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IDHS encourages all Hoosiers to get involved with National **Preparedness Month**

September is National Preparedness Month, and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security encourages Hoosier families to take the necessary steps to make sure households are prepared for all types of disasters.

"Preparation is key to managing any type of unexpected situation," said David Hosick, communications director and chief public information officer for IDHS. "Indiana experiences severe weather events throughout the year. Learning more about how to prepare for these threats will help keep Hoosiers safe during any emergency scenario."

National Preparedness Month is the perfect opportunity for Hoosiers to learn lifesaving skills such as CPR and first aid, how to check insurance policies for common hazards as well as

how to make and practice a household emergency plan. Tornadoes, fires, snow and severe flooding are all common occurrences throughout the year in Indiana. Knowing how to stay prepared for these types of situations will not only minimize the effects,

Some helpful safety tips to

- Become aware of disasters that could occur in the local area. Learn what to look for and what to avoid in each
- Discuss possible emergency scenarios with family members. Include events such as fires, natural disasters and man-made disasters. Make sure everyone in the family or work place knows the steps involved in re-
- sponding to these • Establish meeting locations

but also save lives.

consider are:

- (See IDHS Pg. 2)

Winfield-LOFS residents invited to "bee" a guest and navigate a corn maze at local orchard

For the second year in a row, County Line Orchard teamed up with Culver's 'Thank You, Farmers' project to grow a corn maze. This year's maze design celebrates agriculture by highlighting the importance of bees.

County Line Orchard is located at 200 South County Line Road in Hobart; about a 15-minute ride from Winfield and Lakes of the Four Seasons.

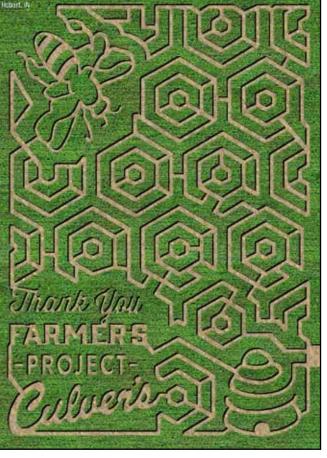
The maze is one of five across the country that Culver's and corn maze designers teamed up on to grow messages that celebrate agriculture while also growing our guests' appreciation for those who produce food.

"Corn mazes are such a natural way for us to celebrate agriculture and give our guests the chance to connect

a bit more to their food," said Jessie Kreke, Culver's senior marketing manager. "If you're located near one of our corn mazes this year, we hope you'll have the chance to wind your way through."

The maze is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October 28. The admission price is \$1 for general admission and \$10 for access to all farm activities, while children under age 2 are free. Other activities at the farm include apple and pumpkin picking, educational school tours and fresh-made donuts. For more information about County Line Orchard visit www.countylineorchard.com.

Learn more about this year's mazes and the Thank You Farmers Project www.culvers.com/ thankyoufarmersproject.



Guests are invited to enjoy the winding honeycomb and large bee at this year's County Line Orchard Corn Maze.

Homeland Security, FEMA, urge preparatio n now for possible disasters Department o

'Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.' is the theme of this year's National Preparedness Month, held annually every September since 2004. National Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to remind everyone to prepare themselves and their families now, and throughout the year.

National Preparedness Month is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Homeland Security, and it's part of a governmental effort to strengthen the United States' preparedness capabilities, whether a terrorist attack strikes, or a natural disaster

Business Better Bureau has partnered with FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security at www.ready.gov to offer tips on how to fully prepare for a disaster.

Disasters don't plan ahead,

but you can. Start by making an emergency plan with everyone in the home.

- Put together a plan by discussing four different questions with your family, friends or household to begin your emergency plan. Discuss how you will receive emergency alerts and warnings, what your shelter plan is, your evacuation route, and the household communication plan.
- It's best to practice your escape plan with your fam-

ily, including animals, at least twice a year so you are fully prepared when disaster strikes.

- Fill out an emergency plan, and share with everyone in your family, or household.
- · Learning basic home maintenance skills can protect your home and your family.
- Learn how to turn off utilities like natural gas and electricity, and how to test and replace smoke alarms. It's recommended to test smoke alarms every month, and to

replace them every 10 years. • You should also know the ways to keep your home safe

- from cooking, heating and electrical fires. • According to FEMA, more than half of all homeowners in the United States do not
- carry adequate homeowner's insurance to replace their home and its contents should a catastrophic loss occur. Insurance is your first line of defense, which is why you should check your insurance coverage, and review your

policy.

- · According to the Federal Reserve over 40% of Americans don't have \$400 in savings. It's important to be financially prepared for any type of disaster. Disasters can be very stressful, but having access to personal, financial, medical, and other records is crucial to a quick recovery.
- Consider saving money and storing it in an emergency savings account, as well (See FEMA Pg. 2)

Purdue University Northwest breaks ground on new Bioscience Innovation Building

With a dig of 12 ceremonial shovels, Purdue University Northwest (PNW) officially broke ground on its \$40 million Bioscience Innovation Building. University officials, along with local and state representatives, celebrated the monumental moment with students, faculty and staff as the fall semester began this week.

State Rep. Hal Slager (R-Schererville), who made education one of his priorities since elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 2012, was one of the guest

speakers. Slager championed the project at the statehouse, marshalling support of other lawmakers that eventually led to an appropriation of \$35 million in state funds, making the building a reality.

"This institution, this campus, has become an anchor for northwest Indiana," said Slager. "Our campaign to educate my colleagues in the legislature was not only that Purdue Northwest was an anchor institution, but truly a gateway to Northwest Indiana"

"What we are witnessing

today is a transformational project for not only this campus, but all of northwest Indiana," said Slager.

The 68,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility will house Purdue Northwest's College of Nursing and the Biological Sciences department, which is within the College of Engineering and Sciences. The melding of students and faculty from both disciplines was deliberate; designed to encourage collaborative cutting-edge research and advanced STEM educational opportunities across a broad range of areas in the growing healthcare and bioscience industries.

"Health care is the number two economic driver in Northwest Indiana," said Chancellor Thomas L. Keon. "There are many opportunities for Purdue Northwest to impact our students and faculty with this new building, and that flows over to all of northwest Indiana. We are truly grateful for the tremendous support for this project from our legislative delegation, donors and alumni, as well as faculty and staff."



Rendering of Purdue University Northwest's new Bioscience Innovation Building, which is expected to be completed by spring 2020

Senior Tiffany Coffey recognizes what the facility will mean to future PNW nursing students. Coffey, who graduates this December and plans to work in pediatric nursing, said nursing students cur-(See Purdue Pg. 2)

South Shore Line to promote education and awareness during Rail Safety Week

To further increase public awareness of rail safety, promote education, and enforce safety measures, the South Shore Line will be participating in National Rail Safety Week from September 24 to 28.

The statistics are staggering. Approximately every three hours in the U.S., a person or vehicle is hit by a train. The goal of Railroad Safety Week is to raise awareness across the United States of the need for rail safety education and empower the general public to keep themselves safe near highway-rail grade crossings and railroad rightsof-way.

"Many of the injuries that occur at or near rail crossings can be prevented. It is critical that we continue to educate the public on the risks associated with trespassing near railroad tracks or disregarding laws that have been put in place for the safety of those on the train as well as those in our community," commented Nicole Barker, Director of Capital Investment and Implementation at the SSL. "Passenger rail service is a positive and safe means of transportation in our communities and for our riders. We will continue to do whatever it takes to better educate and enforce railway safety measures to avert and hopefully eliminate accidents along the railroad."

During Railroad Safety Week, the SSL will provide educational information regarding dangers around the railroad, the safety measures employed by the SSL and the responsibility of the public in

Connect Christian Camp rummage sale to be held September 28 & 29; donations needed

Connect Christian Camp & Retreat Center (formerly Camp LRCA), will be having their annual rummage sale and bake sale on Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This sale has become a

(Purdue from Pg. 1) rently utilize space in different buildings across campus. "With the new building, it will be really great to have a place we can claim as our

own for nursing," she said.

Coffey's sentiment was echoed by Dean Lisa Hopp, whose College of Nursing just earned a second consecutive "Center of Excellence" recognition from the National League for Nursing.

"This will advance clinical simulation and lab space for our continually expanding program," said Hopp. "We also were really focused on the vibrancy of our community initiatives, keeping our

(FEMA from Pg. 1) as leaving a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. If a disaster strikes, ATM's and credit card machines

local favorite as it has three large rooms full of 'treasures'. Baked goods will also be available for sale.

The community is invited to drop off donations through September 22 at Connect Christian Camp & Retreat

partners in mind when planning the space."

biologist himself, College of Engineering and Sciences Dean Kenneth (Chris) Holford said the Bioscience Innovation Building will enhance research and teaching in the high-paying high-demand, bioscience sector.

"Included is an upgrade of our instrumentation to give our students and faculty researchers access to the latest technology, putting them on the forefront of fast evolving fields like microbiology, biotechnology and cellular physiology," said Holford.

Pre-veterinary studies hon-

may stop working, leaving cash as the only option.

• You should also gather all financial and critical personal, household, and mediCenter, located at 7007 East 117th Avenue in Winfield.

No TVs, computer monitors, or adult clothing please, but children's clothing is welcome. Questions regarding donations may be directed to the camp office at 219-663-2530.

ors student, and goalkeeper for PNW's women's soccer team, Kelley Sharp credits the smaller class sizes and opportunities for student research at Purdue Northwest in preparing her well for her dream of becoming a zoo veterinarian.

"The Bioscience Innovation Building will benefit students with updated lab equipment and provide them the opportunity to get involved in research allowing them to make a difference in a field they are truly passionate about," said Sharp.

Construction of building on the Hammond Campus is expected to finish by spring 2020.

cal information and store it in a safe, yet easily accessible • It's important to also obtain

- property, health and life insurance, and review your existing policies for the amount and extent of coverage to ensure that what you have in place is enough for you and your family.
- No matter how much you prepare, you might have some damage to deal with after a natural disaster. 'Storm chasers' are contractors who seek to take advantage of disasters and get consumers to make quick and potentially uninformed decisions. Get the BBB's tips on how to protect yourself from storm chasers.

For more information visit www.ready.gov or www.bbb. org.

(IDHS from Pg. 1) in the event of a potential disaster, and make sure all family members and employees are aware of

• Create a list of emergency contacts and share it with family members and friends.

National Preparedness Month also emphasizes the importance of creating and updating an emergency disaster kit. For more information on how to craft an effective emergency kit and emergency plan, visit www. in.gov/dhs/3261.htm.

preventing accidents, including proper safety measures for stations & platforms, boarding & exiting, parking

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Application deadline nears for waterfowl reserved hunts

Hunters can now apply online for a reserved waterfowl hunt by visiting www. hunting.IN.gov and clicking on the 'Reserved Hunt Info' link.

The online method is the only way to apply.

Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they are applying. To be accepted, applications must be completed by the application deadline.

Only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once the application is submitted.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized, random drawing. Drawing results will be posted at www. wildlife.IN.gov within two weeks after application deadlines. An email will be sent to applicants when results are posted.

Applications must be submitted no later than September 23. Properties are Brookville and Monroe

lakes, Goose Pond, LaSalle, Hovey, Kankakee, Kingsbury and Willow Slough fish & wildlife areas, and Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area.

Successfully drawn applicants will be chosen for one

of their five property and date choices. Participants must have a party of three hunters to hunt Monroe Lake. On all other properties, hunters must be accompanied by at least one but no more than two other hunters.

Warriors 12u baseball team to hold tryouts Saturday

The Warriors 12u baseball team will be holding a tryout on September 22 at 4 p.m. at the LOFS baseball fields. If interested contact Doug Hoover at 219-775-1612 for more information.

Barker Mansion to host annual doll tea party

The public is invited to join Barker Mansion for their annual tradition as they host our Dearest Doll Tea party on September 22 from 3 to 5 p.m. The event takes place in the mansion gardens where guests will enjoy tea, lemonade, fruit, and pastries with dolls and stuffed animals. This will be followed by a viewing of Catherine

Barker's favorite doll and creating a craft indoors.

Cost is \$10 per youth and \$15 per adult. Registration is required via Eventbrite or by calling the mansion at 219-873-1520 ext 5.

The Barker Mansion is located at 631 Washington Street in Michigan City. Visit www.barkermansion.com for details.

Purdue Extension to showcase prescribed burns as a key habitat management tool at Gabis Arboretum

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue
Northwest, in collaboration
with Purdue Extension—
Forestry and Natural
Resources, will showcase
the land management benefits of fire with a prescribed
burn scheduled at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 26,
pending weather conditions.

Fire is an important tool for landowners which encourages native plant growth, restores soil nutrients and helps

t tool at Gabis Arboretu control invasive species.

The public is invited to see the land post burn and get an up-close look at the equipment used to conduct a safe and effective burns. Purdue Extension employees will be available to answer questions.

This event is free with admission to the arboretum. For more information, email gabisarboretum@pnw.edu or call 219-742-8147.



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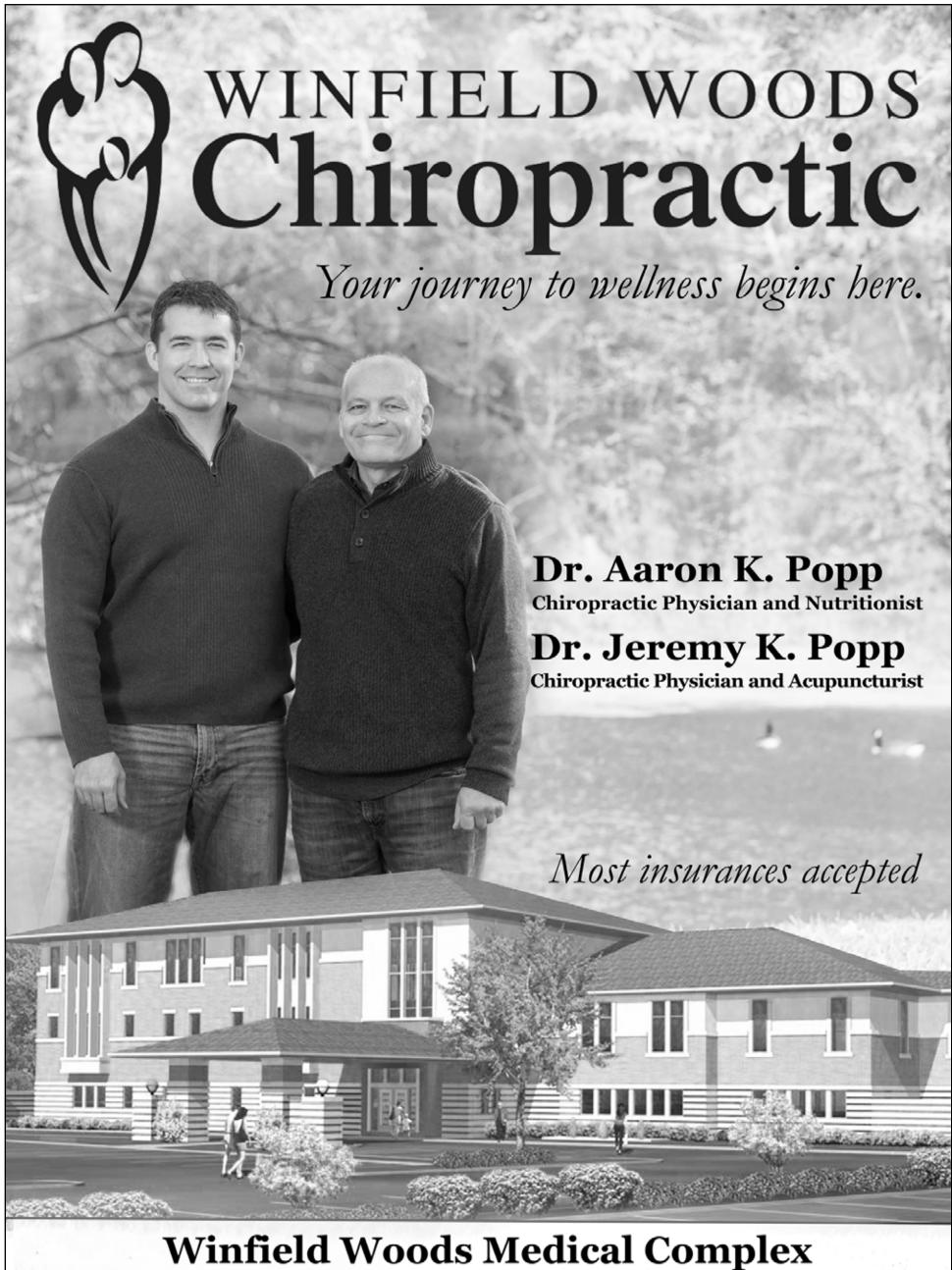
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Hoosiers are reminded that September is National Voter Registration Month

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson is reminding eligible voters that September is National Voter Registration Month. Hoosiers who need to register should do so today at www.Indianavoters.com or on a smart phone using the Indiana Voters app.

"With only weeks to go until the general election on November 6, there is no time to waste in verifying your voter registration and polling location," noted

of Secretary Lawson. "Voting is a privilege we enjoy as citizens and getting ready to vote in Indiana is simple and th. straightforward."

The nation's Secretaries of State established September as National Voter Registration Month in 2002 to encourage voter participation and increase awareness of state requirements and deadlines for voting. Eligible citizens who are 18 years of age or older may sign up at their county voter

registration office, online at www.IndianaVoters.com, or through the Indiana Voters app (available for Android and Apple users).

The deadline to register or update your registration is October 9, 2018.



Deadline here for vendors for this autumn's Winfield Harvest Festival October 13

The Town of Winfield is now accepting food, craft, and business vendors for the Winfield Harvest Festival taking place on Saturday, October 13, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the new Randolph Community Park located at 11900 Randolph Street, which is just south of 117th Avenue.

Space is limited, vendors

will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

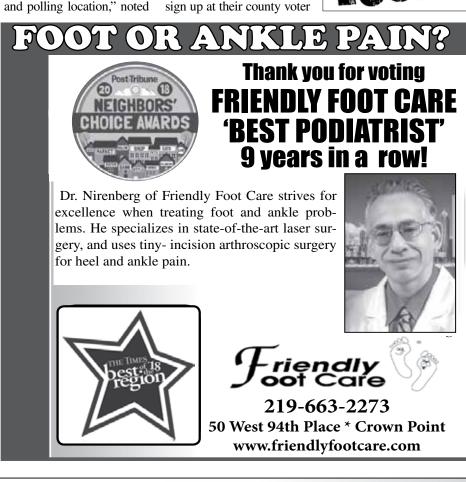
Payment must be submitted along with the vendor application back to the Town Hall, 10645 Randolph Street, Suite A.

Applications may be mailed in or they can be dropped off in the utility drop box located to the left of the Town Hall door. The deadline

for applications is September 21 for craft-business vendors. Applications can be found at www.winfield.in.gov under the 'Upcoming Events' section.

For questions or additional information contact Kim at the Town Hall at 219-662-2665 or via e-mail to kwachowski@winfield.in.gov







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Lions Club summarizes summer successes, looks forward to autumn events

The LOFS Lions have been busy in the service of their community this summer. They have been able to donate to two local food banks and are planning a number of community events for the fall and winter.

Their August Steak Fry was the most successful to date. The House and Garden Club and the Lions teamed up to hold a 'Cocktails and Canvas' this past Thursday.

The Lions semi-annual steak sale will run through September 30, with pickup on October 6 at the Seasons Lakehouse restaurant inside Lakes of the Four Seasons. A half case of eight costs \$50, a full case of 16 is \$100. These steaks have been a big hit in the community and make

great holiday gifts.

Contact Linda Kroner at 219-765-3990 for details or e-mail the Lions at lofslions@aol.com. If members of the community would like to know more about the Lions Club, contact them at lofslions@aol.com, or on Facebook as Lakes of the Four Seasons (IN) Lions

NIPSCO awards \$50,000 in public safety education and training grants throughout Northwest Indiana

Thirteen local organizations will receive grants from Nipsco totaling \$50,000 to help fund their safety and educational projects and programs throughout northern Indiana.

"This was the first year we offered this grant and we were impressed to see the number of applications we received," said Karen McCoy, public affairs manager. "Public safety, education and training, in all forms, are very important to us at Nipsco and we're excited to be able to assist these organizations in their mission."

This year's recipients include:

- Valparaiso Police Department, Project Safe **Pathways**
- City of Hammond Fire Department, Fire Prevention Education
- La Porte County Juvenile Serve Center Task Force, PACER's National Bullying

Prevention

- Boys & Girls Club of Fort Wayne Indiana, Blue Bucket Brigade (BBB)
- Andrean High School, ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate) **Training**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of NE Indiana, EMPOWER Sexual Abuse Prevention Training
- Valparaiso Fire

Awareness for Educators

- District 2 Hospital Preparedness Planning Committee, Stop the Bleed
- Portage Township DBA SW Central Fire Territory, Gas Detectors
- Kouts Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Prevention Program

(See NIPSCO Pg. 8)

Deadline nears for Winfield's Great Pumpkin Dash 5k run-walk October 13

The Great Pumpkin Dash is back.

Halloween-themed. The family-friendly race take place the morning of the Harvest Festival, which is Saturday, October 13, at 8 a.m.

Due to construction, this year's race will take place through the Doubletree West and Country Meadows subdivisions, with the start-finish line at the Doubletree West Entrance at 104th Avenue and Randolph Street.

Registration fees are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 13 and under, register by September 21 to guarantee your shirt size and medal. To register and get more race info visit www.winfield. in.gov.

Strollers and handicap equipment are permitted on this course. Halloween costumes are welcome and encouraged. Contact Kim

information at 219-662-2665

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Fire Force Volunteers Requested

Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force, which serves LOFS, Winfield, Winfield Township, and the WPTFP district, is always in need of more dedicated volunteers to join our ranks. Want to help your community by giving back through service? Please call 219-662-7576 and speak with Chief Gikas, or he may be e-mailed at chief@lofsfire.com.

Department, Active Shooter **September-October edition of Outdoor** Indiana magazine features barn quilts

Outdoor Indiana maga-September-October issue features a cover article on barn quilts. Barn quilts are large squares painted to resemble a quilt block and applied to the side of a barn.

Randolph County is home to at least 47 barn quilts and is among at least five in Indiana counties with barn quilt driving tours, which are usually called "quilt trails." The

other counties are Gibson, LaGrange, Marshall and Miami. One is underway in Pike County.

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Lake County retired teachers promote active teacher grants; seek local teachers with 'great ideas'

The Lake County Retired Teachers Association piloted an Active Teacher Grant during the 2017-18 school year, with three grants awarded in October 2017.

These grants helped finance 'Headsprout' at Timothy Ball Elementary School in Crown Point; 'A Quiet Place for Rough Moments' at Joseph Hess Elementary School in Hammond; and, 'Drums Alive' at Hosford Park Elementary School in Lake Ridge.

"Upon reading the final reports on each of these grants, we were thrilled with their successes," said Carolyn Borchardt of the Active Teacher Grant Committee.

The LCRTA board has now voted to offer the Active Teacher Grants for the 2018-19 school year. Grant forms will be available at the beginning of the school year in August. The deadline for submissions is September 30,

LCRTA will award a total of \$2,000 in Active Teacher Grants. Money will be divided and disbursed at the decision of the LCRTA Active Teacher Grant committee, with approval of the LCRTA board.

"If you are/know of an active teacher with a great idea, please encourage him/her to submit an Active Teacher Grant application," encouraged Borchardt.

Indiana Retired Teachers Association also offers separate Active Teacher Grants. Interested parties can apply for both.

"It will double your chances to receive the money needed to implement your great idea to help your students. After all, that's what it's all about, isn't it?" said Borchardt.

For more information for grants, or to apply both retiredteachers.org and www. inlakecoretiredteachers.com.



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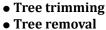
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Purdue Northwest's fall enrollment sees positive gains in important academic areas

Purdue University Northwest continues to see upward trends in first-time freshman students and in the retention of continuing students in its 2018-19 fall enrollment count.

The university increased its first-time freshman population to 1,172 students; a gain of 47 students over last year. Additionally, retention of continuing PNW students increased to a record high of 69.4%, representing an 8.6% jump in the past two years.

"Our fall enrollment this year demonstrates the progress we are making to show students and their families the tremendous quality and value available at Purdue Northwest," said Chancellor Thomas L. Keon.

This year's enrollment reflects Purdue Northwest's move toward becoming a metropolitan university that attracts a more diverse full-time student population across a broader geographic region.

"New domestic undergraduate student enrollment is up 4.6% compared to last year, and most of these new students are coming from the largest metropolitan area in the Midwest," said PNW Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Carmen Panlilio. "Our proximity to the Chicagoland area, combined with the support and education we provide to our diverse PNW student body creates wonderful opportunities for our students and graduates."

Purdue Northwest saw a substantial increase in non-



resident students, bolstered by a reduced tuition rate for domestic, out-of-state students announced last year. Panlilio said the plan, called R.O.A.R.: Reduced Out-ofstate Advantage Rate, contributed to a jump in non-resident undergraduate enrollment of 44% from last year.

Hispanic students also represented 25.9% of this year's first-time full-time students, a progressive rise from 15% in 2012-13. PNW's trend mirrors national rates of Hispanic students graduating from high school.

According to the latest National Center for Education Statistics' "Projections of Education Statistics" report, the number of public high school graduates who are Hispanic is projected to increase 30% between 2012-13 and 2026-27.

Among first-time undergraduate students, PNW has also seen a steady increase in the percentage of full-time versus part-time students. The entering class consists of 95.6% full-time students, the highest percentage of the last five years.

Total enrollment at PNW is 10,473 students comprised of continuing students, transfers, those new to college, others enrolled in online academic partnership programs and high school concurrent/ dual credit enrollees.

Purdue University Northwest is a student-centered university that values academic excellence, supports growth and celebrates diversity. For more information about PNW, visit www.pnw.edu.

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All proceeds to benefit the clients of St. Vincent de Paul to assist those in need of our area with food and necessities. Food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets \$10/each and can be purchased at the church office or call 219-794-6717.

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College students can be easy targets for scam artists and identity thieves

Recent BBB research shows 69% of scam victims are under the age of 45, and the millennial generation are now more likely to fall victim to a scam than baby boomers. Knowing the most common cons directed toward students can help educate young adults to identify and ultimately avoid falling victim to the tricks of con artists.

College students and their families can also be proactive in fighting fraud with this advice from your Better pay. Business Bureau:

Verify the identity of a sender before downloading attachments or clicking on links in emails or text messages, even if they appear to be urgent, to avoid Phishing Scams.

Steer clear of employment scams by researching job offers sent to your school email account or posted on school message boards promising flexible hours with excellent

Always check for website security (https) when entering contact details or financial information. Verify business contact information when shopping online or risk potentially falling for an online purchase scam.

If you're asked to pay for a product or service with a prepaid money card, a wire transfer or with a gift card, you should verify the person or company through which

the request was made. These you know can gain access types of payment requests are common with roommate/ rental scams, social media scams, and other online transactions.

Lock up materials with sensitive information, like student IDs, SSN, and account numbers, to protect yourself from identity theft. Remember that it's not always a stranger looking to steal your personal financial information and someone to your personal information in dorms or other common spaces.

Never allow someone else, even someone you think is a friend, access to your financial accounts. This will prevent scams like card cracking, when someone offers to pay you to use your bank account to deposit a check.

Avoid using your campus mailbox to send or receive sensitive mail.

Be aware of identity thieves who may target children and teens. Checking a child's credit report once per year can help verify the child is safe from identity theft. Thanks to a new federal law in the U.S., free credit freezes and year-long fraud alerts are available as of September 21, 2018, through the three credit reporting agencies.

Contact info@indybbb.org or 317-488-2222 for more information or to report scams.

Former Hobart man among inductees into the 2018 Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame class

Veterans Hall of Fame has announced that it will induct 21 Hoosier veterans into its 2018 Class on November 9, 2018. The non-profit organization honors veterans for their military service achievements and community contributions. To learn more about the IMVHOF or to make a tax deductible donation, visit www.imvhof.

The following are listed by name, followed by home city and state, and then city and state of birth.

- Ronald E. Brooks (deceased), Indianapolis, IN / Rogersville, TN
- Joseph T. Bumbleburg, Lafayette, IN / Lafayette, IN
- Robert A. Clifford, Carmel, IN / Gary, IN
- William L. Crouch (deceased), Not Provided / Bath, KY
- James S. Goodwin, Indianapolis, IN / Morgantown, WV
- Wilma S. Handshoe, Kendallville, IN / Detroit, MI

- Michael A. Huggins, McCordsville, IN / Springfield, OH
- Armour G. McDaniel (deceased), Indianapolis, IN / Martinsville, VA
- Thomas C. Metsker (deceased), Not Provided / Linton, TN
- Chester R. Miller (deceased), Indianapolis, IN / Clay City, IN
- Turner Nolan, Bloomington, IN / Harlan County, KY
- Jeanne L. Norbeck (deceased), Columbus, IN / Columbus, IN
- Ernest T. Pyle (deceased), Dana, IN / Dana, IN
- John K. Rankel (deceased), Greenwood, IN / Anderson,
- Karl J. Schoen (deceased), Indianapolis, IN / Indianapolis, IN
- Charles V. Smith, Jr., Spencer, IN / Lake City, AR
- Robert W. Spanogle, Indianapolis, IN / Lansing,
- Kenneth A. Stonebraker (deceased), Not Provided / Hobart, IN

- John F. Stuart (deceased), Indianapolis, IN / Bloomington, IL
- Roy M. Umbarger, Bargersville, IN / Bargersville, IN
- Stephen A. Wayne, Greer, SC / Spencer, WV

2018 marks IMVHOF's fifth year of induction, bringing the number of total inductees to 83. The IMVHOF received 55 nominations this year. Veterans from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, living or deceased, were considered equally.

The induction ceremony will be held November 9, 2018 at the National Guard Armory, 9920 East 59th Street, Lawrence, Indiana. Tickets can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.

com/event/3560750.

The Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame is 501(c)3organization that was founded in 2013. Formed by representatives from government, business, and retired military, the organization strives to publicly emphasize the honor brought to the state of Indiana and the nation by the sacrifice of Indiana military veterans and their families. Indiana follows only a handful of other states who have established similar organizations. www. imvhof.com

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This day in history

September 21, 1968

With a career-defining hit song, 23-year-old Jeannie C. Riley accomplished a crossover feat that no other woman would match for another dozen years: On September 21, she became the first female performer to top the Billboard Country and Pop charts simultaneously with "Harper Valley P.T.A."

Perhaps never in pop history has one voice been more right for one song than Jeannie C. Riley's was for "Harper Valley P.T.A." She had come to Nashville in her early 20s to pursue a singing career, but it was on her day job as a receptionist at that she was noticed by countrymusic record producer Shelby Singleton.

Recognizing her voice as perfect for the protagonist in songwriter Tom T. Hall's cryptofeminist tale of a small-town Southern widow's fight for her right to wear her skirts short and her heels high, Singleton had Riley record "Harper Valley P.T.A." as her first professional demo, which was released as a single that charged up the Pop and Country charts in mid-summer

Many fans wanted to believe that Jeannie C. Riley really was the Hester Prynne-meets-Daisy Duke protagonist of "Harper Valley P.T.A.," and for a time at least, she was willing to indulge the misconception and dress the part. But later in her career she refused to perform the song.

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