The reason your flat surfaces are piled high is because you do not have a place for the items in your hotspot. The easiest way to save time is to have a place for everything and everything in its place. Didn't your Granny teach you that? Our problem is that we don't know where to put anything because all of our storage places are cluttered.

Here is my story: I have telephone and computer stuff in lots of places. When I need something I spend a lot of time searching for it. I had to decide where I wanted to keep my geek toys. For me that had to easily accessible when I wanted something. I decided that I would keep them in a Rubbermaid sweater bin that would slid under my extra bed. But wait! My memorabilia was in one of those bins and the other one was full of tote bags and zipper bags. Here is what to I had to do.

I chose my cedar chest to hold my keep sakes. It had a pillow, two sweaters, a small comforter and other memorabilia; the pillow got donated along with the two sweaters and the comforter is being washed to give to a precious little girl. That made room for the bin of keep sakes. I picked up the bin and just poured it into the cedar chest. I didn't get sidetracked by sorting this box of magazines and other papers. That was not my goal. Now the bin was empty. I was still collecting all the geek toys into one place. I took the other Rubbermaid sweater bin and pulled out all the totes and zippered bags. Put them all in one bag and declutter the ones I don't like. I placed that in the top of my closet with my other tote bags and purses. Now I had two bins empty. I took the declutter items to the car and put the trash in the garbage can.

Now I was ready to start sorting my geek toys into one bin. With my trusty declutter kit right beside me; Give away, Put Away and Throw away. Now laundry basket is empty. The Rubbermaid bin is labeled and ready to roll under the bed and I have one empty one. See how easy this is. I started by thinking about everything having a place and everything being in its place. As a result of just collecting my geek toys, I have consolidated my memorabilia, my purses and tote bags and I have one empty storage container. Before you start this make sure you are dressed to lace up shoes and you have a done our morning routine. Then put on some fun music. Our Up Kind of Day CD has a lot of peppy music.

I have been corralling my little stash and dash caches of computer and telephone gadgets. What do you need to corral? Clear out the holding area and let's herd our stuff together. Everything having a place and everything in its place; makes for a peaceful home.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free life coaching at www.FlyLady.net , listen to her channel http:// www.blogtalkradio.com/ channels/flylady show or read her books, Sink Reflections

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#### How To KEEP OR FIND A JOB IN A BAD ECONOMY

(StatePoint) In challenging economic times many Americans are struggling to keep jobs or find new ones.

The keys to staying on the job or landing a new one are marketing yourself to your existing or potential bosses, and networking in the workplace.

Sociology researchers at Stanford University interviewed hundreds of people, asking them how they got their jobs. An overwhelming number - 56 percent - said they heard about friends them from acquaintances.

"The central theme…is what is usually considered 'luck' in job-finding: having the right contact in the right place at the right time," writes Stanford's Mark Granovetter in his book, "Getting A Job: A Study of Contacts and

Never before has the saying "it's not what you know, it's who you know" been so apt-especially in a world where people are linked through Internet message boards and social networking sites that connect job-seekers with others in their professions.

Keeping Your Job

If you have a job and are in a company where layoffs are likely, here are some useful tips offered the experts bν GottaMentor.com, a Web site helping people leverage their existing work relationships and form new ones:

\* Understand the Process: When companies make layoffs, one of the first things they do is decide who is protected. "That's

the list you want your name on," says Andrea Rice, president and co-founder of GottaMentor. "The list is likely to be a combination of top performers, those occupying mission critical positions, and people the group head has taken a personal interest

\* Make Yourself Indispensable: Companies retain employees demonstrating skills that can be used to handle additional responsibilities. Don't cut corners and make sure your work is error-

\*Ask for Additional Work: When employees are laid-off, it usually means more work for those remaining. Managers want to retain employees who can handle heavierworkloads.

\* Network, Network, Network: Get involved in formal and informal groups in your company. Attend meetings, lunches and after-work get-togethers. Volunteer to organize them. Find a mentor or mentor other junior employees. You can coordinate meetings and share information through such social networking sites as FaceBook or GottaMentor.com.

\* Help Your Boss Shine and Be Visible: This might mean making sure he or she is prepared for a certain meeting armed with work you've done, or nominated for a community or company award. If you're out of sight, you're diminishing your perceived value. Finding A Job

It's all about networking and marketing:

\*Communicate with friends and colleagues. Call or email them and get together for a cup of coffee to develop closer ties that could lead to opportunities.

\* Expand your network. Utilize social networking sites like LinkedIn and GottaMentor.com to make connections to expand your network of acquaintances or re-connect with old ones.

\* Consider tapping a mentor, such as a former teacher or a higher-up in a business. It's an effective way to get help, especially if you're just getting started. "Mentoring will continue to emerge as one of the most viable and cost beneficial offerings necessary for youth development needs," write the experts at the Oakland, California-based Mentoring Center (www.Mentor.org), which focuses on raising awareness about mentoring.

\* Stand out by connecting with employers in places where they already gather. Attend trade association gatherings. Get involved in online communities. Consider starting or polishing your own blog or FaceBook page to demonstrate your work expertise.

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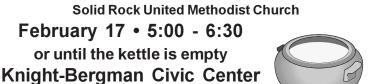
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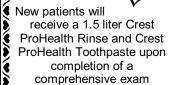
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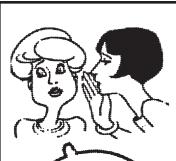
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#### SAVING FOR LIFE

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Stretch your hard-earned dollars with the Saving for Life package of publications from the Federal Citizen Information Center. Regardless of whether you're raising a family and saving for college or are well into your career and looking at all your investment options, Saving for Life has the information you need to make each penny count.

Use the 66 Ways to Save Money brochure from the Consumer Literacy Consortium for thrifty ideas on everything from transportation to banking to utilities. One of their suggestions: if you're taking a prescription medication long term, consider using a mail order pharmacy. They often charge lower prices.

Starting to think about the day when your little munchkins head off to college? Learn how to start saving now for ever-increasing tuition rates down the road with Smart Saving for College—Better Buy Degrees from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. It explains different options like 529 plans and includes a "College Savings Calculator" to estimate the amount of money you should invest each year to cover your child's education.

Maybe you want to go another route and invest your money to use later in life. Check out Introduction to Mutual Funds from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Find out the benefits and risks of mutual funds and how you might be able to use them to your financial advantage.

When it comes to your money, you can never be too well informed, or too careful. Saving for Life helps you make smart decisions when spending and saving.

Learn more with the Saving for Life package, which costs \$1.50. There are three easy ways to get your publications:

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Or call toll-free 1 (888) 8 PUEBLO. That's 1 (888) 878-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time, and ask for the Saving for Life package. Have your credit card handy.

Get even more information and

take advantage of online government services resources at www.USA.gov and www.GobiernoUSA.gov—your official English and Spanish web portals to the Federal government.

#### FOOD SAFETY AT HOME

Avoiding foodborne illness begins in the home. Learn the four key ways of keeping you and your family free from food poisoningby cleaning, keeping raw foods separate, cooking food thoroughly, and chilling it properly-when you read the free Food Safety at Home fact sheet from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health. Find out the less obvious spots in your kitchen where germs may lurk, like your cutting board and cloth towels. Be sure you're doing all you can to keep your cooking areas sanitary and safe with Food Safety at Home. For your free copy, send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 616T. Pueblo, CO 81009, Or call tollfree 1 (888) 8 PUEBLO, that's 1 878-3256, (888)ask for Item 616T. And visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

#### THE FLU

Everyone dreads getting the flu. Caused by a virus, it's spread from person to person by coughing or sneezing or by touching something with the flu virus and then touching your mouth or nose. How can you tell the flu from a common cold? Find out with The Flu, a free fact sheet from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health. Do your best to prevent the flu by getting a flu shot or a nasal spray vaccine. Use this guide to help determine which option is the best for you. By ordering your free copy you can learn other prevention techniques and how to recover as quickly as possible should you catch the flu. To

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#### GOT QUESTIONS?

They've Got Answers at 1(800)FED-INFO

Life right now is full of questions—the serious, "What happens if my bank goes under?" and the not-so-serious, "Will my 3-year-old ever stop asking me 'Why?'!" While it can't help all the time, you might be surprised to learn how often the federal government's answer hotline, 1 (800) FED-INFO (that's 1-800-333-4636) has the information you're looking for. If your question has something to do with the government, they'll answer your question or get you to someone who can.

It seems every day brings news of changes in the financial sector. When you need the official word about changes to FDIC deposit insurance rules or are curious about what recent legislation means for your pocketbook, call 1 (800) FED-INFO. The specially-trained information agents can point you to the right government agency to quickly answer your question.

With all your other worries, you might not be tracking the rules about passports. Did you know that even if you're flying to Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean, you're required to have a passport? Orthat starting in June 2009, if you're driving to Canada or Mexico, you'll need a passport to re-enter the U.S.? Call 1 (800) FED-INFO to learn more about these rules and the new passport cards now in production.

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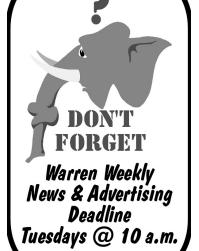
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administration works, or where to find up-to-date contact information for your Representative or Senators, 1 (800) FED-INFO is the only number you need to remember.

The information agents at 1 (800) FED-INFO are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time to answer questions in English and Spanish. For pre-recorded answers to the most popular questions in both languages, call 1 (800) FED-INFO 24 hours a day. On the web, visit http:// answers.usa.gov to access the "Frequently Asked same Questions" database the information agents use. Or chat with an agent online-click on the Live Help-Web Chat tab to get your question answered anytime between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

We can't help you with your three-year-old, but for lots of other questions, be sure to call 1 (800) FED-INFO. Your answer may be just a phone call away.





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