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BISON-TENNIAL ART PROJECT



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Carroll White REMC & Carroll County Economic Development Corp. reveals Bison

In celebration of the state's 200th birthday, the Carroll White REMC and the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation have partnered in sponsoring an Indiana Association United Ways (IaUW) bison. The Indiana Association of United Ways launched a statewide "Bison-tenennial" Public Art Project in partnership with the Indiana Bicentennial Commission. This legacy project is the first of its kind statewide public art project in the country, which artists decorate 5-foot tall by 8-foot long fiberglass bison that will be displayed in each of Indiana's 92 counties. This officially endorsed legacy projects aims to celebrate Indiana's rich and diverse history and unique features.

One of four such bison in Carroll County, the Carroll White REMC and the Carroll County Economic Development sponsored bison represents historic Carroll County. The painting depicts Carroll County's strong agricultural history along with its transportation history with the Wabash and Erie Canal, the Interurban trolley and railroads. The bison also reflects numerous bridges including the 1845 Adams Mill Covered Bridge near Cutler. The stunning limestone Carroll County Courthouse with its beautiful rotunda is also featured. The horns on the bison pay homage to the Potawatomi Indians who marched through Carroll County on the Trail of Death in 1838. Potawatomi means keeper of the fire.

Bison artist Robin Coyner, a Delphi Community High School art teacher since 2007, resides in Dayton, Indiana. Coyner's current artistic endeavors include whimsical, expressive representational art, exploration into street art, and utilizing a mixture of water-based media. He has exhibited locally in several galleries, as well as in the tri-state area at venues such as South Shore Arts in Munster and the Art Academy of Cincinnati. Coyner can now check off painting an eight-foot bison from his bucket list. "It was an honor to be

asked by residents of Carroll County to participate in such an important project. The bison project not only celebrates our state's bicentennial, but also the heritage of Carroll County and what it has meant to the state of Indiana. I hope everyone will enjoy the bison as much as I have, and here's to another two hundred years," said Coyner.

The REMC and EDC would like to specially thank Robin Coyner, for all his time and hard work on this project and Bill DeFouw Collision Center for donating the bison's clear coat.

About Carroll White REMC A non-profit, member-owned, electric utility, Carroll White Rural Electric Membership Corporation (REMC), serves 16,201 households, farms, schools and businesses in Carroll and White Counties, the southern half of Pulaski County, and parts of Benton, Cass, Clinton, Howard, Jasper and Tippecanoe counties. Carroll White REMC's mission is to provide members with superior energy and related services, meaningful contributions to our communities and a safe, productive environment for our employees.

About Carroll County Economic Development Corp. A nonprofit corporation, the Carroll County Economic Development Corp. is a proactive leader in a unified pursuit to provide a dynamic and prosperous economy for citizens and employers of Carroll County. Its offices are at 241 N. Heartland Dr., Delphi, Ind.

About the Indiana Bicentennial Commission The Indiana Bicentennial Commission is a fifteen-member body, chaired by Becky Skillman and Lee Hamilton, charged with overseeing the planning and execution of a statewide celebration for Indiana's 200th birthday. First Lady Karen Pence serves as official Bicentennial Ambassador. Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial celebration aims to honor our state's 200 years of history, but do so in a way that engages all 6.5 million Hoosiers and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations. The commission encourages every community in Indiana to take part in this unique celebration.