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The Centers for Disease Control recommends that the following groups of people receive the flu vaccination: children between the ages of 6 months and 19 years, pregnant women, people over the age of 50, people living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, and people who live with or care for those at risk for complications from flu.

Township News

2008 Toy Drive

This year, the Warren Township Trustee's office will again partner with City County Councilor Ben Hunter and RTV6 in the annual Holiday Toy Drive. Toys will be distributed to eastside children in need starting on Monday, December 22. We are actively looking for contributions of money or new, unwrapped toys this year from our local citizens and businesses. If you are interested in participating, please call 327-8954.

Irvington Halloween Festival

Since 1947, the Irvington Community Council has proudly presented the Historic Irvington Halloween Festival. The 2008 festival will take place on Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This year's free event includes screenings of vintage horror films, haunted ghost tours, scary stories in Irving Circle Park, window painting, contests of many sorts, children's games, arts and crafts, a costume parade, and many more Halloween-themed activities. Additional events will take place in the days leading up to the festival. For more details, visit http://www.halloweenfest.org.

'Tis the (Flu) Season

If you'd like to get a flu shot this year, several resources are available. Visit http://www.flucliniclocator.org/ and type in your zip code to find local flu clinic listings from the American Lung Association. The Marion County Health Department will offer flu shots for $15.00 this year; call 221-2121 for a list of sites (Medicare and Medicaid accepted). MedCheck East, at 1703 N. Post Road, is also offering flu shots this year, for $25.00. Call 355-3200 for details.

Remember, the deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 6! Call 327-5040 for details.

Election officials are predicting a voter turnout rate of 65 percent, the highest level since 1992.

Community News

22nd Annual Bob Gregory Coats for Kids Giveaway

The 2008 Coats for Kids distribution will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, in the Northwest Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. It is free and open to the public. Any child who needs a coat will receive one. Bilingual (Spanish) volunteers will also be onsite to assist non-English speaking families. An adult must accompany all children, and there is a limit of one coat per child. Children must be present in order to receive a coat. No proof of income/address is required, and no referrals are required. In 2007, Coats for Kids distributed more than 8,000 coats to children in Central Indiana. For more information, call the WTHR Community Affairs Director at 655-5620. This event is sponsored by WTHR, the Salvation Army, and Tuchman Cleaners.

Early Voting

Marion County election officials expect extremely heavy turnout on Election Day this year (November 4); voters may wish to consider their early voting options in order to avoid long lines at polling places. Early voting begins at the clerk's office (200 E. Washington Street) on Monday, October 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; these hours will continue weekdays through November 2. On November 3, the last day to vote before Election Day, early voting at the clerk's office ends at noon. The clerk's office is also open for voting from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25; Saturday, November 1; and Sunday, November 2. Two satellite locations will be open for early voting this year: Southport High School and North Central High School. Voting at these locations begins on October 23 and runs through November 2, and the hours are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 327-VOTE.

October Hot Jobs

Meet with top employers at the Indianapolis Job Fair on October 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel City Centre, 31 W. Ohio Street. Call 635-2000 for details.

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October Community Calendar

October 2

Homelessness Bites: the 2008 Apple Fest on Monument Circle is today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event benefit the Salvation Army's homelessness initiatives in central Indiana. Enjoy entrees from Applebee's, hot apple cobbler, and ice cream.

The **Warren Library Book Discussion Group** meets today at 10:30 a.m. Adults are invited to discuss *Porch Talk* by Philip Gulley. New members are always welcome.

Show off your talents! **Auditions for the 2008 Circle of Lights Celebration** are today from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the IBEW Local 481 (1828 N. Meridian Street). No pre-registration is required. A two-minute time limit for auditions will be strictly enforced, and a holiday theme is required along with appropriate choreography and costuming. Keyboards and microphones will be provided, but applicants must provide their own keyboardist. If you are performing to a track, please format your track to CD for the audition. Groups may not exceed 25 persons. Acts will be judged on talent, visual presentation, stage movement, and commitment. Selected groups must commit to two evening rehearsal dates prior to the event, and must be available from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the day of the event (November 28). Questions, call 594-0743 or e-mail akellison@indydt.com.

Check out **Paws to Read** today from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Irvington Library. Children who may be reluctant readers are invited to read to Marley, a trained therapy poodle. The activity can help young ones improve their reading skills and self-confidence. Registration is required. Call 269-1864 to register.

The Irvington Library offers an **author visit** today at 6:30 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to hear author Josefa Crowe share her true-life experiences in Nazi Germany. *Growing Up Under the Swastika* details Crowe's experiences in Rhineland Germany during the height of the Nazi regime, the Allied Occupation, and the birth of the German Federal Republic. Book sales and signings will follow the presentation.

Yoga is offered at the Irvington Library today at 6:30 p.m. Adults and teens ages 16 and older are invited to learn the basics of this ancient science. Attendees should bring their own yoga mats or beach towels. This program is presented by instructors from CITYOGA. Registration is required. Call 269-1864 to register.

Come to the **17th Annual Wine Cornucopia** at the downtown Westin today from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Novice wine drinkers and aficionados alike are invited to sample an array of magnificent varietals and nibble hors d'oeuvres during this fundraiser benefiting Easter Seals Crossroads. Guests may choose from more than 300 premier wines and a gourmet buffet accompanied by live jazz music, all while browsing a broad assortment of private cellar wines available for purchase during a silent auction that will run throughout the course of the evening. Call 466-2002

to purchase tickets.

October 2–October 4

Visit the **Designers' Closet**, the highly anticipated major fundraiser benefiting the women and children living at Coburn Place Safe Haven. Shop for new and gently worn designer clothing for women of every age, style, and size. Many fabulous fashions come from high-end boutiques and friends of Coburn Place. Hours are 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Thursday and Friday) and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Saturday).

October 3

The Morris-Butler House Museum offers its **Fall Family Fun Day** today from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event features Victorian games and activities. Guests can help dip candles and make a spiced cider treat and cinnamon apples. Tours of the house are included in the $6.00 entry fee.

Come to **Dan's First Annual Fish Fry** today at the Indianapolis Senior Center (708 E. Michigan Street). You'll enjoy a wonderful fish or tenderloin dinner, door prizes, and more! Attendants can enjoy karaoke with Melvin Williams from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., music with the Jump Cats from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and ballroom dancing from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with The Rhythmaires. For tickets, call 263-6272.

In partnership with Joyful Sound Productions (JSP), the 25th Annual Circle City Classic proudly presents the **16th Annual Circle City Classic Gospel Music Explosion**, featuring the "Luther Vandross of Gospel," Minister Darwin Hobbs. This year's gala will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 3, at the Madame Walker Theatre. Tickets are available at the theatre box office, the Berean Christian Store (5062 Pike Plaza Rd.), and Turning Point Christian Bookstore (4554 N. Post Rd.). For block pricing, sponsorship opportunities, or to purchase tickets by phone, please call 252-0158.

Today is the deadline for the **Slammin' Rhymes Challenge**. Teen poets, show off your talents! Winners will receive cash awards and the opportunity to perform at Family Fall Fest 2008 on Saturday, November 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Central Library. For more information, contact Cordia Watkins at 275-4460.

October 3–October 4

Come to the **Indieana Handicraft Exchange** at the Harrison Center for the Arts! This craft bazaar features wooden rings, fanciful garments, custom vintage-inspired western wear, plush animals, hand-screened rock-and-roll poster art, and more. This event runs in conjunction with IDADA First Friday and includes a raffle and prizes. Proceeds from the raffle benefit local public school art programs. This free event is open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

October 3–October 5

Don't miss the **Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival 2008**! The festival offers fun for children of all ages with rides, games, and food. Register for one of the Texas hold'em tournaments, enjoy specialty beers and music on Saturday night, or visit the Sister's Lounge for wine and appetizers. Chefs from a gourmet downtown restaurant will also be

serving dinners in the Parish Center. The festival runs Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 4

The **25th Anniversary Circle City Classic** takes place today at Lucas Oil Stadium. Alabama A&M University takes on Tuskegee University. For ticket information, visit info@circlecityclassic.com or call 237-5222.

October 7

The **Eastgate Neighborhood Association** meets tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Warren Township Government Center.

October 8

Join the fight to end homelessness by attending the Blueprint Champion Awards sponsored by the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) today from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Indiana State Museum. Awards will be given to the people and organizations that are making significant strides toward the goal of ending homelessness. For more information, call 630-0856.

October 8–October 11

Bring your kids to the **Hoosier Storytelling Festival** this week at Military Park. From ghost stories around the campfire to Biblical parables to Uncle Jim's memories of growing up during the Great Depression, everyone has experienced the art of storytelling. Storytelling both draws listeners into uncharted territory and unites them through common experience. Call 232-1882 for schedule and tickets.

October 11

Neighborhood Networks presents **Give a Second Chance, Get a Second Chance**, a free, inspirational, informational, re-directional, energizing conference designed specifically for people with felony convictions. Confirmed special guests include Shelia Raye Charles, daughter of the late Ray Charles, and Ellsworth Johnson-Bey, noted author and national speaker. Ms. Charles has a felony conviction and is an ex-substance user. Johnson-Bey is a prolific speaker who has over 50 years experience with the criminal justice system as a client, student, practitioner, and researcher. Register online at http://www.ReEntryHelpers.com or by phone at 328-8995. The workshop will take place at Ivy Tech Community College, 50 W. Fall Creek Parkway North Drive.

The **Coats for Kids** distribution will take place today from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Northwest Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds**.** It's free and open to the public. Any child who needs a coat will receive one. An adult must accompany all children and children must be present to receive a coat. There is a limit of one coat per child. Bilingual (Spanish) volunteers will also be present to assist non-English speaking families.

The Indianapolis Chapter of the Foundation Fighting Blindness will host its **2nd Annual Indianapolis VisionWalk** today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

This free, 5K walk is a family-friendly event benefiting the Indianapolis community as well as the 10 million people of all ages affected by retinal degenerative diseases throughout the country. Pets are welcome. This event also features a bounce house, a park for kids, face painting, a caricaturist, and the Indianapolis Colts mascot Blue, who will be on hand with several Colts cheerleaders. For information, call 866-782-7330 or e-mail ssroka@fightblindness.org.

The City of Beech Grove is inviting the general public to attend its T**hird Annual Hornet Park Fitness Center Health Fair** today from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove. Flu shots are $20.00 (free to Medicare/Medicaid recipients) and cholesterol screenings are $10.00. The fair also offers blood glucose screenings, oxygen saturation, blood pressure readings, diabetic shoe screenings, vision/hearing/speech screenings, pain management and naturopathic consultations, and an Indiana Blood Center blood drive. Questions, call 788-4986.

Women can receive free health screenings and access information and resources that promote wellness of mind, body, and spirit today at the free **HEALTHYwomen Conference** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Martin University's Gathertorium, 2171 Avondale Place. Fore more information, visit http://www.mdwise.org/healthywomen/.

Help meet the emergency needs of Hoosiers living with HIV/AIDS by registering for the **Indiana AIDS Walk and Ride** on October 11. This year's event, which takes place at University Park, includes a 5K walk and a 10K bicycle fun ride. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. For more information, call 630-1805.

The **2008 Down Syndrome Indiana Buddy Walk** will take place on Saturday, October 11 at Celebration Plaza in White River State Park. Registration and check-in start at 9:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 12:00 p.m. The Buddy Walk is a fundraising event designed to raise awareness about people with Down syndrome. For more information, visit https://www.indianadsf.org/buddywalk/ or call 925-7617.

The Indianapolis Area **Light The Night Walk for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** (LLS) will celebrate its tenth anniversary on Saturday, October 11 at Victory Field. Light The Night is an annual evening walk that raises funds to find a cure for blood cancers. Last year, more than 3,000 participants gathered at Victory Field and raised over $375,000 for the LLS mission. Anyone is welcome to participate in this casual one-to-two mile walk. Registration, festivities, and refreshments begin at 5:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call 726-2270 or visit www.lightthenight.org/in.

October 12

The **Irvington Farmers Market** is today from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Ellenberger Park.

October 14

The **Community Heights Neighborhood Organization** has its monthly meeting today at 7:00 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Baptist Church.

October 15–October 17

Please come to the Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) for a collaborative conference on domestic violence for faith leaders. The **Domestic Violence: Educating, Understanding, and Responding** conference is free and open to the public. To register (and to secure a lunch), visit http://www.ippvid.org or call 278-3798 before October 10. This conference provides faith leaders with the tools they need to intervene and provide information and resources that could prevent a violent event in a person's life. Together we can make an impact and educate our communities regarding domestic violence prevention.

October 16

R Is for Reading! Preschoolers and an adult are invited for an interactive storytime presented by ABCs of Phonics today at 10:30 a.m. at Warren Library. Please call 275-4550 to register.

Check out **Paws to Read** today from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Irvington Library. Children who may be reluctant readers are invited to read to Marley, a trained therapy poodle. The activity can help young ones improve their reading skills and self-confidence. Registration is required. Call 269-1864 to register.

October 18

Today is the running of the 2008 **Indianapolis Marathon** at Fort Harrison State Park. Also offered are a half-marathon, 5K race, four-person marathon relay, and youth marathon. A free, post-race fall festival cookout will be available to all participants. Details and registration information are available online at http://www.indianapolismarathon.com.

Registration for the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes** will begin today at 9:00 a.m. at Military Park. This year, two routes are offered: a 2-mile walk and a 5k walk or run. Free food is available for participants, and entertainment includes live music, Colts & Pacers cheerleaders, face painting, Ronald McDonald, and much more! Call 469-9604 for details or to register.

The **2008 Indy Swap Meet and Hobby Expo** takes place today from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Enjoy indoor and outdoor airplane and helicopter flying demos, build and take a flying model airplane, check out the indoor car and truck track, and visit the displays of various clubs.

NOAH, Inc. is hosting its **2nd Annual Community Awareness Walk-a-Thon** to benefit children in foster care and those awaiting adoption. As of June 30, 2005, there were more than 9,750 children in Indiana's foster care system. NOAH, Inc. has been instrumental in licensing foster homes in Indiana to accept children, reunifying families once court requirements are fulfilled, and placing children in loving homes. Today's walk takes place at Washington Park (3130 E. 30th Street) and registration begins at 10:00 a.m. All proceeds benefit the foster children. Call 374-7222 or e-mail hday@noahkids.org for additional information.

The **ice rink at Ellenberger Park** opens for its winter season today! Call the park office at 327-7176 for hours and admission fees.

October 19

The **Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk** takes place today at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. This walk is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support, and research, and it calls on volunteers of all ages to become champions in the fight against this fatal disease. Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than $230 million for our cause. For details, or to register, visit http://www.kintera.org/FAF/home/default.asp?ievent=264100.

October 21

Individuals of all ages are invited for a showing of the 1931 classic ***Frankenstein*** starring Boris Karloff and Colin Clive today at 7:00 p.m. at the Irvington Library.

The **Historic Irvington Community Council** meets this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Irvington Presbyterian Church.

October 21–October 25

Want to participate in this year's **FFA conference**? Help make this year's convention a success! Volunteers are needed to help staff information desks, greet airport arrivals, accompany tour groups, load buses, assist with National Days of Service, and more. Volunteer training sessions will take place from October 14 to October 16. To register, call 464-9389 or e-mail elizabeth@maribethsmith.com.

October 22

Individuals of all ages are invited for a showing of the 2006 animated film ***Monster House*** starring Steve Buschemi and Ryan Newman today at 7:00 p.m. at the Irvington Library.

October 23

Meet with top employers at the **Indianapolis Job Fair** today from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel City Centre, 31 W. Ohio St. Call 635-2000 for details.

Please join the Diversity Roundtable of Central Indiana (DRTCI), along with Citizens Gas, as they celebrate their 10-year anniversary! Roundtable organizers, along with their media partner Radio One, cordially invite you to attend the **Diversity Awards Luncheon and Career Expo** on Thursday, October 23 at the Murat Shrine Ballroom (510 N. New Jersey St.) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more than ten years, the DRTCI has provided a forum for leaders, advocates, and supporters of organizational diversity efforts to network, enhance diversity competencies, and advocate for diversity-sensitive policies and practices. This year's special keynote speaker, Tavis Smiley, is an award-winning journalist, author, and social advocate for change. Call 808-6100 for ticket information.

Individuals of all ages are invited to today's **Fall Movie Break** for a showing of *College Road Trip* at 3:30 p.m. at Warren Library (this film is rated G).

October 25

Come to the **Irvington Halloween Festival** today from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Washington Street between Ritter and Audubon. Enjoy

screenings of vintage horror films, haunted ghost tours, scary stories in Irving Circle Park, window painting, contests of many sorts, children's games, arts & crafts, a costume parade, and many more Halloween-themed activities! This event is free and open to the public.

As part of the **Irvington Halloween Festival**, the Irvington Library will present a number of fun and educational animal programs, including "Animalia" at 10:30 a.m., "Indiana Jim's Reptile Experience" at noon, and "Silly Safaris" at 1:30 p.m. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., potter Doug Edwards will show children how to make pots.

Teens are invited to discuss this month's book selection with others over snacks at 2:00 p.m. today at Warren Library's **Paperback and a Snack**. October's selection is *The Softwire: Virus on Orbis 1*. Call 275-4550 for more information about this monthly program.

Adults are invited to the Irvington Library today at 3:00 p.m. as local authors Lorri Sankowsky and Keri Young present a refreshing look at local ghost hunting as described in their book, ***Ghost Hunter's Guide to Indianapolis***. This is the first book to combine experiences of actual ghost hunters with the ghost stories of haunted Indianapolis, complete with pictures that provide proof of the paranormal.

Adults are invited to join presenters from the School of Metaphysics for an exciting look at the meaning behind our sleeping subconscious. The **Interpreting Your Dreams** program will be held at Warren Library at 3:00 p.m.

October 29

Terrifically Terrifying Tarantulas: families are invited to Warren Library to learn about and come face-to-face with tarantulas today at 6:30 p.m. Please call 275-4550 to register.

October 29–October 30

The **Girl Scout Leadership Institute: Live Healthy, Lead Healthy** will offer girls in grades 6 to 12 an opportunity to discuss health, engage in fun physical fitness activities, attend a private concert by national recording artist Keke Palmer, identify health-related areas of interest, and take action to positively impact community health. Most importantly, girls will learn about life-long habits to sustain healthy lifestyles as vibrant community leaders. Workshop topics may include advocacy, emotional health, physical health, and global health. The Institute takes place today at the Indiana Convention Center. Call 877-474-2248 for registration and ticketing information.

October 30

Families are invited to stretch their legs and show off their Halloween finery today during the "**Walk With Me**" two-mile fundraiser benefiting Easter Seals Crossroads. Proceeds from the walk will go toward refurbishing the playground equipment at Easter Seals Crossroads. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with on-site registration and family fun activities, including live music, refreshments, face painters, and a Halloween costume contest. There is no registration fee; however, walkers who raise at least $50.00 will receive a "Walk With Me" T-shirt. Parking is free and a campus map will be provided to all pre-registered

walkers. Register online at www.walkwithme.org or call 466-2002.

Check out **Paws to Read** today from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Irvington Library. Children who may be reluctant readers are invited to read to Marley, a trained therapy poodle. The activity can help young ones improve their reading skills and self-confidence. Registration is required. Call 269-1864 to register.

Terrifically Terrifying Tarantulas: families are invited to the Irvington Library today at 6:30 p.m. to learn about and come face-to-face with tarantulas during a program presented by William Lawson. Registration is required; call 275-4450 to register.

October 31

Learn about the Mexican **Day of the Dead** celebration today at the Indiana State Museum. This exhibition includes crafts, performances, presentations, demonstrations, and family-friendly activities. Chocolate's role in the celebration is also explored. For details, call 232-1637.

Ongoing

Come to the **Cumberland Farmers Market** each Saturday through October 25 from 8:00 a.m. to noon (11501 E. Washington Street).

Now through October 6, drop off new or gently used kids' coats for the **Annual Bob Gregory's Coats for Kids** campaign. Drop off garments at any Tuchman Cleaners location. Fore more information, to volunteer, or to make a monetary donation, visit http://www.wthr.com/global/Story.asp?s=911910

Baby Storytime, Warren Library, Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, Warren Library, Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime, Warren Library, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. and October 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Drop-in Crafts every Saturday, Warren Library.

Drop-in Coloring Sheets every Sunday, Warren Library.

Preschool Storytime, Irvington Library, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

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