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Students travel to Washington, D.C. to learn about the nation's capitol

Students from St. Mary School recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to experience the nation's capital. The fifty-nine students and chaperones toured the Capitol building, visited monuments and memorials, and learned how paper money is made at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The students had time to experience the Smithsonian Institute Museums, International Spy Museum, and the Holocaust Museum. Eighth grader Sonny Tran thoroughly enjoyed the National Air and Space Museum, especially the flight simulator. He said, "It felt like you were actually flying!" Mea Sanders enjoyed Mount Vernon where George Washington lived and is entombed. Avery VanSenus liked International Spy Museum where she and her classmates crawled through vents and eavesdropped on conversations with listening devices. The students and chaperones were moved by the sight of the grave markers and the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. Pictured are Avery VanSenus, Therese Cunanan, Danny Crnokrak, and Alexander Emmanoilidis, who were selected to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Fire Training Academy graduates 22 new firefighters to serve NWI, including LOFS and Crown Point

Twenty-two new firefighters representing 15 fire departments recently celebrated the completion of a rigorous six-month training program at the Multi Agency Academic Cooperative Foundation. Among those completed the training will be firefighters who will serve Lakes of the Four Seasons and Crown Point.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly 70% of firefighters in the United States are volunteers, saving taxpayers an estimated \$139.8 billion per year. These men and women spent nights and weekends, at their own expense, completing the training necessary to become certified.

Those who graduated, and the names of the departments they'll be working for, include Crystal Mayer, Lake of Four Seasons Fire Department; Jake Vickery,



Crown Point Fire-Rescue; Michael Siegle, Crown Point Fire-Rescue; Michael Wolotka, Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Department; Anthony Aichner, Beverly Shores Fire Department; Thomas Crawford, South Haven Fire Department; Zachary Deavers Morgan Township Fire Department; Carl Fox, Lincoln Township Fire Department; Kaylee Hans, Lake Station

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Paul Rains, North Judson Fire Department; Maggie Ralston, Lake Station Fire Department; Michael Roesch, Washington Township Fire Department; Kristen Settele, Washington Township Fire Department; Alissa Snider, Lincoln Township Fire Department; and Matthew Strickland Burns Harbor Fire Department

54 million+ Americans to travel this Thanksgiving; most since 2005

The AAA projects 54.3 million Americans will journey 50 miles or more away from home this Thanksgiving, a 4.8 percent increase over last year. The 2018 holiday weekend will see the highest Thanksgiving travel volume in more than a dozen years (since 2005), with 2.5 million more people taking to the nation's roads, skies, rails and waterways than last year. For the 48.5 million Americans planning

a Thanksgiving road trip, INRIX, a global mobility analytics company, predicts travel times in the most congested cities in the U.S. could be as much as four times longer than for a normal trip.

"Consumers have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season: higher wages, more disposable income and rising levels of household wealth," said Bill Sutherland, AAA Travel senior vice president. "This is translating

into more travelers kicking off the holiday season with a Thanksgiving getaway, building on a positive year for the travel industry."

The Thanksgiving holiday period is defined as Wednesday, November 21 to Sunday, November 25.

- Automobiles: The vast majority of travelers – 48.5 million – will hit the road this Thanksgiving, nearly 5% more than last year.
- Planes: The largest growth

in holiday travel is by air, at 5.4%, with 4.27 million travelers.

- Trains, Buses and Cruise Ships: Travel across these sectors will increase by 1.4%, with a total 1.48 million passengers.

Based on historical and recent travel trends, INRIX, in collaboration with AAA, predicts drivers will experience the greatest amount of congestion Thanksgiving week during the early eve-

ning commute period, with travel times starting to increase on Monday. Drivers in San Francisco, New York City and Boston will see the largest delays – nearly quadruple normal drive times.

"Thanksgiving is one of the busiest holidays for road trips, and this year will be no different," says Trevor Reed, transportation analyst at INRIX. "Knowing when and where congestion will build can help drivers avoid the

stress of sitting in traffic. Our advice to drivers is to avoid commuting times in major cities altogether or plan alternative routes."

In most cases, the best days to travel will be on Thanksgiving Day, Friday or Saturday. Drivers should expect increased travel times on Sunday as most holiday travelers will be making their way home after the long weekend.

Eastport Centre Business Park raises more than \$22,000 to support United Way of Porter County programs

Eastport Centre Business Park in Valparaiso raised more than \$22,000 to support United Way of Porter County social service programs. Participating businesses included Chester Inc, McAfee Animal Hospital, Sensit, 1st American Management, Great Lakes Labs, Vertical Financial Group, Shoremet, Fairway Laser, and Ivy Tech Community College.

"Eastport Centre businesses are amazing to work with," said Kim Olesker, president and CEO of United Way of Porter County. "They have

a strong sense of corporate responsibility to the community."

Challenge participants who donated \$100 or more were able to vote for one of five program categories they would want the total funds raised to support. There was a 3-way tie for substance abuse treatment and recovery programs, basic needs and emergency assistance programs, and youth mentorship programs.

"The Challenge brought together business neighbors to be a part of something

bigger for our community," said John Marshall, CEO of 1st American Management. "Supporting United Way, an Eastport Centre neighbor, in the great things they do is an easy way for us to do our part."

United Way of Porter County supports more than 50 programs in Northwest Indiana by providing more than \$2.3 million in community resources to improve lives. For more information and to donate, visit www.unitedwaypc.org.



Eastport Centre United Way Challenge raised more than \$22,000 to support United Way of Porter County programs. Chester Inc, Great Lakes Labs and 1st American Management employees pose with Kim Olesker (center), United Way of Porter County president and CEO, at Challenge wrap-up party.

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Indiana Historical Society's Festival of Trees returns with dozens of new themes

From classic decor to the downright creative, 80 elaborately decorated trees will soon go on display at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. The Indiana Historical Society's annual Festival of Trees holiday exhibit runs through January 5 at the History Center, located at 450 West Ohio Street in downtown Indianapolis.

The exhibit features dozens of new themes, from holiday staples such as the Sugarplum Fairy and Santa's sleigh to unique concepts such as popping champagne and the fictional Indiana town in Stranger Things. While the mood is festive,

there's a friendly competition for fan favorite, with past winners such as the Indianapolis Zoo and Plow Digital keeping this year's idea top secret.

As visitors tour the winter wonderland, they also can take part in scavenger hunts for The Elf on the Shelf or the Weihnachtsgurke, 10 pickle ornaments hidden in trees throughout the building. When legs get weary, guests are invited to take a break in the Cole Porter Room, where a singer leads guests through holiday-themed songs, as well as popular Porter standards.

Special programs include the return of Twilight

Tuesdays, with live music performed by local talent. Families are invited to mingle with their favorite Nutcracker characters at the Sugarplum Breakfast on Sunday, December 2, and channel Ralphie at A Christmas Story Day on Saturday, December 22. In addition, IHS is offering free admission for the annual Holiday Author Fair, featuring more than 70 authors, on Saturday, December 1.

The History Center will be open daily throughout the run of Festival of Trees. Regular operating hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. In ad-

dition, the History Center will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays and close late, at 8 p.m., on Twilight Tuesdays. Festival of Trees is free for IHS members or included with admission to the Indiana Experience. Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Festival of Trees is presented by The Salvation Army, with support from The Mothershead Foundation.

For more information visit www.indianahistory.org/festivaloftrees or call 317-232-1882.

State's Arts Commission accepting letters of intent from prospective Regional Arts Partner organizations

The Indiana Arts Commission recently announced it is accepting letters of intent to apply from organizations interested in serving as IAC Regional Arts Partners. The deadline to submit a letter of intent is December 3, 2018.

Organizations desiring to receive funding to serve as a Regional Arts Partner in Fiscal Year 2020-23 must submit their letter of intent through the IAC's online system by 4:30 p.m. (EST) December 3, 2018.

Guidelines about the Regional Arts Partner application process can be found at www.in.gov/arts/files/2020-2023-RAP-Guidelines.pdf.

Organizations must submit their formal proposals to become Regional Arts Partners through the IAC's online system by 4:30 p.m. (EST) February 5, 2019.

"The Regional Arts Partnership was designed to improve state service delivery to the arts community and

citizens of Indiana by providing regional level decision making and access to grant funding and other statewide services," said Paige Sharp, IAC director of programs. "The Partnership enables the Arts Commission to extend its reach to more areas of the state, and gives the partner organization the opportunity to increase its own visibility and impact on a regional level."

The application review process is expected to begin in February 2019. Organizations will be evaluated on quality management

Local Winfield church holding spaghetti dinner Saturday evening from 4 to 7 p.m.

Christ Presbyterian Church will be having their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 17, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under, and free for kids 3 and under. The price includes spaghetti, salad, homemade bread, beverage, and a dessert.

and governance; grantsmaking and constituent service; and regional and arts community involvement. Final approval of applications will be made at the Commission's March 15, 2019 Quarterly Business Meeting.

The application process will be open to existing IAC Regional Arts Partners as well as organizations new to the regional program.

For more information, visit www.in.gov/arts/region-artspartner.htm or contact Paige Sharp at 317-232-1279.

Proceeds will help fund the deacons, who support organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Local Alzheimer's Association, Local DAV, MS Society, Erin's Farm, Winfield Food Pantry, Hilltop House in Valparaiso, and many others.

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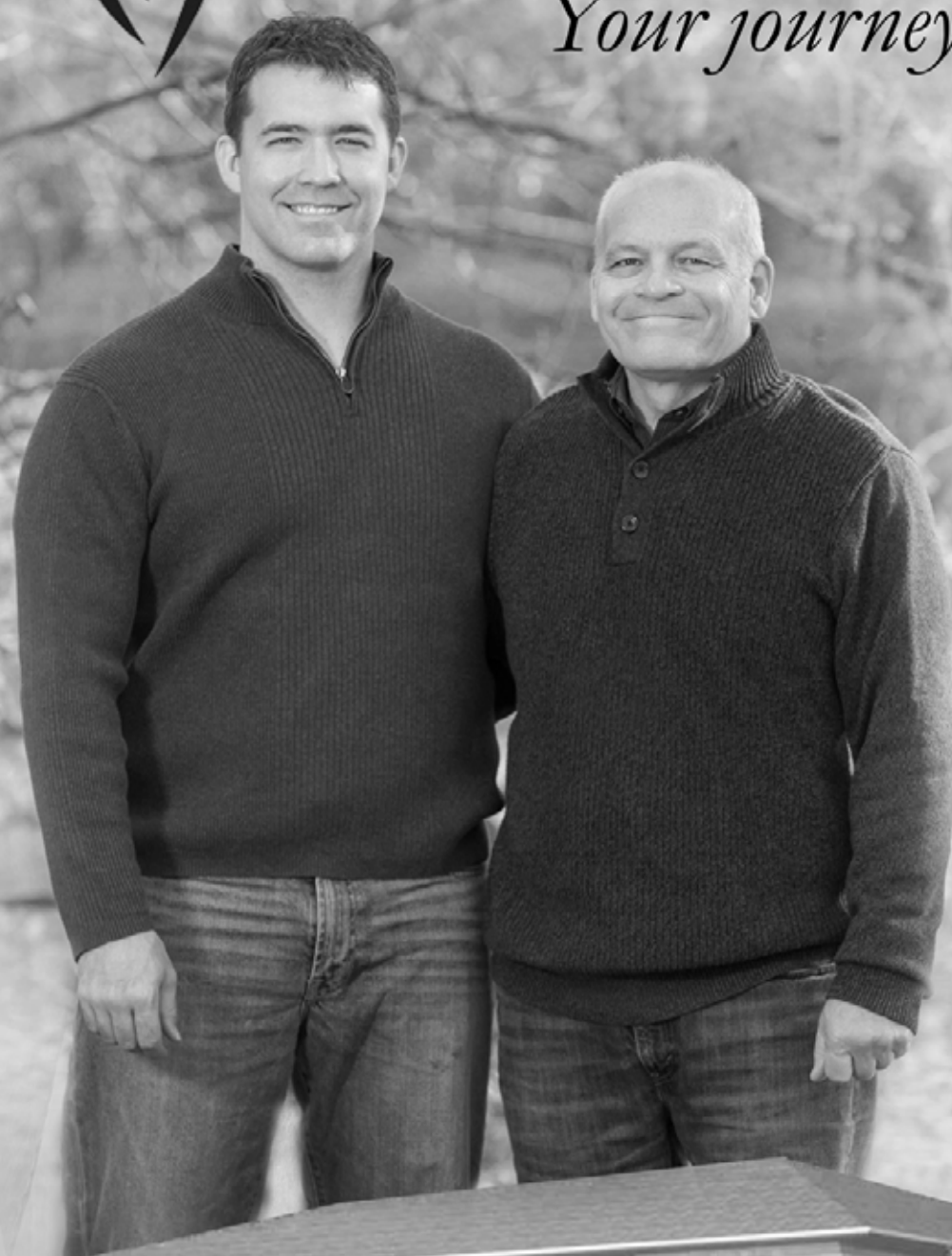
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November 30 deadline quickly approaching for scholarship applications to assist aspiring educators

Current high school seniors planning to pursue a degree in education can now apply for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, according to State Rep. Julie Olthoff (R-Crown Point).

The scholarship provides \$7,500 a year for a maximum of four years to 200 students who attend an Indiana college or university.

Olthoff said the scholarship was established to encourage

more high-achieving students to pursue a career in Indiana classrooms. Applicants must be in the top 20% of their high school graduating class or have earned a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT. Recipients must commit to teaching in Indiana for five consecutive years upon graduation.

Interested students should be nominated by a teacher and submit a nomination

form with their application, which is available at www.ScholarTrack.IN.gov. College students currently studying education may also apply as long as they graduated from an Indiana accredited high school or non-accredited nonpublic high school.

For more information and to apply before the November 30 deadline, visit www.LearnMoreIndiana.org/nextteacher.

Lake County Master Gardeners announce the continuance of their scholarship program

The Lake County Master Gardeners have announced that they will be continuing their scholarship program for the 2019-20 academic year.

Although the LCMGA has been awarding scholarships for the past thirteen years, this will be the first year that scholarship applications will be available through the Crown Point Community Foundation website, and the first year incoming freshmen attending a four-year institution are eligible to apply.

Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate college and university students, who are residents of Lake County, Indiana. In addition to the majors of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, majors of Forestry, Botany (Horticulture Equivalent), Plant Pathology, Agricultural

Education, and Entomology are eligible as well. Other majors that benefit consumer gardening may be considered.

The 2019 application will be available January 11 to February 22, through the Crown Point Community

Foundation website at www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html

The scholarships are funded by donations made to the Lake County Master Gardener Association and from donations from donors.

Porter Lakes Preschool



2019-20 Registration

Porter Lakes will be accepting applications for our Preschool Program. Students who will be 3 years old by Aug. 1, 2019 will attend 2 days a week.

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Area residents asked to share their traditions on TV this holiday season; deadline December 3

Lakeshore PBS is asking for video submissions that showcase how community members across the region celebrate the season for an upcoming holiday program. Lakeshore PBS, Northwest Indiana's local public television station, is looking for viewers to submit a 2-3 minute video about their holiday traditions. Lakeshore PBS will gather all the submissions and create a local show Traditions: Spirit of the Holidays. This show will be aired multiple times during the holiday season on Lakeshore PBS.

"People of all ages are making videos now," said Loren Ellis, TV operations manager for Lakeshore PBS. "We are asking them to share these videos with us, whether it is a decking your house out in lights, recreating family recipes or volunteering in your community, we want to see what your family, friends or coworkers do to celebrate the season every year."


This effort continues Lakeshore PBS' recent work engaging the community on-air. James A. Muhammad, president and CEO of Lakeshore Public Media, welcomed the opportunity to bring viewers stories to the Chicagoland airwaves. "We are asking viewers to share their family traditions and see what they do to celebrate the holidays," Muhammad reflected that this community-focused effort is aligned to Lakeshore's mission to "share stories from the region while recognizing the diversity of our audience."

For two years in a row, Lakeshore PBS has won the Indiana Broadcasters Association's Cardinal Award for Community Engagement. In 2016 and 2017, the station held a town hall in three locations that focused on race, justice, community and policing. In September 2017, Lakeshore PBS partnered with the Legacy Foundation to produce a televised program and supporting online elements for On the Table, which brought together community members to have a meal and conversation. Both initiatives were opportunities to have a dialogue about important community issues with the intention of sparking new connections and ideas for change.


Lakeshore PBS is asking for submissions by noon on December 3. Visit www.LakeshorePBS.org/traditions for video tips and submission information, or call Loren at 219-756-5656 for more information. All submissions will receive a gift from Lakeshore PBS.

Ellis sees this as a fun way to spread the holiday cheer across all of our communities. "This is the season to spread good will," said Ellis. "It's also a great way to bring our viewers even closer into the Lakeshore PBS fold."


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Obituary ~ Doris F. Wirick

Doris F. Wirick, age 95, of Crown Point, passed away Saturday, November 3, 2018. She was born on January 13, 1923 in Porter County, IN to the late William and Eva Hamann. On April 9, 1944, she married Guy O. Wirick, Jr. in Santa Ana, California. Doris appreciated nature and enjoyed watching birds and gardening. She loved animals and dedicated her life to taking care of her family. She is survived by three sons, Larry (Jeanne) Wirick of Pittsburg, CA, Bob and Tony Wirick of Crown Point; one adopted daughter, Sharon Anderson of St. Charles, IL; grandson, Kelly Wirick of San Diego, CA; two great grandchildren,

Victoria and Kelvin; several nieces, nephews, and very special friends especially Donna and Dee Dee and lifelong friend, Connie. She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Wirick; her parents, William and Eva Hamann; two brothers, Evert and Royce; and four sisters, Ella Mae, Eileen, Alice and Jean. Memorial contributions in Doris' name may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 2301 Ohio St. Michigan City, IN 46360. A funeral service for Doris was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 11:00 am at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel, 10909 Randolph Winfield/ Crown Point, IN



46307. She was laid to rest at Mosier Cemetery in Union Township. Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the funeral home. For more information, please call (219) 661-2600. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.reesfuneralhomes.com.

Health Resources and Services Administration awards \$10,911,705 to Indiana Department of Health

The Health Resources and Services Administration recently announced \$10,911,705 to Indiana, specifically, the Indiana State Department of Health through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. These funds support communities to provide voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to women during pregnancy, and to parents with young children up to kindergarten entry. Nationally, \$361 million in funding was awarded to 56 states, territories, and non-profit organizations.

"Evidence-based home visiting programs help parents improve their family's health and provide better opportunities for their children," said HRSA Administrator George Sigounas, MS, Ph.D. "These awards allow states to support local agencies in providing tailored home visiting services, meeting the specific needs of families in their own communities."

The award is an increase to the \$10,434,596 issued in FY 2017 to Indiana to reach parents and children most in need. Over the past six years, nationally, the MIECHV Program has provided over 4.2 million home visits. In FY 2017, the MIECHV Program served more than 156,000 parents and children in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five territories, and provided over 942,000 home visits. The Program serves almost 42% of U.S. counties with high rates of poor birth outcomes or poverty. Almost three-fourths of families participating in the program had household incomes at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Administered by HRSA, in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families, the MIECHV Program supports pregnant women and families, particularly those considered at-risk,

as they raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to succeed.

For more information visit www.mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting.

Promise Indiana joins Indiana Youth Institute to increase college and career readiness around the state

The Indiana Youth Institute has announced that Promise Indiana and its staff will be joining our organization.

Since 2003, IYI has worked throughout Indiana to build college and career pathways. The addition of Promise Indiana adds a network of communities that are focused on building a culture that encourages students to pursue higher education. To date, more than 13,000 elementary students around the state have started a CollegeChoice 529 direct savings account through The Promise, with more than \$10 million in total savings for postsecondary education.

"Our schools and communities have told us loud and clear that college and career readiness needs to begin earlier - ideally in elementary school. Promise Indiana is an innovative and successful

program that builds future identity from a young age. We are delighted to add this thriving program to our existing services," said Tami Silverman, president and CEO of the Indiana Youth Institute.

As the number of local Promise initiatives has grown, so too has interest from other communities around the state. Through Lilly Endowment's support, IYI will lead the activation of 18 new Promise Indiana communities during the next three years. "Communities are searching for strategies to help students succeed in the classroom and in life. The Promise model is community-centric and designed to help students shape identity

and build hope for their future," said Clint Kugler, Co-Founder of Promise Indiana.

The transition will begin immediately. A formal launch is planned for IYI's Kids Count Conference on November 27 and 28.

With support from the Indiana Education Savings Authority and Lilly Endowment, Promise Indiana began its operations in 2013, as part of the Wabash County YMCA, which has served as the home and backbone organization for the Wabash County Promise. Twenty-four additional communities have launched local initiatives in the five years since the Wabash County effort began.

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Arbor Day Foundation offers gift ideas to promote conservation this holiday season

Celebrate this year's holiday season with friends and loved ones while supporting conservation and tree planting with the help of the Arbor Day Foundation.

- Returning for the ninth season in a row, Give-A-Tree cards from the Arbor Day Foundation offer a unique holiday giving opportunity with conservation benefits that will endure for generations. And again, this year, Give-A-Tree cards can be purchased individually and with customized text. Cards can be purchased for \$5.95.
- Purchasing the Arbor Day Foundation's coffee helps preserve rain forests in Central and South America.

The Foundation's coffee, a part of the Rain Forest Rescue program, is shade-grown under the canopy of Latin American rain forests. Unlike sun-grown coffee farms, this traditional shade-grown method gives the coffee a rich and delicious flavor. Cost per bag is \$16.44, including shipping.

- The Foundation's Trees in Celebration program allows the giver to honor loved ones while supporting crucial conservation efforts. For each dollar donated, one tree is planted in a high-need forest, and recipients are given a certificate showing them where the trees were planted.
- Give the gift of membership with the Arbor Day Foundation and recipients will be sent 10 free trees, which will be shipped at the right time of year for planting. Membership levels vary and begin with a \$10 contribution.

"The holidays are a time for thinking about others, and as you do, take a moment to think about what you can do to protect the beauty and splendor of the earth," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We encourage everyone to give gifts that will have a lasting impact for generations to come."

To purchase holiday gifts that give back to the planet, visit www.arborday.org.

Indiana and Manitoba form partnership to advance agriculture, economic development

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler and members of the Indiana agricultural delegation recently met with officials from Canada's Manitoba Province today to discuss opportunities to grow both regions' agricultural sectors.

Through a signed memorandum of understanding, the Indiana and Manitoba departments of agriculture agreed to facilitate cooperation in several areas including agricultural research and development, youth education and leadership, and trade investment – all for the purpose of mutual economic growth.

"This agreement lays the groundwork to establishing a long-term cooperative relationship between Indiana and Manitoba," Crouch said. "We look forward to the abundant opportunities this new partnership affords, especially in the area of agricultural economic development, and are excited about what the future holds for our two economies."

The agricultural sector has been a key driver of trade and economic growth in both Manitoba and Indiana. Through the MOU, the two regions will encourage stronger partnerships between researchers, innovation leaders, businesses, and young farmers, and will share information and best practices to help each jurisdiction make the most of new opportunities to drive growth and innovation in agriculture and related sectors.

"Indiana and Manitoba share common priorities and strengths in the agricultural sector that provide excellent opportunities for more collaboration and information sharing," said Ralph Eichler, Manitoba's Minister of Agriculture.

In addition to the ceremony, the Indiana delegation met with Manitoba's Deputy Premier Heather Stefanson, Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade Blaine Pedersen and Minister Eichler, and discussed the broader Manitoba-Indiana trade relationship, which encompassed two-way trade worth \$1.1 billion in 2017, an increase of almost 36 percent since 2013. Indiana is Manitoba's seventh-largest trading partner in the U.S. and nearly 190,000 jobs in Indiana depend on trade and investment with Canada.





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Indiana University and Uffizi Gallery unveil website featuring first set of 3D, digitized artifacts

As a result of a collaboration between Indiana University and the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy, it's now possible to view some of the world's most admired ancient artifacts and sculptures in 3D without traveling overseas.

A newly launched website, www.digitalsculpture-uffizi.org, was recently unveiled in a ceremony at the historic Uffizi Gallery. The site currently contains over 300 digitized sculptures and fragments from the collection.

The project was announced in 2016 at the Uffizi Gallery in a joint presentation by IU President Michael A. McRobbie and Uffizi Gallery Director Eike Schmidt.

"As we accomplish the goals set forth in this unprecedented and enormously ambitious project, the unveiling of this new website marks a first major milestone in a collaboration that will generate unparalleled opportunity for scholarly engagement with materials housed in one of the world's oldest and very finest galleries," McRobbie said. "By leveraging IU's scholarly expertise in ancient art and culture, as well as our extensive technological capabilities, this collection of magnificent, inspiring and irreplaceable classical antiquities can now be viewed and studied in an entirely new and fascinating way by scholars, museum professionals, students and the general public."

The team is led by Bernard Frischer, IU professor of informatics, director of the university's Virtual World Heritage Laboratory and one of the world's leading virtual archaeologists. A key partner on the project has been the Politecnico di Milano, under the direction of professor Gabriele Guidi.

"I am very pleased by the progress of our work on this five-year project both in terms of quantity and quality," Frischer said. "We're about halfway through the project and are on target to finish the job, as foreseen, in 2020."

"We have already digitized more works of classical sculpture than has ever been done in a single museum. Even more impressive than the quantity of my students' work is its quality. I have shown the models they have made to many museum professionals in the United States and abroad. They have been uniformly impressed, and this has led to invitations to undertake new projects of digitization at the Getty Villa in Malibu, Palazzo Altemps in Rome and the National Archaeological Museum of Naples."

The Uffizi Gallery, adjacent to the Piazza della Signoria in central Florence, houses some of the world's finest masterpieces, including works by Botticelli, Caravaggio, da Vinci, Fra Angelico, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Titian. It is among the most visited museums in Italy, with more than 1.5 million visitors each year.





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
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Copies of 2019 Department of Natural Resources special events calendar now available

Advance copies of the 2019 Department of Natural Resources special events calendar are available in PDF format by emailing special-events@dnr.IN.gov. Those interested can request a hard copy by calling 317-232-4140. Events are also posted at nature centers and park gates.

After December 1, the calendar will be available online at www.StateParks.IN.gov/3282.htm, or on the DNR calendar at www.calendar.dnr.IN.gov so Hoosiers can check periodic changes in event schedules as they occur. The calendar includes special events at state parks and state forest recreation areas across the state.

Some state parks also offer periodic electronic newsletters with event details. A list of these is at www.public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDNR/subscriber/new. Highlights on the 2019 calendar include the winter dog hike at Brown County State Park on February 2, the

Full Moon 5k at Patoka Lake August 16, and 'Hoots and Howls Weekend' at Mounds State Park on October 25 to 27. Easter egg hunts, paddling events and fireworks are also on the schedule among other events. "In addition to these special events, our interpretive naturalists offer a wide range

of hikes, talks and other outdoor experiences to introduce Hoosiers to our natural and cultural resources throughout the year," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of Indiana State Parks. For camping reservations, visit www.Camp.IN.gov (available 24 hours) or call 866-622-6746 between 12

p.m. and 8 p.m. Reservations can now be made year-round up to six months in advance to ensure that all may get their favorite campsite. For reservations at Indiana State Park Inns, visit www.IndianaInns.com or call 877-563-4371.

Two northern Indiana nature preserves honored as 'Wetlands of Distinction'

Chamberlain Lake and Spicer Lake, two nature preserves in St. Joseph County, have been named 'Wetlands of Distinction' by the Society of Wetlands Scientists.

watchers and nature photographers. More details and interactive maps of both nature preserves and all of Indiana's

other 285 nature preserves are at www.dnr.IN.gov/naturepreserve/4698.htm. Other Wetlands of Distinction are at www.wetlandsofdistinction.org.



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At the beginning of the 1953 season, the Fighting Irish had beaten Oklahoma 28-21. The next week, the Sooners had tied Pitt 7-7. The week after that, they'd beaten Texas 19-14, and they hadn't lost since. For their part, the Irish were coming off of a humiliating 1956 season; their worst ever-in which they'd lost to the Sooners 40-0.

Oklahoma was the 18-point favorite, but, as their halfback pointed out years later, "was Notre Dame excited? Hell yeah. They're playing the No. 1 team that had a 47-game winning streak. They played a little better against us than I think they did most people. They were pretty damn tough."

At the beginning of the game, it looked like it was going to be another Oklahoma rout: Wilkinson's team had possession three times near the end zone but couldn't manage to score. Then, early in the next quarter, Notre Dame fullback Nick Pietrosante sacked the Sooners' quarterback, grabbed the fumble and ran the ball 19 yards.

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