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Porter Lakes Elementary School congratulates its Students of the Month

Porter Lakes Elementary congratulated its January Students of the Month. All teachers selected a student who exhibits the qualities and characteristics that are a good example to others. Each student received a PLE Student of the Month wristband provided by the PTO. Pictured left to right, front row, are Mya Wargo, Maverick Fuller, Michael Sopko, Aydan Bracas, and Sebastian Perez; second row: Kyler Hixon, Brendan Dudzik, Abby Ewing, Gaige Karson, Sandy Carpenter, and Savannah Kern; and back row: Levi McCoy, Timothy Primiani, Laura Thrall, Gabriella Trajkovski, and Olivia Moberg.

2016 Lake County 4-H program announces ambassadors at Leadership Recognition Banquet

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The Lake County 4-H Program introduced the members of the 2016 4-H Ambassador Board at the annual 4-H Leadership **Recognition Banquet recently** held at Great Oaks Banquets in Cedar Lake. Twenty-four young people will serve as representatives of the 4-H program throughout the coming year and will be eligible for additional awards and scholarships.

The Ambassadors were chosen based on their records of achievement in 4-H projects and activities, leadership experience, and community service. 4-H Ambassadors assist with program activities, including events at the Lake County Fair. They also work (See 4-H Pg. 7)



Pictured front row, left to right: Nathan Davids, Montgomery Stockton-Fresso, Michael Clark, Thomas Kvachkoff, Steven Kvachkoff, and Tristan Hann; middle row: Jamie Reed, Madison Berger, Beverly Allison Bewick, Emily Reed, Emily Sepko, and Kathy Kennelly; and back row: Julie Javorka, Christina Javorka, Earlyne Long, Josephine Gianni, Abigail DeWitt, Elizabeth Sever, Alexis Falaney, Joy Moore, and Megan Berger. (Not pictured: Heather Bayne, Daniel Jones, and Annabelle Pancini.)

on 'First Day Hikes' State Parks visitors trave

The data is in and shows almost 1,700 people started the new year on the right foot by participating in a guided First Day Hike at an Indiana State Park property on January 1. Combined, those 1,675 hikers trekked 2,513 miles.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start the year and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and



connect with friends. The hikes are hosted each year by staff and volunteers at Indiana's 32 state park properties and are part of a nationwide program promoted by America's State Parks.

According to Vicki Basman, Indiana State Parks chief of interpretation, Indiana's First Day program started at one park four years

tournament

ago with just 20 hikers.

"Our First Day Hikes have grown tremendously," Basman said. "We are happy that so many people chose to be in our beautiful state parks for New Year's Day. And of course we hope they keep coming back to visit their favorite parks throughout the year."

Hikes ranged in length

from a half-mile to 4 miles. The types of hikes varied, too. Mounds State Park hosted a nighttime luminary hike, and Tippecanoe River State Park hosted a horseback ride instead of a hike.

Monroe Lake welcomed the most participants with 297 people attending its 4-mile run.

Across the country, almost National Association of State

56,000 visitors to state parks hiked a combined 133,832 miles.

"We hope that using state park facilities as part of the regular exercise routine will become habit-forming for many of the people who came out on New Year's Day," said Lewis Ledford, executive director of the Park Directors.

First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation state park in Milton, Massachusetts. America's State Parks is committed to promoting outdoor recreation in state parks as a way to address obesity, especially among children.

Boone Grove High School golf standout Meaghan Spalla signs with Purdue Cal Local students participate in elite chess St. Mary Catholic Community School recently

Purdue University Cal-

participated in the SCI chess state individual finals. Five St. Mary's students traveled to Indianapolis to compete against the best student chess players in Indiana. Calvin Pawlowski played well in the 8th grade and under division. Carson Granger and Elijah Wagner competed at state for their first time and played quite well, starting the tournament unranked and earning themselves USCF ratings. Jackson Pawlowski proved himself one of the elite members of statewide 6th grade and under division winning the 13th place trophy. JJ Mullally performed similarly to Jackson earning 12th place in the state. St. Mary's chess club has had a long tradition of success and its membership is over 50 strong. Students in grades 1-8 are eligible to participate and participants range from beginners to expert level. Those interested in learning more about St. Mary's chess club or any of the numerous other extra-curricular activities available should visit www.stmarycp.org/school. Pictured in the top photo is Carson Granger and Elijah Wagner, and in the bottom photo, JJ Mullally and Jackson Pawlowski.

umet Head Women's Golf coach Randy Wexter landed his first recruit to the newly formed women's team, set to debut in 2016-17, with the recent signing of Boone Grove standout Meaghan Spalla.

"Meaghan brings a unique competitive background to the new Purdue Calumet Women's Golf program," Wexter said.

"Her competitive background covers three sports and the she is just as successful in the classroom. I am looking forward to coaching her and watching her grow as a student-athlete."

Spalla, a four-year letter winner for the Wolves, was



named team captain her junior and senior season, en route to back-to-back regional qualifiers. She was also named team MVP in backto-back seasons and received the sportsmanship award (See Spalla Pg. 8)

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NWI Symphony suggests kicking off Valentine's weekend with a 'Bing Bang Boom!'

Join the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Music Director-Conductor Kirk Muspratt for 'Bing Bang Boom!' on Friday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. at The Auditorium at Bethel Church, located at 10202 Broadway in Crown Point; about five miles from Winfield. The concert will feature Wael Farouk, piano, and the Symphony Chorus.

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Hearts will be pounding and passions swirling with this bombastic and beautiful concert. Award-winning pianist Wael Farouk joins the Symphony for Prokofiev's unforgettable and daring Piano Concert No. 1. The musical fireworks of the 1812 Overture will blow you away. (Was that a cannon you heard?) The passionate and emotional Tchaikovsky

Symphony No. 6 presents the music as a reflection of life, full of love and longing; equal parts pensive and powerful.

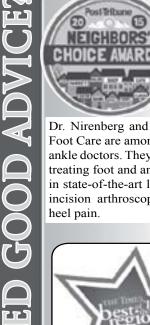
"I did 1812 on my very first concert at the Star Plaza and we actually shook dust out of the rafters by the time we were finished!" Maestro Muspratt said. "We all looked up and we could see the little haze of dust coming down thru the stage lights. Really fun and mind-blowing!,"

"We'll have the full chorus with 1812 - something that is not always done but the way that Tchaikovsky certainly wrote it. With the prayer at the beginning and the totally off the charts excitement at the end!"

"Tchaikovsky's Pathetique symphony premiered nine days before his death. It happens to be my favorite piece of Tchaikovsky in the whole world as it is so totally, painfully sad at the end," the Maestro continued. "The intensity of his heart in this music is almost unbearable."

Egyptian-American pianist Wael Farouk has performed on five continents in such venues as the White Hall in St. Petersburg, Schumann's house in Leipzig, and Carnegie Hall in New York, where his solo debut performance in 2013 was described as "absolutely masterful." Russian Portraits, his debut solo album, was released on the Carlock Records label in 2013. Dr. Farouk is on the faculty of the Chicago College of the Performing Arts at Roosevelt University and frequently judges competitions and de-

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concert lecture about the evening's concert. This concert is sponsored by Crown Point Community Foundation, Chase, The Giragos Family, and an Anonymous donor.

Call the Symphony office at 219-836-0525 or visit the website at www.nisorchestra. org to order tickets for 'Bing Bang Boom!'



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'Whirled, Twirled & Blurred' photo presentation by Calumet Region Photo Club February 9

Exploring techniques to create unique photographic art will be the featured program at the February 9 meeting of the Calumet Region Photo Club.

Mylinda Cane, an avid Northwest Indiana photographer and Schererville resident, will share techniques for stretching your creativity in photography. The presentation entitled 'Whirled, Twirled & Blurred' explores various post-processing and in-camera methods to create expressive photos, including multiple exposure, intentional camera movement and photography in the round.

"Photography is a wonderful medium for capturing reality," Cane explained. "But for me, photography has always been an outlet for creative expression. It is amazing what you can create by just moving your camera and breaking a few rules!"

Area photo enthusiasts, from beginners to advanced, living in Northwest Indiana and the South Chicago suburbs are invited to attend the February 9 meeting. No registration is required.

Guests and non-members are welcome to attend two meetings. Program time is 7 to 9 p.m. at the Munster Community Park Social Center, located at 8751 Lions Club Drive in Munster.

For more information contact club president Raleigh Wolfe at 219-742-2511 or email rwolfeee@comcast.net.

Visit www.calregionphoto. org to learn about other club programs and activities.







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Indiana students to get free FAFSA filing help at College Goal Sunday

Financial aid professionals will be volunteering at 42 sites in Indiana to help college-bound students and their families open the door to financial aid during College Goal Sunday. The event is set for 2 p.m. (local time), on February 21, including at a location in Valparaiso.

The free program assists Indiana students in filing the

Free Application for Federal College Goal Sunday is so Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, scholarships and student loans at most colleges, universities and vocational/ technical schools nationwide. The FAFSA must be filed by March 10 to be eligible for Indiana financial aid.

important since completing this required form correctly and by the deadline is sometimes perceived to be complicated and time consuming. In less than one afternoon at a College Goal Sunday event, students and their families can get free help and file the form online.

"Far too often families

Meals on Wheels offers volunteer opportunities delivering meals in communities Monday through Friday. MOW is looking for those who want to begin 2016 by making a commitment to volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Join them for orientation-training programs in February. On Tuesday, February 9, at 10 a.m., and again on Thursday, February 19, at 1 p.m. at 8446 Virginia Street, Merrillville, MOW will be conducting orientation for new volunteers

MOW is currently recruiting drivers and delivery volunteers in the Hammond and Munster communities. Each day, volunteers assist in the delivery of more than 1,500 meals throughout Lake County. According to Joan Vith, volunteer manager, "Volunteers helped us meet our goal of providing proper nutrition to those in need

Hammond neighborhoods." Interested candidates are invited to attend one of our upcoming sessions. Applicants will have an opportunity to tour the facility and ask questions about Meals on Wheels and the different volunteer opportunities available.

To register for training, or for more information on individual or corporate volunteering opportunities, contact Vith at 219-756-3663, or email joan@mownwi.org.

Meals on Wheels seeks volunteers to replace those who've retired, taken ill

throughout Lake County. With recent retirements, and illnesses affecting our volunteers, we are in need of drivers in some Munster and Winfield resident children's author and illustrator book launch!

Saturday, February 6 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Cat's Tale Bookstore 1114 U.S. Highway 30

On February 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., join Meg Ellen Grandfield, AKA Dr. Meg G. DeMakas, Winfield children's author and illustrator, at the book launch of 'Tabbie Tale Series' Anthology'!

The Cat's Tale Bookstore is pleased to host Miss Meg as she introduces her newest book at 1114 U.S. Highway 30 in Schererville, IN. Meg is known for her other books: 'How the Wellswood Cat Came to Be', 'Jeb Joins the Circus', 'Captain Jeb, Pirate Cat', 'The Big Meow', and the biography, 'Queen of the Limberlost: The Gene Stratton Porter Story'.

You can preview her books on the Amazon.com website. Come to the Cat's Tale Bookstore and get your own book signed between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on February 6!



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event helps families across the state file the FAFSA, and brings students one step closer to fulfilling their educational goals."

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help with their FAFSA," said

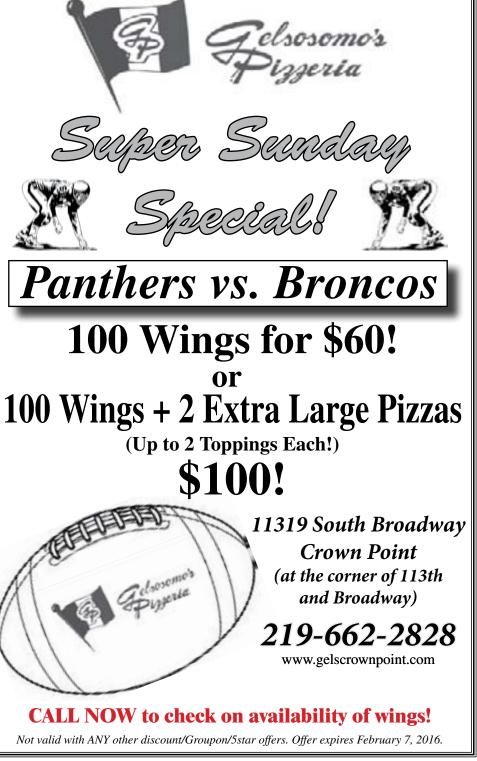
Bill Wozniak, co-chair of

College Goal Sunday. "This

According to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's Division of Student Financial Aid, programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching firstgeneration college students. In recent years, according to SFA statistics, more singleparent Hoosier families have filed for financial aid, indicating programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching high-risk students and their families.

"There is significant disappointment for students who don't complete their finan-

(See FAFSA Pg. 8)



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Obituary ~ Kenneth W. Roberts

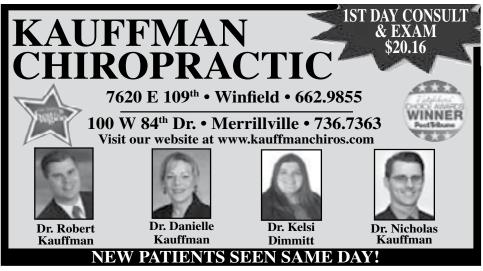
Kenneth W. Roberts, age 77 of Valparaiso, formerly of Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away peacefully January 24, 2016. Ken was a graduate of East Gary Edison, Class of 56. He was a Lake County police officer for over 30 years. Ken was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Shriners and the Fraternal Order of Police. Upon retirement, Ken was a volunteer at Southlake Methodist Hospital. He was

a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Ken will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his son- Thomas; sister- Janice Greene. Ken is survived by his loving wife of 49 years-Kathy; children- Michael L. (Mimi) Roberts, Christine (Dan) Buehrle; grandchildren-Astraea and Madeleine Roberts, Jacob and Lauren Buehrle; siblings- Valerie Roberts, Deanna (John) Woodard, and Mark (Karyn)



Roberts; many nieces and nephews. In accordance with Ken's wishes, private funeral services were held by Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. www.burnsfuneral.com





Obituary ~ Anthony J. Benacka

Anthony J. Benacka, age 86, of Hobart, IN, passed away January 26, 2016. Anthony is survived by his beloved wife, Gail; loving children Jeremy (Pam), Margaret "Marnie" Marshall (Robert), and Elizabeth Benacka (Ken Chada); and eight cherished grandchildren: Joshua, Taylor, and Jonathan Marshall, Gabrielle, Isabelle and Jason Benacka, Sydney Benacka, and Casey Chada; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Tony, Jr. Anthony served in the U.S. Army during the Korean

Conflict and spent 35 years in Sales Management with Procter and Gamble. Mr. Benacka was a Past Grand Knight and Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and a long time trustee at Lewis University. Anthony's favorite pastimes were gardening and golfing; he was a master at the former and a disaster at the latter. Mr. Benacka served God, family and country and believed that in the end the man who wins is the man who thinks he can. Mass of Christian Burial for Anthony was held on January 29, 2016 at Noon DIRECTLY at Assumption of the Blessed Mary Virgin Catholic Church, 3530 Illinois Street,



Hobart, IN 46342, Fr. Tom Mischler officiating. There was no visitation prior to service. Interment Chapel Lawn Cemetery. Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, entrusted with the arrangements. www. burnsfuneral.com.



Committee pushes Olthoff's bills forward

The House Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs voted unanimously today to pass two bills authored by State Rep. Julie Olthoff (R-Crown Point). The first proposal, House Bill 1407, would give individuals with disabilities the ability to open a special account, where they can save up to \$14,000 per year without jeopardizing their eligibility for Social Security or other government programs, according to a press release sent by Olthoff's office.

The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) funds will help families pay for disability needs. Indiana is enabled to do this by the federal ABLE Act which was signed into law in 2014.

"There are an estimated 67.000 disabled children in Indiana. The ABLE accounts will allow individuals with disabilities to pay for education, housing, assistive technology, and so much more," Olthoff said. "This change would allow the account holder to receive up to \$14,000 each year from one or more persons until the cap of \$100,000 is achieved."

The other bill, HB 1233,

partners the Victim Services Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute with the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault to work together to direct the \$1 million per year our budget provides for helping rape victims.

"I was able to pass a bill

that expands the programs

to include establishing and maintaining rape crisis centers and addressing physical, psychological, and emotional needs of victims," Olthoff said. "We want to make sure the funds are going to the right place at the right time." House Bills 1407 and 1233 will now be heard by the House."

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Church, Fire Department seeking donations to aid Flint, Michigan water crisis

First Crown Point United Methodist Church and the Crown Point Fire Department are working together to help the residents of Flint, Michigan, during their ongoing water crisis.

(4-H from Pg. 1)

to increase public awareness of 4-H and encourage more young people to participate.

From Crown Point High School, the 2016 Lake County 4-H Ambassadors are Madison Berger, the daughter of Brian and Ann Berger, a freshman at Crown Point High School, and a member of the Crown Clovers 4-H Club; Megan Berger, the daughter of Brian and Ann Berger, a senior at Crown Point High School, and a member of the Crown Clovers 4-H Club; Nathan Davids, the son of Eric and Angie Davids, a sophomore at Crown Point High School, and a member of The Seekers 4-H Club; Alexis Falaney, the daughter of Matthew and Wendy Falaney, a senior at Crown Point High School, and a member of The Lone Rangers 4-H Club; Josephine Gianni, the daughter of Rick and Vicky Gianni, a junior at Crown Point High School, and a member of the Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club; Daniel Jones, the son of Julie Jones, a junior at Crown Point High School, and a member of the RPFF 4-H Club; Steven Kvachkoff, the son of Doug and Patty Kvachkoff, a freshman at Crown Point High School, and a member of the Crown Clovers 4-H Club; Thomas Kvachkoff, the son of Doug and Patty Kvachkoff, a senior at Crown Point High School, and a member of the Crown Clovers 4-H Club; Elizabeth Sever, the daughter of Tammy and Tony Sever, a sophomore at Crown Point High School, and a mem-D.

The goal is to collect enough bottled water, pitcher water filters with cartridges, and faucet filters to fill a semi-truck trailer. Monetary donations are also being accepted.

ber of the Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club; and Emily Reed, the daughter of Tom and Kristine Reed, a senior at Crown Point High School, and a member of the Crown Clovers 4-H Club.

Other area ambassadors include Heather Bayne; the daughter of Charles and Laura Bayne, a junior at Indiana Online Connections, and a member of the Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club; Beverly Allison Bewick, the daughter of Dr. Keary and Becky Bewick, a junior at Valparaiso High School, and a member of The Lone Rangers 4-H Club; Michael Clark, the son of Denise Clark, a junior at Lake Central High School, and a member of the Just Horse'n Around 4-H Club; Abigail DeWitt, the daughter of Dave and Heather DeWitt, a senior at Lowell High School, and a member of the Saddle & Spurs

4-H Club; Tristan Hann, Pancini, the daughter of Rates too high? Poor service? Call **Karas Insurance Services** • Winfield/LOFS residents since 1978 • Family-owned and operated • Home/Auto/Life/ Business Proud of our customer service 219-779-9204 7877 E. 108th Ave • Winfield Erie Insurance® www.KarasINS.com Place your coupon in this section online! www.winfieldamerican.com Or call our office at 219-662-8888

The collection will be delivered to the Lincoln Park United Methodist Church in Flint and be distributed from there.

Items are being collected at First United Methodist

the son of Jeff and Tracy Hann, a junior at Donovan Junior-Senior High School, and a member of the Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club; Christina Javorka, the daughter of Pete and Laura Javorka, a freshman at Marian Catholic High School, and a member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club; Julie Javorka, the daughter of Pete and Laura Javorka, a senior at Marian Catholic High School, and a member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club; Kathy Kennelly, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Kennelly, a junior at Lowell High School, and a member of the Hanover Haymakers 4-H Club; Earlyne Long, the daughter of Christi Long, a freshman at Hanover Central High School, and a member of the Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club; Joy Moore, the daughter of Holly Moore, a senior at Chesterton High School, and a member of the Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club; Annabelle

Main Street on Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., or at the Crown Point Fire Station, 126 North East Street.

For more information,

Andy and Sarah Pancini, a freshman at Lowell High School, and a member of the Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club; Jamie Reed, the daughter of Jim and Janet Reed, a junior at Lowell High School, and a member of the Riley 4-H Club; Emily Sepko the daughter of Mark and Robyn Sepko, a senior at Lowell High School, and a member of the Fantastic 4-Hers

of Crown Point, 352 South you may contact the church at 219-663-1515 or go the Events page on www.fumccp. org. The last day for collection is Friday, February 19.

> 4-H Club; and Montgomery Stockton-Fresso, the son of Pamela Stockton and Frank Fresso, a freshman at Lake Central High School, and a member of the Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club.

> Also at the banquet, Lake County 4-H adult volunteers and Junior Leaders received pins in recognition of their years of service, sponsored by Lake County Farm Bureau.

The Lake County 4-H Club Committee introduced three incoming members of their Board of Directors: adult volunteer Debbie Sajdera and 4-H Junior Leaders Tristan Hann and Earlyne Long.

For more information about 4-H youth development programs, contact the Purdue Extension office at 219-755-3240 or www. joinindiana4-H.org.









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LOFS-Winfield Youth Baseball Little League, Girl's Softball sign-ups underway

in-person registration on

Saturday, February 13, from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 19th

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Students who attend any of

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sites and submit a completed

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There is no fee to use this convenient registration

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cial aid paperwork properly and on time," said Wozniak. "That's why the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association continues to provide College Goal Sunday. If our assistance gives students a better chance at higher education, we're fulfilling our mission."

Students should attend College Goal Sunday with their parent(s) or guardian(s), and parents' should bring completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms, and other 2015 income and benefits information. Students who worked last year should bring their income information as well. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their own completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2015 income and benefits in-



February 5, 1883

The Southern Pacific Railroad completed its transcontinental `Sunset Route' from New Orleans to California, consolidating its dominance over rail traffic to the Pacific.

One of the most powerful railroad companies of the 19th century, the Southern Pacific originated in an ambitious plan conceived in 1870 by the Big Four western railroad barons: Collis P. Huntington, Charles Crocker, Leland Stantord, and Mark Hopkins. A year earlier, the Big Four's western-based Central Pacific had linked up with the eastern-based Union Pacific in Utah, creating the first transcontinental American railway. With that finished, the four began to look for ways to increase their control over West Coast shipping, and decided to focus their efforts on extending the California-based Southern Pacific southward. By 1877, the Southern Pacific controlled 85% of California's railroad mileage. Huntington, who now dominated the company, saw an excellent opportunity to create a transcontinental line through the southern United States. The Texas and Pacific Railroad was already pushing westward toward the Pacific at a fast pace. Huntinaton won the race in 1881, when he linked the Southern Pacific to the Santa Fe Railroad at Deming, New Mexico, creating the second American transcontinental railway. Two years later, on February 5, 1883, Huntington gained full control of a number of smaller railroads, creating the Southern Pacific's Sunset Route.

process so parents are Hole in Lakes of the Four encouraged to register online. Seasons. There will still be one

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sent directly to the higher education institution selected by the winning students.

21st Century Scholars are income-eligible students who sign a contract in the seventh or eighth grade promising they will graduate from high school, meet grade point requirements, fulfill a pledge of good citizenship, and apply for college financial aid. Upon high school graduation, Scholars who have fulfilled

(Spalla from Pg. 1) three years in a row.

Spalla was also a successful bowler and tennis player at Boone Grove, where she was a four-year letter winner and state champion in her freshman season on the bowling team.

She was also named team captain on the bowling team and earned multiple team MVP awards on her way to numerous regional and sectional qualifiers and championships.

Spalla is very involved



the commitment receive state funds to help cover their college tuition and fees for eight semesters at eligible Indiana colleges.

To fulfill their pledge, scholars must submit a completed FAFSA form on time. College Goal Sunday can help.

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outside of school, where she has frequently volunteered at multiple blood drives, rummage sales at her church and other community service projects in Valparaiso.

The women's golf program will compete in its first season beginning with the 2016-17 academic year.

Women's Golf gives the current Purdue Calumet athletic department a total of 13 sports competing in the NAIA's Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Jerry Ross Elementary will be having its annual Winter Fest tonight, February 5, from 5 to 9 p.m.at Jerry Ross Elementary School. There will be entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. On the agenda this year is an obstacle course, rock wall, moonwalk, soccer fever, sand art, carnival games, balloon art and a magic show.

During the event you will be surrounded by music provided by a DJ, so bring your dancing shoes. This year the

Winter Fest at Jerry Ross tonight 'Aloha Winter Fest' themed event menu will be featuring: hot dogs, pizza, pulled pork sandwiches, pretzels and cheese, chips and more Back this year by popular demand is Pucker Powder. There will also offer face painting and photography by Stephen Martin photography.

Parking will be available at Wiseway on 109th and also at Holy Spirit Church. Free bus shuttles will be circling to take families to and from the event.

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