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First field trip in two years sees fourth-graders excited to go to Indy

After not having been on a field trip in two years due to Covid restrictions, 44 Wildcats eagerly arrived at St. Mary School early on a recent Friday morning. At 6 a.m., two motor coaches departed for a trip to our state's capital city which would culminate a year of learning Indiana history.

Along with Kim Hise, Arianne Wong led the fourthgrade students and their chaperones on a day-long trip that started at the Benjamin Harrison presidential site. Sean Johansson was so impressed with the house, he commented, "I would buy it if I had the money!"

After a walk-through the historical home of the 23rd President, the students headed to the Indiana State Museum for self-guided tours. There, everything the students previously learned in the four walls of a classroom came to life.

Walking to the Indiana Statehouse was next on the itinerary. Riley DeEspinosa couldn't get over its beauty: "I have no words, literally. It was so big and beautiful."

Getting to walk through the Governor's office, sit in the chairs of each chamber of the Legislative Branch, and see the inside of the Indiana Supreme Court are memories that are not soon to be forgot-

With energy to spare, the fourth-graders walked to the Sailors' and Soldiers' Monument in the center of the city. Still closed due to Covid restrictions, the monument served as a backdrop for class pictures.

"This trip really is a perfect ending to our yearlong study of our state's history. It's the highlight of fourth grade," Arianne Wong commented upon return to the school's parking lot. Principal Tom Ruiz added, "we are so blessed to have teachers who go the extra mile to make their students' education relevant and fun and students who are enthusiastic learn-

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(See St. Mary's Pg. 8)



Pictured from left to right in the front row are Colin McGoldrick, Natalia Perez, Madison Kozlowski, Brinna Bordui, Lorelei Borozan, Gwen Patti, Benjamin Hoy, Diego Perez, Jacob Trinidad, and Regina Andras. In the back row, Joseph Henry, Genevieve Abad, Elisha Nagdeman, Samantha Hunt, Pamela de la Torre, Piper Myers, Gia Miller, Dominic Rebar, Samuel Despaltro, Nickolas Johansson, Sean Johansson, and Adan Gonzalez.



Lots of Hoosier pride is found within these fourthgrade Wildcats from St. Mary School. With the dome of the Statehouse in the background, the students of Kim. Hise's class smile as they try to stay dry. Pictured left to right in the front row with the statehouse in the background are Riley DeEspinosa, Andjela Vojvodic, Katelynn Mucha, Deioni Torres, Lily Huffman, DeSean Torres, and Bella Padilla; middle row: Gabriel Rosado, Caleb Weber, Michael Stepp, Ava Obrien, Margaret Cappas, Christina Macocha, Asia Sangster, Luke Howard, and Danica Carlotto; and back row: Miranda Carrasco, Jacob Ford, Lashawn Walker, Oliver Federico, Bradley Januszewski, and Joseph Henry.

Thousands of Indiana hig

More than 7,500 Hoosier high school students over the past five years have earned the Indiana College Core or an associate degree while still in high school, continuing Indiana's strong support of students taking early college credit with the benefit of students saving time and money toward postsecondary education and training.

Recent data show more

than 1,800 students earned the Indiana College Core, and almost 500 students earned an associate degree in 2020 – all while still in high school. Created in 2012, the Indiana College Core is a 30 credit-hour block of general education college-level coursework that transfers to all Indiana public colleges and universities and some private institutions. Indiana

students can earn up to a full year of college for \$750 or less when they earn the Indiana College Core while in high school.

To continue building awareness around the benefits of the Indiana College Core with high school students, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and Indiana Department Education released today a comprehensive digital guide and toolkit. The materials are designed to equip educators, especially school counselors, with the information and tools needed to help students make knowledgeable decisions about earning the Indiana College Core.

"The popularity of the Indiana College Core has grown since its creation with thousands of students

earning it each school year," said Indiana Commission for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "Our new educator guide and toolkit will increase awareness of the Core and the benefits of earning it. Working in partnership with the Indiana Department of Education, we are making these materials available to high school educators and counselors around the state

so more students can take advantage of this opportunity."

Nearly 94% of Indiana College Core earners from the class of 2018 went on to attend college. Once at college, those students can focus on major-specific courses earlier than their peers and pursue additional opportunities such as adding a minor and studying abroad.

(See College Pg. 5)

est celebrates landmaı

Purdue University Northnewest structure. west's a steel bell tower at its Hammond campus, recently rang its first official chimes during a ribbon-cutting and celebration.

PNW additionally premiered its fight song, "Onward PNW," and alma mater song, "In the Heart of the Calumet," via the bell tower's chimes and in-person singing.

PNW administrators, students, faculty and staff members, and public officials came together at the site of the bell tower, near Lawshe Hall and the Nils K. Nelson Bioscience Innovation Building on the Hammond campus, to celebrate completion of the structure's construction, which began in



From left, Chancellor Thomas L. Keon; Todd Burns (B.S. Construction Engineering and Management Technology '20); Nic Packwood (Mechanical Engineering Technology '21; M.S. Industrial Engineering Technology '22); Afshin Zahraee, assistant professor of Construction Engineering and Management Technology; Jesus de la Cruz, lecturer of Mechanical Engineering Technology (B.S. Mechanical Engineering Technology '17; M.S. Industrial Engineering Technology '19); Lacey Doyle (B.S. Mechanical Engineering Technology '21); Rick Rickerson, laboratory administrator; and Niaz Latif, dean of the College of Technology, perform the ceremonial ribbon-cutting for PNW's new bell tower at the Hammond campus.

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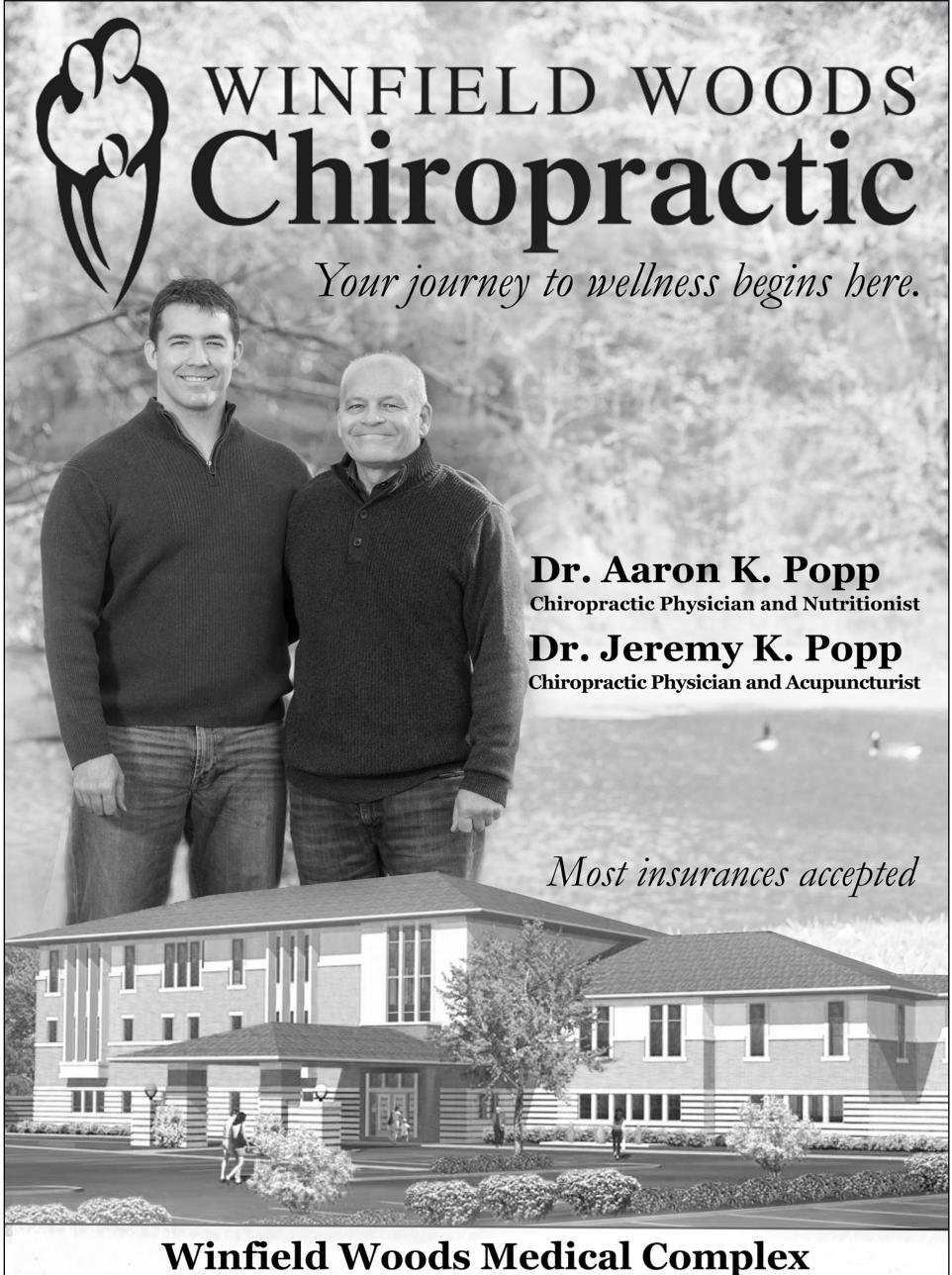
and faculty-led design work, and other campus visitors.

"What a great example of us. We are also incredibly learned knowledge and skill

the ribbon-cutting were the minds behind the bell tower's (See **Purdue** Pg. 3)



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FSSA accepting 2022 Golden Hoosier Award nominations; deadline June 10

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging has announced nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 Golden Hoosier Award. This is the 15th year for the program.

"Our state is filled with generous Hoosiers who are constantly giving back to their neighborhoods and communities," Crouch said. "I am excited to once again partner with FSSA and AARP Indiana to honor those who are going above and beyond to better their town and our

state. The best thing about Indiana are her people, men and women who find ways to leave Indiana in a better place for their children and future generations."

Crouch said that the award began in 2008 and annually honors older Hoosiers for their lifetime of service and comTo be eligible for the Golden Hoosier Award, the nominee must currently be an Indiana resident, aged 65 or older and have been a volunteer in the community for

mitment to their communities.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday,

the past three years.

June 10, 2022. Nomination forms can be accessed electronically by visiting www.in.gov/lg/lt-governor-initiatives/golden-hoosier-award/2022-golden-hoosier-nominee-information

A ceremony honoring those selected will be held later this year at the Eugene

pus for recreation and other future ceremonies. Creativity abounds for the bell tower's

future roles.

"We have been trying to make certain campus spaces more student-friendly and traditional in nature," said Chancellor Keon. "With this we bring one more level of warmth and inclusivity to our campus."

For more information about PNW visit www.pnw. edu.

and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center.

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(**Purdue** from Pg. 1) inception.

The original idea for a bell tower began with past PNW Student Government Association leadership. The concept was brought to faculty in the College of Technology, which included Dean Niaz Latif and Rick Rickerson, laboratory administrator.

Five students and a faculty member worked on the design, analysis and cost proposals for the bell tower as a capstone project during 2019 and 2020. The group included Todd Burns; Lacey Doyle; Nic Packwood; Jesus de la Cruz, lecturer of Mechanical Engineering Technology; and Afshin Zahraee, assistant professor of Construction Engineering and Management Technology.

"I am truly grateful to the university and the College of Technology for allowing us, the students, to be part of PNW's history," said De la Cruz. "This was a great experience. I really enjoyed working with everyone involved and I cannot wait to bring my family to come see it."

"I am incredibly proud of what our students have accomplished with this bell tower project," said Zahraee. "They have put together years of work and studies and produced something tangible for the community. It is a marker they will be able to come back to and visit the rest of

their lives. This shows the capability of PNW students to achieve above and beyond what they believe to be possible. Our students have the capabilities to not only make differences in the community, but to make impacts like these in the world."

Chancellor Keon concluded the ceremony by thanking those in attendance and pointing out the bell tower's new significance — a central gathering point on the cam-

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Crown Point Summer Concert Series rocks Thursday, June 2 through October 1

The City of Crown Point is ready to rock out at Bulldog Park this summer. The city's annual Summer Concert Series returns to Bulldog Park on June 2, during the first car cruise of the 2022 season.

The Summer Concert Series will largely be held in tandem with the Crown Point Car Cruise, with various local bands set to take the stage on select Thursday evenings.

The series also features a free Saturday concert, as well as live entertainment at the Taste of Crown Point and Oktoberfest.

The complete 2022 Summer Concert Series lineup includes:

- Thursday, June 2 (Car
- -Opening Act (4:30-5:30 p.m.): Gunner Brightwiser
- -Headliner (6-8 p.m.): Bonfire (AC/DC tribute
- Thursday, June 23 (Car Cruise) -Opening Act (4:15-5:15 p.m.): Lauren Dukes Duo
- -Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): Soundz of Santana (Santana
- Thursday, July 7 (Car Cruise)
- -Opening Act (4:15-5:15 p.m.): Eric & Char (Americana)
- -Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): The Relics (Classic Rock/Oldies) • Friday, July 15 (Taste of
- Crown Point)

- -Opening Act (5-6 p.m.): Kasim & Josh (Acoustic Rock) -Second Act (6:30-7:30 p.m.): Mr. Funnyman (Classic Rock)
- -Headliner (8-10:30 p.m.): Echoes of Pompeii (Pink Floyd tribute)
- Saturday, July 16 (Taste of Crown Point)
- -Opening Act (4:30-6 p.m.): Zodiac (Party Rock) -Second Act (6:30-7:45
- p.m.): Nawty (Rock/Dance) -Headliner (8:30-10:45 p.m.): Women of Motown (Motown/R&B)
- Thursday, July 21 (Car Cruise)
- -Opening Act (4:15-5:15 p.m.): Mindi & Amber (Pop) -Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): The Crawpuppies (Classic Rock)
- Saturday, Aug. 6 (Bulldog Daze of Summer Rock Bash) (Free Concert)
- -Opening Act (4:30-6 p.m.): James & The Big Breakfast (Classic Rock/Blues)
- -Second Act (6:30-8 p.m.): Geddy Trezak Band (Classic
- -Headliner (8:45-10:45 p.m.): M&R Rush (Classic Rock)
- Thursday, Aug. 11 (Car Cruise)
- -Opening Act (4:15-5:15 p.m.): Jack Whittle (Blues) -Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): The Stoney Curtis Band (National Blues)
- Thursday, Aug. 25 (Car Cruise)
- -Opening Act (4:15-5:15

p.m.): Deuces Wild (Pop/ Country)

- -Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): Mellencougar (John Mellencamp tribute)
- Thursday, Sept. 29 (Car Cruise)
- -Opening Act (4:15-5:15 p.m.): TBD
- -Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): Reggae Express (Reggae)
- Saturday, Oct. 1 (Oktoberfest)
- -Opening Act (4:30-5:45 p.m.): Dyllyngyr (Classic
- -Second Act (6:15-7:30 p.m.): Derek Caruso & The Blues Fuse (Blues-Rock) -Headliner (8:15-10 p.m.): Marrakesh Express (a Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young experience)



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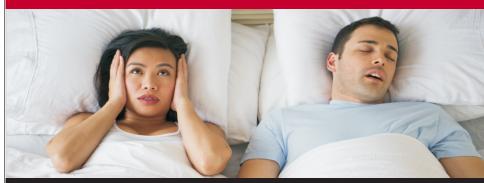
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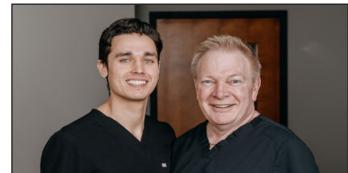
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This designation demonstrates that Valpo strives toward and succeeds in the areas that matter most in helping veterans make the transition from the military to school. Valpo Veteran Student Services is dedicated to helping active duty, reserve, military personnel, veterans and dependents successfully graduate from college. Initiatives to help facilitate this goal include financial aid, additional faculty and staff resources, mental and physical health resources, and much more.

For more information on

how Valparaiso University supports its military students, visit www.valpo.edu/veter-

The Military Friendly Schools designation was established in 2009 to provide service members and their families with transparent, data-driven rankings about postmilitary education and career opportunities. Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey.

The Military Friendly Schools list will be published in the May and October issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com. The 2022-23 list honors the top colleges, universities, community colleges, and trade schools nationwide that employ best practices in the classroom and after graduation.

(College from Pg. 1)

Additionally, they're more likely to graduate on time or early and could pursue graduate school ahead of their peers who didn't earn the Core while in high school.

While more students are earning the Indiana College Core, gaps remain. Far too few Indiana high schools offer the Core - the Commission estimates that it's currently available at just one in five high schools. The educator guide serves as an informational resource for school administrators to learn how their school can become a provider. It also instructs counselors on how to assist students with earning and transferring the Core.

"It's important that every student has access to pathways throughout their K-12 education that prepare them for what's next after high school - whether that's employment, enrollment or enlistment leading to service," Education Dr. Katie Jenner. educators. For more inforhigh school can help our stu- TransferIN.net.

dents open doors by earning a degree or credential, saving them time and money. Expanding access to the Indiana College Core at all Indiana schools - rural, urban and suburban - can be a game-changer for our students while also strategically setting the foundation for increasing educational attainment in communities across our state."

The toolkit features plugand-play resources such as an email template, social media posts, a short informational video and website content to be used to explain the Indiana College Core to students and parents. Counselors also have access to a fillable course offering list, making it clear to students and parents which courses qualify for the Core.

The guide and toolkit are located on www. LearnMoreIndiana.com, along with a variety of other resources designed specifisaid Indiana Secretary of cally for K-12 counselors and "Completing the Indiana mation about dual credit and College Core while still in credit transfer, visit www.

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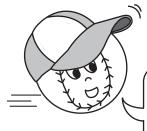


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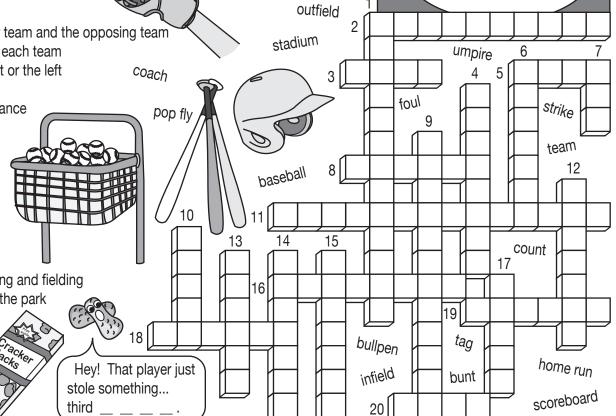


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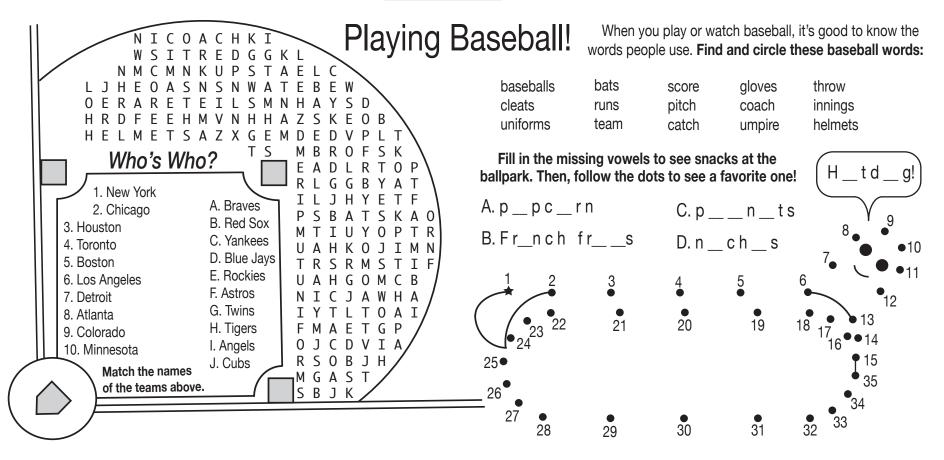
- 1. playing the game with a good attitude toward your team and the opposing team
- 2. large wall in the stadium that records the points of each team
- 3. when a ball hit by the batter flies too far to the right or the left
- 4. sphere covered in white leather
- 5. to hit the ball lightly so that it rolls only a short distance
- 6. sunken room the team gathers in during the game
- 7. the runner steps on the base
- 8. official in charge of enforcing the rules
- 9. group that sets rules and guidelines to help young children play organized baseball
- 10. the number of balls and strikes a batter has
- 11. period when baseball players warm up, shape up
- 12. the basemen, shortstop, and pitcher stand here
- 13. each game has 9 of these, teams take turns batting and fielding
- 14. a hit that goes so far that it leaves the bounds of the park
- 15. place we visit to watch a game of baseball
- 16. players here are on guard for big hits
- 17. person who trains the team
- 18. after 3 of these, a batter is out
- 19. ball that travels high in the sky when hit
- 20. nine players working together



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3. out in left field

4. bench warmer

5. can't hit the broad side of a barn

6. swing for the fences

7. threw a curveball



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out of the ballpark.

I like to see new

A. presented something unexpected

B. someone who really gets things done

C. estimate of how much something will cost

D. good, but not the very best

E. can't get something done in the right way

F. thinks or behaves strangely

G. go as far as you can



1. hit a home run

2. struck out

3. way off base

4. play ball

5. step up to the plate

6. pinch hitter

7. a whole new

ball game

B. brand new situation

C. go along with others

D. one who takes

someone else's place

E. not even close

to being right

F. did a great job G. get ready to do the job Newspaper Fun! Created by Annimills LLC © 2021

State Higher Ed Commission awards Next Generation Hoosier **Educators Scholarships to 200**

for Higher Education has awarded 200 scholarships to the sixth class of Next Generation Hoosier Educators.

Selected through a competitive process based on academic achievement and additional factors, recipients will receive \$7,500 annually (up to \$30,000 total) for committing to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduating college.

"I want to become a teacher because I have always wanted to make a difference in the lives of kids," said Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship recipient Ashtyn Shemwell. "Being a teacher will allow me to achieve those dreams and help shape little minds while doing what I truly love."

A total of 627 students applied for the 2022-23 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, a 43% increase in submitted applications compared to last year. Applications were received from learners representing 270 high schools in 86 of Indiana's 92 counties. Additionally, 75% of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the re-

The Indiana Commission mainder comprised of current college students.

> To qualify for the scholarship, students had to either graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class, earn a score in the 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have at least a 3.5 cumulative

> "Recipients Next Generation Hoosier Educators scholarship will bring dedication, creativity and passion to classrooms across the state," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Teachers play an important and vital role in preparing students for academic and life success. It's encouraging to see so many students committed to teaching in Indiana as the number of applicants increases each year."

> To continue earning the scholarship in college, students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year.

> Learn more about the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship at www.in.gov/che/state-financial-aid/state-financial-aidby-program/next-generationhoosier-educators-scholar-

Indiana Department of Revenue to host in-person and virtual annual public hearing next Thursday

The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) will host this year's annual public hearing on May 26, at 9 a.m. CT. The public hearing provides customers with a general overview of the agency's progress and provides a forum for the agency to hear directly from its customers and stakeholders.

"This hearing is a chance for Hoosiers to share their valuable feedback, helping us embody our core value of continuous improvement and deliver best-inclass service," stated DOR Commissioner Bob Grennes. During the hearing, the Commissioner will be providing a brief update on major DOR initiatives.

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hearing in-person, or choose to attend online.

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To Provide Comment

Individuals wishing to attend in-person and speak during the hearing should email their request to

stakeholders may attend the Bizoutreach@dor.IN.gov by May 23 to reserve a speaker slot. In addition, individuals attending in-person or watching online may sub-

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Olthoff: State funding gives green light to Winfield road improvements

Winfield will receive \$944,423 in state matching grants for road and bridge improvement projects, according to State Rep. Julie Olthoff (R-Crown Point).

In total, 223 towns, cities and counties will receive more than \$107 million in state funding through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program. Funds, awarded twice a year, are for road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements, guardrail replacements and signage, and can cover material costs for chip sealing and crack filling operations.

"This program provides communities the opportunity to receive much-needed funds to put into different local infrastructure projects," Olthoff said. "These projects will not only improve roads and bridges, but also give Hoosiers construction jobs and boost our economy."

As part of the grant program, established in 2016 and expanded through laws supported by Olthoff, smaller municipalities provide a 25% match in local funds, while large communities provide a 50% match. State law requires 50% of the available matching funds be awarded

annually to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer. To date, Hoosier communities are on the receiving end of more than \$1 billion in Community Crossings Matching Grants.

According to the Indiana Department of Transportation, which oversees and awards the grants, the next call for projects is expected in July. More information can be found at www.in.gov/indot/communitycrossings or by e-mailing LPAQuestions@indot. in.gov.



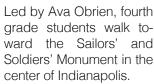
Gabriel Rosado, Michael Stepp, Joseph Henry, Caleb Weber, and Luke Howard are excited to be at the Indiana State Museum.

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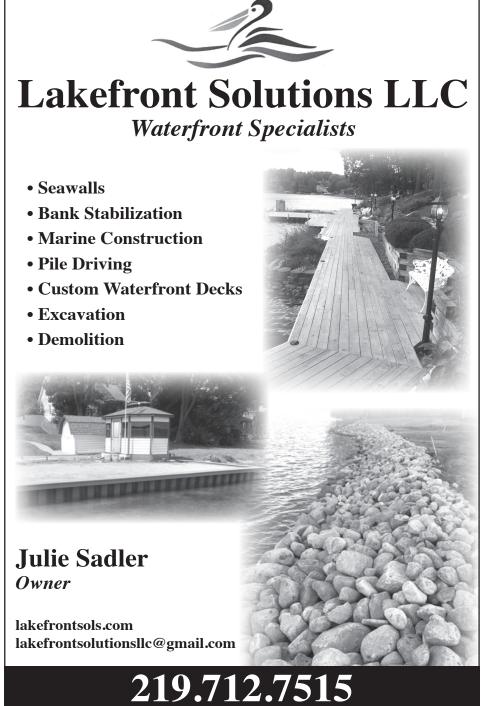
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This week in history

May 22,1843

The first major wagon train to the northwest departed from Missouri on the Oregon Trail.

The first overland immigrants to Oregon, intending primarily to farm, came in 1841 when a small band of 70 pioneers left Independence, Missouri. They followed a route blazed by fur traders, which took them west along the Platte River through the Rocky Mountains via the easy South Pass in Wyoming, and then northwest to the Columbia River.

In 1843, some 1,000 men, women, and children climbed aboard their wagons and steered their horses west. The train comprised more than 100 wagons with a herd of 5,000 oxen and cattle trailing behind.

Although many pioneers believed Native Americans were their greatest threat, they learned that they were more likely to be injured or killed by a host of more mundane causes. Obstacles included accidental discharge of firearms, falling off mules or horses, drowning in river crossings, and disease. After entering the mountains, the trail also became much more difficult, with steep ascents and descents over rocky terrain.

Yet, as with the 1,000-person party that made the iourney in 1843, the vast majority of pioneers on the trail survived to reach their destination in western Oregon. The trail was heavily traveled until 1884, when the Union Pacific constructed a railway along the route.

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