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## NICU graduation program provides a ceremonial sendoff for tiny patients and their parents

The strains of ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ aren’t just for Northwest Indiana’s high school and college graduates. A new program honors ‘graduates’ of Franciscan Health Crown Point’s NICU, who may be smaller in stature, but not in accomplishment.

NICU Manager Edy Oliver said the idea of a graduation ceremony came from the nursing staff, who make the tiny caps and gowns given to babies when they are sent home. The hospital intercom plays ‘Pomp and Circumstance’, letting staff know that another tiny child is heading home.

“These families and these babies go through a lot, so we really wanted to do something that would honor them and to acknowledge

everything that they’ve gone through, because it is an accomplishment,” she said.

Two of the first graduates of the program were twins Nellie and Aspen Glemby, who were born January 27, nearly 15 weeks before their due date, weighing less than 2 pounds each. Their parents, Sara and Danny Glemby of Crown Point, spent the next four months with their daughters in the Franciscan Health Crown Point NICU.

Nellie went home in late May, then when Aspen was ready to be discharged June 3, the family received their graduation sendoff. “There’s no way that I could be any happier than that day, when they both came home,” said Danny Glemby, recalling the overwhelming feelings of peace and relief when they



Crown Point residents Danny and Sara Glemby with their twin daughters, Nellie and Aspen.

exited the NICU for the first time as a family. The parents say both girls are healthy and doing well at home.

In a way, the parents are

“graduates” as well, learning how to care for their children under the tutelage of the NICU staff. “I definitely

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### First annual Don Samburg Scholarship presented by Crown Point Community Foundation

Don Samburg was one of the Winfield area’s finest, most honorable, and most dedicated citizens and civil servants. The community lost Don far too early, but his legacy will live on with the Don Samburg Scholarship. John Witvliet was awarded the Crown Point Community Foundation’s first Don Samburg Scholarship. Witvliet will be attending Valparaiso University and will be in the engineering program. His parents are John and Kimberly Witvliet.

## St. Elijah’s SerbFest slated for this weekend, Friday through Sunday

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 19 through Sunday, July 21, according to Joe Dejanovic, festival chairman.

The festival hours will be held from 12 p.m. noon to 12 a.m. midnight, Friday and Saturday; and 12 p.m.

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 Street, just north of the Crown Point–Merrillville border 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 entrees. In addition, there will be a variety of 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 com-

ing back every year.”

Live Tamburitza bands play throughout the festival and Serbian ‘kolo’ dancing will be featured on Saturday night.

St. Elijah Orthodox Cathedral, with its recently finished biblical mural fresco artwork, will be available for viewing during the festival and children can enjoy playing outside in the ‘Kid’s Zone’

with moonwalks, or enjoy a video arcade in 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.”

## First ‘Safe Haven Baby Box’ at an Indiana hospital receives blessing at Franciscan Health

A device for new mothers in crisis, born out of one woman’s experience as an abandoned infant, is now available at Franciscan Health Michigan City, as the Safe Haven Baby Box recently received its formal blessing.

“We are here to acknowledge that every child is beloved of God,” said the Most Rev. Donald Hying, bishop of the Diocese of Gary, during the ceremony.

Bishop Hying said the Safe Haven Baby Box “gives freedom and peace to a mother to hand over her baby, knowing that she’s handing this baby over to love, handing

this baby over to people that will nurture and care for this baby.”

“We’re pleased to offer this new service to our community, a service that demonstrates one of our core values: respect for life,” said Franciscan Health President and CEO Dean Mazzoni.

The Safe Haven Baby Box is available to new mothers who wish to utilize Indiana’s Safe Haven Law, which enables a person to give up an unwanted infant anonymously without fear of arrest or prosecution. The anonymity of the Safe Haven Baby Box is a last resort for women in crisis.

The baby box at Franciscan Health Michigan City is discreetly located outside the Emergency Department at the hospital, 3500 Franciscan Way, on the northwest corner of Interstate 94 and U.S. 421. The box is in a heated and air-conditioned room with its own ventilation. When the box is used, a silent alarm will sound in the Emergency Department so that staff can immediately tend to the baby.

“This allows for any mother in this community, 100% anonymity. There is no shame. There is no blaming,” said Monica Kelsey, founder and CEO of Safe Haven Baby Boxes Inc. “I couldn’t

be more proud to stand up here today and say that this is the first baby box installation in a hospital in the state of Indiana, and I am so excited.”

Kelsey’s creation of her organization was inspired by her own experience. Her biological mother became pregnant after a rape and, after her birth, abandoned her at a hospital. She was adopted and says today, her parents are her biggest supporters.

“I can tell you every child is wanted by someone,” she said.

Kelsey has worked to educate others on the Safe Haven Law and introduce

(See *Baby* Pg. 2)



The Safe Haven Baby Box is located outside the Emergency Department at Franciscan Health Michigan City, 3500 Franciscan Way, on the northwest corner of Interstate 94 and U.S. 421.

# Porter Township School Corporation announces student registration information beginning July 31

Porter Lakes Elementary (grades K-3) student registration for returning students will be held on Wednesday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. New student registration for PLE will be held on Thursday, August 1 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Boone Grove Elementary (grades 4-5) and Boone Grove Middle School (grades 6-8) returning student registration will be held on Thursday, August 1, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to

6 p.m. New student registration for BGE and BGMS will be held on Friday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Boone Grove High School (grades 9-12) student registration: Session 1: Thursday, August 1, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Session 2: Friday, August 2, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All students new to the district must provide a certified birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency. All students are

required to register and pay book rental fees 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 2019-20 school year are: kindergarten, \$149; first grade, \$143; second grade, \$147; third grade, \$157; fourth grade, \$139; fifth grade, \$139; sixth grade, \$144; seventh grade, \$132; and eighth grade, \$123.50.

Additional middle school

fees are based upon class schedule: seventh and eighth grade Art \$8; Choir \$9; and Band \$10.50. Book rental fees for Boone Grove High School students are based upon class schedule and are provided at registration.

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 14, and will begin with a 30-minute delayed start as scheduled for every Wednesday throughout the school year.

# Nipsco seeks grant applications for public safety education and responder training

Nipsco is accepting applications for a grant to support local nonprofit organizations who provide public safety education and training across northern Indiana.

Grants are available in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Applications will be accepted through August 9, 2019, with grant awards announced during the week of August 26.

Grant opportunities will include, but are not limited to, community and youth public safety education programming and training for first responders; police and fire department fire and carbon monoxide safety programs;

education and training in the prevention of damage to underground natural gas lines; and child-related safety education.

Grant funding is not intended to cover the purchase of equipment other than what is needed to support public safety education programs and training.

Non-profit organizations with a mission to support public safety education and training are invited to submit a grant request through Nipsco's online request site at [www.nipsco.com/SafetyGrant](http://www.nipsco.com/SafetyGrant).

When submitting an application online, please select the 'Safety Action Grant'

option from the 'Type of Support' drop-down box on the application.

Documents to submit with a grant request include:

- A detailed project description, including the amount requested scope of the project and community impact.
  - An overview of how support will be recognized (press release, social media, website, etc.) and how it will benefit your organization.
  - Attach project budget, a list of the board of directors and other project contributors.
- More information about Nipsco and NiSource is available at [www.nipsco.com](http://www.nipsco.com) and [www.nisource.com](http://www.nisource.com).

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think it prepared us a little bit more," Sara Glemby said. "No one would wish that, but the nurses answer a lot of questions you come up with in four months."

"They just pumped us full of knowledge for those 127 days. You come home with that knowledge and you just feel so much better about

things," Danny Glemby said.

Sara Glemby said the time they spent in the NICU was "as good of an experience as it could be" considering the circumstances. "I feel like they prepared us for everything, except having two babies at home," she said with a laugh.

"We knew there was so

much love from the staff there that took care of them," Danny Glemby said. "It was kind of bittersweet that we're leaving those nurses, because we got kind of involved in their lives."

The Franciscan Health Crown Point NICU graduation program is being done for babies who are in the NICU for longer than 30 days. The handmade caps and gowns will be keepsakes long after the babies outgrow them.

"It's something they can put in their baby box," Oliver said.

(Baby from Pg. 1)

use of the baby boxes. So far, she's brought the boxes to four states - Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Arkansas - and she has the goal of making the baby boxes legal in all 50 states by the year 2025. She said that her organization is working to spread the word to the public about the baby boxes through a billboard campaign and social media.

In Northwest Indiana, the Safe Haven Baby Boxes have also been installed at the Chesterton Fire Department and the Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department, where two babies have been left and rescued, one in 2017 and the other in 2018.

For more information about Safe Haven Baby Box locations or to speak to a licensed counselor, call the National Safe Haven hotline 866-992-2291.

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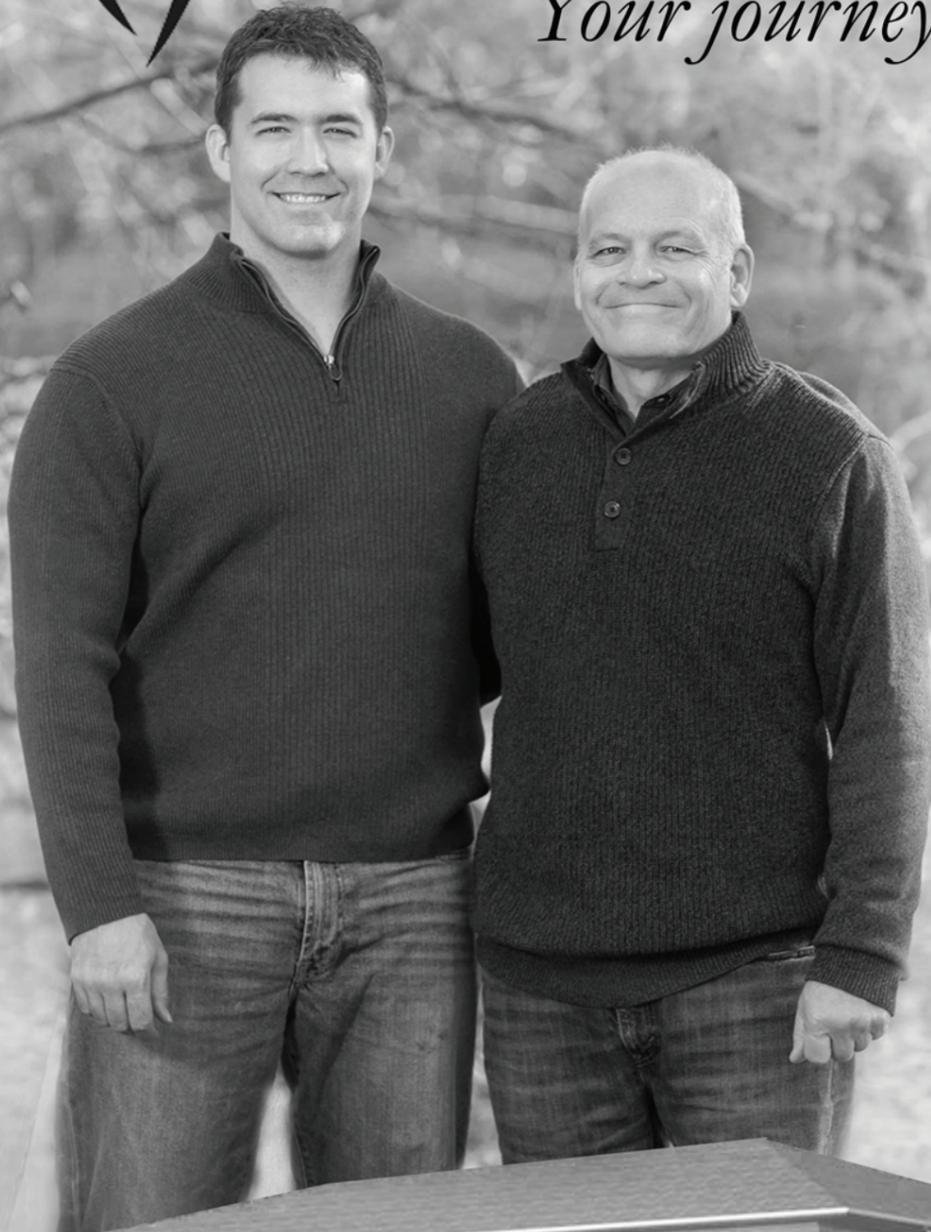
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## Gary Southshore Railcats game will support the Alzheimer's Association with ticket sales

The Gary SouthShore RailCats will take on the Milwaukee Milkmen on Friday, August 2, where a portion of ticket sales purchased through [www.etix.com/ticket/k/9106102](http://www.etix.com/ticket/k/9106102) will benefit the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter.

The ballgame will take place at U.S. Steel Yard at 7:10 p.m. and the first 100 attendees will receive Walk to

End Alzheimer's t-shirts.

"This is a great opportunity to enjoy a night out with friends and cheer on the RailCats, all while helping us further our mission," says Sara Spruth, manager of the Walk to End Alzheimer's. "Our local Walks are only a couple months away, so this is a great way to get people involved and kick off the Walk season."

The Alzheimer's Ass-



ociation Walk to End Alzheimer's is held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide and 12 locations in the Greater Indiana region. The Lake County Walk is set for

September 22 at the Lake County Fairgrounds, and the Michigan City Walk will take place just a few weeks later, on October 5 at Washington Park.

Tickets for the game are available online for \$10 and 70% of each ticket sale will help the Alzheimer's Association fund care, support and research.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading vol-

untary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and sup-

port for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call 800.272.3900 for more information.

### Classic car and Doo-wop show to be held at local church on Saturday, July 20

The public is invited to a free nostalgic car show in the parking lot of The Church of Four Seasons in Winfield on Saturday, July 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On display will be an impressive collection of classics and restored vehicles from the Winamac Old Auto Club and other car enthusiasts. Come out and show off your own car or just look around

and stay for the music. The event will feature an indoor concert presented by Dr. Doo Wop starting at 2 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, pop, and water will also be available for purchase.

The Church of Four Seasons is located at 9100 East 109th Avenue in Winfield. For more information call 219-663-7803.

### Franciscan Midwest Bariatric Institute expands facility for patients embarking on a weight loss journey

Patients embarking on their weight loss journey will find more comfortable surroundings after an expansion of the Franciscan Midwest Bariatric Institute that has doubled its size.

The expansion was recently celebrated with a blessing and dedication at the facility at Franciscan Health Dyer. Dr. Keith Reich, DO, executive director of Franciscan Physician Network, Northern Indiana, called it "a step toward the future for both our patients, as well as those providing the care"

The expansion features more exam rooms and a larger waiting room for patients. It also includes the addition of two bariatric exam tables that are more comfortable and safer for patients.

"Our patients are already voicing their appreciation of the expanded space and seating," said Clinical Nurse Manager Millie Sasaki, RN BSN. She points out

a new classroom area as a key part of the comprehensive approach at Franciscan Midwest Bariatric Institute, which provides dietitians, psychologists and support groups that aid in the lifestyle change that comes along with weight-loss surgery.

"This expansion is just another example of the dedication, the support the hospital has given us throughout the years," said Dr. Gerald Cahill, MD, bariatric surgeon and medical director of the institute. "We've had growth every year since we started, and now the hope is that adding more space is going to give us even a better opportunity to grow."

The Franciscan Midwest Bariatric Institute is located at Franciscan Health Dyer, 24 Joliet Street. For more information or to schedule an appointment go online at [www.franciscanhealth.org/bariatrics](http://www.franciscanhealth.org/bariatrics) or call 219-852-2518.

### July is 'Military Consumer Month'; BBB shares tips, resources for military members, veterans and families

According to the 2018 Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker Risk Report, military consumers lost 33% more money to scammers than non-military consumers last year with a median loss of \$200 (compared with \$150).

Knowing which businesses military families can trust while dealing with the challenges of military life is not easy. It's during these times when people may be more likely to make a quick purchasing decision, which can leave them vulnerable to scammers and imposters out to steal money from unsuspecting victims.

Here are the BBB's quick tips to help buy from legitimate businesses that can be trusted.

*Never rush to make a purchasing decision.* Take your time to evaluate products, services and the businesses that provide them, especially if you've never engaged with that business before. Search for businesses with good online reviews and ratings and ask people you trust for references. Checking BBB Business Profiles is always a place to start.

*Make sure the business shares important considerations about the purchase.* Look for any applicable warranty, shipping and return information, and timeline for receiving the product or completing the service. You also should check a business's privacy policy so you know how

they can use your data when shopping online.

*Work with businesses that have proper identification, licensing, and insurance.* You can check licensing and bonding information through your county's licensing agency or call BBB for help. Businesses should also share their contact information on their website and be accessible when you try to reach them by phone, email, or social media.

Visit [www.BBB.org/Military](http://www.BBB.org/Military). There you can find out more about BBB Military Line, the BBB's community outreach program facilitated by local Better Business Bureaus across the U.S. and Canada, as well as online resources like their e-newsletter, BBB Saluting Trust.



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### Volunteers needed to help wildlife biologists count turkey broods through end of August

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is looking for volunteers to count wild turkeys and their offspring now through August 31.

Each summer, wildlife biologists and volunteers conduct brood surveys, counting the number of young wild turkeys observed with turkey hens to estimate how many young turkeys live through the summer. Summer brood survival is one of the primary factors influencing wild turkey population trends in various regions of the state and informs

wild turkey management.

"Turkey biologists across the country are increasing efforts to better assess summer brood production and habitat changes," said DNR turkey biologist Steve Backs. "This will help us determine what is causing declines and ways to possibly increase turkey numbers."

Turkey biologists can't do it by themselves. They need help from volunteers to get an accurate count of turkey broods in the state.

The goal this summer is

to collect 3,000 brood observation reports from citizens across the state, with at least 25 brood observations in each county.

To help, register as a 2019 participant at [www.on.IN.gov/turkeybrood](http://www.on.IN.gov/turkeybrood). Instructions for the survey and an illustrative guide on how to report observations of wild turkey broods and hens is provided on the website. The results of the previous summers' brood survey are also available.

Wild turkeys were reintroduced to Indiana beginning in the mid-1950s until the early 2000s. Today they are found across the state, but declines in brood production over the last decade have reduced the number of wild turkeys ob-

served in some regions.

"After wild turkey restoration efforts, many states watched their turkey populations peak and then settle into lower levels during the last

decade," Backs said. "Some states observed greater declines than others in their turkey populations. But universally, all states have observed declines in annual production

or brood survival during the summer months."

To learn more about wild turkey biology and management, visit [www.on.IN.gov/turkey](http://www.on.IN.gov/turkey).

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## Off Square Brewing to host the 'Beer, Bacon & Bourbon Fest' at Crown Point's new Bulldog Park; tickets now on sale

Beer, bacon, and bourbon lovers will unite at the Inaugural Beer, Bacon & Bourbon Fest on Saturday, September 14, in Crown Point. A \$49 ticket will gain entry to the event plus an unlimited sampling glass for craft beer and spirits as well as live entertainment.

Bacon-inspired eats will be available for purchase from Off Square Brewing,

Welch's Meats, Sizzlebox, Asparagus, and more. Live entertainment includes performances by Fresh Hops, Rebecca Anne Band, and The Jamiah Rogers Band, while participants enjoy samples from the following breweries that have been announced so far: Off Square Brewing, 18th Street Brewery & Distillery, Manic Meadery, Windmill Brewing, The

Devils' Trumpet Brewing Co., and Viking Artisan Ales.

"We are proud to partner with the City of Crown Point to bring a new spin on the traditional craft beer festival by adding spirits. Bulldog Park is a beautiful new addition to the city and will amplify our event by offering a convenient location, sound stage and a wonderful backdrop to sample handcrafted

beers and spirits," said Barb Smrecansky, sales manager for Off Square Brewing.

Beer, Bacon & Bourbon Fest will take place on September 14 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the new Bulldog Park, which is located at 183 South West Street in Crown Point. Parking is free. Get tickets and learn more at [www.offsquarebrewing.com](http://www.offsquarebrewing.com).

## Lakeshore Public Television seeks community support in effort to 'bounce back' in fundraising campaign

After hundreds of thousands of dollars and months of work restoring their full broadcast service to the Chicagoland market, Lakeshore PBS is now looking to the community to help support its efforts to replenish its reserves in a fundraising campaign.

Lakeshore PBS is asking viewers and members across Northwest Indiana and all of Chicagoland to help the station 'Bounce Back'. The station's goal is to raise \$125,000 through a community support campaign to replenish a portion of funds used for transmitter and

equipment repair. In addition, the funds would replace the loss of membership contributions and underwriter support during the extended outage.

Initially, a violent storm damaged the Lakeshore PBS TV transmitter on July 16, 2018 knocking the station off the air. TV transmitters were in high demand as stations all across the country had orders in for new equipment due to the FCC spectrum auction and station repacks, and qualified tower crews were also booked for months in advance.

Over the last year, Lakeshore PBS has committed

over \$400,000 in equipment and repairs, removing the old transmitter and accompanying equipment and purchasing a new solid-state transmitter.

"It takes a large amount of capital to operate a TV station, and this incident shows how challenging it is," said Matt Franklin, vice president of TV Operations for Lakeshore PBS.

"We are proud to announce a resumption of full broadcast service," "It has been an

ordeal but Lakeshore PBS is now back and ready to fulfill our mission to be the recognized media resource for citizens to experience life-long learning, celebrate human diversity, and engage in civic concerns" said James A. Muhammad, president and CEO of Lakeshore Public Media.

To support the public media station in this campaign, visit [www.lakeshorepublicmedia.org/bounceback](http://www.lakeshorepublicmedia.org/bounceback).

## Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs says historic revocation grants now open for applications

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch announced that the Historic Renovation Grant Program is open to for applications and will be accepted until all funding is awarded. The program is designed to preserve and rehabilitate historic properties to further incentivize downtown economic development across Indiana.

"It is so important we are preserving Indiana's rich, historical history," Crouch said. "Through these grants, more communities will have the opportunity to upkeep their downtown buildings."

During the 2019 legislative session the Indiana General Assembly passed three enhancements to the program which include:

- Non-profit organizations that own a historic property are eligible to apply;
- The minimum grant amount that can be requested has been lowered to \$5,000;

and

- The applicant match has been lowered to 50% of the total eligible amount of the project.

"Any eligible historic commercial structure in Indiana is encouraged to apply," said Jodi Golden, Executive Director of OCRA.

Applicants with an eligible historic commercial structure have the opportunity to apply for project funding between \$5,000 and \$100,000 at a maximum request of 50% of the total eligible project cost. Eligible applicants include non-profits, individuals, partnerships, firms, associations, joint ventures, limited liability companies, corporation or non-profit affordable housing organization.

Interested property owners, who meet established eligibility requirements, must submit an application and all supporting documentation to apply. For more information, visit [www.in.gov/ocra/hrgp](http://www.in.gov/ocra/hrgp). htm

## Indiana Department of Natural Resources collects national award for floodplain project

The DNR Division of Water's use of technology to communicate flood risks to Hoosiers has been recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Cooperating Technical Partners program.

The Division of Water received honorable mention "for outstanding achievement in developing CTP Communications and Outreach and Program Management activities."

According to the CTP Newsletter, "Indiana DNR used funding and partnerships to merge the National Flood Hazard Layer to create the Indiana Best Available Floodplain Layer." The BAFL includes more than 18,000 stream miles of updated floodplain information that is useful for planning and better understanding potential flood risk.

In 2016, the CTP launched (See *Indiana* Pg. 8)

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### Help Wanted - Automotive Technician

In an effort to increase our level of service to our customers, Crown Point Auto Repair is adding technicians to our team. If you know of, or have friends or family that you feel would be a good addition to the Crown Point Auto Repair team, have them stop in at 1510 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN, and talk to Bill. Or call the shop at 219-663-1847 or Bill's cell at 708-305-3666 for an appointment. (905)

### Fire Force Volunteers Requested

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# Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles no longer requires written exams for new residents

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles reminds new Hoosiers about a law making their move to Indiana a little easier. Effective this month there is no longer a requirement for individuals moving to Indiana from another state who hold a valid driver's license in that state to complete a written driving test (knowl-

edge exam). The only test individuals are now required to pass is a vision screen.

All new residents are required to provide documents proving their identity, Social Security number, lawful status in the U.S., and Indiana residency. Detailed information pertaining to Real ID and the documents required

to upgrade can be found at [www.REALID.in.gov](http://www.REALID.in.gov).

"Working with the legislature to make things easier for all Hoosiers and Indiana businesses is inherent in our mission. We want new residents to feel welcome and this is one small change we hope will make the transition easier," stated BMV Commissioner

Peter L. Lacy. "This is one of the positive changes that came out of the 2019 legislative session and we are excited it is already making an impact."

For many years, local businesses have noted one major complaint from new Hoosiers is the requirement to take a knowledge exam. The point was reinforced in

late 2018 by Bob Stutz, CEO Marketing Cloud & Chief Analytics Officer, Salesforce. In response to this change, Mr. Stutz said, "this is a great step forward and will help recruit technology workers to Indiana."

An additional impactful change from the 2019 legislative session is giving Disabled

Hoosier Veterans the option to apply for a newly created gold placard. Previously when applying for a Disabled Hoosier Veteran plate these individuals did not have the option to get a specially identified placard. Now they can apply for a plate, placard, or both.

## EMS Academy offers EMT certification course in Valparaiso; application deadline August 23

The Franciscan Health EMS Academy will give students the opportunity to earn their emergency medical technician (EMT) certification in Valparaiso.

Valparaiso classes will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday and Thursday, September 9 through January 16, 2020. Those classes will take place at the MAAC Foundation located at 4203 Montdale Park Drive.

The application deadline is August 23.

"This is a new relationship with the MAAC at Valpo, so we're pretty excited about it,"

said academy Director Rob Dowling.

The Franciscan Health EMS Academy is a specialized program providing quality training for those interested in becoming a state-certified EMT. Certification opens doors to new job opportunities, including firefighter, police officer, private ambulance services, emergency room technician, home healthcare and organ/tissue procurement. It's also a prerequisite for the paramedic program.

Students must have a high school diploma or equivalent

and be age 18 by the time of the state exam. They must also have a valid driver's license, a felony free record, and must successfully pass a 10-panel drug screen and tuberculosis test. Current high school students must have current transcripts reviewed to allow for enrollment.

For more information, go online at [www.FranciscanHealth.org/EMSCrownPoint](http://www.FranciscanHealth.org/EMSCrownPoint), or contact Dowling at [robert.dowling@franciscanalliance.org](mailto:robert.dowling@franciscanalliance.org) or by calling 219-757-6461.

## Sign up for a reserved hunt; first deadline approaching July 29

This month, reserved hunt application periods opened for dove, waterfowl, deer, and pheasant. The application period for dove will close July 29, and the application period for deer will close August 26. Waterfowl and pheasant application periods will close on September 16.

Those interested can only apply for these hunts online.

To get started with an application, go to [www.on.IN.gov/reservedhunt](http://www.on.IN.gov/reservedhunt) and click on 'Apply for a reserved hunt'. Only one application per hunt is allowed, and no changes can be made once an application is submitted. Applicants must possess a hunting license valid for the hunt for which they are applying.

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### This day in history

**July 19, 1879**

Old West legend Doc Holliday committed his first murder, killing a man for shooting up his New Mexico saloon, on this day in 1879.

Despite his formidable reputation as a deadly gunslinger, Holliday only engaged in eight shootouts during his life, and it has only been verified that he killed two men.

In 1879, Holliday settled in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he opened a saloon with a partner. Holliday spent his evenings gambling in the saloon. Holliday also enjoyed the company of the dance hall girls that the partners hired to entertain the customers.

On July 19, 1879, former army scout Mike Gordon tried to persuade one of Holliday's saloon girls to quit her job and run away with him. When she refused, Gordon became infuriated and began to fire bullets randomly into the saloon. Holliday dropped Gordon with a single bullet, and he died the next day.

The following year, Holliday joined his old friend Wyatt Earp in Tombstone, Arizona. There he would kill his second victim during the famous "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral". His hard drinking and tuberculosis eventually caught up with him, and he died in 1887. Struck by the irony of such a peaceful end to a violent life, his last words reportedly were "This is funny."

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## Indiana Arts Commission accepting public nominations for State Poet Laureate

The Indiana Arts Commission recently announced it is currently accepting public nominations for Indiana State Poet Laureate.

The Indiana Poet Laureate represents Indiana and the art of poetry through the development and implementation of programming to the education community and general public. The Poet Laureate makes formal presentations at various educational facilities and events, pursues individual initiatives to advance the knowledge and appreciation of poetry, and offers advice to the IAC regarding ways to further the art of poetry in Indiana.

Nominations for Indiana Poet Laureate should be

limited to one, single-page cover letter and a resume or CV detailing the nominee's qualifications and accomplishments. No additional materials should be included with the initial nomination. Successful nominees must be current residents of Indiana and remain residents during their two-year term of service. Nominees should be published poets, with experience in educational program development.

Nominations must be submitted to the Indiana Arts Commission by e-mail only and must be received by 3:30 p.m. (CDT) Thursday, September 5, 2019. Nominations should be sent to Bridget Eckert at brack-

ert@iac.in.gov.

All nominations will be reviewed by a committee comprised of representatives from Indiana's major institutions of higher education. The committee will be convened this fall to begin review of nominations.

Increasing the awareness of poetry and the power of the written and spoken word was the inspiration behind legislation signed into law in 2005 establishing the State Poet Laureate program. The legislation provides for the development of specific educational programming coordinated between the Arts Commission, the Indiana Department of Education, and the State Poet Laureate.

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the CTP Recognition Program to recognize top performing Cooperating Technical Partners that clearly demonstrate best practices, and who help communities get involved in mitigation action.

View the award-winning DNR work at [www.dnr.IN.gov/water/9846.htm](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/water/9846.htm)

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