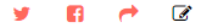


Catch butterflies in Indy, kiss winter goodbye in Rockford and more

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Butterfly Kaleidoscope returns to the Indianapolis Zoo Hilbert Conservatory in March after a yearlong hiatus. (Mandy Childress Shaw / Indianapolis Zoo)



Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

◆The Indianapolis Zoo will have some tiny critters on view March 16 to Sept. 3 during the Butterfly Kaleidoscope, which returns after a yearlong hiatus. More than 30 species of butterflies and moths will flit about the Hilbert Conservatory, with newly hatched beauties being released each day. <http://tinyurl.com/jz8jl2x>

◆Fans of amateur wrestling will want to head to Iowa City, Iowa, April 7-8 for the UWW Senior Men's Freestyle Wrestling World Cup at Carver Hawkeye Arena. The U.S. team will compete against teams from Cuba, Japan, Georgia, Russia, Iran, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. www.worldcupiowacity.com

◆Meltfest 2018 will be March 24 in Rockford, Ill., to celebrate the melting away of winter. The free, family-friendly festival will be downtown at the Prairie Street Brewhouse and surrounding areas. There will be a 5K run, bike ride, live music, ice skating, science and magic shows, and more. Later in the afternoon, there will be adult activities that include beer tastings and more music. www.meltfest.com

◆The Field & Stream/Outdoor Life Deer & Turkey Expo will be April 6-8 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis. A variety of hunting exhibitors will be on hand, and there will be seminars and a shooting range. <http://tinyurl.com/y6vjn5zh>

◆Admirers of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture may know he designed six hotels, five of which were built. They may not know that just one still exists: the Historic Park Inn in Mason City, Iowa. The hotel offers 27 guest rooms — no two alike — and includes the originally restored Historic Suite. Other features include the 1910 Grille and 1910 Lounge, which boasts a 100-year-old billiards table. <http://tinyurl.com/hhw6koj>

◆The 27th annual Traditional PowWow and Indian Market will be April 7-8 at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind. There will be Native American singing and dancing, native crafts, food and more. Camping will be available. <http://tinyurl.com/y9l3cvvc>

◆The Milwaukee Art Museum is showing the exhibit "Coming Away — Winslow Homer & England" through May 20. The exhibit focuses on the time when the famed artist left the U.S. at the peak of his popularity to live in a remote English village. <http://tinyurl.com/y7zh4gpx>

◆Order the 2018 Ohio Travel Guide or view it online at <http://tinyurl.com/yd8lkvrv>.

◆Classic Escapes offers an eight-night tour of Egypt that includes a four-night cruise on the Nile River. Priced from \$2,695 per person, double occupancy, the tour also includes internal air, lodging, most meals and guided tours. International air is extra. <http://tinyurl.com/y96zlskh>

◆The new Hotel 50 Bowery in New York's Chinatown has a Reawaken to Spring Savings deal that takes 25 percent off on weekends and 20 percent during the week. Bookings must be made by April 30 for stays until June 30. <http://tinyurl.com/yc7qkn7o>

◆Visitors to Orlando can find deals on lodging, attractions and more at <http://tinyurl.com/glfdgg>.

◆The Tennessee Williams Literary Festival will be March 21-25 in New Orleans.

www.tennesseewilliams.net

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