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THIS WEEKEND'S BEST BETS

'Open Season'

What: Animated film for all ages
When: 4 p.m. today
Where: Franklin library, 401 State St.
Admission: Free
Information: 738-2833

Tie-dye family night

When: 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 17
Where: Café Au Clay, 1960 Northwood Plaza, Franklin
Admission: \$12
Information: 738-5200, cafeauclay@hotmail.com

Ice skating

When: 3 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 6 to 7 p.m. Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m. Saturdays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays
Where: Perry Park Ice Rink, 451 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis
Admission: \$3.50 adults, \$3 youth, \$1.50 skate rental
Information: 865-1833

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TAKE IT HOME ON DVD

'The Departed'

Martin Scorsese revisits the world of contemporary crime gangs and delivers his biggest box-office hit ever, a best-picture nominee at the Academy Awards that may bring the directing Oscar that has eluded him throughout an illustrious career.



Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson and Mark Wahlberg head the cast in this saga of rival moles who have infiltrated the Boston police and mob.

The film comes in a single-disc DVD or a two-disc set that includes nine deleted scenes with introductions by Scorsese and a documentary that aired on Turner Classic Movies about the director. There also are featurettes about the real gangster who inspired Nicholson's character.

'Marie Antoinette'

Kirsten Dunst reunites with Sofia Coppola, her director on "The Virgin Suicides," for a merging of 18th century costume drama with modern music and attitude to tell the story of doomed queen Marie Antoinette, whose extravagance symbolized the causes of the French Revolution.



The film presents Dunst's Marie as a misunderstood youth hurled by forced marriage into a role she was not prepared to assume.

The DVD has a segment featuring Jason Schwartzman, who co-stars as Marie's husband, Louis XVI, in character offering a tour of the palace at Versailles in the vein of MTV's "Cribs."

— The Associated Press

ON TOUR



Aerobics' Steven Tyler arrives with Erin Brady at the BRIT Music Awards in London. Aerobics has the second-highest grossing tour in North America.

TOP 10

Tours are ranked by average box office gross per city and includes the average ticket price for shows in North America. The previous week's ranking is in parentheses.

- (1) **Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band;** \$1.08 million; \$60.45
- (2) **Aerobics/Motley Crue;** \$994,905; \$79.50
- (3) **The Who;** \$971,595; \$98.09
- (4) **Dixie Chicks;** \$704,252; \$64.01
- (5) **High School Musical;** \$588,012; \$52.20
- (6) **Bob Dylan;** \$555,529; \$62.06
- (7) **Guns 'N Roses;** \$478,777; \$60.67
- (8) **Trans-Siberian Orchestra;** \$468,568; \$38.99
- (9) **(New) Dancing With the Stars;** \$368,931; \$55.23
- (10) **(11) Blue Man Group;** \$341,408; \$53.24

— The Associated Press

Leading by example



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AIMEE ALYEA



SHELIA BARR



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EMILY HANKLEY

Community members work to serve others

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Sally Wells applied three times to the Leadership Johnson County program before she was finally accepted this year.

Wells, a banker, had heard great things about the leadership program, now in its 13th year.

The nine-month course, which promotes community involvement, has an excellent reputation among bankers, Wells said.

"They had too many bankers before," she said Leadership officials who choose applicant. "But my persistence paid off."

The course, open to those who live or work in Johnson County, has exceeded her expectations. Wells learned she leads by example and how to better collaborate with less-dynamic personality types.

Wells is among the 29 members of the 2007 class (pictured here), which includes a few bankers, a real estate agent, a retiree, a police officer and a colonel in the National Guard.

Backgrounds vary but all share a common stake in the county, said Bonnie Pribush, a Franklin College professor who helped found the program.

The course, which runs annually from September to May, involves a weekend retreat and daylong meetings once a month. Graduates hold many leadership positions throughout the county.

Participating community members learn about the county and how to develop their individual leadership styles. Instructors emphasize a collaborative approach of leading through listening and considering other points of view.

Participants take a historical driving tour of the county to get a sense of the area's heritage,

TEAMWORK PAYS

Here's a snapshot of projects pursued by the 2007 class of Leadership Johnson County:

Team Celebrate Cultural Diversity

A multicultural festival will be conducted April 28 at Beeson Hall in the Franklin Cultural Arts and Recreation Center, 396 Branigan Blvd. Attractions at the free event include ethnic food and music. Plans include mariachi and German bands and Japanese dancing.

Lend Your Heart: Help a Home

Volunteers will spruce up the home of a disabled individual, including cleaning up outside, mowing and raking the yard, planting flowers, trimming bushes and otherwise improving the exterior of a home.

Mission Possible

Informational DVD will raise awareness about homelessness in Johnson County. The short DVD will feature interviews with service organizations and homeless Johnson County residents. The group plans to mail it to churches and elected officials in the hope of better coordinating social services. Some copies will be made available to the public.

Financial Literacy

The group will produce a workshop to teach single parents about finances. The program will educate adults about balancing a checkbook, creating a budget and saving. The information will be available through libraries, non-profit organizations and court-ordered classes.

visiting sites such as the small brick-and-stucco chapel at Camp Atterbury.

They learn how the gears turn in the county: they visit farms, fire departments, industries and wastewater treatment plants. Elected officials fill them in on challenges the county faces.

Over the course of the class, participants discuss issues with developers, journalists, judges and school officials.

Guest lecturers discuss leadership strategies class members can use in the community, workplace and home. The nonprofit organization remains apolitical, giving class members tools and not direction.

"We're not champions of position," Pribush said. "We're champions of process."

The instructors favor creative problem-solving, which class members try during classes. Participants often role-play in simulations as a learning tool.

This year, for instance, class members are learning about the economic development process by acting as town and city officials competing for businesses.

Earlier this week, they "offered" tax abatements and other incentives to class alumni posing as business leaders looking to relocate to Johnson County.

"You learn better from experiencing than from hearing," Pribush said.

The program offers many networking opportunities, members said. More than 275 people have graduated from the class since it started in 1995 after a survey found residents concerned with future leadership in the county.

Class members form groups, which develop community service projects decided by shared interests. Past projects have promoted recycling, fought obesity and celebrated historic barns.

This year, the projects include a multicultural festival, a financial literacy program for single parents, an informational DVD on homelessness and a volunteer effort to spruce up a disabled person's home.

Some of the projects may continue after the class ends with a graduation banquet in May.

Emily Hankley's group hopes to establish a long-term program to help single parents balance checkbooks, stick to budgets and save money.

"We're bringing a lot of passion, good ideas and research to this project," Hankley said.

"We're not out to reinvent the wheel, but we're targeting a demographic that needs this information."



EMILY WOOD



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SALLY WELLS



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Physician, heal thyself, or, if all else fails, call columnist

I've noticed something about my doctors. I seem to be in charge of their well-being.

Dr. Shecky, the world's funniest (he thinks) family physician, signals the end of office calls by saying, "I'm glad you came in; I feel so much better now."

Sure, it's a joke you hear every time you see him, but you know what? I'd feel cheated if he didn't say it.

Then we have a doctor who practices with Shecky whose nickname, based on her no-nonsense, just-the-facts demeanor, is going to be "Chuckles."

She was on call the other night when my left eye went haywire and gakked up a floater the size of Rhode Island.

I'm not kidding. This thing was ginormous. And dark. It was as if someone had pulled a



Mike Redmond

black nylon stocking over my head.

Not that I know anything about that, personally. I'm just ... oh, never mind. It was a big, dark floater, OK?

I told Dr. Chuckles about it. "Well," she said, "I'd feel better if you went to the emergency room tonight."

Oh, well, as long as she feels better...

So an hour later, there I was,

parked in a back corner of the ER in the middle of the night, secure in the knowledge that my being there made it possible for Dr. Chuckles to get a good night's sleep.

This is my second trip to the ER in the past few years. I think that's enough. Really. I have a pretty good idea of how the place works now.

They're quick to get your vital signs.

I always enjoy the banter with the nurse who puts the boa constrictor on your arm to see how your diastolic and systolic stock prices are fluctuating.

Nurse (letting out a whistle of amazement): "Is your blood pressure always that high?"

Me: "Only when I'm around nurses. I'm terrified of nurses."

Nurse: "Ha ha ha. Me, too."

Me: "I'm not joking."

Nurse: "Me neither."

The nurse hurried away, as they do, leaving me to look around the room at all the mysterious — and, in the case of the long probe-y things, disturbing — medical supplies and posters for things like "proper insertion of the anatomical nasal tampon in case of epistaxis," which is med speak for "how to stop a nosebleed."

It was the only thing in the room that passed for reading material, however, so I covered the bad eye and read it. Over and over again.

Three hours of reading later (call me if you get a nosebleed; I know exactly what to do) the doctor came in on a dead run, looking faintly distracted, as ER doctors always do (in my limited experience).

Right away I felt guilty, as if I

were taking him away from a real emergency elsewhere, the Niagara Falls of epistaxes perhaps, but he couldn't have been nicer.

He looked me over, made sure I wasn't stroking out, and then told me I would need to see an ophthalmologist.

Which I already knew. So when it was all over, I spent several hours on a Monday night in the ER in order to have a doctor recommend something that was already on my to-do list.

Oh, well.

At least Dr. Chuckles feels better.

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