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Thought for the Week: Don't rule out working with your hands. It does not preclude using your head. Andy Rooney

THE ORPHAN TRAIN

Opens at the Pulse February 26

They came to lead simple, very normal lives, raising families, becoming good citizens; many became successful business owners, doctors, lawyers, mayors of cities and esteemed public servants. They were statesmen, ministers, educators and social workers. They all shared one thing in common: They rode the Orphan Train to Indiana from the hopelessness and despair and the crime and disease-ridden streets of New York.

By the 1850s, in New York City alone, as many as thirty-thousand children were roaming the streets, homeless. Charles Loring Brace, the founder of The Children's Aid Society, believed that there was a way to change the futures of these children. By removing youngsters from the poverty and debauchery of the city streets and placing them in morally upright farm families, he thought they would have a chance of escaping a lifetime of suffering. Brace's idea would involve placing the children on trains, "Orphan Trains" that would carry them to the Midwest to farms, where they could do farming work and other chores and have homes with fostering families.

Now, the Pulse Opera House is telling the story of The Orphan Train. The play shows a series of vignettes that depict the children's stories, their arrival at the Train stops, and the people who came to pick and choose which kids would go home with them. It is a sometimes humorous story but always poignant and compelling; often emotional beyond words. It is a telling of a story that few people know and one that ought to be told again and again.

For more information about orphan trains, check out the Pulse Facebook page "Orphan Train at the Pulse." There you will find local stories, more background information and articles about the show. If you have stories about orphan trains and their riders, feel free to add them to the page. Be sure to "like" the page so you won't miss anything!

Performances are scheduled for Feb. 26, 27, 28 & March 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 p.m. Sunday shows are at 4:00 p.m. Reservations may be made online at www.pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at 260-375-7017.

SPRING GARDEN PARTY

If you've spent your winter studying seed and plant catalogs and dreaming of warm gardening weather, the Purdue Master Gardeners of Grant County have just what you need. The Spring Garden Party on March 5th will be a great opportunity to erase those winter blues and plan for a great gardening season.

We've scheduled a variety of speakers with a wide range of topics. Learn how to recycle wooden pallets and utilize in the garden, take a virtual trip to a Pioneer Heritage Garden full of heirloom and native plants, and experience Marion's own Proven Winner's™ Signature Garden. We'll also learn about vernal pools: temporary pools of water that provide distinctive habitats for a variety of wildlife (similar to wetlands, but on a smaller scale). A Purdue Extension Specialist will explain the concept of Rainscaping and how to design plantings and water features to improve water quality and reduce runoff.

Our theme for 2016 is Rain Drops, Recycling, and Renewing. To follow the theme, we will have optional recycling craft project sessions and even a session on worm composting. Participants will receive everything they need to start their own composting at home!

Vendors will be an important part of the day. There will be plenty of opportunities to shop for gardening related

items, recycled crafts, and more. We still have a few openings for vendors, so contact us soon if interested.

Registration and more information regarding the Spring Garden Party can be found at www.extension.purdue.edu/grant, by emailing at cluppers@purdue.edu, or call Purdue Extension-Grant County at (765)651-2413. You do not need to be a Master Gardener to attend! The program will run from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Grant County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is required.

SWITCHUP BENEFIT

The annual benefit for the SwitchUp Youth Center in Van Buren will be held Saturday, March 12th from 4-7 p.m. A Tenderloin Supper and Silent Auction will be held at Eastbrook North Elementary in Van Buren. Tenderloins by Van Buren Lions Club. Adult tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-10 and 4 and under eat FREE.

All proceeds go to SwitchUp Youth.

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR SEMINAR

Workshops will be held for crop growers on Thursday February 25. The sessions will be held at two different locations including Heritage Hall at the Huntington Co. Fairgrounds and at the Allen County Extension Office located at 4001 Crescent Ave. in Fort Wayne, IN.

Topics will include:

- Tools for Managing Problem Weeds
- Using Precision Application for Pesticide and Fertilizer Setbacks
- Pollinator Protection Plan - "Bee Aware!"

Speakers for the program will be Travis Legleiter, Purdue Extension Weed Specialist along with Ed Farris and James Wolff, Purdue Extension Educators. Light refreshments will be served at each location.

The Allen County program will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.). RSVP by 2/22/16 @ 260-481-6826 or e-mail jmwolff@purdue.edu. Note that seating is limited at this location.

The Huntington County program will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.). RSVP by 2/22/16 @ 260-358-4826 or e-mail emfarris@purdue.edu.

These workshops have been approved as Indiana Private Applicator Recertification Programs. A \$10 fee is required for those who wish to obtain recertification credit for attending the program. Attendees who wish to obtain credit are reminded to bring their Indiana Private Pesticide Applicator license number with them.

Individuals with an Indiana Private Pesticide Applicator license can find more information about scheduled recertification programs on-line by visiting this Website:

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RETIREMENT: MAYBE NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

from the American Counseling Association

Not that long ago, retirement for almost everyone meant the end of that daily commute and free time to take up hobbies, travel or simply enjoying life at home. While many retirees are still doing such things, there has also been a considerable change in how and when people retire.

Some of that is due to financial necessity. The age to collect Social Security benefits has risen and the private retirement savings of many were reduced by the recession of 2008, which also helped lower the value of many homes, most folks' biggest financial investment.

But it isn't always financial factors that have kept millions of Americans over the age of 65 in the workforce.

For many, the reality of retirement can be challenging, even frightening. Retirement usually means losing or limiting contact with former colleagues. It can also make one feel like there is less direction to one's life. Whatever one's job, there was always things to be accomplished, even with self-set goals. With retirement such goals can disappear. A person may also feel a loss of identity since he or she is no longer a teacher, or an office manager or whatever the profession was.

For some people none of that is a problem, but for others it's helpful to take steps to ease the way into retirement. If money and emotional issues are going to be a problem, part-time work might bridge the gap. Car services such as Uber and Lyft now provide many older drivers a means to earn extra money while staying active and involved with people.

Or past work experience might be helpful to a local business as a part-time employee or as a consultant. And if extra money isn't your motivation, volunteer opportunities are always available with local schools, libraries, city governments, senior centers and civic groups.

Is staying active in retirement a good idea? It sure is, whether it's continuing to work or taking up a hobby. Staying active can help you feel productive and give direction to your retirement years. And it may even help you stay healthier and avoid elderly disabilities, according to several studies.

If facing retirement is something that has you nervous and scared, you might also consider visiting a professional counselor. A counselor can help you examine the options open to you, and can assist you in understanding your feelings, desires and goals for your retirement.

Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

<p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 Harold Smith, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00p.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - Heath Jones Youth Leader - Kelly Jones</p> <p>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</p> <p>Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA Pastor Wayne Couch 260/515-2517</p> <p>Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Matt Kennedy, Pastor</p> <p>Worship Service 9:00a.m. Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE Chaplain Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Monday thru Friday Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Rev Mark Davis Bus Service 375-2510 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873 Paul Burris, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 3147 W 543 S, Huntington 468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 Aaron Westfall, Pastor</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 Pastor Chad Yoder</p> <p>Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt.</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 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"</p> <p>Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45-11:30a.m. Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Come as you are for all services</p> <p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 Jill Miller, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m.</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</p> <p>Worship9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p>	<p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 Pastor Scott Nedberg Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons</p> <p>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</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Slater, Pastor Jim Knight, Superintendent</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 Pastor Cindy Osgood</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 am The Highway (2nd Service) 11:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 pm Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm</p> <p>www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Ethan T Stivers, Minister Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries</p> <p>www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</p> <p>Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School11 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</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Youth Directors Peter & Mindy Fairchild</p> <p>Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p</p> <p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Richard Ladouceur 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes9:30 am Youth Group6:00 pm Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm</p>
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<https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/ppp>.

If you have questions, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 1340 S. Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

SERV SAFE CLASSES

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Adams County will be offering a Retail Food Certification class on March 1 and March 8, 2016 at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, IN. This is for food handlers who need to obtain a Retail Food Certificate. The sixteen-hour class will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days. The exam will be administered from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM on March 8, 2016.

A photo ID with signature is required to take the exam. The cost of the class with exam is \$155.00. The cost to take the exam only is \$50.00. Pre-registration is required by February 27, 2016 in order to receive a textbook and avoid a \$20.00 late fee.

Walk-ins will not receive a textbook. English and Spanish exams are available per registration. To register call 1-800-678-1957, or go to www.indianarestaurants.org and click on ServSafe Food Handler Training on the right side of the page.

For more information call Nancy E. Manuel, Adams County Extension Educator, at 260-724-5322. The class will be held at the Adams Memorial Hospital- Decatur

Room #1, 1100 Mercer Avenue, Decatur, IN.

Instructors:
Nancy Manuel, HHS Extension Educator, Adams County Extension Office
Molly Hoag, HHS Extension Educator, Wells County Extension Office
Jessica Bergdall, Environmental Health Specialist, Wells County Health Department

PORK CHOP DINNER

Wells County 4-H will be hosting a Pork Chop Dinner fund raiser on Sunday, March 6, 11 AM – 2 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

The meal will include: BBQ Pork Chop, baked potato, green beans, dessert and drink. Cost is \$8 pre-sale or \$10 at the door. Carry-out meals will be available.

Advance tickets are available from 4-H Club Leaders, 4-H Association Directors, and at the Wells County Extension Office located at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the new Restroom Building that is scheduled to begin construction this spring at the 4-H Park. 4-H has raised 80% of its goal for the project and plans to complete the \$105,000 fund drive by July 1st.

For more information on how to help, contact Kent Ulmer, 260-417-3954 or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

SWINE BOOSTERS

The Huntington County Swine Boosters will meet on Wednesday February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Huntington Co. Courthouse Annex Conference Room. The discussion items include property improvements and the May 22 swine open show. For more information, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 1340 South Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

Do you like science and think it is FUN? Do you like sharing your knowledge with younger youth in a FUN way? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

What will we do? We are going to be offering a new opportunity – Science Ambassadors. Each session we will do a different science activity/experiment.

In the fall of 2016 we will do the national science day experiment (dates and locations to be determined by the group).

We will offer the activities that we learn in our workshops to 4-H clubs, school classrooms, after-school groups, etc. These presentations will be optional. We MAY offer some demonstrations at the 4-H Fair (again – this will be up to the group to determine).

When will we meet? 5 – 6:30 p.m. March 14, March

28, April 11, April 25, May 9 and May 23.

Where will we meet? In the Extension Office at the Courthouse Annex.

How much does it cost? If you are already a PAID member of 4-H – it is FREE! If you are NOT a 4-H member – there is a \$15 fee.

Current 4-H members: you can sign up through 4-H online. Select Spark Science as your club and the project “Science Ambassadors”.

If you are NOT a 4-H member, contact the Extension Office at 260-358-4826.

Please sign up by March 9.

PHARMACY PLANS

This year, 2016, a number of Pharmacy Insurance Plans have chosen, once again, to allow the Warren Pharmacy to fill your prescriptions. The Cigna Commercial insurance and the Cigna Medicare Part D Pharmacy Prescription Drug Plan, will continue to work with us and allow us to process prescription claims! Also, the Cigna-Healthspring Part D Prescription Drug Plan works with us and allows us to process prescription claims!

We are constantly striving to fulfil all of the regulatory requirements and contractual agreements with Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Insurance Companies so that you may receive quality pharmaceutical care from your local Pharmacist, Terry

Daniels P.D., and our experienced staff.

It pays to visit the Warren Pharmacy (260) 375-2135.

TRI KAPPA

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa met on February 2nd 2016 at the home of Karen Pinkerton. Roll call was taken with eight members present. They were as follows, Rita Bolinger, Courtney Sewell, Erin Small, Karen Pinkerton, Debbie Ledbetter, Stacia Perry, Wendy Laymon and Andrea McQueen.

The meeting was called to order by President Courtney Sewell at 6:45 p.m.. The minutes were read by Secretary Wendy Laymon and were approved as read. Karen Pinkerton read the January's treasures report and will stand until audited. Corresponding Secretary Rita Bolinger read a letter from the Riley Cheer Guild, explaining their intentions for the year and what they will be doing with donated money.

Spring fundraising ideas were discussed again. Karen Pinkerton made a motion to selling See's chocolate eggs before Easter. The motion was passed and seconded. Please keep this in mind when putting your Easter baskets together. We will have a variety of individually boxed chocolate eggs for sale in mid March.

New Business: It was discussed whether or not to participate in the Salamonie Summer Festival. A disc golf event is being tossed around at this time. Erin Small researched information on carrying insurance for food preparation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with an exchange of Valentine treats. The next meeting will be on March 1st at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Megan Mondragon.

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 canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Feb 17	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Mar 2	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce at Assembly Hall
Mar 2	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Mar 13		Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar 14	5:30p	W - Town Council, Assembly Hall
Mar 16	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Mar 21	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Mar 27		Easter Sunday
Apr 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce at Assembly Hall

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
These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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SIGMA PHI IS 70

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority has been located in Warren, IN since January 5, 1946. We currently have 17 active members of which 4 are 50 year Life Members, 7 are 25 year Life Members and 6 are Active Members. We also have 4 inactive members and 3 associate members.

Through the years we have been very active in the community by having several money making projects each year, with our total profits given back to the community.

On Saturday, March 12th we will be holding a Celebration of Through the Years in Sigma Phi. This will be held at Heritage Pointe from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Calico Room.

We wish to invite all the former members of Beta Delta Chapter to be our guests to reminisce and have a good time. We hope to see all of you.

YOU CAN GO BACK

Governor Mike Pence and Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers joined Indiana business and local government leaders today to kick off "You Can. Go Back."— a coordinated campaign to help 750,000 Hoosier adults who have some college credit but no degree finish what they started. The statewide effort is a key strategy in reaching Indiana's goal to increase the percentage of Hoosiers with education beyond high school to 60 percent by 2025.

"There are 750,000 Hoosier adults who started working toward a degree or credential that will help them in their professional lives but for one reason or another, they had to put their education on hold," said Governor Pence. "What

we are doing here today is telling these Hoosiers, 'We can help. And yes, you can go back.' We want to improve the quality of our workforce, and help put Hoosiers on a path to even greater success. To achieve this goal, it is imperative that we look beyond our K-12 pipeline. Our 'You Can. Go Back.' campaign will encourage a continuing education that helps working Hoosiers meet the qualifications of the fastest growing, high-wage jobs that will provide opportunity and improve lives."

With support from state lawmakers and Indiana colleges, the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) is reaching out directly to prospective returning adults and easing their transition back to college with a variety of special programs and incentives, including \$1,000 scholarships through a \$7.5 million state grant, flexible class schedules and online courses, college credit for work and military experience, grade- and debt-forgiveness programs, and tuition discounts.

"Many adults who started a degree or credential but didn't finish have a strong desire to return to college, but they don't know where to start," CHE Commissioner Lubbers said. "You Can. Go Back. will guide students through the process of returning to school and give them the support they need to be successful."

This month, thousands of former college students will receive messages in their mailboxes and email inboxes highlighting the benefits of completing their degree and directing them to resources designed to support their return to school. At YouCanGoBack.org, Hoosiers

will be matched to college programs based on their interests and career goals before being connected to dedicated "You Can. Go Back." campus ambassadors at well-matched colleges.

Indiana state leaders have called upon businesses and local communities as essential partners in the "You Can. Go Back." campaign. Columbus Mayor Jim Lienhoop took part in today's official campaign launch, highlighting the importance of postsecondary education to the economic vitality of cities and towns.

"Approximately 20 percent of adults—about 35,000 people ages 25-64 in our southeast Indiana workforce region—have some college but no degree. Employers in our community are in desperate need of highly skilled people to fill jobs, especially in the advanced manufacturing and health care sectors, which makes up nearly 50 percent of our workforce," Lienhoop said. "The City of Columbus strongly supports 'You Can. Go Back.' because of its potential to help meet this workforce need."

As part of the "You Can. Go Back." roll-out, CHE gathered input from Indiana businesses on what types of education benefits they currently offer employees and what challenges they face in providing or expanding those benefits. Comcast was the partnering business for the "You Can. Go Back." announcement. The company already offers employees \$5,750 in annual tuition reimbursement support, but Comcast is also working to expand education benefits.

"The state is stepping up to make sure this opportunity exists for Hoosiers, but it is incumbent upon the businesses in Indiana to make sure that we provide a path that leads directly to a better educated workforce," said Mike Wilson, Comcast Indiana Public Relations Director.

As one of the largest employers in our state, Governor Pence has directed the State Personnel Department to share information about "You Can. Go Back." with state employees. State agencies such as the Department of Workforce Development and the Family and Social Services Administration are helping publicize the effort across the state in local WorkOne and Division of Family Resources offices.

Learn more about "You Can. Go Back." at YouCanGoBack.org and related resources for returning adults at LearnMoreIndiana.org/adult-learners.

JR LEADER JOG

The 3rd annual Jr Leader Jog will be held April 16, 2016 at the Blackford County 4-H Grounds. Registration at 9am race at 10am. Early Bird Fee: \$15 before March 21st

Late Registration: \$30 after March 21st until Race Day.

Registration forms at Blackford County Purdue Extension Office.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Kent Abernathy, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), announced that Ride Safe Indiana (RSI), the BMV's authorized motorcycle safety program, will officially launch at the Boat, Sport and Travel

Show's Motorcycle Expo this weekend.

"Our new motorcycle safety program, Ride Safe Indiana, was created to not only train more motorcyclists, but to educate all motorists on the road to help decrease motorcycle accidents and fatalities," Abernathy said. "Hoosiers can sign up for motorcycle safety courses right at our RSI booth and our staff will be on site to answer any questions about the new program."

RSI offers basic rider courses and advanced rider courses from 16 providers across Indiana and registration is available all season at RideSafeIndiana.com. More than 200 new motorcycles were added to the BMV's training fleet as well as two three-wheeled motorcycles available now for safety training courses.

Along with having a booth at the Motorcycle Expo from Feb. 19 – 21, the BMV will have a booth and mobile license branch set up in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion throughout the Boat, Sport and Travel Show (Feb. 19 – 28). Customers can complete transactions, speak to BMV staff and try our driving simulator.

Tickets to the Boat, Sport and Travel Show include same-day admission to the Motorcycle Expo. For ticket and general information, visit IndianapolisBoatSportandTravelShow.com. To register for a motorcycle safety course or for more information about RSI, visit RideSafeIndiana.com.



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GENEALOGY REPORT

HUFFMAN

Maralene M. Huffman, 88, of Bluffton, passed away at 3:10 a.m. on her 88th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Mrs. Huffman was born on Feb. 13, 1928, in Wells County to Ellis L. Braner and Gladys May (Hurst) Braner. She attended Pennville High School and worked at Franklin Electric for 23 ½ years in Bluffton. She has been a member of the First Church of Christ in Bluffton since 1957.

On Feb. 26, 1946, at her parents' home in Jay County, Maralene and Homer Huffman were married. They shared nearly 70 years together. They have enjoyed traveling, visiting all of the 50 states, and spending their winters in Arizona for 19 years.

She is survived by her husband, Homer of Warren, a lifetime resident of Bluffton, along with a daughter, Brenda Sue Sprunger of Uniondale, and a daughter-in-law, Linda Huffman of Bluffton. She had five grandchildren: Rob Huffman, Carrie Franze, Abby Maralene Huffman, Breanna Sprunger and Jacoby Sprunger; and two great-grandchildren, Isabella Franze and Luke Sprunger.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jerry D. Huffman, and siblings Ellis Junior Braner, Pauline Bisel and Marguerite Chrisman.

A service to celebrate Maralene's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Larry Sprinkle will officiate.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the funeral home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to First Church of Christ for the Grundy Children's Home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.



60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Evelyn Thompson will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on February 18th with a private family dinner. A surprise party, hosted by their children, was held in their honor on February 7th at the Cottage Event Center in Roanoke, IN.

James Allen Thompson and Evelyn Janiece (Hedrick) Thompson were married on February 18, 1956 at the Jefferson Methodist Church. Mr. Thompson retired from Yeoman Engineering and Mrs. Thompson was a realtor in Huntington County. They lived in Warren for 32 years before moving to rural Huntington in 1990.

The Thompsons are the parents of three children – Dan (Debbie) Thompson, Julie (Mark) Featherston, and Amy (Neil) Kissell. They also have seven grandchildren – Andy (Ashley) Thompson, Matthew Thompson, Colin, Caleb & Kelsey Featherston, Alyssa (Kenny) Plisco, Ian Kissell and one great-grandson, Otto Jay Thompson.

The couple enjoys traveling, visiting with friends, spending time at the lake and following the activities of their grandchildren.



50TH ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Cynthia Bonham of Warren will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House on Sunday, February 21st.

The celebration will be held in the Fults Recreation Room at Heritage Pointe in Warren from 2 to 4 p.m. Guests are asked to omit gifts.

They were married February 20, 1966 at the Warren Church of Christ with Rev. William Weaver officiating.

They are the parents of Rose Ann Carroll and the late Brian Myers, and daughter in law Lana Myers. Grandchildren are Lindsey (Adam) Blinn, Amy (Mike) Vance, Leslie (Eric) Snively, Haley (Pako) Portas Leon, Wesley (Kilee) Carroll and Kelsey Carroll. Also great grandchildren Mahria (Cam) Green, Elijah Vance, Kate Snively, Sam Snively, Brooklyn Blinn and Carter Blinn.

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INDIANA POLAND 4-H EXCHANGE

Indiana 4-H members will have the opportunity to travel to Poland and live with a 4-H host family for ten days this summer.

Fifteen teens and five adults will represent Indiana and have the opportunity to learn about the culture of Poland and participate in some 4-H activities. The exchange will include approximately two weeks between June 20 and July 5, 2016.

Cost of the trip is \$1800 for youth. Scholarships are available in most counties to assist with a portion of the cost.

Applications are available from any of the Purdue Extension offices. Forms are due March 1, 2016.

For more information, contact the Wells County Extension office, 824-6412 or go to www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

GARDENS OF MATTER PARK

Did you know there's a nationally award-winning public garden right in our own backyard? The Gardens of

Matter Park is located on the north side of Marion, Indiana. The six acre site is an oasis of beauty, peace and tranquility in a metropolitan area. The location was originally used as a softball field and parking lot in the city's largest park until a large amount of work and vision turned it into the nationally award-winning public garden it is today. Through this hard work and the support of the city administration and countless volunteers, The Gardens of Matter Park have become a go-to place in this part of the state for weddings, receptions, family outings and the like. With over 24 separate flower gardens full of more than 5,000 annuals and 225 perennials, water features, statuary, topiary, a butterfly garden and way station, beautiful shade trees and lush turf, The Gardens of Matter Park is truly a jewel for the surrounding areas.

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what a beautiful statement large planted areas can make. The butterfly garden has been designated a “Monarch Way Station”, and in its first year alone, over 450 caterpillars were gathered from native plants in the garden. These were all released as butterflies right back into the garden to continue pollinating and delighting young and old.

Utilizing The Gardens in many different ways is ongoing. Besides the weddings, receptions, etc, there are educational opportunities each month with the Gardens Education Series. Directed to children and adults alike, the topics range from beekeeping to creating your own annual baskets to bats and birding.

An annual festival, “An Evening In The Gardens”, is held each July. Combining the art experience and the beauty of The Gardens has become a great attraction. With over 50 artisan vendors and more than 2,000 in attendance, this event lets the public come together to enjoy the atmosphere of The Gardens in a unique way and create lasting memories.

Take a short drive and come see what The Gardens of Matter Park are all about. Just off State Road 9 (the bypass) at N Quarry Road. It’s free and open to the public 365 days of the year. Check us out on Facebook at Gardens of Matter Park!

DABBING

There is a new drug trend currently sweeping the country called “dabbing,” which refers to marijuana wax, oil, or concentrates. These concentrates are the extracted resins from green leafy marijuana which can raise the THC content from

the typical 15% THC to 60-90% THC. A single inhalation of concentrate delivers the THC equivalent to 3-10 inhalations of herbal cannabis. Street names include “dabs,” “butter,” “budder,” “amber,” “honey,” “oil,” or “BHO,” which stands for “Butane Honey Oil” or “Butane Hash Oil.” Concentrates that look like amber-colored glass shards are called “shatter.”

In addition to incredibly high THC, marijuana concentrates have non-traditional and sometimes dangerous symptoms as well. Side effects from dabbing include intense coughing, sweating like you just ran a mile, and extreme tiredness. Some users report more severe side effects, such as hallucinations, passing out, extreme highs (even from small portions), and high levels of impairment. Even Tommy Chong of “Cheech and Chong” has commented on the hazards of dabbing.

Concentrates are commonly extracted using butane (when run through the dry herbal marijuana buds, it extracts the THC). The watery/waxy THC is then heated to bubble off the butane. The use of butane is not the only method to create concentrates, but it is the most popular. Using butane has caused multiple explosions all over the country. These explosions have severely burned and even killed people of all ages, nationwide. The explosions are also causing serious structural damage to their property and neighboring properties.

Once packaged, this product can simply look like a small portion of wax. High school students conceal the waxy BHO by placing it in Carmex lip balm containers and taking it to school. Concentrates can also be laced with other drugs

or put into various food products. Obviously, this changes the delivery method and makes identification more difficult.

To smoke the marijuana concentrate, the person uses a specific bong or pipe called an “Oil Rig,” or many people use a device that looks like a standard e-cigarette, but is specific to concentrates and oils. These devices have electric heating sources and are made for smoking wax, oil, dry herbal marijuana or shatter. These e-cigarettes are very discrete and can be hard to identify as drug paraphernalia since they put off very little odor. Another tool used for the extracts is referred to as a dabber, which is a small rod that is made of either glass or metal and it is used to scoop the dose into the device being used.

Clothing and other items are being marketed with “710” on them. 710 is the word “OIL” turned upside down, referring to dabbing. This term is similar to the street level term of 420 which is the universal time to smoke marijuana.

The “dabbing” movement is quickly moving into our communities. As this trend’s popularity continues to skyrocket with individuals of all ages, we need to continue to educate ourselves on the trend and dangers of “dabbing.”

For more information, please visit us on Facebook at Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts - LACE.

COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING TESTED

(StatePoint) March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month, and the perfect time to think about colon health.

Unfortunately, less than half of people aged 50 and older get tested for colon cancer. But early detection can save lives. Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in the US, yet it has a 90 percent cure rate when detected early, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS).

“We say the best screening is the one that actually gets done,” says Dr. Judy Yee, professor and vice chair of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging at University of California, San Francisco.

CT Colonography (CTC) or “virtual colonoscopy” -- a less invasive, safe and sedation-free alternative to the colonoscopy -- is increasing colorectal screening rates. CTC uses high-tech, low-dose X-rays to produce moving images of the colon, which doctors examine to detect colorectal cancer and precancerous polyps.

If you’re interested in avoiding a colonoscopy, but want to get the screening needed to verify your colorectal health, consider the following about CTC, an ACS recommended screening test:

- **Comprehensiveness:** The exam can detect abnormalities outside of the colon, including early-stage cancers in the liver, kidney and lungs, and can pinpoint potentially dangerous conditions, like aneurysms. In this way, it serves as two or even more detection tests in one.

- **Accuracy:** CTC is just as accurate as a colonoscopy for detecting clinically significant polyps and cancers; however, you don’t have to undergo sedation. There’s no need to take time off work or have

someone drive you from the hospital.

- **Affordability:** This exam costs a fraction of the price of a standard colonoscopy and is covered by several major insurers. Your insurance company can verify whether CTC is covered under your plan.

- **Non-Invasive:** While a colonoscopy is the standard procedure, there is a small risk of serious complications associated with the test. However, CTC is non-invasive, as no needles or scopes enter the body. Only a small tube is placed in the bottom of the colon to help distend the colon for viewing.

- **Improved Screening Rates:** Availability of CTC screening significantly boosts colorectal cancer screening rates, according to studies at National Military Medical Centers in Bethesda, MD, and San Diego.

The US Preventive Services Task Force recently released draft recommendations naming CTC as an “alternative screening test,” and Medicare is currently reviewing coverage of this test in order to provide seniors with a lifesaving alternative.

Bottom line: not enough people are getting screened for colon cancer. Whatever screening alternative you prefer, make sure you schedule this vital appointment and encourage loved ones to do the same.

DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD NEED A GENERATOR?

WHAT TO CONSIDER

(StatePoint) With increasingly volatile weather patterns and a growing reliance on technology, more people are becoming familiar with the benefits of having a back-up generator at home. But beyond the importance of immediate back-up power in the event of an outage, a generator can have many other benefits in your life -- at home and when you’re on-the-go.

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- Go Camping or Hunting: Take your campsite to the next level. Even if you're roughing it, you'll be happy to be able to charge the gadgets and keep the music going at your campsite. For ease of travel, consider a lightweight inverter generator designed for mobility. Inverters provide fuel efficiency, clean power for sensitive electronics, and a quiet motor that won't bug

fellow campers at neighboring campsites.

- On the Water: A backup generator can make your next boating trip a more comfortable experience. Just be sure to follow safety precautions -- never operate your generator in an enclosed or wet space.
- Tailgating: Cold pizza never hurt anybody, but you can do better than that at your next tailgate party. And a backup generator can assist you with this culinary effort. Whether you're blending up a batch of margaritas, or keeping the chili steaming throughout the day, you'll be glad to have a source of long-term power.
- Shopping for a generator: When shopping for a generator, make an informed

consumer decision with a little groundwork. First, determine your wattage requirements by listing the running watts and starting watts for each device you intend to power at once, and add them together. Other factors to consider are the type of fuel you prefer and what your generator's primary use will be -- whether that's home emergencies, RV road trips or tailgate parties.

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FROM THE HUNTINGTON EVENING HERALD

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For Huntington there were seven in the consignment today. They were called by number, and seven little fellows, in age from two to ten or eleven, were handed out. One little fellow came from the car crying, possibly sad to leave his nurse and the kind care of those with whom he had become acquainted. Or possibly he was being separated from a brother or sister or close companion.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hesting, living near the Whitley line, got a bright two-year-old boy. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Myers of Goblesville, who have already raised half a dozen children, found room for a girl aged nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Homier of this city took another child. There were three others. Still there were some who could not be brought in this consignment, Mr. White declaring he had brought too many for one trip with the number coming. Others will be brought later. Four were booked for delivery to Lagro.



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There were also youth who will receive 4-H Lanyards for their honorable mention entries. They are: Marianne Christman, Nicholas Christman, Benjamin Christman, Emma Bradford, Grace Bradford, Carter Zezula, and Landon Zezula.





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