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Mission Statement

To promote a strong
business and industrial
climate for Chamber
members through a
partnership with businesses
and the Miami County
community.

Service Organizations Calendar

Peru Kiwanis Club

Every Second and Fourth Thursday
11:45 am

Beef O'Brady's

Peru Lions Club

Every First and Third Tuesday
6:30 pm

First Baptist Church

Peru Rotary Club

Every Tuesday
12 Noon at First Christian Church Firehouse

Substance Abuse Prevention Council

4th Monday of each month
12 noon at Miami County YMCA

Harvesting Capabilities

Fourth Thursday of month
1:30 pm at Riverview Event Center Community
Room

**MIAMI COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BRINGS YOU:**

**FIRST FRIDAY
MARCH 1st
APRIL 5th**

Held at **Aroma Coffee Shop**
61 North Broadway, Peru

8:00 am to 9:00 am

Coffee and donuts will be served.
There is no fee to attend, just show up and take this
opportunity to mingle with other Chamber members!

For more information, contact the Chamber at 765-472-1923

TOURISM TIDBITS

Tourism promotes Miami County's attractions, museums, events/festivals along with shopping and dining through festival guides, travel guides and group travel guides. We promote in local magazines and state and out of state publications. We are proud of our community and are promoting all that we have to offer. You can't see and do Miami County in a day...so Stay and Play!

If you are interested in finding out what is going on in Miami County or are an attraction or museum and would like to be more involved with tourism, you are invited to attend our tourism meetings. We meet quarterly and the next meeting is Wednesday, March 13th starting with breakfast at 8 am and then the meeting starts at 8:30 am and ends at 9:30 am. We meet at the Best Western Hotel in Peru. For more information, please call the tourism office at 765-472-1923.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 1st & 2nd – Ole Olsen Theatre presents “Wait Until Dark.” Friday & Saturday shows will be at 7:30 pm. For more information call 765-472-3680.

March 2nd – Richvalley Lions Club Tenderloin Day at Richvalley Community center, 56 Mill St. Richvalley. Serving from 11 am to 7 pm; cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 5 to 12 and children under 5 are FREE. Menu is tenderloins, baked potato, baked beans and applesauce. ALL YOU CAN EAT (Dine in only) Carry-Outs are available. Bring your used eye glasses, cell phones, & ink cartridges will be accepted for recycling.

March 2nd – 2019 Miami County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner Guests are: Congresswoman Jackie Walorski & State Senator Randy Head at the Miami County 4-H Community Building doors open at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. Full Table Sponsorship \$250 and includes 8 tickets and recognition; half table \$125 and includes 4 tickets and recognition. Individual tickets are \$25 per person. Please RSVP by calling Chairman Ethan Manning at 574-505-0947 or by emailing miamicountyrepublicans@gmail.com

March 3rd – Ole Olsen Theatre presents “Wait Until Dark.” Sunday show will be at 2 pm. For more information call 765-472-3680.

March 6th – Lifetree Café will be at 6:30 pm at Peru Public Library. This “conversation café” is part of a national network of locations that offer participatory events related to life and faith.

For questions about Lifetree café call Andrea Hammersley at 765-863-3701 or email at horse4bh@yahoo.com.

March 6th – Peru Rotary Club 2018 Spell-a-thon will be from 6 pm to 9 pm at Blair Pointe School. This event is a team effort spelling competition. Loads of fun, laughter and good times. Contact a Rotarian soon for information to register your team. This is a fundraiser ran by Peru Rotarians and the funds will assist with the Rotary Centennial service project. Team registration is \$75, Letter sponsor is \$50, Team & Letter sponsor \$100, and Corporate with team is \$250; please make checks payable to Peru Rotary Club and send them to Peru Rotary Club, PO Box 232, Peru IN 46970

March 7th – A Free Chicken and Noodle Dinner will be held at Loree Brethren Church located at 8483 S Strawtown Pike, Bunker Hill from 5 pm to 7 pm. The free food and fellowship event is in its 13th year and will take place inside Loree Fellowship Hall. For more information contact 765-473-7980

March 8th – St. Charles All You Can Eat Fish Fry from 4 pm to 7:30 pm, in the St. Charles School Gym, 80 W 5th St. All are welcome; tickets are \$9.50 for adults and \$5.50 for Children ages 12 and younger. Dine-In and Carry-Out is available, for more information call 765-473-5543.

March 8th – 10th – Indiana Fines Point Show. This is an open beef show at the Miami County 4H Fairgrounds. Start time will be 10 am. For more information call Lyndal Miller at 574-505-1392 or Daniel Mooney at 765-776-0810.

March 9th – 2nd Annual Buff Run at Miami's Fort Parking Lot Shelter #10. The event will be on Peru Riverwalk starting on the East Side of Miami Fort park by Shelter #10, where registration packets will be picked up. Registration will be left open, but to

receive a shirt please register by Wednesday March 3rd, to register go to www.active.com. Race day registration will be available. Race will start at 12 pm. Registration packet pickup/Late Registration will start at 10:30 am. Announcements at 11:45 am, the weather will most likely be cooler so dress appropriately.

March 9th – ReDiscover Downtown Peru Second Saturday will be from 5 pm to 9 pm, with food, arts, entertainment, live music, a kid's corner and a lot more. For more information check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/perusecondsaturdays

March 9th – Spaghetti Dinner for the Peru Circus Festival Band, Inc. from 4:30 pm to 7pm at the Peru Maennerchor, 154 S Wabash St.; cost is \$6 and children under 6 are free. Menu includes: spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, and drink. Please contact a band member for advance tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

March 10th – New Life Methodist Church 3039 W. 400 N; will be having a potato bake at Noon with a free will donation.

March 11th – McGrawsville Youth Fundraiser El Salvador Mission Trip at Converse Pizza King, 109 N Jefferson St. from 11 am to 9 pm. To show the flyer go to McGrawsville Youth Ministries Facebook page.

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March 14th – Mexico Lions Club will be having a Fish and Tenderloin Dinner at the Mexico Community building from 4 pm

to 7 pm. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 6 to 12 years old and free for children 5 and under.

March 15th – Let's Laugh with David Dean, A Family Friendly Comedy Concert at Peru High School Auditorium, 401 N. Broadway at 7 pm. Free Admission; open seating – Doors open at 6:15 pm

March 16th – 3 on 3 March Madness Basketball Tournament at 10 am at the Peru High School, proceeds will go to HC Park-an all-inclusive playground being built on the Riverwalk in Peru. 3 point contest with cash prize! \$75 per team (double elimination,) T-shirts with entry fee, tournament winner gets a customized brick at park. Deadline is March 11th, contact Justin Engel at 765-431-1104.

March 20th – Lifetree Café will be at 6:30 pm at Peru Public Library. This “conversation café” is part of a national network of locations that offer participatory events related to life and faith. For questions about Lifetree café call Andrea Hammersley at 765-863-3701 or email at horse4bh@yahoo.com.

March 23rd – Extension Homemakers Garage Sale at the Miami County 4H Fairgrounds from 8 am to 1 pm. For more information contact Patty Pace at 765-472-1921.

March 27th – Lifetree Café will be at 6:30 pm at Peru Public Library. This “conversation café” is part of a national network of locations that offer participatory events related to life and faith. For questions about Lifetree café call Andrea Hammersley at 765-863-3701 or email at horse4bh@yahoo.com.

April 3rd – Lifetree Café will be at 6:30 pm at Peru Public Library. This “conversation café” is part of a national network of locations

that offer participatory events related to life and faith. For questions about Lifetree café call Andrea Hammersley at 765-863-3701 or email at horse4bh@yahoo.com.

April 4th – A Free Chicken and Noodle Dinner will be held at Loree Brethren Church located at 8483 S Strawtown Pike, Bunker Hill from 5 pm to 7 pm. The free food and fellowship event is in its 13th year and will take place inside Loree Fellowship Hall. For more information contact 765-473-7980

April 6th – 17th Annual Peru Relic Show at Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds from 8 am to 3 pm. Prehistoric Indian artifact show is sponsored by The Indiana Archaeological Society. FREE Admission and open to the public. Bring your relics for a free evaluation and appraisal. For more information and to reserve at a table to show call Pat Mooney at 765-472-7019 or Bryan Warder at 765-472-1575 or John Behney 765-860-9189.

April 6th – All You Can Eat Richvalley Tenderloin at Parkview United Methodist Church, 1785 S St. Rd. 19 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Menu is tenderloins, baked beans, chips, applesauce and a drink; Carry-Out and dine-in all you can eat. Cost is \$9.00 for adult and \$5 for children 5 to 11. Children under 5 are free; for more information call 765-473-5526

April 6th – Bennetts Switch Community Church Fish & Tenderloin Fry “All You Care To Eat” from 4:30 pm to 7 pm at Loree Brethren Church 8483 S. Strawtown Pike. Free Will Donation and Carry Out is available.

April 7th – New Life Methodist Church 3039 W. 400 N; will be having a potato bake at Noon with a free will donation.

PERU COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FINE ART GALLERY

Our gallery is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. Call for more information at 765-472-3301 Ext. 2200.

RETAIL NEWS

Rabb Water Systems Final Friday of the month is March 29th. Our locations will be open until 6 pm on this day and all salt is \$1.00 off per bag, no limit. For a location nearest you, call 800-342-5684.

Pet Boys Pet Sitting – Need someone to take care of your pets at your home while you are on vacation or a weekend. In home care, we treat your pets just like our own with lots of care and love! Call Pet Boys Pet Sitting and ask for Mark Ramsey at 472-4621. Fall is here, so make sure your pet has enough water and in a comfortable place to stay healthy. Check us out at www.facebook.com/PetBoysPetSitting

Prescott Greene Apartments located at 314 E. Washington Street in Bunker Hill has a total of 32 units designed for households interested in apartment living. Energy-efficient, fully carpeted and air-conditioned, our apartments are equipped with range, dishwasher, disposal and refrigerators. We feature great closet and cabinet space. We also offer the latest in housing designed for the disabled. Wheelchair ramps, low pile carpeting and specially designed kitchen and bathroom facilities are easily accessible for the physically impaired. Units are available to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, familial status or disability. For questions concerning rents or renting procedures, please contact Jasmine Robinson at 765-689-0052.

In Your Own Backyard Home and Pet Sitting Services

Whether you are gone a few hours, a day, a week or longer, even holidays and weekends, I will personalize my visits with your pets schedule. My priority is to eliminate the stress of your pets being placed in unfamiliar surroundings, by providing your pets with the same care and comfort they receive from you at home. I will also care for your home with the same pride as you have for it, bring in the newspaper and mail, rotating the lights, watering your plants and flowers. Call Jo Ann Hughes 472-5970.

Honeywell Center Events Calendar:

Tuesday, March 5th – Church Basement Ladies

Friday, March 8th – Honors Band & Choir

Sunday, March 10th – Manchester Symphony Orchestra

Thursday, March 14th – Anita Renfroe

Sunday, March 17th – Buckets N Boards

Tuesday, March 19th – Blackberry Smoke

Friday, March 29th – The Ball State University Singers

Honeywell Center Box Office info call 260-563-1102. Open Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm and two hours prior to shows. Buy online anytime at www.honeywellcenter.org. Credit cards accepted by phone or online. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted in person at the Box Office. No fees!

Eagles Theatre Calendar:

Visit www.eaglestheatre.com for more information or call 260-563-1102 is closed for renovations.

SALAMONIE AND MISSISSINEWA RESERVOIR EVENTS:

For more information, call Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 260-468-2127 or visit our website www.dnr.in.gov/uwis, or www.facebook.com/upperwabash State Park and Reservoir gate fees apply: \$5 in-state, \$7 out-of-state vehicles. Annual passes available for purchase.

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89¢ lb Red Onions

1.99^{ea} Green Beans 1 lb package

99¢ ea Mini Carrots 1 lb package

2.19^{lb} Fresh 73% Lean Ground Beef 1/2 lb package or family pack. Package type may vary by store.

The reel deal. Seafood savings on a grand scale.

3.99^{ea} Singleton Popcorn Shrimp 12 oz

6.99^{ea} Alaskan Sockeye Salmon 8 oz package

2.29^{ea} PortSide Pink Salmon 4 oz

5.49^{ea} Captain Bob's White Skin-On Fish Fillets 21 oz

5.49^{ea} Captain Bob's Shrimp 16 oz, 31-40 ct

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2/\$4 Doritos, Cheetos or Fritos 4-10.75 oz, Assorted Varieties

69¢^{ea} Banquet Pot Pies 7 oz, Assorted Varieties

1.99^{ea} Oscar Mayer Fun Pack Lunchables 8.9-10.7 oz, Assorted Varieties

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Big savings. Everyday favorites for less.

75¢ ea PortSide Chunk Light Tuna in Water 5 oz

4.99^{ea} Fisher Boy Fish Sticks 40 oz, 90 ct

89¢^{ea} Rice On The Side 63 oz, Chicken or Beef

89¢^{ea} Grissom's Mill White Bread 16-24 oz, Brand and size may vary by store.

99¢ lb Red Seedless Grapes

77¢ lb Fresh Chicken Drumsticks or Thighs

1.99^{ea} Red Delicious Apples 3 lb BAG

2.99^{ea} Fresh USDA Choice Beef Bottom Round Roasts or Steaks 40 oz, 90 ct

2.69^{ea} Navel Oranges 4 lb BAG

1.49^{ea} Fresh Assorted Pork Chops Family Pack

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2.99^{lb} Corned Beef Points 10-12 lb

1.29^{ea} Whole Carrots 2 lb BAG

49¢ lb Cabbage

Special Buys Low prices. Limited time.

4/\$10 Pepsi Products 12 Packs 12 oz cans, assorted varieties. Beverage from prior year may not include each product. Excludes Diet, New, or Specialty.

4.49^{ea} DiGiorno Rising Crust Pizzas 21 oz, 20 ct

2.99^{ea} T.G.I. Fridays Appetizers 10-12 oz, Assorted Varieties

5.85^{ea} P.F. Chang's Protein Meals 12 oz, Assorted Varieties

1.35^{ea} Minute Maid Tropical Punch or Fruit Punch 89 ct

2.50^{ea} Hunt's Snack Pack Pudding 12 Packs 10-12 oz, Assorted Varieties

3.79^{ea} Pillsbury Toaster Strudel 10-12 oz, Assorted Varieties

6.99^{ea} McCafé Premium Roast Coffee 24 ct

3.99^{ea} Hormel Chili with Beans 16 oz

3.49^{ea} McCafé Chef Boyardee 4 Packs 16 oz, 16 ct, Assorted Varieties

2.99^{ea} Farmington Hickory Smoked Bacon 10 ct

3.79^{ea} Pillsbury Toaster Strudel 10-12 oz, Assorted Varieties

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3.49^{ea} Tilapia Fillets 10-12 oz, 10 ct

2/\$1 Lemons 10-12 oz, 10 ct

2.99^{ea} PortSide Breaded or Battered Fish Fillets 16-18 oz, Assorted Varieties

6.49^{ea} Captain Bob's Cooked Shrimp 16 oz, 31-40 ct

2.29^{ea} Mandarin Oranges 3 lb BAG

99¢ lb Fresh Pork Butt Roast Sold whole in bag.

1.99^{ea} Peppers 3-Pack

5.99^{ea} Fresh Boneless Beef Rib Eye Steaks Family Pack

1.89^{ea} Blackberries 4 oz package

1.79^{ea} Fresh Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts Family Pack

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4.99^{ea} Captain Bob's Cod Fillets 16 oz

5.99^{ea} Cod Fillets with Lemon Butter 8 oz

4.49^{ea} Singleton Breaded Butterfly Shrimp 10 oz

6.99^{ea} Captain Bob's Cooked Shrimp 15 oz

Save on our great selection of family favorites.

3.79^{lb} Fresh USDA Choice Beef Boneless Bottom Round Swiss Steak

3.49^{ea} Farmington Butcher's Choice Brats or Italian Sausage 16 oz, Assorted varieties

6.49^{ea} Hillshire Farms Smoked Sausage Ropes 12 oz, Assorted varieties

3.69^{ea} Farmington Breakfast Hickory Smoked Bacon 19 oz, Assorted varieties

8.49^{ea} Farmington Party Wings 16 oz

2.49^{ea} Farmington Lunchmeat Tubes 2.2 oz, Assorted varieties

2.49^{ea} Farmington Hickory Smoked Links or Potatoes 16 oz, Assorted varieties

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49¢ Cabbage

2.49^{ea} Red Potatoes 5 lb BAG

1.69^{ea} Yellow Onions 3 lb BAG

2.79^{ea} Sauerkraut 24 package

99¢^{lb} WOW Seedless Green Grapes

2.99^{lb} WOW Fresh USDA Choice Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roast

1.69^{ea} WOW Spinach 10 oz package

1.99^{lb} WOW Pork Spare Ribs

1.99^{ea} WOW Strawberries 1 lb package

1.99^{lb} WOW Fresh Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops Family Pack

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99¢^{ea} Seedless Cucumbers

69¢^{ea} Green Peppers

5.99^{ea} Gulf Shrimp with Scampi Butter 6 oz

8.49^{ea} Farmington Party Wings 16 oz

Special Buys These deals won't last long!

3/\$11 Coke Products 12 Packs 12 oz cans, Assorted varieties. Savings ends 3/26/19. While supplies last. Excludes 12 oz cans.

3.59^{ea} Coffee-Mate Non-Dairy Creamers 12 oz, Assorted varieties

4.45^{ea} Hot Pockets 5 Value Pack 22.5 oz, Assorted varieties

50¢ Ginger Evans Banana Cream Pudding 3 oz

99¢ Betty Crocker Suddenly Pasta Salad 16 oz, Assorted varieties

1.09^{ea} Lay's Stax Potato Crisps 5.5 oz, Assorted varieties

4.49^{ea} Café Valley Soda Cakes 26 oz, Assorted varieties

89¢ Rice-A-Roni or Pasta Roni 4.5-12 oz, Assorted varieties

2/3 Swiss Rolls 3.5 oz, Assorted varieties

1.39^{ea} Idahoan Potato Soup Bowls 2.2 oz, Assorted varieties

6.79^{ea} Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers 15 oz, Assorted varieties

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2.50^{lb} Whiting Fillets Sold only in a 4 lb bag for \$9.99

99¢^{ea} Starkist Tuna Pouches 2.5 oz, Assorted varieties

4.99^{ea} Fisher Boy Fish Sticks 15 oz, 10 ct.

49¢^{ea} WOW Avocados

4.99^{lb} WOW Fresh Beef T-Bone Steaks Family Pack

1.29^{ea} WOW Blackberries 6 oz package

1.89^{ea} WOW Fresh Bone-In Assorted Pork Chops Family Pack

1.49^{ea} WOW Pineapples

2.99^{ea} WOW Fresh 80% Lean Ground Beef 25 lb, 16 oz package or 10 lb, 16 oz package. Price may vary.

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2.49^{ea} Romaine Hearts 3 Pack

1.99^{ea} Green Beans 10 oz

2/\$1 Lemons

5.99^{lb} Fresh Beef Strip Steaks Family Pack

3.29^{ea} Pork Loin Back Ribs

8.49^{ea} Farmington Party Wings 48 oz

Special Buys These deals won't last long!

2.25^{ea} Tony's Pizza 16.56-20.6 oz, Assorted Varieties

2.89^{ea} Nestle Coffee-mate Creamer 8 oz, Vanilla or Fat-Free

2.69^{ea} Crisco Vegetable or Canola Oil 48 oz

2.99^{ea} Bisquick Pancake & Baking Mix 48 oz

2.89^{ea} Kraft Real Mayo 8 oz Jar

3.29^{ea} Kraft Miracle Whip 8 oz Jar

99¢ Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk 12 oz

1.99^{ea} Nestle Carnation Sweetened Condensed Milk 4 oz

2.98^{ea} Nabisco Oreo Cookies 9.5 oz, Assorted Varieties

FREE Kaol Pops 10 oz, Assorted Varieties

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Mad March Savings. Score big savings with a \$7 game day meal for under \$7

3.49^{ea} Farmington Butcher's Choice Brats or Italian Sausage 10 oz, Assorted Varieties

89¢ Grissom's Mill Hot Dog Buns 1-12 oz, 8 oz

99¢ J. Higgs Cheezies 2.5 oz, Assorted Varieties

99¢ Pepsi Products 2 Liter Assorted Varieties

2.29^{ea} Mandarin Oranges 3 lb BAG

88¢^{lb} Fresh Whole Chicken Fryers

1.29^{ea} Blackberries 6 oz package

2.99^{lb} Fresh Boneless Pork Loin Chops Family Pack

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99¢ Mini Carrots 15 package

4.49^{lb} Fresh Boneless Beef Chuck Roast

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Community of Character

Definition: CHARACTER is values and traits that guide behavior for an individual or group encompassing all age levels.

Community of Character: A community working together to build and promote positive attitudes based on character traits.

Philosophy: The philosophy of our effort is based on the concept that CHARACTER does make a difference. As caretakers of the community, every man, woman and child must promote high standards of personal and professional conduct. Behavior that is courteous, kind, lawful, moral and ethical strengthens the community and enhances our ability to create a better quality of life. All citizens, young and old, need to commit to building a *Community of Character*.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens, their families and the community as a whole by promoting values and character traits that guide positive behavior.

March Trait:

Forgiveness: Accepting and excusing previous wrongdoings without holding a grudge

Classroom Application:

- Review definition.
- Discuss how forgiveness was recently demonstrated by classmates.
- Discuss forgiveness does not mean there should be no consequences for unacceptable behavior. Consequences and making things right at school and at home are expected, but this needs to be done in an atmosphere of forgiveness.
- Discuss recent situations in which it was a challenge to forgive someone.
- Read books that are good examples of forgiveness (ie: *Rising Above the Storm Clouds*, Robert Enright; *Red, Blue and Yellow Yam: A Tale of Forgiveness*, Miriam Kosman; *Amazing Secret*, Joni Eareckson Tada; *Glennis, Before and After*, Patricia Calvert).

Workplace Application:

- Place "Community of Character" posters in employee break rooms, near time clocks, HR department and other employee gathering areas or customer areas.
- Emphasize character trait of the month by placing definitions on payroll checks, hold contests within your place of employment to encourage the trait of the month, discuss the program and/or trait at your staff meetings.
- Lead by example.
- Talk to employees about becoming a generous forgiver of major issues by practicing on small issues. Forgive immediately the small issues inflicted by strangers – a rude clerk, a driver who cuts you off, a boss's bad day, a doctor who keeps you waiting, etc. Use those events as practice time to prepare you for the tougher task of forgiving major issues.
- Forgiveness should not be conditional on the "right" behavior nor should it have to be earned. Although behaviors may sometimes be unacceptable, and changes need to be made, the individual is always acceptable and worthy of love and forgiveness.

Home Application

- Discuss forgiveness with your family. Use the calendar provided for discussion ideas.
- Lead by example.
- In order for parents to model and teach forgiveness to their children, they must first learn to forgive themselves for being less than perfect. It is important for parents to accept themselves so that their children will not only accept their parent's lack of perfection, but also learn to accept their own. Parents cannot expect to be completely consistent, to always act loving, to be totally accepting and tolerant and to always be unselfish and fair. In turn, children cannot be expected to always meet the standard of perfection.
- Parents and children can learn together that misunderstandings will sometimes occur and they may often hold different perceptions of events and behaviors. This doesn't necessarily mean that either person is wrong; they just have different views.



PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release
March 7, 2019

Charley Creek Gardens announces “Lunch & Learn” line-up

WABASH, IN – Charley Creek Gardens will launch its 2019 season of the *Lunch & Learn Series* beginning in March. Each 30-minute session will feature a different gardening-related topic each month.

All *Lunch & Learn* sessions are free and open to the public, and will take place in the Education and Resource Center at 551 N. Miami Street. Sponsorship for the *Lunch & Learn Series* is provided by the City of Wabash.

The series’ schedule is as follows (*Note, each session is from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.):

- “Botanical Ink” – Wed., March 20
- “Curb Appeal” – Wed., April 17
- “Gardening for Winter Interest” – Wed., May 15
- “Labyrinths” – Wed., July 17
- “Top Landscape Architects” – Wed., Aug. 21
- “Mini Garden Posts” – Wed., Sept. 18



PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release
March 5, 2019

Honeywell Center to present B – The Underwater Bubble Show

WABASH, Ind. – Following your dreams and allowing your inner child to take over for a while is the premise of *B-The Underwater Bubble Show*, performing at the Honeywell Center on Fri., April 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Corporate sponsorship for this program is provided by D & J Radabaugh, Inc. Tickets are \$65, \$30, and \$25.

Inspired by childhood standards like *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Peter Pan*, *B-The Underwater Bubble Show* is a modern fairy tale with one major twist. "Each classic tale represents a journey of a kid who grows up and learns something," explains co-creator and director Enrico Pezzoli. "We wanted a story about an adult character who discovers that he can still go back and enjoy life. We don't always need to grow up. Sometimes we need to step backwards for a bit and restart."

The show follows Mr. B, a creature of modern habits who "always feels pressed by a thousand things to do in a world that seems to be moving too fast." The office worker discovers a little aquarium that appears like magic inside his briefcase and gradually becomes enchanted by the wondrous underwater world of Bubblelandia, which is full of seahorses, dragon fish, starfish,



PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release
February 27, 2019

Blackberry Smoke to ignite on Ford Theater Stage

WABASH, Ind. –Your Country 99.3 WCJC will welcome the southern rock/country band *Blackberry Smoke* to the Honeywell Center on Tues., March 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100, \$45 and \$32.

Blackberry Smoke will perform a series of stripped-down shows this spring as part of their newly confirmed “Break It Down Tour,” the band’s first-ever acoustic tour.

The newly announced shows celebrate the release of Blackberry Smoke’s new acoustic EP, *The Southern Ground Sessions*, released last fall. Created as a companion to the band’s latest full-length album, *Find A Light*, the EP was recorded at Southern Ground studio in Nashville, TN and features stripped-down versions of five album tracks as well as a rendition of Tom Petty’s “You Got Lucky” featuring Amanda Shires. The EP, recently named one of the “10 Best Country EPs of 2018” by Rolling Stone, continues to receive critical acclaim.

Opening for Blackberry Smoke will be the husband and wife duo entitled *Ida Mae*. The duo’s magic lies in the sensuous dovetailing of two voices and the intimacy of their songs. Their chemistry on stage is not just a dramatic pose and is a truly captivating sight to behold.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 1, 2019

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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Ivy Tech and IU Kokomo Job Fair will feature more than 80 employers
Free fair open to students, alumni and community members March 20

KOKOMO, Ind. — More than 80 north central Indiana employers are planning to participate in the spring Kokomo Area Job Fair set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at the Kokomo Event & Conference Center. The job fair is a partnership between Indiana University Kokomo, Ivy Tech Community College, Coca Cola Bottling Co, Indiana National Guard, and the event center, and is open to students, alumni and community members seeking part-time, full-time or internship positions.

The fair is open without charge and provides participants the opportunity to meet with employers and discuss potential job opportunities.

"Anyone interested in a full-time, part-time, internship, or even volunteer opportunity is provided a greater advantage by networking with prospective employers while attending this job fair," said Tracy Springer, director of IU Kokomo's Career & Accessibility Center.

"While we have had attendees get job offers at the job fair, job fairs aren't necessarily about finding a job that day," she continued. "The day is about building relationships and getting your name out there for a job that may open up tomorrow."

Springer noted participants should be sure to dress in professional business attire and encouraged them to bring their résumé in case an employer asks for one.

Career fairs are great for networking, career exploration, and learning about what jobs are available. "Those who attend are encouraged to talk to as many employers as possible to optimize their job seeking potential and start making connections in the community" said Mary King, director of career development and employer engagement at Ivy Tech Kokomo. Admissions officers from both Ivy Tech and IU Kokomo will also be on hand to talk about options for coming back to college to get the certificates or degrees that will open doors to new careers.

For more information, contact Springer at 765-455-9301 or carserv@iuk.edu.



Indiana
SMALL BUSINESS
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EXPORT INDIANA FELLOWSHIP 2019

Grow Your Business Through Exporting

The Export Indiana Fellowship offers Hoosier small businesses professional export guidance and leading research resources to create an executable, proactive Export Development Plan. Whether your company is new to exporting or already operating in international markets, participants will leave the program with a strategic approach on where and how to best position their product in the world marketplace.

New in 2019: Participating companies can elect to appoint staff to go through the program directly and/or opt to hire a Purdue MBA Fellow to assist in the export development process. Firms that hire an MBA Fellow, may also apply for matching funds up to 50% through the IU Center for International Business Education & Research (CIBER).

What's Included in the Program?

- Professional guidance from SBA export-certified, Indiana SBDC advisors
- The latest foreign market intelligence and business management training
- Identification of specific markets for export development
- Export expertise from government, legal, financial and logistics professionals
- Advising on foreign market finance, tax, tariff, logistical & regulatory issues
- Inter-cultural training by The International Center on potential foreign markets
- Written Export Development Plan, ready to execute



2019 Dates:

April 1 - Extended Application Deadline

May 21 – 23 - Regional kickoffs (depending on cohort)

June 26 - Joint Resource Partner Meeting

August 14 - Exit Presentation & Reception

APPLY NOW: isbdc.org/exportindiana

"The Export Fellowship program helped us focus on the best export strategies and untangle the red tape of exporting. Without the ISBDC, Purdue and The International Center, we might still be lost in the shuffle. Instead we're moving forward. Recently we made deals with groups in Thailand and Australia - already yielding export sales."

- Ryan Vogt, Director of Partner Channel Sales for Word Systems, October 2017

"The Export Indiana Fellowship Program allowed us access to an incredible amount of resources that we would not have otherwise known about. We've been able to identify several new international markets in which we continue to grow. I would strongly recommend the program to other small businesses - it's been a great learning experience for our entire staff."

- Drew Barnes, Operations Manager at Blichmann Engineering, September 2016

The Export Indiana Fellowship program is a partnership of the Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) & the following organizations:

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Contact David Watkins at 317-607-9176 or dwatkins@iedc.in.gov with questions or additional program details.

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MARCH 16, 2019

SATURDAY 10 A.M. START

3 ON 3 MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Harvesting Capabilities All-Inclusive Playground

The purpose of this tournament is to raise money for the all-inclusive playground to be built next to Miami's Fort playground. The park allows special needs children to be able to enjoy a playground with their peers. This is a great opportunity to improve our community, so please come out and show your support!

3 point contest

with

Cash prize!

**\$75 dollar per
team (double
elimination)**

**T-shirts come
with entry fee**

**Deadline: March
11th, 2019**

**Winner of
tournament gets a
customized brick
at park**

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**Contact:
Justin Engel
765-431-1104**

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**Enjoy lunch or
dinner (or both!) at Smittys on
Thursday, March 21
and help us fund HC Park—
a special needs playground for
children of ALL abilities!**



**202 South Broadway
Open 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
HC Park will receive a percentage
of all sales - Thanks for your support!**



Career Expo 2019

**Interactive Career Day – partnering
Business & Education
From surrounding counties.**

- ☀ **Tuesday, April 30th, 2019**
- ☀ **9:00am-2:00pm**
- ☀ **Target Audience: All local 9th grade students.**
- ☀ **Honeywell Center & Wabash County YMCA**

*Last year's event: Over 1000 students and 62 businesses participated. See our YouTube video of the event:
<https://youtu.be/ntbCdDK8Z0o>*

**For more information contact Pete Dupont or Lori
Dubois at Heartland Career Center (260)5637481
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Committee partners: Heartland Career Center, Vincennes University, Ivy Tech Community College, Honeywell Foundation, Grow Wabash County, Wabash County Community Foundation, Wabash County United Way, Southwood High School, Wabash High School, Wabash County YMCA, Purdue Extension of Wabash and Miami Counties.

Rehab-to-Home Stays

Getting You Home Safely and Successfully.

Have you suffered an illness or injury but were not admitted to the hospital from the Emergency Department? Were you admitted to the hospital but did not have a three day hospital stay (making it impossible to use your medical benefits)? Are you just uncomfortable with the idea of returning home after an illness or injury?

Don't worry. We offer a program that will get you the care you need with the comfort and security you deserve.

Our Rehab-to-Home program offers patients:

- *A Stay of up to 7 days in our Health Center*
- *Therapy under your Part B benefits*
- *A home check to ensure you are ready to return home*
- *Less chance of returning to the hospital*

If you feel that you could benefit from our program, a member of our team would be happy to meet with you to determine if you are eligible for an Rehab-to-Home stay. Contact us to learn more today!



THE SHAMROCK HOP



When: March 15th from 6-8pm.

Where: Group Exercise Room

Who: Any age can attend!

What: Dress up in your best Saint Paddy's Day outfit and dance about to quirky Irish jigs. Best dressed will get a small prize! Our group fitness instructors will be leading the dances with *Dance Fitness* and *Pound* styles.

How Much: To join the fun, we just ask that you donate whatever you can into our **Gold Bucket**. All the money for this event will be donated directly into our Capital Campaign.

Can't Go: Join us during the day to enjoy some of Paddy's favorite snacks!

**Come Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at the
YMCA!**





**Miami County YMCA
Friday, March 22, 2019
6p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Bring your nerf equipment
And come show us what you got!!!
(Ammunition will be provided!)**

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For more info contact:

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MIAMI COUNTY YMCA
Saturday, March 16, 2019
5:30pm-7:30pm

For adults 18 years and older

Early Bird Entry Fee (Includes food & refreshments): \$20/person
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Join us for a fun and friendly night of cards, conversation, and cause—all proceeds will be MATCHED by the Dukes Health Care Foundation and will support the Miami County YMCA's new building project.

- **Singles-style** tournament format
- **Prizes for Top 3 Players**
- **Additional donations and bids for the Delightful Dessert Auction** will be gratefully accepted.

Contact Brenda Constable at 765-472-1979 or bconstable@mcmymca.org for more information; register at the Y or at mcmymca.org.

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First Bank of Berne

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First Bank of Berne Remains Locally Owned, Operated and Invested in Remaining Independent

For over 125 years, First Bank of Berne management, employees and shareholders have taken significant steps to ensure the stability and security of their bank for years to come. Each decision and advancement made over the years has helped the bank to remain locally focused, financially independent and committed to a strong future for all.

Kent Liechty, First Bank of Berne President has always been transparent about the bank's organizational structure and financial future. Known for being one of the top performing banks in the state, Liechty shares that they owe much of their success to their people.

Employees Represent Largest Shareholder of the Bank

"The culture and structure here is different from other banks. When you call or stop into your local First Bank of Berne location, you're not just working with 'employees', you're working directly with owners; owners who live, work and play in your local community. At First Bank of Berne, our employees, collectively through their Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), represent the largest shareholder of the bank. Being owners of the company, means they treat their jobs, the customers and the business differently."

As collective owners of the bank, First Bank of Berne's team members play an active role in the decision-making process – and one decision they've made clear is that First Bank of Berne has a strong future and will not be selling out or closing its doors, like other banks in the area.

Aside from their employees and shareholders being fully invested into the success of the company, Liechty says there's much more that has made First Bank of Berne successful over the last 125+ years.

"Over the years, we have always made sure to be adaptable, and ever-changing to the needs of our customers and organization. We've added new locations, grown current locations, and invested in the best technology and systems to ensure we can serve our customers no matter *where* they are located, or *what* their needs are. This has been vital to ensuring we remain independent moving into the future."

Significant Facility Investments: Building for the Future

In 2014, First Bank of Berne made a significant investment into the Berne community when they built their new operations center. Liechty says, "In order to support our future as a bank, we needed the right tools, security, and facilities in place to move forward and continue to offer our customers the best experience possible. As a bank, it's important we remain independent and steady moving into the

experience possible. As a bank, it's important we remain independent and steady moving into the future, and we knew that in order to keep our financial independence and success, we needed to take action and invest into next-level technology and systems."

"Our headquarters have always been in Berne, IN. The investment into the new operations facility, allows us the opportunity to continue to grow, expand physically when needed, and keep our headquarters in Berne, IN for good. The new building was another advancement and investment into our future as a bank and ensuring we maintain our independence," says Liechty.

Technology and Security: A Top Concern for First Bank of Berne Management

Not only does the new operations center allow for company growth, but it has also given First Bank of Berne a unique advantage against competitors.

"We feel it's important to adjust to the ever-changing needs of our customers and the industry. In 2016, we made a significant change when we teamed up with a major technology partner, taking our core provider system, technology and security to the highest level. This meant a major conversion of systems and upgrades in order to stay competitive. While other banks have resisted making this change due to cost, time and effort, *all* our employees and shareholders, as a bank, decided this was something we *wanted* to fully invest in. When we could have easily turned away and said 'we don't want to make this investment – it's too much time, work and money – we will just partner up with another organization who has already gone through this change' our team did the opposite. We said, 'We *want* to remain independent. We *want* to put forth this effort. We *want* to invest into this technology, security and the future of our organization and independence as a bank.'"

With many customers holding high-standards for online banking, First Bank of Berne believes it's important that their bank operating system and security provides the best digital banking experience possible and exceeds the competition. Liechty continues, "As a bank, our goal is not to cut costs in order to make ourselves more attractive to buyers, but rather continuously invest into our future as a bank."

Board of Directors and Shareholders Keep Decisions Local and Focus on Remaining Independent

With a young and local Board of Directors, First Bank of Berne's decision makers are constantly focused on how the bank can continue to plan for the future and remain community-minded, keeping all decisions made locally.

"The strategies and tactics we have in place, as an organization, are focused on the long-term success of the bank. Our board of directors, shareholders, employees – *everyone* – are in it for the long haul. They're invested into the organization and focused on ensuring we remain independent. 2018 was a strong growth and record year for us. We are excited for the years ahead and confident that we will be here serving our customers decades, even centuries from now. The future at First Bank of Berne has never looked more secure."

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Calling all Indiana high school students! Do you have an innovative idea about a business or product? Share it at the @Innovate_WithIN pitch competition for the chance to win \$10K cash, \$10K toward in-state tuition and more! Video pitches are due Feb. 6. innovatewithin.org

Applications for the 2019 @Innovate_WithIN pitch competition are now open to high school students across Indiana! Students are invited to submit video pitches of their entrepreneurial ideas before Feb. 6, 2019. #InnovateWithIN innovatewithin.org

@Innovate_WithIN, hosted by the @Indiana_EDC, @EducatelN and @BallState, gives #IN students the opportunity to create their own business plans and showcase entrepreneurial ideas throughout the state. Students can submit their video pitches through Feb. 6 at innovatewithin.org!

Newsletter Content

Headline: Hoosier Students Invited to Participate in Statewide Pitch Competition

Applications for the [2019 Innovate WithIN™ pitch competition](#) are now open to high school students across Indiana.

Hosted by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Indiana Department of Education and Ball State University, Innovate WithIN™ gives Hoosier students the opportunity to create their own business plans and showcase entrepreneurial ideas throughout the state. The overall winners of the state competition will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize, \$10,000 toward one year of in-state tuition, internship opportunities and mentoring services.

Participants are invited to work individually or in small groups to submit an innovative idea for a business, product, service or venture. Students will then receive feedback from experienced professionals while competing against like-minded youth from across Indiana.

Also, new to this year's program, middle school students will have the opportunity to [participate in workshops](#) aimed at fostering entrepreneurial and critical-thinking skills while introducing them to real-world business concepts.

Applications for Innovate WithIN™ are due Feb. 6. Visit InnovateWithIN.org to learn more about the program.

Ivy Tech to offer ASAP at Kokomo and Logansport starting June 2019

Applications to join the next two cohorts being accepted now

KOKOMO, Ind. — Just four months away from graduation for the current ASAP class in Ivy Tech Community College's Kokomo Service Area, the College has announced the award-winning accelerated degree program will be offered at both its Kokomo and Logansport campuses for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ivy Tech's ASAP (Associate Accelerated Program) allows qualified and motivated students recently out of high school to complete a "two-year" associate degree in just 11 months and prepares them to transfer to a four-year college to earn their bachelor's degree. Statewide, the ASAP initiative was recently honored with the 2018 Stan Jones Student Success Award, presented by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to recognize programs that are working to increase student success and close the completion gap for all students.

For its fifth year in the Kokomo Service Area, which includes Cass, Fulton, Howard, Miami, and Tipton counties, ASAP will expand to two cohorts, doubling the number of students who can participate.

"After three years on Ivy Tech's Kokomo Campus, ASAP was moved to the Logansport Campus for the 2018-19 academic year while Kokomo undergoes a \$43 million transformation of its facilities and grounds," said Beth Chaney, ASAP coordinator for Ivy Tech's Kokomo Service Area. "We are excited to announce the program has proved so successful that we will be offering it at both locations starting in June."

Chaney said recruitment for the ASAP Class of 2020 is under way and about 25 students have been accepted so far. "We are planning for two cohorts of about 20 students each," Chaney said. "With the program available at our two biggest locations, students from throughout the area can choose the campus that's most convenient for them."

The current class includes 19 students, graduates of Logansport, Maconaquah, Northwestern, and Peru high schools. Of these, two became the first-ever December graduates of the program. Angelica Garcia and Kayla Edmondson completed requirements for Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts degrees just six months after graduating from Logansport High School last June.

"We are very proud of Angelica and Kayla," Chaney said. "Both came into ASAP with a significant number of college credits, thanks to the dual credit program at Logansport High School, and were able to complete their degrees in just three of ASAP's five eight-week modules. Not only did they complete this work at an accelerated pace; both earned their degrees with honors and achieved membership in Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society during their time at Ivy Tech."

Angelica has been accepted at Ball State University and Kayla at Indiana University Kokomo. Both will have the financial support of scholarships earned through their Phi Theta Kappa honor when they resume their studies toward bachelor's degrees this fall.

Chaney said the majority of the other students in the current cohort completed the Statewide Transfer General Educational Core (STGEC) in December, a program that enables a student who

satisfactorily completes an approved program of general education at Ivy Tech to transfer that coursework to any other Indiana state institution as a block of 30 credit hours toward the general education core requirements. They are all on track to complete their associate degrees by May.

Since the program began in the Kokomo region, three cohorts, totaling 42 students, have completed work on their associate degree. Chaney notes, “The overall program completion rate is 88 percent, far exceeding typical freshman and sophomore completion rates.” Of those 42 graduates, 100 percent have been accepted into their first choice of transfer institutions.

Students in the ASAP program benefit from a variety of support services, faculty mentoring, enrichment activities, and the experience of building relationships with their classmates as they share successes and overcome challenges together, Chaney said. To complete the 60 credit hours required for an associate degree, coursework is spread over five eight-week terms and classes are held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At each participating campus, the ASAP cohort has its own designated space – a classroom, computer lab, and lounge dedicated for their use – because they are on campus full-time. Students work with a dedicated ASAP coordinator to help identify academic goals, mapping out a clear path to success. In addition, faculty teams of four teachers per term offer individual attention. Chaney said graduates leave this rigorous program with the skills they need to succeed in further education and the workforce.

In presenting the Stan Jones award to Ivy Tech, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers said, “Through its unique and highly effective model of eight-week course block scheduling, high impact learning communities, and innovative student engagement best practices, Ivy Tech’s ASAP program has made a significant impact in statewide completion efforts.”

Chaney said applications for the 2019-20 cohorts will be taken through May 1, unless the classes fill up sooner, and a variety of scholarship support is available to qualifying students. The program is open to high school graduates 21 years old or younger who have a GPA of at least 2.5, a good school attendance record, nominations from two adults (counselors, teachers, ministers, coaches, etc.), and a pledge of room and board from parents or guardians.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for traditional-age, qualified, and motivated students to save a great deal of time and money and get a jump-start on their careers or further education,” Chaney said. “It’s intense; students are encouraged to think of school as a full-time job.”

For more information on ASAP, students can contact their high school counselor or visit ivytech.edu/ASAP. To learn more about applying, Chaney can be reached at bchaney1@ivytech.edu or 765-252-5525.

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