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## Local students complete mission to Mars

Recently, two crews of 7th and 8th graders from St. Mary Catholic School completed a mission to Mars at the Challenger Learning Center at Purdue Northwest, thanks to a grant from Arcelor Mittal. The students were transported to the year 2076 and worked together to cultivate life on the red planet. Students worked in Mission Control and on a Mars Transport Vehicle.

The students built a remotely operated vehicle that would help them map out the landscape and find water. The students dealt with several life-threatening emergencies. St. Mary's students were able to repair the green house to insure sustainability, problem-solve emergencies on the MTV, and learn about life on Mars.

As inconceivable as a colony on Mars sounds, just four days later, billionaire



St. Mary's students work on their mission at The Challenger Learning Center in Hammond.

Elon Musk launched the Falcon Heavy Rocket. This test launch of the most powerful rocket in human history, may ultimately lead to St. Mary's students or their children stepping foot on the red planet someday. The students were privileged to meet

a staff member who worked on the SpaceX project.

To learn more about St. Mary's School or schedule a tour, visit [www.stmarycp.org/school](http://www.stmarycp.org/school). St. Mary's is already accepting new students for the 2018-2019 school year.



## Porter Lakes Elementary School acknowledges Students of the Month

Porter Lakes Elementary School congratulates its January 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: Londyn Montes, Lukas, Guzman, Lukas Coleman, Elyn Hylek, and Lauren Wellestat; second row: Lucy Wingate, Juliana Langbehn, Lucas Gorman, Theresa Mackowicz, and Bentley Fry; and third row: Sarah Mallory, Peyton Church, Natalie Casanova, Ryan Brand, Joseph Mazurkiewicz, and Abigail Keldenich. (Not pictured: Ada Kreiger)

## Premium fuel not always worth the price, according to new research

According to new research from AAA, premium gasoline offers some benefit to select vehicles, but is becoming increasingly expensive for drivers. In recent years, the price gap between premium and regular-grade gasoline has risen from a historically steady 10% to 25% or more per gallon.

While past AAA research has shown no benefit in using premium gasoline in a vehicle designed to operate

on regular fuel, new testing indicates that some vehicles - those that recommend, but do not require premium gasoline - may see increased fuel economy and performance under certain driving conditions when using the higher-octane gasoline. Unfortunately, the high cost of premium gasoline may outweigh that advantage for many drivers. As a result, AAA recommends drivers weigh the potential benefits

against the cost of using premium gasoline, if their vehicle does not require it.

"AAA's testing reveals that drivers could see modest gains in fuel economy and performance when opting for premium gasoline in vehicles that recommend, but do not require, the higher-octane fuel," said Megan McKernan, manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center. "Those seeking the

maximum capabilities of their performance-focused or utility vehicle may see some benefit from using premium gasoline, particularly over the long haul."

In partnership with the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center, AAA tested a variety of vehicles that recommend, but do not require, the use of premium (91 octane or higher) gasoline. Although drivers of these ve-

hicles are unlikely to see any benefit from using premium gasoline during typical city or highway driving, a combination of laboratory and on-road tests were performed to simulate extreme driving scenarios such as towing, hauling cargo and aggressive acceleration. When using premium fuel in these vehicles under these conditions, AAA tests found that:

- Fuel economy for test vehicles averaged a 2.7%

improvement. Individual vehicle test result averages ranged from a decrease of 1% (2016 Audi A3) to an improvement of 7.1% (2016 Cadillac Escalade).

- Horsepower for test vehicles averaged an increase of 1.4%. Individual vehicle test result averages ranged from a decrease of 0.3% (2016 Jeep Renegade) to an improvement of 3.2% (2017 Ford Mustang).

(See *Premium* Pg. 3)

## Taltree Arboretum & Gardens now operating as Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

Purdue University Northwest, through a generous gift from the Taltree Arboretum & Gardens Foundation's Board of Directors and Damien and Rita Gabis, is now operating the 300-plus-acre arboretum near Valparaiso long known as Taltree Arboretum & Gardens. The Purdue University Board of Trustees recently approved the renaming of the property to Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest. All legal and real estate transactions required to finalize the transfer of ownership of the property were completed Jan. 31.

Purdue Northwest (PNW)

will continue to operate the property as an arboretum for public, educational, conservation and recreational use. No immediate changes in programs or facilities are planned. Visitors and members will continue to enjoy the arboretum as they have for many years.

The gift to the university, announced in December 2017, is valued at approximately \$12 million. It is the largest donation in the history of the PNW campuses to date.

"We are pleased to honor the Gabis family, founders of the arboretum, and wel-

come this opportunity to expand the mission and impact of both the arboretum and the university in Northwest Indiana," said Purdue Northwest Chancellor Thomas L. Keon. "PNW is committed to honoring the conservation, environmental, and public education mission of the arboretum."

Keon noted that the addition of the Gabis Arboretum to Purdue Northwest will enhance the educational, research, and academic programming offered to PNW students and the broader community. The arboretum offers new ways for faculty

and students to explore research and educational opportunities close to the PNW campuses in Hammond and Westville, Ind. Examples might include:

- Biology faculty conducting research on distinct habitats.
- Engineering and technology design teams working with arboretum staff to enhance visitor experiences.
- Hospitality and Tourism Management students assisting with event management and service delivery for the many events and community functions hosted at the site.
- English, humanities and other faculty and students

collaborating to produce and perform theatrical productions on the arboretum grounds.

For more information about the agreement between the university and the arboretum, visit the PNW website or the arboretum website.

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest, formerly known as Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, is a 300+-acre, dog-friendly oak preserve of formal gardens, woodlands, wetlands and prairies with more than six miles of hiking trails. The arboretum is open year round and offers a wide variety of events and

classes for all ages. Proceeds received by the nonprofit organization power its conservation, restoration and education initiatives.

Purdue University Northwest is a student-centered university that values academic excellence, supports growth and celebrates diversity. Located in Northwest Indiana, near Chicago, PNW fosters a vibrant academic community through high quality and engaging undergraduate and graduate education. For more information about PNW, visit [www.pnw.edu](http://www.pnw.edu).

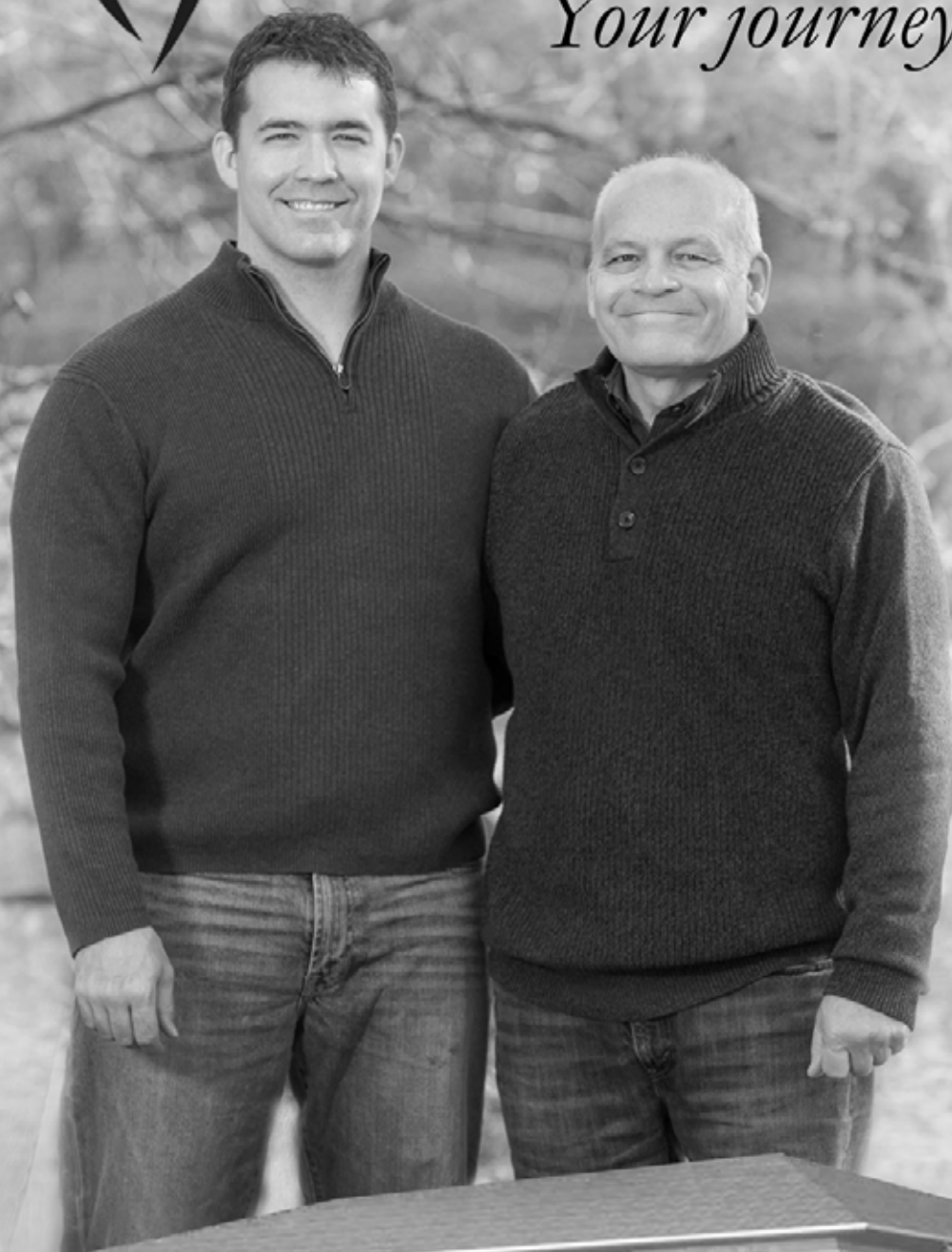
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(Premium from Pg. 1)

• According to national averages, the price difference between regular and premium gasoline is approximately 20 to 25%, or 50 cents per gallon. The modest fuel economy improvements found in AAA tests do not offset the higher cost of premium gasoline.

“There’s no question that higher-octane premium fuel has the potential to boost a vehicle’s fuel economy and performance, however, engines have to be calibrated to require that fuel to see the full benefit,” said John Nielsen, AAA’s managing director of Automotive Engineering and Repair. “Based on AAA’s testing, vehicles that only recommend premium gasoline can’t take full advantage of higher octane fuel and, as a result, the benefit that comes from upgrading to premium gasoline may not offset its high cost.”

Last year, nearly 1.5 million new vehicles sold in the United States recommend, but do not require, premium gasoline. The trend toward recommending or requiring higher-octane fuel continues to rise as manufacturers work toward meeting stringent CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards. However, a vehicle that requires the more expensive premium gasoline may dissuade a car buyer, leaving automakers to balance high-

er performance with what consumers desire. Rising prices for premium gasoline, coupled with great variation in prices across the country, compounds this issue. AAA urges drivers who use premium gasoline to shop around for the best price, as it could vary dramatically between gas stations in any given city. The AAA Mobile app, available for iPhone, iPad and Android, can help drivers identify the least expensive premium gasoline near them.

“The gap between premium and regular gas has been steadily rising since 2009, with the most dramatic increase occurring in the last two years,” said Jeanette Casselano, AAA gas price expert. “Fewer than five years ago, only a 10% gap existed between premium and regular. Today,

that spread has doubled with premium gasoline costing almost 50 cents more per gallon and is still climbing despite the fact that consumer demand for premium isn’t necessarily increasing.”

For those vehicles that do not recommend or require premium gasoline, AAA suggests drivers opt for the lower priced, regular fuel. In a study released last year, AAA found that consumers wasted nearly \$2.1 billion dollars fueling these vehicles with higher-octane gasoline. However, drivers of vehicles that require premium gasoline should always use it. Additionally, any vehicle that makes a “pinging” or “knocking” sound while using regular gasoline should be evaluated by a repair facility and likely switched to a higher-octane fuel.

Drivers seeking a higher quality fuel for their vehicle should consider using one that meets Top Tier standards, as previous AAA research found it to keep engines up to 19 times cleaner.



## Local funeral home hosting canned food drive in February

Did you know February is Canned Food Month? This month, Burns Funeral Home would like to make a difference in our community by hosting a canned food drive. Feel free to drop off your canned food donations at one of our two funeral home locations; either at 10101

Broadway in Crown Point, or 701 East 7th Street in Hobart.

Canned food will be collected from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Burns Funeral home will donate contributions to a local food bank in the local community.

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## Grant money available from Lake County Master Gardeners Association

The Lake County Master Gardeners Association is offering grants from \$100 to \$500 to Lake County, Indiana businesses, churches, schools and other organizations that need monies for new and existing gardening projects in 2018; an educational aspect is preferred, but not required.

The purpose of the Lake County Master Gardeners Association's Grant Program is to promote the objectives of the organization by providing these grants within the borders of Lake County, Indiana. Awards are dependent on funds available and the number of applicants during any given award year.

There are certain eligibility requirements stated in the Grant Application and the application process is clearly defined for applicants. The project description, project cost and materials required are listed in the application. The application form is available on our LCMGA website or through the Extension office. For more information, please contact Lake County Master Gardeners Association at [www.lake-countymastergardeners.com](http://www.lake-countymastergardeners.com), or call the Purdue Extension Office at 219-755-3250.

Grant Applications are due March 1, 2018 and will be awarded before April 1, 2018.

## CP Library plans bus trip to Chicago Flower & Garden Show

"Flower Tales: Every Garden Has A Story to Tell," is the theme for the 2018 Chicago Flower & Garden Show located at Navy Pier. This event showcases products like flowering potted plants, green plants, vegetables, nursery plants, perennials, palm trees and cut flowers.

Take a chartered bus to the show with the Friends on Wednesday, March 14. The cost for the roundtrip ride and admission to the show is \$45 per person or \$40 for Friends Members.

Tickets on sale now at the Crown Point Library at 122 North Main Street. The bus will leave the Crown Point Sportsplex promptly at 9 a.m. and depart from Navy Pier at 4 p.m. There will be no refunds after March 5.

Not a Friend of the Library, you can join at the time you sign up for a ticket to receive the discount.

For more information about the Friends events and bus trips visit [www.crownpointlibrary.org/about/library-friends/](http://www.crownpointlibrary.org/about/library-friends/) or call 219-306-4599.

## Local dentist shares healthy smile tips during Children's Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Each February is a great time to raise awareness about the importance of good oral health to the children in the community.

Advanced Dental Concepts' hygienist, Allison Papp, has been visiting the children in our local schools giving dental health seminars on brushing and flossing techniques, healthy eating habits, and visiting your dentist regularly. She has been to over four different local

schools and reached over 300 students this month.

"Advanced Dental concepts cares about our community and our patients, they are like family to us," said Papp. "For more information about Children's Dental Health Month, visit Advanced Dental Concepts online at [www.ADC4Smiles.com](http://www.ADC4Smiles.com), or call us at 219-663-6878. We thank you and our community for making us your favorite neighborhood dentist according to Nextdoor.com."





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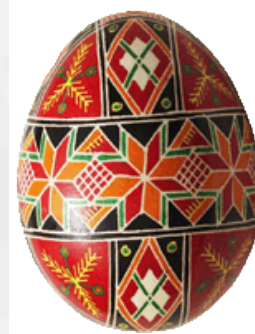
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The cost to cover your portion of all supplies is \$15 per person. A nominal fee is charged if you wish to decorate a second egg. Adults and children from age 12 are welcome to participate. *Children younger than 12 may participate, but they must be accompanied by an adult who will supervise them.*

\*\*\*Please register by e-mailing Mary Ann at: [bertram.m@att.net](mailto:bertram.m@att.net) or by leaving a message at 219-226-9658. Thank you!



## Porter County Master Gardeners scholarships, grants deadline approaching

The Porter County Master Gardeners Association (PCMGA) invites individuals, groups or charitable organizations in Porter County and the immediate surrounding area to apply for \$1,000 scholarships, \$500 Community Service Donations, \$300 Community Grants or \$300 Edible Garden Grants.

The PCMGA will award up to three, annual, non-renewable scholarships of \$1,000 each to a college sophomore, junior, or senior who is majoring in the field of landscape design, horticulture, botany or a closely-related field.

Community Service Donations of up to \$500 will be awarded to 501(c)3 organizations involved in some way in gardening or horticulture.

PCMGA also bestows Community Grants of up to \$300 each to individuals or groups who have a gardening or horticulture project proposal. This includes, but is not limited to, public and private school teachers, Sunday school teachers, Boys and Girls Club leaders, 4-H Clubs, community organizations and volunteer individuals.



Preparing the garden for plants at PCMGA grant recipient Hilltop Neighborhood House.

Edible Garden Grants of \$300 each will be awarded exclusively to gardens that are dedicated to feeding the hungry by donating to local food pantries that accept fresh produce.

For application and complete details go to [www.pcgarden.info](http://www.pcgarden.info). Applications

may be delivered to the Purdue Extension-Porter County Office, 155 Indiana Ave., Suite 301, Valparaiso, IN 46383 by 4:30 on the deadline of Friday, March 22, 2018. If mailed, they must be postmarked on or by March 15, 2018. For more information call 219-465-3555.

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## University of Chicago professor to explore history of censorship and information control

As part of the College of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences lecture series, Purdue Northwest welcomes University of Chicago professor Ada Palmer who will discuss, "Censorship and Information Control from the Inquisition to the Present."

The presentation will take place at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 28 in the Center for Innovation and

Visual Simulation, located at 6937 Woodmar Avenue on the Hammond Campus. The event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information call 219-989-2272 or email [rpollack@pnw.edu](mailto:rpollack@pnw.edu).

Summarizing her discussion, Palmer observes, "We tend to envision censorship as carried out by a government, a centralized institution, a

looming distant 'them' by examining the many different kinds of people who have voluntarily carried out censorship, with different goals and motives; we can reexamine the myth; and introduce the far more common forms of local, well-meaning, commerce driven censorship."

Palmer, who received her Ph.D. from Harvard, is Assistant Professor of

Early Modern European History and a member of the University of Chicago's Renaissance Studies faculty and the Stevanovich Institute on the Formation of Knowledge. She is a published author and has given readings, presentations, and performances around the world.

For more information about PNW, visit [www.pnw.edu](http://www.pnw.edu).

### Scholarships available through Lake County Extension Homemakers Association

The Lake County Extension Homemakers Association is accepting applications for the Lucile Smith Memorial Scholarship, which is offered annually. In addition to this scholarship, applications for the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (state level) Career-Advancement Scholarship are also available through the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association.

To be eligible for the Lucile Smith Memorial Scholarship, applicant must be an Indiana resident twenty-one (21) years of age or older, and a resident of Lake County for at least six months.

To be eligible for the Indiana Extension Homemaker Association Scholarship, applicant must be a Homemaker twenty-five

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Lucile Smith Memorial Scholarship applications must be received by March 1, 2018. Indiana Extension Homemakers Association Scholarship applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2018. For more information, or to request an application, please contact the Lake County Purdue Cooperative Extension Service at 219-755-3240 or e-mail [dmcook@purdue.edu](mailto:dmcook@purdue.edu)

### Obituary ~

#### Joseph E. Kenevan, Jr.

Joseph E. Kenevan, Jr., age 65 of Crown Point, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away February 6, 2018. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Niles, IL, and was an I.B.E.W. Local 134, Chicago member. Joe was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his parents- Joe, Sr. and Ceil; nephew- Brian Kenevan. Joe is survived by his devoted wife of 29 years- Joan; siblings- Kathy (Herb) Kanter, James

(Char) Kenevan, Ken (Joyce) Kenevan, and Dan Kenevan; many nieces and nephews, including special nephew- Ken Kenevan. A memorial visitation was held from 9 a.m. until time of mass at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February, 17, 2018, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E. 109th Ave., Crown Point, IN. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, entrusted with funeral arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

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Earth Day exhibitors, sponsors sought for Porter County Expo Center

Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction is seeking exhibitors to participate in the 2018 Northwest Indiana Earth Day Celebration. Organizations and businesses from around Chicagoland and beyond that can provide environmental awareness, services and products are invited to participate.

The largest free public environmental event in Northwest Indiana, the Earth Day Celebration, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Porter County Expo Center in Valparaiso.

More information and on-line registration are available on the district's website, [www.PorterCountyRecycling.org](http://www.PorterCountyRecycling.org).

The district is also seeking sponsors for the event. For more information, call 219-465-3819. The Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County is an agency dedicated to improving the environment and quality of life by providing services and educational programs which help residents reduce, reuse, and recycle.

4th annual 'Savor the South Shore' features restaurant specials through March 4

Savor the South Shore Restaurant Weeks will again feature 3-course menus for specialty prices through March 4. The South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority is seeking restaurants to participate in the free event. More than 30 restaurants participated in last year's 14-day culinary celebration along the South Shore.

Restaurants wishing to participate in the two-week promotion can submit their menu information by visiting [www.alongthesouthshore.com/savor](http://www.alongthesouthshore.com/savor). The form includes menu price points and specifics, hours available and whether a special lunch menu will be offered. Participation is free and open to all restaurants located in Northwest Indiana. Participating restaurants will also have their menus featured on the Savor the South Shore webpage. Restaurants will also be promoted on the Savor the South Shore Facebook page, and the VIP text list. Resident and visitors can join that list by texting "Savor" to 36000 (standard text rates apply).

Contact Heather Becerra, chief marketing officer with the South Shore CVA by calling 219-989-7770.

United Way of Porter County volunteer income tax service program appointments now available

The United Way of Porter County Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is now accepting appointments for the 2018 tax season.

This free tax preparation service is open to individuals whose adjusted gross income is \$54,000 or less and is staffed by IRS-certified

volunteers that file both federal and state tax returns.

"For many in our community, finding affordable tax preparation assistance can be a daunting task when money is tight," said Kim Olesker, president and CEO of United Way of Porter County. "This program provides a vital safety

net for low-wage earners struggling to make ends meet."

The program is made possible with support from the IRS and JPMorgan Chase Foundation. Program runs through Monday, April 16, 2018. Daytime appointments are available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

on some Saturdays.

Participants must schedule an appointment to utilize the service. Beyond meeting the income threshold criteria, additional documents and information is required. For program requirements and to make an appointment, visit [www.unitedwaypc.org/vita](http://www.unitedwaypc.org/vita).

Camp LRCA becomes CONNECT Christian Camp & Retreat Center

2018 brought with it a new name for Lake Region Christian Assembly, formerly known as Camp LRCA, and now known as CONNECT Christian Camp & Retreat Center. The new name conveys what Camp has always been about; connecting with each other and with Christ.

CONNECT still offers great weeks of overnight summer camps for kids from 1st grade through 12th grade, and a day camp for kids from Kindergarten to entering 8th grade. Also new this year are expanded offerings for rental retreats for groups of 12 to 250 people.

Lake Region Christian Assembly has been in Winfield since 1977, but the original camp started in 1925 in Cedar Lake. Multiple generations of kids have enjoyed their best week of summer at Camp. This summer's overnight camp offerings include their regular Cabin Camps for 1st through 12th grades, and specialty camps such as

Paintball, Wilderness, Father & Son Camp, American Ninja Warrior, and Connect, which focuses on music, creative arts, and sports. Their summer long day camp is a great alternative to traditional daycare, and includes themed weeks to engage kids all summer long.

Registration for all summer programs is now open, and overnight summer camps offer an early bird price discount when registered by March 31. To register or learn more about CONNECT Christian Camp's summer offerings and retreats, visit their website at [www.conectchristiancamp.org](http://www.conectchristiancamp.org).

'Wild Women and Wine' returns to Barker Mansion March 10

The public is invited to celebrate Women's History Month at the Barker Mansion on Saturday, March 10. Back and revamped for its second year, Wild Women and Wine will highlight the unconventional women who have shaped Northwest Indiana history through the decades.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. Central Time with wine and sweets. The highlight of the event will be a performance from Metamorphosis Theatre titled 'Duneland Diaries'. During the show, which will be held in the mansion's Drawing Room, two of the eccentric, eye-turning women of La

Porte county will meet head-to-head. Diana of the Dunes and Belle Gunness will discuss their fates over tea, complete with music, laughter and bitter rivalry.


Advance registration is required through Eventbrite or by calling the mansion at 219-873-1520. A \$28 ticket includes two glasses of wine, sweets, a tour, and the program. Those wishing to purchase a ticket without alcohol included can receive a discounted rate of \$20. This is a 21+ event. The Barker Mansion is located at 631 Washington Street. Visit [www.barkermansion.com](http://www.barkermansion.com) for details.

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## INDOT kicks off 2018 ‘Paint the Plow’ campaign

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the kick off of its 2018 Paint the Plow campaign, a community outreach program designed to promote safety and awareness of INDOT’s Winter Operations all year long.

Each INDOT District invites art classes/programs from middle and high schools to paint an INDOT snow plow blade with original artwork to represent their school. Applications and additional program details can be found at [www.in.gov/indot/3427.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/3427.htm).

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’s art program.

Paint the Plow is open to all middle schools, high schools and career-technical schools. Only students who are currently enrolled in the applicant school may participate in the creation, execution and completion of the art project.

## Indiana Arts Commission has March 1 deadline for ‘On-ramp accelerator’ for creative entrepreneurs

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) recently announced the launch of On-Ramp, an accelerator program designed to assist early career creative entrepreneurs advance their business goals and objectives.

“On-Ramp is designed for artists and creatives looking to energize their business thinking, whether they are starting new, looking to deepen their business understanding, or find themselves at a professional crossroads,” said IAC Executive Director

Lewis C. Ricci. “The Arts Commission agrees with Governor Holcomb’s efforts to develop and retain a strong, skilled workforce for the 21st century. It is critical in making our state a vibrant place to live and work.”

The On-Ramp accelerator will give artists business skills, professional coaching for their business plans or career goals, new connections with potential Indiana supporters, partners or collaborators, and access to special funds to take them to the next level.

The three-day Creative Entrepreneur Course will be May 18 to 20 in Madison, Indiana, and focuses on business skills, career goals, and community engagement learning. Those who complete the course are also eligible to apply for the On-Ramp fellowship, which includes up to \$2,000 of project funding.

On-Ramp will provide those artists and creatives who are less experienced and overview of business concepts needed to develop a sustaining career. Those artists with more experience will learn how to be more strategic and successful with their existing work. More information on the specific training, mentorship and opportunities that On-Ramp provides is available at [www.in.gov/arts/onramp.htm](http://www.in.gov/arts/onramp.htm).

Applications for On-Ramp must be completed through the Arts Commission’s online application system. E-mail to [astarnes@iac.in.gov](mailto:astarnes@iac.in.gov) for further information. Deadline for application is March 1, 2018.

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## This day in history

**February 23, 1997**

An estimated 65 million people tuned in to Steven Spielberg’s Oscar-winning Holocaust drama Schindler’s List on NBC.

Schindler’s List told the true story of a wealthy German industrialist who helped a group of Polish Jews escape the Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Spielberg shot the great majority of the film in black and white, which only increased the shocking impact of its content. At the Academy Awards that year, the film won Oscars in seven categories, including Best Director and Best Picture.

NBC broadcast the film in its three-and-a-half-hour entirety, uncut and uninterrupted by commercials, as per Spielberg’s request. The network made some effort to warn viewers about the film’s mature content, airing a message from Spielberg himself cautioning that the content was not appropriate for young viewers. Still, the number of viewers who watched Schindler’s List at home that night was more than double the number who watched it in the theater when it was released in 1993.

Controversy arose when Republican Senator Tom Coburn blasted NBC, saying it had taken network television “to an all-time low, with full-frontal nudity, violence, and profanity” and that it should not have aired the movie “on a Sunday evening during a family time.” Coburn brought on a firestorm of negative publicity with his remarks, drawing criticism from fellow conservatives, such as William Bennett and Jack Kemp.

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