



The Torch

The official newsletter for Indiana state employees

The time is ripe for the Great Indiana State Fair

Knowing the answer to these two pieces of trivia that won't get you a free pass into the Indiana State Fair, but nevertheless, the information might come in handy:

1. Each year the fair focuses on a farm and/or garden product, proclaiming "The Year of the..." What is this year's focus? (Answer: Tomato – 2009 is the Year of Tomatoes)
2. This year's signature fair food is... Remember that in past years creative geniuses have taken a popular snack food and dropped it in the deep fryer – this year's no different. (Answer: Deep fried pizza)



With the focus on tomatoes, expect to see red and plenty of it at this year's fair. There will be a construction contest where architects and engineers will design and build giant structures made from canned food. There's the largest tomato contest, a tomato gift

shop, a salsa recipe contest, salsa dance contest and all sorts of tomato-based foods on the grounds.

The deep-fried pizza consists of hand-tossed pizza dough deep-fried to a golden brown and topped with delicious pizza sauce of vine-ripened tomatoes and grated cheese. A slice of this winning signature food will sell for \$5 and will be available in front of the Grand Hall during the fair, Aug. 7 to 23.

There actually is a competition to determine the annual signature food. Competitors who lost out to the pizza dish, but who will be present at the fair include:

Pizza Cone (King's Concessions) - A cone-shaped pizza crust filled with cheese, pepperoni and sausage and Red Gold® tomato sauce all baked in an oven. It's a "walking pizza in a cone." The Pizza Cone will be sold north of the Home and Family Arts Building, near the Midway arch.

YaYa's Tomato Balls (Papageorge's, Inc.) - A favorite meatless dish consisting of diced tomatoes, grated cheese, onions, special select spices and a dash of bread crumbs. Tomato Balls are fried until golden brown and served with a side of cucumber sauce. These will be available on the west side of the West Pavilion.

Sun-Dried Tomato Pork Burger (Barto's Catering) - A pork burger served with fried green tomatoes, Red Gold® chutney and sliced gouda. The pork burger can be

found in the Gate 12 plaza, near the Farm Bureau Building.

Tomato Bob (Smith Concessions) - Fresh Indiana grown produce, starting with cherry/grape tomatoes, sliced green peppers, sliced cucumbers on a stick to create a 'shish-ke-bob' of fresh veggies, served with three dipping sauces. Tomato Bobs will be sold on the northwest corner of the West Pavilion.

This is the fourth consecutive year for the Indiana State Fair Signature Food contest, and this year's entries were required to include tomato products in celebration of the Year of Tomatoes presented by Red Gold®.

About the Indiana State Fair

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event attracting more than 840,000 people annually. Known nationally for its livestock shows, Pioneer Village, Little Hands on the Farm™ and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair offers tremendous family entertainment. Gate admission is \$8, \$7 in advance (kids 5 and younger are free).

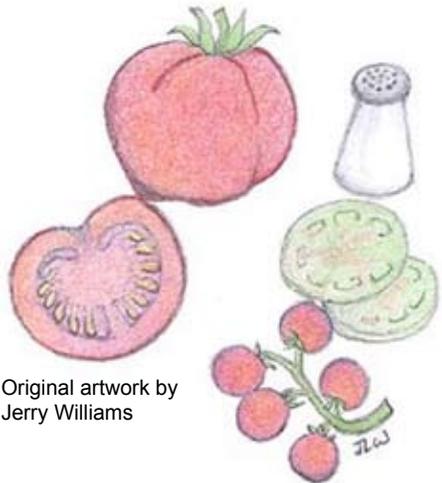
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IDEM employee helps Indiana keep its water clean

This is the epitome of a dirty job. Everyday Missy Shaber's job is to keep dirt out of streams, lakes, drains and basically anywhere the dirt shouldn't be.



Missy Shaber is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control with IDEM

Shaber is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality. Her line of work takes her to active construction sites where there is a "disturbance of one acre or more."

She helps determine whether the sites have effective erosion and sediment control measures in place. This would be Rule 5, also known as 327 IAC 15-5: Storm Water Runoff Associated with Construction Activity. It's all something Shaber is quite familiar with.

The Torch caught up with Shaber at an active INDOT worksite on US Highway 50 in Bedford. Shaber met up with a local Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District employee and an INDOT engineer to inspect the site.



The replacement of the US Highway 50 bridge in Bedford has INDOT and IDEM workers busy this summer.

Earth is being moved as it is every day at the bridge over Leatherwood Creek. The crew is working towards replacing the bridge. But since they can't close a US highway, they first must build a temporary bridge so traffic can cross while the old bridge is taken out.



Around the site various rock dams and silt fences are in place because rain will come eventually and the site must be able to handle it.

"One inch of rain doesn't help," Shaber says. "So the bigger the rain, the more problems stormwater can cause at this worksite. It can get real sloppy, real quick."

Here at Leatherwood Creek, the fences and dams help keep the dirt being moved everyday from finding a new home in the creek.

"Simply put, we're trying to keep as much soil out of the water as possible. The dams cause the water to pond then the water will runoff and leave the soil behind."

Shaber goes on to say that soil is the number one pollutant to water quality in the state. Soil erosion can cause big problems on any site and leads to sediment pollution downstream. On other sites Shaber works on, such as subdivisions and shopping centers, she pays special attention to the stormwater runoff. By keeping an eye on



A rock dam, pictured above, will help keep the soil in the trench from making it to the creek. Below, Shaber discusses the site with INDOT engineer Ron Burcham, left, and highway technician Jim Eisele.

these sites, she helps the sites maintain water quality in the area both during the construction and after.

"I enjoy being able to be out in the field, helping people understand the importance of water quality in bare soil exposed during construction activities," Shaber said. "It's an area that is often overlooked."

Shaber works in 19 counties in southern and central Indiana and recently worked at the site of the Honda plant in Decatur County. She also inspected the golf courses at the French Lick Resort and Casino.

"I probably visited the golf courses 15 times or more," Shaber recalled. "Every

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State employees' generosity is scattered across the globe

For 30 years, state employees have sent money across the world to help in all types of situations. Come Aug. 31, it starts up again with the 31st annual State Employees' Community Campaign (SECC).

The theme for the campaign "State Employees Make A Difference" really says it all. Since the inception of SECC, state employees have pledged more than \$20 million to charities throughout the world. This year's goal is \$1.25 million, an amount that last year's campaign surpassed.

Through SECC, state employees can make a contribution to any non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. Employees have two options: a one-time donation or payroll deductions.

Cindy Denny, an administrative assistant with the Indiana Department of Revenue, gives through payroll deduction because, as she explained, "It's no muss, no fuss. It comes right out of my paycheck and I don't even have to think about it."

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IDEM employee helps...

square inch of that land was affected by the construction of that course. Also, the land is one of the higher elevations in the state. Soil was entering that site from everywhere so it was easy to get my boots dirty there. I remember stepping out my boots once because the mud was so deep."



The temporary bridge must first be put in place before the Leatherwood Creek bridge can be replaced.

SECC kick-off set

A charity fair at the Indiana Government Center South on **Aug. 31** will kick off the 31st annual State Employees' Community Campaign (SECC). The fair will be held in conferences rooms A and B from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Indiana Department of Child Services Director James Payne will chair the campaign.

David Liebel, Deputy Director with the Religious and Volunteer Services Division of the Department of Correction also likes payroll deduction: "It's an easy and convenient way to give. Rather than having to remember to write a check every month, I just deal with this once a year."

Besides the convenience factor Liebel said he gives because, "I look at the activities of the charities I support and I get a real sense of satisfaction. Beyond that, I believe that there is a spiritual and moral duty to help others."

Leave the driving to CICS

Looking for a ride to work from Cloverdale to downtown Indianapolis? You're in luck! The Central Indiana Commuter Services (CICS) vanpool has room for you and a few others. There is a low monthly fare to take advantage of the service, but it's probably cheaper than filling your gas tank. Plus that means there will be fewer vehicles on the road and less pollution in the air.

E-mail Jerry at jrud@cinergymetro.net or call CICS at 317.327.7433 for the details. If you are interested in carpooling or vanpooling from somewhere in Central Indiana, contact CICS to learn more about the options of the program. The Web site: www.327ride.net or call 317.327.RIDE (7433) or toll-free, 1.888.737.RIDE (7433). The services of CICS are not limited to state employees.

Denny, who has been giving to the charities of her choice since she started with the state more than 22 years ago, agrees: "I'd encourage others to give because no matter how bad life gets, someone else always has it worse."

For more information, check out the Web site www.insecc.org or contact Cathy Holdman at choldman@spd.in.gov or 317.234.1407.

Meet poets who know it

Nine Indiana poets will be reading from their works and are hoping you will join them. Stop by the first floor exhibit hall in the Indiana State Library on Aug. 29 to participate in the first annual Indiana Poets: Words on Wings.



The event will be held from noon to 3:30 p.m. The library is located at 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis.

Featured poets will include: Joyce Brinkman, Ruthelen Burns, Mitchell Douglas, Joseph Heithaus, Tasha Jones, Karen Kovacik, Norbert Krapf, David Shumate and Elizabeth Webber.

Each of the poets will read from their works and will be available to sign copies. The poets' featured works will be on sale in the Indiana Historical Bureau Book Shop located in the Library.

Call 317.232.2535 for further information or visit www.IN.gov/history.

Discount available for Indianapolis Indians

Watch baseball up close at Victory Field on Sept. 5. The Indianapolis Indians host the Louisville Riverbats at 7 p.m. The game features a chance to win the "Shirt Off Our Back" as players and coaches raffle their jerseys off to be given away at the end of the game.

To order tickets, visit www.in.gov/spd/2439.htm to find the state employee discounts



STATE EMPLOYEE DAY AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

THURSDAY ★ AUGUST 20

Show your State Employee Identification Badge* at the gate for your FREE admission to State Fair FUN!

MC Hammer presented by Hoosier Lottery on the Free Stage in Celebration Park (FREE) - 7 pm.

Family Day on the Midway from Noon-6 pm Ride ALL the rides ALL you want for only \$25 per person

The Stars of Peking Acrobats appear in the Riley Fun Park - Noon, 2:30 & 5:30 pm

Celebrate the Year of Tomatoes with the Red Gold Salsa Recipe Contest Home & Family Arts Culinary Stage - 1:30 pm

Daily Parade presented by National City, now part of PNC Bank along Main Street - 6:30 pm

Take in a high energy, modern variety show with Indianapolis-based troupe performing traditional acts such as sword swallowing, and the human blockhead. Blue Monkey Sideshow on the Buckle Up Trucks Main Street Stage - 8-10 pm

*Employees who do not have a State of Indiana Identification Badge must present a current paycheck stub and photo identification at the gate for FREE admission on August 20th.

Visit www.indianastatefair.com for more information!



MORE DAYS ★ AUGUST 7-23 ★ MORE FUN!

Classifieds

Please respect the following rules when submitting items:

- Ads are limited to state employees only.
- Contact information must include either a phone number with area code (home or cell, no state numbers) or a home e-mail address.
- Submit ads via e-mail to spdccommunications@spd.in.gov, information must be included in the body of the e-mail, no photos or attachments. No bold or italic type, no ALL CAPS.
- Limit one ad per employee per issue; each ad has a limit of three items.
- Deadline is the 10th of the month prior to the next issue.
- No weapons, no animals, no food items, no carpooling. All requests for drivers/riders should contact the Central Indiana Commuter Services at www.centralincommuter.net
- No real estate, for sale or rent, including mobile homes, manufactured housing, timeshares, etc.
- No Avon, Mary Kay, vitamins, etc.
- No memberships, businesses or professional services (i.e., tax preparation, car repair, etc.).
- Ads will run for one issue only.
- State Personnel Department staff reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any ads.

Mini sewing machine in box; \$7. Wire fall basket w/ decorative metal leaves; \$5. Tea light, votive or potpourri decorative glass holder in box; \$4. Call Christina, 317-403-3504.

2007 Harley Davidson Fat Boy; twin cam 96 cu. in, fuel injected, belt driven, canary yellow w/ orange graphics, battery tender, 2 helmets, silver bullet hole wheels, wide tires, Mega tone mufflers, windshield, leather HD side bags & backrest; 9,200 mi. \$16,000. Call 765-349-6118.

Classic men's trench coat; dark blue, double-breasted cotton/polyester outer shell, removable wool liner, near mint condition. \$25. Call Tim, 317-254-1525.

1993 Mustang GT convertible, red, 119K mi. \$3,500. Located in Vincennes. Call 812-887-8492.

1999 Olhausen Billiard table; light oak

w/leather pockets; redone 3 yrs. ago, 2" slate, cues, rack, bridge, billiard balls, great condition. \$1,300 obo. Call Angela, 765-623-7320 or angelala908@yahoo.com

'01 Chevy Monte Carlo SS; silver, leather, heated seats, sunroof, 124K mi. \$4900. Call 515-229-5766.

1999 Dodge Caravan; 4 dr, AC, AM/FM stereo, power windows & locks, runs & drives well, 135K mi. \$2,000 obo. Call 317-797-8864 or 317-856-7586.

Gazelle Power Plus; heavy duty machine. \$175. Contact Carol, 812-592-2110 or cjramey2110@yahoo.com

1968 Ford F-100; black, runs great, 4 sp, Granny trans, good tires & bed, excellent dash & seat, rubber-coated gas tank, 4 Ford wheel covers, spare tire. 117K mi. \$3,000. Call 812-521-8880.

1985 Jaguar XJ6; 4 dr, grey, driveable or use for parts. \$450. Contact Jackee, 317-895-8425.

Pride lift chair; plush recliner, oversized, 2 yrs old, excellent condition, just serviced. \$550. Leave msg for Jim, 317-789-0355.

Maroon '99 Chevy Blazer LS, on demand 4WD, a/c does not work, rain guards, front tow hooks, tinted windows. recent tires, new ball joints, universal trailer light connector. \$3,750. Contact Jonathon, nightshifter@nightshifter.us

1992 Nissan Sentra; white, 4 dr, running condition, needs some work. 130K mi. Best offer. Call 317-849-2732 after 5 pm.

Small ceramic decorative lamp; white shade, light blue base. \$3. Handheld clothes steamer in box \$2.50. Contact Christina, 317-403-3504.

Natural bamboo; assorted sizes. \$7.50 for set of 25. If no answer, leave msg & phone number, 317-910-4523.



August Family Arts Series lineups

Aug. 15 – Orkestra Projekt -- Listen as they incorporate the best of their rock-based string and percussion arrangements, along with some contemporary classics.

Aug. 29 – Jazz in the Park -- Enjoy an evening of jazz music.

Visit www.INwhiteriver.com or call 317-233-2434 for more information.

Berlin Airlift effort to be focus of exhibit

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, a travelling exhibit of the historic event will be making its way around Indiana between now and Sept. 12. The exhibit will contain approximately 70 photos of the operation. The schedule for the "Friends Always" exhibit is as follows:

Aug. 5 to 16 – Indiana War Memorial, Indianapolis; opening reception at noon, Aug. 5. The reception is free, but you must RSVP to international@indygov.org or phone 317.327.3794.

Aug. 12 to Sept. 5 – Columbus Learning Center, Columbus; opening reception at noon, Aug. 21.

Sept. 12 – Open house/fly-in, Commemorative Air Force, Indiana Wing; Indianapolis Executive Airport, Zionsville. A symposium dinner will be held Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. For tickets to the dinner, contact Carl Winker, carl@MontgomeryAviation.net or 317.769.4487.

In 1948, the Soviets blocked the western portion of Berlin. In response, the U.S. and her Allies dropped in provisions for more than two million West Berlin residents. This effort was described as an "an unending conveyor belt of planes landing at Tempelhof Airport." In addition, Klaus Scharioth, German ambassador to the U.S. said, "The Airlift is considered one of the greatest humanitarian actions of all times. It is almost unbelievable that the United States and her Allies were able to sustain the city of Berlin for 322 days."

During the Airlift, the aircraft supplied the city with 700 tons a day in June 1948 to 12,940 tons daily by April 1949. On May 12, 1949, the Soviets finally gave in and reopened land and water routes into Berlin. Airlift missions ended in late September 1949.

For more information on the "Friends Always" campaign in general: www.Germany.info/Airlift for information about the traveling exhibit, check out www.AllGermanSolutions.com

Around the state



Found @IN.gov

Mobile.IN.gov is on the way

Nearly 80 state agency Web sites that are designed with the IN.gov common 'look and feel' will soon be more accessible on Web-enabled mobile phones. The Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) is equipping all agencies with a mobile site that can better deliver content to the growing group of mobile Web users. From your phone, you'll be able to check license branch locations and wait times, view lottery numbers, find an agency, find a person, as well as view silver and amber alerts. You can also visit individual agency sites and view important news updates and press releases, which will also be available through RSS feeds.

Robert Paglia, IOT's IN.gov Program Manager, explains "The majority of mobile sites only accommodate a handful of cellular phones. The IN.gov solution is accessible via hundreds of different phones. In fact our intelligent solution can decipher the type of phone you are using to access the site. The solution identifies the capabilities of your phone and will render specific graphics based on those capabilities, thus providing a customized experience."

Keep your dinners fresh

If you haven't found your local farmers' market or U-pick farm, then check out the Indiana State Department of Agriculture site. There you can download the 2009

Indiana Farmers' Market, U-Pick and Agritourism Directory and have fresh fruits, vegetables and other goodies all season.

 Download the directory at www.in.gov/isda/2342.htm

Employees honored

INDOT employee saves a life

Sonny Anuka, a project engineer with INDOT, was presented with the Fishers Hero Award in June. Anuka was given the award for saving the life of a coworker in May while working on the I-69 expansion project.

Allen Crist, a contract employee on the same job, suffered a heart attack while working alongside Anuka. Luckily, Anuka had been trained in CPR and performed it on Crist for about 15 minutes before paramedics arrived.

Additionally, Anuka was honored with a plaque of recognition from James H. Drew Corp. and a \$1,000 bonus through a state-funded program. Crist was able to attend the Fishers Town Council meeting in which Anuka was honored.

Speaking of honorees... The Department of Workforce

Development and its WorkOne Centers are committed to providing veterans with top notch employment services. Each office has trained staff on site to

help veterans and military members make the transition to the civilian workforce. Over the past month, four WorkOne employees and two WorkOne centers have been recognized for their outstanding veterans' services.

Veterans of Foreign Wars named **Jessica Pickett**, Terre Haute WorkOne, the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Representative of the year. **Mike Morrow**, Anderson WorkOne, the Local Veterans Employment

Representative of the Year. The VFW awarded the **Indianapolis Eastside Office** the large office Outstanding WorkOne award and the **Lawrenceburg office** the small office Outstanding WorkOne award. These awards were presented at the VFW's annual convention ceremony.

Disabled American Veterans awarded **Stephen Ward**, Indianapolis Eastside office, the DVOP of the year and **Jared Lanich**, Richmond WorkOne, the Local Veterans Employment Representative of the year.

These awards recognize the accomplishments of community members dedicated to serving the men and women who serve our country.

Richard Day, Cultural Administrator of Vincennes State Historic Sites, will receive a 2009 American Association of State and Local History Leadership in History Award. Day is being recognized for his lifetime of researching, preserving and promoting the history of Vincennes. Day will be awarded the honor during a special banquet at the annual AASLH meeting in Indianapolis on Aug. 29. The Knox County Public Library in Vincennes nominated Day for this prestigious award.

Pamela Witt, an employee at Camp Summit Boot Camp received The Woman Of The Year Award after being accepted into the 2008-09 edition of Madison's Who's Who of Professionals. The award is given to a lifetime member that has demonstrated exemplary achievement and distinguished contributions to the business community.

Calendar

Aug. 25: Governor's Long-Term Employee Reception, Statehouse Rotunda, 3 p.m.

Aug. 31: SECC Charity Fair and Kickoff, Indiana Govt. Center South, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 7: Labor Day- state holiday

Oct. 12: Columbus Day- state holiday



Governor Daniels toured the newly renovated Jefferson County Courthouse in Madison. John Staicer, executive director of Historic Madison, Inc., gave the governor a tour of the building which was destroyed during a recent fire.