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## St. Mary's Elicia Cruz takes GeoBee geography competition title at St. Mary's School

Nine students from St. Mary Catholic School recently participated in the school competition of the National Geographic GeoBee. Elicia Cruz, a 7th grade student, won first place, with Andy Parent, a 7th grade student, winning second place and Kailana Urbanek, a 4th grade student, finishing in third place.

The school competition is the first round in the annual National Geographic GeoBee, a geography competition designed to in-

spire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Questions cover not only geography, but also ancient and world civilizations, cultures, and physical features.

The national Geographic Society developed the Geobee in 1989 in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. Over more than three decades, more than 120 million students have learned about the world through participation in the

GeoBee.

School champions, including Cruz, will take an online qualifying test; up to 100 of the top test scorers in each state then become eligible to compete in their State Geobee.

The winners of the State GeoBees receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the GeoBee national championship in Spring 2020. Students will be competing for cash prizes, scholarships, and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to

the Galapagos islands aboard the National Geographic Endeavour II. Learn more at [www.natgeobee.org](http://www.natgeobee.org)

In addition to the GeoBee, National Geographic also offers classroom resources, student experiences and professional development opportunities for educators.

St. Mary's is already accepting new students for the 2020-21 school year. To learn more or schedule a tour, call 219-663-0676 or visit [www.stmarycp.org/school](http://www.stmarycp.org/school).



Pictured from left are Social Studies teacher Brad Nieman, Andy Parent, Elicia Cruz, and Assistant Principal Lisa Hughes.

## Lakeshore Public Media receives maximum \$25,000 grant from Legacy Foundation

Lakeshore Public Media recently announced that the station was recently awarded \$25,000 from the Legacy Foundation, as part of their Endowment Building Challenge Grant.

Lakeshore Public Media, serving residents through their Lakeshore PBS and Lakeshore Public Radio service, was one of four area organizations that were selected to participate in the Endowment Building Challenge. Legacy Foundation, Lake County's community foundation, matched \$1 for every \$2 raised in contributions. Local organizations could receive a maximum amount of \$25,000 if they successfully raised \$50,000.

"We hit the maximum challenge match with a recent contribution to the endowment from a bequest from the trustees of the Marjorie

A. Mills Loving Trust," said James A. Muhammad, president and CEO of Lakeshore Public Media. "This is part of a total \$250,000 bequest that the Marjorie A. Mills Loving Trust made to Lakeshore PBS in the last few months, in support of our ongoing efforts to promote arts across the region as well as presenting artistic programming from around the world."

The Legacy Foundation's Endowment Building Challenge was created to bolster membership drives, encourage support from additional foundations and organizations, and ultimately support Lakeshore Public Media's ongoing mission to be the recognized media resource for citizens of all ages to experience lifelong learning, celebrate human diversity, and engage in civic concerns.

"It's an incredible ac-

complishment for our organization to have a \$75,000 endowment fund building long-term financial sustainability that will help us provide quality arts, culture and public affairs programming in Northwest Indiana and Chicago for years to come," said Carl Kurek, vice president of development for Lakeshore Public Media.

"We want to thank the Legacy Foundation, the Marjorie A. Mills Loving Trusts and everyone who donated to Lakeshore during the endowment challenge," Kurek said. "We are grateful for the opportunity to showcase our organization's mission and to motivate existing donors to translate their passion for Lakeshore Public Media into increased financial support for the local and national programs they have come to love."

"The money raised will



go directly to fund programming costs and infrastructure improvements," Muhammad said. The station is returning to full operations after they experienced an extended outage last year. "Lakeshore strives to bring programming and outreach events that engage our audience – especially those in Northwest

Indiana – where we were created to serve."

Lakeshore Public Media is committed to providing engaging, educational and informational programming for Indiana citizens. For more information about Lakeshore Public Media, visit [www.lakeshorepublicmedia.org](http://www.lakeshorepublicmedia.org).

Legacy Foundation in-

vests in non-profit services and capacity building efforts throughout Lake County. Through the generosity of a wide base of donors, Legacy Foundation has awarded \$40 million in grants and scholarships to non-profit organizations and individuals since its founding in 1992. Learn more at [www.legacyfdn.org](http://www.legacyfdn.org).

## Indiana Department of Education launches new innovative school information and data portal

The Indiana Department of Education formally launched Indiana's new modernized data portal, INview. Replacing Indiana's current information portal Compass, and designed to fulfill federal accountability requirements for transparency under the Every Student Succeeds Act, INview provides a robust view of districts and schools for both state and federal accountability measures, while sharing the performance and progress of Indiana schools.

"Hoosiers deserve trans-

parency surrounding the academic performance and fiscal solvency of all Indiana schools," said State Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick. "INview is designed to provide this transparency to the extent identified by statute. INview is an outward-facing ESSA report card allowing Hoosiers to monitor, celebrate, and select the state's K-12 education options and to better understand taxpayer investments."

Created with parents in mind, INview serves as

IDOE's new public-facing portal for school-level data. INview brings a new mobile-ready experience to school performance data in a user-friendly question and answer format. As such, INview includes new data points not previously available on Compass. These include student-level spending for every Indiana public school, school environment data (including suspensions and expulsions), school-specific teaching level experience and demographics, and state and national

awards and recognitions received. In addition, INview provides data for a variety of demographics, such as students in foster care, students who are homeless, students from military-connected families, students identified as high ability, and more.

INview also provides a variety of options to compare districts and schools. One such new option, titled "schools like me," allows schools to be compared to other schools with similar demographics. Additionally,

INview introduces a new level of school groupings called Networks. Networks are groups of schools aligned for a particular purpose outside of the traditional school/district arrangement. Examples include such groupings as all charter schools authorized by a particular charter school authorizer, all schools of a chosen Archdiocese, and all schools associated with a certain education service center. Any networks to which a school belongs are clearly identified on the profile page

of each school.

One notable new feature of INview is the ability for schools to customize their page with graphics and text highlighting key programs and features specific to their schools.

To view Indiana's new data and information portal INview visit [www.inview.doe.in.gov](http://www.inview.doe.in.gov). For more information on Indiana's ESSA plan visit [www.doe.in.gov/essa](http://www.doe.in.gov/essa).

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Franciscan Health EMS Academy offers accelerated EMT certification courses in Hammond and Dyer

The Franciscan Health EMS Academy will offer students the opportunity to earn their emergency medical technician (EMT) certification in just 12 weeks; half the time of a typical course.

Accelerated weekend classes will be available at Franciscan Health Hammond, 5454 Hohman Avenue, during the spring and fall. Classes will be 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Spring session will be February 21 to May 17 and the Fall course will be September 11 to November 29.

In Dyer, the accelerated summer course will be at the Dyer Fire Department, 2150 Hart. Street from May 19 to August 7. Classes will be 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The Franciscan Health EMS Academy is a specialized program providing quality training for those interest-

ed in obtaining their National Registry EMT Certification, allowing them to work in the state of their choice. Certification opens doors to new job opportunities, including firefighter, police officer, private ambulance services, emergency room technician, home healthcare and organ/tissue procurement. It's also a prerequisite for the paramedic program.

Students must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be age 18 by the time of the state exam. They must also have a valid driver's license, a felony free record and must successfully pass a 10-panel drug screen and tuberculosis test. Current high school students must have current transcripts reviewed to allow for enrollment.

For more information, go online at [www.FranciscanHealth.org/EMSdyerHammond](http://www.FranciscanHealth.org/EMSdyerHammond), or contact EMS Coordinator Matthew Eddy at 219-407-6344.

the Bears in the first round of the 1951 draft.

There will also be a silent auction of sport memorabilia. Tickets are limited and available at [www.BearsAndBabies.com](http://www.BearsAndBabies.com). For more information call 219-663-1515.

Chicago Bears legends to appear at babies charity event

The Bears & Babies charity event will be held on Friday, February 21, at 6 p.m. at the Karma Cigar Bar in Merrillville. On that evening, two Chicago Bears legends will help support the Crown Point Fire Department's Safe Haven Baby Box project, where \$50 gets you a great dinner, your first cigar or beverage, and an evening with Chicago Bears greats Doug Plank, Steve McMichael, and Gene Schroeder, who was a wide receiver taken by

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Crown Point Auto Repair and O'Reilly Auto Parts help out a local couple

Bill Wilson, owner of Crown Point Auto Repair, saw a plea on Facebook from a couple looking for an honest mechanic. A month ago, the Indiana couple broke down on their way home after their Dodge Ram pickup overheated on Interstate 80-94. They were stuck there for over three hours before they were able to let it cool down enough to drive it to a friend's house who lived close to there.

Wilson contacted them and towed it to his shop at 1510

North Main Street in Crown Point. After inspecting the vehicle, he then noticed that the vehicle needed much more work than what the couple would be able to afford to have done, which included the A/C compressor, a belt, a bearing and some suspension work.

He called Mandy, the O'Reilly Auto Parts Store Manager, spoke to her about the couple and their vehicle, the store was able to donate the parts to Wilson and he donated the labor to have their vehicle fixed.

They partnered up to repair the couple's vehicle. The repairs ended up totaling \$2,000, four times more than they could afford. They were not aware of all of the repairs being done, free of charge to them. When the couple came to Crown Point Auto Repair to pick up their vehicle, they left without paying a cent that day.

Wilson stated, "It was the right thing to do."

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## Valparaiso University receives historic \$15 million gift for student scholarships

Valparaiso University has received a landmark \$15 million deferred gift commitment from anonymous donors to establish an endowed fund for student scholarships. The commitment is the single largest gift for student scholarships in Valpo's 161-year history and among the largest gifts to Forever Valpo: The Campaign for Our Future.

"The impact of this overwhelming generosity on future generations of students will be immeasurable, and for that we shall all be forever grateful," said Valparaiso University President Mark A. Heckler, Ph.D. "These donors embody the true spirit of philanthropy in that they are motivated solely by their desire to give back and providing opportunities that will change students' lives. Unselfishly, they will provide

countless students, students whom they will never meet, with a chance to achieve their dreams through an extraordinary Valpo experience."

Each year, the selected students will be part of a cohort and carry the distinction of being scholars named in honor of the donors. The cohorts will also be supported by a dedicated advisor from the Valpo faculty who will provide guidance to these students as they advance through and complete their Valpo education. The application process will be determined in the future, and prior to availability of scholarship funds.

"The donors have requested to remain anonymous at this time," President Heckler said. "I can share that they are longtime friends of Valpo, they love the University and they are deeply committed

to our mission and to changing the lives of young people through education. Both my wife and I have been blessed by coming to know them over the years and learning about the things that are important to them — helping others, treating people with respect and embracing civility across our differences. Their values lie at the core of what makes Valpo so unique."

This deferred gift commitment supports Forever Valpo: The Campaign for Our Future, a \$250 million endowment campaign that is securing permanent resources for student scholarships, faculty development and programs that prepare students for lives of leadership, service and generosity. Forever Valpo was officially launched on September 23, 2016, and has raised more than \$238 million.

## IDEM offers free interactive Earth Day presentations to Hoosier Students

To help Indiana schools celebrate Earth Day 2020, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management is offering free hands-on classroom presentations to students across the state. Every year, IDEM staff visit schools to talk about their careers and share STEM-based lessons on air, land, water, and recycling.

Earth Day lessons are available for elementary schools and vary in length from 30 to 50 minutes. The interactive presentations offer activities

such as reduce, reuse, recycle your trash or a demonstration on how water flows through a watershed. Teachers who participated last year commented on how much they enjoyed the "hands-on way of learning" and "visual aids that were used to enhance the lesson."

Presentations are available on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the month of April, and each school may request up to four presentations.

Registration is now open and teachers can request a presentation by visiting [www.idem.IN.gov/iee/index.htm](http://www.idem.IN.gov/iee/index.htm). The deadline to register is February 21, 2020.

Educators may direct questions to IDEM's Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator at [education@idem.IN.gov](mailto:education@idem.IN.gov) or 800-988-7901.

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## Deadline nears for Crown Point Community Foundation scholarship applications

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting online scholarship applications for students who are looking to continue their education in Fall 2020.

"Last year the CPCF awarded 112 scholarships totaling over \$360,000 in student scholarship grants," said Mary Nielsen, Crown Point Community Foundation president. "This is one of our largest initiatives every year. We encourage students to apply for scholarships administered by the Foundation. A complete listing of scholarships can be found on our website at [www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html](http://www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html)."

The 2020 scholarship application must be submitted online. The link to the application can be found on the CPCF website, [www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html](http://www.thecpcf.org/scholarships.html) or on the Crown Point Community Foundation's Facebook page. The deadline for applying is Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:30 p.m. (CST).

The following scholarship was added to the 2020 general scholarship application: **Crown Point Swim Club Alumni Scholarship:** *Graduating senior from Lake County, IN with minimum 2.5 GPA. Member or alumni of Crown Point Swim Club. Proof of completion*

*of 12 seasons (6 years) on Crown Point Swim Club required. Majoring in the fields of Business, Science, or Engineering at any accredited college or university. Must maintain a 2.0 GPA every year in college to receive additional scholarship payments. \$5,000 per yr. for 4 yrs.*

In addition to student scholarships, the CPCF also offers adult scholarships. Applications for adult scholarships will be available in May.

Questions about the application process should be made to the Foundation office at 219-662-7252.

## United Way seeks volunteers for free VITA tax preparation program

United Way of Porter County is seeking volunteers to help Northwest Indiana residents file their 2019 federal and state income taxes in the 2020 tax season.

Operated under the guidance of the Internal Revenue Service and hosted by United Way of Porter County, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax filing services to all residents with an adjusted gross income of \$56,000 or less.

"We are pleased to offer the VITA program again in 2020," said Kim Olesker,

president and CEO of United Way of Porter County. "It could not be done without the help of dedicated volunteers."

Last year's volunteers prepared more than 800 federal returns and nearly 900 state returns. United Way looks to help more than 1,000 residents file their tax returns in 2020.

"This is such a needed service in Northwest Indiana," said George Kuebler, United Way of Porter County VITA supervisor. "Some of our dedicated volunteers will return, but many more are needed so that we won't have to turn

residents away."

Volunteers serve as greeters, reviewers and tax preparers. No previous experience is required and hours are flexible. The IRS provides free tax law training and materials.

Tax professionals, enrolled agents and non-credentialed return preparers can earn continuing education credits by volunteering. The 2020 VITA program will begin in February and run weekdays and some Saturdays until April 15, 2020.

For more information about the VITA program, visit [www.unitedwaypc.org](http://www.unitedwaypc.org).



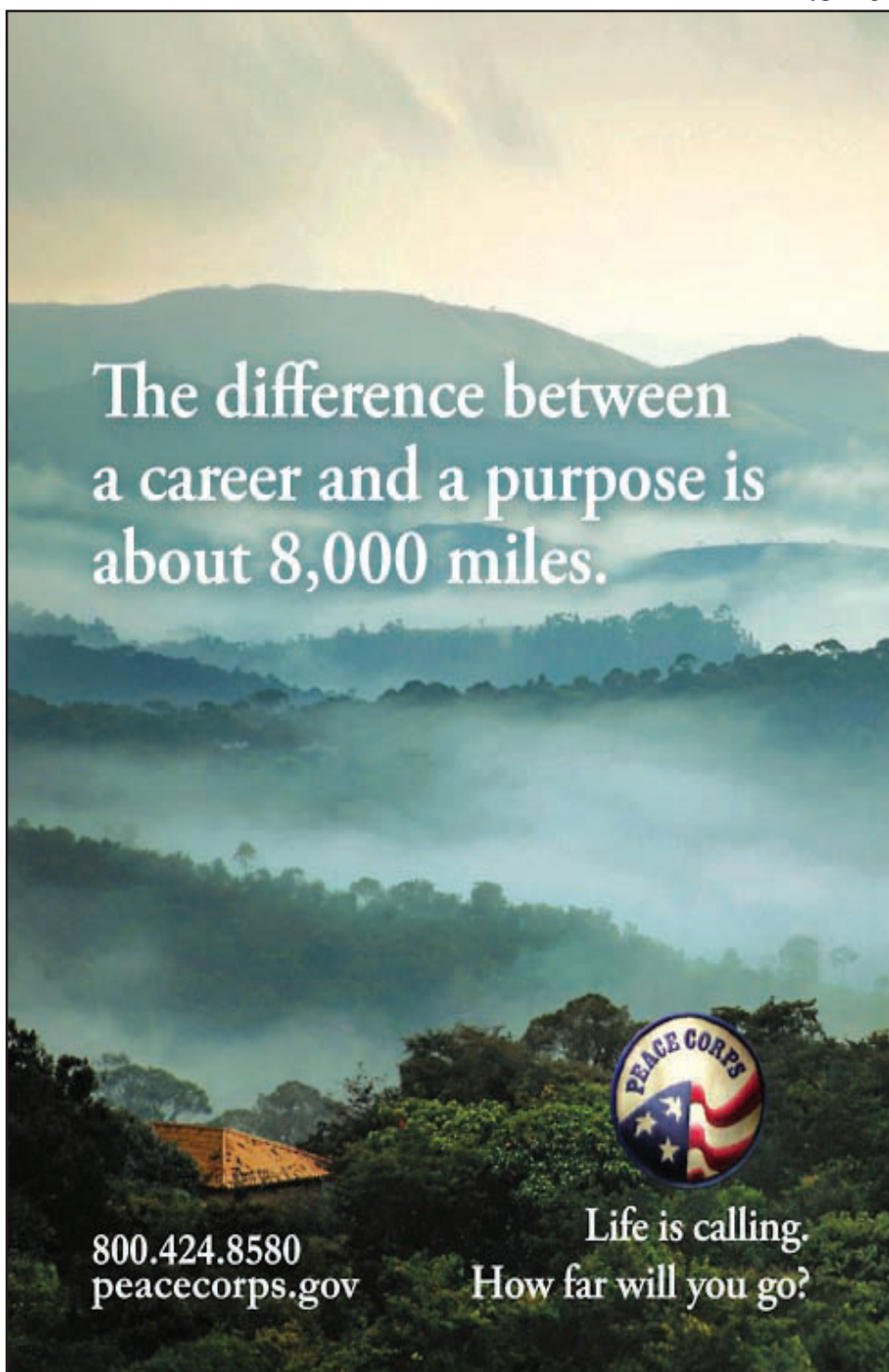
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## Department of Natural Resources historic preservation photo contest kicks off with digital format

Begin the new decade by entering a revamped historic preservation photo contest. The annual contest, run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology, has been held since 2005 using a traditional print format to promote Indiana's historic resources. While the purpose remains the same, this year the contest is moving to accepting only digital submissions; printed photos will not be accepted.

As in previous years, all subjects of photos must be at least 50 years old and in Indiana. Photos can be black and white or color and must have been taken within the last two years. Each photog-

rapher may enter up to three images, and an entry form is required for each photo.

Images should be emailed to [aborland@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:aborland@dnr.IN.gov) and must be JPEG files that are 10mb or smaller. Participants will only be able to send one photo and one entry form per email.

Participants will need to select one of five contest categories on the entry form in which to enter their photo: Color, Black & White, Kids (younger than age 18), Artistic, and Altered Image.

Go to [www.dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm) for parameters of the Altered Image category, contest guidelines, and the entry form. The entry deadline is April 3.

## Applications available for law school assistance program through ICLEO program

Applications are available for the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity program. The ICLEO program is designed to assist traditionally underrepresented groups in pursuing a legal career. The Indiana Supreme Court established ICLEO in 1997 to help bring diversity to the legal profession. Since then more than 600 have graduated as ICLEO fellows.

Applications are available online at [www.courts.in.gov/icleo](http://www.courts.in.gov/icleo) and are due by March 6, 2020.

ICLEO offers students a preparatory institute the summer before law school. This year, the institute is being hosted at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. The Summer Institute curriculum places a strong emphasis on

academic rigor and provides professional development programming, field visits, and social events. Students who successfully complete the Summer Institute may be eligible for a fellowship award for up to six semesters. The award is currently \$4,800 per semester.

To be eligible, applicants must be college graduates and must be accepted to an ABA-accredited law school in Indiana by the time the six-week ICLEO Summer Institute begins in June 2020. All applicants go through a rigorous application process that is separate from the Indiana law school application process.

Applicants should contact Staff Attorney Carlton Martin at [icleo@courts.in.gov](mailto:icleo@courts.in.gov) with questions.

## *This day in history*

### February 14, 1929

In Chicago, gunmen in the suspected employment of Al Capone murdered seven members of the George "Bugs" Moran North Siders gang in a garage on North Clark Street. The so-called St. Valentine's Day Massacre stirred a media storm centered on Capone and his illegal Prohibition-era activities and motivated federal authorities to redouble their efforts to place him behind bars.

At the age of 18, Capone was employed at a Coney Island club owned by gangster Frankie Yale. While working there, his face was slashed in a brawl, earning him the nickname "Scarface".

In 1925, Capone's boss, Johnny Torrio, was shot four times by Bugs Moran and Hymie Weiss, who were associates of a gangster slain by Torrio's men. Torrio lived, but called Capone to tell him that he was retiring and handing the business over to him.

Capone was in Florida when he gave the go-ahead for the assassination of Moran. A bootlegger called Moran and offered to sell him a truckload of high-quality whiskey at a low price. Wearing stolen police uniforms and heavily armed, Capone's henchmen surprised the rival gang, who agreed to line up against the wall, thinking they had fallen prey to a routine police raid. A moment later, seven men were gunned down in a hail of shotgun and submachine-gun fire.

[www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

## Environmental education workshops available online for teachers, youth group leaders, and home schoolers

Indiana teachers, youth group leaders, home school parents, and others who want to educate children about the environment can now take a Project Learning Tree workshop, online, at their convenience.

PLT, for which the Indiana DNR Division of Forestry is the state's sponsor, is an international, award-winning environmental education program for children in grades Pre-K through 12. PLT's activities have been developed by teachers, for teachers. Through PLT, students gain knowledge and develop critical thinking skills while participating in hands-on, multi-disciplinary activities. PLT's well-organized activities teach to Reading, Writing, Social Studies, Math, as well as STEM, and are correlated to both state and national academic standards.

Participants in a PLT workshop will learn how to use the activities and receive a digital copy of the PLT K-8 curriculum guide. Other materials and opportunities will

become available upon completion of the course. Cost is \$40 per person. Four professional growth points will be awarded upon successful completion of the course. An outline of the course is included within the introductory pages.

To enroll in the course, teachers/youth leaders simply log in to [www.shop.plt.org](http://www.shop.plt.org). Once the course has been purchased, prospec-

tive participants go to "my account>my content" and click on K-8 course "online training" where they will be directed to the actual course.

For more information contact PLT coordinator Donna Rogler at the DNR Division of Forestry/PLT at 317-234-5143.

Project Learning Tree ([www.plt.org](http://www.plt.org)) is the environmental education program of the Sustainable Forestry

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## 'Paint the Plow' with INDOT; applications available now to Indiana middle and high schools

The Indiana Department of Transportation has launched the 2020 Paint the Plow campaign and invites Indiana schools to submit an application to participate.

'Paint the Plow' is open to all middle schools, high schools and career-technical schools across the state.

Schools/programs will be paired with a local INDOT unit to paint an INDOT snowplow blade with original artwork representing their school. Applications and additional program details can be found at [www.painttheplow.indot.in.gov](http://www.painttheplow.indot.in.gov)

In addition to being seen in

full service during the winter weather months, the blades may be used at events within the school's community to enhance public awareness, promote safety and foster greater appreciation of both INDOT and the school.

Only students who are currently enrolled in the appli-

cant school may participate in the creation, execution, and completion of the art project.

For more information about the Paint the Plow campaign, visit [www.painttheplow.indot.in.gov](http://www.painttheplow.indot.in.gov) to find the contact information for your District.

## Indiana Department of Transportation offering a paid archaeology internship this summer

The Indiana Department of Transportation, Cultural Resources Office announced that they are offering an internship to assist the archaeology unit this summer. This is a paid internship (\$11.30/hr) and the selected candidate will be involved in all aspects of transportation archaeology.

This internship offers invaluable experience in the Section 106 process and cultural resources management as it pertains to Federal undertakings. Applicants must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate in an accredited post-secondary institution, and have completed one year of undergraduate education.

The position is posted on the Indiana State Job Bank and closes on February 28, 2020.

Interested candidates must apply for the internship through the Work For Indiana website through this link: [www.workforindiana.in.gov/job/Indianapolis-Governor's-Summer-Intern-Archaeology-Unit-](http://www.workforindiana.in.gov/job/Indianapolis-Governor's-Summer-Intern-Archaeology-Unit-)

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Archaeology Intern-Job Opening ID: 56501

Applications must be received through the state job bank ([www.workforindiana.in.gov](http://www.workforindiana.in.gov)) to be considered. The closing date for applications is February 28, 2020. The position is based in Indianapolis.

## Indiana Conservation Officers urge Hoosiers to practice ice safety; 'No ice is safe ice'

Indiana Conservation Officers advise being mindful of the potential hazards of frozen lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.

It's also important to keep a watchful eye on neighborhood retention ponds, lakes and other waterways for others who may venture out and find themselves in trouble.

Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers safely enjoy fishing, skating, hiking, or just sliding around on frozen ponds and lakes. And every year, people drown after falling through ice.

Just like driving differently on snow versus clear roads, some may need to re-learn

how to safely have fun on ice.

Put safety first. The best rule of thumb is, when thinking about getting on the ice, believe it is thin ice unless proven otherwise.

Here are a few tips to remember when considering standing on or walking on a frozen lake or pond:

- No ice is safe ice.
- Test the thickness of the ice with an ice auger. At least 4 inches of ice is recommended for ice fishing; 5 inches is recommended for snowmobiling.
- If you don't know the thickness of the ice, don't go on it.
- Wear life jackets or flotation coats.

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- Carry ice hooks and rope gear.

- Before going on the ice, leave a note of your whereabouts with a friend or family member.

- Don't test the thickness of the ice while alone.

Wearing a life jacket is especially important when on the ice. If you fall through, a life jacket will keep your head above the water until help arrives.

Snow can insulate ice, causing it to freeze at a slower rate. When snow and rain freeze into ice, it is never as strong as solid, clear ice.

If you see a pet or other animal in distress on the ice, do not go after it. Doing so can often end in tragedy. Instead, contact your local emergency response personnel, who are equipped to make a rescue.

Some bodies of water will appear to be frozen solid but actually can have thin ice in several potentially unexpected areas. Flowing water, such as rivers and streams, should be avoided when covered by a layer of ice. Water that is surrounded by sand may freeze with inconsistencies in the thickness of the ice.

Underground springs, wind, waterfowl and other animals can also keep areas of ice thin.

## Winfield Township's Food Pantry says 'Thank You'; has additional requests

"Thank you to all who have supported the Winfield Food Pantry in the last few months," said Winfield Township's Paulette Skinner. "The pantry filled up with everything that was requested and many other goodies. Keeping the pantry filled is an ongoing project, especially in the winter."

The pantry is currently

in need of cereal, canned ravioli, instant potatoes, and hamburger helper. Several of their clients are elderly and their only companion is a cat or dog. We are in need of pet food, both canned and dry. If you have any questions, call Winfield Township at 219-663-7027.

## Kindergarten Round-up for PLE School is Wednesday, April 22

Children who reach 5 years of age before August 1, 2020 should enroll in kindergarten. Spaces are limited; call the school to reserve a space at 219-306-8076, ext. 5000.

Parents should bring their child's certified birth certificate, child's immunization record, and proof of residency to the Round-up and be prepared to complete enrollment documents.



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### Help Wanted - Automotive Technician

In an effort to increase our level of service to our customers, Crown Point Auto Repair is adding technicians to our team. If you know of, or have friends or family that you feel would be a good addition to the Crown Point Auto Repair team, have them stop in at 1510 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN, and talk to Bill. Or call the shop at 219-663-1847 or Bill's cell at 708-305-3666 for an appointment. (950)

### Fire Force Volunteers Requested

Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force, which serves LOFS, Winfield, Winfield Township, and the WPTFP district, is always in need of more dedicated volunteers to join our ranks. Want to help your community by giving back through service? Please call 219-662-7576 and speak with Chief Gikas, or he may be e-mailed at [chief@lofsfire.com](mailto:chief@lofsfire.com). (950)



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Submissions for the 2020 Hoosier Women Artists Contest being accepted

The Indiana Arts Commission, along with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and Treasurer Kelly Mitchell recently announced details for the 2020 Hoosier Women Artists contest. “This is one of the highlights of my job, and one that I look forward to every year,” said Crouch. “Each artist has their own unique story and they always find a beautiful way to express themselves. I cannot wait to see the artwork this year and meet the incredible and talented women behind the pieces.” The theme of the 2020 Hoosier Women Artists competition will be a celebration of women and commemoration of the women’s suffrage centennial anniversary. Artists are encouraged to submit pieces related to this theme, expressed in the artists’ own interpretation. Mitchell said winners of the Hoosier Women Artists contest will have their artwork displayed in her office and the Lt. Governor’s office at the statehouse for one year to be enjoyed by the thousands of school groups, visitors, and staff who explore the building annually. Submissions may be made on the Indiana Art Commission’s Online Application System at [www.in.gov/arts/](http://www.in.gov/arts/) through January 31. Applicants will need to create a username and password and select Hoosier

**Military Honor Board**  
Do you know someone who is in the military or has been in the military that is connected to Winfield? If so, we would like to display their picture on our Honor Board. A non-returnable photo with dates of service is all that is required. For more information contact the Winfield Trustee’s office at 219-663-7027.

Women Artists as the program name. Requirements include:

- Framed wall art only;
- Maximum dimensions (including frame): 42” x 60”;
- Maximum weight: 60 lbs.;
- Must be installation ready, including frame and hanging wires; and
- Submit one entry per artist to be considered.

A reception will be held on March 4 at the Indiana Statehouse to honor the selected artists. For more information call 317-232-1268.

Applications for CHAP available through March 31

The DNR’s Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP) is accepting applications for funding for the 2020 deer hunting season through March 31. Parks, homeowners associations, and other land-managing entities are eligible to apply. If selected, community partners will be awarded financial assistance to help them manage a deer hunt during the regulated deer hunting seasons. This year, applicants can apply for funding up to \$25,000 for the

2020 deer hunting season. CHAP allows community partner oversight and the flexibility to determine when and where managed deer hunts occur. The program provides a practical and economical method for reducing deer numbers and balancing ecological and societal needs. For more information and to access an application, visit [www.on.IN.gov/dnrchap](http://www.on.IN.gov/dnrchap).

Salem United Methodist ‘Pancake & Sausage’ breakfast

On February 29, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., Salem United Methodist Church will hold their annual community Pancake & Sausage breakfast. All you can eat pancakes and sausage with coffee and juice included. Whole hog sausage available for purchase in 1 lb. packages. Adults cost \$7, children 5-12 are \$4, and those under five eat free. Salem United Methodist Church is located at 756 W. 350 S in Hebron. For more information call 219-765-7164.

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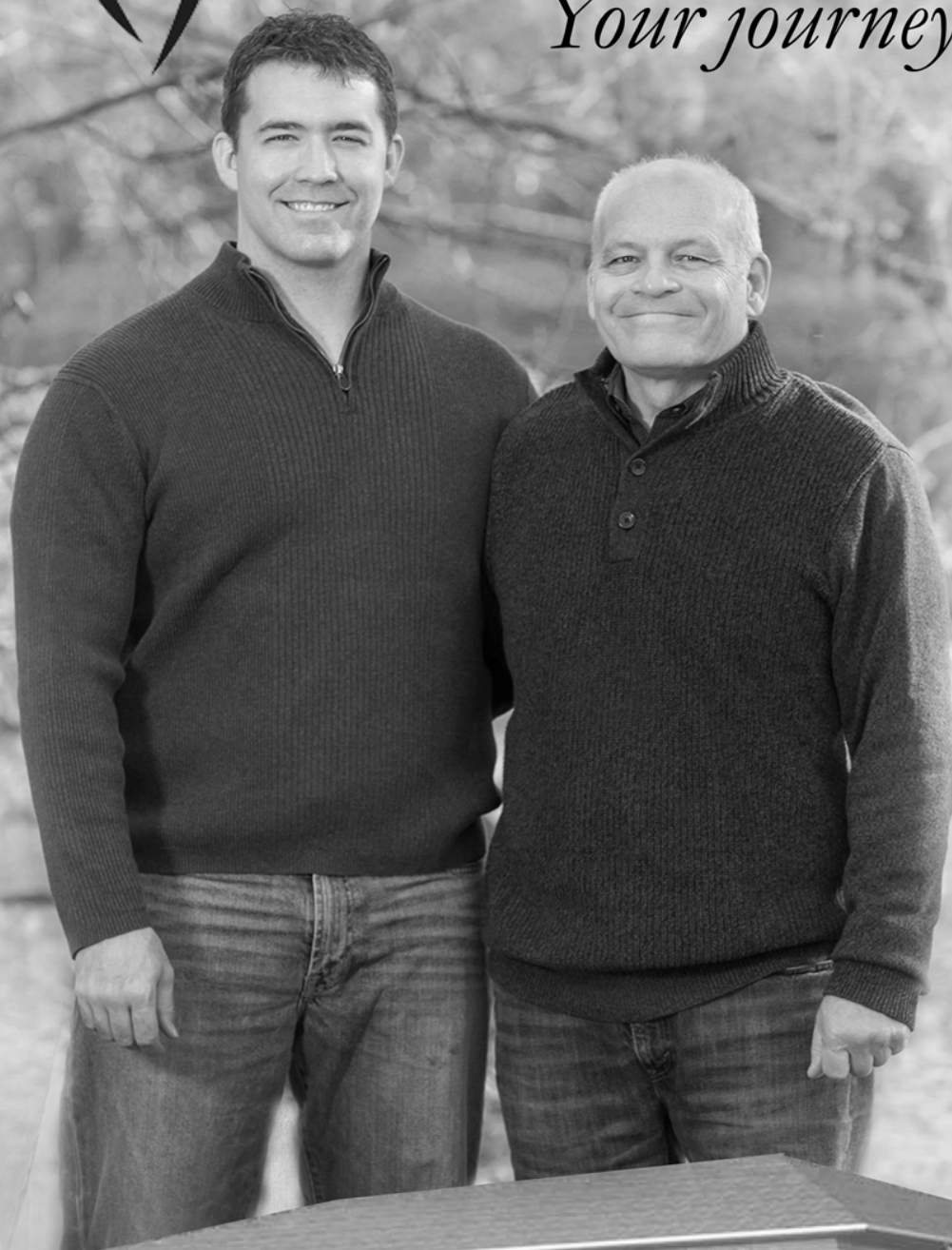
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