

FISHERS POLICE DEVELOP CRIME REPORTING APP



The assistant chief of police in Fishers has developed an app to make reporting crime and suspicious activity easier for residents. Ed Gebhart says the Fishers CrimeWatch app has seen success since launching in May, with nearly 3,600 users, 400 incidents reported and one arrest made as a result. Gebhart developed the app with Auri Rahimzadeh, owner of Auri's Ideas, which is based out of Launch Fishers.

Gebhart says he came up with the idea as a way to link police officers with a younger generation that tends to use their smartphones to communicate in ways other than making traditional phone calls. Rahimzadeh says Gebhart pitched the idea more than two years ago at a "code and coffee" event, which led to the partnership.

Users can choose from a variety of incidents on the app and the report will go directly to all Fishers Police officers on duty. The officers can then mark that they are responding to the report, which the users can see on the app. Gebhart says, however, the app is not a replacement for major emergencies.

"It doesn't replace emergency 911. We still want people to call dispatch for emergency 911-related stuff," said Gebhart. "This is for that in-between stuff that you look at and you think you may need a police officer."

Rahimzadeh says they are slowly rolling out new features and hope to include a community event calendar on the App in the near future. Gebhart says he would like to take the app to the next level and make it county-wide, bringing more law enforcement agencies into the fold.

DR. LIN ZHENG SEEKS ELECTION TO CARMEL SCHOOL BOARD

by K.P. Singh

It was a pleasure meeting Dr. Lin Zheng and learning about her vision, ideas, and commitment to be a farsighted and dedicated addition to the Carmel School Board. We wish Dr. Zheng every success in her election to that all-important community institution in our cities. Dr. Zheng will bring a multi-cultural perspective and many talents to the School Board. In seeking this opportunity to serve she brings honor to the Asian American community, State of Indiana, and greatly contributes to the national discussion: How to improve the educational advancement of Indiana children starting with our schools.

We thank Dr. Albert Chen, Founder of Asian American Alliance, President and Founder of Telamon Corporation and a distinguished community leader, for creating this wonderful opportunity to introduce Dr. Lin Zheng to friends of the Asian American community and other Carmel leaders. We had the opportunity to participate in a spirited discussion

about Asian American involvement in community affairs and institutions at many levels in Indiana over a delicious dinner at Mandarin House Restaurant in Carmel and in the company of many friends.

The introduction and remarks offered by Dr. Lin Zheng speak well about her vision, commitment to excellence, educational and cultural preparation and competency, and ability and excitement to work with parents, teachers, and students. Dr. Zheng has a personal stake in education as the most important foundation, essential for future generations and community greatness. We were greatly impressed by her understanding of the issues and felt that she will bring a sound perspective and experience to education if elected as a member of the Carmel School Board. We hope that many Asian Americans and our friends in the larger Hoosier community will support Dr. Lin Zheng in her quest to serve on the Carmel School Board.



K.P. Singh and Dr. Lin Zheng

INDIANAPOLIS CHINESE ORCHESTRA FALL GATHERING

Friends and family members of the Indianapolis Chinese Orchestra (ICO) gathered together on a crisp Fall day last Sunday at their troupe leader Mr. Kwan Hui's beautiful garden famed for his peonies in the Spring. The group enjoyed a delicious pitch-in meal and music by its own members. ICO is made-up of amateur musicians who enjoy the comradery of fellow musicians and enjoy playing and practicing

instruments such as Erhu, Yang-Qing, Pipa, Gu-zheng, percussions etc. under the tutelage of Teacher Ka. Throughout the year, ICO has played for different organizations around Indianapolis such as the Museum of Art, Children's Museum, community organizations to help celebrate festivals and to introduce and share Chinese music and instruments for cultural education and enjoyment.



Friends and family at the Fall Gathering



HALLOWEEN

"Shadows of a thousand years rise again unseen,
Voices whisper in the trees, Tonight is Halloween!"
~Dexter Kozen



Every year, millions of children in the United States celebrate Halloween, which falls on October 31. They wear spectacular costumes and masks, parade through neighborhoods, and go from door to door, knocking and chanting "trick or treat." And they are generously given all sorts of candies.

There was a massive Irish immigration to the United States in 1840s, bringing with them their Celtic Halloween traditions, customs as well as myths and legends. The origin of Halloween can be traced back to more than 2000 years; it was celebrated by the Celtic people. The holiday was called Samhain, the festival for the Lord of the Dead, occurred around October 31. They believed that the disembodied spirits and ghosts roamed the world that night searching for living bodies to possess, inflicting suffering and violence upon people. The Celtic priests, Druids, performed religious rituals by offering sacrifices to please gods and frighten the evil spirits away.

The Celts placed food on their doorstep to appease the spirits. They also wore decorative animal skins and headsto masquerade themselves as the spirits to frighten the wicked spirits away; this custom is thought to be the origin of wearing Halloween costumes and masks.

After the Roman Catholics conquered the Celts, the Popemerged the traditions of Christianity and paganism. He designated November 1as All Saint's Day (All Hallows Day), and November 2 as All Souls' Day. In order to appease the pagans, November 1was proclaimed as a joint holiday for the dead, and the evening before (October 31) as All Hallow's Evening, or Hallow E'en and eventually became Halloween.

The tradition of 'trick or treat' originated with a ninth-century Medieval European custom, 'souling.' On All Souls' Day, November 2, Christians travelled from door to door, soliciting money and food, in return for prayers for their deceased relatives. It was believed that after people died, their souls were in a state of abeyance for a period of time, and prayers could expedite their souls to enter heaven. And if people did not offer food or treats for the wandering spirits, they would trick them by creating mischiefs.



Dr. Patrick Lau was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to the U.S. after high school. He retired from the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System where he served as Chief Radiologist and moved to Florida with his wife in 2011. He was an active member & contributor of IACA and ICMA while in Indiana. Dr. Lau is also a scholar of art and literature and a prolific writer, he has been a dedicated columnist for Indy Asian American Times since 2010.

The most popular Halloween decoration is the jack-o'-lantern, which is a hollowed-out pumpkin carved as a grotesque face illuminated by a burning candle inside. People put jack-o'-lanterns, witches, ghost figures made of white sheets of cloth, and orange lights by the windows or doors.

Trick-or-treating is indubitably the most favored form of Halloween entertainment for children; while teenagers and adults enjoy attending Halloween costume parties. Other customs include visiting haunted houses, going on hay rides and lighting a bonfire.

It is traditional during Halloween to utilize the colors, orange and black, in decorations, candies, and costumes. Orange is the color that symbolizes the fall harvest; it also signifies strength and endurance. Black represents the approaching darkness of a long severe winter. Halloween was once a festival of the dead; and death is, correlated with darkness and absence of light denoted by the color black. Black also implies black magic and demonic influence.

There are close similarities between Halloween and the Chinese Ghost Festival (Zhongyuan Festival). In both, people believe that ghosts are spirits of the dead who would return to earth. Some ghosts are hostile, so people try to drive them away or appease them with activities and offerings. The two festivals have religious backgrounds. The origin of Ghost Festival can be traced to Buddhism. And Halloween was originated from the Celtic festival 'Samhain', later Christianized. Nevertheless, Ghost Festival denotes more significance in the Chinese culture, it is also a day for commemorating ancestors and departed family members, welcoming their spirits back to the world and displaying the descendants' filial piety, which, according to Confucian philosophy, is a virtue of respect for one's parents and ancestors.

HOOSIER MBA PROGRAMS AMONG WORLD'S BEST

The MBA programs at three Hoosier universities are ranked among the best in the world by The Economist. The publication says the rankings were based on factors including surveys of current MBA students and recent graduates.

Indiana University's Kelley School of Business ranked the highest among Hoosier schools at number 30. The University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business came in at number 37, followed by the Purdue University Krannert Graduate School of Management at 85.

The Economist says 80 percent of the ranking came from surveys completed by the schools, which included the salary of graduates, the average GMAT scores of students and the number of registered alumni. The remaining 20 percent came from current and the most recent graduating class of students, which included

categories such as quality of the faculty, facilities and career services department.

The University of Chicago was ranked at the top of the list, followed by Northwestern University, the University of Virginia, the Harvard Business School and Stanford University.



2016 IACA Telamon Scholarship Accepting Application

The purposes of the scholarship are:

- To initiate and provide an opportunity to nurture young Chinese-Americans to become leaders in promoting Chinese heritage as well as valuable US citizens
- To engage Indiana students who are interested in China and in Chinese American culture

Awards:

- High school applicants will have the opportunity to win a scholarship of up to \$500
- Middle school applicants will have an opportunity to win a scholarship up to \$200

Deadline:

- All application material must be Email date stamped or postmarked by Nov 19, 2016.

Award information:

- Winners will be announced by December 1, 2016. The committee is planning to award the scholarships and prizes at a special awards ceremony on December 10, 2016. Details will follow.

Application form can download from www.indyaat.org.

For more information about the scholarship or application form, please contact Marilyn Jacobs, jakesjag@aol.com, 317-777-0290

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