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Youth ministry helps feed St. Clare Health Clinic clients

The St. Matthias Parish Youth Ministry in Crown Point participates in the national 'Souper Bowl of Caring' program, in which it performs different service projects each year. One of them recently benefited St. Clare Health Clinic, which, since 1996, has offered free health care services and other benefits for underprivileged area residents.

Representatives from the ministry (grades six through 12) stood at the church doors after each Mass and requested parishioners donate to help feed the hungry in the community.



"The money was collected in large soup pots and thanks to their big smiles and the generosity of our parishioners, the fundraiser was a

great success," said youth group leader Barb Ruess. "Before the fundraiser, we talked about places where (See *Youth* Pg. 2)

Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra honors first music educator award winner

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra recently honored Christina Snyder in the inaugural year of their Music Educator Award at the season closing concert, American Songbook with Under the Streetlamp, at the Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville. This award recognizes an outstanding music educator who both advocates for the success of students and champions in-school music education.

Snyder, a music teacher at multiple schools in the town of Munster, was selected by the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra & South Shore Arts Education

Committee. The selection process included a nomination letter and an additional letter of recommendation from a peer. Ms. Snyder is an innovative educator who has been able to engage students and parents with a continued diminishing source of funds.

Snyder was born and raised in LaPorte, IN. Involved in music at a young age, she continued in music and went on to study music education at Valparaiso University. At Valparaiso, Christina studied percussion with Jeff Brown and participated in the Chamber Concert Band under the direction of Jeffrey Doeblor. Christina attributes



Christina Snyder

her success as a music educator to Doeblor and his remarkable music education program at VU. Graduating from Valparaiso University in 2003, Christina was hired at Munster High School and Wilbur Wright Middle (See *Music* Pg. 2)

Winfield Summer Market to run every Wednesday through August 30

The Winfield Summer Market is open every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Winfield Government Center parking lot, located at 10645 Randolph in Winfield through August 30.

The 2017 Winfield Summer Market features a record number of vendors. This is the eleventh year the market has been open.

J & J Organic is offering

fresh and organic produce. Evan & Abbey's Homegrown & Homemade is offering live plants, fresh eggs, fresh produce and handmade items. Linda's Perennials and Backyard Plants are offering live garden and landscaping plants.

Elite Sweets, Bumble Berry, N & A Jams and Candles and J.R. Watkins Natural Spices and Products and other vendors are of-

fering sweet treats, homemade bread, fudge, cookies, granola, spices and lotions. Oberweis Dairy is offering organic dairy products.

A welcome addition to this year's market is the increased number of food vendors. The Tiki Food Truck, Sweet & Savory Delights, Mestizo Market, D & J's Snack Shop are offering food items.

Pet owners can find dog treats and pet products from the Hungry Hound. Kittens N Kuddles is offering items for cat lovers.

Local businesses like 2&7 Coffee Bar, Kaufmann Chiropractic, Winfield Nutrition, Peoples Bank, and Hour Glass Image are participating in the Winfield Summer Market this year.

Home-based businesses like Lu La Rue, Life Expressions Décor, Norwex, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Yunique, and Clever Container are offering their products as well.

Comfort Couture with Ann is offering clothing. Paparazzi Accessories is offering all fashion items for \$5. Cathy's Creations and New Creations are offering handmade gift items.

Homemade soaps, cleaners, and pest repellents can be found at the Clark Natural Soap booth. Katelyn's Kissable Lips is offering a

variety of lipstick and lip balms. Perfectly Posh is offering skincare products. Laura Zato Art is offering art and face painting, while Damsel in Defense is offering self-defense items.

Personalized signs and banners can be found at Sport Sheets & More. Danny's Shadows is offering silhouettes for your yard. Felted Up is offering felt wreaths and home decorations.

Shoppers can find handmade jewelry items from several vendors, including Aquarius Custom Jewelry, Jewelry By Charissa, and Lucky Lotto Jewelry.

"The market is family-friendly event that residents look forward to each summer," said Winfield Township Trustee, Paulette Skinner. "This year's market has a nice variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh eggs, gift items, food and more."

Vendor applications will be accepted throughout the season. There is no fee to participate.

Non-profit groups are welcome to raise funds and promote their organizations at the market if space is available.

Call 219-663-7027 or visit 10645 Randolph Street for a vendor application or more information.



Road improvements can save lives; government urged to prioritize issue

Key roadway improvements have the potential to save 63,700 lives and prevent 353,560 serious injuries over a 20-year period, according to a new report from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. With the U.S. ranked nearly last among high-income nations in annual traffic fatalities, which continue to rise, AAA urges the Trump Administration to make repairing and maintaining America's roadways a top priority.

"We can save tens of thousands of lives and make our roadways safer by investing in improvements that we already know exist," said Dr. David Yang, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety executive di-

rector. "Now is the time to act by targeting limited resources where they will have the greatest impact."

With an investment of \$146 billion, the report recommends six cost-effective roadway improvements with the greatest potential to reduce both the likelihood and consequences of crashes: (the below improvements account for 95% of anticipated crash reduction):

- Convert key intersections into roundabouts (nearly 30%)
- Install roadside barriers and clear roadside objects (nearly 20%)
- Add sidewalks and signal-

(See *Road* Pg. 2)

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(Road from Pg. 1)

ized pedestrian crossing on majority of roads (nearly 20%)

- Install median barriers on divided highways (14%)
- Install shoulder and center-line rumble strips (nearly 9%)
- Pave and widen shoulders (nearly 3%)

"We must invest in infrastructure improvements that not only account for today's needs, but also prioritize needs for the future, including the potentially lifesaving technology of autonomous vehicles," said AAA President and CEO Marshall L. Doney.

Current investments in highway infrastructure improvements in the U.S. are substantially lower than what is necessary to fix the nation's aging roads and bridges. While the \$146B investment outlined in the report will have a significant national-level impact, increased investment is required at all lev-

els of government to prevent an infrastructure crisis. AAA recommends state and local governments take action to:

- Prioritize safer highway design, improve road conditions and eliminate roadside hazards;
- Align highway and street improvements with priority needs; and
- Fund effective, ongoing clean-up of roadway debris.

"Highway infrastructure investments play a prominent role in our national strategy to decrease traffic fatalities and serious injuries," said Doney. "Paired with other transportation improvements and safety

programs - including technology advancements, stronger traffic laws, increased enforcement, effective public education and better emergency medical services; these investments will move the U.S. closer to our goal of zero deaths on the roadways."

For the study, the potential safety benefits and costs of investments in highway infrastructure improvements were derived by projecting benefits and costs of highway infrastructure improvements estimated in previous studies onto all roads of the same types nationwide.

(Youth from Pg. 1)

we could donate the money raised. St. Matthias made a donation of gifts and supplies over Christmas to the prenatal side of St. Clare's and our high school youth group delivered those donations. While there we learned more about the mission and activities of St. Clare Clinic. When it came time to select a recipient for this year's Souper Bowl fundraiser, St. Clare's came up as a good fit. The kids were particularly excited to be able to raise money for a program close to home."

Shown from left in the clinic's food pantry are group members Emily Hochbaum and Emily Ruess, both Crown Point High School sophomores; with clinic manager and nurse practitioner, Julie Mallers.

Mallers said of the ministry, "It is an amazing group of local teenagers that are making a huge impact." The clinic is under the auspices of Franciscan Health Crown Point. For more information, call 219-663-2160.

(Music from Pg. 1)

School as the middle school band director and assistant high school band director.

While working at the high school and middle school, her bands consistently received gold ratings at ISSMA contest and often received Grand Champion honors at Music in the Parks. Christina was selected for the Chicagoland Outstanding Music Educator Award presented by Quinlan and Fabish in 2009. She is currently working at Eads Elementary and Frank Hammond Elementary, also in Munster.

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This day in history

July 21, 365

In the year 365, a powerful earthquake off the coast of Greece caused a tsunami that devastated the city of Alexandria, Egypt. Although there were no measuring tools at the time, scientists now estimate that the quake was actually two tremors in succession, the largest of which is thought to have had a magnitude of 8.0.

The quake was centered near the plate boundary called the Hellenic Arc and quickly sent a wall of water across the Mediterranean Sea toward the Egyptian coast. Ships in the harbor at Alexandria were overturned as the water near the coast receded suddenly.

In Alexandria, approximately 5,000 people lost their lives and 50,000 homes were destroyed. The surrounding villages and towns suffered even greater destruction. Many were virtually wiped off the map. Outside the city, 45,000 people were killed. In addition, the inundation of saltwater rendered farmland useless for years.

Evidence indicates that the area's shoreline was permanently changed by the disaster. Slowly but steadily, the buildings of Alexandria's Royal Quarter were overtaken by the sea following the tsunami. It was not until 1995 that archaeologists discovered the ruins of the old city off the coast of present-day Alexandria.

Today, the anniversary of the tsunami is celebrated annually with the residents saying prayers and marking the evening by illuminating the city.

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St. Elijah’s annual SerbFest, with ‘something for everyone’, to be held this weekend

Family dining, tamburitza music and great food and pastries are on the agenda for St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Cathedral’s annual SerbFest, scheduled for Friday, July 21 thru Sunday, July 23, according to Joe Dejanovic, festival chairman.

The festival hours will be held from 12 noon to 12 midnight, Friday and Saturday, and 12 noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday. People at work are encouraged to come and have lunch on Friday at noon, said Dejanovic. Ongoing carry-outs will also be available.

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Cathedral is located at 8700 Taft (Rt. 55), between U.S. Route 30 to the north and the Lake County Government Complex in Crown Point to the south, and about 15 minutes from Winfield-LOFS.

A family-friendly dining atmosphere and theme will

be emphasized complete with craft Serbian beers and fresh ‘on-site spit roasted’ barbecued lamb and pig, ‘cevaps’ (spicy char-grilled sausages), sarma (Serbian style stuffed cabbage) and other delicious entrees. In addition, there will be a variety of mouth-watering pastries including ‘Krofne’ (large sugar-coated Serbian donuts), palachinkas (crepes), homemade cookies, cakes, and the infamous Serb-style apple and cheese strudels.

“This event has grown virtually by word of mouth as the best kept secret in cultural festivals featuring great ethnic food, entertaining music, and hospitality,” said Dejanovic. “We pride ourselves in serving great ethnic food that keeps our festival guests coming back every year.” Live Tamburitza bands play throughout the festival and

Serbian “kolo” dancing will be featured on Saturday night.

The beautiful St. Elijah Orthodox Cathedral with its recently finished biblical mural fresco artwork will be available for viewing during the festival and Frula, the children’s Folklore dance group will perform on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Children can enjoy playing outside in the “Kid’s Zone” with free moonwalks and enjoy a video arcade in the hall. Various vendors will also be featured inside the hall.

“As you can see we have something for everyone who comes,” said Dejanovic. And when it comes to the food, it can’t be beat. We want everyone to come and have an enjoyable family experience and get to know our Serbian community spanning three or more generations in Northwest Indiana,” he said.

‘Block Party’ at local Lake County branch libraries

The Block Party program offered by Purdue Extension provides events that include free play with blocks of all types and sizes for families and their children ages 8 months to 8 years. Parents interact and play with their children while learning how to help them develop a va-

riety of skills such as math, science, social, physical, new words, pre-reading, creative, and problem-solving skills.

Unfortunately, blocks as a play material have disappeared from many homes and early childhood centers, but young children still need and deserve opportuni-

ties that blocks offer to play freely.

To learn more about “Block Party” or other programs, please contact Linda Curley, Extension Educator, Health and Human Sciences via email lcurley@purdue.edu or by phone 219-755-3240.



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Taltree to hold its first ever member appreciation picnic, public welcome

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens will be holding their first member appreciation picnic on Sunday, July 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in their sidetrack area. Members will gain free admission, while non-member admission will be \$10.

Visitors are encouraged to come while enjoying a hot

dog lunch provided by Valpo Viennas, yard games, guided tours of the arboretum and other outdoor activities. The Taltree animals, such as Shadow the goat, will be present to show appreciation for the members, along with the Porter County Animal Shelter with possibly some adoptable dogs.

Visitors who have an interest in automotive will be able to enjoy a car show by the Crown Point Corvette Club and the Winamac Car Club.

"We'd like to show our gratitude to our members with an afternoon of family fun," Taltree Arboretum & Gardens executive director Stephanie Blackstock said.

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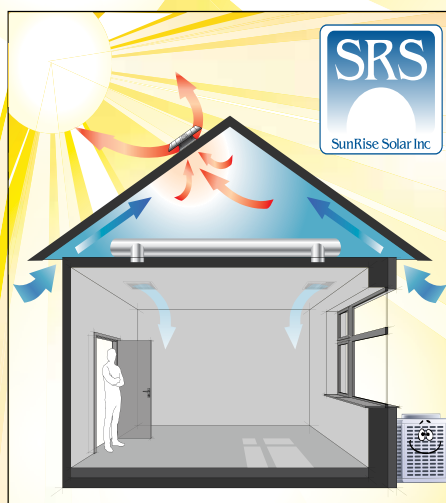
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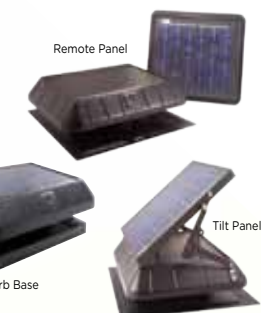
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IDEM seeking proposals to reduce toxins in Great Lakes basin

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is soliciting for project proposals under the Great Lakes Air Deposition (GLAD) program. GLAD is a program set up to address the deposition of toxic pollutants, as well as understand how these pollutants adversely affect both human and ecosystem health within the Great Lakes basin.

In the past, GLAD, under the efforts of the Great Lake Commissions (GLC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), has supported more than 35 projects that identify, quantify, and reduce the sources, environmental transport process, deposition rates, fate, and impacts of toxic pollutants in the Great Lakes region. The GLAD program places a large emphasis on promoting scientific efforts that will increase the ability to manage this complicated but urgent environmental issue.

Successful applicants will be invited to enter into a grant agreement with IDEM to perform the work described within their proposal. Choices will be based on the selection criteria identified in the solicitation of proposals. IDEM anticipates funding one to two projects, depending on the scope of work and cost per proposal. The deadline for proposals is 5 p.m. on August 9, 2017.

Background information and the solicitation can be found at <http://www.IN.gov/idem/airquality/2635.htm>. Applicants with questions should contact Jennifer Geisenhaver at 317-233-8628.

Deadline nears for Indiana Homeland Security Foundation scholarship applications

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation is now accepting applications for the Secure Indiana Scholarship, which offers funds to Indiana students pursuing a career in public safety.

Up to 20 students will receive scholarships from the foundation. Full-time students are eligible for \$2,000 and part-time students are eligible for \$1,000. The students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale, currently volunteer for a public safety organization and must be pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited Indiana college.

The scholarships are provided through purchases of 'Secure Indiana' license plates. The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation also provides financial support for critical public safety needs across Indiana. The deadline for the application is August 1, 2017.

Additional information is available online at www.in.gov/dhs/foundationsscholarship.htm. To purchase a 'Secure Indiana' license plate to support the scholarship program, visit www.in.gov/dhs/2363.htm.

Winfield teacher grants available; application deadline July 31

Applications are being accepted through July 31 for the Winfield Teachers' Grant sponsored by the Winfield Community Foundation. This grant is eligible to any Winfield Elementary or Jerry Ross Elementary teacher in need of monetary assistance – up to \$250 – for a classroom project in the upcoming school year.

Beach yoga this summer at Indiana Dunes will continue through Sept. 4

Indiana Dunes State Park has partnered with the Duneland Family YMCA to offer beach yoga classes every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday this summer.

Certified instructors will incorporate both challenging and relaxing postures. Each class lasts about one hour and is suitable for most levels, including beginners.

Beach yoga runs through September 4. Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday classes are at 9 a.m. An additional sunset yoga will take place on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Classes are near the beach pavilion. Visitors should arrive at least 10 minutes early and bring a beach towel or yoga mat. Each class costs \$10 per person. Classes will be canceled in the case of inclement weather.

Participants can register in advance by calling the Duneland Family YMCA at 219-926-4204. Participants also can show up for day-of registration at the main beach pavilion for any session.

"Indiana Dunes State Park is a natural backdrop already for spiritual and physical healing and meditation," said Brad Bumgardner, park interpretive naturalist. "It feels natural to combine the skills of the YMCA yoga staff with our beautiful beach and Lake Michigan view."

For more information, call the nature center at 219-926-1390 or the Duneland Family YMCA at 219-926-4204.

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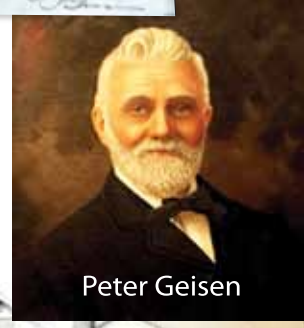




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NISO announces dates for annual South Shore Summer Music Festival

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Music Director-Conductor Kirk Muspratt have announced the 2017 South Shore Summer Music Festival. The festival, beginning this Saturday, July 22, and concluding August 12, will feature free concerts by the Northwest Indiana Symphony in five communities across Northwest Indiana. "We are so excited to

celebrate 11 years of our wonderful summer music festival. Thank you for supporting your Orchestra," said Maestro Muspratt. "Join us for fun, relaxing evenings filled with beautiful music in our own backyards!" The concerts will have something for everyone and will feature light classical, songs from movies and Broadway, and patriotic music. The South Shore Summer Music Festival will be ap-

pearing at:
Cedar Lake
Saturday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.
Town Complex Grounds (7408 Constitution Avenue) (Rain location: Hanover Central High School, 10120 West 133rd Avenue)
Crown Point
Saturday, July 29, 7:30 p.m.
On the Lawn at Franciscan Communities (Corner of Main and Franciscan) (Rain location: Crown Point High School, 1500 South

Main Street)
Griffith
Saturday, August 5, 7:30 p.m.
Central Park (600 N. Broad Street) (Rain location: Griffith High School, 600 North Wiggs Street)
Hammond - Wolf Lake
Friday, August 11, 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Lake Pavilion (Calumet Ave. at Sheffield Ave.) (Rain location: Calumet College of St. Joseph Athletic Center, 2400 New

York Avenue, Whiting)
Schererville
Saturday, August 12, 7:30 p.m.
Redar Park (Austin Street north of US 30) (Rain location: Lake Central High School, 8400 Wicker Avenue, St. John)
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Porter Township School Corporation announces student registration dates

The Porter Township School Corporation has announced its student registration dates for the upcoming school year. The following dates should be noted by parents who live in the school district.

• **Porter Lakes Elementary School** (Grades K-3) New Students to the District and Returning Students who did not register in May 2017
Wednesday, August 2, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
• **Boone Grove Elementary School** (Grades 4-5) Returning Students
Wednesday, August 2, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
• **Boone Grove Middle School** (Grades 6-8) Returning Students
Tuesday, August 1, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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• **Boone Grove Elementary/Boone Grove Middle School** (Grades 4-5) (Grades 6-8) New Students to the District

Thursday, August 3, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

• **Boone Grove High School** (Grades 9-12) Returning Students

Monday, August 7, 2017:
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8, 2017:
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9, 2017:
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

New students to the district are required to provide a certified birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency (utility bill, tax forms, etc.)

All students are required to register and pay book

rental fees at their designated schools on the dates listed above. Current students with an address change must also provide proof of residency (utility bill, tax forms, etc.).

Book rental fees for the 2017-18 school year are: Kindergarten, \$126; 1st Grade, \$135; 2nd Grade, \$104; 3rd Grade, \$116; 4th Grade, \$136; 5th Grade, \$136; 6th Grade, \$135.50; 7th Grade, \$127.07, and 8th Grade, \$121.09. Additional middle school fees are based upon class schedule: 7th and

8th Grade Art: \$6; Choir: \$10; and Band: \$10.

Book rental fees for Boone Grove High School students

are based upon class schedule and are provided at registration.

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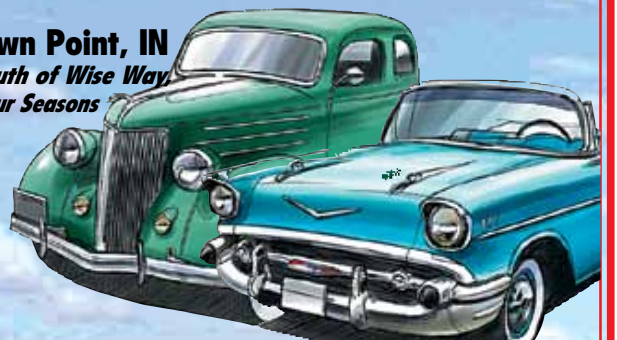
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