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Thought for the Week: *The future depends on what we do in the present.* Mahatma Gandhi



2009 SEASON ANNOUNCED

It's a new year, a new day and a new season at the Pulse Opera House. The 2009 season was announced at the stroke of midnight at the annual Pulse New Year's Eve Party. This year the Pulse will present an "All American" season. The shows were written by some of the most prominent American writers and are about faith, family, friendship and good old American "can do" spirit.

The first show of the season is Kaufman and Hart's classic comedy "You Can't Take it With You." It's the story of an eccentric family who find other pursuits, such as writing crime novels and creating fireworks in the basement, more important than money. When the daughter brings home a boyfriend who is the son of a Wall Street tycoon, the fireworks really begin! "You Can't Take it With You" auditions are January 19 at 7:30 p.m. Roles are available for 7 women, 8 men and 3 extras. The show runs March 6-21 and will be performed in Muncie March 26-28 for the Indiana Community Theatre League Festival.

The next show of the season is Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" which focuses on aging Al Lewis and Willy Clark, a one-time vaudevillian team known as "Lewis and Clark" who, over the course of forty-odd years, not only grew to hate each other but never spoke to each other off-stage throughout the final year of their act. Comic magic happens when Clark's nephew tries to reunite them for a television special. "The Sunshine Boys" runs May 8-23.

Summer brings a musical to the Pulse. "Yankee Ingenuity" is based on an 1845 play by Anna Cora Mowatt who was one of the first American women to be published. With book and lyrics by Richard Bimonte and music by Jim Wise (who wrote "Dames at Sea"), the charming musical is perfect for the historic theatre. "Yankee Ingenuity" is set in pre Civil War New York City and satirizes the vanities and wild extravagances of the new rich while extolling the virtues of an earlier day. "Yankee Ingenuity" runs July 10-25.

The youth offering this year is Mark Twain's immortal tale "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer." Featuring a large cast of youth and adults, the show will be offered for school groups in special daytime performances. All the famous adventures are included, climaxing with the life-or-death battle with Injun Joe in the cave. "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" runs September 4-19 with school shows

on September 10 & 11.

The final show of the season will be a Christmas classic. Based on the Frank Capra movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.

In addition to the productions, the Pulse will also offer a fundraising Valentine's Day concert, a radio drama in October and open mike nights in the lobby. For more information on tickets, memberships or auditions, check out the website at www.pulseoperahouse.org or call (260) 375-7017.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Dogwood Glen and Kim's Katered Affair will be hosting Sunday Brunch on January 18th from 11am - 1pm. Menu will include: French Toast Casserole, Vegetable Cheese Frittata, Roast Pork w/ Gravy, Chicken Parmesan, Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Buttered Corn, Assorted Breads, Salads, Desserts, & Beverages. Cost: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for 10 & under. Please call Dogwood Glen at 375-4750 for Reservations.

RECYCLING BAGS

Blue recycling bags are temporarily unavailable! Pathfinder Services is no longer in the recycling business. Warren residents may obtain Blue plastic bins for recycling at the Warren Town Hall 375-2656. The Warren Pharmacy is thankful to provide recycling bags for our community, and will have more in a few weeks from our new recycling service in Marion!

LUNCH PLANNED

The JOY (Just Older Youth) lunch will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at noon at the Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a free lunch and short presentation by Waneta Linton. Waneta will share more information about the Orville & Irene James Benefit. Please call to reserve a seat, if you are not on the standing reservation list, 765-934-1431.

VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE PULSE

The 2009 Pulse Opera House season will kick off with a Valentine's Day fundraising dinner and concert. The dinner, at the Dogwood Glen Golf Club, will be catered by Kim Nelson and offers a choice between prime rib or chicken breast with mushroom gravy. Dessert will be served at the Pulse Opera House where romance is in the air as Barry Jamison performs love songs. Tickets are \$40 per person with all proceeds going to the 2009 season. Reservations must be made by February 8. Reservations can be made on the website at www.pulseoperahouse.org, by calling (260) 375-7017 or by sending your information to: Pulse Opera House, P.O. Box 631, Warren, IN 46792.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for the first show of the 2009 Pulse Opera House season will be held in the theatre on Monday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. "You Can't Take it With You" is a classic comedy about a family who lives life to the fullest, even if the rest of the world thinks they are eccentric. There are roles for 7 women, 8 men and 3 extras. Show dates are March 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21. This show will be entered into the Indiana

Community Theatre League Festival at Muncie Civic Theatre the weekend of March 26, 27, 28. Those auditioning should be aware that if the show wins, the regional festival is in South Bend, Indiana on April 17, 18 and 19 and the national festival is June 23-27 in Tacoma, Washington.

Roles available include: Penelope Sycamore (the fluttery, gentle lady of the house), Essie (late teens to early 20's - wants to be a ballerina), Rheba (the maid), Paul (man of the house, manufactures fireworks in basement), Mr. De Pinna (mad genius of pyrotechnics), Ed (Essie's husband who plays the xylophone), Donald (Rheba's boyfriend), Martin Vanderhof (the patriarchal head of the family - a kindly disposition), Alice (fresh young girl in her late teens to early 20's), Tony (boyfriend and later fiancé of Alice - fresh out of Yale and Cambridge), Boris Kolenkhov (a hearty, explosive Russian ballet-master), Gay Wellington (a drunk actress), Olga (a Russian duchess), Mr. Kirby (Tony's dad - a successful businessman), Mrs. Kirby (Tony's mother) and three G-men.

Rehearsals will begin on Monday, January 26 and are held Monday-Friday evenings. Those auditioning should be familiar with the show. Auditions will consist of readings from the script.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held their first meeting of 2009 on Wednesday evening, January 7. The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with President Tony Manry leading the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council was re-organized for 2009 as follows: Tony Manry President; Marvin Surber Fire Board; and Dean Baker Emergency Management.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

We would like to Thank everyone who helped with the Free Community dinner on New Year's Day. We were sorry more people didn't show up, but we prepared over 60 dinners for the Warren Food Pantry Freezer for later distribution.

Sincerely,
 John and Ann Miles McCammon

THE ANGLE OF YOUR WRANGLE

by V. Neil Wyrick

In the spring of 1894, the Baltimore Orioles baseball team was playing in Boston. Halfway through the game, an Orioles player, John McGraw, got into a first class fight with Boston's third baseman. Soon, all the players on both teams exploded onto the field and fists began to fly. Soon the fight spread to the stands. Then someone set the stands on fire. The fire spread – when it was over 107 buildings in Boston lay in ashes.

Perhaps an oyster is one of the finest examples of patience in action. It takes an irritation and makes it a pearl.

People get mad about the strangest things. Not too long ago, one of the inevitable poll takers asked 100 college women and 35 college men to list the things that made them angry. The 100 women listed 274 items. The 35 men 251. A sampling of the list makes you wonder whether you should laugh or cry. They got mad at:

- * People at red lights.
- * People at green lights.
- * People talking too much
- * People talking too little.
- * People out to get me
- * People who don't pay any attention to me.

Anger is a wind that blows out the lamp of the mind and truly there are a lot of lamps going dark these days. U.S. News reports that a serious crime is committed in America every six seconds, most of them because of anger. The average man loses his temper 6 times a week, the average woman 3. Many psychologists argue that anger out of control is the cause of most depression. Control your anger and your control your life.

Do you read Peanuts? Doesn't everyone? At any rate, a number of years ago, Lucy in one of her monologues says, "I have examined my life and found it is without flaw. Therefore, I'm going to hold a ceremony and present myself with a medal. I will then give a moving acceptance speech. After that, I'll greet myself in the receiving line." She concludes somewhat sadly, "When you're perfect, you have to do everything yourself."

Come to think of it...this is one of the chief causes of so much of our ongoing angers... everyone else isn't as perfect as we are or prone to admit their own imperfections.

"Daddy," the little boy asked, "How does war start?" "Well," answered his daddy, "In World War I the Germans marched into Belgium and..." His wife interrupted, "You're wrong. The Archduke was assassinated. You've got the wrong war."

"Who did our son ask? Just shut up and stay out of this." Now his wife was beginning to steam, "If you weren't so dumb I wouldn't have had to say anything." As their anger escalated the little boy broke in, "You don't have to say any more. I have the answer."

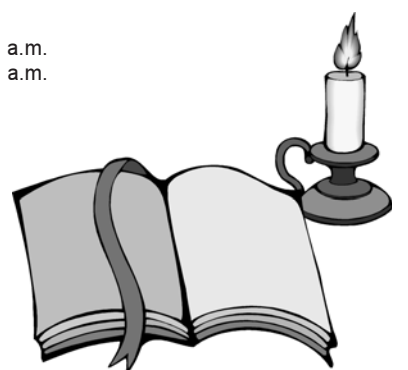
Will Rodgers once commented, "Anyone who flies off in a rage is going to have a very rocky landing."

What is the best way to control our angers? Sometimes the simple act of writing down what just made us mad can give us a new outlook. Will it always work? Of course not, but an ounce of attempt is better than a ton of excuses.

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Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST at Warren location for January & February <i>Kathy Newton, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 <i>Doug Sharrard, Pastor</i> <i>David Thrift, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 <i>Pastor Dan Sommer</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Rev. Dale Lilnhart, Interim Pastor</i> Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>McnATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i></p> <p>Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 <i>Tony Johnson - Pastor</i></p> <p>Trad. 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Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ... 6:00p.m.</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage <i>Jeff Wass, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i></p> <p>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. www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. 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AREA NEWS

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Fire Chief Donnie Plummer presented Council with a quote of \$2,044 for the purchase of foam to fight alcohol and ethanol fires.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave the year end report of activities.

Senator Holdman is scheduled to be at the Van Buren Town Hall on Saturday, January 31 and April 25 for Town Meetings.

The next Council meeting will be January 21.

NEW AT LIBRARY

New books recently received at the Warren Public Library include:

Fiction - Plum Spookey by J Evanovich; Mounting Fears by S Woods; Blood Sins by K Hooper; Nemesis by William Bernhardt; Kiss by T Dekker; This Side of Heaven by K Kingsbury; Three Weeks to Say Goodbye by CJ Box; Wanted (Sisters of the Heart #2) by S Gray; Eclipse by R Patterson; Egg in Purgatory by L Childs; A Coventry Wedding by B Cochrane; Final Justice by F Michaels.

Non-fiction - What's Age Got to Do With It? by R McGraw; Who Stole My Church?; Democracy's Big Day: The Inauguration of Our President; Indiana's Covered Bridges; From Anger to Intimacy; Three Cups of Tea; Raising Bookworms.

Youth - The Tales of Beedle the Bard by Rowling; Twilight; New Moon; Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teens Talk High School; Encyclopedia of Christianity; The Truth About Stacey; Mary Ann Saves the Day.

CARD CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Joyce Willman. Carolyn Carroll, Phyllis Dickey and Jane Lieurance were the winners for the evening. Others enjoying the evening were Sue Cavanaugh, Diana Ring, Nancy Willman, Sharon Gebhart, Jo Banter, Joan Huffman, Doris Tyler and Marge Jones. Joan Huffman will be our hostess for the month of February.

EAGLES HOST EAGLES

The Eagles Elementary Boys (12 & Under) and Junior High Boys (14 & Under) hosted the Eagles of Saint John the Baptist School (Fairfield Ave in Fort Wayne) at the Lincoln Elementary Gym in Huntington.

The 12U Eagles lost 25-37.

The young Junior High Eagles were outscored 25-54 by their seasoned 8th grade opponents.

The Varsity Home games scheduled to be played at the Orthopedic Capital Center of Grace College on Tuesday 1/6/09 had to be cancelled due to a conflict in scheduling of the OCC,

making it unavailable.

The Varsity Lady Eagles travel to Granger, IN, to participate in the annual Hoosier Christian Classic Basketball Tournament, 1/9-10/08, at Granger Christian School.

EAGLES AT HOOSIER CHRISTIAN CLASSIC

The Varsity Lady Eagles played 3 games in the Hoosier Christian Classic Tournament, Friday & Saturday 1/9-10/09 at Granger Christian School, Granger. This is a great opportunity to play Christian Schools that regularly play other IHSAA Public Schools.

The Lady Eagles finished with a 2nd Place trophy and were just 2 points away from first. Rebecca Weaver and Rebecca Daniels were 2 of the 5 voted to the Girls All-Tourney team. These selections were made by the coaches of each team ranking players on the three opposing teams, no coach voted for their own players.

Boys Games: Faith Christian Falcons 55 - Granger Christian Knights 63; Covenant Christian Knights 45 - Faith Christian Falcons 34; Granger Christian Knights 46 - Life Action Flames 39; Life Action Flames 48 - Faith Christian Falcons 65; Covenant Christian Knights 63 - Life Action Flames 27; Granger Christian Knights 34 - Covenant Christian Knights 55

Girls Games: Faith Christian Lady Falcons 32 - Granger Christian Lady Knights 45; Covenant Christian Lady Knights 33 - Faith Christian Lady Falcons 41; Granger Christian Lady Knights 44 - Huntington Lady Eagles 43; Huntington Lady Eagles 51 - Covenant Christian Lady Knights 48; Faith Christian Lady Falcons 47 (3ot) - Huntington Lady Eagles 55 (3ot); Granger Christian Lady Knights 39 - Covenant Christian Lady Knights 30

The Granger Lady Knights had to prove they were not worthy of the double digit loss earlier this season to the Lady Eagles. They played with intensity and passion and drained some of their threes from 5 and 6 feet beyond the arc. The Eagles fell behind in the 3rd Q and did not recover.

The Lady Eagles have played Granger 4 times since 2007 and are 2-2. Granger Christian Lady Knights 44 - Huntington Lady Eagles 43

The Lady Eagles struggled in the first half of this morning game, but were sparked with renewed passion and intensity in the second half. They played IHSAA 1-A Covenant (DeMotte) last year and are now 1-1. Huntington Lady Eagles 51 - Covenant Christian Lady Knights 48

Faith Christian Lady Falcons 47 (3ot)- Huntington Lady Eagles 55

NO SUCH THING AS SAFE ICE

Ask anyone who has had the misfortune of falling through thin or bad ice, and most would agree: There is no such thing as safe ice, only safer ice.

"It is a cold and painful lesson that Mother Nature teaches us" said Col. Michael Crider, head of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "Ice fishermen aren't fair weather fishermen that's for sure. Anyone unprepared or uninformed is likely have a date with disaster sometime during their ice fishing years."

To avoid such a situation, Crider suggested following these simple safety rules to minimize the risks associated with ice fishing and other ice-related activities.

- 4 in. of new clear ice is recommended for foot travel; if you go by snowmobile or ATV, 5 in. is the minimum.

-Don't consume alcoholic beverages.

-Never fish alone. Always take a buddy and let someone know where you are going.

-Wear a life jacket under your winter gear. It not only will keep you buoyant should you fall through, but also will provide additional warmth.

-Carry ice picks or ice awls. These will allow you to pull yourself out of the water and onto the ice.

-Should you go through, remain calm. Turn in the direction you came from. Extend your hands and arms, forcing the ice picks solidly into the ice ahead of you. Kick your feet and pull yourself out onto the ice. Do Not Stand Up! By rolling away from the hole, you spread out your weight until you are able to reach solid ice.

-Carry a signaling type of whistle. Using it may be the only way to let someone know that you are in trouble. A cell phone can be a valuable survival tool but only as long as it remains dry. Carrying a length of rope also can be useful.

-Stay away from areas on lakes that have inlets or outlets. Be mindful about flowing water if fishing on a channel between two lakes. Ice fishing on Indiana's reservoir impoundments can pose particular concerns; pay close attention to fluctuating water levels.

-Remember to think ahead and have a plan.

ALASKA PROGRAM

Experience the allure of Alaska at J. Edward Roush Lake on Jan. 31.

"The Silence of an Alaskan Winter's Night" will introduce

participants to Alaskan folklore, native languages, sled dogs, and arctic wildlife. The program runs from 3 to 7 p.m., concluding with an authentic Alaskan dinner. Eskimo ice cream will be served as dessert.

There is a \$10 fee for all participants. Program attendees may enter a drawing to win dog sled rides and books.

Advance registration is required by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127, or by visiting the Salamonie Interpretive Center.

MORE PEOPLE ELIGIBLE

Donors encouraged to try a different type of blood donation.

The specific donor requirements for a double red cell donation have been modified to include more blood donors. Effective immediately, males must weigh at least 130 pounds (formerly, 150 pounds) and stand at least 5'1" tall. Females must weigh at least 150 pounds (formerly, 175 pounds) and stand at least 5'5" tall. Double red cell donors must be 18 years of age or older.

If you are a busy person and have type O or B blood, double red cell donation may be ideal for you. Each procedure lets you give more of the product that is needed most by patients. Double red cell donation allows qualified donors to give two units of red cells in one visit.

Unlike traditional whole blood donations, which are sent to the laboratory for separation into components, blood is separated into components as it is drawn in a double red cell donation. There are immediate benefits to the donor. First, you don't lose the liquid portion of your blood, which in turn may cause you to feel more hydrated after your donation. Secondly, you are eligible to donate double red cells every 16 weeks (rather than every eight weeks for whole blood), which means more time for other activities between donations.

Please ask your American Red Cross if double red cell donation is available at your local blood drive or donor center. Regardless

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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.

Jan 15	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 19	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Jan 21	Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
Jan 24	Angel Food Ministry Order Pick-Up
Jan 26	Warren Town Council, 4 p.m.
Jan 29	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 4	Chamber of Commerce, 12 noon, Assembly Hall
Feb 4	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Feb 8	Sunday Lunch at KBC sponsored by PROS 11-1
Feb 9	Warren Town Council 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Feb 12	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Angel Food Ministry Ordering Deadline
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*In Indiana, you may give blood at 16 years of age with written, parental consent.

HUMANE SOCIETY DINNER

The Huntington County Humane Society will celebrate its Annual Dinner Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at Heritage Hall - Hiers Park, in Huntington, Indiana. This year's dinner will have a special keynote speaker, Karen Moore of Anchorbay Kennels.

Karen Moore is a 27 year Newfoundland Breeder who has won national, regional and local dog shows. She has been providing Pure Breed Rescue for 20 years, and is a Newfoundland Club of America Educator.

During Karen's presentation, "Puppy Mills, Backyard Breeders and Responsible Breeders—the Difference", Karen will tell her story and emphasize the importance of dog breeding ethics while sharing her wonderful animal rescue experiences. Joining Karen are her two daughters, Jessica and Brooke, two Newfoundlands—5 year old McKenna and 5 month old Sneakers, and Colby, the Beagle.

Also at the dinner the prestigious Thurman Poe Humanitarian award will be presented to persons, whose outstanding performance has improved and preserved the lives of animals.

The Huntington County Humane Society's recognition dinner will be held in Huntington, Indiana, at Hiers Park—Heritage Hall. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for registration. Participation in a Silent Auction will begin right after registration. The Silent Auction will include enticing baskets that will be available for bid. Auction proceeds will support both the Huntington County

Humane Shelter's operation and the Shelter's building fund. Dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. The dinner will conclude with Moore's presentation to those in attendance.

Prices are \$15 per member or \$27 for two members, \$17 per one non-member and \$30 for two non-members. The price for children ages 7 – 16 is \$7, while children 6 years and under are free. All prices include a delicious dinner. Anyone interested in attending should call the Huntington County Humane Shelter at (260) 356-0355 or (260) 356-5411 to make their reservation.

The Huntington County Humane Society is a local not for profit organization specializing in improving the quality of life for all animals in Huntington County since 1972. The Huntington County Humane Shelter serves over 1,200 animals each year.

RECERTIFICATION TRAINING

Residents of Huntington County and surrounding areas who are licensed private pesticide applicators in Indiana are encouraged to attend a recertification training session on Tuesday January 20th. This session will be held at Huntington University, Science Hall – 2nd Floor, Hiner Lecture Room (#225) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Presenters from the Purdue campus, Tom Bauman and John Obermeyer, will provide updated information concerning weeds, herbicides, insects and insecticides via interactive video conferencing. In addition, Ed Farris, Extension Educator, will be discussing the topic "Be Aware - The Indiana Sensitive Crop Registry" on site. The program is being sponsored by North Central Co-op and Crop Production Services.

The program is open to the public, however, pre-registration is requested by January 19th. A \$10 fee is required for those who wish to obtain recertification credit for attending the program. Please pre-register for the program by calling Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington at 260-358-4826.

HELP DEVELOP A PLAN

Purdue University will offer a five-part workshop series to take a comprehensive look at managing margin risk and help producers navigate uncharted waters in 27 different locations across Indiana. The Managing Margin Risk program allows farmers to network and work with other farmers in their community. Farmers will be asked to conduct their own breakeven analysis specific to their farm, as well as complete tasks outside of the workshop. In the end, farmers will have a personalized plan for how to cope in this environment during 2009.

The workshop series is being offered in Huntington County using interactive videoconferencing technology. Sessions will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) from January 27 through February 24 at Huntington University, Science Hall – 2nd Floor Hiner Lecture Room (#225). The program is being sponsored locally by Halderman Farm Management and Real Estate Services, First Farmers Bank & Trust, Bippus State Bank, and Salamonie Mills.

Dates and topics for the five sessions include:

* Jan. 27: A new era of margin risk—will look at what margin risk is, the direction input costs are going, a breakeven analysis for farm enterprises and how leasing arrangements affect the bottomline.

* Feb. 3: What does the farm bill mean to you—will include an introduction to crop insurance, the new farm bill programs and how they influence each other.

* Feb. 10: Pricing alternatives at the local buyer—will cover market volatility and dynamics, the importance of basis and pricing alternatives at the elevator.

* Feb. 17: Crop insurance and marketing—will take a look at

how the two work together.

* Feb. 24: Putting it all together in a plan to manage margin risk—will show farmers how their financial position affects their ability to take on margin risks and what strategies they should consider.

Speakers include Purdue Extension agricultural economists Allan Gray, farm policy specialist; Chris Hurt, livestock and meat marketing expert; George Patrick, crop insurance expert; Luc Valentin, farm management specialist; and Corrine Alexander, who specializes in grain marketing for both commodity and specialty crops.

Registration costs \$40 per person, which includes materials, handouts, and access to the course website. Note that registration is available online at <http://www.conf.purdue.edu/RISK>. Program brochures are also available by contacting Ed Farris, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington at 260-358-4826.

THE PERFECTIONISM MONSTER

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Perfectionism is like a monster with hundreds of tentacles and it reaches into every part of our lives and holds on till we can find it and rip it out. The only problem is that if there is the least little bit left; it will fester till it tries to take over your life again. I find little vestiges of my perfectionism almost every single day. It is a never ending process to eliminate this from my thinking; much like decluttering. I have to nip them in the bud before they take over. See in my perfectionism I want to rip out every single bit of it; but I can't because I don't know where it is hiding. The trick is to be aware of its signs.

The perfectionism monster makes us obsess and do too much as well as procrastinate and do nothing. We have been dealing with issues that we have been procrastinating about. Many times we put off doing something because it is just too hard to get all of our ducks in a row to get started.

We allow Parkinson's Law to kick in without even thinking. As Professor C. Northcote Parkinson says, "Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion." Do not allow yourself to get caught up in this inefficient way of thinking. He uses the example of a lady wanting to send a card to her niece. She has to look for the right card, find her glasses, then; after she has toiled with writing the perfect words on the card; she has to try to find the address; then to find a stamp. Then it is raining outside and she can't find her umbrella so she can walk down the street and put it in the mailbox. All of this over a little card that could take many of us just three minutes to write, address, stamp and mail. Why did she take so long to accomplish this simple task?

It was because she didn't have a system for efficiently using her time. Busy people keep every thing they need for paying bills in one spot; or do they!!! Do you have to hunt for your bills in your mail hotspot, a pen, stamps or better yet you can't pay bills because you do not know how much money you have in the bank and you need to balance six months of bank statements or spend hours bringing down your balance in your checkbook. Or do you just write the checks and pray that you won't be overdrawn!!

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GENEALOGY REPORT

FINCANNON

Michael D. Fincannon, 56, of Hartford City, IN, died at 9:18 PM, on Friday, January 9, 2009 at his residence in Hartford City, IN.



He was born on Wednesday, April 2, 1952, in Marion, IN, the son of the late Robert G. Fincannon and Helen G. (Taylor) Fincannon of Van Buren. He was married to Linda (Wortman) Fincannon, who survives.

Mr. Fincannon was owner/operator of Fincannon Ford and Mercury in Hartford City. He was a 1970 graduate of Eastbrook High School. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Brown-Doyle American Legion Post in Van Buren, IN. He was a member of the Hartford City Rotary Club and the Indiana Auto Dealers Association. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Hartford City for 23 years. He sponsored car shows during the Van Buren Pop Corn Festival. He was a resident of Jackson Twp. Blackford County. He attended the Upland United Methodist Church and formerly the Van Buren United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: his wife and mother; sons Martin R. Fincannon of Greensburg, Ind. and Matthew D. Fincannon of Marion, Ind.; daughters Holli R. (husband, Shane) Spurling of Indianapolis, Ind. and Tara E. Fincannon of Louisville, Ky.; brother Robert G. (wife, Shirley) Fincannon of Van Buren, Ind.; sisters Diana (husband, Michael) Shook of Marion, Ind. and Angie Fincannon of Muncie, Ind., 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Van Buren U.M. Fellowship Hall. Funeral service will be at Van Buren U.M. Church Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM Thursday, January 15, 2009 with Pastor Rob Neal, Dr. Blake Neff and Pastor Tom Mansbarger officiating.

Interment will be at Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren, Ind.

Memorials to Cancer Support of Blackford County, C/O Blackford Community Foundation or the Upland United Methodist Church Building Fund.

PALMER

Helen Palmer, 98, of Marion, IN, died at 11:20 AM, on Friday, January 9, 2009 at Millers Merry Manor in Marion, IN.



She was born on Monday, October 3, 1910 in Huntington County, IN. She was the daughter of the late Other W. Day and the late Clara (Williams) Day. She was married to Cecil W. "Bill" Palmer, and he preceded her in death on January 18, 1972.

Mrs. Palmer was the Secretary and Operator of the Hoosier Grain Elevator in Van Buren, IN. She was in Appliance Manufacturing in Van Buren and worked at Foster Forbes in Marion, IN. She attended Sunnycrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughters Joyce (Moore) (husband, Bill) Druck of Marion, Ind. and Bonnie (husband, Roger) Williams of Indianapolis, Ind.; seven grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

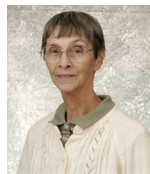
She was preceded in death by her husband, parents; brothers Elmer Day and Russell Day and sister DeLeane Green.

Funeral services were held at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home with Dr. Craig Moore officiating. Interment was at Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren, Ind.

Memorials to: Autism Society or Sunnycrest Baptist Church.

TAYLOR

Betty A. Taylor, 70, of LaGrange, IN, died at 9:00 AM, on Friday, January 9, 2009 at Millers Merry Manor in LaGrange, IN.



She was born on Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Grant County, IN. She was the daughter of the late Gerald Hiatt and the late Marie (Tomlinson) Hiatt.

Mrs. Taylor was a former resident of the Van Buren area before moving to LaGrange. She was a Nurses Aid at Millers Merry Manor and worked with the Council On Aging both in LaGrange. She attended LaGrange Church Of God.

Survivors include sons Gregory M. Taylor (Julie) of West Lafayette, Ind., Brian W. Taylor of Berne, Ind. and Rodney B. Taylor (Amanda) of LaGrange, IN and 4 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Willard Hiattson; and sister Mary Catherine Bockman.

Services were held at LaGrange Church Of God with Pastor Brian VanOsdol and Pastor Steve McKee officiating. Final Rites

were conducted at the Gardens of Memory Chapel, Marion, Indiana.

Memorials to: Alzheimer's Association P.O. Box 4204 South Bend, IN 46634 or LaGrange Church Of God, 777 N. Detroit Str., LaGrange, IN. 46761.

SPAULDING

Marie 'Adeline' Spaulding, 85, of Warren, IN, died at 12:50 AM, on Sunday, January 4, 2009 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.



She was born on Saturday, June 16, 1923 in Atlanta, IN. She was the daughter of the late William Bozell and the late Clara (Sloan) Bozell. She married Marcus Wayne Spaulding on October 23, 1947 in Marion, Indiana.

Mrs. Spaulding had been a resident of Heritage Pointe in Warren, for the past four years, moving there from Van Buren. She had attended Van Buren Central Christian Church. She was a graduate of Atlanta High School in Atlanta, IN and had attended Indiana State Teachers College. She was a member of the Van Buren Tea Timers and the Christian Womens Group at the church and had also worked for Pierce Governor in Upland.

Survivors include sons Lester Spaulding of Van Buren and Melvin (Kathy) Spaulding of North Manchester; grandsons Michael Spaulding of Clearwater, Fla., Brian Spaulding of East Lansing, Florida, Matthew & Scott Spaulding of North Manchester, Ind., granddaughter Carol King of Saint Augustine, Fla., great grandsons Joe King, Jr. and Josh King, great granddaughter Courtney King and a brother-Rene Bozell of Elwood, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sisters Joann Hiller and Mary Schuck and brothers Denzil and Fenton Bozell.

Services were held at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home with Rev. John Pattison officiating. Interment was at Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren, Ind.

Memorials to: Harvest House Food Pantry Van Buren, IN 46991.

STECH



Harmon Grover Stech, 92, of Warren, IN, died at 3:32 AM, on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, IN.

He was born on Wednesday, January 26, 1916, in Huntington County, IN. He was the son of the late Harmon G. Stech and the late Winifred (Shutt) Stech. He married Margaret Stech on October 10, 1941 in Warren, Indiana, she preceded him in death on September 20, 2001.

Mr. Stech had been a resident at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN since 1992. He was formerly a resident in Orlando, FL from 1959-1992. He attended Solid Rock United Methodist Church, Warren, IN. Mr. Stech was a Purdue graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a member of the Society of Professional Engineers, and a member of the THETA TAU Engineers Fraternity, and a life member of the Purdue Alumni Association. He also served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. from 1941-1945 where he served in the China Burma India Theatre. The U.S. Army will be conducting Military Rites.

Survivors include daughters Tamara Smith of Stowe, Vt. and Sara Stech of East Lansing,

Mich.; sister Virginia Wilkinson of Markleville, Ind.; grandson Caleb Wheeler of Philadelphia, Pa. and granddaughter Emma Henry of East Lansing, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Arrangements were handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home. Services will be at Heritage Pointe in the Applegate Chapel - Warren, IN at 12:00 PM Saturday, January 17, 2009, with Rev. Carol Schrope Scott officiating. Interment will be at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington, Ind.

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one spot so you only have to spend 15 minutes doing it; not all day!! This is why we procrastinate because we don't think we have time. Many of us are busy with jobs outside the home, soccer practice, dance class and tons of other appointments that we spend many hours in waiting rooms or waiting in our cars for our babies to join us. This is time that we never do get back.

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An Office in a Bag keeps me from procrastinating and taking a lot of time to just mail a card or a check. Or the best part it keeps me from running around the house looking for a pen, a stamp and the address; Parkinson's Law is not going to creep in and take over my life like the lady in Professor Parkinson book; Parkinson's Law.

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EXCELLENT VALUE IN A TOUGH ECONOMY

by Blake Ress

Whether you're watching network news, reading a hometown newspaper or visiting with a colleague at the proverbial water cooler, one topic trumps all others these days—THE ECONOMY. And more times than not, the tone skews toward the negative.

Here's a positive twist to "the topic of the day." It's not going to save our automakers or reverse the direction of the NYSE. But it is a practical way for you and your family to enjoy an evening of entertainment at a price most families can afford, even in today's coupon-clipping world.

This Friday or Saturday night, take your family to a boys' or girls' high school basketball game. Tickets at most Indiana high schools are only \$5.00 each. Parking is free. And the hot, freshly popped popcorn costs about a dollar a bag.

So a family of four can enjoy an entertaining night out for less than \$30.00, depending on the choices you make at the concession stand.

There are other positives, too. In most cases you'll be able to sit in unreserved, floor level seats on a first-come, first-served basis. The kind of front row seats that usually sell for hundreds of dollars at most professional sports venues. There's nothing as much fun or engaging as being close to

the action, especially if you have children in your family.

You won't have to wonder if you are attending a G, PG, or NC17-rated event. High school basketball in Indiana is pure, unadulterated, wholesome family entertainment.

And for most of us, the high school in our community is located just minutes from home. So it won't take much time or cost much money to get there.

In reality, the modest sum of money your family spends to attend a high school sporting event is more of an investment than an expense. That's because high school ticket revenue is used to pay for team uniforms, upgrade equipment and help support sports like cross country, swimming & diving, tennis and track & field; sports that do not typically generate enough revenue to be self-sustaining.

It's also an investment in the young men and women who are learning that being a representative of their school means they also are representatives of their community. By supporting them now, we are affirming the importance of citizenship, sportsmanship and community service in years to come.

Most importantly, attending a high school sporting event is an investment in the children in your own family. They will see firsthand how attributes such as dedication, hard work, persistence and teamwork have their just reward. And their role models are likely to become the high school players they watch

perform young men and women who are physically fit and mentally prepared.

These are tough times for many of us living in Indiana. But as it's been said, with adversity comes opportunity. And the opportunity to introduce your family to Indiana high school basketball (or any other high school sport) not only will be welcome from an entertainment standpoint, it also will prove to be a wise investment in your family, your high school and your community.

In short, buying a ticket to an Indiana high school basketball game is the best \$5.00 you could possibly spend.

The author, Blake Ress, is a former high school teacher, coach, referee, athletic director and principal. He currently is the commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

TURNING CHILDREN INTO GOOD READERS

(StatePoint) Nearly every child can become a successful reader, but parents need to focus on this skill early on, from the time their children are babies.

So says new research from the National Early Literacy Panel.

As the organization that directed the research, the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) is providing free tips and activities for parents to practice with their kids.

The National Early Literacy Panel analyzed more than 3000 studies on early childhood literacy to determine which critical skills lead to future academic

success.

"For the first time ever we've been able to identify early literacy skills that lead to later reading success," said Sharon Darling, president and founder of the NCFL. "Now parents can use these skills to help hone their child's reading ability."

These key skills include alphabet knowledge; awareness of the individual sounds of words; rapid naming of letters, numbers, objects and colors; the ability to write, including a child writing his or her name; and oral language.

The experts at the NCFL have translated these findings into everyday activities that parents can perform with young children:

* **Show Your Baby With Words.** Even though he may not understand, he stores the sounds. Soon he'll be able to put sounds and words together and speak. Talk about what you and your child are doing throughout the day. For example, describe activities like changing your child's diaper, feeding your child, or giving her a bath.

* **Words + Words = More Words!** As your baby begins to speak, encourage him by adding extra words. For example, if your child points to his toy and says, "Truck," add some words. "Yes, that's your big, red truck!"

* **What Is This? Make a picture game** using photos of things your child sees at home. Find pictures in magazines — chairs, teddy bears, foods, etc. Hand your child a picture and ask him if he knows what it is. When he says the

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word, have him find the object and lead you to it. This increases your child's vocabulary and gives him practice using symbols.

* **Reading and Sharing.** Preschoolers aged three-to-five are ready to be your reading partner. Read books aloud, asking questions about what is happening in the story and the pictures.

* **Rhyme Time.** Read rhyming stories with pre-schoolers and recite nursery rhymes. Pause at the end of lines and let your child fill in the rhyming word. This encourages children to listen carefully to the different sounds.

* **My Name Is Special!** Children are fascinated by the letters in their names. Playing word games with these letters can get them learning about language. Write the letters on paper, cut them apart and put them in an envelope. Let your child pull out the letters and put them in order. Look for things in your home that start with that letter or the first letter of her name.

* **My ABCs.** Look for ABC books that match your child's interests — animals, foods, children's names, machines. You can also help your child make her own alphabet book. You could start by looking for one picture for each letter in her name.

* **Book Time.** Point out the title and the illustration on the cover. Read the title and author's name out loud. Let your child turn the pages. Follow along with the text, running your finger under words. Learning how books work are important steps toward learning to read.

For more tips and activities, visit www.famlit.org/cultivatingreaders.

KEEPING ANIMALS SAFE

THIS WINTER

(SPM Wire) Winters can be hard on animals, just like they are on humans - especially outdoor pets and livestock.

You need to provide sufficient food, water and shelter for animals.

"Water is particularly important

to check when the weather turns cold because low temperatures can cause water bowls to freeze, leaving an animal nothing to drink," said Illinois State Veterinarian Dr. Mark Ernst.

Preventive medicine can lessen the risk of illness, according to Dr. Ernst. He advises livestock and pet owners to:

* **Make sure animals are properly vaccinated.**

* **Make sure animals not only have an adequate supply of food and water, but a clear path to the supply.** Most importantly, remember that ice and snow are not a substitute for water.

* **Make sure animals have adequate shelter.** Their coats provide some insulation from the elements, but a shelter is needed to protect them from severe winds, rain and snow.

The key is to make sure your animals are taken care of outside, even when weather conditions make it tough for you to get outdoors to care for them.

How To AVOID COLDS OR FLU AT WORK

(StatePoint) What's more rampant than water cooler gossip and more gag-inducing than the leftovers in the communal fridge? The cold and flu bug making the rounds at work each winter.

"Colds and flu spread wherever groups of people are in close contact," says Joyce Fontana, RN, associate professor of nursing at Saint Joseph College in Connecticut. "Sneezing or coughing near a person may be enough to infect another person. Children tend to get colds more easily than adults and often become infected at school and then bring the virus home to their parents, who then bring it into work."

The cold is an acute upper respiratory infection by a virus, she says. There is no cure, only symptomatic treatment. More than 100 viruses can cause the common cold which is why there

is no vaccine.

"The best way to prevent the spread of any respiratory infection, including influenza, is to avoid contact with an infected person," she says. That means taking advantage of those sick days. "People who are not feeling well should stay home."

This will not eliminate the spread however, because the cold has a one to four day incubation period, during which a person is contagious.

"Always cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing even if you are feeling well," she reminds. "And the single best way to prevent spreading any infectious disease is frequent hand washing."

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 them from friends or 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 Careers."

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 by the experts at 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 in."

* **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-free.

* **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 heavier workloads.

* **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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