

Indiana's Story: Rich History, Intriguing Potential

Those involved in business in Indiana have so many things to be thankful for. Certainly there are challenges, but the people, the places and the economic climate in our state make it special.

We don't focus on the present – too much – in this issue of *BizVoice*®. I do encourage a look, though, at a preview (Page 14) of some key issues in the 2017 Indiana General Assembly. Moving forward on those, and others, will take today's excellence to an even higher level.



Instead, we go in-depth on both an illustrious past and a promising future filled with exciting potential.

- One year ago, *BizVoice*® and our state began a yearlong bicentennial celebration. But many stories were left untold. Stories of people, companies and industries that have more than stood the test of time.

We share some of those – from Rex Ottinger's 57 years of cutting hair in Roanoke (Page 38) to the business and community contributions of the Gramelspacher family in Jasper and Dubois County (Page 68) over multiple generations. In all, 44 pages of photographs, profiles and personalities. I'm confident you will enjoy this step back in time.

- On the future side, a yearlong technology and innovation series begins. John McDonald and Bill Soards, leaders of the Indiana Technology & Innovation Council Policy Committee, set the stage with an inspirational column (Page 16) outlining the mission and the prospects.

We continue (beginning on Page 20) with exploration and analysis of both the Internet of Things – you may not know what it is today, but you will soon – and innovation-driven enterprises. And a series that will span all six issues of 2017 will follow the encouraging development of Recovery Force (Page 30). Today, it's a start-up with tremendous potential. Tomorrow's story is yet to be written.

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