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Crown Point resident breaks Indiana state lake record with whitefish catch

Friday the 13th proved lucky for a Crown Point angler who broke the record for biggest lake whitefish caught in Indiana.

Dustin Meeter landed his 6-pound, 3-ounce lake whitefish on Lake Michigan near Burns Harbor in Portage. The fish measured 25.5 inches long. Meeter's fish marks the sixth record lake whitefish since the state established a category for the species in 2012. It bested the previous record, caught by Alexander Ciesielski in 2017, by nearly a half-pound.

Meeter caught the whitefish from a boat while fishing with two other friends. Earlier in the day, the friends had trolled for coho salmon and caught their daily limit. They then headed toward shore to jig for lake trout.

"Within a minute, I caught that whitefish," Meeter said.



"It was the best day of fishing I've ever had."

Last year, Meeter caught the first whitefish of his life in the same spot under similar circumstances. Unfamiliar with whitefish and unaware of the state record, Meeter simply took the large fish home. He didn't bother to look up the record until a friend suggested he do so. But he had already fileted the fish.

Meeter thinks that 2017 fish also may have been a re-

cord breaker.

Nonetheless, "It was great eating," Meeter said.

Meeter submitted his most recent whitefish to DNR staff for official weighing the Monday after he caught it. He said he plans to have the fish mounted for display.

Whitefish have long been targets of commercial fishing operations in northern Lake Michigan due to demand for their flaky white flesh. Recently, sport anglers

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Porter Lakes Elementary School congratulates Students of the Month

Porter Lakes Elementary School congratulate their most recent Students of the Month. Each classroom teacher selected a student who exhibits the qualities and characteristics that are a good example to others. Each student was invited to a cinnamon roll and milk breakfast sponsored by the PTO and received a PLE Student of the Month wristband. Pictured are, first row: Nicholas Chaffer, Avery Yocum, Denver Henriquez, and Nolan Henriquez; second row: Olivia Batson, Alivia Ewing, Diego Robles, Casandra Curtis, and Tatum Rippe; and back row: Lilly Govert, Abby Ewing, Samantha Stevens, Sonny Fisher, and Madalyn Velasco. (Not pictured: Lillian Martin, Brendyn Bara, and Chance Hedger.)

Summer travelers tend to seek 'fun in the sun' for their vacations

Millions of Americans are counting down the days until their summer vacations, with most U.S. travelers planning trips to warm-weather destinations. Orlando has retained its top spot as the most visited domestic travel destination, while Honolulu and Maui, Hawaii, have both grown in popularity compared with last summer.

"This is shaping up to be another banner season for

travel as Americans look to get out and enjoy themselves in the summer sun," said Bill Sutherland, senior vice president, AAA Travel and Publishing. "Travelers are making plans now to visit theme parks, sail away on cruise vacations, relax at the beach and explore cities in the U.S. and across the globe."

The top domestic summer travel destinations, based on

AAA Travel bookings for trips June 1 through August 15, are Orlando, Florida (1); Honolulu, Hawaii (4); Anchorage, Alaska (2); Seattle, Washington (3); Los Angeles/Anaheim, California (5); Maui, Hawaii (7); Fairbanks, Alaska (6); Las Vegas, Nevada (8); Boston, Massachusetts (13); and Salt Lake City, Utah (14). The number in parentheses indicates the city's

2017 ranking.

Road trips remain the most popular family vacation option for those staying state-side, despite higher gas prices. Nearly two-thirds (64%) of those planning a family trip are expected to hit the roads this year.

"Many Americans, including those traveling as a family, will venture overseas for their summer vacations," continued Sutherland. "More

than one-third of families who are planning a trip together this year will visit an international destination."

Rome has regained its standing as the most popular locale for international summer vacations, while Dublin and Paris both continue to climb in the rankings. Beach destinations in Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and Mexico can also expect an influx of travelers this summer.

AAA's top international summer travel destinations include Rome, Italy (3); Vancouver, British Columbia (1); Dublin, Ireland (4); London, England (2); Paris, France (7); Montego Bay, Jamaica (8); Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (5); Calgary, Alberta (10); Cancun, Mexico (6); and Amsterdam, Netherlands (9).

Travel experts offer their

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St. Mary' School expands 1-to-1 technology program

Over the last decade plus, St. Mary School in Crown Point has drastically improved its use of technology as a tool in the classroom. After extensive upgrades to the physical building and installation of a commercial-grade wireless system several years ago, a 1-to-1 technology program was implemented.

The program began with the junior high students, was later extended to the elementary building and next year will expand all the way down to first grade.

"We've been very intentional about seeking out best

practices in the area of technology. Amazing teachers who have the best technology at their disposal and students who responsibly put this technology to use creates an optimal learning environment. We provide a perfect balance of old school teaching with modern tools," said Principal Tom Ruiz.

When asked if she thought first graders were ready for the 1-to-1 program, first grade teacher and twenty-year veteran Romie Kabella said, "Absolutely! First graders today have grown up with technology. The curriculum that



Third grader Elyse Symington using her Chromebook at St. Mary's School in Crown Point.

we adopted works in concert with the devices our students will have in their hands. The

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Adult learner scholarships available from Crown Point Community Foundation

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting online scholarship applications for the Women's Giving Circle Scholarship, Ron and Suzanne Borto Scholarships, Crown Point Lions Club Scholarship, McMichael Family Scholarship, Charles and Marjorie Quickle Memorial Scholarship and Dorothy Dillman Max Scholarship Fund. Specific criteria and info about each scholarship is listed below.

Access the online scholarship application through

a link on the CPCF website at www.thecpcf.org or our Facebook page (Crown Point Community Foundation). The deadline for applying for scholarships is June 11, 2018 at 10:30 p.m.

For questions about the application process, contact the Foundation office at 219-662-7252.

Women's Giving Circle Scholarship: Female South Lake County residents, 21 and over, returning to college, university, trade or vocational school. Need based.

Number of scholarships and amounts vary, depending on total gifts received from the Women's Giving Circle.

Ron and Suzanne Borto Scholarships: Lake County, IN residents, 25 and older, returning to college, university, trade or vocational school. Amounts vary. One \$500 scholarship for a male and one \$500 scholarship for a female.

Crown Point Lions Club Scholarship: Crown Point High School graduate, college, university, trade or vocational school. Need based.

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(St. Mary's from Pg. 1)

programs we have will help us further challenge our advanced students and help all students build the skills need-

ed to be successful. We're very excited about this new implementation."

To learn more about St.

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top tips for travelers planning summer vacations, including:
Plan ahead – Book early for the best deals and availability on hotels, airfare, car rentals and more.

Work with a travel agent – Travel agents often have access to extra amenities and added benefits to help plan the perfect summer vacation. They can also be a tremendous help in the event something changes or goes wrong on your trip.

Be flexible – If your sched-

ule permits, avoid traveling during peak times this summer, including Memorial Day weekend and around Independence Day, to encounter less congestion and fewer crowds.

Safety first – If driving, get plenty of rest before setting out on your road trip. Schedule breaks every two hours or 100 miles to remain alert and avoid driving drowsy.

Make sure your vehicle is road trip ready – Take your

Mary's School or schedule a tour, visit www.stmarycp.org/school.

vehicle to a trusted repair facility to perform any needed maintenance before heading out. Pack an emergency kit that includes a mobile phone and car charger, a flashlight with extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a basic toolkit, and drinking water and snacks for all passengers.

Pack your patience – Summer is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Expect heavy crowds and allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.

Supplies low, donations needed at Winfield Township Food Pantry

Winfield Township Food Pantry needs help says, Trustee Paulette Skinner.

"We need canned soup (chicken noodle and tomato are favorites), Hamburger

Helper, canned pasta, and cleaning products. The community is very generous during the colder months, but we get very few donations in spring and summer. Please

help restock our pantry." Skinner and the Township office can be reached at 219-663-7027.

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began targeting them in southern Lake Michigan, which prompted Indiana in 2011 to place a bag limit regulation of 12 fish.

Best fishing time and locations in Indiana waters have been from shore along marinas and breakwaters during March and April, and then again during spawning in November.

Fishing is best when water temperatures are below 50 degrees, according to DNR Lake Michigan fisheries biologist Brian Breidert.

"They can be caught using simple techniques," Breidert said.

Shoreline anglers often bottom-fish using a small weight, a 12- to 24-inch leader, a small

hook and single salmon egg or piece of night crawler. Jigging is productive for boat anglers in the spring. Lake whitefish feed on the bottom on zebra mussels, bugs and worms.

Meeter said he isn't sure how long his record will last.

"Will it be beat? I'm sure it will," he said. "I'm just hoping it stands for a little while."

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Purdue Northwest offers free cybersecurity camp to high school teachers, students

Purdue University Northwest's College of Technology will offer free cybersecurity summer camps for high school teachers and students from northwest Indiana, southwest Michigan and the Chicago metropolitan area through a \$194,010 grant, jointly funded by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). This is the third consecutive year PNW has received the grant for the summer programs.

Two week-long sessions for high school students are slated for 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 11 to 15 and June 18 to 22 at PNW's Hammond Campus. One session for high school teachers is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., July 16 to 20 on the Westville Campus. Instruction will be led by PNW faculty in the Department of Computer Information Technology & Graphics, as well as the College of Technology and School of Education and Counseling.

Purdue Northwest is designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the NSA and the NSF. The GenCyber summer camps are geared for high school students and teachers interested in "STEM" subjects—science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The hands-on experience will expose participants to cybersecurity fundamentals, robot game design, cyber forensics, ethical hacking and principles key to cybersecurity awareness. There will also be a team competition solving a simulated computer forensics case. Additionally, teachers will learn ways of integrating more computer science in the classroom.

For more information or to apply to these programs call 219-989-2035.

Calumet Astronomical Society to host 'Exploring the Crescent Moon' Saturday


The Calumet Astronomical Society will be hosting an open house at the Thomas Conway Observatory on Saturday, May 19, from 8:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

The Observatory is located at 19160 Chase Street in Lowell; about a 25-minute drive from Winfield-LOFS.

Members of the Society will have their telescopes and binoculars set up on the observing patio to take visitors on a tour of the many celestial wonder in our night sky. In addition, the observatory will be open and visitors will have an opportunity to take a look through the eyepiece of its 16-inch telescope.



Observing with telescopes is dependent on clear weather conditions. Inclement weather or cloudy sky conditions could cause this event to be cancelled with little advanced warning. Visit the CAS website, www.casonline.org, for a status update before heading to the observatory.

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Grants available for field trips to state parks, lakes available to schools

Educators interested in taking students, grades K-12, on field trips to an Indiana state park or state-managed lake in the 2018-2019 school year can receive financial help through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation.

Grants from the Discover the Outdoors Fund are available for public, private, parochial or home-school educators, according to INRF director Jody Kress.

"Part of our mission at the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation is to encourage educational programs of DNR," Kress said. "The grant gets kids outside for an adventure that teaches the importance of preserving and protecting our natural resources."

Since the grant program's inception in 2013, a total of 111 grants have been award-

ed, providing the opportunity for more than 8,000 students to visit state parks at less cost to the schools and students.

Indiana has 24 state parks and eight state-managed lakes eligible for field trip funding that will engage students in learning about Indiana's fish, forest, wildlife, natural habitats and conservation.

"These trips help children understand how previous generations viewed the significance of Indiana's natural and cultural resources, and at the same time let them make great memories that they will carry into adulthood," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for DNR State Parks.

The maximum grant award is \$250 per application.

Applications are accepted from through June 30 prior to

the school year for which the grant is requested. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30. Applicants will be notified by August 15 regarding potential grant awards.

The grant application is at www.IN.gov/inrf/educate.html.

A video explaining the program is at www.youtube.be/uC-4QjhsBLO8

The INRF is accepting donations to the fund from individuals, businesses or anyone who supports the idea of getting kids outdoors. The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a longtime DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children. For further information, including how to donate, email DiscoverOutdoorsGrants@dnr.IN.gov.

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pleted the second semester in a program leading to a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing pathology, optometry, or related fields, at an accredited college or university by the time the scholarship is to be paid. Applicants enrolled in post graduate degree programs in the indicated fields of study shall also be eligible. Applicants must be enrolled as full time students. Applicants may reapply in one or more subsequent years, and the scholarship may be awarded to the same

applicant, without limitation. Other selection criteria will be financial need, scholastic ability, character, leadership and integrity. \$1,000 scholarship.

Dave and Darlene McMichael Family Scholarship: Female Crown Point residents, 21 and over, returning to college, university, trade or vocational school. Need based. \$500 non-renewable.

Charles and Marjorie Quickle Memorial Scholarship: Crown Point school dis-

trict residents, in a formal education process towards full time ministry work. Amount varies.

Dorothy Dillman Max Scholarship: Resident of Lake County, Indiana at least 25 years old, enrolled at Indiana University Northwest. Recipient must be taking at least 2 courses per semester, minimum GPA 2.5 with preference given to a student with financial need. Cannot be in a graduate program. \$500, non-renewable.

June grant applications now available from Crown Point Community Foundation

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting grant applications. Grants from the CPCF's endowment funds will be made to non-profit organizations and community projects which serve the South Lake County area. Fields of interest which will be considered for funding include education, health and human services, civic affairs, preservation, conservation,

arts and culture.


"The Crown Point Community Foundation is interested in funding projects that will improve the quality of life for citizens in the South Lake County area," said Mary Nielsen, president of the CPCF.

Eligible organizations may download an application on the CPCF website, www.thecpcf.org. Those without

access to a computer can obtain an application by calling 219-662-7252 or visiting the CPCF office.

Written requests for information should be sent to: Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc., Post Office Box 522, Crown Point, IN 46308-0522.


The deadline for submitting a grant application is June 1, 2018.



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PNW offers camps for middle, high school students interested in engineering

Purdue University Northwest and Enbridge are partnering to offer summer enrichment camps for middle and high school students interested in learning more about engineering disciplines. The Purdue Northwest Enbridge Summer Engineering Camps will take place in June on the PNW Hammond Campus and will introduce students to fundamental concepts of civil, mechanical, electrical and computer engineering through hands-on, laboratory and classroom experiences. PNW offers engineering degree programs in all four disciplines. Student participants will not only engage in activities that explore various areas of engineering, but learn team building, computer-aided engineering, and decision making. All materials will be provided and attendees will interact with current PNW students and faculty. Guest speakers from local industry will discuss career opportunities in engineering. Awards will be presented at the end of each camp during a closing ceremony Friday afternoon. The camp session for middle school students is June 11 to 15 and the high school camp is June 18 to 22. Sessions of both camps meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Students must be entering sixth grade or higher next fall to be eligible to attend and a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or principal is required. The application deadline is June 4 and cost per student is \$295. For more information, visit www.academics.pnw.edu/engineering/engineering-summer-camp or contact Dyan Murphy of the PNW School of Engineering at 219-989-2472.

Indiana's state parks ready to show off a lot of new improvements this year

The summer recreational season is approaching, and Indiana State Parks is working hard to make sure visitors have a good experience. The system of 24 parks and eight reservoir properties has finished or will complete this year hundreds of improvements to enhance campgrounds, restrooms, and trails. Collectively, Indiana State Park properties have more than 2,000 buildings, 700 miles of trails, 636 hotel/lodge rooms, 17 marinas, 75 launching ramps, 17 swimming pools, 15 beaches, 7,701 campsites, more than 200 shelters, 160 or so playgrounds and 150 cabins. That's a lot of maintenance, and a lot of time is focused on basic facility care. "Creative and dedicated employees stretch the dollars that you pay when you enter the gate, rent a campsite, launch a boat or attend a special workshop or program," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of Indiana State Parks. A complete list of park improvements is at www.StateParks.IN.gov/9447.htm.



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Get healthy and fit at Indiana state parks with annual Fitness Challenge

Get outside and get healthy this year at the most beautiful fitness centers in the state — Indiana’s state parks. The Indiana State Parks Fitness Challenge is a great way to track a participant’s progress.

The challenge encourages visitors to walk, run, bike, paddle, or swim at least 25

miles inside one or more of Indiana’s state park properties. If you’re a horseback rider, you can participate by riding at least 100 miles on state park or reservoir horse trails.

Those who complete the challenge by November 30 will be entered into a drawing for prizes, including a

2019 Annual Entrance Pass, Outdoor Indiana magazine subscriptions, DNR camping gift cards, and State Park Inns gift certificates.

Participants must download and keep a Fitness Challenge log that documents their visits to state parks and get a signature from park staff each time they visit.

The log and additional information on the challenge is at www.dnr.IN.gov/healthy.

Indiana State Parks director Dan Bortner said state parks offer hundreds of miles of trails that wind past lakes, climb big hills, wander through deep forests and canyons, and explore prairies. Many locations also offer ac-

cessible hard-surface trails.

“All of these pathways offer opportunities for exercise,” Bortner said. “They also offer the added benefit of just being outdoors, where it is possible to shed the worries and challenges of daily life for a little while.”

Purdue University Northwest offers Forensic Science Summer Camp

Purdue University Northwest will offer its first Forensic Science Week Summer Camp from Monday, July 9, through Friday, July 13, on the Hammond Campus.

The PNW College of Engineering and Sciences will be directing the activities, which will offer high

school students an opportunity to learn methods and techniques used in forensic science. Fingerprint collection, both traditional and the latest methods, and crime scene processing utilizing cutting-edge virtual reality training will be included among the workshops.

Full day sessions will last from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are open to all junior and senior high school students. Tuition, which includes supplies and lunch daily, is \$295 per participant. The deadline for application is Friday, June 22.

A limited number of

scholarships are available to students attending the PNW Forensic Science Week Summer Camp. To apply, the prospective student must submit an essay of at least 500 words by Friday, June 15, explaining why the applicant should be considered for the scholarship. Name and con-

tact information should be included.

For more information contact Dr. Daniel Suson, associate dean of the College of Engineering and Sciences at daniel.suson@pnw.edu or call him at 219-989-2375.

Arbor Day Foundation offers tree-care booklet with \$3 donation

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

Anyone can receive Conservation Trees, a user-friendly booklet featuring illustrations, colorful photos, and easily understood descriptions, by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation this month.

“Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Taking care of existing trees is just as critical as planting new ones, and proper care ensures communities are able to fully enjoy the diverse benefits of urban forestry.”

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also

includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attract songbirds, and create a living snow fence.

To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to Conservation Trees, Arbor

Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at www.arborday.org/conservationtrees.

Supplies low, donations needed at Winfield Township Food Pantry

Winfield Township Food Pantry needs help says, Trustee Paulette Skinner.

“We need canned soup (chicken noodle and tomato are favorites), Hamburger Helper, canned pasta, and cleaning products. The community is very generous during the colder months, but we get very few donations in spring and summer. Please help restock our pantry.”

Skinner and the Township office can be reached at 219-663-7027.

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Multi-Family Garage Sale (Crown Point)

May 31, June 1, & June 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. 209 Maple St., Crown Point (Liberty Park Subdivision, just west of Jewel-Osco) Too many items to list! (833)

Bargain Hunter’s Garage Sale (Hebron)

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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 Tim. Or call the shop at 219-663-1847 or Bill’s cell at 708-305-3666 for an appointment. (835)

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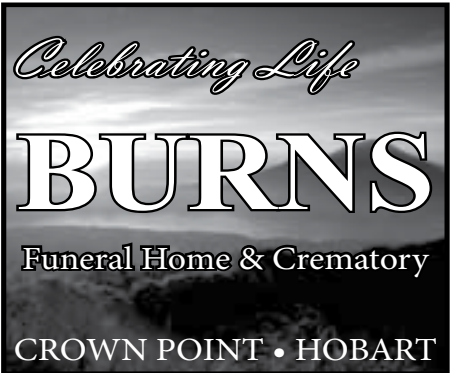
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Deadline approaching for Purdue program that teaches rainscaping practices

Master gardeners, members of conservation agencies and organizations, stormwater professionals, and landscape architects and consultants in Lake County and surrounding areas can learn landscape design and management practices that reduce pollution from runoff at a workshop hosted by Purdue University Extension and Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant. The workshop will take place June 19-20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Purdue Extension-Lake County office located at 2291 North Main Street in Crown Point.

"Landscapes with rainscaping capture stormwater more effectively, which prevents polluted runoff from homes and communities from reaching our local lakes, streams, and rivers," said Kara Salazar, a sustainable communities Extension specialist with Purdue and IISG. "The Purdue Rainscaping Education Program will teach participants how to promote community awareness and education for

these important practices." Over the course of two eight-hour training sessions and educational service opportunities, participants will learn how to site, design, construct, and maintain a rain garden. Workshops include flipped classroom instruction through online training modules, experimental activities, and field trips to community rainscaping projects.

Participants will also create

a demonstration rain garden in a public space with community partners. A certificate of completion will be awarded to those who attend all sessions.

To register for the program, visit or call the Purdue Extension Education Store at edustore.purdue.edu or 765-494-6794. Participants will be charged \$70 to cover the cost of lunches and instructional materials. The registration deadline is June 5.

All females invited to participate in annual 'Women in the Outdoors' event

Women interested in experiencing a relaxing, fun-filled day in the outdoors and meeting new friends are invited to an NWTf Women in the Outdoors event on June 9, at the Izaak Walton League located at 17100 Griffin Road in Hometown, IN, just north of Ft. Wayne.

Ladies ages 12 and up are encouraged to attend. Hands-on instruction will be provided by friendly experts trained

to work with beginners and participants of all skill levels.

The event, which begins at 7:30 a.m., includes activities such as shooting, archery, rock wall climbing, bird watching and raptor rehab and biology, self-defense, outdoor cooking, and craft projects.

Purdue Extension vegetable grafting class to take place May 25 in Crown Point

For years apples and other ornamental trees have been grafted. Now this technique is becoming more popular in other plants, including vegetables.

On May 25 at 1 p.m. CDT in the Purdue Extension-Lake County Office, the public is invited to learn why it can help to graft vegetables like tomatoes and cucurbits and get some hands-on practice. There is an \$10 fee for

the program and each person will get two tomato plants that they grafted.

Grafting is a technique where two plants are joined to become one.

Nature can do this normally as roots can graft together underground and branches in trees will do this sometimes on their own. In the vegetable industry, there are certain applications where this is used for varieties of tomatoes and

cucurbits to overcome challenges.

The workshop will take place at Purdue Extension Lake County located at 2291 North Main Street in Crown Point.

To sign-up visit www.tinyurl.com/2018VegGraft or call 219-755-3240.

For more information on this program, contact Nikky Witkowski at 219-755-3240.

This day in history

May 18, 2004

Forty-year-old Arizona Diamondbacks lefthander Randy Johnson became the oldest pitcher in major league history to throw a perfect game, leading his team to a 2-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves. A "perfect game" is when a pitcher faces a minimum 27 batters, recording 27 outs. Through the 2006 season, only 17 perfect games had been thrown, including 15 in the 'modern era' (post-1900).

Johnson, known for his overpowering fastball, intimidating size, and equally fearsome mullet, struck out 13 batters in the game. He led the National League in strikeouts for the fifth time that year; he had previously won four strikeout titles in the American League, even though managers routinely stacked their lineups with right-handed hitters to combat Johnson's utter dominance of left-handers. The 6-foot-10-inch "Big Unit" used his height and length to full advantage, striding towards the plate and throwing the ball sidearm, so that left-handers could not see the pitch until it was on top of them or past them.

In 1995, with the Seattle Mariners, he won his first of five Cy Young Awards, given each year to the best American League and National League pitchers. His next four Cy Youngs came consecutively from 1999 to 2002, while he pitched for the National League's Arizona Diamondbacks.

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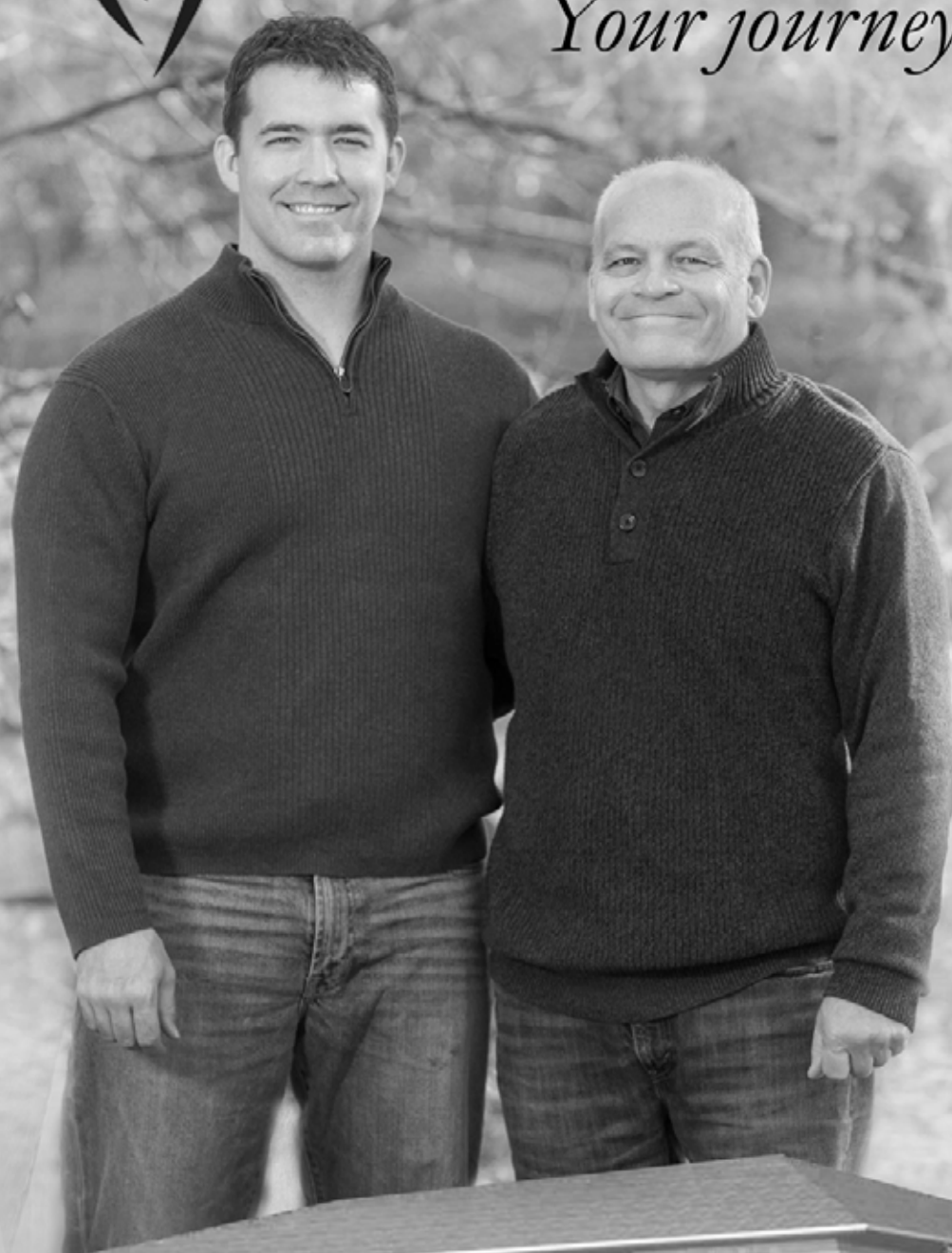
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