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Kindergartners get to spend a day 'down on the farm'

Kindergarten students from St. Mary School recently spent a day of fun and learning at Fair Oaks Farm. The day included a handful of hands-on activities, educational movies, and viewing a baby pig that was just a few minutes old.

During that time, the students were able to ask questions to the staff member who was very knowledgeable regarding the baby piglet they were able to see through a viewing window.

"We have gone to Fair Oaks many times learning all about cows and have always enjoyed it. The Pig Adventure was just as educational," said Dawn Krajci, kindergarten aide.

The students were so eager to learn all about the pigs and a staff member from Fair Oaks complimented teachers, Candace Wadas, Linda Mesich, and Jenny Potter on how very well-behaved the entire kindergarten class was.



St. Mary students Gabriel Meehan and Landon Lee



Active shooter drill teaches teamwork between nursing and first-responder students

University of St. Francis-Crown Point nursing students triage "victims" during an active shooter drill there recently. They and students from the Franciscan Health Crown Point Emergency Medical Services Training Academy participated in the third-annual exercise, which promotes collaboration and training for students, who also portrayed shooting victims and first-responders. Crown Point and Lake County Sheriff's police participated as well. Lake County officers confronted the "shooter," portrayed by academy director Rob Dowling, who was taken into custody after "wounding and killing" nursing students in hallways and classrooms before being apprehended and taken into custody.

'Let's Camp, America!' to be held May 4-6 at Indiana State Park properties

Learn to pitch a tent, build a fire, cook outdoors, and more during Let's Camp America! Weekend at Indiana State Parks, May 4-6.

Let's Camp America! Weekend is a nationwide initiative of the National Association of State Parks Directors.

The weekend is a chance for beginners to learn basic camping skills, and for experienced campers to get their

equipment out for a spring weekend. Activities will take place at all 32 Indiana State Parks properties and on social media. The weekend celebrates all forms of camping, including tents, trailers, recreational vehicles and camper cabins. This year it also includes some family cabin options.

The weekend concludes with free admission for everyone — campers and day-

users alike — on Sunday, May 6, in honor of Visit Indiana Week, sponsored by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. DNR's State Forest Recreation Areas and ORV sites at Redbird and Interlake will also offer free admission on May 6.

The 32 properties owned and managed by Indiana State Parks offer a combined 7,700 campsites and more than 150 cabins, and nearly

700 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails.

Each state park and state reservoir property will offer the usual educational talks and hikes with interpreters, along with a special camping or outdoor skills program sometime during the weekend. Programs are listed at www.calendar.dnr.IN.gov, and also will be posted later at www.stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm. Topics

vary from s'more-making to fire building.

"We really want to celebrate the joy of camping with family and friends, whether you're a seasoned veteran or new to the activity," said Ginger Murphy, Indiana State Parks deputy director. "We have lots of folks who camp after Labor Day in the fall, but not as many who camp in the spring. The bugs aren't bad, and the fish-

ing and wildflower watching are both good. We encourage Hoosiers to start a new spring camping tradition."

"Camping 101" programs at select properties offer 12 families who have never camped at a state park the opportunity to do so for free that Friday and Saturday. Participants will also receive free guidance with campsite set up as needed, and the use (See *Camp Pg. 2*)

Better Business Bureau suggests spring-cleaning time to also cleanse digital lives

While clearing clutter is an annual ritual for many households, the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and Better Business Bureau (BBB) have teamed up to remind all consumers not to be digital hoarders and to freshen up their online lives. By conducting a digital spring cleaning and taking care of overdue online maintenance, you will be safer and more secure against losing personal

information and becoming a victim of identity theft.

A good rule of thumb is to consistently keep a keen eye on all sensitive accounts like online banking, your credit cards and credit report. A recent survey indicates that half of Americans still have not checked their credit reports since a September 2017 breach that hit nearly 148 million Americans. If you are in that 50%, take action to fix

this as soon as possible. Then, as you prepare to digitally declutter, spend a few minutes reviewing the tips listed. When it comes to rolling up your sleeves and actually starting the cleanup process, stay organized by following this handy checklist, which breaks the bulk of the tasks into four buckets: keeping a clean machine, staying secure, cleaning up your online (See *Better Pg. 2*)

Hoosier Motor Club encourages Americans to plan ahead for vacations

Americans are notorious about wasting vacation days. In fact, every year, more than half of Americans fail to use all of their work-related time off, which equates to a collective stock pile of 662 million unused vacation days. AAA, in collaboration with Project: Time Off, knows how to remedy this problem and emphasizes that the key for those who want to use more vacation days is better planning.

Yet, interestingly enough, only 54% of households reportedly set aside time to plan the use of their vacation time each year.

"In Indiana, 48% of employees leave vacation days unused, according to this report," said Greg Seiter, public affairs manager for AAA Hoosier Motor Club. "We encourage planning to be a priority."

Research shows that plan-

ners have a distinct advantage over non-planners. Project: Time Off's The State of American Vacation 2017 report found that planners use more of their time, take longer vacations, and are happier.

- 52% of planners took all of their vacation time vs. 40% of non-planners.
- 75% of planners were more likely to take a full week of

(See *Hoosier Pg. 2*)

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‘Explore the South Shore’ for free entertainment, family activities this Saturday at IWC

The annual Explore the South Shore returns to the Indiana Welcome Center on Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families will enjoy an afternoon of fun and entertainment at this free event.

The first 200 families to visit will receive a goodie bag filled with special treats and savings from participating organizations and attractions. Sweet treats and small bites will be available for

purchase. Area attractions and festivals will have interactive activities, giveaways and games as well as information about events happening in 2018.

Kids can also enjoy live entertainment from Indiana Ballet Theatre at 2 p.m. and beading workshops for Bead Town: Along the South Shore. The Bead Town project will be on display at the Indiana Welcome Center and uses recycled Mardi Gras

beads to create a 3,311 square foot work of art. The mural is Bead Town’s newest attempt at breaking a Guinness World Records.

Train rides will also be available throughout the event and area mascots will be in attendance for photo opportunities.

The Indiana Welcome Center is located at 7770 Corinne Drive in Hammond.

Residents encouraged to get 10 free trees, celebrate National Arbor Day by planting trees, beautifying

National Arbor Day is today, Friday, April 27, this year, and the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for anyone to celebrate the annual tree-planting holiday. Join the Foundation in April and receive 10 free shade trees.

By joining the Foundation in April, new members receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, baldcypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver

maple, and red maple.

The free trees are part of the Foundation’s Trees for America campaign.

“These trees provide shade in the summer and vibrant colors throughout the fall,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Through the simple act of planting trees, one person can make a difference in helping to create a healthier and more beautiful planet for all of us to enjoy.”

The trees will be shipped

postpaid with enclosed planting instructions at the right time for planting in April or May. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 2018, or visit www.arborday.org/april.

(Camp from Pg. 1)

of essential gear for up to four people, including sleeping bags, pillows, a cooler, camp chairs, lantern and firewood, plus free gate admission for the weekend and a free one-day pass for future use.

“Camping 101” tent-camping programs will be at Whitewater Memorial, Summit Lake, Potato Creek and Versailles state parks. Space is limited to three families at each of the four parks, and advance reservations are required.

If sleeping in a tent isn’t for you, Mississinewa Lake and Shakamak State Park will host “Camping 101” programs with their camper cabins. These cabins are basically “four-walled camp-

ing” structures with simple bunks, a table and an outdoor fire ring. Three cabins at each property are being held for first-time campers. Participating families at Mississinewa and Shakamak will also receive use of the camping gear listed above, along with free gate admission for the weekend and a free one-day pass for future use.

In addition, two family cabins at Lincoln, Chain O’Lakes and Harmonie state parks are available for first-time cabin users at half price. Family cabins provide a living/dining area, kitchen with some pots and pans, room to sleep up to six in beds/sleeper sofas, and indoor restrooms

and showers. Bedding and any personal items must be provided by cabin users. For more complete information on cabins, visit camp.IN.gov.

For all “Camping 101” programs, participants must bring their own food, and submit an equipment deposit of \$25 for tent camping and \$30 for camper cabins. The deposit will be returned after the campsite or camper cabins are used and gear is left in good condition.

To reserve a “Camping 101” site for either tent-camping, camper-cabin, or family cabin use, contact Christie Sorrels at csorrels@dnr.IN.gov. Sites will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and will include

a check of our camping and cabin reservation system to make sure those who seek a reservation haven’t camped or stayed in a cabin with us before.

The weekend also includes these social media elements and giveaways on the Indiana State Parks Facebook page at www.facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs for all campers to enjoy:

Any campers during this weekend can complete the Let’s Camp America State Parks Scavenger Hunt posted at www.stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm and return it as indicated on the form to be entered in a drawing for a 2018 annual pass or camping gift card. (There’s

even a rainy day version if the weekend is wet and you need to stay in the tent or camper.) There are also lots of great ideas for outdoor activities

in the Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights at www.childrenplayoutdoors.IN.gov.

(Better from Pg. 1)

reputation and purging files.

A digital refresh is a relatively simple process. BBB and NCSA has identified trouble-free tips and advice that everyone should follow beginning this spring and throughout the year.

- Keep a clean machine: Ensure all software on internet-connected devices – including PCs, smartphones

and tablets – is up to date to reduce risk of infection from malware.

- Lock down your login: Your usernames and passwords are not enough to protect key accounts like email, banking and social media. Begin your spring cleaning by fortifying your online accounts and enabling the strongest authentication tools

available, such as biometrics, security keys or a unique one-time code through an app on your mobile device.

- Declutter your mobile life: Most of us have apps we no longer use and some that need updating. Delete unused apps and keep others current, including the operating system on your mobile device. An added benefit of deleting unused apps is more storage space and longer battery life.
- Actively manage your location services, Bluetooth, microphone and camera – making sure apps use them appropriately.
- Do a digital file purge: Perform a good, thorough review of your online files. Tend to your digital records, PCs and phones and any device with storage just as you do for paper files. Get started by doing the following:
- Clean up your email: Save only those emails you really

need, and unsubscribe to email you no longer need/want to receive.

- Back it up: Copy important data to a secure cloud site or another computer or drive where it can be safely stored. Password protect backup drives. Make sure to back up your files before getting rid of a device, too.
- Own your online presence: Review the privacy and security settings on websites you use to be sure that they remain set to your comfort level for sharing. It’s OK to limit how and with whom you share information.

If you suspect you’re personal data and identity has been compromised, report it on BBB Scam Tracker. BBB uses the information to track fraud, inform others, and work with law enforcement to stop scammers. You can also contact info@indybbb.org or call 866-463-9222.

(Hoosier from Pg. 1)

vacation time or more at a time. Non-planners take significantly fewer days—zero to three—than planners at once (42% vs. 18%).

- More planners report they are “very” or “extremely” happy with their relationships (83% vs. 70%), health and well-being (57% vs. 48%), company (57% vs. 51%), and job (59% vs. 50%) compared to non-planners.

“Vacation planning doesn’t have to be stressful. Make it easy by using www.AAA.com, the AAA mobile app or a travel agent to plan the perfect vacation,” Seiter continued.

AAA suggests the following tips to make your vacation planning a reality:

- Create a tentative budget and schedule so your trip planning can be accomplished in a realistic manner.
- Research and understand the pros and cons of traveling

to a given destination during your preferred timeframe.

- Identify attractions or activities you are most interested in and determine if they will be open and available.
- Leverage your AAA exclusive member discounts for car rentals, hotels, vacation packages and much more. Visit AAA.com/Travel or download the free AAA mobile app.
- Plan ahead. If you are leaving the country you will need a passport, and possibly a visa or health documentation. It can take up to six weeks to get a new passport, so allow time to secure all necessary documents.
- Consider purchasing travel insurance. It is designed to offer protection against sudden and unforeseen events. Check with a travel agent and carefully review insurance policies before purchasing, as coverage options vary.

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This day in history

April 27, 1813

After surviving two dangerous exploratory expeditions into uncharted areas of the West, Zebulon Pike died during a battle in the War of 1812. He was 34.

He joined the army when he was 15, and eventually took various military posts on the American frontier. In 1805, General James Wilkinson ordered Pike to lead 20 soldiers on a reconnaissance of the upper Mississippi River. Slow progress meant Pike and his men spent a hard winter near present-day Little Falls, Minnesota, before returning the following spring.

Later, Wilkinson ordered Pike to head west again. This time, Pike and his men explored the headwaters of the Arkansas River, a route that took them into Colorado. There, Pike saw the towering peak that now bears his name, and he made an ill-advised attempt to climb it. Grossly underestimating the height of the mountain and dressed only in thin cotton uniforms, Pike and his men struggled with deep snow and sub-zero temperatures before finally abandoning the ascent.

During this second expedition, Pike also became lost and wandered into Spanish-controlled territory. A Spanish patrol arrested him and took him into custody. Failing to recognize they were providing Pike with a golden opportunity to spy on the territory, the Spanish obligingly moved their prisoner first to Santa Fe and then to Chihuahua, before finally releasing him near the U.S. boundary at Louisiana.

www.history.com

Show tunes with the Northwest Indiana Symphony on Mother's Day weekend

Join the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Music Director-Conductor Kirk Muspratt for 'Show Boat & Show Tunes', with two shows on Friday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at The Auditorium at Bethel Church in Crown Point, and Saturday, May 12, 2at 7:30pm at Monbeck Auditorium in Highland High School.

The concert will feature guest vocalists Brooklyn Snow, soprano; Kate Tombaugh, mezzo; Aaron Short, tenor; David Goyertson, bass; and the Symphony Chorus.

Before they were a team, Rodgers and Hammerstein had their own successful writing partnerships. Rodgers and Lorenz Hart collaborated on over 30 productions filled with classic songs like My Funny Valentine, Bewitched Bothered and Bewildered, It's Easy to Remember, Mimi, This Can't Be Love, Little Boy Blue, and I Married an Angel performed by legendary singers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Maurice Chevalier, Nat King Cole, Janice Joplin, and Johnny Mathis.

Tickets for the concert range from \$29 to \$69 each,

students are \$10, concert season subscriptions are still available, and group sales are available at a discount beginning at 10 people.

Call the Symphony office at 219-836-0525 or visit the website at www.NISOchestra.org to order tickets.

YMCA, Franciscan Health 'Safe Kids Day' program set for Saturday

Franciscan Health Crown Point and the Southlake YMCA will offer a free Safe Kids Day event from 9 a.m. until noon on April 28 at the YMCA, located at 1450 South Court Street in Crown Point.

The program, also being done in conjunction with Safe Kids Day Northwest Indiana and the Crown Point Community Foundation, will include numerous activities

and demonstrations, including: a fire safety; a water safety discussion by the YMCA; and information on bicycle safety and helmet fitting, home safety safe sleep and pet safety. Child identification cards also will be available. Two pediatricians also will be on hand to address health care questions.

Educational entertainment will begin at 9:30 a.m. and include 'Rockin' with

Leonardo', an interactive concert of music and movement, signing, hand signs and dance moves. He is a Parents' Choice Award-winning family musician known for a humorous, high-energy concert that educates, entertains and empowers audiences of all ages and abilities. His music inspires children to respect themselves and to make a positive impact on the world.

Leonardo will be followed at 10:30 a.m. by world-renowned 'Rope Warrior' David Fisher, who will amaze with his jump-rope skills and who has performed for heads of state, has made numerous television appearances and is in the Guinness World Book of Records.

Registration is required. Call 800-931-3322 or register online at www.FranciscanHealth.org/SafeKidsDayNWI.



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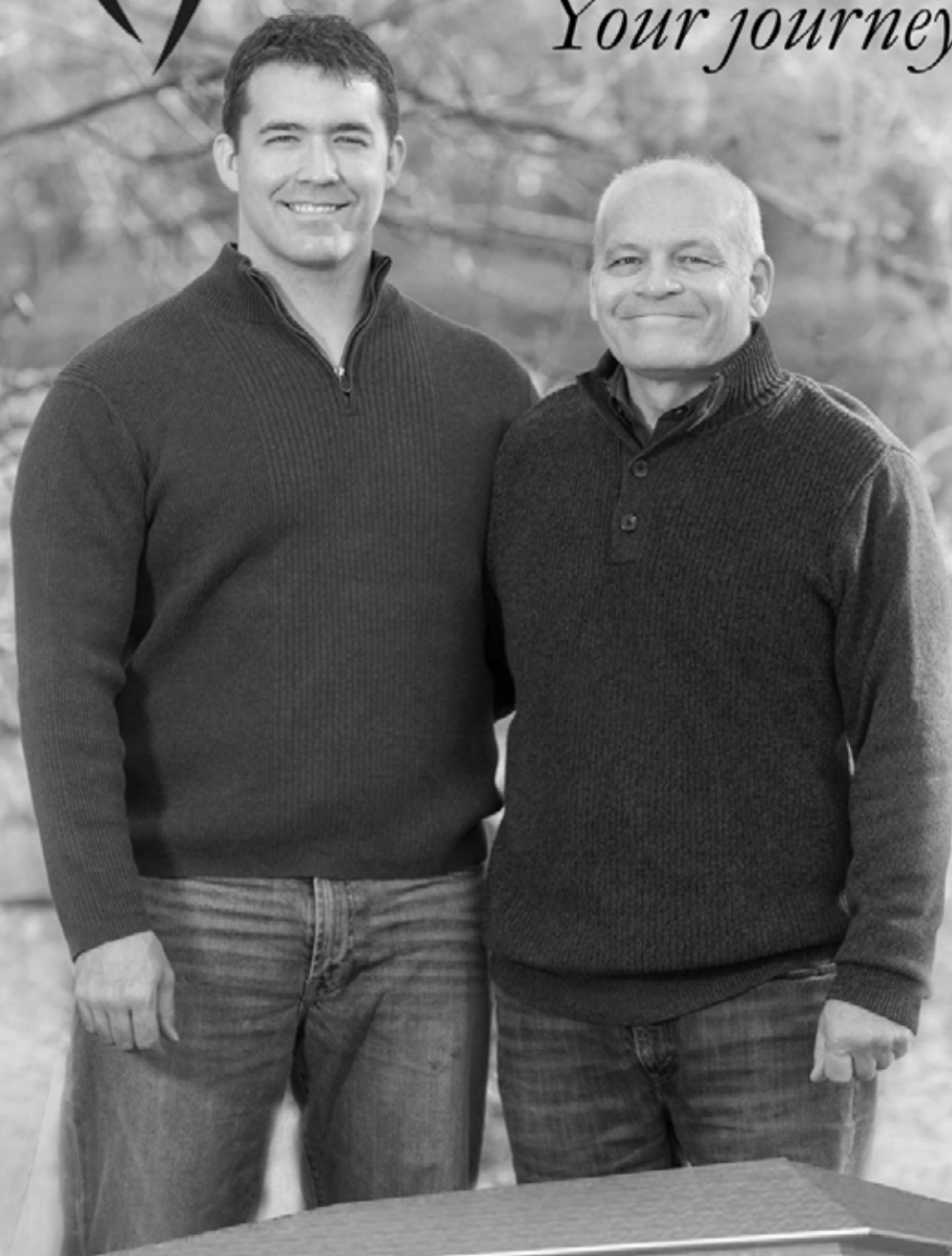
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Roller derby double header on Saturday to benefit Dunes Learning Center

Northwest Indiana's roller derby team the South Shore Roller Girls (SSRG) host a double header event. On Saturday, April 28, 2018 SSRG will host their second home bout of the season at the Diggz of NWI located at 4590 West 61st Avenue in Hobart. Watch as SSRG Runaways take on Kokomo

City of Fists, followed by another action-packed game with the SSRG Derailers against the Vindicated Vixens! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door at \$10/adult or \$5/children age 6-10. Children 5 and under are admitted free of charge.

Food and drinks will

be available for purchase. Additional parking will be at Key West Inn Hotel located nearby at 1855 Mississippi Street in Merrillville. There will be a free shuttle service to and from the venue.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Dunes Learning Center. Indiana Dunes

Environmental Learning

Center, Inc., now doing business as 'Dunes Learning Center', was established as a regional resource dedicated to residential environmental education. Dunes Learning Center provides a classroom without walls in which students interact directly with the natural environment. The setting provides a unique expo-

sure to a globally significant natural environment and one of the world's great urban/industrial regions. Students gain new knowledge and understanding about how improving the quality of life is dependent upon our success in sustaining and integrating these two environments.

To learn more about the

South Shore Roller Girls, find us on Facebook or visit our website at www.southshorerollergirls.com.

Inaugural LOFS Fire 'Bucket Brigade 5k and Open House' to take place May 19

In 1969, members of the LOFS Community came together to form the LOFS Volunteer Fire Force. Initially armed with nothing more than burlap sack, shovels, and buckets, they offered fire protection for the growing subdivision and surrounding area.

Nicknamed the "Bucket Brigade", they selflessly volunteered their time to keep their community safe. In honor of this heritage, they are presenting their

Inaugural Bucket Brigade 5k run, followed by a department open house, including demonstrations, kid's games, food, and music.

The LOFS Volunteer Fire Dept is raising funds for much needed Fire/EMS equipment and gear. Race date is May 19 at the LOFS Fire Station #3500, located at 745 W, 275 S, in Hebron, behind the LOFS subdivision.

To sign up visit www.RunSignUp.com. For more information e-mail to 5K@

lofsfire.com or call 219-779-8261.



Hospital offers lymphedema info program Thursday, May 3

A free seminar offering information on lymphedema will be offered at the Franciscan Health Crown Point Breast Care Center at noon on Thursday, May 3.

Sponsored by Franciscan Health Rehabilitation Services, the quarterly, interactive program is led by a certified lymphedema thera-

pist and is geared toward individuals who are experiencing swelling or who are at risk for swelling, following lymph node biopsy, radiation, or other disorders.

The Breast Care Center is located at the hospital, 1201 South Main Street. For more information, call 219-662-5770.

Franciscan Health Crown Point offering medical terminology course

Franciscan Health Crown Point will offer an introductory medical terminology class beginning May 1 that will continue each Tuesday for nine weeks. The class will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Marian Education Center on the hospital campus at 1201 South Main Street.

The course will teach the basic design of medical terminology and how to remem-

ber, pronounce and apply the meanings of prefixes, roots and suffixes that combine to form more than 11,000 medical terms.

Course fee is \$80 for Franciscan Health employees and \$130 for nonemployees. Fee includes a textbook. Payment is due at the first class. Registration is required and must be completed by April 26. Call 219-757-6462.

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The Nurse Practitioners of Winfield Family Medicine

Winfield Family Medicine, owned by Brent A. Jacobus, DO, FACOF and Brett A. Brechner, DO, has proudly served the Winfield community for over a decade by providing high quality primary healthcare. Over the years, Winfield Family Medicine has continued to grow, and in order to ensure patients continue to receive quality care, welcomed three Nurse Practitioners to the provider staff.

Many patients are already familiar with Deborah L. Wickenden, NP-C, Michelle E. Hoover, NP-C, and Brittney E. Owen, NP-C, however, if you are currently looking for a primary care provider, we encourage you to consider setting your next appointment with one of these Nurse Practitioners.

Deborah L. Wickenden, NP-C began her career in the medical field as a nurse at St. Margaret's Hospital, working for a cardiologist. As this doctor prepared to retire, she encouraged her to continue her education, and she did just that. She enrolled with the intent of getting her bach-

elor's degree, but continued on to earn her degree as a Nurse Practitioner by 2007. Then, in 2009, she joined Winfield Family Medicine, and in addition to providing primary care, also sees patients who need annual CDL physicals in order to maintain their credentials. Deborah has a wealth of knowledge and stays calm under pressure. She says what she likes most about being part of the Winfield Family Medicine team is that it is a Christian faith based practice, that the physicians are down to earth, and she is able to treat a wide variety of patient needs.

Michelle E. Hoover, NP-C graduated from Purdue University in 2003 and began her medical career at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago in the pediatric intensive care unit. During that time, she met and married her husband, David who is a fireman, and together they have three children, currently under the age of five. After working at Lurie's for 9 years, Michelle desired a transition, and joined the Winfield Family Medicine team in

2012. She is personable, enthusiastic, and bubbly. No matter what might be happening in the office, Michelle maintains her efficiency and cheerful demeanor.

Brittney E. Owen, NP-C attended Indiana Wesleyan University, graduating as a registered nurse in 2010. She began working at St. Mary's Hospital in the emergency room for 3 1/2 years and then in the cardiac unit for 18 months. During this time, she returned to Indiana Wesleyan University and graduated as a Nurse Practitioner in 2015. Since that time, she has joined the Winfield Family Medicine team, where she is able to work side by side with her dad, Dr. Brent Jacobus. Brittney enjoys performing minor procedures, as well as the family practice atmosphere, which allows her to build relationships with her patients and their families, establish trust, and educate patients on prevention of health conditions.

Each of these Nurse Practitioners bring unique skills, qualities, and personalities to the practice. They are well



Pictured from left to right are Deb Wickenden, Brittney Owen, and Michelle Hoover.

liked and respected, not just by their peers, but more importantly, by their patients. Each regularly receives feedback from patients about the high level of care they offer, that they are good listeners, and that they truly care about their patient's health concerns.

Dr. Brent A. Jacobus and Dr. Brett A. Brechner agree, "It is the mission of Winfield Family Medicine to offer quality healthcare for every stage of life. As we journey with our patients, we will utilize our gifts and talents

from God to help heal the body, mind, and spirit. We will strive to provide wellness to our community and also restore health to the nations." This mission statement is made possible by all the staff at Winfield Family Medicine, but especially by the Nurse Practitioners, who play an integral role within the practice. We encourage you to get to know them by scheduling an appointment with them soon!

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Purdue University Northwest joins 30 other universities in the Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) was recently selected as an inaugural member of the Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative, a collaboration of 30 colleges and universities across the U.S. sharing strategies for enhancing the economic and social well-being of communities they serve.

PNW's participation arrived at the perfect time said Mary Jane Eisenhauer, interim director of Strategic Partnerships.

"PNW enjoys a rich history of partnerships throughout the region, the state, and with national and international part-

ners," said Eisenhauer. "Both the Hammond and Westville campuses are widely recognized for being a good neighbor, contributing to the industry, health, vibrancy and quality of life in our surrounding communities."

The collaboration strengthens PNW's capacity to cultivate deliberate partnerships to purposefully contribute to the complex economic, social, educational and environmental landscape across northwest Indiana.

Institutions like PNW will be considered anchor institutions—local economic engines and mission-driven

organizations inextricably linked to the long-term well-being of their local communities. Actively supporting the region's economy is a vital part of PNW's vision and values. The Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative provides PNW a national platform to accelerate this important work.

The Higher Education Anchor Mission Initiative is a joint project of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU), a national organization dedicated to connecting urban universities and their partners, and The Democracy

Collaborative (TDC), a national research institute developing strategies for a more democratic economy, and is supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. According to Ted Howard, TDC President, "colleges and universities in the U.S. collectively employ over 4 million people, spend over \$43 billion each year, and hold over half a trillion dollars in their endowments, which means their potential impact as community wealth building anchor institutions is enormous."

For more information on Purdue Northwest visit www.pnw.edu.

DNR warns to avoid planting ornamental pear trees

Ornamental pear trees, most commonly known as Bradford pears, have been a popular landscaping tree in Indiana for decades.

So popular that they are crowding out native Indiana trees.

For that reason, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources encourages homeowners and landscapers to avoid planting such trees and to replace them when possible.

"Over time different varieties of pear have cross pollinated in our urban areas, allowing them to rapidly spread into our natural resources," said Megan Abraham, director of the DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology.

Cultivated forms of this invasive species are most accurately known as *Pyrus calleryana* or Callery pear tree. Commonly available ornamental pear cultivars, all of which are invasive and should

be avoided, include Bradford, New Bradford, Cleveland select, autumn blaze, Aristocrat, capitol, Chanticleer, and dozens more.

In addition to being invasive, these cultivars, which are known for their striking white flowers, typically don't last long. They are structurally weaker and more easily damaged by storms than native trees.

Carrie Tauscher, urban forestry coordinator with the DNR Division of Forestry, says that evidence of the trees' rapid spread is easy to see.

"Just take a look for glossy leaved, egg-shaped trees in highway interchanges," Tauscher said. "It's common to find them in unmown areas

under utility lines and in lots and fields initially cleared for construction that are then left fallow."

Stopping the spread of this invasive plant means selecting alternate trees for yards and forested property. The best tree to replace any invasive tree species is one that is native to a particular region.

If you are looking for an alternative flowering tree for Indiana, serviceberry trees,

which have similar white blooms in the spring and fruits that attract wildlife, are one option. Eastern redbuds, which grow quickly, with eye-catching lavender flowers in the spring are another option.

To learn more about native trees that are great for landscaping, visit the Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society page at www.inpaws.org/landscaping.

Franciscan Health offers 'Walk With a Doc' program on Thursdays

As part of its Franciscan Medical Minute campaign, the public is invited to participate in a Franciscan physician 'Walk With a Doc' program from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. every Thursday through June 8.

The effort's purpose is to offer education, exercise and empowerment to participants, who will discuss healthy living while walking and

chatting with a doctor at the Wicker Memorial Park walking trail, 8554 Indianapolis Blvd. Come through the west entrance off of Ridge Road and park between the sand volleyball courts and the fitness area.

Participants in six or more walks will receive a gift. For more information, send an e-mail to Rebecca.tilton@franciscanalliance.org.

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Third- through seventh-graders encouraged to sign up for CPHS's 'Latin Summer' program

Third- through seventh-grade students should note that the 16th Annual Crown Point Latin Summer, an enrichment program about the ancient Roman world, is now open for sign-ups.

The program will be held July 9 through July 13 at Crown Point High School from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Additional information can be found at www.tinyurl.com/LatinSummerFlyer2018.

Before June 1, to register online visit www.tinyurl.com/CPLatinSummer.

The program is available to all students who are now completing the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh grade at elementary schools in the Crown Point Community School Corporation or other local area schools, or home-schools. Students attending the program will have the opportunity to learn about classical mythology, Roman culture and daily life, and Roman history. They will also attend courses such as conversational Latin and participate in artistic and group activities.

Participants will also attend courses such as conversational Latin and participate in artistic and group activities. The will learn how to make connections between Latin and their own language, and how to apply knowledge of the classical world to their own world. Most importantly, they and their parents will learn that Latin is alive and exciting.

Current Crown Point High School Latin students serve as instructors under the direction of CPHS Latin teachers Jeremy Walker and

Sara Wietbrock. The cost of the program is \$55, which provides for all materials, including snacks and a t-shirt.

After registering online a signature form will be emailed that you should print, sign, and submit with your payment. Completed forms and checks, written to Crown Point Classical Association, should be mailed to Jeremy Walker, CPHS Latin teacher, Crown Point High School,



1500 South Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307. For more information, email sponsor@crownpoint.ijcl.org or call Walker at the high school at 219-663-4885, ext. 11158.

New local radio program for pet owners to debut May 1 in Northwest Indiana on NPR affiliate

A new show about pet behaviors, the relationship between pets and people, dog obedience and animal legislative issues is coming to Lakeshore Public Radio 89.1FM.

Local NPR affiliate Lakeshore Public Radio will begin airing the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana's 'Ask Ollie' show on Tuesday, May 1. Ollie is the most famous dog to have been rescued by Gary's Humane Society. He was transported to northwest Indiana from Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina and adopted by board president emeritus, Viktoria Voller.

"I was surprised to discover one morning that Ollie was writing animal advice for neighborhood dogs and cats. It wasn't long after that he became a regular columnist for the Post Tribune."

Ollie, the snarky black and white Shih Tzu, will host his own show.

"We're excited to be working with Ollie and his two-

legged friend Viktoria Voller. As a pet owner myself, I'm interested in learning about pet care from this unique perspective of the animal. This is a fun and entertaining way to become more educated," said Wende Burbidge, vice president of development at

Lakeshore Public Media.

The show will also stream online and be available for download at www.LakeshorePublicRadio.org. Humans or pets may write to Ollie at Ollie@lakeshorepublicmedia.org.

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Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held in Valparaiso

Join Gloria Dei Hispanic Mission on Sunday, May 6, for a family-friendly Cinco De Mayo celebration. The event will take place at the Immanuel Lutheran school gymnasium, 1700 Monticello Park Drive in Valparaiso, with lunch being served at noon.

The afternoon will begin with an authentic homemade lunch prepared by the women of Gloria Dei. New this year we will also be serving an assortment of tacos prepared by Pedro of Victoria's Tacos.

During lunch, enjoy entertainment by the Gloria Dei Folkloric dance group. The performers range in age from 5 to 25. They will be dressed in the traditional dresses from

Mexico and will be performing dances from various regions.

Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased before the event at the Immanuel Lutheran Church or school office, or on the day of the event at the door.

Founded in 1994 Gloria Dei Hispanic Mission offers the following free services: K-12 tutoring program, Spanish worship services, adult and preschool English learner classes, a Mexican Folkloric dance group, citizenship classes, Spanish classes, transportation and childcare. For more information contact Pastor Tomas Angon at 219-462-8207.

Nominations now being accepted for 'Influential Women of NWI' awards

If you know a woman in your company or community that has made an impact, now's the time to get her some well-deserved recognition.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Influential Women of Northwest Indiana awards, an event celebrates and recognizes the region's female professionals for their influence in business, industries, and communities. Two women in each of the following 10 industry categories will be selected as winners: Business, Construction, Economic Development/Government,

Education, Finance, Healthcare, Law, Marketing/Media, Non-profit, and Service/Tourism.

Additional awards will be given to the Empowering Business of the Year, Community Leader of the Year, and Supporter of the Year, based on their efforts in supporting and empowering females throughout the NWI business community.

Visit www.nwiwomen.com for additional eligibility information. The deadline for nominations is May 25, 2018. The application is available online at under the nominations tab.

Franciscan Health Crown Point offers EMT course

The Franciscan Health Crown Point Emergency Medical Services Training Academy will offer its next emergency medical technician training course beginning June 4.

Applications, which must be submitted by May 30, are available at the academy by calling 219-757-6461.

Upon course completion, students aged 18 and older are eligible to take the state

examination.

Among other duties, EMTs are trained to perform such services as bandaging and splinting, CPR, use of the automated external defibrillator, administer some medica-

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