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New Name. New Look. Same Chamber.

By South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce

The St. Joseph County Chamber is now the South Bend Regional Chamber.

If you want to be found, you first need to be found on a map.

That was a problem for the St. Joseph County Chamber.

If we are doing our job in connecting with people and businesses to get them to relocate here, we cannot cling to a name that is not readily found on a map.

The Chamber enlisted the help of Mishawaka-based Big Idea Company who conducted several behavioral studies that measured the actual interest of names across the country and the world using Google search data to

plot the real-world interest index.

South Bend, Mishawaka, Michiana and St. Joseph County were all tested.

St. Joseph County performed far worse than the fictitious term known as Michiana, and Michiana is only known to those within a 35-mile radius of downtown South Bend or downtown Mishawaka. This was bad news for the Chamber, especially in this digital age.

When we looked at the data for our area, the name by far that most people from around the globe search, specifically for information on the University of Notre Dame is South Bend.

The name demonstrates more significant pull as a lead-generating source for this region than any other name on the map.

That's why we have changed our name to the South Bend Regional Chamber.

This is the name more people know, more people search for. The data was clear.

While our name has changed, our efforts have not. A decade ago, this Chamber made a commitment to focus on transformative work that impacts the greater community.

At no other time have we been more prepared to take this bold step than now.

More than ever, we're seeing business, government and education working collaboratively across invisible borders to create a global brand that can compete in today's economy.

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Hoosiers Reminded to Dispose of Christmas Trees Safely this Season

By Indiana Department of Homeland Security

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, part of the Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is reminding Hoosiers to properly dispose of their live Christmas trees this year.

This season, monitor the Christmas tree for freshness.

When the tree's needles drop, it means the tree is too dry and should be removed from the home.

While dropped needles

may be a nuisance to clean up, dry trees are a fire hazard.

Remove all decorations before disposing of the Christmas tree.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, roughly one of every 34 reported home fires that began with a Christmas tree resulted in a death, compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home fires.

Many communities offer a disposal or pickup service for Christmas trees.

See information be-

low for the Town of New Carlisle's pick-up service.

Recycle Indiana has a state-wide list of Solid Waste Management Programs, which can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/INSolidWasteManagement>.

This service allows Indiana residents to locate waste management district and disposal options in their area.

If disposing of a Christmas tree at home, treat a tree as garden waste.

Do not lean the tree against any structures, instead place in

designated decomposition pile.

Placing the tree in a garden or backyard can provide winter shelter for birds and other wildlife.

Another option is chopping the tree for firewood for summer bonfires, or indoor use next winter when the wood is properly seasoned.

For more information on holiday and fire safety, visit GetPrepared.IN.gov.

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Visit the library December 26-January 13 to play Giant Sized Candyland!

Family Movie Night
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Christmas Tree Pick-Up

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Christmas trees

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for pick-up.



Thank you to Waste Management for providing
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Consider Some New Year's (Financial) Resolutions

Provided By
Edward Jones

We're just about ready to open the door to 2017, so you might be thinking about some New Year's resolutions.

What's on your list this year? More visits to the gym? Learning a new language? Mastering the perfect beef bourguignon?

All worthy ambitions, of course, but why not also include some financial resolutions?

By reviewing your needs and goals, you can identify some resolutions that are particularly relevant to your own situation.

But here are a few suggestions:

• **Build an emergency fund.** If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or faced some other large, unanticipated expense, could you cope with it?

If you did not have the money readily available, you might have to dip into those investments intended for long-term goals, such as retirement.

Instead, build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

• **Cut down on debts.** It's not easy to cut down on one's debt load. But if you can find ways to reduce your debts, you'll help improve your overall financial picture.

Many debts are not "useful" – that is, they don't carry any tax advantages – so every dollar you spend to pay down those debts is a dollar you could use to invest for your future.

• **Boost contributions to your retirement plan.** If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it.

Your earnings have the potential to grow tax deferred and your contributions may lower your taxable income.

Plus, most plans offer a selection of investment options, so you can choose the investment mix that fits your objectives and risk tolerance.

Therefore, if your salary goes up this year, or if you think you

can find other ways to free up some money, increase your contributions to your retirement plan.

• **Review your portfolio.** Is your investment portfolio still on track toward helping you meet your long-term goals?

If not, you may need to make some changes.

You'll also want to study your investment mix to make sure it still accurately reflects your risk tolerance.

Over time, and often without your taking any significant actions, your portfolio can "drift" to a place where you are taking on too much risk – or even too little risk – for your needs and long-term objectives.

If this happens, you may need to "rebalance" your holdings.

• **Avoid mistakes.** None of us can avoid all mistakes, in life and in our investment activities.

But as an investor, you'll clearly benefit from minimizing your errors.

For example, it's generally a mistake to jump out of the market

in response to a period of volatility.

If you wait for things to "calm down" before investing again, you might miss out on the opportunity to participate in the next market rally.

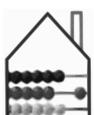
• **Think long term.** Keep this in mind: You're not investing for today or tomorrow, but for many years from now.

Try to keep a long-term focus when making all your key investment decisions.

By doing so, you can avoid overreacting to short-term developments, such as a sudden drop in the market or a "momentous" political event that actually decreases in importance as time goes by.

Try to follow these financial resolutions as best as you can. You could make 2017 a year to remember.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Beat the Winter Blues

By Jessica Feathers
For The Gazette

As a mother of 4, I am always looking for frugal ways to keep my kiddos entertained.

Here are a couple of our winter favorites!

ICE CUBE HUNT:

Need: food coloring, ice cube trays

Fill your ice cube trays with colored water. When frozen, remove from trays and toss out in the snow. Have the kids gear up and head out to hunt for the colored ice cubes!!

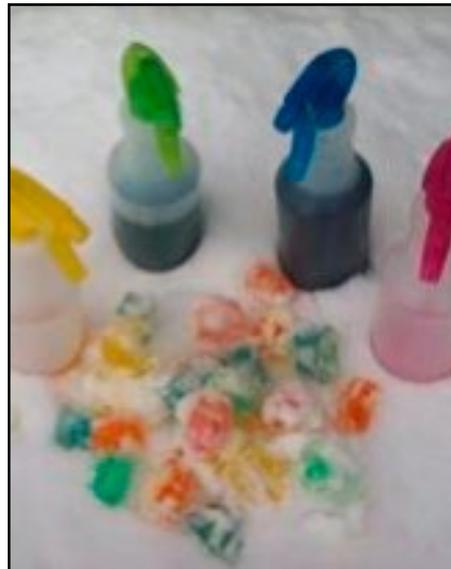
SNOW PAINTING:

Need: spray bottles (found at dollar store), food coloring

Fill each spray bottle with colored water. Bundle up and send them out to make colorful creations in the snow!

ICE SKATING at the MALL

Need: nothing (skates included)
University Park Mall has opened an ice skating rink in its parking lot



this season, FREE of charge. The rink is open daily from 10:00am—8:00pm through January 22nd.

SLEDDING

Need: sled, tube, snowboard
Bourissa Hills, located in New Carlisle by Olive's football field, is a great place to take your family for a couple hours of snow filled fun!!

Jessica Feathers is the Director of Cornerstone Pre-school in New Carlisle.

Recipes, Etc.

By Barbara Peterich
For The Gazette

Glittery night on the town or simply watching the ball drop in our jammies...

However you're counting down to 2017, you'll need a little something special to snack on.

How about egg rolls - not the usual; these taste like pizza!

Italian Egg Rolls

½ cup onion, chopped

½ cup green pepper, chopped

2 tsp oil

1 lb. sweet Italian or pizza sausage

1 package frozen spinach, thawed and drained

½ cup Parmesan cheese

3 T. fresh parsley

2 cups mozzarella cheese

½ tsp garlic powder

salt & pepper

Canola oil for frying

1 - 14 oz. egg roll wrappers

small container of water

small container of olive oil mixed

with little Parmesan

Garnish pizza sauce, warmed

Saute onion and green pepper in oil; set aside. Brown sausage in skillet; drain.

In large bowl, place sausage, onion and green pepper, spinach, cheeses, parsley, garlic powder; S&P, add a little pizza sauce and mix well.

Top each egg roll with 3 T. of mixture; roll up and dab a little water at the end of the egg roll and seal.

Place in large fry pan with canola oil; fry on both sides. (Careful - doesn't take long)

Drain; Brush top with the olive oil mixture. Serve and use sauce for dipping.

Etc. — Be sure to keep the egg rolls covered with a damp cloth or resealable bag so that they don't dry out until ready to use. This a fun-type appetizer for all.

Please let me take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a Very Healthy, Prosperous and Wonderful New Year!

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATIONS: PART 5

PROMOTING AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

New Carlisle Lions Club

Photo Story

By Mary Ann Swope

The New Carlisle Lions Club has been serving this community since 1939. The Club holds two evening meetings each month.

They support the following programs—Lions Eye & Tissue Bank; Cancer Control, Indiana School for the Blind; Leader Dogs for the Blind; Indiana Lions Eyeglass Recycling; Dictionary Project for 3rd grade students; New Prairie Girls Basketball Team; New Prairie Boys Baseball Team; New Prairie Touchdown Club, New Carlisle Food Bank, New Prairie United School Corpo-

ration, & Care and Share Program.

The NC Lions Club also participates in these and other Fundraising Events—Bendix Woods Sugar Camp Days; New Carlisle Hometown Days, Golf for Jim, Taste of New Carlisle; Christmas in New Carlisle; and Spaghetti Dinners.

The New Carlisle Lions Club deserves the gratitude of our community for all their extraordinary efforts assisting with so many activities.

For information about serving as a New Carlisle Lion, please contact Lion George Myer (574-220-1663); Lion Bernie Macias (574-340-8616); or Lion Diane Richardson (574-286-8444).

This is the 5th photo story in our series of NC Town Departments and/or Organizations that service our community in various ways. See the 6th and 7th photo stories below.



Lions Club Members at November 2016 Meeting. Front l-r: President George Myer, Pam Coppersmith, & Vice President Bernie Macias; Middle l-r: Cheri Pesce, Membership Officer Diane Richardson, & Sue Sanders; Back l-r: Butch Yuhouse, Davey Doll, Jim Woolsey, Denny Allen, Sam Colalillo, Scott Coppersmith, & Dave Litchfield

Historic New Carlisle

Photo Story

By Mary Ann Swope

Historic New Carlisle, Inc. President Marcy Kauffman recently discussed HNC's history since its 1989 founding.

She noted that "HNC has proudly served the New Carlisle community in myriad ways: historic document and artifact repository, numerous local history exhibits, walking tours, educational programs, street tree reforestation, and two home restorations (The Old Republic and the Casaday House)."

We can expect Historic New Carlisle, Inc. to continue its mission in some new and exciting ways in the coming new year.

Historic New Carlisle Board Members from l-r: Directors at Large—Mary Ann Swope, Jennie Kopkowski, & Rich Kopkowski, Vice President Kathy Van Lue, Director at Large Keith Kauffman, Secretary Nancy Taplin, President Marcy Kauffman, Directors at Large—Barbara Low & Paul Wogatzke, & Executive Director Dana Groves. (Absent—Treasurer Sally Marker)



New Carlisle Business and Community Association



NCBCA Officers for 2017 are l-r: Recording Secretary Kimber Vaundry, Vice President Dawn Krueger, President Craig Langhofer, Membership Secretary Joyce Forbes, & Treasurer Sandy Raabe

Photo Story
By Mary Ann Swope

The New Carlisle Business and Community Association is a not-for-profit organization whose objective is to enhance and encourage the businesses and citizens of the Town of New Carlisle and the greater New Carlisle area by promoting community pride, awareness and referrals through networking.

If you are a business or community member, you are welcome to join the NCBCA.

There is time at each meeting to give any updates you may have or are planning in the coming months of 2017.

The next NCBCA meeting is

Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 8 AM (EST) at Manny's Restaurant.

The guest speaker will be Mark Robinson, Manager of Community Affairs with AEP.

He will update us on the new solar field just east of town and other changes in the New Carlisle area.

The meeting times rotate throughout the year from 8 am to 12 Noon to 6 pm to accommodate our differing schedules. Members will be notified in advance of the time and place of each meeting.

Dues for the coming year are \$35 for businesses and \$25 for community members, and can be mailed to NCBCA Membership Secretary Joyce Forbes, PO Box 734, New Carlisle, IN 46552.

CHAMBER, CONTINUED FROM 2

Population is growing, employment is at its highest level in decades and the area has seen nearly \$800 million in capital investment over the past two years.

The momentum is palpable. We're seizing the opportunity.

In a globally connected economy, status quo isn't good enough. Changing our name positions us better in recruiting new businesses and people to locate to the area.

That means more jobs and a healthy economy for all.

The new name also better reflects the work we are doing with our collaborative partners where a regional perspective is warranted.

We are partners in Regional Cities Initiative efforts, Mi-

chiana Partnership, Northern Indiana Chamber Coalition, Region 2 Advanced Manufacturing Partnership to name a few.

We will continue to work with our partners at the cities, other chambers of commerce and other local business associations to create a climate for growth for our community.

In the next month, we will be providing member businesses with new Member Investor plaque inserts and window decals.

With our name change, please note our new logo and web address: sbrchamber.com.

If you would like our new logo or virtual plaque for your website, email logos@sbrchamber.com.

All County Parks Winter Activities Postponed

By St. Joseph
County Parks

Due to recent warm up and rainfall, innertubing and cross-country ski rental at St. Patrick's County Park in South Bend, and innertubing and snow shoeing activities at Ferrettie-Baugo Creek County Park in Osceola, have been postponed.

The parks do have snow making equipment at the innertubing hills, however, the temperature must consistently be 20 degrees Fahrenheit or below in order to use that equipment.

The innertubing hills at St.

Patrick's and Ferrettie-Baugo Creek County Parks could open if we get at least 4-6 inches of dense, natural snow and/or the temperature is low enough to make snow for about one week.

It is not possible to make snow for the cross-country ski trails at St. Patrick's County Park or for the snow shoe trails at Ferrettie-Baugo Creek County Park, so those activities will resume only after we receive 6-8 inches of fresh snow.

If you have any questions concerning these or any other activities at St. Joseph County Parks, please contact the St. Joseph County Parks at (574) 277-4828.

Community Calendar: Dec 30 – Jan 21

January 2

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

6:00pm (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

January 4

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

9:30am & 6:00pm (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

January 4

Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library

10:00am (ET)

Stories and more for preschool aged children.

January 5

TOPS Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library

9:00am (ET)

Take off Pounds Sensibly

January 5

Community Food Pantry

Rolling Prairie UMC

8:00am to 12:00pm (CT)

Free Food for those in need.

January 5

Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library

10:00am (ET)

Stories and more for preschool aged children.

January 5

TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

New Carlisle Public Library

4:00pm to 5:30pm (ET)

Teens grades 6 through 12.

January 6

Playdate with Baby

New Carlisle Public Library

9:30am to 10:30am (ET)

Join other parents and children for play time.

January 7

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

9:30am (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

January 9

FunDay Monday

New Carlisle Public Library

3:00pm (ET)

Feed the Birds (school aged children).

January 9

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

6:00pm (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

January 11

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

9:30am & 6:00pm (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

January 11

Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library

10:00am (ET)

Stories and more for preschool aged children.

January 11

Healthy Living Series

New Carlisle Public Library

6:30pm (ET)

Avoiding Colds and Flus Naturally

January 12

TOPS Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library

9:00am (ET)

Take off Pounds Sensibly

January 12

Community Food Pantry

Rolling Prairie UMC

8:00am to 12:00pm (CT)

Free Food for those in need.

January 12

Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library

10:00am (ET)

Stories and more for preschool aged children.

January 12

TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

New Carlisle Public Library

4:00pm to 5:30pm (ET)

Teens grades 6 through 12.

January 13

Family Movie Night: Pete's Dragon

New Carlisle Public Library

7:00pm (ET)

Free movie and popcorn.

January 14

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

9:30am (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

January 16

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

6:00pm (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

January 18

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

9:30am & 6:00pm (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

January 18

Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library

10:00am (ET)

Stories and more for preschool aged children.

January 19

TOPS Meeting

New Carlisle Public Library

9:00am (ET)

Take off Pounds Sensibly

January 19

Community Food Pantry

Rolling Prairie UMC

8:00am to 12:00pm (CT)

Free Food for those in need.

January 19

Story Time

New Carlisle Public Library

10:00am (ET)

Stories and more for preschool aged children.

January 19

TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

New Carlisle Public Library

4:00pm to 5:30pm (ET)

Teens grades 6 through 12.

January 20

Playdate with Baby

New Carlisle Public Library

9:30am to 10:30am (ET)

Join other parents and children for play time.

January 21

New Prairie Little League Sign-Ups

New Carlisle Public Library

9:00am to 12:00pm (ET)

Registration for the 2017 season.

January 21

Yoga with Pat

New Carlisle Public Library

9:30am (ET)

Donations accepted, bring yoga mat and water.

HAVE AN EVENT?

To submit an event for the community calendar, fill out the form online at newcarlislegazette.com or email editor@newcarlislegazette.com with the details.

Be Aware of Ice Safety This Winter

By Indiana Department of
Homeland Security

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is reminding Hoosiers to be cautious when spending time near bodies of water and ice this winter.

It is impossible to judge the strength of ice by its appearance, thickness, daily temperature, or snow cover alone.

Ice strength is dependent on a number of factors, including water depth under the ice, water area size, water chemistry, currents, and load distribution on the ice.

Below are important reminders for ice:

Are ice conditions safe?

Walking on ice is not safe unless there are more than four inches of solid, clear ice.

Vehicles should not be driven on ice.

Snowmobiles and ATVs require at least five inches of solid, clear ice for travel.

Some bodies of water include aerations systems, which create areas of water with no ice and weakened ice beyond the opening of the body of water.

Check water access for any indications of an operating aeration system.

If going on ice is necessary,

here's what to do:

Always prepare as if the ice may be unsafe.

Be with an experienced professional. Never go near ice alone.

When entering the ice, have one person stay on shore while the other enters.

Travel a fair distance apart on the ice to create a lesser chance of ice breaking due to weight.

This will also ensure the two persons cannot fall in the same break on the ice.

What to wear on the ice:

Carry a pair of homemade ice picks tied together with a few yards of strong cord that can be used for self-rescue.

Be sure they have wooden handles so if they are dropped they will float rather than sink.

Always wear life jackets when near any bodies of water, even when they are covered in ice.

Wear layers of non-cotton clothing. Make sure to wear gloves and a hat.

Layers generally help with warmth. If someone falls in, layers may provide some additional buoyancy with trapped air.

Non-cotton material will not absorb as much water and will dry out more quickly.

For more cold weather safety information, visit www.GetPrepared.in.gov.

Celebrate the New Year with a First Day Hike

By Indiana Department of
Natural Resources

Usher in 2017 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes, and one First Day Horse Ride, offered on Sunday, January 1 at Indiana's state parks.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2017 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends.

DNR's Division of State Parks is hosting 32 First Day events throughout the state. Information on First Day events in Indiana is at dnr.IN.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm.

First Day events at Indiana State Park properties are (all times are local):

Brookville Lake, 4 p.m.: Meet at the Mounds State Recreation Area campground shelter house for an easy 0.7-mile hike on the Wildlife Wander Loop Trail. The hike should last about 45 minutes. Hot cocoa and a fire will be available afterward.

Brown County State Park, 11 a.m.: Meet in front of Abe Martin Lodge for a "Hills 'n' Hollers" hike. The 1.5- to 2-mile hike will last about an hour. After the hike, a hot chocolate bar will be available at the lodge.

Chain O'Lakes State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at the Dock Lake public access parking lot for a 1- to 2-mile hike that will last about 90 minutes. Hot Cocoa and snacks will be available.

Charlestown State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Trail 3 park-

ing lot for a Rose Island History Hike. At 2.4-miles long, the leisurely hike should last about two-and-a-half hours. Hikers will see the remains of an amusement park and new exhibits interpreting them. Hot cocoa will be provided.

Clifty Falls State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at Lookout Point for a First Day Waterfall Walk. The moderately rugged hike is 1 mile long and should last about an hour. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and a camera.

Falls of the Ohio State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the interpretive center for a Falls River Greenway Hike. The 3-mile, easy hike will last about two hours as visitors hike to the George Rogers Clark home site on the Ohio River Greenway.

Fort Harrison State Park, noon: Meet at the Delaware Lake Parking Lot for a 2-mile hike on the paved Harrison Trace Trail. The hike should last about two hours. Leashed pets and strollers are welcome.

Hardy Lake, 1 p.m.: Meet at the main office for a 1.5-mile-long Wildlife in the Winter Hike. The hike is moderately rugged and will last about an hour.

Harmonie State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the pool parking lot for a 2-mile walk on a paved trail with slight hills. The hike should last about 90 minutes, and strollers, pets and hikers with wheelchairs are welcome. Cookies and hot cocoa will be available afterward.

Indiana Dunes State Park,

HIKE, CONTINUES ON 10

HIKE, CONTINUED FROM 9

10 a.m.: Meet at the nature center for a First Day Hike 3 Dune Challenge. The 1.5-mile hike will explore some of the tallest dunes in the park and possible ice shelf formations on Lake Michigan. The hike will last about an hour and ends with a fire and healthy snacks.

Lieber State Recreation Area, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Hilltop Shelter for a 1.5-mile hike that will last two to three hours. Hikers can meet Smokey Bear as they enjoy hot cocoa and snacks afterward.

Lincoln State Park, noon: Meet at the Troy Road Picnic Area for a 2-mile hike to Weber Lake. The hike is moderate and should last about two hours.

McCormick's Creek State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at Canyon Inn for a Canyon Hike and Photo Contest. The roughly 3/4-mile hike is easy to moderate. Hikers can bring cameras or smart phones to snap photos for an optional contest. Refreshments will be available at the end of the hike.

Mississinewa Lake, 5:30 p.m.: Meet at Miami State Recreation Area's Bostwick Pond for a 1-mile hike that will last about 45 minutes.

Monroe Lake: Monroe Lake will host the fourth annual First Day Trail Run/Walk at Fairfax State Recreation Area. Registration/check-in runs from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at Bayview Shelter. The run/walk starts at 3:30 p.m. The event is untimed. Participants can choose from a 3.5- to 4.5-mile course or a 1.5- to 2-mile course. Registering in advance costs \$15. The advance registration deadline is Dec. 30.

Those who register in advance will have access to a

post-event hors d'oeuvres buffet at Fourwinds Lakeside Inn.

The first 300 people to register in advance will receive a commemorative patch and a \$15 gift certificate for the restaurants at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn. Same-day registration is also \$15. More information and online registration is at mag7raceseries.com.

Mounds State Park, 5 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for an hour-long, 3/4-mile "Fire-light Hike" on an easy, illuminated trail to the Great Mound. The nature center will be open an hour before and after the hike, and hot drinks will be provided.

O'Bannon Woods State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the nature center to walk with the park's oxen, Forest and Gump, and its donkeys, Garth and Gracie. The walk will be on a roadway for about 1 mile. Enjoy refreshments upon return to the nature center. The event is contingent on weather and road conditions.

Ouabache State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the Bison Pen Shelter for an easy, 40-minute stroll around the bison pen on a 1-mile trail.

Patoka Lake, 1 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for a 3/4-mile hike on the scenic Garden Rock Loop trail while sipping hot chocolate. The hike will last an hour.

Pokagon State Park, 10:30 a.m.: Meet at the Potawatomi Inn sun deck for a Birding First Day Hike. Binoculars and check lists will be provided while supplies last. The hike will be 1.5 miles long, passing through several habitats on the way to the Toboggan Run fire ring. Visitors can roast marshmallows and enjoy the fire

from noon to 1 p.m. All ages, birders and non-birders are welcome.

Potato Creek State Park, 10:30 a.m.: Meet at the nature center for a 1- to 2-mile Winter Adventure Hike. The 90-minute walk will include looking for tracks and burrows, checking out the lake and searching for wildlife. Bring snowshoes if there is snow. Hot cocoa will be available after the hike.

Prophetstown State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the far east parking lot for a 2-mile hike on the new bicycle trail and boardwalk. The hike will last about 90 minutes. Hikers should bring binoculars if they have them. Warm drinks will be provided.

Raccoon Lake, 1 p.m.: Meet at the basketball courts across the main road from the beach for a 1.5-mile hike. The hike will last about an hour and will include some off-trail wandering. It will highlight remains of structures from before the development of the park.

Salamonie Lake, 2 p.m.: Meet at Salamonie River State Forest's Hominy Ridge parking lot for a 1-mile stroll that will highlight historic Civilian Conservation Corps projects.

Shades State Park, 7 p.m.: Meet at the Dell Shelter for a 1-mile, one-hour luminary hike in the early evening darkness. Hot chocolate, water and snacks will be provided.

Shakamak, State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at the Group Camp mess hall for a 3/4-mile, 45-minute hike. In conjunction with the Friends of Shakamak group, the park will offer hot cocoa, coffee, and snacks. There will also be entertainment for all ages after the hike inside the Group Camp Mess Hall.

Spring Mill State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Lakeview Activity Center for a two-hour, 2.5-mile hike. Hot chocolate and coffee in the Lakeview Activity Center will be available after the hike, courtesy of Spring Mill Inn.

Summit Lake State Park: An indoor activity for kids starts at 11:30 a.m. At noon, hikers should meet at the park office for a "Hike in the Hidden Prairie." The hike will be 3/4-mile long along a mowed path and will last about an hour. Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts will be available

Tippecanoe River State Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Meet at the fire tower for a horse ride or hike. The length of the ride or hike is up to the participant, from 0.2 to 7 miles. For this special occasion the fire tower will be open. Horse riders must have their own horse.

Turkey Run State Park, 11 a.m.: Meet in front of Turkey Run Inn for a moderately rugged, 1.2-mile, hour-long hike. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided after the hike.

Versailles State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at the pool parking lot in front of the mountain bike trailhead for a 4-mile hike. The hike will last about two hours. Sturdy hiking boots, water and hiking sticks are recommended. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome.

Whitewater Memorial State Park, 11 a.m.: Meet at the Poplar Grove Shelter for a moderate, 2.5-mile hike on the Memorial Loop Trail. The hike will take approximately 90 minutes. Participants can drink hot cocoa around a fire afterward.

2017 Bi-County Tournament Schedule Announced

The pairings for the 52nd Annual Teachers Credit Union Bi-County Tournament were announced on Wednesday, December 7 in Plymouth.

Opening round games will be played at four different sites, with the semi-final rounds and championship games to be played at LaVille Jr./Sr. High School in Lakeville.

The New Prairie Junior Varsity teams (boys and girls) will play their first round games at John Glenn on Monday, January 16.

Both Varsity squads will then host the Falcons at Cougar Gym on Tuesday, January 17. The girls game tips off at 6:00pm town time/5:00pm school time.

New Prairie won the boys title in 1973, while the girls have won the tournament five times (last in 2006).

52nd Annual TCU Bi-County Basketball Tournament

Monday Jan. 16, 2017

JV Girl/Boy

Bremen at Culver, 6:00 p.m.

Argos at Triton, 6:00 p.m.

NEW PRAIRIE AT GLENN, 6:00 P.M.

Oregon-Davis at LaVille, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Jan. 17, 2017

Varsity Girl/Boy

Culver at Bremen, 6:00 p.m.

Triton at Argos, 6:00 p.m.

GLENN AT NEW PRAIRIE, 6:00 P.M.

Oregon-Davis at LaVille, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Jan. 18, 2017

JV Girl/Boy Semifinals at LaVille, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Jan. 19, 2017

Varsity Girl Semifinals/Consolations at LaVille, 6:30 p.m.

Friday Jan. 20, 2017

Varsity Boy Semifinals/Consolations at LaVille, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 21, 2017

JV Girls Championship, 12:00 p.m.

JV Boys Championship, 1:30 p.m.

Varsity Girls Championship, 6:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys Championship, 8:30 p.m.

All times listed are Eastern

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION

Full Tournament Pass – \$15 per person * Single Night Pass – \$5 per person

COUGAR SPORTS SCHEDULE December 30 - January 12

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tue. 1/3	Junior Varsity @ Penn	5:15pm
Tue. 1/3	Varsity @ Penn	6:30pm
Wed. 1/4	Freshmen @ Penn	5:30pm
Fri. 1/6	Junior Varsity vs. South Bend Washington	5:00pm
Fri. 1/6	Varsity vs. South Bend Washington	6:30pm
Mon. 1/9	Freshmen vs. South Bend Washington	5:30pm
Tue. 1/10	Junior Varsity @ NorthWood	5:15pm
Tue. 1/10	Varsity @ NorthWood	6:30pm
Wed. 1/11	Freshmen vs. Westville	5:30pm

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thu. 1/5	Junior Varsity vs. South Bend Washington	5:00pm
Thu. 1/5	Varsity vs. South Bend Washington	6:30pm
Tue. 1/10	Junior Varsity vs. Penn	5:00pm
Tue. 1/10	Varsity vs. Penn	6:30pm

SWIMMING & DIVING

Tue. 1/3	@ Bremen	4:00pm
Thu. 1/5	vs. NorthWood	5:00pm
Sat. 1/7	@ South Bend Washington	8:00am
Tue. 1/10	vs. South Bend Clay	5:00pm
Thu. 1/12	@ South Bend Riley	5:00pm

WRESTLING

Fri. 12/30	@ Lafayette Jefferson	9:00am
Thu. 1/5	@ South Bend St. Joseph	5:30pm
Fri. 1/6	@ Rochester	5:00pm
Sat. 1/7	New Prairie Super Dual	8:00am

ALL TIMES LISTED ARE CENTRAL TIME (SCHOOL TIME)

Cougar Sports Schedule is accurate as of press time on Tuesday, December 27. All event times and locations are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit the New Prairie Athletics page on Schedule Star at <http://schedules.schedulestar.com/New-Prairie-High-School-New-Carlisle-IN/>

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