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Navy commissions littoral combat ship 'Indianapolis' during ceremony at Burns Harbor

Burns Harbor is known for producing steel and has a long, rich history of supporting U.S. defense capabilities.

"To the citizens of the great state of Indiana showing your support for the men and women of America's military and this fantastic new addition to the fleet," said Lisa W. Hershman, deputy chief management officer for the Department of Defense and the ceremony's principle speaker. "It is always a thrill to see a Navy ship commissioned, but it is truly a historic moment to do so on the shores of Lake Michigan."

The ceremony honored veterans of USS Indianapolis (CA 35), a cruiser which sunk in the final days of

World War II after completing a secret mission to deliver components for an atomic bomb. Her crew spent several days in the water awaiting rescue.

As part of the ceremony, Dick Thelen, veteran seaman 2nd class and a survivor of that mission, handed the 'long glass' (telescope) to Lt. Julian Turner, navigator of the first watch.

The ship's motto, 'Legacy of War' reflects that ships named Indianapolis have served in World War I, World War II, and the Cold War. LCS 17 is the fourth ship to bear the name.

Jill Donnelly, the ship's sponsor, gave the first order, "Man our ship and bring her



to life!"

More than 8,000 people attended the commissioning ceremony including Indiana residents and friends and family of the crew.

Littoral combat ships are outfitted with mission packages that deploy manned and unmanned vehicles and sen-

sors in support of mine countermeasures, anti-submarine warfare, or surface warfare missions. The warship's modular mission packages can be quickly and cost effectively updated with new weapons and weapon systems without taking the ship out of service for modifica-



tions and modernizations.

LCS class ships allow the Navy to strengthen its partnership with other countries' navies and coast guards. LCS perform maritime security operations, theater security cooperation engagements, and freedom of navigation patrols — keeping critical

maritime commerce routes open. Littoral combat ships are able to patrol the littorals and access ports where other ships may be unable.

Indianapolis will be homeported in Naval Station Mayport in Florida.

Porter County's 'Walk to End Alzheimer's' surpasses goal, raising \$69,500

About 400 residents from Northwest Indiana joined the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's at Washington Park in Michigan City last month. Participants raised \$69,500, exceeding the Greater Indiana Chapter's goal of \$65,000.

"We couldn't be more thrilled with the support we've received from this community," said Sara Spruth, walk manager, Walk to End Alzheimer's — Michigan City. "The event itself is an important way for individuals and families who are impacted by the disease to come together in a spirit of hope, and every dollar raised has an impact long after the last participant crosses the finish line."

The money raised through the Walk to End Alzheimer's supports local care and support programs available to the community free of charge, including caregiver support groups, education programs and the 24/7 Helpline. It also funds Alzheimer's and dementia research taking place in Indiana, across the country and around the globe.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease — the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 16 million family members and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In Indiana alone, there are 110,000 people



living with the disease and 340,000 caregivers.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Visit www.alz.org or call 800-272-3900.



Local students learn life-saving methods from firefighters-paramedics

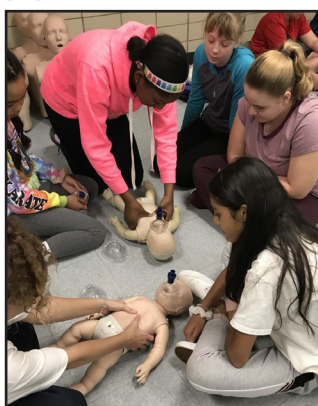
St. Mary's School in Crown Point recently hosted a CPR/AED and choking class for all 7th grade students. St. Mary and firefighters-paramedics Jake Gettler and Cory Federico assisted the school's nurse, Patti Miskus, with the organization and instruction of the class. There was a written exam as well as a skills assessment portion.

"The children did a nice job and have learned a very important, life giving skill. They now have knowledge

and skills to help guide them until help arrives," said Nurse Miskus.

McKenna Smiser said, "I can now watch my cousins because if they ever choke or pass out I can help them." Aundrea Muñoz said, "the class was a great help and she now feels more confident if that happens in a real life situation."

St. Mary's in Crown Point offers grade levels Junior Pre-Kindergarten (for three-year-olds) through eighth



Lani Flaminin and Kaiden Sims work on their infant CPR techniques as their classmates look on.



Porter Lakes Elementary recognizes Students of the Month

Porter Lakes Elementary School congratulated a recent group of Students of the Month. Each classroom teacher selected a student who exhibits the qualities and characteristics that are a good example to others. Each student was invited to a cinnamon roll and milk breakfast sponsored by the PTO and received a PLE Student of the Month Wrist Band. Pictured are, first row: Lenny Dawson, Bella Talbert, Ryker Lopez, Myla Rippe, Brooklin Brubaker, and Blake Aguayo; second row: Lucas Roelfs, Shane Storer, Avery Kinder, Mason Falkowski, and Elyn Hylek, and back row: Titus Voudrie, Logan Greaney, Lauren Otero, Hunter Steele, and Grayson Baacke. (Not pictured: Kavender Ferry.)

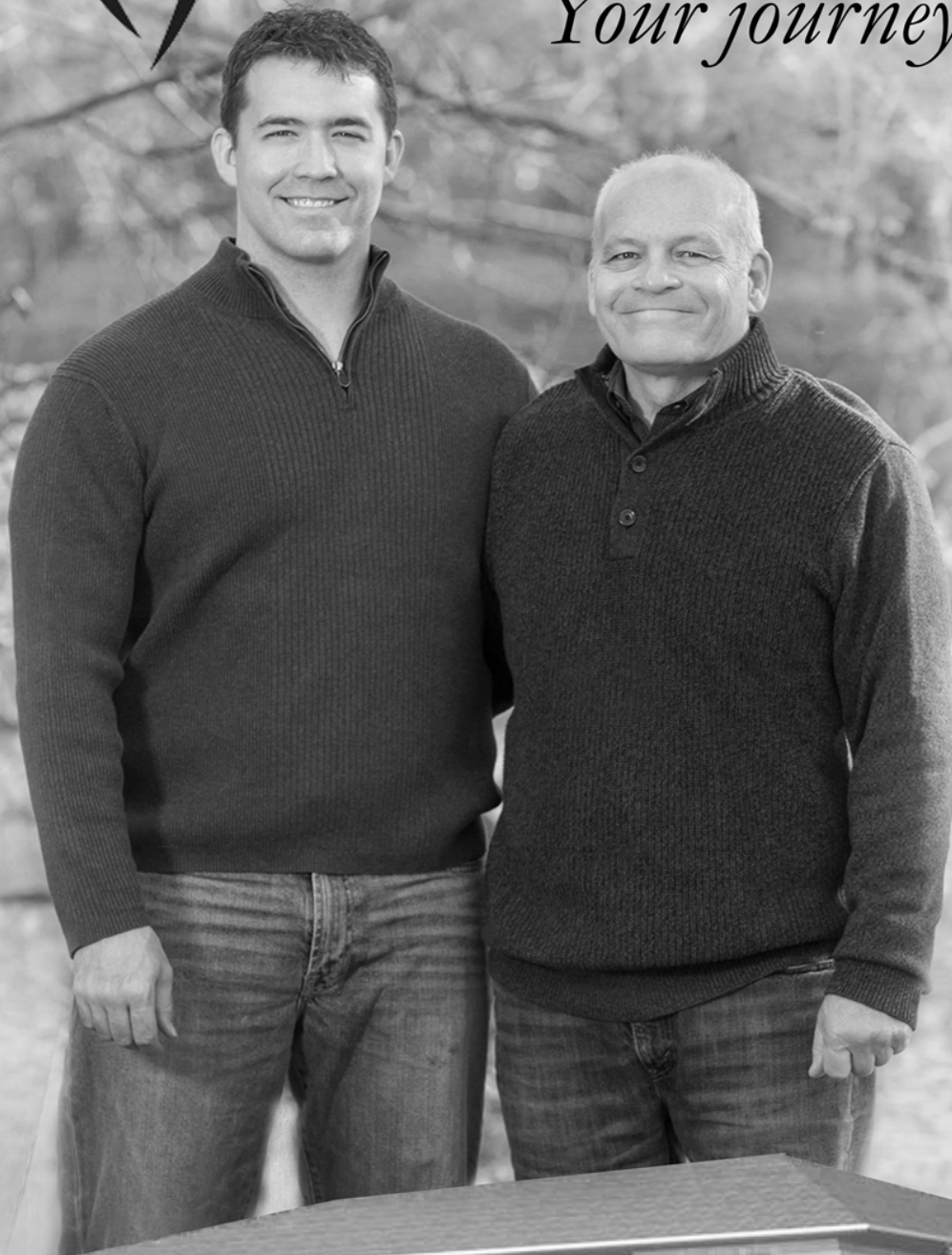
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- Saturday -

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Select Bottled Beer \$3

Friday: Surf & Turf Buffet \$26, Prime Rib \$28
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Township Trustee grateful for past donations; lists items now needed for winter months

"Summer is gone, and it is time to say 'thank you' to the kind and generous people of Winfield for helping with groceries and supplies for the food pantry," said Paulette Skinner, Winfield Township Trustee.

"The current wish list is as follows," said Skinner. "Canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberries, boxed white potatoes (Hungry Jack) and turkey gravy. We always need cereal, canned ravioli, jelly, and canned soup, (toma-

to and chicken noodle), paper towels, toilet paper, and liquid hand soap. Many thanks!"

For more information the Township office can be reached at 219-663-7027.

Franciscan Health hosts December blood drives

Franciscan Health will host Versiti Blood Center blood drives at its Munster and Crown Point hospitals during the month of December.

Franciscan Health Crown Point, located at 1201 South Main Street, will host a blood drive from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, December 20, in the annex cafeteria.

Franciscan Health Munster, located at 701

Superior Avenue, will host a blood drive from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, in the St. Clare Conference and Education Center.

Presenting donors will receive a BOGO coupon for any Chicago Wolves home hockey game as a thank you. Appointments are encouraged and can be scheduled by going online at www.versiti.org/IL or by calling 800-786-4488 and choosing your preferred time. Walk-ins are also welcome. Identification is required.

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois serves 63 hospitals in a 12-county area in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and collects more than 155,000 units of blood annually.

NWI has nine communities in the Top 20

To identify the safest cities in Indiana, SafeWise, an online resource for safety and security, reviewed the most recent FBI crime report statistics and census population data.

The full report can be found at www.safewise.com

NWI Top Twenty 'safest' list with their overall ranking in the state, are: St. John #1; Dyer #3; Crown Point #4; Chesterton #7; Munster #9; Valparaiso #14; Griffith #15; Highland #16; and Hobart #20.

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This day in history

December 6, 1969

In August 1969, the three-day Woodstock Music & Art Fair proved that 500,000 young people could gather peacefully in an environment of sex, drugs, and rock and roll. Four months later, the Altamont Festival was held in the northern California hills.

Altamont was the idea of the Rolling Stones, who hoped to cap off their U.S. tour with a concert that would be the West Coast equivalent of Woodstock in both scale and spirit.

The concert was to include Santana; Jefferson Airplane; Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young; and the Grateful Dead; along with the Stones. The event also included members the notorious Hells Angels motorcycle gang, allegedly acting as informal security staff in exchange for \$500 worth of beer – about \$3,500 in 2019 dollars.

The Grateful Dead left the venue early out of concern for their safety after Jefferson Airplane singer Marty Balin was knocked unconscious by one of the bikers.

During the Stones' set, Hell's Angel Alan Passaro stabbed 18-year-old Meredith Hunter to death just 20 feet in front of the stage. Hunter, an African-American man, was attending the concert with a white woman. Passaro was later acquitted.

The Altamont concert, along with the 1969 Manson Family murders, are generally acknowledged as the two events the media insisted portrayed as the end of the spirit of togetherness of the 1960s.

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12th annual ‘Stop, Drop and Donate Food Drive’ will be held this Saturday, December 7

Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force will be holding its 12th annual ‘Stop, Drop and Donate Food Drive’ from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Listen for the trucks to come through your subdivision and come out to see them as we come through.

The Fire Force will be doing both Lake and Porter County subdivisions in one day which include all of the areas where they provide EMS and Fire Protection.

Those wishing to donate can leave the donated items in a bag at the end of their driveway in a paper or plastic bag. Monetary donations may also be handed to the volunteers as they walk or drive through each subdivision.

Items may be dropped off at the fire station the day of the event. You may drop off to Station 3600, located at 10645 Randolph Street in Winfield, or the Winfield Township Trustee

Office, which is located in the Winfield Government Center. Donations may also be dropped off at Station 3500, located at 745 West 275 South in Hebron.

All donations will be taken to the respective food pantry – either Lake County and Porter County, and NWI No Child Hungry – on the day of the event to benefit less fortunate families in the communities the fire department serves.

Local church hosting breakfast with Santa

Christ Presbyterian Church is hosting their annual ‘Breakfast with Santa’ on Saturday, December 14, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The cost is \$4 and includes a donut and beverage, along with a door prize. There will be fun crafts to make, a coloring contest, and pictures

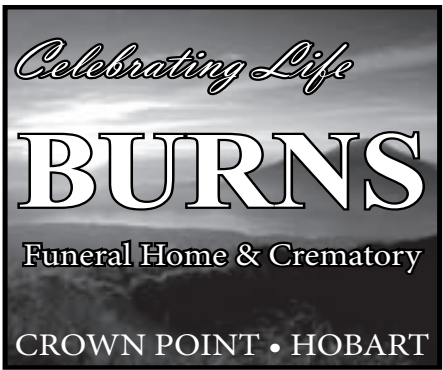
with Santa himself.

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Winfield Family Medicine's Brittney Owen Honored as an Influential Woman of Northwest Indiana

Brittney Owen, Nurse Practitioner with Winfield Family Medicine, was recently celebrated at the Influential Women of Northwest Indiana awards banquet for the impact she has made in our Region.

During a ceremony held at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville on September 26th, Owen received the title of ‘Up & Coming Influential Woman’ in the category of Healthcare.

Brittney Owen obtained her Master's in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan and has been serving in the community as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Winfield Family Medicine since 2015. Her desire to provide

health and hope to those around her has extended far beyond Northwest Indiana. She has had the opportunity to travel to 10 different countries around the world on medical mission trips and served on a disaster relief team with the American Red Cross providing medical care in Haiti.

“In earning the title of ‘Up & Coming Influential Woman’, Owen joins the ranks of numerous other prominent alumni that have collectively helped shape and define Northwest Indiana. They come from many different types of industries and backgrounds, but they all left an indelible mark on regional compa-

nies and communities,” said Erica Dombey, Northwest Indiana Influential Women Association executive board chair.

“Brittney has been a great addition to our practice,” says practice owner Dr. Brent Jacobus. “She joins two other female nurse practitioners on our staff and has helped to make this a dynamic team. Her dedication to treat patients holistically and her willingness to expand her skill set has been invaluable. She brings an invigorating presence to our office and is a blessing to both our patients and staff. We are so proud of her for being honored with this recognition.”



Brittney Owen, Nurse Practitioner with Winfield Family Medicine

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