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A gesture of 'love, hope, and warmth' for cancer patients at Franciscan Health Crown Point

As part of a public service campaign in partnership with the Chicago-based Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, International Subaru of Merrillville representatives Chris Smith, sales manager (left, white shirt) and Nick Ferguson (right, white shirt), recently donated 80 blankets, "to spread hope, love and warmth," for cancer patients at Franciscan Health Crown Point.

Subaru dealers, through the 'Subaru Loves To Care project', are donating 40,000 blankets nationwide. Said Smith, "Subaru has an affection for giving back to the community, to help make a difference for individuals who are experiencing suffer-



ing in their lives."

Also shown, from left, are Jacqueline Klear, a leukemia society representative; Daniel McCormick, MD, hospital president and chief executive officer; Karen Matijevich and Joan Filipowski, cancer patient

nurse navigators; Amanda Pritchard, director of imaging services; and Karin Kolisz, vice president of clinical services. Rick Peltier (not shown) local executive director of the Franciscan Health Foundation, expressed grati-

(See *Gesture* Pg. 2)

'Open Call' for vendors for this autumn's Winfield Harvest Festival at Randolph Park

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.

Last year featured a lot of vendors and entertainment for the whole family. If you or someone you know would like to showcase your craft or

business at this year's Festival contact the Town Hall as soon as possible. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and a great way to advertise a business to the community.

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 and September 14 for food vendors. Applications can be found at www.winfield.in.gov under the 'Upcoming Event's 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

New report shows Indiana college graduation rates reaching all-time high

According the 2018 College Completion Report released by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education today, more Hoosier students are graduating college than ever. In addition, on-time college completion rates are improving across all four and two-year public campuses statewide, and extended graduation rates are increasing at most Indiana public campuses.

"It is encouraging to see Indiana's significant progress in moving the needle on college completion," said Indiana Commissioner of Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "These successes

are a direct reflection of the hard work happening at public campuses across the state, as well as the support of the General Assembly."

Nearly 40% of all Hoosier college students graduate on time; an increase of 13.9% over the past five years and 4% in one year.

Nearly 60% of all Hoosier college students complete college within an extended time frame; an increase of 2.8% in five years and 5% in one year.

Nearly half of all Hoosier students who attend a public four-year campus graduate on time — an improvement of 10.9% over the past five years. Additionally, 68% of

all Hoosier students who attended a public four-year campus graduate within the extended time frame.

Indiana's two-year campuses are seeing improvement in on-time graduation rates as well. Overall, 12.7% of students are graduating within four years — an improvement of 9% over the past five years. In addition, 32.2% of students at two-year campuses are graduating within six years.

The public campuses with the overall highest on-time completion are Indiana University Bloomington (on-time: 66.7%; extended: 83.8%), Purdue West Lafayette (on-time: 58.9%;

Crown Point native defends America serving as a Navy information warrior

By M. Dawn Scott, Navy
Office of Community
Outreach

A 2006 Crown Point High School graduate and Crown Point native is stationed with a command responsible for teaching future information warriors the skills required to defend America around the world.

Petty Officer 1st Class Brain Diederich works as a cryptologic technician (collection) and operates out of the Information Warfare Training Command (IWTC) Corry Station.

A cryptologic technician operates state-of-the-art computer systems to conduct information operations; collect, analyze and exploit signals of

interest to identify, locate and report worldwide threats.

Diederich credits success in the Navy with lessons learned growing up in Crown Point.

"You have to keep pushing because eventually you will get there," said Diederich.

IWTC Corry Station is just one component that makes up the Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT) domain, headquartered at Naval Air Station Pensacola Corry Station, Florida.

Charged with developing the future technical cadre of the information warfare community, the CIWT domain leads, manages, and delivers Navy and joint force training to 22,000 students annually.



Crown Point native and Petty Officer 1st Class Brain Diederich (Photo By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Amanda Moreno)

With 1,200 military, civilian and contracted staff members, CIWT oversees about

(See *Navy* Pg. 2)

Registration is now open for Winfield's Great Pumpkin Dash 5k run-walk October 13

**Great Pumpkin Dash
5k run/walk
Saturday, October 13 • 8 a.m.
Fees: \$25/adult -- \$15/children**

The Great Pumpkin Dash is back.

The Halloween-themed, family-friendly race will 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. Businesses interested in sponsoring the race and having their logo placed on the runner t-shirts, need to contact Kim at the Town Hall by September 14 at 219-662-2665 or via e-mail to kwachowski@winfield.in.gov.

two-year campuses graduate on time, Scholars have seen an on-time graduation rate of 17.3%— a 14.6% increase over the last five years.

"By every measure, 21st Century Scholars are improving and making measurable gains toward closing Indiana's college graduation achievement gap," said Commissioner Lubbers. "While the Scholar Success Program requirements have only been in place for a short time, I believe they are already making a significant difference and will continue to show that the Scholars program is an investment worth making for the state."

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Receive ten free trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August

Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August. Everyone who joins the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive ten free Colorado blue spruce trees or ten white

flowering dogwood trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid between October 15 and December 10, depending on the right time for planting in each member's area. The

6" to 12" trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Colorado blue spruce trees truly provide year-round beauty for any landscape," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard throughout the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter."

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bi-

monthly publication.

To receive the free Colorado blue spruce trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to: Ten Free Blue Spruces OR Ten Free Dogwood, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2018, or join online at www.arborday.org/august.

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200 courses at four information warfare training commands, two detachments, and additional learning sites located throughout the United States and Japan.

CIWT is responsible for training enlisted cryptologic technicians, information systems technicians, intelligence specialists, and electronics technicians. CIWT also provides training to cryptologic warfare, information professional, intelligence, and foreign area officers that prepares them to be prepared to wage battle and assure the nation's success in this burgeoning warfare arena.

"Our sailors and staff are intentional about building trust, demonstrating teamwork, pursuing growth, and instilling grit which make our command thrive in training information warfare professionals for the Navy the nation needs," said Cmdr. Chad Smith, commanding officer of IWTC Corry Station. "Each and every day, I'm extremely proud of how our sailors and staff readily adapt to achieve and maintain the highest of standards. They truly represent the spirit and character of America, and they are why we are the strongest military force in the world."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Diederich and

other sailors and staff know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes, serving as a key part of the information warfare community in its mission to gain a deep understanding of the inner workings of adversaries and developing unmatched knowledge of the battlespace during wartime.

These sailors and staff have a tremendous responsibility in creating war-fighting options for fleet commanders and advising decision-makers at all levels as they serve worldwide aboard ships, submarines and aircraft and from the National Security Agency to the Pentagon.

"Serving in the Navy means there are many opportunities that I can do, and a thousand doors can open," said Diederich.

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tude for the donation.

"It is amazing what Subaru is doing to give back to the community in such a heart-warming way," he said. "To help comfort patients, who are going through a lot of anxiety in their lives, says a lot about the organization."

Pritchard added, "On behalf of Franciscan Health

Crown Point, I am very appreciative of the Subaru Loves to Care project. Their donation of blankets shows our patients and community that they are not alone in their fight with cancer. Patients having support in this battle makes all the difference in the world."

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This day in history

August 17, 1969

The Woodstock Music Festival drew to a close after three days of peace, love and rock 'n' roll in upstate New York.

Conceived as "Three Days of Peace and Music," Woodstock was held on a 600-acre dairy farm in Bethel, New York.

Promoters had sold a total of 186,000 tickets and expected no more than 200,000 people to show up. By Friday night, however, thousands of eager early arrivals were pushing against the entrance gates. Fearing they could not control the crowds, the promoters made the decision to make it a free concert. Close to half a million people attended Woodstock, with another one million stuck on the roads, unable to get close enough to get in.

Soaked by rain and wallowing in the muddy mess of fields, young hippies euphorically took in the performances of acts like Janis Joplin, Arlo Guthrie, Joe Cocker, Joan Baez, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Sly and the Family Stone, and Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young.

The Who performed in the early morning hours of August 17, with Roger Daltrey belting out "See Me, Feel Me," from the now-classic album Tommy just as the sun began to rise. The most memorable moment of the concert for many fans was the closing performance by Jimi Hendrix, who gave a rambling, rocking solo guitar performance of "The Star Spangled Banner."

www.history.com

Meals on Wheels seeks volunteers for Region food delivery routes

Recent resignations and volunteer moves have caused a shortage of drivers in Griffith and Hammond. MOW could also use assistance in any of our other 40 locations.

Those wishing to help their neighbors who need proper nutrition and the chance to live in their own homes may want to consider delivering meals near your home or job. MOW will be having orientation-training on Thursday, August 23, in their offices at 8446 Virginia Street in Merrillville.

Crown Point Adult Learning Center conducting open registration

The Crown Point Adult Learning Center, an affiliate of the Center of Workforce Innovations, is having open registration on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for individuals wanting to attain

Training lasts one hour and ends with a tour of our building.

Call Volunteer Manager Joan Vith at 219-756-3663 to reserve a seat in one of the upcoming training sessions. According to Vith, "One of the most rewarding jobs in our communities is volunteering to help your neighbors. We cannot complete our mission without the services of volunteers. Please consider joining our volunteer team at Meals on Wheels."

their high school equivalency and to learn to speak, read, and write English.

For more information call 219-314-9904 or stop in at 122 North Main Street inside the Crown Point Community Library.

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‘Red’s Nature Adventure’ author, illustrator will be available for autographs Saturday, August 18

Meet with author, James B. Dworkin and illustrator, Michael Chelich for a book signing of ‘Red’s Nature Adventure’ on Saturday, August 18, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Indiana Welcome Center. The book follows

Red the Irish setter through an adventure at Shirley Heinze Land Trust nature preserves. Along the way, Red meets new friends who come to his aid as they teach him about the world in which they live.

The book’s detailed illustrations, appealing characters and educational content make it suitable for people of all ages. Michael Chelich, a Munster resident illustrated the book and used scenes from Gary, Hammond,

Hobart, Portage, Chesterton, Valparaiso, Michigan City, and South Bend. Chelich is also a South Shore Poster artist.

Dworkin is an Indiana-based educator, is chancellor emeritus at Purdue

University North Central and professor of management at the Krannert Graduate School at Purdue University. ‘Red’s Nature Adventure’ is Dworkin’s third children’s book.

The Indiana Welcome Center is located at 7770 Corinne Drive in Hammond. The book will be available for purchase during the signing.



Although summer is winding down, Winfield Library programs are still heating up

There are still many programs and activities for people of all ages at your local library this summer.

Kids Programs

Storytime Events - Book Babies - Interactive story time with stories, crafts, and music for ages 0-3. Caregiver must attend with the child. Tuesdays, August 21 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, August 22 and 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Little Listeners- Interactive story time with stories, crafts, and music for ages 3-5. Caregiver must remain in the library during the program. Tuesdays, August 21 and 28 at 11:30 a.m.

Adult Programs

Winfield MicroFiber Crafters - Friday, August 24 at 10 a.m.

Book Group - Library book groups will not meet in August. Enjoy reading during the last days of summer! Books for the September book discussion meeting will be ready for pick-up at the library circulation desk beginning on Monday, August 6. Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, by Gail Honeyman on Tuesday, September 11.

For more information about Winfield Library events visit www.crownpointlibrary.org/calendar or call 219-662-4039.

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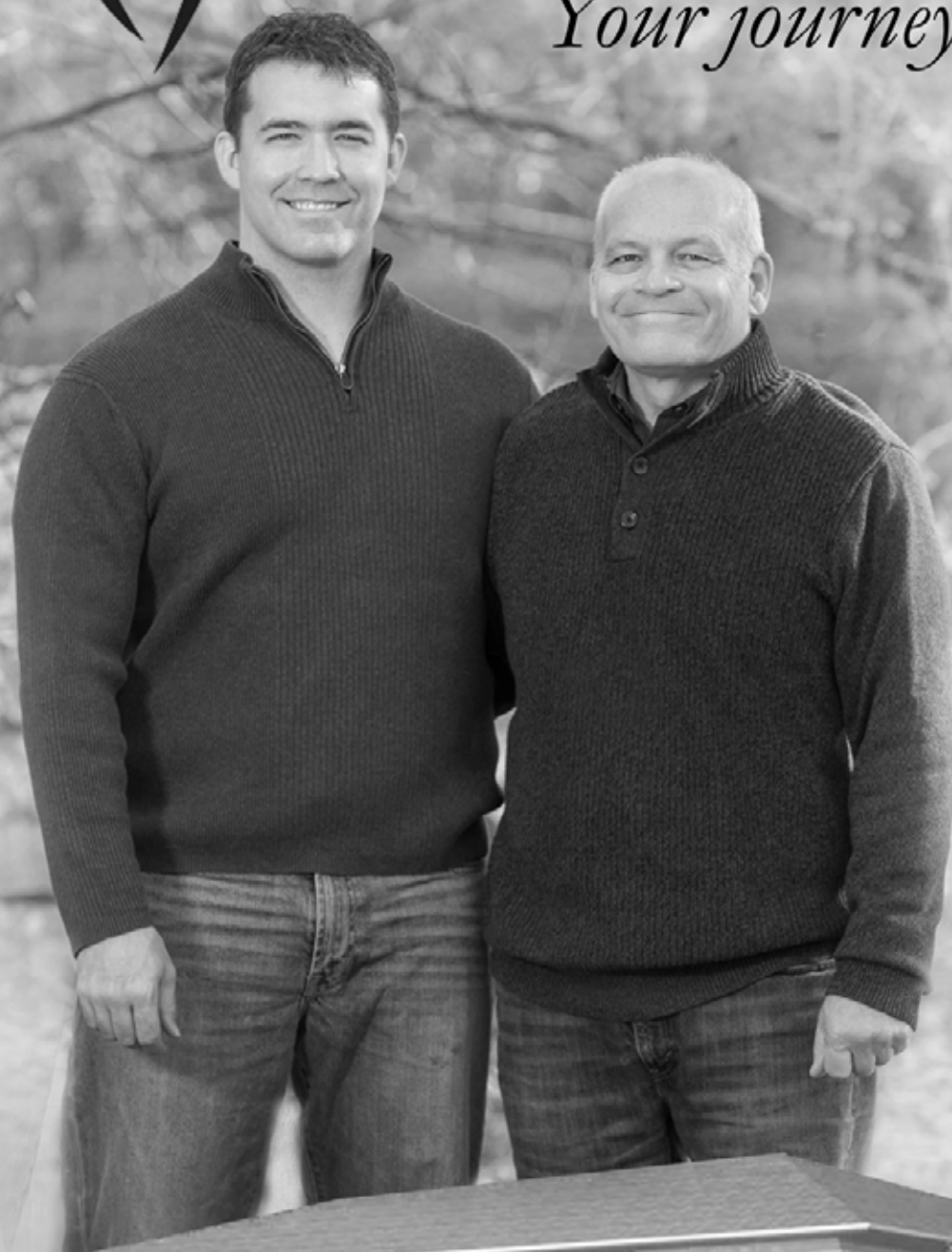
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Across the street from Lakes of the Four Seasons

Cornell University announces discovery of two new non-native species in the Great Lakes

Cornell University Biological Field Station recently announced the discovery of two new non-native species of zooplankton - Diaphanosoma fluviatile and Mesocyclops pehpeiensis - in the Great

Lakes. In reaction to the announcement, Alliance for the Great Lakes Vice President of Policy Molly Flanagan made the following statement.

“The discovery of two new non-native zooplankton in

the Great Lakes is concerning news. The fact that these are the third and fourth non-native zooplankton found in Lake Erie in the past three years is an alarming trend. While we may not yet know

how these two new species entered the Great Lakes, we do know that once in the lakes aquatic species are easily moved from lake to lake by ships. As a result, a new non-native species in one Great

Lake pose a potential risk for the entire region.”

The announcement is a reminder for the Great Lakes region of the need for strong ballast water standards and ballast water treatment on

board all ships operating on the Great Lakes. Additionally, it is a reminder of the critical need for ongoing monitoring for new non-native species in the Great Lakes.

“Good things happen in Winfield” according to Trustee, but Food Pantry still needs help

“The Winfield Food Pantry is running low on soup, especially chicken noodle and tomato. There is also a need for dry cereal. With kids going back to school, these are some of the most asked for items,” said Trustee Paulette Skinner.

“Good things happen in Winfield,” Skinner also noted. “Last week an anonymous family brought several over-stuffed bags of groceries to the Winfield Food Pantry. They hosted a ‘Christmas in July’ party. Guests were asked to bring groceries for the Food Pantry instead of presents.”

“This was a wonderful, kind gesture and most needed” Thank you, Winfield families,” Skinner said. “Thank you for your continued support.”





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Obituary ~ Sandra "Sandie" K. Comer

Sandra "Sandie" K. Comer, age 79, of Winfield, passed away August 2, 2018 at St. Anthony Hospital in Crown Point. She was born in Lafayette, Indiana on July 5, 1939 to the late Edward J. and Bertha E. (nee Litteken) Comer. Sandie was the Director of Radiology at Methodist Hospital for 25 years then later was the Director of Radiology at St. Mary Medical Center for 5 years. She was the President and a life member of the Steel City Kennel Club. Sandie loved people, dogs, and collecting antiques. She will be remembered as a generous woman who never knew a stranger and will be greatly missed by her dear friends.

Sandie is survived by her best friend, Elaine Erickson; dear friend, Sister Loretta Schleper, PHJC; loved ones, Marilyn Engle, Robert (Linda) Erickson and family, Jennifer (Tim) Jenkins, and nephews, Steven and Cody. Memorial contributions may be made, in Sandie's honor, to the Sojourner Truth House, 410 W 13th Ave, Gary, IN 46407. A funeral Mass for Sandie was celebrated on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 beginning at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel, 10909 Randolph St. Crown Point, IN 46307 with 10:30 prayers then processed to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E. 109th Ave. Crown Point, IN 46307 for 11:00



am Mass with Rev. Frank Torres officiating. Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 2-8 pm at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel. For more information, please call 219-661-2600. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.reesfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary ~ David "Dave" Halterman

David "Dave" Halterman, age 80 of Crown Point, LOFS, passed away Monday, July 2, 2018. He was a graduate of Lew Wallace High School and Purdue University. Dave retired from US Steel after 40 years of service. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, gardening, his pet beagles, and most of all spending time his family and dear friends. Dave especially loved trav-

eling the US and Canada with his loving wife of 52 years, Kathryn "Kathy". He was a very kind, loving, and loyal man and will be missed by all that knew and loved him. Dave was preceded in death by his parents- Austin and Hazel Halterman (Nee Peeler). He is survived by his wife Kathy; daughters- Beth and Sarah Halterman; sister- Linda Krueger; numerous

nieces, nephews, and a host of many wonderful friends. A memorial visitation was held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 2 pm until 4 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of choice, or to the LOFS Fundraising Committee. www.burnsfuneral.com

Obituary ~ Marian Mahoney

Marian Mahoney, age 93, died at her home in Winfield on August 6, 2018. Marian was born in Edwardsville, Illinois in 1925 and attended the University of Illinois. She was joyfully married to James Mahoney for 59 years until his death in 2006. Marian and Jim moved to Merrillville 57 years ago where they raised four children. For many years, Marian served as a Welcome Wagon hostess, greeting all the families new to the Merrillville area. She was a talented bridge player, a long term member of the Summer Tree Golf League (where

she played until age 92), and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Marian is survived by her three daughters, Marianne Mahoney, Dr. Peggy Mahoney Hamer (Homer), and Maureen Mahoney (Bill Crispin). Her son, James, predeceased her in 2015. Marian is also survived by her brother, William Hanselman (Wanda), and her sister, Lorna Priestley, as well as nine grandchildren and six great grandsons. Father Thomas Mischler will conduct a memorial service for Marian at noon on Saturday, August 25 at Burns Funeral



Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana. Visitation for friends and family will be held at Burns prior to the service from 10 a.m. until noon. Donations in Marian's memory may be made to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E. 109th Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307. www.burnsfuneral.com

Three of state's ten safest cities are in Northwest Indiana

The National Council for Home Safety and Security has announced their ranking of the "Safest Cities in Indiana" for 2018. The top ten

cities are: 1. Zionsville, 2. St. John, 3. Carmel, 4. Fishers, 5. Dyer, 6. West Lafayette, 7. Westfield, 8. Crown Point, 9. Brownsburg, and 10. Jasper

For more information: www.alarms.org/safest-cities-in-indiana-2018.

Obituary ~ Marian Havrila

Marian Havrila, age 61 of Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away August 9, 2018. He graduated from Mid Valley High School in Olyphant, Pennsylvania in 1976 and worked as an engraver at Calumet Park Cemetery for over 30 years. He also owned his own Cemetery Lettering business. Marian was a member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. He loved traveling and listening to Slovak Polka music. He was a loving husband, brother,

and godfather. Marian will be greatly missed, especially by his Windy Hill neighbors. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law- Julius Malejcik. He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years- Iveta; parents- Very Rev. George and Anna Havrila; siblings- Anna (Mike) Coffman, Natalia (Phil) Jeffery, Valer Havrila, Ben (Ashley) Havrila; godchildren- Jessica, Julka, Stephanie, Danny, Brandon, Steven, and Candy; mother-in-law- Marta (late Julius)

Malejcikova; sister-in-law- Beata Malejcikova; several nieces and nephews, and extended family in Slovakia. Visitation was held from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday, August 12, 2018, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A funeral service took place at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 13, at Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 545 E. 77th Ave., Schererville, IN. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery. www.burnsfuneral.com

Indiana Department of Revenue offers tips to aid newlyweds with possible tax changes

Summertime has become an increasingly popular season for weddings, and the Indiana Department of Revenue wants to help Hoosier newlyweds as they embark on wedded bliss to avoid the headache of tax issues.

From name changes to filing status, DOR has several tips for 2018 newlyweds to be ready for next tax season and to ensure refunds are not delayed:

1.) *Name changes:* If a customer changes their name as a result of marriage, the first step is to report this change to the Social Security Administration (SSA). Since tax returns are filed under an individual's Social Security number (SSN), it is important to complete the name change process before filing a tax return. The name on the tax return must match the SSN to ensure any potential refund goes to the correct person. More information can be found online at www.SSA.gov.

2.) *Change withholding status:* Newly married individuals may need to update their federal W-4 and state WH-4 forms to reflect additional exemptions or change their higher standard deduc-

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Purdue Northwest-Gabis Arboretum in Valparaiso opens new music garden

Indiana's art and history experiences are available through Arts in the Parks

A new addition to the gardens at Gabis Arboretum boasts of colorful and musical instruments. The TreeSong Music Garden explores the combination of music and nature with unique outdoor instruments. The new garden invites visitors to use their imagination, be creative and explore. Each instrument has signage for self-guided musical program designed to connect music and nature as well as connect guests with appreciation and fundamentals of music.

“The Treesong Music Garden is an exciting addition to the arboretum. It is a fun and creative way for guests of all ages to explore their musical side,” said Programs Manager, Ellen Kapitan. “I love the way the garden guides visitors to connect music and nature. Each instrument explores a musical concept in a way that imitates a piece of the natural world. For example, one instrument, a giant xylophone, explores melodies, harmonies, and duets. The musician is then is encouraged to imitate a Great Horned Owl’s song by using the xylophone.”

The TreeSong Music Garden is made possible by the Indiana Arts Commission, South Shore Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

The arboretum is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through August. Admission prices vary and memberships are available. For more information, visit www.taltree.org or call 219-462-0025.

Remember to register off-road vehicles with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Hoosiers who own off-road vehicles (ORVs) purchased after December 31, 2009, must register those ORVs through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The registration law applies regardless of whether the ORV is driven on public or private land, although there are a few exceptions. More information about ORV registration requirements is at www.bmv.IN.gov/2468.htm.

ORVs include dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility task vehicles (UTVs), and side-by-sides.

A three-year ORV registration costs \$30.

Registration is required for all ORVs to enter Interlake and Redbird state recreation areas (SRAs), according to DNR’s Carman Jackson, who manages both properties. Interlake and Redbird are former coal surface mines owned and managed by the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation to provide public-land riding opportunities for ORV users.

For out-of-state visitors, the state also recognizes out-of-state ORV registrations. Out-of-state residents with unregistered ORVs can purchase an annual trail-use permit that will allow use at Redbird and Interlake SRAs only. These permits are available at the property gate-

The Indiana Arts Commission recently announced that Hoosiers will have many opportunities to engage with the arts through the Arts in the Parks & Historic Sites program, with more than 170 arts activities taking place across the state.

“Considering several of these programs and exhibitions take place on multiple days there will be 480 opportunities for Hoosiers of all ages, especially those living in rural areas, to enjoy the arts, history, and the natural beauty of Indiana,” said Anna Tragesser, IAC artist and community services manager.

To view a listing of 2018 opportunities including dates, locations, and program summaries visit www.in.gov/arts. For more information about a specific program, contact the individual state park or historic site.

The Arts in the Parks & Historic Sites program is designed to draw upon both traditional and non-traditional arts and artists in Indiana and weave arts programming into the natural beauty and rural settings of Indiana. The Arts Commission approved funding for program-related projects that encourage the creation of, and public engagement with art, and experience Indiana’s state park / forest system and historic sites.

“We are excited that more than 50 of our 68 project grantees are returning to continue relationships they have built with the State Parks and Historic Sites,” Tragesser said. “Some of our projects began as early as late January, but the frequency will dramatically increase through early December.”

For more information about Arts in the Parks & Historic Sites program, contact Tragesser by email at atragesser@iac.in.gov or call 317-232-1281.

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tion. By claiming an additional allowance or changing the withholding status to married, fewer taxes may be withheld from their pay.

3.) *Update address:* If marriage results in a change of address, be sure to update the address on file with DOR. DOR offers several methods for customers to update their address, including in-person, by fax or mail. By updating the address, customers can ensure they will receive important information from DOR on time, which may include a refund check. Details can be found on DOR’s website at www.in.gov/dor/4706.htm.

4.) *Evaluate tax filing status:* Once an individual is married, the filing status on their tax return must be either: married filing jointly or married filing separately. Often, the option married filing jointly provides the most beneficial tax outcome for most couples, due to the available credits and deduc-

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A fair day for seniors

Participants enjoyed a morning of fun during Senior Day, sponsored by Franciscan Health, at the 166th Lake County Fair in Crown Point. Screenings were available for balance assessment, blood pressure and glucose, body fat, early heart attack, lung and breast health, pulmonary function and skin cancer. Information also was offered on myriad other services the health system offers. Attendees received giveaways and enjoyed the annual apple-peeling contest.

Win prizes in the Indiana State Parks "S'mores in the Outdoors" social media game

Indiana's state parks have a sweet deal for people who love s'mores, the iconic campfire treat. Facebook and Twitter followers of the DNR Division of State Parks can participate in the 2018 S'mores in the Outdoors Contest for a chance to win prizes, including an annual entrance pass for 2018, state park inns gift cards, Outdoor Indiana magazine subscriptions, camping gift cards and s'more kits for fall camping.

Each day in August, parks staff will post a photo on Facebook and Twitter of a s'more "visiting" iconic features of Indiana State Parks. Participants who correctly identify which park each

s'more is visiting on each day and write those answers on a game card will be entered in a drawing for prizes.

The game card – essentially a calendar of August – is available for download at www.stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm.

Completed game cards must be emailed to SPContests@dnr.IN.gov or postmarked by September 12 to be eligible for prizes. The address for mailing is listed on the game card. More information on S'mores in the Outdoors and other s'more related activities at Indiana state parks is at www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov.

Local church to hold classic rock concert to aid local veterans

The public is invited to attend VetRock on Friday, August 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Local favorites Mr. Funnyman and The Hotts will perform at this classic rock concert that will take place on the front lawn of First United Methodist Church, located at 352

South Main Street in Crown Point, just off the downtown Square.

Concessions will be available, and all donations and proceeds will go to the NWI Veterans Village, which is a 44-unit apartment complex that provides a unique, supportive home to disabled veterans who

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tions. However, all couples should explore both options to determine what works best.

Changing filing status may also change an individual's tax bracket, so the income might be taxed at a different rate. If a married couple chooses to file a joint return, their income is now combined which may result in one or both individuals being in a higher tax bracket.

Remember, even if the wedding date is December 30, 2018, a couple is still considered married for the 2018 tax year.

Customers with any questions or concerns about changes in filing due to married status should call the DOR's Customer Service Department at 317-232-2240, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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