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## Black bears may re-establish populations in Indiana after DNR confirms sighting

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources recently confirmed the presence of a black bear in and around Corydon in southern Indiana. The bear was first reported late last month. Indiana Conservation Officers received a call from a Harrison County homeowner of a bear going through the caller's garbage.

The sighting comes roughly a year after a black bear wandered into northwest Indiana from Michigan. That bear was the first verified presence of a bear in Indiana in more than 140 years. After spending several weeks in Indiana, the bear returned to Michigan.

Conservation officers, sheriff's deputies and local animal control officers responded but did not locate a bear.

But, the bear was observed by several people, including conservation officers, in areas near State Road 62 and



later in Corydon.

Young black bears are known to disperse in the springtime as they seek new territory in which to settle. The bear is most likely wild and swam across the Ohio River from Kentucky. Kentucky has an expanding bear population.

"We've anticipated this possibility and our staff has been preparing," said Linnea Petercheff staff operations specialist with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Black bears are shy by na-

ture and tend to avoid human contact. Attacks are rare. Black bears are non-aggressive in most instances and prefer fleeing from humans when given the chance. DNR wildlife biologists offer the following bear awareness tips for residents or for those who may be camping:

- Don't intentionally feed bears. If a bear becomes accustomed to finding food near your home, it may become a "problem" bear.
- Eliminate food attractants

(See *Bears* Pg. 6)

## Winfield resident crowned Miss Indiana Pre-teen 2016

Madilyn Hussey, daughter of Winfield residents Frank and Astrid Hussey, earned the title of Miss Indiana last month at the Indiana state pageant. She will be attending and competing at the national pageant during Thanksgiving week, which will be held at Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

Hobbies and activities Madilyn is involved in include 4-H Club, horseback riding, Girl Scouts, cross-country, choir, serving at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, volleyball, basketball, track, Math Bowl, piano, and reading.

Her sponsors thus far have included her friends and family, but Hussey appears to be as adept at modern fundraising techniques as she is active in the Winfield community. To help finance her competition in California, she has a 'GoFundMe' page set up at [www.gofundme.com/2cpqh2ys](http://www.gofundme.com/2cpqh2ys).



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According to a statement submitted by her parents, the family hopes the community will help support Madilyn "in representing her hometown of Winfield, and the Northwest Indiana region in

general.

"This is the first time in many years that a girl from this area has won the state title, and anyone wishing to support her" may make a donation at the GoFundMe page, the statement noted.

## Despite vehicle advances, records show AAA rescued 32 million drivers last year

Despite advances in vehicle technology, including maintenance reminders and other dashboard alerts designed to mitigate roadside trouble, AAA rescued a record-breaking 32 million drivers in 2015, with more battery, flat tire and key problems than ever before, a new study shows.

Vehicles fewer than five years old in particular experienced a higher proportion of tire and key-related issues than older vehicles, suggesting that the trend toward eliminating the spare tire and moving to electronic keyless ignitions may have unintended consequences.

"Vehicles today are ad-

vanced more than ever, yet are still vulnerable to breakdowns," said Cliff Ruud, AAA's managing director of Automotive Solutions. "Sleek, low profile tires are highly susceptible to damage, electronic keyless ignitions can zap battery life and despite advanced warning systems, more than half a

million drivers ran out of gas last year."

Owners of new vehicles may be unaware that some new vehicle designs and features may leave them vulnerable at the roadside.

To reduce vehicle weight and boost fuel economy, spare tires are being eliminated from new vehicles at

alarming rates, and are being replaced with tire inflator kits that can only remedy some flat tire situations.

Additionally, new keyless ignition systems can drain the battery life when keys are stored too close to the vehicle and can lock a driver out of the vehicle while the engine is still running.

Finally, despite nearly all new vehicles being equipped with low fuel warning alerts and range estimations, a higher proportion of drivers are using these systems to push the limits between fill-ups.

Other key findings from an analysis of AAA's 2015 (See *AAA* Pg. 6)

## Local karate school excels with 34 trophy wins at competition in Fort Wayne

The two locations of Olympic Karate School, including the recently-opened location in Winfield, recently participated in 'Summer Smash', a competition that took place at the Fort Wayne Coliseum.

The school brought 17 young competitors aged 6 to 19 to this event, and they delivered the hardware, bringing home 34 trophies including three Grand Champions.

States that participated included Indiana, Michigan, and Iowa, and they brought with them many different

(See *Karate* Pg. 2)



Students pictured left to right, back row: Jessica Mullens, Sensei John Nemtuda, JJ Hampton, and Golden Williams; middle row: Janelle Winfield; and front row: Santino Ayala, Julian Jordan, Rashawn Johnson, Diego Jimenez, Hunter Juarez, Nolan Mullens, Scott Workman Jr., and Brody Robinson. (Not pictured: Kim Neal, Zavante Bennett, Mathew Varner, and Anas Belqas.)

Hundreds of participants crowded the Showcase Tent at the recent Lake County Fair to take part in the annual, Franciscan Alliance-sponsored, Senior Citizens Day.

The program offered information regarding the Accountable Care Organization, Franciscan Senior Promise, Franciscan Senior Health and Wellness, Franciscan Insurance Services, outpatient services, stroke awareness and palliative care.

Health screenings and information were available for balance assessment, blood glucose, blood pressure,



body fat analysis, early heart attack care, lung and breast health, nutrition and skin cancer.

Other attractions included free refreshments and music by the Goldtones; an apple-

peeling contest; radio memories, featuring The Dentons; and a musical tribute, called The Spaniels Forever. There also were giveaways and a chance to receive a coupon for a free foot screening.

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(Karate from Pg. 1)

styles of martial arts in the competitions.

"The success of my students is well supported by my parents who bring their children to train twice per week," said Sensei John Nemtuda, school owner.

"Many students have been training for four or more years. They are trained in kata (forms), kumite (sparring), and basic techniques of self-defense."

"But they are not just taught but must understand the applications," he continued.

"The quality of the training is also deeply rooted in: focus, concentration, and discipline in the art of Shotokan karate. The practice of these techniques are encouraged by the philosophy and beliefs of the school for the students to use these skills in their

everyday life by utilizing them in the home and the schools and elsewhere to lead them into better behavior and no excuse excellent grades."

Said Nemtuda, "I am so very proud of my students; they worked very hard to achieve the greatness of this victory.

Also for my new students that receive instruction at the new Winfield location, I am so proud of these students because they have had less than three months of training! Each of them brought home two trophies."

For more information, call

Sensei John Nemtuda at 219-962-4811.



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## Children's novel comes to life as 'Harriet the Spy' starts run of eleven performances at CST

Chicago Street Theatre will bring a favorite children's novel to life when Harriet the Spy opens on Friday, August 19.

Based on the novel by Louise Fitzhugh and written by Leslie Brody, the family presentation kicks off the company's 62nd season of bringing the art of live theatre to the community with 11 performances running through September 3.

Considered a milestone in children's literature, Harriet the Spy tells the story of a well-to-do, eleven-year-old named Harriet M. Welsch who aspires to be a great writer one day. In her notebook she writes down everything she knows about everyone- her classmates, her

best friends-everyone. When her journal of blunt and often awful observations falls into the wrong hands, mayhem ensues as the students read everything she's ever written about them.

The classmates attempt to prank and catch the girl they've dubbed "a spy", as Harriet works to repair her friendships. Following on the heels of their popular productions of Junie B. Jones The Musical, Nancy Drew; Girl Detective and Henry and Ramona, Chicago Street Theatre believes this is a show audiences will adore. Taking the story from "the page to the stage" are directors, Kelley Weisenbacher and Nancy Haller.

"There's are some pretty

important lessons in the show about kindness and making sure you don't say or do things that you can't take back," says Weisenbacher who relates the story to how people text or say things on the internet that blow up into an uncontrollable drama.

On August 19, audiences can stay afterwards for an ice cream social with the cast and the crew provided by Valpo Velvet.

Tickets for the performances are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors, and groups of ten or more and can be purchased online at [www.chicagostreet.org](http://www.chicagostreet.org) or by calling the theatre's box office at 219-464-1636 ext 1.

## Thomas Conway Observatory and Calumet Astronomical Society to hold open house on August 27

On Saturday, August 27, the Calumet Astronomical Society will host an open house at the Thomas Conway Observatory located at 191st and Chase Street in Lowell.

The open house is scheduled from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and the title of this event is 'A Venus and Jupiter Conjunction'.

After sunset, for a short

period of time, visitors will be able to view Venus and Jupiter which will appear very near one another when viewed in a telescope. In addition to this sight, members of the Society will have their telescopes set up to provide visitors with an 'up close and personal' look at the many celestial objects found in our summer night sky.

The event is open to the public, family friendly, and free. Remember, observing with telescopes is contingent upon clear weather. Cloudy or inclement weather conditions may cause this event to be cancelled without advance notice. It is suggested that you check the weather conditions before heading to the observatory.

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This course will cover Home Canning Basics, Ball FreshTECH Electric Canner, Water Bath Canning, and Pressure Canning. Each class will consist of instruction, including lecture and hands-on food preservation techniques. The classes will be presented by Linda Curley, Health and

Human Sciences Extension Educator. The fee is \$75 for three classes. Class size is limited, no refunds. Deadline to register is August 25, 2016. To register for the classes, contact Diana Cook at 219-755-3240.

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Registration is now open Taltree Arboretum & Gardens' Indiana Master Naturalist class. This 10-week, hands-on course provides an opportunity for anyone with a love of nature to expand their knowledge of plants, wildlife and our state's natural resources while earning certification as an Indiana Master Naturalist.

The class provides an introduction to Hoosier natural resources through sessions led by local professionals as well as Taltree staff members.

Among those leading the classes are Indiana University Northwest Department of Biology Chairman Dr. Spencer Cortwright, Indiana Dunes State Park Naturalist Brad Bumgardner, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Senior Water Resources Planner Joe Exl, The Nature Conservancy

Restoration Coordinator John Henry Drake and Taltree Arborist Craig Gress.

Subject matters include prairies, trees, amphibians, wildlife, water, geology, birds, macroinvertebrates, people and natural resources.

Students are required to attend 80% of the classes to be eligible for Indiana Master Naturalist certification. Participants are required to perform 30 hours of volunteer service for a natural resource agency or organization in order to obtain certification through the Indiana

Department of Natural Resources.

The cost of the class is \$100. Space is limited. Registration forms and payment are available online at [www.taltree.org](http://www.taltree.org) or by mail with registration forms printed from the website and checks made out to Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 71 North 500 West, Valparaiso IN 46385.

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roadside assistance data include:

- Battery failures, flat tires and keys locked inside the vehicle remain the top roadside assistance requests.
- Vehicles fewer than five years old have a higher proportion of tire, key and fuel-related issues than older vehicles. Due in part to complex, electronic vehicle designs, one-in-five service calls for a newer vehicle required a tow to a repair facility.
- Vehicles between 6 and 10 years old have the highest proportion of battery-related

issues, as most batteries have a three- to five-year life.

- Roadside assistance calls peak in the summer (8.3 million) followed by winter (8.1 million), fall (7.8 million) and spring (7.7 million).
- Drivers are most likely to request roadside assistance on Mondays and least likely to request assistance on Sundays.
- Drivers in the West experienced the most breakdowns, followed by the South, the Northeast, and the Midwest.

Despite advances in key technology, AAA came to the rescue of more than four million drivers locked out of their

vehicles.

"Drivers today have increasingly-connected lifestyles, and want reliable, flexible service options when trouble strikes," continued Ruud. "AAA has responded with flexible roadside assistance offerings nationwide including app-based service requests and the ability to track assigned service vehicles in real time on a smartphone."

To help prevent millions of roadside breakdowns from happening, AAA offers the following recommendations for common roadside problems:

- Check for a spare tire:

Before purchasing a car, check that the vehicle includes a spare tire. If it doesn't, consider adding one as an option. Tire inflator kits -- which have replaced spare tires on tens of millions of vehicles -- cannot remedy all types of tire damage.

- Check tires: At least once a month, check the tire pressure to ensure proper inflation. This affects tire wear and vehicle handling. Tires should be rotated based on the manufacturer's recommended schedule for the vehicle.

- Lockouts: AAA recommends motorists take special care of their "smart keys" and

keyless entry fobs. Always take keys when exiting the car, avoid exposing keyless-entry remote or smart keys to water and always replace the key or fob battery when recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

- Battery: AAA recommends that drivers have their vehicle's battery tested when it reaches three years of age and on an annual basis thereafter. AAA's Mobile Battery Service offers free battery testing for AAA members.
- Pack an emergency kit: A recent AAA survey shows that more than 40 percent of motorists do not carry an emergency kit in their vehicle. AAA recommends that every driver have a well-stocked emergency kit, which includes a mobile phone and car charger; a flashlight with extra batteries; a first-aid kit; drinking water; extra snacks/food for your travelers and any pets; battery booster cables; and emergency flares or reflectors.

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by placing garbage cans inside a garage or shed.

- Clean and store grills away after use.
- Don't leave pet food outside overnight.
- Remove bird feeders and bird food from late March through November.
- Don't add meat or sweets to a compost pile.
- If encountering a bear, don't run. Shout, wave your arms and back away slowly.
- Collect and remove low-hanging or fallen fruit from fruit trees.
- Eliminate meat, cooking oil, fish or fruit odors from near your home. This includes fish-meal fertilizers.
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DNR wildlife biologists will monitor the bear to determine whether to allow it to remain where it is or trap it and relocate it to a more suitable environment for a bear. That decision will be based on whether the bear exhibits nuisance behavior and continues to come into close contact with humans.

The DNR has a protocol in place should the bear become a nuisance, according to Josh Griffin of the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

"It's best if people just leave the bear alone and let it be a part of the natural environment," he said.

As European settlers began arriving in the 1700s in what is now Indiana, black bears were found throughout the territory. Loss of habitat and demand for furs of all sorts led to the bears' demise in Indiana.

According to the book "Mammals of Indiana" by John O. Whitaker, Jr., and Russell E. Mumford, the last confirmed report of a resident wild black bear in Indiana was in 1850.

Whitaker and Mumford report a bear sighting in northwest Indiana in 1871 but note it was forced south from Michigan to escape a series of fires known historically as the Great Michigan Fire.

South-central Indiana is hilly and heavily forested with large tracts of public land. Harrison-Crawford State Forest and O'Bannon Woods State Park occupy about 26,000 acres in the

area. The Hoosier National Forest also occupies large swaths in Crawford and neighboring Perry County.

"It is possible black bears may re-establish populations in the southern half of our state," said Sam Whiteleather of the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "Education efforts on how to deal with nuisance black bears would be conducted to help ensure black bears are enjoyed from a distance."

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Grant application packets are currently available from the Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc.

The packet contains an application form and guidelines for proposal evaluation. The application deadline date is September 1, 2016.

Grants from the Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund will be made to organizations and community projects which

impact residents of Crown Point and South Lake County.

Fields of interest which will be considered for funding include education, health and human services, civic affairs, preservation, conservation, arts and culture.

"The Crown Point Community Foundation is interested in funding projects that will improve the quality of life for citizens in the Crown Point area," according

to Patricia Huber, president of the Foundation.

Organizations eligible for funding may request a Grant Application Packet from the Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc. by calling 219-662-7252.

Applications can also be found at [www.thecpcf.org](http://www.thecpcf.org) under obtain/grants tab, or those interested may stop by the office at 115 South Court Street in Crown Point.

## Franciscan St. Anthony Health-Crown Point offers diabetes education classes

Franciscan St. Anthony Health-Crown Point will offer a series of diabetes classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in September, October, and November. Classes will help provide participants with individual meal plans designed to meet specific needs, along with information in accordance with the American Diabetes Association Standards.

Sessions will take

place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Typically, there are four sessions for each class. They will take place weekly each month in the Burrell classrooms, which are located on the hospital's lower level.

Individual appointments are available in case classes aren't convenient, or for those with special needs.

Registration and a physi-

cian referral are required prior to class. Fees are covered by most insurance companies; interested persons should check before calling.

Medicare A & B covers a series of classes one time and individual appointments yearly, as needed, after classes, for nutrition and medical management.

For more information, including fees and registration, call 219-757-6268.

## Annual Valpo 'Night Ride' gears up for August 27

The 6th annual Valpo Night Ride organized by the Valparaiso Parks Department and the city's Pathways Committee will take place on Saturday, August 27. The 15-mile organized bike ride, which starts and finishes at the Butterfield Family Pavilion, allows participants to ride around the city at their own safe pace with volunteer and police support along the course. A mid-ride snack will be available at Central Park and after-ride refresh-

ments will be served at the Butterfield Pavilion.

Individuals and families are welcome; children under 10 years old must be accompanied and ride with an adult, either pulled behind or tandem.

The fee is \$40 for those who register but t-shirts are not guaranteed. Same-day registrations will accepted. Registration is available online at [www.valpoparks.org](http://www.valpoparks.org) or by contacting the Parks at 219-462-5144.

## Obituary ~ Kathy A. Surchik (nee Lewellyn)

Kathy A. Surchik (nee Lewellyn), age 67, of Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2016. She is survived by her children: Derek (Rita) Van Tichelt, Crystal (Rocko) Graham, and Justin (Jackie) Van Tichelt; grandchildren: Gavin, Ashley, Kennedy, Griffin, Joleena, Reagan, Jillian, and Gunnar; sisters: Joan (Jack) Langenberg, Eileen (John) Delcorio, Maureen, and Darlene (Jim) Barnes; life companion: Frank Kucera; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was pre-

ceded in death by her husband: Robert Surchik, her parents: John and Angeline Lewellyn; and her brother: Johnny Lewellyn. Kathy was a loving wife, mother, friend, and nana. Her favorite times were spent in the kitchen, where she was known for her famous soups and sauces. Kathy's friends and family will miss her mischievous and funny personality, holiday decorations, and warm heart. Friends visited with the family on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at Geisen Funeral, Cremation & Reception Centre, 606 E. 113th Ave./

South St., Crown Point, IN 46307 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at Geisen Funeral, Cremation & Reception Centre in Crown Point, IN at 6:00 PM with

Fr. Tom Mischler officiating. Services will conclude at the funeral home with cremation to follow. Sign the guestbook at [www.GeisenFuneralHome.com](http://www.GeisenFuneralHome.com). 219-663-2500.

## Registration at CP Adult Learning Center

The Crown Point Adult Learning Center, an affiliate of the Center of Workforce Innovations, is having open registration Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 12:30, 1 to 4, and 5:30 to 7:30 for individuals wanting to attain their high school equivalency and to learn to speak,

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## 'Bean Blossom Blues Fest', an Indiana favorite, returns to Brown County August 25 to 27

The 18th annual Bean Blossom Blues Fest, also known as the biggest jam fest in the Midwest, is back again, August 25 to 27 at the Bill Monroe Music Park and Campground. The Fest will feature performances by well-known blues musicians, as well as around-the-clock jam sessions, all in a laid-back atmosphere perfect for blues fans and musicians alike.

Not your typical music festival, 'the Bean', as it is referred to, is a legendary blues bash. Enjoy three days of performances, along with seminars, contests, camping, and more.

Kick off the festival on August 25 during the Thursday Night Jam at 7 p.m. Listen to the soulful sounds of Jeff Jensen, the Ghost Town Blues Band, and others. Be sure to bring along instruments and join in the jamming.

The fun will continue on Friday, August 26 starting at 2 p.m. with a seminar, followed by the Harmonica Masters & Pros Showcase,



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all topped off with a night filled with the blues.

Continue to be blown away by the Bean on Saturday, August 27. The fun will start at 1 p.m. with a harmonica seminar and the Indiana State Harmonica Championships. Saturday's blues blowout will follow beginning at 3:30 p.m. and will feature blues aces Jeff Jensen, Jack Broadbent, and Moreland & Arbuckle.

Saturday night's headliners will include Elvin Bishop and Victor Wainwright and the WildRoots. Entertaining people for over 50 years, Elvin Bishop and his legendary red guitar, still have what it takes to wow a crowd. Inducted into both the Blues Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Bishop instills his music with passion, creativity, wisdom,

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The Bean Blossom Blues Fest also will feature plenty of jamming to satisfy even the biggest blues lover, as well as onsite camping. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate, ranging from \$20-\$35 for single day adult admission to \$50-\$60 for an adult weekend pass.

Youth tickets (ages 10-15) also are available at a discounted rate. Golf carts may be rented for the festival as well for \$150.

For more information on the Bean Blossom Blues Fest, including a schedule of events, performer bios, tickets, and camping reservations, visit [www.beanblossomblues.com](http://www.beanblossomblues.com) or call 812-325-8836.

## Crown Point High School set to distribute 100th edition of school's yearbook this month

The Excalibur yearbook staff will distribute the 100th edition yearbooks with the theme, 'By George We've Done It' in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, August 24 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The early price for the 2016-17 yearbook is \$55 un-

til October 1. Mail checks payable to 'Excalibur' to Crown Point High School, 1500 South Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

For additional information contact Lisa Keene, Excalibur Yearbook Adviser at [lkeene@cps.k12.in.us](mailto:lkeene@cps.k12.in.us).

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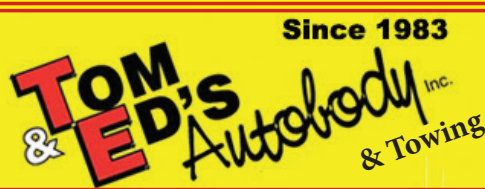
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