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Thought for the Week: What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on? Henry David Thoreau



SOPRANI COMPAGNI AT HERITAGE POINTE

Kicking off our 2014 Fine Art's series at Heritage Pointe, on February 4th at 2:00 p.m. In our chapel we will present Soprani Compagni in a recital of music by Vivaldi, Schumann, Britten and more for the unique combination of soprano duet-sopranos Lisa Dawson and Tammie Huntington-with pianist Phoenix Park-Kim. Showing the brilliant range of music for duo sopranos, including contemporary works by American composers Jody Nagel and Lori Laitman. The two sopranos first began collaborating when they were cast as Suor Angelica and Suor Genovieffa in the opera by Puccini during their graduate studies at Ball State University, and currently both on the faculty of Indiana Wesleyan University.

Delighted with the way in which their personalities and voices complemented each other, Dawson and Huntington, together with pianist Park-Kim, formed Soprani Compagni for the express purpose of researching and performing soprano art songs duets, oratorio and opera scenes, modeling soprano collaborations, and commissioning new works for soprano duet. Soprani Compagni's program encompasses some of the best-known works by Gabriel Faure, with the only two duets for sopranos from the great song composer, as well as works by Berlioz and Massenet, lieder by Schumann and an excerpt from the Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

Two women by Jody Nagel was written specifically for Soprani Compagni in 2009. In this poignant work, two women—one representing the working class and other representing the elite—speak of their experiences after the election of Salvador Allende, president of Chile, and after his murder during the military coup in 1973. Pianist Phoenix Park-Kim will also perform piano arrangements of Gershwin's - Embraceable You. The community is welcome.

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4-H ENROLLMENT

Recruitment for the 2014 Huntington County 4-H program is underway. Four-H is a volunteer youth development and education program coordinated by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Its primary objectives are to assist young people in acquiring knowledge, skills, citizenship, and leadership opportunities. Youth participants and adult volunteers are the most important assets of 4-H.

Youth interested in joining 4-H may enroll at the Extension Office or online at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County website: www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington.

Four-H is one of the largest youth development organizations in the world. Today's 4-H is for all youth, regardless of urban or rural residence, socioeconomic status, or racial or cultural background. Last year in Huntington County, 1,058 youth in grades K-12 were involved in community based 4-H clubs, which emphasize practical, hands-on activities as key aspects of capturing and retaining lifelong interests. A wide range of learning opportunities are available, including such topics as aerospace, agriculture, consumer clothing, computers, electricity, foods, home environment, photography, reading, shooting sports, and woodworking. In Huntington County, nearly 50 projects will be offered for 2014, including a new project, Microwave Foods!

A chief characteristic of 4-H is its corps of caring and capable volunteers. 4-H volunteer club and project leaders form the

backbone of the educational mission of the 4-H program.

Through these committed adults, youth are offered opportunities to develop practical competencies and life skills such as leadership and teamwork.

Youth are helped to establish goals, think intelligently, and become contributing citizens to their communities. Through activities that are typically conducted in the homes of members or leaders, churches, or other community facilities, 4-H'ers are encouraged to examine problems in their communities and participate in their solution. Competence and knowledge developed through 4-H work often lead to career choices.

Surveys of graduating 4-H members both locally and nationwide have repeatedly reported participants' acquisition of life skills such as personal responsibility, leadership, motivation, formation of friendships, and practical and vocational skill development as some of the most valuable outcomes of their 4-H experience.

The program combines the resources of Huntington County government, Purdue University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, community donors and sponsors, and the voluntary efforts of members, parents, and adult volunteers.

For more information, contact the Purdue Extension—Huntington County office at 260-358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson—Suite 202, Huntington, or contact Julia Miller, 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator at jwickett@purdue.edu.

HIRING SUBSTITUTES

HCCSC is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers. Applicants must hold a valid Indiana Teacher's License, or have 60 college credit hours and 6 months prior experience working with children in an educational setting.

Interested applicants may pick up a Substitute Teacher packet at the Horace Mann Education Center located at:

2485 Waterworks Road
Huntington, IN 46750

About Huntington County Community School Corporation: HCCSC includes seven K-5 elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, one alternative high school and preschool services. The corporation serves all of Huntington County, including the communities of Andrews, Bippus, Huntington, Majenica, Markle, Mt. Etna, Roanoke and Warren. The 5,569 children who attend HCCSC receive countless opportunities for academic, social and physical growth.

MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Purdue Extension Office of Huntington County has rescheduled its annual meeting and dinner for Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:30 PM. This meeting was postponed due to the recent inclement weather. The meeting will be held at Heritage Hall at Hier's Park, 547 South Bryant Street, Huntington. A free potato bar dinner will be provided at 6:30.

Dr. Otto Doering, Purdue's Climate Change Research Center, Purdue Agricultural Economics professor and 2007 Nobel Peace

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Editors Note: The following article is presented for your information by the gentleman listed at the end of the article. The Warren Weekly does not agree or disagree with the comments made here.

A WIND FARM OPINION

Folks in the Warren and Plum Tree areas face an historic moment. Those who now enjoy the peace and tranquility of their lives out in the countryside are especially affected. If the county commissioners have their way, they will allow Apex Wind Company to erect dozens of five-hundred foot tall industrial turbines (IWTs) within just a few hundred feet of your homes.

Owners of large farmfields are already clamoring to sign over their property rights and allow eternal and time-unending damage to those plots. Those who do so may not realize anything beyond the words and implied promises of the confidence man as to the eventual, sad outcome. The next-door neighbors will feel and endure that sad outcome immediately.

But, beyond the participating farmfield owner, the now-happy, contented folks living on the edge of these industrial sites where the Huntington County Planners and the Commissioners have set up the ideal circumstances for this industrial wind company project proceed, those folks who live in the country for the sweet quality of rural life are about to have a rude awakening.

Despite document after document, scientific analysis after analysis showing the adverse effects on property values, the commissioners and the courthouse planners accept the word from the wind company operatives that property values are unaffected by the imposition of IWTs next to residences.

Despite document after document, scientific analysis after analysis showing the horrible destruction of peace and the disruption of quiet, of pleasurable, undisturbed living done by the noise coming from the dozens of industrial wind turbines, the county commissioners and the county planners are pushing ahead full steam ahead with the Apex debacle. And the noise from one is bad enough but noise is cumulative; think of the noise of fifty over there in that field next to you.

At night, all the flashing red lights on all of these monsters are worse than a dozen nighttime runways at JFK International Airport. Is that what you wanted when you moved out here?

Precious, sometimes already-endangered birds, eagles, rare bats, hawks, raptors, are being killed every day by these monsters. Bird kill will be common and their broken up bodies will found on the ground, knocked dead by the uncaring 200 mph blade spin of these turbines, these monsters.

The wind company goes out to these homes and offers the residents in these homesteads a few hundred dollars for the inconvenience and, to get that money, they have to sign an absolutely binding contract that they (the homeowners) will not ever complain or interfere with any aspect of the deployment of these vast arrays of whirling monstrosities.

The horrible downsides, the terrible destruction to your world, the losses people face; these things are coming. Go over to White and

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 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship ... 6:30 p.m.

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 Brad Kelly, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 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.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.

Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Heath Jones
 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
 Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/224-3376

Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship Service

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor

1st Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info

Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana
 Jim Graham, Pastor
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456
 260/375-4224

Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis
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 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 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
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor

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
 Pastor Chad Yoder
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 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 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Pastor Brian Holland
 www.mountetnachurch.com

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Children's Ministry (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Youth (Wed) 6:30 p.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Wass, Pastor

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.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue ... 10:00 a.m.
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 p.m.
 www.vanburenumc.org

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 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries

www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm

WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher
 Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino

Sunday School 9:00a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609

Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Youth Group 6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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Prize Award Contributor will discuss the causes and consequences for changing climate and increasing role in our lives, economy, environment, food production and recreation.

Please RSVP to Purdue Extension – Huntington County at 260.358.4826 or via email to ebrundig@purdue.edu. For more information please contact the office at 260.358.4826 or visit www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington.

GARDNER FORUM

The Huntington County Master Gardeners will be hosting a program on Wednesday February 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Huntington City-Township Public Library Conference Room located at 200 West Market St. in Huntington. Cindy Sheets of Sweet Life Honey Farm LLC will be the presenter for the evening. She will share information about bee-keeping, producing honey and beeswax products.

This program is open to the public. Please RSVP by calling the Huntington County Extension Office - 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202 at 260-358-4826.

It's A Sock Hop

This family-friendly event will be held at the old Warren High School (KBC) on Saturday 2/22/14 from 6-9p.m. Admission is \$2.00/person or \$5.00/family. There will fun things to partici-

pate in or just enjoy watching and visiting with friends. How about a DJ spinning those oldies, hula hoops, photo booth, games, a crooner, or the Dessert and Sweets Auction? Concessions will also be available.

If you would like to donate to the Dessert and Sweets Auction, pick up a form at either iAB Financial Bank or PNC Bank in Warren. Also, look for the catchy posters around town and flyers available in various businesses or go to Historic Warren's Face Book page.

"Be there or be Square"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SIGN-UP DEADLINE

2014 Purdue Master Gardener basic training will be held at the Huntington County Courthouse Annex on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting February 20 and ending April 17. The deadline for submitting applications is January 31.

Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants.

There are many projects in which individuals can volunteer in the area once they have completed the Master Gardener intern coursework. Some examples are providing gardening education at community events, teaching youth, and speaking to

local clubs and organizations. Many more possibilities for volunteer service exist for those willing to help teach others through their knowledge of taking the class.

If you'd like an application for the 2014 class or if you have questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826 or by e-mail: emfarris@purdue.edu. Note that class size may be limited depending on the number of applications that are received. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$110 per participant (\$150 for couples who share materials).

TACK AUCTION

The Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club will be hosting a Tack Auction on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Doors open at 5:00 PM and the sale starts at 6:00 PM.

There will be something for everyone including horse tack, saddles, and desserts. There will also be soup, sandwiches, snacks and beverages for purchase.

For more information contact Melissa Bolyn at 260-403-9483 or Cathy Neu at 260-273-9428.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will hold their annual meeting on Monday, February 10, 7 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

Guest speaker for the event will be Sgt. Dan Mawhorr. His topic will be The Dangers and Risk with Manufacturing Meth. He will share how meth can affect our community.

There will also be an election of the Extension Advisory Board which helps provide program input to the Extension Service.

Light refreshments will be served to help celebrate 100 years of Extension Service.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 824-6412 or visit www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

HP POOL TOURNAMENT

There were 20 residents that entered the January 24 pool tournament at Heritage Pointe. The winners were Carl Hubbard and Clarence Myers with Jim Slaughter and Clifford Smith finishing in second place. The in-house play is held every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults recreation room.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their Business Meeting January 21st at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center along with their social. The business meeting was canceled on the 7th due to the bad weather.

The President, Carol Irick, opened the meeting with eight members present. Claudia Boxell read the minutes of our December meeting and she also read the treasurer's report from December as Rosemary Zeller is recovering from knee replacement surgery. The members voted to do Longaberger/Thirty-One Bingo during the Salamonie Summer Festival. We also voted to do the Sunday Luncheon's on March 2nd and April 6th, so get your appetite ready! We also have pecans for sale, \$8.00 for a 1# bag. If you need some see any member.

Carol read correspondence from Cindy Stath, International President; Robin Pelton, International Service Secretary; Chris Clugh-Thomas, Province President; Renee Chenault, Alpha Mu Chapter and Gamma Iota Chapter.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Sandy Eichhorn, Tara Korporel, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummer, Kathy Ralston and Sondra Zabel. Our next Business Meeting will be Tuesday February 4th.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held a short meeting on Wednesday evening, January 22. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall.

President Marvin Surber opened the meeting at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Boy Scout Troop 3903 attended the meeting as part of their community leadership and citizenship training. President Surber explained to the troop how Council members are elected and how they operate.

Council hired a new part time Deputy Marshal Andrew Bowell. He will be working every third weekend.

Rob Reeder gave the utility report. He said some meters were read in January, but they were unable to read all because of snow. Those not read were estimated. There had been a lot

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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 22 7:00pm	Van Buren Council Meeting
Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 5 Noon	Warren Chamber Luncheon, Assembly Hall
Feb 5 7:00pm	Van Buren Council meeting
Feb 10 6:30pm	Warren Council Meeting, Assembly Hall
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 17 6:30pm	KBC Board Meeting, at KBC

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

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of snow plowing.

The next Council meeting will be February 5.

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

The Maumee Valley Railroad Club, Inc., a small not for profit organization will be sponsoring a Model Railroad Show & Swap on Saturday, March 1, 2013, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Coliseum Bingo, 911 W Washington Center Rd, Fort Wayne IN 260.490.9999. Admission is \$5.00 for Adults. Families are \$7.00. Children, 12 and under, are free. We will have dozens of tables of model railroad bargains with vendors, at least one operating model railroad layout, an on-site concession stand, free parking, also historical and other organizations represented. The public is welcome and invited.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

The Zanesville Lions Apple Dumpling Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2014. The apple dumplings for sale are ready to eat or freeze or microwave. The price is \$2 each with caramel topping included. You may buy tickets in advance from any Lions Member or from Robin at Davis Restaurant in Markle. Extras will be available on Sunday. Pick-up is at the ballpark, 3088W Van Horn, Zanesville IN from 11:00 to 1:00 pm. For information or phone orders call 638.4327. Proceeds will be used for upkeep of the Lions Community Park.

From 11:00 to 1:00 pm you may purchase VHS tapes from a large collection inside the Clubhouse. They are 50¢ each. We have

some DVDs and they are \$1 each. Sale of these goes to the Zanesville Lions Club.

SMALL FARM CONFERENCE

A Purdue Extension conference will give big help to small farms, which combine for some considerable heft themselves in accounting for nearly nine out of every 10 farms in the state. The 2nd annual Indiana Small Farm Conference will offer expert advice to owners of small farms to help them make their operations more successful. Sessions will focus on issues related to management, production, processing and marketing.

The conference will be held Feb. 21-22 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville. Speakers include Extension educators and specialists from Purdue University, agricultural industry professionals and small-farm owners.

Three keynote speakers are scheduled:

* Sarah Aubrey of Monrovia, Ind., owner of Prosperity Consulting, a funding opportunities firm that assists entrepreneurs and small farmers in securing funds from a variety of foundations, agencies and other organizations.

* Diana Prichard, a mother, author, blogger, speaker and small farmer from north of Lansing, Mich.

* Tom McConnell, small-farm program leader at West Virginia University. He will bring his perspective on the importance of small farms in West Virginia, where 98.2 percent of the farms are small farms. That is the highest percentage in the nation.

Registration is \$150 per person for both days or \$100 per person for one day. To accommodate families, there is a discounted fee for additional attendees from the same family, and youth under 13 can attend for free. Fees include conference materials and a lunch each day featuring Indiana-raised foods.

A new feature will be two pre-conference workshops on Feb. 20

* Growing Organic Workshop, covering many questions fruit and vegetable growers have about growing organically.

* Dairy Meat Processing and Direct Marketing Tour to Trader's Point Creamery in Zionsville and Moody's Meats and processing in Ladoga. Participants will hear from the owners on topics such as production, processing and direct marketing to consumers.

An additional fee of \$50 for participants of the pre-conference workshops (\$30 for each additional family member 13 and older) will cover lunch, workshop materials and transportation.

For more information, including how to register for the conference and pre-conference workshops, visit the Purdue Small Farms and Sustainable Agriculture Extension Team website at <http://www.ag.purdue.edu/smallfarms>.

If you have questions, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

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iAB Financial Bank recently presented McKenzie's Hope, the Huntington County Child Advocacy Center, as well as SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) of Allen County, with donations in the amount of \$2,214 to each organization. These contributions are part of the more than \$6,000 dollars raised by iAB in 2013.

The Fun Committee of iAB collected money from its 285 employees throughout 2013 by sponsoring monthly "Jeans Days" in order to assist local non-profit agencies. On these special days, iAB employees were able to wear jeans to work with a minimum donation of \$3. While not only creating a fun environment for the staff, it was a great way to help raise additional funds to be given back to local charities in the community. Sticking true to their slogan of "the power of partnership," donations to McKenzie's Hope and SCAN are just another way that iAB Financial Bank is committed to partnering with communities in order to help them succeed and grow. "I couldn't be more proud of iAB employees and their commitment to making a difference," stated Michael Marhenke, iAB President and CEO.

AWESOME OWLS

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "Awesome Owls" on Feb. 12 at Salamonie Interpretive Center.

The class will be offered from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The center is in

Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews.

Each Salamonie Preschool program has a nature-related theme, is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education and includes learning letters, building a craft, social interaction and time spent outdoors.

The fee per child is \$2. Advance registration is suggested. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see dnr.IN.gov/uwis or Facebook.com/UpperWabash, or call (260) 468-2127.

Salamonie Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm) is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

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Whoooo doesn't love hearing owls calling break the silence of night?

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services' staff for an owling adventure on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Salamonie Interpretive Center.

The evening will kick off with hot dogs at 4 p.m., then at 5 p.m. participants will meet live owls at the Salamonie Raptor Center. As darkness descends, participants will take to the woods to listen for owls calling.

Participants should dress for the weather. Organizers ask that participants do not bring flashlights.

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THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

Greetings from the snowy land! It is my wish all of you are surviving cabin fever, for me I am surprisingly doing well, I just stick my head out the door and get a bit of fresh air now and then. I have been out of the house twice in the past 2 weeks, but hang in there folks February is coming and we nearly always have a February thaw about the middle of the month. Just hope it follows suit this year.

I have been watching to site sun dogs but thus far have not seen any but the weather people have spotted some. Sun dogs are a spot in the sky that is when abundance of ice crystals are formed in the atmosphere and create what appears like another sun often times they appear as the sun is nearing the horizon or it can also create a circle around the moon which the ole timers claimed it was going to rain or snow soon which often was accurate.

I can well remember I was probably about 10 years old my dad coming in and getting us kids to help him put extra bedding for the animals and chickens, he had seen sun dogs and it was already very cold, he knew most certain we were in for some bitter cold weather and he was sure right. Daytime was well below zero. He had us help bring in extra wood and coal for the stoves, mom had us go to the basement and bring up extra food as sometimes the outside cellar door would freeze shut. One thing for sure when the chores were done you could count on cup of nice hot chocolate to warm us up. How much easier it is for me now to not have to be concerned about those things when it gets unsavory weather.

I have managed to get some cleaning done cleaning closets cupboards and such. Also have done a lot of sewing and some quilting as they say time flies when you are having fun, And thank goodness for a couple good books.

I have this recipe for mashed potato donuts that is always a treat on cold winter days but this recipe the batter needs to be refrigerated overnite but they are quite good and stay fresh a bit longer than most recipes.

2 eggs 1 cup sugar 1 cup mashed potatoes 5 tablespoon melted shortening 1 cup buttermilk 2 teaspoon vanilla 3 1/2 cups flour 2 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg 1 teaspoon soda 1/2 teaspoon salt and enough oil for frying.

Beat eggs and add sugar stir in potatoes shortening and buttermilk mixing just till all flour is completely moistened. Cover and let set in refrigerator overnite or several hours. Heat oil and roll out the dough about 1/2 inch thick cut out with donut cutter fry in hot oil till light golden brown. remove from oil and drain then dip in mixture of cinnamon and sugar or powdered sugar and they are ready to enjoy on a cold winter day.

Think Spring

THINKING ABOUT WRITING OFF SOCIAL SECURITY? NOT SO FAST

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans survey highlights Social Security misconceptions

(BPT) - Social Security is a hot topic these days. Unfortunately, many Americans are still in the dark when it comes to planning for Social Security. And that could have significant consequences.

A recent nationwide omnibus survey of 1,007 adults in the United States shows that despite the constant coverage about the topic, many Americans aren't clearing the information hurdles of Social Security and that could have unfortunate costs, like not receiving the full benefit of Social Security, or missing out on much-needed income later in

life. These misconceptions have the potential to lead to sub-optimal retirement strategies and cause individuals to miss out on valuable financial resources.

Those in the path of danger when it comes to the all-too-common fear-based response to Social Security are the very individuals that the program was designed to protect: everyday, average Americans. The good news is that 71 percent of survey respondents ages 55 and older feel either "very certain" or "optimistic" that Social Security funds will be available to them when they retire. However, the picture looks a bit bleaker to those 35 to 54: 39 percent of respondents are "doubtful" that Social Security will be around when they retire, though they are still making it part of their retirement strategy; 19 percent are not including it as a part of their retirement strategy at all. Finally, of those surveyed who are ages 18 to 34, 39 percent are not including it in their retirement strategy, and 26 percent are including it, but are "doubtful" that Social Security will actually be around.

According to Social Security trustees, enough reserves exist for the system to pay 100 percent of promised benefits until 2033, without further reform. Even if the program pays out lower percentages of benefits after 2033, chances are it will contribute to retirement income at some level for many years into the future.

Americans who stand to maximize Social Security benefits are the ones who take a proactive

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GENEALOGY REPORT

Hess

Lynn Kay Hess, 61, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2014, at her residence.

She was born in Hartford City May 21, 1952, to Lewis Richard Riggs and Wilma M. (Slusher) Riggs. Both parents preceded her in death.

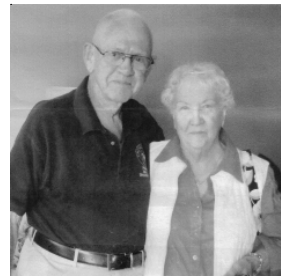
She graduated from Blackford High School in 1973. Lynn married Jay D. Hess Dec. 14, 2001, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, flowers and puzzle books. She was a member of Beacon Hill Baptist Church in Somerset, Ky. She was a Sunday School teacher and ran the pre-school choir.

Lynn will be sadly missed by her husband, Jay D. Hess of Burnside, Ky.; stepdaughter, Melissa (Brady) Johnson of Bluffton; stepson, James (Lynn) Hess of Marion; two stepgrandsons and two stepgranddaughters; brothers, Ronald (Beth) Riggs of Arkansas; Kim Riggs of Florida; Les Riggs of Hartford City; sister, Amy (Randy) Rigby of Bluffton; and niece, Emily Ann Riggs.

Funeral services and visitation were Monday morning, Jan. 27, at Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City, with Pastor Gary Hall officiating. Burial is at Jones Cemetery in Wells County.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Somerset.



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approach and calculate the impact Social Security can have on a retirement strategy. Unfortunately, Americans are still hesitant to incorporate Social Security into their retirement strategies due to some common misconceptions.

So, what are some of these common misconceptions plaguing the American public?

One way to claim?

The stakes are high when it comes to claiming Social Security. The decision you make can have consequences for the rest of your life and potentially impacts the benefits of your family as well. Myriad ways to claim Social Security exist, based on things like current and past marital status, disability, employment history and age. These various claiming strategies can make a big difference in a person's bottom line, so making the right type of claim is critical.

Few know about the options when it comes to the many ways to claim Social Security. The Thrivent Financial survey found:

- * 32 percent of respondents believed that there is only one way to draw Social Security, and that is: claiming benefits on him/herself and the money he/she has paid into the program.

- * 24 percent said they could claim a couple of ways, and they are confident that they know what those ways are.

- * 32 percent said they know there are a couple of different ways to claim, but they have no idea what those are.

- * 12 percent of respondents identified that myriad ways to claim Social Security exist.

"Talking with someone who can

help figure out the best time and method to file and claim Social Security is important for a solid financial future," said Patrick Egan, a retirement spokesperson with Thrivent Financial. "Tools exist that help simulate Social Security scenarios to more accurately estimate the benefit people can receive and how it can play into an overall strategy."

The early bird doesn't get the whole worm

One of the biggest misconceptions about Social Security is that no matter when a person decides to claim, the monthly benefit amount is the same. Many don't know that waiting to claim Social Security can pay off. Most people know that individuals can start receiving Social Security benefits at age 62. But, few understand that those who start receiving benefits at 62 will get less per month than if they waited until full retirement age. Full retirement age is 66 for persons born from 1943 to 1954; it increases by two months each year for those born from 1955 to 1959; it's 67 for persons born in 1960 or later. If individuals hold off until age 70, the monthly benefit will grow even more.

When survey respondents were asked when they think they will claim Social Security:

- * 32 percent said as soon as they are eligible

- * 17 percent said they will delay as long as possible

- * 18 percent said they will claim when they will receive 100 percent of the benefit,

- * 33 percent don't know.

Of the respondents ages 55 and older, 50 percent said they would claim as soon as they were eligible; only 17 percent would wait until they would receive 100 percent of the benefit (18 percent didn't know when they would claim and 15 percent said they would wait as long as possible.)

A helpful hand; a listening ear

With all of the information floating around about Social Security, one starts to wonder where individuals are turning for information. Survey participants identified that:

- * 36 percent get Social Security information from the government website (ssa.gov).

- * 14 percent get Social Security information from his/her spouse, family or friends.

- * 9 percent get Social Security information from the media.

- * 5 percent get Social Security information from a financial advisor.

- * 36 percent said that they don't get information about Social Security at all.

When it comes to incorporating Social Security income into a financial strategy, only 14 percent of respondents said that they had discussed it with their financial advisor; 30 percent had not, and 5 percent had discussed it indirectly. Fifty-one percent disclosed that they did not have a financial advisor at the time of the survey.

"It is concerning that only 14 percent of individuals have directly discussed with a financial advisor the role Social Security will play in their retirement," said Egan. "Regardless of age, it is never too soon to start identifying various streams of retirement income and the part they may play in your future."

Planning for the future Social Security has developed a bit of a bad reputation over the past decade, but for the foreseeable future, it is expected to remain a reliable financial resource. If individuals don't take all income streams into account while planning for retirement, they may miss out on valuable options to make a financial strategy even stronger. Taking the time in the short-term to learn more about how Social Security can influence a retirement plan can have big long-term implications.

or putting something interesting up on the walls.

A kaleidoscope of color

Residential interior designer Gary McBournie recommends happy hues such as turquoise for a kitchen, chartreuse for a dining room and coral for a bedroom. Roger Hazard, a Sharon Springs, NY designer who starred in the Emmy-nominated "Sell This House," agrees that color palettes will embrace a variety of bold, punchy accent colors but also notes a seismic shift in neutrals from the "brown fatigue" of browns and beiges to bright gallery whites and truly neutral grays. Purples can be paired with accents of copper and well-worn leather in a masculine den; layered with gold, gray and white for an elegant bedroom; or highlighted against subway tile and chrome fixtures for a statement master bathroom.

Every wall has a story

Todd Imholte, president of Murals Your Way, predicts that wall murals will be even more popular next year as more homeowners and business owners embrace this unique, distinctive way to transform any room. Simple to install and remove, Murals Your Way's more than 750,000 images, along with the ability to create a personal mural from a photograph, make wall murals an attractive and affordable design trend.

It's only natural

Miami-based ASID and IIDA award-winning interior and furniture designer Bea Pila sees natural elements increasingly created into luxurious furnishings. Look for lamps embellished with geodes and natural gems, feather-adorned pillows and sharkskin as a rich table finish. Stone and stone veneers make for an interesting organic interior wall covering, says Debbie Wiener of My Designing Solutions, as do sticks gathered in groups as triptychs or propped up against the wall.

Lighten up

Lighting can make a key difference in a home by setting the atmosphere of a room or helping showcase decor elements. LED bulbs deliver the same warm glow as traditional incandescents but use 84 percent less energy and last up to 20 years, according to Maxwell Ryan, founder and CEO of Apartment Therapy. Interior design expert and InStyleModern.com

executive Maria Samuels suggests multi-tiered chandeliers and other ornamental fixtures using LED lights to give a modern twist instead of traditional artificial illumination.

The furniture forecast

Pila notes that 60s-inspired acrylic furnishings can be timeless when designed into a classic silhouette, with the pureness of the acrylic's clearness creating a striking effect. Washington, DC designer Darlene Molnar predicts that velvet sofas will be a top trend in 2014, with jewel colors or gray bringing a soft elegance to rooms after years of sharp clean lines. And furniture designer Clint Parker notes that Earth-friendly, sustainable eco-furniture is gaining steam, with new composites and fabrics such as hemp and sorghum making the concept more accessible.

Accessorize the positive

Anything goes in the world of accessories. Pila notes an African influence in lamps made of horn and Kuba cloths fashioned into pillows, rugs and blankets, while Ian Kennedy of Ruby + George touts Native American-inspired artwork, rugs and antlers passed down from generation to generation. Wiener suggests gas-fired home "fire walls" under a wall-mounted big-screen television that can serve as a source of warmth and an art focal piece.

The simple life

Internationally recognized artist and award-winning Austin designer Pablo Solomon sees a continuation of uncluttered, simple, practical, multifunctional and renewable designs. He recommends adopting the mantra "less is more" to focus on quality, not quantity, when it comes to art, rugs and furnishings. Tie interior design with outside landscape views to evoke a feeling of openness and flow from the inside out.

What's old is new again

Los Angeles-based Linda Brettler, AIA, suggests finding creative ways to repurpose, recycle and reuse by relocating pieces from other rooms in the house or seeking out older, better-made items from architectural salvage sites. Salvaged or antique tiles can give an authentic patina to a historic home, and Brettler recommends mixing tile and stone so the look isn't so intense.

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Finding your comfort zone

According to Elissa Morgante, principal at Morgante Wilson Architects in Chicago, people are moving toward much more casual and interactive living. This translates into making all rooms in the home inviting and multi-functional, to foster togetherness in comfortable spaces that will actually be used.

Hazard adds that practicality and individuality will dominate next year, with upholstery expected to bring presence and sophistication while still delivering all-day comfort.

FLIP-FLOPS AND SNOW

DON'T MIX: WINTER FOOT-HEALTH ADVICE

(BPT) - The holidays are over, but most regions of the country face a few more months of winter. Whether you're slogging through deep snow and sub-zero temperatures in the north, or contending with dampness, chill and muddy conditions in the south, it's important to take care of your feet all winter long. You'll want them to be healthy and ready for action when spring finally arrives.

Most Americans will have walked 75,000 miles by the time they turn 50, according to the American Podiatric Medical Association. Is it little wonder, then, that the APMA's 2010 foot health survey found that foot pain affects the daily activities - walking, exercising or standing for long periods of time - of a majority of Americans?

"Each season presents unique challenges to foot health," says

Dr. Matthew Garoufalis, a podiatrist and APMA president. "Surveys and research tell us that foot health is intrinsic to overall health, so protecting feet all year long is vital to our overall well-being."

The APMA offers some advice for keeping feet healthy in common winter scenarios:

* Winter is skiing and snowboarding season, activities enjoyed by nearly 10 million Americans, according to the National Ski Areas Association. Never ski or snowboard in footwear other than ski boots specifically designed for that purpose. Make sure your boots fit properly; you should be able to wiggle your toes, but the boots should immobilize the heel, instep and ball of your foot. You can use orthotics (support devices that go inside shoes) to help control the foot's movement inside ski boots or ice skates.

* Committed runners don't need to let the cold stop them. A variety of warm, light-weight, moisture-wicking active wear available at most running or sporting goods stores helps ensure runners stay warm and dry in bitter temperatures. However, some runners may compensate for icy conditions by altering how their foot strikes the ground. Instead of changing your footstrike pattern, shorten your stride to help maintain stability. And remember, it's more important than ever to stretch before you begin your run. Cold weather can make you less flexible in winter than you are in summer, so it's important to warm muscles up before running.

* Boots are must-have foot-

wear in winter climates, especially when dealing with winter precipitation. Between the waterproof material of the boots themselves and the warm socks you wear to keep toes toasty, you may find your feet sweat a lot. Damp, sweaty feet can chill more easily and are more prone to bacterial infections. To keep feet clean and dry, consider using foot powder inside socks and incorporating extra foot baths into your foot care regimen this winter.

* Be size smart. It may be tempting to buy pricey specialty footwear (like winter boots or ski boots) for kids in a slightly larger size, thinking they'll be able to get two seasons of wear out of them. But unlike coats that kids can grow into, footwear needs to fit properly right away. Properly fitted skates and boots can help prevent blisters, chafing and ankle or foot injuries. Likewise, if socks are too small they can force toes to bunch together, and that friction can cause painful blisters or corns.

Finally - and although this one seems like it should go without saying, it bears spelling out - don't try to tip-toe through winter snow, ice and temperatures in summer-appropriate footwear.

"More than one news show across the country aired images of people in sneakers, sandals and even flip-flops during the severe cold-snap that hit the country in early January," Garoufalis says. "Exposing feet to extreme temperatures means risking frostbite and injury. Choose winter footwear that will keep your feet warm, dry and well-supported."

school officials.

According to a Thomson Reuters survey, 36 percent of parents would turn to law enforcement if they learned that their child was the victim of cyber bullying threats and attacks versus 29 percent of parents who said they would first go to their local school officials.

One reason that parents may hesitate going to their local school officials is that 30 percent of U.S. parents don't know if their child's school has a policy addressing cyber bullying.

In a related survey of U.S. law enforcement professionals conducted by Thomson Reuters in conjunction with PoliceOne.com, 48 percent of law enforcement agencies report that time spent investigating cyber bullying, bullying and school violence has dramatically increased over the past two years. Yet, most law enforcement agencies feel ill equipped to effectively investigate these cases, with 76 percent reporting that training to handle cyber bullying complaints has been insufficient.

"Though cyber bullying is a challenging issue for students, parents, school officials and law enforcement, these statistics suggest that people want to work together to understand the issue, protect kids from cyber bullying, and help kids understand the serious consequences of participating in cyber bullying," says Jason Thomas, manager of Innovation for Thomson Reuters.

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(BPT) - Running a household doesn't have to be a chore, especially when it comes to laundry. To get your laundry room in tip-top shape, consider the following tips:

* Create a stain removal station - There might be grass stains on your child's sports jersey or din-

ner stains from the last party you hosted. Even if you don't treat the stains immediately, keep those items separated at your station so you don't have to sort the laundry when it comes time to run it.

* Keep everything at your fingertips - When all of your laundry supplies are haphazardly stored, you can spend too much time trying to find something. That's why it's important to organize your space so you can easily grab the detergent, liquid softener or dryer sheets while your arms are full. Easy access and convenience are found in some of the newest top load washers like a model from LG with an innovative design that places the control panel on the front of the machine. Just set the washer to the desired cycle and turn it on with the push of a finger - no leaning over the machine to get to the back panel.

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Benton County; ask those poor souls about the new "quality" of country living they have to either accept or sell out at 25% to 45% property value losses.

That electricity from wind turbines is neither "green" nor economical, has long ago been proven. That these companies would not exist without massive subsidies and tax breaks from the Production Tax Credit and forty-two different other government offices and agencies is well-understood. We can talk about the overall scam another time.

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