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Lake in the Classroom Wraps Up School Year with Record Aquarium Count

WINONA LAKE, Ind. – Thanks to the Center for Lakes & Streams' Lake in the Classroom program 25 aquariums were distributed throughout Kosciusko County this school year.

The aquariums are used by classrooms, libraries and community centers for educational purposes. Each aquarium houses a variety of native fish species like bluegill, bass and catfish, and the occasional crayfish.

"This is a sponsor-driven program and we've been so fortunate to have sponsors that give consistently give each year as well as some new sponsors this year that allowed us to expand into new schools and new geographic areas," said Anna Burke, the center program manager.

Cargill was one of those new sponsors. They provided funds to place an aquarium at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School in Larry DuBose's eighth-grade science classroom. With that addition, Lake in the Classroom now extends from Tippecanoe Valley to as far north as Syracuse Elementary School.

"This is a terrific way to bring science to life in the classroom," said Kim Backus, Cargill Care Council member. "We've been happy to partner with a program like this."

Other sponsors this year included CenturyLink, City of Warsaw, CTB, Inc., Da-Lite, Dekko Foundation, Lakeland Kiwanis, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, Paragon Medical, Silveus Insurance Group, Syracuse Lake Association, The Papers, Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, Wawasee Property Owners Association and Winona Lake Preservation Association.

The Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College conducts research, provides resources, engages and educates residents, and collaborates with local organizations in efforts to make the lakes and streams of Kosciusko County cleaner. More information is available at lakes.grace.edu.

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