

# Chamber News

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## CHAMBER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL WACCY GOLF OUTING

Wabash County Chamber of Commerce WACCY Golf Chair Brian Campbell has announced that the Chamber's Annual Golf outing will be held on Wednesday, June 2, at the Honeywell Golf Course, Wabash. The event is a Best Ball Scramble with a 7:30 a.m. flight and a 1 p.m. flight, with shotgun start. There is a limit of 25 teams per flight, so early reservations are recommended. The \$80 fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, driving range, lunch, door prize and multiple games and prizes.



Also, **Wabash County REMC** is sponsoring the Hole In One contest which will include cash prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000, and (2) opportunities for \$1,000. Hole In One contests will be held on Holes # 7, #3, #15 and #16. Other sponsors to date include **Charley Creek Inn** – Drink Carts; **Comcast Business Services** – Driving Range; 1<sup>st</sup> Drink Station – **Brian Mallow State Farm Insurance** and **YPN**; 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch – **Living Essentials**, producer of 5-Hour Energy Drink; and Hole Sponsors **Halderman Farm Management**, **Ford Meter Box** and **Comcast Business Services**.

"This is a great opportunity for our members and their clients, vendors and friends to come out and enjoy a really good day of networking and building those relationships. We hope not only our members, but the public, will take advantage of this chance for fun and fellowship," said Mr. Campbell.

**Honeywell Public Golf Course** Pro Mel Thomas echoed Mr. Campbell's thoughts, "If you want to have a lot of fun, then this a great outing that raises a lot of support for the programs of the Chamber. We appreciate their promotion of the local businesses and encourage everyone to come out and have a great time while supporting this cause."



WACCY Golf Committee members include Chair Brian Campbell, **Randall Miller and Associates**; Rob Pearson, **Wabash County REMC**; Skip Daughtry, **Beauchamp & McSpadden**; Lance Agness, **Ford Meter Box Co., Inc.**; Jennifer McConahay, **First Farmers Bank & Trust**, and Chamber Staff.

To register for the Golf Outing or to find out more about marketing opportunities for this event, telephone the chamber at 260.563.1168 or visit the website at [www.wabashchamber.org](http://www.wabashchamber.org).

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## HAVE A NEWSWORTHY ARTICLE OR EVENT YOU'D LIKE US TO PUBLISH?

Are you holding a special promotion, event or want to congratulate and recognize an employee? We are happy to share your news with the business community. The Chamber newsletter deadline for article submission is the 3rd Monday of the month prior to publication. Email your news and pictures to: [info@wabashchamber.org](mailto:info@wabashchamber.org) or fax news to 260.563.6920.

**Manchester College** is offering the ultimate Scrapbooking Retreat the weekend of July 4-6. Gather your photos and memories and bring them to the retreat. Each participant will have personal 6-foot tables for spreading out their scrapbooking materials, tools and projects. Creative Memories consultant Sue Hooley will teach classes, offer tips, introduce new tools and ideas, and have supplies available for purchase. For more information or to register, contact Alexis Young, Director of Conference Services, 260.982.5246 or [adyoung@manchester.edu](mailto:adyoung@manchester.edu).

**Manchester College** also has announced U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.) will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary degree at their 121<sup>st</sup> commencement on Sunday, May 23. Commencement exercises begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC). Following Sen. Lugar's address, the College will confer degrees upon 193 students.

**The Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly** and its parent company, KPC Media Group, Inc., will host the 23<sup>rd</sup>-Annual Greater Fort Wayne Business Expo May 25 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center. The event, which will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be held in conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Procurement Conference organized by Partners in Contract Corp. Nearly 40 government agencies and contractors will be on hand to network with businesses interested in selling goods and services to state and federal government agencies. For more information or to make reservations or reserve booth space, call 260.426.2640 or visit <http://fwbusinessexpo.com>.

The Leading Producers Round Table of the National Association of Health Underwriters has announced that **Brian Steiner of PHP** has qualified to receive the association's prestigious Golden Eagle Award. The Golden Eagle Award is the highest recognition bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated professional excellence in the sale of health and disability income insurance.

**Kroger** announces the Celebration of the Grand Re-Opening of the Wabash store on May 6. They invite the public to visit their newly remodeled facility.

**Wabash Friends Counseling Center** offers the next session in their Leadership Luncheon series on June 3. Bryan Gray, CEO, Media Sauce, will present "How to Integrate Online Social Media into Business As Usual." To register for this informative session, contact Scott Makin, 260.563.8452 or email: [scott@wabashfriends.org](mailto:scott@wabashfriends.org).

**Pathfinder Community Connections** has announced that it received \$142,500 in flexible grants from NeighborWorks® America, which will support Pathfinder Services affordable housing and community development activities through home ownership education, foreclosure prevention and neighborhood engagement, at a time when communities need investment most. For more information about Pathfinder Community Connections, please contact Jan Baumgartner, 260.356.0521 or at [jbaumgar@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:jbaumgar@pathfinderservices.org).

**Wabash County Historical Museum** invites you to attend the next History Hunters luncheon, May 27, 12-1 p.m. The topic is "The Atomic Bomb Seen from Above." To make reservations call 260.563.9070.

### Honeywell Center events:

<b>Battle of the Bands</b>	May 7	Doors open 6:30 p.m./Battle 7:00 p.m.
<b>Golden Dragon Acrobats From China</b> Sponsored by K & M Floor Covering	May 16	3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
105.9 The Bash and MI Tunes 101.9 welcome <b>The Beach Boys</b>	May 27	7:30 p.m.
WWKI welcomes <b>Vince Gill</b>	June 6	7:30 p.m.

## RIBBON CUTTINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

The **Wabash County YMCA** is celebrating their **One Year Anniversary** on May 3 at 4:00 p.m. The Wabash High School quartet will perform and presentations will be given by the Steve VanVoorhis, YMCA Board President, Julie Echard, YMCA Executive Director, Mayor Robert Vanlandingham, and Bill Konya, EDG Wabash County. There will be refreshments, a balloon release and testimonials. As a special birthday gift to the community, the Wabash County YMCA will be waiving the joiner fee until May 7 for all new memberships.

**Cinergy MetroNet** invites the community to help them celebrate their **Grand Opening on May 5** from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at 12:00 p.m. to kick-off the event. Cinergy MetroNet, Inc. provides enhanced communications via its all fiber-optic network services to homes and businesses. Their services include local and long distance telephone, high-speed Internet access and the latest in digital cable television technology. Plan to stop by the 146 West Market Street office in downtown Wabash and learn what Cinergy MetroNet can offer the businesses and homeowners in Wabash.

The official **Grand Opening of the Charley Creek Inn**, 111 West Market Street, Wabash, will be May 5. Come enjoy live music, classic cars, costumes, dinner and dancing. Kids' activities include free ice cream in the parlor for 10 years and under and face painting. Kids' activities start at 3:30 p.m. and the other activities at 4:00. A Ribbon Cutting will be held at 4:40 p.m. at the Market Street entrance. Tickets for the Cloud Club Reception and dinner in the ballroom may be purchased by calling 260.563.0111.



On April 10 a Ribbon Cutting was held at **K & M Floor Covering**. Anyone who was not able to attend should make plans to visit their new location at 1166 North Cass Street and see the wide variety of floor coverings they have to offer.



## LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE	Seasonally Adjusted RATE
<b>U.S.</b>					
March 2010	153,660,000	137,983,000	15,678,000	10.2	9.7
February 2010 (Revised)	153,194,000	137,203,000	15,991,000	10.4	9.7
March 2009 (Benchmark)	153,728,000	139,833,000	13,895,000	9.0	8.6
<b>INDIANA</b>					
March 2010	3,104,765	2,773,684	331,081	10.7	9.9
February 2010 (Revised)	3,094,848	2,764,806	330,042	10.7	9.8
March 2009 (Benchmark)	3,217,503	2,871,195	346,308	10.8	10.1
<b>WABASH</b>					
March 2010	16,722	14,789	1,933	11.6	
February 2010 (Revised)	16,720	14,804	1,916	11.5	
March 2009 (Benchmark)	16,521	14,188	2,333	14.1	

# CHAMBERS AND EMERY TRAVEL TO HOST ITALY TRIP COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT SET FOR MAY 6

The Wabash County Chamber of Commerce and Collette Vacations of Emery Travel will host a local travel show and presentation on Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m., in the Chamber Community Room. The public, along with local businesses, are invited for dessert and beverages, as we uncover the Taste of Northern Italy.

Come and learn more about this exclusive trip to Italy, where you will travel to romantic Venice, have dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, sample wine along the Ligurian Coast, and shop till you drop in the modern city of Milan on the 11 day trip. Other stops include Sirmioni in Lake Garda, Cremona, and Murano Island, to name a few. Business representatives who join us will be invited to a special trip to Fiat, as we share our appreciation for their Indiana operations. The Wabash County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Chambers in 5 counties to promote this as a regional community development opportunity.

Travel with friends, family, and business leaders throughout the surrounding region in this fun-filled, exclusive Northern Italy tour scheduled for November 1 – 11, 2010.



To register for this information session, please contact the Chamber office at 260.563.1168 or email [info@wabashchamber.org](mailto:info@wabashchamber.org) by Tuesday, May 4. The information session will be held in the Chamber Community Room, 210 S. Wabash St. (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Hall), Wabash, IN.

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN APRIL

AMPRO  
Baker Insurance  
Farm Credit Services  
G & L Plumbing, LLC  
Harvey Industries  
Manpower, Inc.  
Marvin Wright, DDS  
Special Olympics Wabash County  
Thorne Insurance  
Visionary Computers  
**\*Visionary Web**  
Wabash County United Fund, Inc.  
Wabash True Value/Just Ask Rental

\*denotes Gold Member



## UPDATED LABOR LAW POSTERS

We have a supply of Labor Law posters in our office which include the November 2009 revisions. Each set includes the new specific laws for Agriculture employers. If you are in need of this updated information please contact the Chamber office 260.563.1168 to reserve a set for your business. The cost is \$37 per set.



## MAY BLUE RIBBON BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



**BING M. FOWLER, DDS**



*Dr. Bing & Wanda Fowler (front right) show off the Blue Ribbon Business of the Month sign at their southside business while staff members Jennifer Wells, Michelle Carrillo and Jeanne Moorman look on.*

“We are pleased to recognize Bing M. Fowler Family Dentistry as the May Blue Ribbon Business of the Month,” stated Stephanie Ogan, Co-Chair of the Blue Ribbon Business Program. The Blue Ribbon Business of the Month is a program of the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce. It was designed to highlight one Wabash County Business each month. The large sidewalk sign is a way to acknowledge that business’ contributions to the community, while attracting attention to the business.

“I was completely surprised and honored,” stated Dr. Fowler when asked about receiving the recognition. “I think this is great way to draw attention to our businesses. It makes people more aware of the Chamber and how it actively supports and encourages our businesses in Wabash County.”

Bing and his wife, Wanda, opened the practice in 1975. They joined the Chamber on March 3, 2000, and currently have four employees. When asked what sets them apart from other dental practices, Bing stated, “We pride ourselves on compassionate, caring and gentle family dentistry. From a routine checkup to cosmetic or restorative care, we are devoted to providing compassionate dentistry for you, your friends and your family.” Other professional services include orthodontics, Invisalign clear aligners for the straightening of teeth, Lumineer veneers and TMJ headache therapy.

Dr. Fowler’s office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. – Noon, and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. There are currently four employees who would be happy to serve your dental needs. The practice is located at 1911 S. Wabash St., Wabash, IN. To find out more about this business, telephone 260.563.8333.

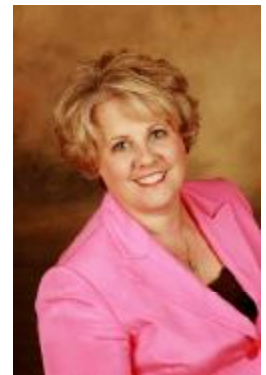
## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Election years are a great opportunity for citizens to let their pleasure or displeasure with our government representatives be known. We may choose not to vote for candidates we felt have not lived up to their duties and responsibilities toward their represented citizens, and we may choose to vote for ones we think will listen to our voices and represent us well.

To me our very right to do this has reflected the ability of a system to govern without bloodshed. However, it is a painful process, as some candidates resort to smear campaigns and distort truth into lies or manipulate data using only half-truths or less.

I felt it was important for our businesses to know that Rep. Ruppel has been a great supporter of our local enterprises, and has always answered my phone calls and emails immediately. He happily works with us on ensuring our businesses get nominated for state awards. We have discussed important issues and whether we agreed or not, those conversations were always respectful. When our businesses had serious issues, it was Rep. Ruppel who paved the way for me to speak at committee hearings in the state’s capital. He made phone calls for me and arranged meetings with other representatives and senators, so I would be armed with solid information. He has kept us close to the Lt. Governor and our rural economic

issues, which has enabled us to apply for and secure needed grant funds for economic improvement projects. He has not been a distant representative, or used his position for self gain. He is in our offices here at the Chamber on a regular basis, and we work very closely with the Economic Development Group on matters important to our Chamber members.



*Kimberly Pinkerton*

The Chamber has several political candidates who are members of our organization, and this is article is not a position statement by your Chamber, merely my attempt to give you the facts of what kind of Representative Bill Ruppel has been for your organization. You enjoy the right to vote for who you think will serve this county and region best, and I urge you to do so. As your President, I am just extremely saddened and disappointed in the State Chamber’s lowering of its standards in this campaign process, and I wanted our members to know that we will not participate in the smear effort. We all have the right to vote for the candidate we believe in, and I hope all of you will go to the polls and make your own choice based upon solid information you have taken the time to gather.



## Economic Development Group and Chamber Sponsor Pilot Study by Purdue



### Public Information Meeting to be Held on May 10

Purdue 's Education Leadership Initiative for Small and Rural Schools (PELISARS) will be coming to Wabash County. With declining revenues from the State to support public education and the elimination of property taxes as a source of operating revenue for our schools, it is of increasing importance for school systems within the county to make informed and realistic decisions regarding collaboration and cooperation to enhance student outcomes and to maximize resources among the districts.

PELISARS has offered to initiate a Wabash County Case Study that should help all three school corporations identify and implement collaborations within the classrooms and in application of resources. We are fortunate as Wabash City Schools sought out this opportunity for the entire county. To ensure an unbiased study of our county, EDG and the Chamber have partnered to bring this study to Wabash County. As a pilot program there is no cost to our schools or the sponsoring entities.

The Chamber and Economic Development Group both feel that a look at collaborative cost savings, and shared educational resources will only enhance the ability to offer the best in educational opportunities for our students, and create a workforce that will keep Wabash County strong for the future.

Purdue will begin the process with a public meeting on Monday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the Honeywell Center. The Chamber urges you to attend this informational meeting, and when asked to provide survey data, to do so in a timely manner, so the study may accurately assess how we may better serve our students' educational needs while operating in a cost-efficient manner.



### Grissom ARB's 434<sup>th</sup> to Dedicate "Spirit of Wabash"

On May 19, 2010, the 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing of the Grissom Air Reserve Base will be holding a Dedication Ceremony for the "Spirit of Wabash" at 8 a.m. At that time, Chamber members, Grissom officials, Veterans, Wabash Mayor Robert Vanlandingham and Grissom Community Council Vice President Hal Job will be on hand to unveil the KC 135R Spirit of Wabash for the official dedication.

Mr. Job has been the force behind the effort, as he realized that there were planes named in honor of other Indiana cities in the region, and wondered if we could honor Wabash and its service men and women with a Wabash plane. Brigadier General Dean Despinoy told Job a plane was available and the project was born. Hal met with Mayor Vanlandingham, and as they reviewed the City Seal, they decided the single most memorable and simple image that spoke about Wabash, and was unique to Wabash, was the symbol of the arc light.

"I think being the first electrically lighted city in the world is the symbol," said the Mayor.

The two men then worked with the 434<sup>th</sup> to create the graphic you see here and which will be affixed to the plane.

"That aircraft can fly to Afghanistan, Iraq, anywhere in the world, and people will see it and say 'What's the Spirit of Wabash? Where's Wabash?' said Hal Job. "And they'll talk to the crew from Grissom and they'll say, 'Well, it's not too far from where we live.'"

We at the Chamber feel this is a huge honor. We see our young men and women put their lives on the line everyday for our freedoms, and we have wonderful veterans who have put in their selfless service to the country. We are proud to be a part of this ceremony, and believe the "Spirit of Wabash" is a perfect reflection of the community's commitment to each other and their country. We truly appreciate the 434<sup>th</sup>, General Despinoy, Hal and the Mayor ensuring this dedication became a reality. A cake honoring the ceremony is being created by Patty Glass of Patty Cake and Cookies, LLC., Wabash.

We encourage our members to come out and celebrate the occasion with us. For security purposes, you must call our office and provide us with your name and Social Security number by May 13, to ensure your admittance to the base.

## MEMBERSHIP UPCOMING EVENTS



**YPN May Mixer** - May's mixer will be on Thursday, May 13, at 5:45 p.m. at **Hoffman's Nursery and Landscaping, Inc.** The mixer will be held in conjunction with Business After Hours. Refreshments and tours will be available. All young professionals (and those young at heart) are invited.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! WACCY GOLF IS COMING!!!!

June 2 is the date for this year's WACCY Golf Outing at the Honeywell Golf Course. We will once again offer the choice (first come-first served) of two flights — Tee off times 7:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. There is a wide range of sponsorship opportunities available. In an effort to promote broad participation, we have held all costs to the same level as last year. A brochure will be sent out soon with all the details and a registration form, but mark your calendars now for this fun-filled event.

### LUNCH BYTES SEMINAR — MAY 13 — LAST IN THE SERIES



The final session in this year's Lunch Bytes Seminar Series will be held on Thursday, May 13, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., in the Chamber Conference Room. Jerry Perkins, **Ivy Tech Community College**, will present "Creating Fillable Documents in Word." The session is sponsored by **Thermafiber**.

Do you long for documents that people can fill in online and quickly send back to you via email? Then this is the session for you. Take your company to the next level with fill-in documents that may be accessed from your website or easily sent by email. **Reservations are due by MAY 11.**

## BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS



The next **Business Before Hours** will be June 9, 7:00 a.m., at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., Wabash. Business Sponsors are

- **Pathfinder Services AmRamp Program**
- **Beacon Credit Union**
- **Comcast Business Services**
- **Wabash Engraving**
- **Charley Creek Arts Fest**

The emcee will be **Brian Mallow, State Farm Insurance.**

To make reservations call the Chamber office at 260.563.1168, email [info@wabashchamber.org](mailto:info@wabashchamber.org) or visit our web site at [www.wabashchamber.org](http://www.wabashchamber.org).

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Don't miss this great networking opportunity!!

May 13,  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



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Wabash

- ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ Tours
- ◆ Landscaping Ideas
- ◆ No Charge



## BOARD MEMBERS

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Town of North Manchester

## Upcoming Events



May 5	12:00 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting Cinergy MetroNet
May 6	4:30 p..m.	Ribbon Cutting Charley Creek Inn
May 6	7:00 p.m.	Taste of Northern Italy Information Meeting Chamber Conference Room
May 8	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Special Olympics Track & Field Wabash High School Track
May 10	7:30 p.m.	Public Meeting - Education Study Honeywell Center
May 13	12:00 p.m.	LunchBytes Seminar Chamber Conference Room
May 19	7:30 a.m.	Spirit of Wabash Grissom Reserve Base

# GOLD MEMBERS

We thank and salute those member businesses who carry GOLD LEVEL status:

**Beacon Credit Union  
Pettit Printing, Inc.  
Crossroads Bank  
Charley Creek Foundation  
Bulldog Battery  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Miller's Merry Manor  
First Merchants Bank  
Ford Meter Box Co., Inc.  
First Farmers Bank & Trust  
Physicians Health Plan of Northern Indiana, Inc.  
Dr. James Ford Historic Home  
Mutual Bank  
Duke Energy  
Visionary Web**



**Any Wabash County Chamber Member can elevate their membership status to Gold Level by investing an additional \$500 above their regular membership investment. In addition to having their company acknowledged at Chamber events and in publications, Gold Level Members receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks and receive a free large rotating banner ad on the Chamber website.**



*presents...*

# A Taste of Northern Italy

November 1 - 11, 2010

*Joins us for a slide show on  
May 6th at the Chamber of Commerce at 7:00 PM!  
Please RSVP to Kim and Beth  
[info@wabashchamber.org](mailto:info@wabashchamber.org) or by phone: (260) 563-1168*



**11 Days • 14 Meals: 9 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners**





## A Taste of Northern Italy

**Highlights...** Stresa • Lugano • Como • Bergamo • Vicenza • Venice • Sirmione • Lake Garda  
• Mantua • Cremona • Cinque Terre • Milan

Per Person Rates: **Double \$2,999; Single \$3,249; Triple \$2,969\***

**Included in Price:**

Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$140 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Indianapolis Intl Airport

**Not included in price:**

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$200 per person

**Day 1: Monday, November 01, 2010  
Overnight Flight**

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight. Magnificent lakes, mountain panoramas, cosmopolitan cities and historic villages are waiting for you in northern Italy.

**Day 2: Tuesday, November 02, 2010  
Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins**

Your tour begins in Stresa, on the shore of Lago Maggiore. **★Tonight you are transported by boat to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands - a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers.★** *Today dinner will be included.*

**Day 3: Wednesday, November 03, 2010  
Stresa - Lugano - Como - Stresa**

**★LANGUAGE DISCOVERY:★** Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. Driving through the stunning landscapes of the Lake District, you will cross the border to Switzerland to explore the lovely lakeside resort of Lugano. Take advantage of the excellent shopping opportunities or enjoy a stroll among the beautiful parks that make the town such a popular destination. Later, depart for the resort town of Como, on the banks of one of the most famous lakes of northern Italy, Lake Como. Take some time

to enjoy the charms of the town at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 4: Thursday, November 04, 2010  
Stresa - Bergamo - Vicenza**

Depart Stresa for the lofty medieval city of Bergamo. Step back in time as a local guide escorts you through the historic "upper town" surrounded by 16th century Venetian walls. See the 14th century citadel, the town square, and Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica with its exquisite collection of frescoes and tapestries. Following some free time, depart Bergamo for a local wine cellar and balsamic vinegar factory. Here you will enjoy a tour of the facilities and sample some of their most prized local products. Continue your journey to Vicenza, famous for its Palladian Venetian villas of the 16th century. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 5: Friday, November 05, 2010  
Vicenza - Venice - Vicenza**

Travel by train to the nearby enchanting city of Venice, where 117 tiny islands are connected by a beautiful latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. **★Upon arrival take a boat trip\* (weather permitting) to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration.★** A local expert will then take you on a walking tour featuring the charming St. Mark's Square, the hub of Venetian city life. View the Clock Tower with its famous Moors, St.

Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs. Before your return to Vicenza, take advantage of your free time to wander the streets of Venice in the afternoon. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 6: Saturday, November 06, 2010  
Vicenza - Sirmione, Lake Garda - Mantua - Cremona**

Begin today's journey with a special visit to Sirmione in Lake Garda, once described as "the gem of all the peninsulas." Stroll through its marvelous medieval center and admire the beautiful villas, historic churches, lush gardens and magnificent castle. Your next stop is the ancient city of Mantua, mentioned in William Shakespeare's tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*. Enjoy a guided walking tour through its historic cobblestone streets. Visit the famous Palazzo Ducale made up of numerous buildings, courtyards and gardens. This famous palace is gathered around the Palazzo del Capitano, the Magna Domus, and the Castle of St. George, all dating back to different periods in Mantua's history. Your day ends in the delightful town of Cremona. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 7: Sunday, November 07, 2010  
Cremona**

Spend the day enjoying the sights of Cremona, a town steeped in musical history. Begin with an escorted walking tour featuring the stunning Cathedral of Santa



Maria Assunta, Palazzo Communale, and a local violin maker to see up-close how these instruments are so expertly crafted. ★A special stop includes a visit to a violin collection where you will be treated to a mini recital on a genuine Stradivarius violin!★ Today breakfast will be included.

**Day 8: Monday, November 08, 2010**

**Cremona - Cinque Terre - Cremona**

Travel south from Cremona to the magnificent Ligurian Coast. ★At the town of La Spezia, board a train for a spectacular journey through the villages of Cinque Terre.★ This rugged coastal area is an Italian treasure with terraced vineyards and fishing villages overlooking the azure beauty of the Mediterranean. Enjoy a

relaxing afternoon exploring these magical villages at leisure before returning to Cremona. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 9: Tuesday, November 09, 2010**

**Cremona**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to pursue your own pleasures in Cremona. Perhaps you will choose an optional tour to Bologna: rich in history and culinary tradition, and surrounded by rolling hills, the center of this city is virtually untouched since the Renaissance. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 10: Wednesday, November 10, 2010**

**Cremona - Milan - Milan/Malpensa**

Say good-bye to the charming town of Cremona as you travel toward the exciting

and modern city of Milan. Join a local expert on a sightseeing tour that includes the magnificent Duomo (Cathedral), the Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery, and La Scala Opera House\*\*. Time is allowed to explore the city at your own pace before continuing to nearby Malpensa. ★This evening, join your fellow travelers one last time for a farewell dinner commemorating the end of a fabulous trip through northern Italy.★ *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 11: Thursday, November 11, 2010**

**Malpensa - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends this morning in Malpensa. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2, 3	Hotel La Palma, Stresa
Day	4, 5	Boscolo Hotel de La Ville, Vicenza
Day	6 - 9	Hotel Impero, Cremona
Day	10	Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa, Malpensa or Hilton Garden Inn Milan-Malpensa, Malpensa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Please Note:**

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

\*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy and Switzerland are closed on Sundays and on National/Religious holidays.

\*\*The La Scala Opera house may occasionally be closed to the public due to rehearsals.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Collette air passengers will arrive and depart from the Milan, Italy airport and all Collette transfers will depart from/return to that airport.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate Collette vacation. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

**For more information contact  
Kim Emery • Emery Travel • (574) 722-2805**

**Or**

**Kim and Beth • Wabash County Chamber of Commerce • (260) 563-1168 • [info@wabashchamber.org](mailto:info@wabashchamber.org)**

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**\*Airline Fuel Surcharges:** Our air inclusive vacations are priced including airline fuel surcharges. These fuel surcharges are assessed by the airlines and are subject to increase without notice. Government taxes and fees are additional.

**Taxes and Fees:** Government and Other Authority Taxes and Fees are not included in base fare but are included in the tax amount listed: September 11th Security Fee up to \$10.00, Passenger Facility Charge (PFCs) of up to \$18 per passenger, Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.50 USD applies per passenger, per segment, US or International Departure and Arrival Fees. In order to better serve you, once you complete the booking process your invoice will display your vacation land package, base airfare, fuel surcharge and all taxes and fees as separate line items. Airfares are subject to change. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 20% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 25% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of

40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 50% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

**Consumer Protection Plans:** Collette Travel Service holds membership in the following highly reputable industry organizations: the United States Tour Operators Association and the American Society of Travel Agents. Each association operates a consumer protection plan to cover deposits made by travelers. Full details are available from the organizations or Collette Travel Service. Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients. **Our California Sellers of Travel registration number is 2006766-20. Our State of Washington Unified Business Number is 601220855. Our Nevada Sellers of Travel registration number is 2003-0279.**



Photos shown are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary.

First deposit of \$250 per person due upon reservation. \*Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis.

Reservations made after the seat reduction date of 6/2/2010 are based upon availability.

Final payment due by 9/2/2010.

**Make checks payable to:** Emery Travel  
**For Reservations Contact:** Emery Travel (574) 722-2805  
Attn: Kim Emery  
606 E Broadway  
Logansport, IN 46947-3155



Please select one of the following gifts per person:  Travel Bag  Toiletry Bag  Plant a Tree  Go-Green Bag

Your Name:

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

Rooming With: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print as it appears on Passport)

Nickname (as you may prefer to be addressed): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency**

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase cancellation waiver and insurance at \$200 per person:  Yes  No (Payment due with first deposit.)

Please note: If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations (see brochure for details)

Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please advise your departure airport for this tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Seat Request  Aisle  Window (Collette Vacations cannot guarantee your preference)

If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Room Accommodations:  Smoking  Non-Smoking (Collette Vacations cannot guarantee your preference)

\*Triple rooms are normally a standard double room with 2 beds. A cot or rollaway bed may be requested but not guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes.

Collette Vacations accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa as payments toward your group reservation.

If paying by credit card, please complete the attached authorization form.

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[www.ColletteVacations.com](http://www.ColletteVacations.com)

Payment of a per person waiver insurance fee guarantees **full refund** on all payments (including deposit), **except the waiver fee itself**, made to Collette Vacations for tour service in case of cancellation for any reason prior to the day of departure. Air inclusive waiver insurance may be purchased only if you purchase your airline tickets from Collette Vacations.

Once on tour, if a passenger has to return home early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family, (physician's statement required), payment of the waiver fee to Collette Vacations guarantees full refund for any unused land services after departure from the tour. Payment of the air inclusive waiver guarantees your return transportation, with no additional supplement, utilizing your original airline tickets. In the event you have purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the air waiver does not apply.

The waiver insurance fees are **fully refundable up** to 6/2/2010. Waiver insurance is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. *Waiver Insurance must be purchased at time of first deposit.*

Collette Vacations can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Vacations itself, and its own employees.

The waiver insurance fees do not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. The waiver covers cancellation of your trip and does not cover cancellation of the airline portion only.

The waiver insurance fees cover lost, damaged or delayed baggage as well as medical expenses, emergency medical attention and worldwide travelers' assistance. See your booking agent for details.



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If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to Emery Travel. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

**CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

BOOKING NUMBER: 387741  
DEPARTURE DATE: November 1, 2010

TOUR: A Taste of Northern Italy  
GROUP NAME: Emery Travel

Name of Passenger:  
Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it appears on your credit card statement)

Cardholder Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type:  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  Visa

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept Collette Vacations cancellation policy, terms and conditions.

Participating credit card companies are now requiring a billing address and phone number for **FRAUD PREVENTION**. All information **MUST** be provided. Thank you for your cooperation!

If using your credit card for payment, please return this Authorization Form by mail to:

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**Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

**Lake Como**

**Lake Como Cruise**

**\$40 USD**

Take a cruise on beautiful Lake Como, the fjord-like jewel of Northern Italy. Elegant villas, vineyards and gardens line the shores of this pristine paradise, where the rich and famous seek solace. You'll sail across the waters that fill the glacially-carved valley as your guide introduces you to Como's sights and lore. This is a locale where rugged peaks ring the deep blue water; lakeside villages perch at the water's edge; and olive, chestnut and walnut groves cover the gentle slopes. It's an experience sure to be the highlight of your vacation to Italy!

This option operates weather permitting. Duration of the cruise is approximately 45 minutes. Transportation not required as option is within walking distance of hotel. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

**Prepaid Options**

Simply check the space provided for the options you would like to purchase and we will include it in your tour documents.

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Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)  
(Please submit a separate form for each Passenger.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person
✓	<b>Lake Como Cruise</b>	<b>\$40.00 USD</b>

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