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'Pantry on the Go' sponsored by Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul Society helps local families



Volunteers preparing to distribute food to those in line.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon, Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul Society hosted their fourth 'Pantry on the Go' event with the Food Bank of NWI. From 3 to 6 p.m., volunteers from Holy Spirit, local area McDonalds employees, and employees of the Food Bank of NWI distributed thousands of pounds of food to a total of 134 clients and their families.

This was once again a very successful turnout for the Pantry on the Go event at Holy Spirit. Marshall Anderson, volunteer with

the Food Bank and member of Holy Spirit said, "I have worked all the 'Pantry on the Go' events at Holy Spirit and it always gives me a good feeling to help those in need. The volunteers who work the event are so compassionate and the clients are happy to receive this food to help feed their families."

The event took place along the tree-covered walkway in front of the church. Food items, provided by the Food Bank included dried beans, walnut pieces, canned

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Adult baseball playoffs culminate in third straight championship for the Hurricanes

The Roy Hobbs (19 years to 32 years old) adult baseball playoffs concluded recently with the Hurricanes winning their third straight championship. Pictured are, top row, left to right: Tariq Suboh, Abe Dukes, Kyle Ferber, Reggie Holmes, "Big" Mike Swayne, Nick Bolda, Ryan Davis, and Kevin Horst; and bottom row: Mike O'Shea, Tony O'shea, Blake Klisurich, Tony Reiser, and Sam O'Shea. (Not pictured: Nick Havens, Danny Wall, and Greg Neely.) Highlights of the 'Canes season were an overall record of 21-2; an outscoring of their opponents 235-85; winning 11 games by the 'slaughter rule'; and a season-high batting average of .511 by Mike O'Shea.

American drivers waste \$2.1 billion annually on premium gasoline that's not necessary

According to new AAA research, American drivers wasted more than \$2.1 billion dollars in the last year by using premium-grade gasoline in vehicles designed to run on regular fuel. With 16.5 million U.S. drivers having used premium fuel despite the vehicle manufacturer's recommendation in the last 12 months, AAA conducted a comprehensive fuel evaluation to determine what, if any, benefit the practice offers to

consumers. After using industry-standard test protocols designed to evaluate vehicle performance, fuel economy and emissions, AAA found no benefit to using premium gasoline in a vehicle that only requires regular-grade fuel.

"Drivers see the 'premium' name at the pump and may assume the fuel is better for their vehicle," said John Nielsen, AAA's managing director of Automotive Engineering and Repair.

"AAA cautions drivers that premium gasoline is higher octane, not higher quality, and urges drivers to follow the owner's manual recommendations for their vehicle's fuel."

In partnership with the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center, AAA tested 87-octane (regular) and 93-octane (premium) gasoline in vehicles equipped with a V-8, V-6 or I4 engine

designed to operate on regular-grade fuel.

To evaluate the effects of using a higher-octane fuel when it's not required by the manufacturer, each vehicle was tested on a dynamometer, which is essentially a treadmill for cars that is designed to measure horsepower, fuel economy and tailpipe emissions when using both fuel types and a variety of driving conditions.

The laboratory testing

found no significant increases in any tested category, indicating the practice of using premium gasoline when it's not required for a given vehicle offers no advantage.

"AAA's tests reveal that there is no benefit to using premium gasoline in a vehicle that requires regular fuel," said Megan McKernan, manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center. "Premium gasoline is specifi-

cally formulated to be compatible with specific types of engine designs and most vehicles cannot take advantage of the higher octane rating."

To understand the magnitude of the issue, AAA surveyed U.S. drivers to understand what type of fuel their vehicles require and the frequency at which they upgrade to premium fuel. Results reveal:

- Seventy percent of U.S.

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Report notes that more travelers are buying terror-related travel insurance

A new consumer report from top travel insurance comparison site InsureMyTrip indicates a growing demand for terrorism-related travel insurance coverage. Licensed travel insurance agents at the company report an estimated 20% spike in calls from travelers seeking terrorism coverage for upcoming trips. The concern has led more travelers to purchase a travel insurance policy that will enable a traveler to cancel a trip due to fear or safety concerns. This specific coverage is called Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) protection.

The most reliable way to be covered for terrorism is to purchase your plan as early as possible and invest in a plan that includes Cancel for Any Reason coverage. This coverage has several eligibility requirements, including a time-sensitive purchase window after you have made your initial trip payment.

It should be noted that Cancel for Any Reason benefits typically allow you to cancel your trip up to two days prior to the scheduled departure date, and in most cases, reimburse up to 75% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip cost.

Cancel for Any Reason coverage could be vital if traveling to an area of the world that is prone to civil disorder or terrorism. Due to the commonality of incidents, any event would most likely be seen as a 'known peril', thus voiding coverage for standard trip cancellation.

Also, Cancel for Any Reason coverage would allow you to cancel a trip due to terrorism if you purchased your plan after a terrorism travel alert or warning has been issued by the U.S. government. Any plan purchased after a travel alert or warning

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A tasty salute to military veterans

Jessica DeGiulio, left, and Lisa Remmers, both from the food services department at Franciscan Health Munster, represented the five Franciscan Health Northern Division hospitals recently in the annual Taste of Care at Avalon Manor in Hobart. The event brings together more than 15 chefs from hospitals, nursing care and hospice facilities to present their best dishes and help raise awareness for Honor Flight Chicago, which pays tribute to veterans.

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ois issued would not cover terrorism as a reason for trip cancellation.

Most comprehensive travel insurance plans include, in their coverage for trip cancellation and interruption, some mention of coverage for terrorist acts. With this cover-

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drivers currently own a vehicle that requires regular gasoline, while 16% drive vehicles that require premium fuel. The remaining 14% own a vehicle that requires mid-grade gasoline (10%) or uses an alternative energy source (4%).

- In the last 12 months, 16.5 million U.S. drivers unnecessarily used premium-grade gasoline in their vehicle at least once. On average, those that upgraded to premium gasoline did so at least once per month.

- In the last 12 months, U.S. drivers unnecessarily used premium gasoline in their vehicle more than 270 million times.

"When it comes to gasoline, 'premium' does not mean 'better' if your vehicle doesn't require it," continued Nielsen. "Drivers looking to upgrade to a higher quality fuel for their vehicle should save their money and select a Top Tier gasoline, not a higher-octane one."

Previous AAA research found that fuel quality varies significantly among gasoline retailers and that using a gasoline that meets Top Tier standards can result in 19 times fewer engine deposits, increase vehicle performance and improve fuel economy.

To protect vehicle investments, AAA urges drivers to use the appropriate gasoline

age, you would theoretically be able to cancel or interrupt your travel plans if an act of terrorism occurred in your destination city within a certain number of days of your scheduled arrival. This time frame varies by plan and provider, but in general, can be anywhere from 7 to 30 days.

as determined by their car's manufacturer (regular or premium) that meets top tier standards for engine cleanliness and performance.

To calculate the total annual cost of using premium gasoline when not required by the vehicle manufacturer, AAA conducted a comprehensive analysis that included a U.S. consumer survey, Federal Highway Administration data, per-gallon costs of premium gasoline and regular gasoline and the average number of fill-ups annually.

All testing was conducted at the Automotive Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center in Los Angeles, California, using an industry-standard chassis dynamometer, emissions test equipment and Environmental Protection Agency driving cycles. All gasoline used for testing was EPA Tier III certification fuel with ten percent ethanol content in both regular and premium grades. Certified test fuel was used to remove variability in fuel quality and additives.

For this study, AAA did not evaluate the effects of using regular fuel in an engine that requires premium gasoline. For additional information about premium fuel, including the full test report and fact sheet, visit www.newsroom.aaa.com.

While the definition may vary depending on which plan and provider you've chosen, there are two basic ways that travel insurance companies define 'terrorist acts'. In any case, travelers should understand that even if there is some kind of violent, frightening civil discord occurring in a country to which they are scheduled to travel, it may not be covered under their travel insurance plan's definition of "terrorism."

The United States government must declare the situa-

tion in question to have been an act of terrorism. A clear distinction must be made between terrorism and 'civil disorder or riot', and usually stipulates that the incident must not have been an act of war, whether declared or undeclared.

In order to be eligible for coverage against terrorist acts, you will likely have to meet some expectations on the part of the travel insurance company as far as dates and geography are concerned. For example, your travel insurance policy will

likely state that coverage only extends to terrorist acts that have occurred within a certain number of days of your scheduled departure, so make sure to read your plan details carefully.

Also, if a terrorist act has occurred in your destination city prior to your purchase of a travel insurance policy, it will likely be considered a 'known peril', which would mean that you would not be eligible for coverage if you chose to cancel your trip as a result of that terrorist incident (unless you are eligible

for Cancel for Any Reason coverage).

Lastly, depending upon the plan you've purchased, you'll need to be familiar with whether the coverage applies only to a city that is specifically on your itinerary, or whether it also extends to outlying regions or to the country as a whole.



This day in history

October 21, 1967

In Washington, D.C. nearly 100,000 people gathered to protest the American war effort in Vietnam. More than 50,000 of the protesters marched to the Pentagon to ask for an end to the conflict. The protest was a dramatic sign of waning U.S. support for the war in Vietnam. Polls taken in the summer revealed that, for the first time, American support for the war had fallen below 50%.

When the Johnson Administration announced that it would ask for a 10% increase in taxes to fund the war, the public's skepticism increased. The peace movement began to push harder for an end to the war; the march on Washington was a powerful sign of their commitment to this cause.

The Johnson Administration responded by launching a propaganda campaign to restore public confidence in its handling of the war. The president called General William Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, back to the United States to address Congress and the public.

The effort was somewhat successful in tempering criticisms of the war. However, the Tet Offensive of early 1968 destroyed much of the Johnson Administration's and Westmoreland's credibility.

The protest was important in suggesting that the domestic Cold War consensus was beginning to fracture. Many protesters were not simply questioning America's conduct in Vietnam, but the very basis of the nation's Cold War foreign policy.

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Bill Wilson and his crew at Crown Point Auto Repair know about cars and think you should, too. They need regular maintenance. Little problems can quickly turn into big problems when they are ignored, and a vehicle's life expectancy is greatly increased when it's treated with a little care.

Finding a competent auto technician need not be a matter of chance. Much of the guesswork has been eliminated, thanks to a national program conducted by ASE.

ASE tests and certifies automotive professionals in all major technical areas of repair and service. With more than 360,000 currently certified professionals working in dealerships, independent shops, collision repair shops, auto parts stores, fleets, schools and colleges across the United States, ASE's national certification program has industry-wide acceptance and recognition.

ASE certifies the technical competence of individual technicians, not the repair facilities. Before taking ASE certification tests, many technicians attend training classes or study on their own in order to brush up on their knowledge. By passing difficult, national tests, ASE-certified technicians prove their technical competence to themselves, to their employers, and to their customers.

What's more, because this program is voluntary, ASE certification becomes a self-selecting credential. And while ASE does not certify repair shops or monitor business practices, it stands to reason that those shop owners and managers who support their employees' efforts to become ASE-certified often will be just as proactively involved in the other aspects of their businesses as well.

More than 40 certification tests in all areas of vehicle service and repair are offered eight months out of the year at secure computer centers. Technicians who pass at least one exam and fulfill the two-year work experience requirement earn the "ASE-certified" designation. Those who pass a battery of exams, as well as fulfill the experience requirement, earn "Master Technician" status. In addition, all ASE credentials have expiration dates. ASE requires technicians to retest every five years to demonstrate their commitment to continuing education and stay abreast of changing technologies.

The tests are developed and regularly updated by industry experts with oversight from ASE's own in-house pros. They are administered by ACT, the same group known for its college entrance exams.

There are specialty exams covering all major areas of repair. There are nine tests for

auto technicians alone: Engine Repair, Engine Performance, Light Vehicle Diesel Engines, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Brakes, Heating and Air Conditioning, Suspension and Steering, Manual Drive Train and Axles, and Automatic Transmissions. There are also exams for collision repair technicians, engine machinists, parts special-

ists, bus techs and others.

Repair establishments with at least one ASE-certified technician are permitted to display the blue and white ASE sign. Each ASE professional is issued personalized credentials listing his or her exact area(s) of certification and an appropriate shoulder insignia or lapel pin. Technicians are also issued

certificates that employers often post in the customer-service areas of their businesses. Businesses with a high level of commitment to ASE are entitled to a special "Blue Seal of Excellence" recognition from ASE.

As with other professionals, automotive technicians often specialize, so it's wise to ask the shop owner or ser-

vice manager for a technician who is certified in the appropriate area, such as brakes, engine repair, or air conditioning.

If you're interested in learning more about proper vehicle maintenance, contact Bill Wilson, master mechanic and owner of Crown Point Auto Repair, or one his crew at 219-663-1847.

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The logo for the United Auto Workers (UAW), featuring a circular emblem with a gear and the letters 'UAW' in the center.

The logo for the 'Elect' organization, featuring a stylized 'E' and 'B' with the word 'ELECT' below it.

The logo for the Painters and Allied Trades (PAT), featuring a circular emblem with a lion and the text 'PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES' and 'ONE UNION'.

The logo for the Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA), featuring the letters 'ISTA' in a stylized font.

The logo for the United Steelworkers (USW), featuring the letters 'USW' in a large, bold font with the text 'UNITED STEELWORKERS' above and 'UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR WORKERS' below.

The logo for the AFL-CIO Northwest Indiana Building & Construction Trades Council, featuring a map of Indiana and the text 'AFL-CIO NORTHWEST INDIANA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL'.

The logo for the Indiana Political Action Committee for Education (IPACE), featuring a map of Indiana and the text 'IPACE INDIANA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION'.

The logo for the National Organization for Women (NOW), featuring a stylized 'NOW' in a circular emblem.

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The logo for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), featuring a stylized 'aft' in a shield shape.

The logo for the American Federation of Labor's National Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), featuring a circular emblem with a globe and the text 'AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR'S NATIONAL CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS'.

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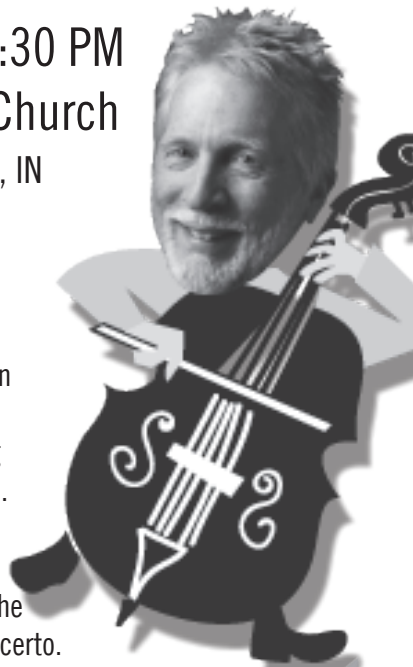
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Crown Point Library has plenty to keep kids, adults occupied in October

Children aged 6 to 9 can attend for hands-on fun learning about the ancient Egyptian practice of mummy-making at the Crown Point Community Library on Saturday, October 22, at 10 a.m. Participants will enjoy a demonstration, craft, and a sweet treat.

The Friends of the Crown Point Community Library will be sponsoring a performance by the Crown Point High School Band directed by Johann Sletto on Tuesday, October 25, at 6 p.m. in the Library Meeting Rooms.

Sletto will direct the Wind Ensemble comprised of 67 upper classmen. This is the premiere performing ensemble in the band program at Crown Point High School, which includes over 200 students performing in concert band, marching band, jazz band, pep band, symphony orchestra and the pit for the musical.

The program will include band standards classics such as concert marches as overtures, as well as other modern compositions. Registration is not required and refreshments will be served. The event is free to all ages and registration is not required.

The Crown Point

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peaches, canned diced tomatoes, chicken, fresh broccoli, and bread.

Said Donald Samburg, one of the volunteer workers, "It was a wonderful event again this year. As the host the Holy Spirit St. Vincent De Paul Society is to be held up once again as an example of a community organization that goes above and beyond. As an organization they are working year 'round to deliver assistance to those in need."



Community Library will host a Halloween Harvest Magic Show on Wednesday, October 26, at 4:30 p.m. Wear a costume and join for cool Halloween magic tricks, hilarious comedy, and 'spook-tacular' audience participation. Trick-or-treat safety messages are highlighted during the show, and every member of the audience will receive a safety reflector sticker to take home. This free Halloween show is appropriate for all ages and no registration necessary.

The Friends annual fall used book sale will be underway in the library meeting rooms October 27 to 29.

The sale will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. Thursday night is a special Friends membership night. If you have been considering joining the group, purchase a bag of books and membership for the 2017 year is free.

Books cost \$5 a bag. You can mix and match items. The last day of the sale is \$1 a bag day. The Friends will also be handing out treats at the book sale during the City's Pumpkin Walk on Saturday.

To register please call the Children's Library at 219-306-8068 or sign up online at www.crownpointlibrary.org.

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Friends of the CP Library to host annual Literary Luncheon

The Friends of the Crown Point Community Library 5th Annual Literary Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 11 a.m. The event will take place at the St. Matthias Hall, located at 101 W. Burrell Drive in Crown Point, and will include a presentation by New York Best Selling Author, Kate Collins, a sit-down lunch, and raffle drawings for gift baskets.

Tickets to the event are \$25 per person and are on sale now at the Crown Point Community Library. The tickets include the lunch and presentation. A book signing will follow the presentation.

This luncheon is one of the ways the Friends of the Crown Point Library raise funds to support the Crown Point Library and to provide intimate interactions between community members and quality authors.

Kate Collins is the New York Times bestselling author of the Flower Shop Mystery series. An Indiana native, Kate graduated from Purdue University with a master's degree in education. She taught elementary school for six years, but after the birth of her first child, gave up teaching to pursue a long-time dream of putting her stories to paper.

After publishing a series of short children's stories, she sold her first historical romantic suspense novel in 1995. Seven romance novels later, she switched to her true love,

mysteries. Kate is very proud that The Flower Shop Mystery series was named The Best Continuing Cozy Mystery Series for 2013 by popular online review site Escape with Dolylcas.

All of Kate's mysteries are available in print, digital, and large-print editions both in the U.S. and in the UK. Kate's historical romances and children's anthologies are also available in digital format at Amazon, B&N, and other e-book sellers.

When not growing roots at her computer, Kate loves to garden. Other passions include yoga, travel, decorating, reading, spending time with family and friends, sampling great wines and fine dark chocolate, and enjoying every moment of life. The author lives in Northwest Indiana and Key West, Florida.

For more information visit www.crownpointlibrary.org.

Fourth annual 'Pick & Treat for Tots' drive now underway

The 4th Annual Pick & Treat for Tots drive, to benefit the Family & Youth Services Bureau's Tot Shop, will be held through October 31.

The Tot Shop is an incentive-based program where young parents can shop for needed baby and toddler supplies. However, the items are not given away and they can't be purchased with money. Parents must earn coupons by going to doctor visits, checkups for their kids, getting immunizations, attending parenting classes, and nutrition workshops, and doing things that educate

them to be better parents. Then they receive coupons after attending these activities, and exchange their coupons for needed supplies like clothing, beds, and books.

Over 1,500 local families used The Tot Shop in the past year. The drive to replenish supplies for The Tot Shop is sponsored by BMO Harris Bank and area residents can participate by dropping off their donations to any BMO Harris Bank branch in Chesterton, Portage or Valparaiso.

Also, community members can hold a 'baby show-

er' with their office colleagues, church, neighborhood group, or organization during the month of October. The shower items can then be delivered to the FYSB office at 253 W. Lincolnway in Valparaiso, or call 219-464-9585 to have items picked up.

Items needed for babies and toddlers at this time are Fall jackets and hooded sweatshirts, sizes newborns to 18 months; diapers: only need size newborn and size 4; diaper bags; high chair covers; sheets for cribs; educational and developmen-

tal toys; baby carriers and slings; carrier covers; children's blankets, receiving and heavier.

Because of hygiene concerns, The Tot Shop only accepts new items. Donors are requested to please leave price tag on items donated, it will help determine value. Monetary donations are especially appreciated and needed at this time, to help pay for any items that are not donated.

For more information about Pick & Treat for Tots, contact Jackie Gray at 219.464.9585.

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2016 'College GO!' campaign kicked off by state

Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers recently joined communities and schools across the state in kicking off Indiana's 'College GO!' campaign. Continuing through November, the annual campaign kicks off a full semester of efforts designed to help Hoosiers of all ages plan for education beyond high school.

"College GO! gives Hoosiers the information and support they need to not only go to college, but to prepare them to complete college,"

said Lubbers. The campaign kicked off event with a presentation about the Scholar Success Program. The Scholar Success Program outlines a series of 12 activities all scholars, beginning with the high school graduating Class of 2017, must complete to earn their scholarships. The activities were designed by an advisory group of educators, community leaders, and business stakeholders in 2012 to help prepare scholars with the skills and experiences they need to be successful in col-

lege and complete a degree or credential.

College GO! encourages students to complete practical college-readiness activities at each grade level, including creating a graduation plan, visiting college campuses, and applying to college. Many Indiana colleges are waiving application fees during College GO! Students and families can learn more about fee waivers, grade-specific activities, and related college-planning resources at www.learnmoreindiana.org/campaigns.



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