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Franciscan Health's spring VASIA class sworn in by commissioner

Franciscan Health's partnership with the Lake County Courts to provide volunteer advocates for elderly and incapacitated adults who are unable to represent themselves now has three new members.

Lake Superior Court Probate Commissioner Ben Ballou swore in a class of three Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) in a ceremony last month. The new advocates are LaFayette Boone of Crown Point, Steven Bowling of Portage and Dr. Celeste McGill of Chicago.

The court collaborates with Franciscan Health to provide trained, supervised volunteers to serve as court-appointed agents to assist elderly and incapacitated adults. The program, now in its 22nd year, partners with programs serving elderly and incapacitated adults across Lake County to develop a continuum of elder law advocacy and guardianship services.

Volunteers are vetted through an application screening process. Once approved, volunteers must complete 40 (See VASIA Pg. 2)



Franciscan Health's VASIA program welcomed three new members Monday. Pictured (l-r) are VASIA Volunteer Coordinator Francisca Mendoza, new volunteers Steven Bowling, LaFayette Boone and Dr. Celeste McGill; Lake Superior Court Probate Commissioner Ben Ballou and VASIA Director LaVonne Jarrett.



Franciscan Health's Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) swore in new volunteers (l-r) Dr. Celeste McGill, LaFayette Boone and Steven Bowling.

Lake County Sheriff's Department recognizes Autism Awareness Month

In solidarity with individuals and families affected by autism, during the month of April police officers with the Lake County Sheriff's Department will wear patches and badges bearing the colorful puzzle piece design representing Autism Awareness.

"I had these badges and patches designed a couple of years ago to help promote inclusivity, education and acceptance within our community," said Sheriff Oscar Martinez Jr. "I'm passionate about making sure that individuals with autism and their loved ones feel respected and valued. We'll also be taking our message of advocacy to the streets with our patrol



car wrapped in the Autism Awareness design. The colors of the puzzle you'll see emblazoned on this car and on our uniforms symbolize the diversity and complexity of the autism spectrum."

"But for me, this month is about more than signs and symbols. It's about making a difference. That's why I'm equipping officers with blue bags packed with sensory items and communication



tools that can help to calm individuals in crisis or emergency situations. And we'll be sharing more about our Project Lifesaver program which offers families of people with autism and other

cognitive challenges special tracking technology to find their loved ones who wander and bring them back to safety."

"I truly believe the unique ways we are advocating for

Autism Awareness demonstrate our commitment to building more compassion and understanding throughout Lake County."

Department of Workforce Development receives national award from COABE

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development received the State Innovation Award for its Adult Education "Programs of Excellence" initiative. The award is bestowed annually by the Coalition on Adult Basic Education, the leading national organization dedicated to advancing the field of adult literacy.

The "Programs of Excellence" initiative, led by DWD, was created to promote the success of adult education programs across Indiana, and to encourage statewide program administrators to align with existing standards and goals.

"DWD's Adult Education team is committed to raising standards that benefit providers and adult learners,"

said DWD Commissioner Richard Paulk. "The Programs of Excellence designation specifically shines a light on model providers who support Hoosiers as they move to the next level in education, training, and careers. These efforts lead to a stronger workforce more prepared and capable of advancing in their careers."

In October of 2023, DWD named 17 providers as the inaugural Indiana Adult Education Programs of Excellence. For more information on those recipients, click here.

"When DWD announced the Program of Excellence criteria, the Impact Institute staff embraced the goals and strived to meet them," said

Caroline Foster, the adult education manager at Impact Institute in northeast Indiana. "We focused on these goals throughout the year and often talked about different changes we could make to achieve them. We shared best practices and worked together as a team."

"We focused on the success of our students. Recognition for the hard work and dedication of our staff has been great. Impact Institute's entire team felt proud of this accomplishment. We will continue to strive to achieve this again."

For the past five years, Indiana has led all 50 states in the percentage of students achieving outcomes. The state is also a national leader

in high school equivalencies earned, integrated education and career training, and employer partnerships.

"Indiana Adult Education is recognized as a national leader due to our evidenced based approach to program management," said Associate Chief Workforce Strategy and Design Marilyn Pitzulo. "Programs of Excellence is an evolution of this strategy, driving it down to the local program level. The model measures strategic outcomes, promoting the use of data informed program management. As a result, funders and stakeholders can clearly see how their investment is benefiting the workforce and community."

(See COABE Pg. 2)



Indiana Department of Workforce Development Associate Chief Workforce Strategy and Design Marilyn Pitzulo (left) and Director of Instructional Design Adult Education Lara Pastore (second from right) accept the Coalition on Adult Basic Education's State Innovation Award from COABE CEO Sharon Bonney (second from left) and Shaketta D. Thomas (right) during the 2024 COABE National Awards in Nashville, Tennessee.

Department of Natural Resources recreation and fishing guidebooks are online

Your latest guides to exploring Indiana's great outdoors are now available at your fingertips and at a DNR property near you.Indiana. The 2024 Indiana Recreation Guide is available now at www.on.IN.gov/rec-guide. And your 2024-2025 guide to Indiana fishing, the Indiana Fishing Regulations Guide, is available at www.on.IN.gov/fishingguide. The DNR's 2024 Indiana Recreation Guide is the source for information on state parks, state forests, lakes, fish & wildlife areas, nature preserves, state park inns, and other DNR properties. The guide includes a great facilities chart and information about accessibility and fees. Soon, free printed copies of each will be available at local retail outlets, state parks, lakes, and other DNR properties. Annual entrance passes for state park properties can be purchased in person at the gatehouse or offices of state park properties during business hours, at www.shopIN-stateparks.com any time, or at the Boat, Sport and Travel Show. Indiana resident passes cost \$50. For individuals 65 years old or older, the price is \$25. Annual passes for vehicles with out-of-state license plates are \$70. Normal daily gate fees for residents at most properties are \$7 per in-state vehicle. For more information on Indiana state park properties, visit www.stateparks.IN.gov. Fishing and hunting licenses can be purchased and printed at www.INHuntFish.com. They can also be purchased at retailers, county clerk offices, and most DNR properties throughout the state, as well as at the Boat, Sport and Travel Show.

Olthoff's bill requiring disclosure of AI use in deceptive election ads now law

The governor recently signed State Rep. Julie Olthoff's (R-Crown Point) legislation into law to crack down on political deepfakes advertisements being used to spread misinformation in elections. Artificial intelligence websites and applications make it easy to digitally alter an individual's image, audio and video to create lifelike content known as deepfakes. Fabricated election action ads can mislead and misinform voters about a candidate. Olthoff said she authored legislation to require a disclaimer when a candidate's image, audio or video was altered without the person's consent. "AI-generated content in political ads is a growing concern nationally and here in Indiana," Olthoff said. "Having a disclaimer will help voters more easily identify fake ads, which ultimately helps protect the integrity of our elections." Olthoff said the new law requires a disclaimer be placed on AI-generated or digitally altered media such as audio, video or images of a candidate used in campaign communication. If a label is not included, the candidate can bring a civil action against those responsible for paying for or sponsoring the fake content. Indiana now joins only a handful of other states with laws tackling deepfake political advertisements. Visit Wwww.iga.in.gov for more information on House Enrolled Act 1133.

CPCSC to host resource fair for exceptional education

The Crown Point Community School Corporation will hold a transition-to-adulthood and resource fair for families and students on April 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Crown Point High School. The event includes more than 60 local organizations who will share information with families about opportunities and resources available for their children after graduation. While the event is designed for students age 14 and up who receive special education services, families of all ages and interests are welcome to attend. The event is open to anyone, not just Crown Point families. "This is our third year hosting this event," said Director of Exceptional Education Heather Paskis. "And each year it grows and becomes better. We're proud to partner with so many local businesses and organizations to help our students and their families plan for life after high school." Represented at the event will be local colleges, military branches, skilled trades groups, respite care providers, health care and treatment providers, employment/training services, and more. Midcoast Wealth Advisors will host a presentation about supported decision making and financial planning for families at 5:45 and again at 6:45. For more information, e-mail mduppstadt@cps.k12.in.us or visit www.cps.k12.in.us.

(COABE from Pg. 1)

There are more than 250 adult education class locations – in-person or online – in the state offering students opportunities to increase skills, learn English, access training, obtain industry-recognized credentials and earn a higher-paying job. "I have been the program director of Washington Township Adult Education for nearly 17 years," said Todd DeLey of Indianapolis. "It has been difficult to communicate to our school board and district leadership the success of our program because our metrics are different from K-12. Receiving the Program of Excellence award helped district leadership understand how our program performs in relation to state goals and demonstrates the value of what adult education brings to the district and the community." To learn more about the 2024 COABE National Awards, visit www.coabe.org/awardsandgrants. COABE's mission is to inspire educators so adults succeed and communities thrive. The Coalition on Adult Basic Education provides leadership, professional development and advocacy for our 79,000+ members in the field of adult education. We provide a variety of services, including annual national conferences, a peer-reviewed journal, advocacy tools and over 50 new instructional

webinars each year. COABE highlights excellence in the field of adult education by presenting yearly scholarships, incentive grants and prestigious national awards to feature best practices in the field. Learn more at coabe.org, or contact awards@coabe.org. The Indiana Department of Workforce Development strengthens Indiana by understanding workforce needs, aligning resources, and providing access to services that empower Hoosiers to thrive in a changing economy. With the goal of economic security and better employment outcomes for all, DWD prides itself on acting with integrity, accountability, and respectfulness. To learn more or contact DWD visit www.dwd.in.gov.

nurse for 27 years. She said she's been an advocate for her patients for years and now will be able to advocate in a new way in her community. "I just like to be of service," Boone said. McGill, a college educator with City Colleges of Chicago, said she started her career as a home health social worker. "I don't think anyone's socio-economic status should determine the kind of care, services and support they need and deserve," McGill said. Bowling is a barber and goes to nursing homes to cut residents' hair free of charge. "To get a blessing, you've got to be a blessing," Bowling said. "I just like to make others happy." The VASIA program is par-

tially funded by grants from the Indiana Supreme Court, Legacy Foundation, Inc. and other local, state and national funders as well as individual donors. To donate to support VASIA's efforts, go to FranciscanHealthFoundation.org. To learn more about the program and how to become a volunteer, visit www.franciscanhealth.org/VASIA.

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Stream trout opener approaches

The Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife plans to stock nearly 63,000 rainbow and brown trout across the state this spring in preparation for inland trout fishing season, which, for inland streams, opens Saturday, April 27.

Thirty-five bodies of water across 21 counties are anticipated to receive fish before and after opening day.

Most of the lake stockings of rainbow trout were done last month, starting the week of March 11. Anglers don't have to wait to fish for those, as trout fishing on inland lakes is open year-round.

For streams, more than 23,000 rainbow trout are expected to be stocked in the days leading up to opening day. Several sites will get additional rainbow trout stockings until Memorial Day weekend.

In addition to the rainbow trout stockings, 10 bodies of water will receive brown trout stockings in May.

To find a stocked stream near you, see this year's trout stocking plan at www.on.IN.gov/fish-stocking.

Trout will bite on a variety of artificial baits such as spinners and flies, but natural baits such as worms and bee moths tend to be the most popular.

The bag limit for trout in inland waters other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries is five per day with a minimum size of 7 inches. No more than one of an angler's catch can be a brown trout. There is no size limit for trout on inland lakes except for harvested brown trout caught below the Brookville Lake tailwater or from Oliver, Olin, or Martin lakes, which must be 18 inches or larger.

To fish for trout, anglers age 18 and older must have an Indiana fishing license and a trout/salmon stamp. To purchase yours for this year, visit www.on.IN.gov/INHuntFish.

LOFS Lions Club looking for more volunteers to help serve Winfield and surrounding areas

Our chapter is LOFS LIONS and our motto is 'WE SERV'E. We serve the communities of LOFS (Lake and Porter County), Winfield Township, and West Porter Township.

Consider joining our chapter. We welcome you to visit us at our general meetings, which are usually held 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the LOFS Lakehouse Restaurant.

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday and a social gathering is usually held the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Contact any Lion member or one of the present officers: Yolanda Hernandez, President. Tom Snowden 1st Vice. Danny Moynihan, 2nd Vice. Jeanette Titoff, Secretary. Chuck DeLasCasas, treasurer.

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Crown Point Community School Corporation details Summer Nutrition Assistance Program

If your household income is less than 185% of the Federal level, the school aged children in your household may be eligible for a new program called SUN Bucks. Households that have been notified of eligibility by Direct Certification do not need to apply.

Participating families will receive \$120 for each eligible child on a card that you can use to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers. If you think your children are eligible, you can get SUN Bucks by filling out a simple application. To apply for SUN Bucks, apply via your child's school by Wednesday, May 1 or after Wednesday, May 1 visit www.indianasunbucks.com. Applications will be accepted until Friday, August 16, 2024 in order to get benefits for this summer. If you need assistance filling out an application, or if you have questions, submit a ticket to the online help form: www.idoe.atlassian.net/service/customer/portal/11.

You will need to provide your child's name, school, date of birth, along with the names of other people in your household, your household income, and address where you would like the benefit card to be sent. You will not need to provide any documentation to apply. Receiving Summer EBT will

not affect children or families' immigration status. In addition to SUN Bucks the children under 18 years of age in your household can also receive free meals during the summer at a summer meal site. You can call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (or text 914-342-7744 with the key-

word "summer meals") to find the location closest to you. Find more information by visiting the SFSP Site Finder.

If you have questions, you can contact the CPCSC Food Services Department at 219-663-3371



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This week in history

April 21, 1980

Rosie Ruiz, age 26, finished first in the women's division of the Boston Marathon with a time of 2:31:56. She was rewarded with a medal, a laurel wreath and a silver bowl. However, eight days later Ruiz was stripped of her victory after race officials learned she jumped into the race about a mile before the finish line.

Ruiz, an administrative assistant from New York City, qualified for the 84th Boston Marathon by submitting her time for running the 1979 New York City Marathon. It's believed that Ruiz intended to jump into the middle of the pack of runners but miscalculated when she joined the marathon one mile from the end, not realizing she was ahead of the other 448 female competitors.

Ruiz was unknown in the running world and her victory raised suspicions because it was a 25-minute improvement over her New York City Marathon time. Additionally, her winning time was then the third-fastest marathon time in history for a woman. After studying race photographs – Ruiz didn't appear in any of them until the very end – and conducting interviews, Boston Marathon officials stripped Ruiz of her title. Ruiz's New York time was later invalidated when officials discovered she had taken the subway during part of the race.

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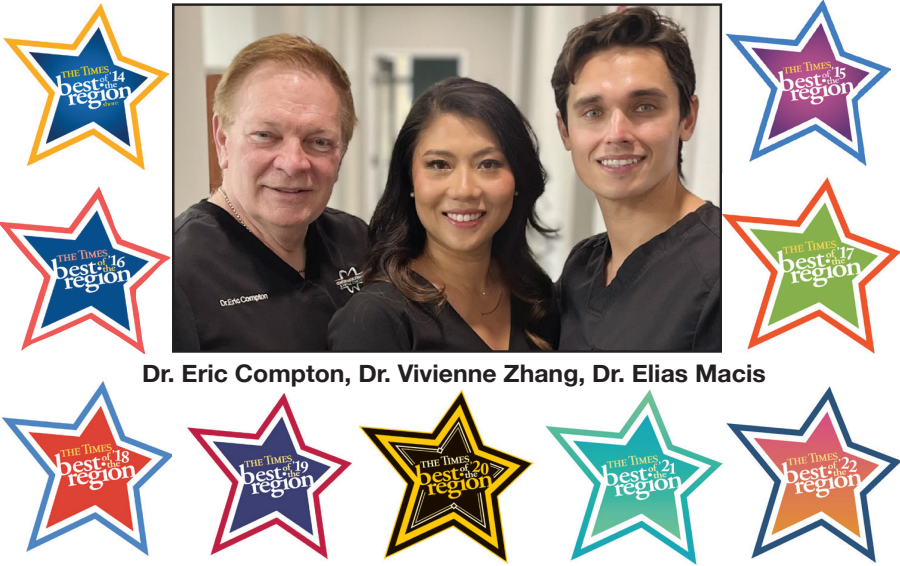
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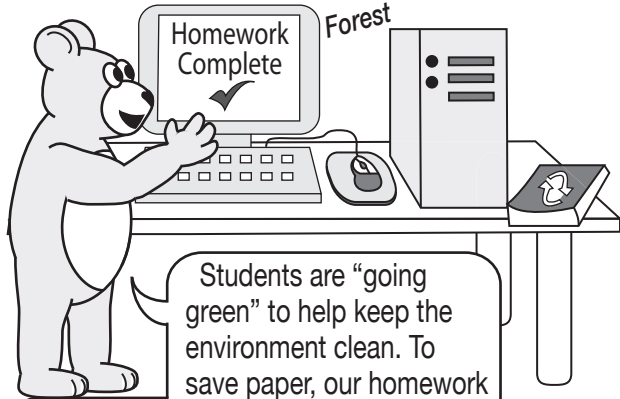
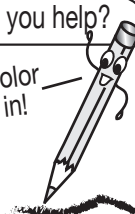


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...city do to recycle items? How do you help?



Kids: color stuff in!



Students are “going green” to help keep the environment clean. To save paper, our homework assignments now come in daily emails. Everyone has learned what items can be recycled, and they put these into bins. **Read my clues to fill in my puzzle with things kids can do to help:**

1. use _____, sandwich boxes, thermoses and reusable water/sports bottles
2. sort bottles and cans into bins for _____
3. turn off all _____ and electronics when not using
4. use both sides of _____ (may make into notepads)
5. _____ school uniforms, gym clothes for others to use
6. read and do _____ on computers
7. create a _____ where students can pin up and share their ideas for recycling
8. _____, bike, take a bus or carpool with others
9. have a swap at school to _____ things that you are done with for “new” stuff
10. use items for a new or _____ purpose – old school clothes cut for art projects, a box made into a game you invent (some call this “repurposing”)

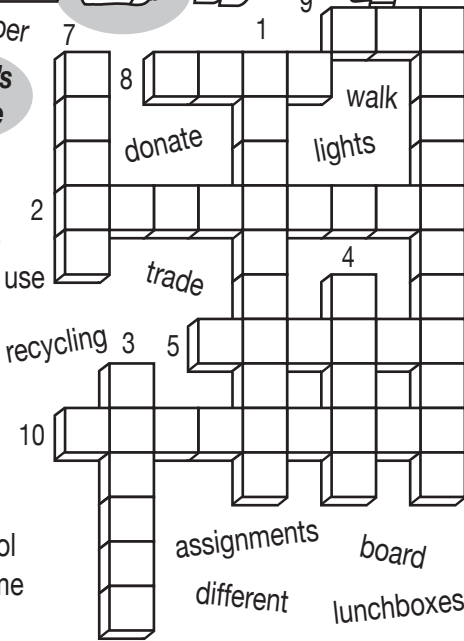
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Keeping it Green!

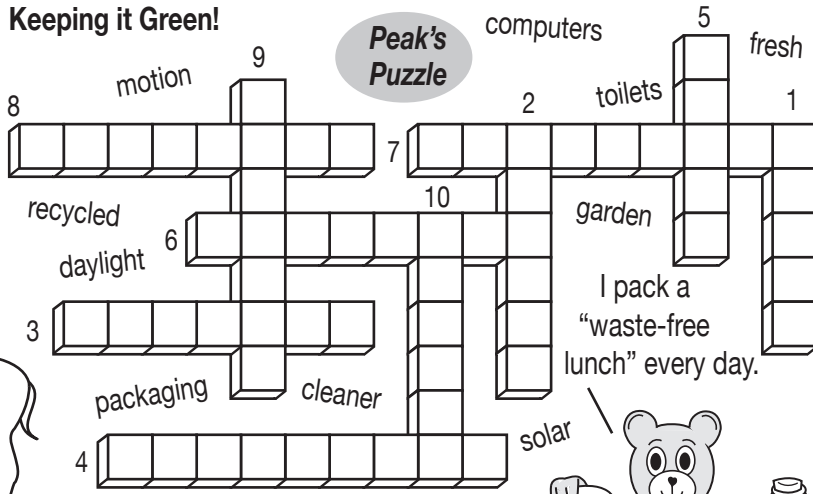
My puzzle is about how schools are helping to conserve. Some are built from recycled materials, and have features to save energy, such as motion-activated lights and faucets. **Fill in my puzzle!**



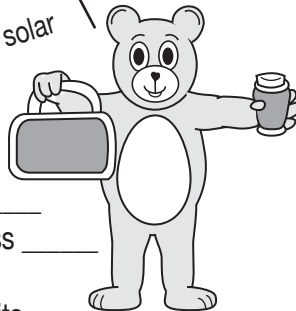
Forest's Puzzle



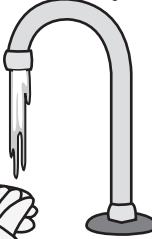
Peak's Puzzle



1. _____ panel rooftops
2. _____-activated faucets
3. waterless or low-flow _____
4. buy from companies that use less _____
5. use food service company that offers _____ vegetables and fruits
6. more _____ in classrooms gives an “energy” boost
7. wireless tablet _____ and energy saving monitors
8. buying _____ paper
9. better airflow and filters to keep air _____
10. rooftop _____ to keep heat in (or out), and for people to study life cycle of plants



automatic faucet



Uh-oh...I finished my report on the newest cars and power sources – but not the answer key to my fun Pop Quiz! Read my report, then Help me by **circling “T” for true and “F” for false.**

What do you know about hybrid cars? These very cool cars are powered by both gas *and* electricity. When you are driving one fast on a highway its gasoline engine is working. This makes you move and also charges the car’s battery. Then, when you drive around town at lower speeds, the car is able to run on electricity. Hybrid cars do not need to be plugged in. They can travel 50 miles or more per gallon of gas – twice what many gas-only cars can.

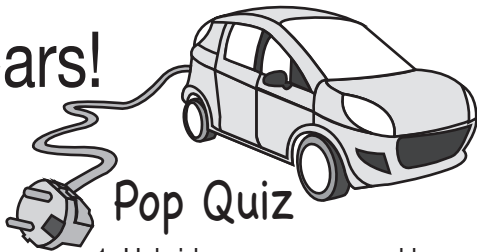
Companies are also coming out with cars that use electric motors to power *everything*. They store electricity in batteries, which are then recharged by the owner plugging the car in at home. We are starting to build stations in areas that will allow drivers to recharge their cars while traveling too.

Electric cars are great because nothing comes out of their tailpipes that pollutes the air! Some people argue that the electricity these cars use may be generated by burning coal or natural gas instead of by water power or wind turbines, making them not 100% environmentally friendly. But, people are working on ways to make batteries that hold more electricity for longer driving and on technology to produce “cleaner” electricity.

Maybe **you** will work on some of these designs someday!

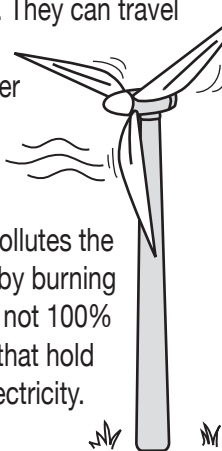
Cool Hybrid & Electric Cars!

London has started using electric double-decker buses.



Pop Quiz

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| 1. Hybrid cars are powered by gasoline and electricity. | T | F |
| 2. The gas engine takes power from the battery. | T | F |
| 3. They get fewer miles per gallon than a gas-only car. | T | F |
| 4. Electric cars use electricity to power everything. | T | F |
| 5. Owners can plug these cars in at home. | T | F |
| 6. Lots of pollution is added to the air from electric cars. | T | F |
| 7. People are hoping to have recharging stations built in parking lots of apartments, stores and train stations. | T | F |
| 8. Wind-, water- and solar-generated electricity will allow for less pollution in the air. | T | F |

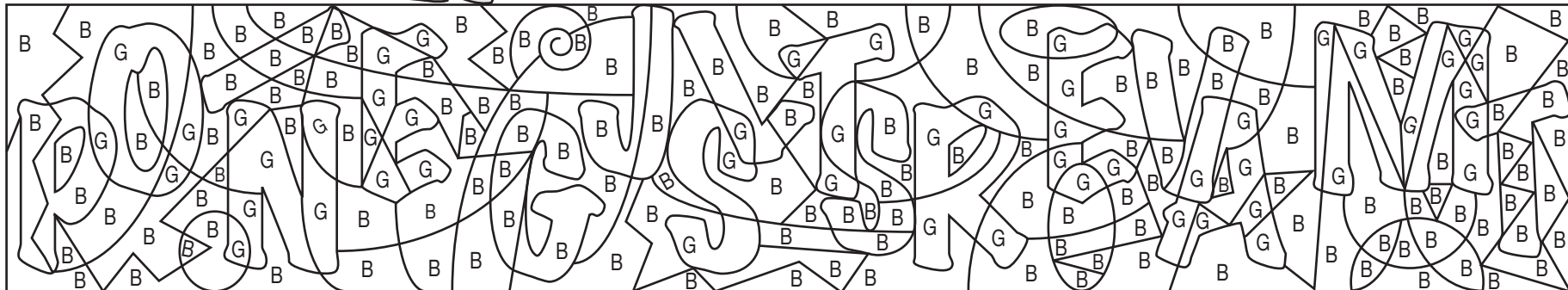


An Easier Way to Recycle!

Putting most recyclables together is easier. This kind of recycling is called **single** or...

Many towns are switching to this “mixed” recycling. It is a newer way to recycle paper, glass, cardboard and plastic. Using this method, we no longer separate and sort all of our recyclable items. Recycling plants are able to separate these items and recycle them into new materials.

G = Green
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What should you know about long-term care?

BBB Scam Alert: Watch out for SAT prep scams

We all hope to remain healthy and independent throughout our lives – but life can be unpredictable. If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, would you be financially prepared?

Long-term care encompasses everything from the services of a home health aide to a stay in an assisted living facility to a long residence in a nursing home. You may never need any of these kinds of care, but the odds aren't necessarily in your favor: Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70% chance of needing some type of long-term care services and support in their remaining years, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

And all types of long-term care can involve considerable financial expense. The median annual cost for a home health aide's services is more than \$60,000 per year, and it's more than \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Furthermore, contrary to many people's expectations, Medicare usually pays very little of these costs.

Of course, some people expect their family will be able to take care of their long-term care needs. But this may not be a viable strategy. For one thing, your family members simply may not have the skills needed to give you the type of care you may require. Also, by the time you might need help, your grown children or other family members might not live in your area.

So, you may need to protect yourself and your loved ones from the potential costs of long-term care. Basically, you've got two main choices: You could self-insure or you could transfer the risk by purchasing some type of long-term care insurance.

If you have considerable financial resources, you

might find self-insuring to be attractive, rather than choosing insurance and paying policy premiums. You may wish to keep an emergency savings or investment account that's earmarked exclusively for long-term care to help avoid relying on your other retirement accounts. But self-insuring has two main drawbacks. First, because long-term care can be costly, you might need to plan for a significant amount. And second, it will be quite hard to predict exactly how much money you'll need, because so many variables are involved – your age when you start needing care, interest rates or inflation, the cost of care in your area, the type of care you'll require, the length of time you'll need care, and so on.

As an alternative to self-insuring, you could purchase long-term care insurance, which can provide benefits for home health care, adult day care and assisted living

and nursing home facilities. However, you will need to consider the issues attached to long-term care insurance. For one thing, it can be expensive, though the younger you are when you buy your policy, the more affordable it may be. Also, long-term care policies typically require you to wait a certain amount of time before benefits are paid. But policies vary greatly in what they offer, so, if you are thinking of buying this insurance, you'll want to review options and compare benefits and costs.

In any case, by being aware of the potential need for long-term care, its cost and the ways of paying for it, you'll be able to make the appropriate decisions for your financial situation, your needs and your loved ones.

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Obituary ~ John L. Fullerton

John L. Fullerton, 70, of Lakes of the Four Seasons (Crown Point, Indiana) unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2024 at home. A memorial service will be held 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 5th at Trinity Free Methodist Church, Merrillville, Indiana, with a dinner to follow. Graveside services are 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 6th at Greenmound Cemetery, Keithsburg, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, the family ask memorials be directed to Trinity Free Methodist Church, 8650 Grand Blvd. Merrillville, Indiana 46410. Dennison Funeral Home, Aledo, Illinois is assisting the family. John Lee was born March 21, 1954

in Galesburg, Illinois the son of Curtis and Emily Chandler Fullerton. John graduated from Westmer High School in Joy, Illinois and went on to complete his undergraduate studies at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. He worked as a CPA for a number of companies including BP and himself. John never married but spent his time volunteering to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. He regularly took part in "Feed the Flock" which is an outreach of the Congregations of Merrillville Ministerial Association, to provide meals to the less fortunate. John also delivered donuts to local police stations. He used his CPA skills to serve his community

as treasurer for Lakes of the Four Seasons for several years as well as being treasurer at Trinity FMC for nearly twenty years. John was well known as a person that served others and gave generously at every opportunity. He was known to many young people as "Uncle John" and was always ready to provide transportation to horse riding lessons, doctor appointments, school, or the grocery store. He treated everyone with



kindness and dignity. John strongly believed in serving God by serving others in Jesus' name. In his younger days, he enjoyed going on cruises as well as annual fishing trips with his buddies. He will be greatly missed by his community, family, and friends. John will be remembered for far more than just his love of raisin toast. Those left to cherish his memory are his sisters: Amelia Helm and Augusta (Rob) Woodley; nieces and nephews: Becky (Brett) Jones, RJ (Savannah) Woodley, and Rachel Helm; as well as several great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Online condolences may be left at www.dennisonfuneralhome.com.

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Crown Point High School’s Business Professionals of America to compete at national conference

Thirty-one students from Crown Point High School’s BPA chapter recently competed at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. The conference was attended by nearly 1,300 delegates from across the state to vie for top honors in business, finance, technology, marketing, and health administration skills competitions. Students also attended leadership seminars and received awards for community service activities and competitive events.

Twelve students will attend the National Leadership Conference in Chicago on May 10-13th, competing in computer modeling, digital media production, entrepreneurship, fundamental accounting, health research presentation, and parliamentary procedure team. These



students all placed in the top three in judged events and the top five in tested events at the state level. Student Miles Warren was elected to serve in the role as the President of Indiana BPA.

Attending the national competition will be Ari Bairaktaris - Parliamentary Procedure Team; Jake Baumann

- Computer Modeling; Aiden Couwerhoven - Parliamentary Procedure; Mason Erbini - Parliamentary Procedure Team; Panagiotis Mattingly - Parliamentary Procedure Team; Jerzy Mayer - Torch Statesman and National Officer Candidate; Xzavier Menchaca - Fundamental Accounting;

Mary Mumaugh - Health Research Presentation; Parker Niksch - Parliamentary Procedure; Devion Outten - Parliamentary Procedure; Cesar Querimit - Parliamentary Procedure; and Trent Tillich - Parliamentary Procedure Team.

Student competitors were Ari Bairaktaris, Jake

Baumann, Jacob Boron, Lilly Caddick, Daniel Calvo, Noah Chapko, Nathan Collins, Aiden Couwenhoven, Mason Dunn, Mason Erbini, Mauricio Garcia, Josh Gorney, Aaron Graddy, Emma Lembcke, Aiden Matthews, Panagiotis Mattingly, Jerzy Mayer, Calum McCaskill, Xzavier

Menchaca, Mary Mumaugh, Marko Nastovich, Parker Niksch, Devion Outten, Sonny Pape, Jackson Pugh, Cesar Querimit, Tristin Smith, Trent Tillich, Emma Vandenburg, Miles Warren, and Ian Whitmer.

CPHS teacher awarded scholarship to study in Greece

Crown Point High School Latin teacher Angela Taraskiewicz has been awarded the Katherine Keene scholarship to attend the 2024 Summer Session at The American School of Classical Studies in Athens. The Summer Session is a highly competitive academic program open to undergraduate and graduate students, high school teachers, and university professors whose research and teaching in-

volves the study of ancient Greek and Roman archaeology and material culture.

Taraskiewicz said she applied to the program because she studied abroad in Greece during college, which impacted both her research and career path.

“I wanted to get closer to the archaeology I studied in my research but was never actually able to visit in person and learn from other experts in the field,” she said.

Her Ph.D. thesis explores how childbirth rituals at kourotophic sanctuaries in ancient Greece served to help reintegrate the mother and child back into the community following childbirth.

“Although I teach Latin at Crown Point High School, not ancient Greek, the two areas of study are not as isolated as they may seem. The program will allow me to revisit a wide range of Greek sites and museums

and re-consider the Greek and Roman material, all of which I hope will enhance my classroom teaching and how I coach my Certamen teams.”

Founded in 1925, the six-week program provides a unique opportunity for scholars from all over the world to learn from eminent archaeologists and art historians on-site at various spots throughout Greece including Athens, Thebes, Corinth, Delphi,

Olympia, Mycenae, Sparta, and all of Crete. “Greece is a country with a rich cultural and historical heritage: the people are welcoming and hospitable, the landscape is breathtaking, and the food is fantastic,” Taraskiewicz said. “Walking through Athens, one is constantly reminded how waves of historical events and cultural interactions have combined to create our modern landscape.”



Angela Taraskiewicz

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Double check with your child. If scammers say they

are calling because of a service your child requested, tell them you need to check with your child first and hang up. Make sure their claims are legitimate before you call back or accept a return call. Don’t send any money or make a payment if there is any doubt about the call. The same is true for emergency scams.

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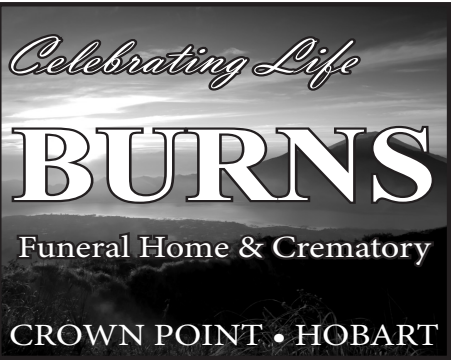
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