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In a 6-12 week course, Reality Spanish® provides immediately usable, context-based language for educators, first responders, people in healthcare, business and law enforcement.

Join us to learn more about this new opportunity to learn how to communicate more effectively in a multicultural environment.

Friday, November 7, 2008

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Close Community Room

Eckhart Public Library

603 S. Jackson St., Auburn

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What is *Your* Vision for the Community? Make your voice heard.



- Learn how our community can use its strengths to work differently
- Provide reactions and input to the work of the Community Vision Committee
- Help plan DeKalb County's future

Thursday, November 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bridgewater Golf Club, 1818 Morningstar Road, Auburn

Dinner provided

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Mark Your Calendar *2008-2009*

November 7 Reality Spanish® Overview
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Close Community Room,
Eckhart Public Library, 603 S. Jackson St., Auburn

November 12 Be Will-Prepared
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Garrett Community YMCA, 1200 E. Houston St., Garrett

November 13 What is Your Vision for the Community? Make your voice heard.
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bridgewater Golf Club, 1818 Morningstar Rd, Auburn

December 11 Grantee Reception
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Rieke Park Lodge, 1600 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn

January 1 DeKalb's VOICE Fund Proposal Deadline

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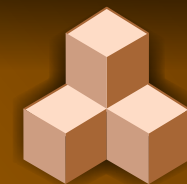


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A Community Newsletter

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Community Foundation awards grants

In August, the DeKalb County Community Foundation awarded grants totaling nearly \$70,000 to 26 nonprofit organizations that serve DeKalb County. The foundation awarded over \$18,000 for various projects that foster art, culture and historical preservation.

At a reception for grantees, local artist and Garrett Art Museum supporter Mary Thiel thanked the foundation for their support of the arts. "I think artists are going to save the world!" she said.

For a complete list of the grants awarded please visit the community foundation's website: www.dekalbfoundation.org.



Photo caption: Gayle & Roger Houser and Mary Thiel from the Garrett Art Museum's board of directors; Don Allison, community foundation grant committee member; and Lina & Dwight Zerkle from the DeKalb Historical Society.

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YOUR VISION. YOUR GIFT. YOUR LEGACY.

Smart Giving: Wills and Wishing Wells

Toss a coin in a fountain and make a wish. If you're thinking about your future and what would happen should you die, you might say: "I wish that my brother, Tom, would handle my estate." Or perhaps, "I wish Aunt Etta would take care of my daughter." Or maybe, "I wish to give a portion of my estate to the community foundation for the good work they do in my community."

Wishes, wishes, wishes - that's all they are. And tossing coins into a wishing well won't help. The only way you can be sure of these things - to change them from wishes to certainties - is to prepare a will or other appropriate estate-planning document.

A will is a way to make your wishes come true. In it you list what you want to happen:

Be Will-Prepared

Why you need a will and what happens if you don't have one.

Presenters: J. Daniel Brinkerhoff and Darrick Brinkerhoff

Brinkerhoff Law Offices

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Garrett Community YMCA

This is a free event but please RSVP to assure seating.

(260) 925-0311 or (888) 727-3834

Who will represent you through the process of probate? Who will care for any minor children? Who will look after any trusts? Who will receive your estate? What charities will benefit from your estate?

A will, properly prepared, lets you sleep better at night. It makes your family rest better, too.

Wishing wells may be fun for some things, but not when it comes to estate planning. When you're dealing with your estate assets and various responsibilities it's far better to "toss a coin" toward a qualified attorney who can help you do things right. Granted it will take more than a penny or two, but the certainty and satisfaction you receive will far outweigh any cost.

At the community foundation, we wish that you will join us on November 12 to hear how your will can make your wishes come true. Can't attend? Please call the office to receive a booklet that guides you in getting your personal affairs in order before you meet with your attorney to prepare or update your will.



J. Daniel Brinkerhoff

Schmidt and Weber Join Board

Dr. Andrew Schmidt and W. Erik Weber were recently appointed to the community foundation's board of directors. They are the newest members of the 16-member volunteer board that guides the foundation's work.

Schmidt, a partner with Auburn Dental Associates, was appointed to the board by Auburn Mayor Norman Yoder. His community involvement includes board membership with the YMCA of DeKalb County, serving as an elder with his church and volunteering at the St. Martin's Healthcare dental clinic.

Weber's appointment was made by the DeKalb County Commissioners. Weber is a partner with Mefford, Weber and Blythe, P.C. He has served the community as a board member for Junior Achievement of Northeast Indiana and the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Ethics Board. He founded the DeKalb Youth Football League and serves as the league president.



Dr. Andrew Schmidt (left) and W. Erik Weber (right).

Auburn Presbyterian Church Endowment

The Auburn Presbyterian Church already supports many positive community programs like Habitat for Humanity, Turning Point Ministries, Girl Scouts of Limberlost Council, Boy Scouts of Anthony Wayne Council and Serenity House. When the church was blessed with a substantial gift the Board of Elders committed a portion of the gift to establish a permanent endowment fund with the community foundation. The fund will help provide for the future needs and missions of the church.



Auburn Skate Park Fund

A determined group of parents and supporters have formed the Auburn Skate Park Committee to raise funds to construct a skateboard park in Auburn. The committee formed a nonpermanent fund with the community foundation to accept gifts to build the skate park.

3rd Quarter Gifts 2008

Don M. and Carla A. Allison
Anonymous
Deborah K. Argast
Auburn Garden Club
Auburn Presbyterian Church
Kevin J. and Stasia S. Bassett
Robert E. and Janet C. Bealy
John E. and Linda Behman
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John W. and Jacqueline E. Burkhardt
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Jeffrey L. Ridge and Sherry E. Crisp-Ridge
Custom Coating, Inc.
Ben Davis Chevrolet
H. Brent and Shannon Davis
DeKalb Financial Credit Union
DeKalb Molded Plastics
The Dekko Foundation
Erica D. Dekko
Wayne M. and Susan Graber Detweiler
Ronald W. and Constance S. Dicke
Dr. Richard A. Dirksen
Daryle L. and Brenda J. Doden
R.P. Wakefield Co., Inc.
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Gloria Fink
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GE Foundation
Rosemary S. Gerig
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Rebekah Graber
Steven A. Graber
Stephen W. and Sonia L. Greer
Steven W. and Christine M. Grogg
Terry J. Grubb and Betty Ogles-Grubb
Pamela G. Helland
Don B. and Robyn L. Hollman
Betty J. Honaker
Timothy R. and Sharon Tranter Honaker
Mary H. Hombacker
Richard E. and Donell S. Housel
Dale and Sharon Hummer
Cyrus F. and Evelyn H. Johnson
Steve D. and Kathleen Kelham
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Master Works Foundation Incorporated
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Randy L. and Karen M. McEntarfer
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Jeremy and Katherine Pfister
Richard L. and Penney K. Phillips, Jr.
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Rathbun Tool & Manufacturing
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United Way of DeKalb County, Inc.
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3rd Quarter 2008 Honorary Gifts

The Armed Forces

A. J. Kuhn

Richard Conn

Len and Cheryl Piropato

Daryle & Brenda Doden's 40th Anniversary

Jacqueline S. Kruse

3rd Quarter 2008 Memorial Gifts

Agnes Ball

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