

# Indiana Bicentennial Commission News

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## Bicentennial BIZ Team 2016's May:

- 2 Team 2016 gives a bicentennial update to the 2014 Annual County Historian Roundtable.
- 8 VSAI and Team 2016 collaborative meeting. VSAI's mission is to transform the lives of people with disabilities through the creation of art. First Lady Karen Pence was honorary chair for the 2014 Arts for All Fest sponsored by VSAI.
- 15 Greene Co. leaders and Indiana Bicentennial Commission meeting.
- 16 Team 2016 and Indiana Historical Bureau discuss Bicentennial Sign Project.
- 19 Team 2016 presents to Decatur County Rotary in Greensburg.
- 20 Team 2016 visits Hendricks County.
- 21 Team 2016 participates in Bicentennial Brown Bag Luncheon, Brazil, Clay County.
- 27 WBAT radio interviews our new executive director, Perry Hammock.
- 28 Exploratory meeting with Debra Minott, Secretary, Family & Social Services regarding potential bicentennial health initiative.

### SUMMERTIME: Take a one-tank trip

Great Indiana destinations  
for you

Just visit [www.indiana2016.org](http://www.indiana2016.org) >  
Resources > Explore Indiana. Click  
on a county of the interactive map &  
start to make great Hoosier summer  
memories.

Welcome to summer!

As school winds down and the thermometer winds up, the possibilities of summer beckon. Whether it is a day trip to an historic site, a weekend at one of our state park lodges, or a week spent wandering, be sure to fill your summer with made-in-Indiana memories.

While you are out, remember to take great pictures, and share them with us. We can all travel vicariously through your photos and Indiana Insights. My wife the history teacher already has 14 places on her bucket list for us this summer, and I am committed to seeing them all. Hopefully I will see you on the road, trail, river or shore!

Be sure, too, to think about the upcoming bicentennial. Plan a project for endorsement, help with a local team to put together a project for the Bicentennial Nature Trust, let us know you want to volunteer. So many things are happening – be part of the excitement!

Happy summer!



Mark Rogers, Owen  
Bicentennial County  
Coordinator

"As a Hoosier born and bred, who has had the privilege to travel the world and come back home to Indiana, I consider our family farm on a hill in Owen County to be the most beautiful spot in the world. The glory of our surrounding hills and forest comfort me and my loved ones with the subtle beauty that fills our county and our state. I need go no further than my backyard for inspiration."



“While Lake Michigan itself provides countless water recreation opportunities, Indiana Dunes State Park is a beautiful and valuable habitat that includes more than three miles of beautiful beach landscape. A rich variety of natural and recreation resources are available within its nearly 2,200 acres of unique habitat.”

State Representative Charlie Brown,  
Gary  
Lake County

## What’s to Love About Indiana? Bicentennial champion favorites



“In the 1950s, this was where Rachel Peden wrote her stories that so bring to life country ways of long ago. This beautiful place, and Peden’s writings (collected in *Rural Free* and other

publications), remind us of change and continuity over Indiana’s two centuries. One of the contenders for my favorite place is Maple Grove Road, near Ellettsville, Monroe Co. Stone walls line the narrow road. Rolling hills offer views of the landscape.”

Jim Madison, Bloomington  
Monroe County

“Living in Indiana means you’re surrounded by warm, friendly people who work hard and are genuinely kind to others. Hoosier communities are safe and have a small-town feel, but certainly aren’t lacking in culture. Our state is also blessed with four distinct seasons, each beautiful and enjoyable in their own way.”

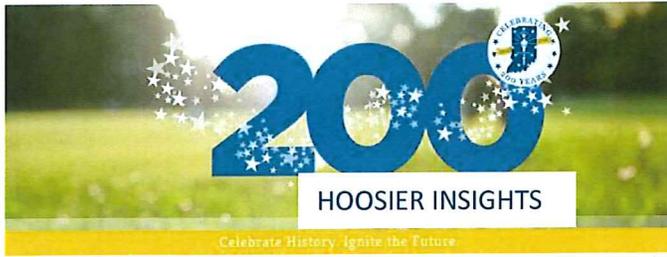
Senator Jim Merritt, Indianapolis  
Marion County



“A quote I have hanging on my wall: ‘Hoosier: a person born or living in Indiana, polite, industrious, hospitable, down home folk, who enjoys popcorn, Indiana summers, race cars, and basketball.’

I enjoy living and working with my fellow Hoosiers and the 30 mile views of the rolling hills from the Pete Dye Golf Course at French Lick.”

Steve Ferguson, Bloomington  
Monroe County



**Time Travel: Hoosier Style**

“Hiking into Gypsy Gulch on Trail 2 at Turkey Run State Park feels like stepping back thousands of years in time. Mosses, ferns and liverworts thickly blanket sandstone cliffs as water trickles down the rock face.

In spring, the trail meanders above a dense stand of drooping trillium and jack-in-the-pulpit, and then disappears behind a high, thin waterfall. The sounds, smells and isolation of this special place create a uniquely beautiful hiking experience.”



Barbara Tibbets,  
Crawfordsville,  
Montgomery Co.



Dana Monson,  
Bicentennial Co.  
Coordinator,  
Edinburgh,  
Johnson Co.

Two Johnson County  
“Must-See” Visits

“The Artcraft Theater in Franklin --being renovated but currently shows movies monthly and has special events all year round. This beautiful theater was built in 1922 and is a great art deco renovated theater.

Apple works in Trafalgar. This is a great family destination year round for apples, strawberries, pumpkins, petting zoo, and family reunions.”



**Road Trip Anyone?**

Indiana gems you won't want to miss



This “road” near Lincoln’s boyhood home may have been one that he walked to go to town.

**Along Indiana Crossroads**

“I can think of many places I have visited all around the Hoosier State. Two especially memorable ones are the Lincoln sites in Spencer County, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial and Lincoln State Park, and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in Henry County. In a way, they both commemorate Hoosier heroes.”

Nancy N. Conner, Indianapolis, Marion Co.



Fall Creek Gorge  
Nature Preserve

**Explore the Road Less Traveled**

“Warren County is one of the most rural counties in the state, third-smallest population and lowest population density. Mostly agrarian, our farmland is among the most productive in Indiana.

Warren County is one of Indiana’s hidden treasures: with many hills, valleys, and tributary streams which are heavily wooded...several natural land formations, such as the Potholes at Fall Creek Gorge Nature Preserve, Williamsport Falls, and Black Rock and College Rock. Here Native American history comes alive.”

Chris Brown, Warren Co. Bicentennial volunteer,  
Williamsport