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Emergency physicians urge Americans to continue covering their face in public

As regions of the country are seeing rebounding rates of COVID-19, the American College of Emergency Physicians reminds everyone that practicing social distancing and continuing to cover your face when in public is the best recourse to slow the spread of the virus.

“As emergency physicians continue to battle the greatest public health crisis of our generation, you can do your part to stop the virus by covering your face when you need to be around others,” said William Jaquis, MD, FACEP, president of ACEP. “Although COVID-19 continues to disrupt our way of life, we as a nation can band together in this simple step to protect ourselves and our neighbors.”



While medical professionals continue to urge anyone with COVID-19 symptoms to self-isolate, even those that don't suspect they have the virus should cover their face because they could be asymptomatic and still be contagious. The infectious viral particles emitted when someone talks, breathes, coughs, or sneezes can remain in the air for up to three hours.

Reports have shown that covering your face with a mask or cloth during those infrequent times you need to be in public have effective results. (See *Physicians* Pg. 3)

tively flattened the curve. According to a recent study from The Lancet spanning 16 countries, there is a 17 percent reduction in risk of infection for those wearing a mask or face covering versus those not covering their face.

The CDC and ACEP recommend that people who are not medical professionals wear cloth or homemade masks in public rather than tighter fitting medical-grade masks, like the N95. Currently, CDC recommends that anyone above the age of two wear a face covering, with exceptions for those

CPCF grant applications now available online for the September 1 grant cycle

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting grant applications online. Grants from the CPCF's endowment funds will be made to nonprofit organizations and community projects which serve the South Lake County area.

Fields of interest which will be considered for funding include Animal Related, Arts and Culture, Community Improvement, Economic Development, Education, Environmental, Food/Nutrition/Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Housing and Shelter, Public Safety, Recreation, Religion Related, and Youth Development.

“The Crown Point Community Foundation is interested in funding projects that



will improve the quality of life for citizens in the South Lake County area,” said Mary Nielsen, president of the CPCF.

Eligible organizations may apply for grants on the new CPCF online grant platform. Grant applications will be accepted through September 1, 2020. To apply for a grant visit www.cpcfgrants.com-communityforce.com.

The Crown Point Community Foundation awards grants from the un-

restricted community funds held in the CPCF Endowment Fund three times a year. The three application cycles are February 1, June 1, and September 1. Applications received after the deadline will be held for consideration during the following cycle. Only one grant application per organization or agency will be eligible within a 12-month period.

The CPCF Grant Committee reviews all applications.

D.O.E. renews award for Valpo University funding for physics research

Valparaiso University acquired a \$362,000 grant renewal from the U.S. Department of Energy for continuing nuclear and particle physics research over the next three years. The grant will cover funding for nine Valpo research students (three per year) and funds for faculty research.

“The continued involvement of our undergraduate students in nuclear physics research is consistent with the mission of Valparaiso University to foster in students

a lifelong commitment to the search for truth, encouraging the development of a sense of personal vocation as well as the intellectual and professional skills needed to pursue it,” said Shirvel Stanislaus, Ph.D., professor of physics and principal investigator for the grant. “This funding will provide multiple Valpo students with extraordinary research opportunities.”

The renewal is from a DOE grant that originated in 2015, following the end of a previous grant, which,

together, have provided 37 years of continuous funding for nuclear and particle physics research at Valparaiso University. During that time, 55 Valpo undergraduate students have been supported by the grant to participate in summer research.

Valpo students and faculty study the contributions to the spin of the proton by its constituents, using polarized proton-proton collisions alongside hundreds of physicists from institutions around the world. In this experiment,

carried out at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Long Island, N.Y., scientific analysis methods are used to analyze and understand the asymmetry of pions produced from collisions of longitudinally polarized protons, i.e. protons with their spin vectors aligned parallel or antiparallel to the proton momentum vector. This research will help address the question, “What role does the gluon, as one of the constituent parts of the proton, play in forming the spin of the proton?”

Most students have opportunities to visit and work with scientists at National Laboratories like Brookhaven National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, in addition to research on campus at Valpo. Approximately 90% of students who have participated in this research have attended graduate school after graduating from Valparaiso University. Over the past 20 years, students have presented their work each fall at the Meeting of the Division

of Nuclear Physics of the American Physical Society, a conference attended by scientists from around the world.

Continuous funding for this research began in 1983 and was initiated by Donald Koetke, Ph.D., a senior research professor at Valparaiso University, who led the program for 22 years. Professor Stanislaus has led the program since 2009 and Adam Gibson-Even '00, Ph.D., professor of physics and astronomy, serves as co-principal investigator.

Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest invites nominations for awards

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest has announced the 2020 Innovators Awards. In addition to Individual and Team Honorees, the Society introduced two new awards: Richard C. Sussman Prize for Team Innovation and the John H. Davies Lifetime Achievement Award.

“The Society of Innovators has a storied history of creating a buzz around innovation found in every corner of our region,” said Sheila Matias, Executive Director of the Society. “By honoring innovators, we help our community to realize that

the creative energy of innovation and innovators can be found in every shop, in every business and in every organization across Northwest Indiana. Honoring those who take that risk—who try to imagine another way, another method, a product or process improvement—are the creators who keep Northwest Indiana competitive, productive and dynamic!”

Originally launched in 2005, the Society of Innovators celebrates the spirit of creativity and ingenuity by discovering, honoring, and celebrating innovators from across the seven-

county region of Northwest Indiana. Dedicated to the idea that anyone can be an innovator, the Society recognizes that innovation is the key to 21st Century competitiveness.

Individuals and teams are nominated via an online application. Regional leaders, who form a Selection Committee, choose inductees based upon criteria established by the Board.

“Northwest Indiana is known as a global center of heavy industry,” said Gary Johnson, president of Mortar Net Solutions and board chair of the Society of Innovators.

“Often overlooked are important innovations developed locally in other sectors such as technology and not-for-profit enterprises. These awards present an opportunity for the community to bring to light the innovators around us and for the 2020 honorees into the Society to join more than 1,000 innovators inducted into the Society over the past 15 years.”

Applications for the 2020 Innovators Awards will be accepted through Friday, August 21 and are open to all innovators; regardless of discipline, industry or background.

The Society recognizes exemplary individuals who have made it through the selection process as Inductees into the Society of Innovators. Anyone who lives or works in Northwest Indiana is eligible for consideration.

The Society recognizes exemplary teams and individual team members who have made it through the selection process as Inductees into the Society of Innovators. Teams from an individual company, government unit, not-for-profit agency, or a group of organizations from a specific project are eligible for con-

sideration.

The Society of Innovators selects up to five innovators each year as Fellows from among previously inducted Individual and Team Lead honorees. Fellows must live or work in Northwest Indiana and demonstrate significant achievement in innovation and contribution to our community.

One team may be selected annually from among Team Inductees to receive the Richard C. Sussman Prize for Team Innovation. The Sussman Prize is dedicated to promoting 21st Century in-

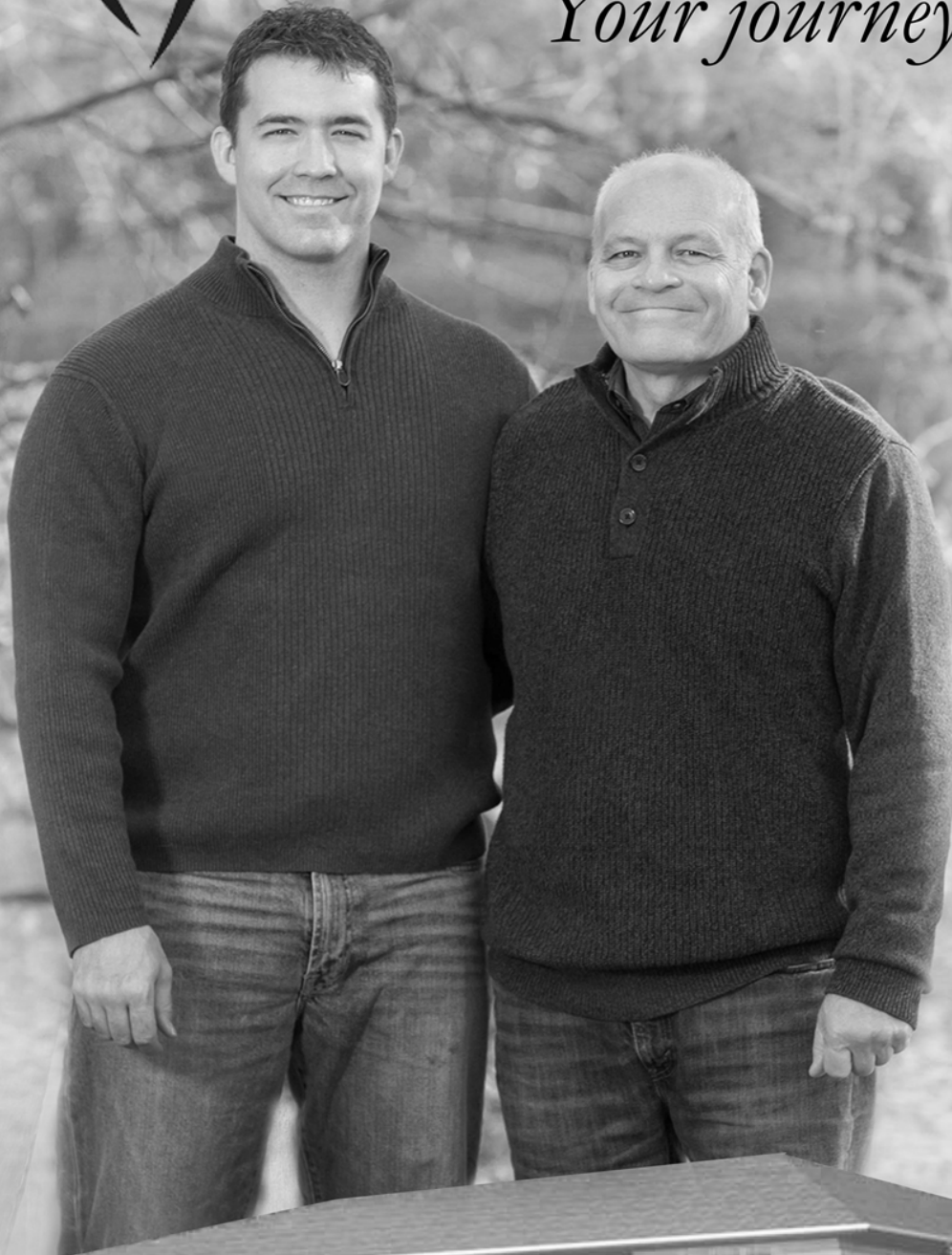
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Point at Bulldog Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Mike MacIntosh has traveled the world spreading the love of God for Humanity. He is well known for his time spent ministering to New York City Police and Firefighters at ‘Ground Zero’ following 9/11 Twin Towers

attack. His book ‘When Your World Falls Apart’ is a written account of some of his experiences counseling and praying with the men, women, and families devastated by that tragedy. For more information on the event visit www.2020heartland.org.

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who have trouble breathing or cannot remove a face covering without assistance.

Without a cure, personal choices and safe behaviors are the best defense against spreading COVID-19 and overwhelming our health care system. Although it may be inconvenient or uncomfortable, covering your face does not meaningfully deprive the body of oxygen. Workers in many professions wear masks that meet National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health standards all day without experiencing breathing issues. Many of the masks worn by people in fields like construction or manufacturing are heavier than the cloth coverings recommended for the public.

“Communities may be reopening but we are definitely not out of the woods

yet. We cannot let down our guard. We can all do our part to safeguard our communities and prevent the spread of the virus,” said Dr. Jaquis. “Cover your face, wash your hands frequently and practice social distancing. These three simple steps offer the best protection that we have until a vaccine is developed.”

Visit www.emergencyphysicians.org for more information about protecting yourself from COVID-19.

The American College of Emergency Physicians is the national medical society representing emergency medicine. Through continuing education, research, public education and advocacy, ACEP advances emergency care on behalf of its 39,000 emergency physician members, and the more than 150 million Americans they treat

on an annual basis. For more information, visit www.acep.org and www.emergencyphysicians.org.

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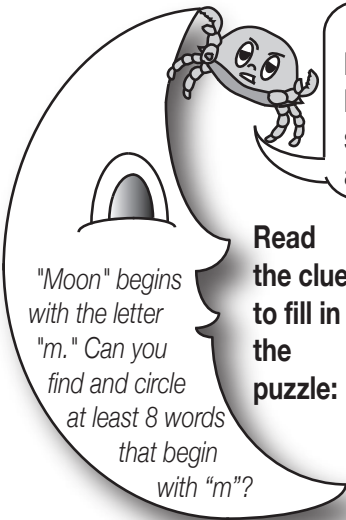
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...moon and constellations in the sky.



Kids: color stuff in!

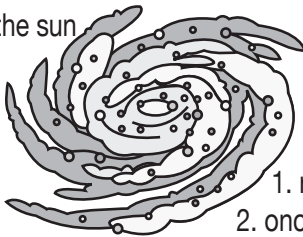


"Moon" begins with the letter "m." Can you find and circle at least 8 words that begin with "m"?

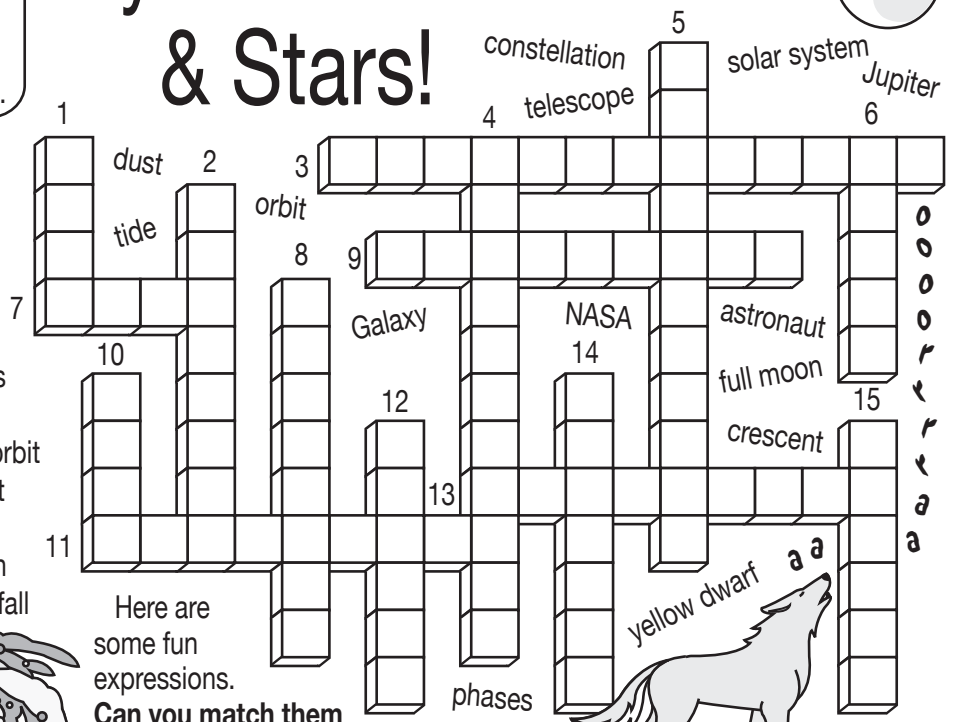
Can **you** see the moon in the sky? People have always wondered about the moon. They have written about it in poems, songs and stories. Even though people have flown to it and walked on it, the moon is still mysterious.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- moon _____ or 'lunar soil'; the remains of meteors that have hit the moon over billions of years
- shape made by sun's light hitting only part of the moon; first or last stages of waxing and waning moon
- stars linked together with imaginary lines to make shapes like the 'Big Dipper'
- group of eight planets and the sun they orbit
- more scientific name for our sun; originally named after the color of light it shines through our atmosphere; its small size compared to other stars
- gravity keeps things (moon, satellites) moving in curved path around earth
- moon and sun's pull (gravity) on the ocean causing sea levels to rise and fall
- phase of moon where its face is completely lit up by the sun
- instrument with a series of glass lenses and mirrors that lets us see things that are very far away
- put first man on the moon; U.S. space agency
- person who leaves earth and spends time in space
- moon looks different every day because the sun lights it up from different angles; there are 8 _____ of the moon
- star exploding in an incredible burst of light; can be so bright that it is the brightest thing in the whole galaxy for a short time
- largest planet in solar system; most moons of any planet
- the Milky Way _____ is where our solar system is located; it is only one of billions of such collections of stars and planets



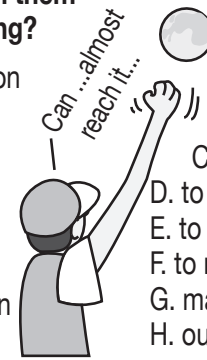
Mysterious Moon & Stars!



Here are some fun expressions.

Can you match them to their meaning?

- reach for the moon
- once in a blue moon
- to promise the moon
- many moons ago
- to howl at the moon
- to be over the moon
- by the light of the moon
- ask for the moon

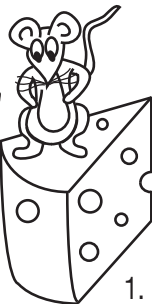


- very rarely
- a very long time ago
- try to do something that seems impossible
- to make a promise that you cannot keep
- to be very happy, pleased
- to make a lot of noise
- make crazy demands, ask for too much
- out where there are no powered lights

Everyone "knows" that (the)...

- Moon is made of _____ .
- _____ jumped over the moon.
- full moon makes _____ act crazily.
- _____ in the moon is looking down at us.
- Moon is a romantic _____ in the night sky.
- Moon has been walked on by only 12 _____

Hey! Some of these aren't real.



What Do You Know? Pop Quiz!

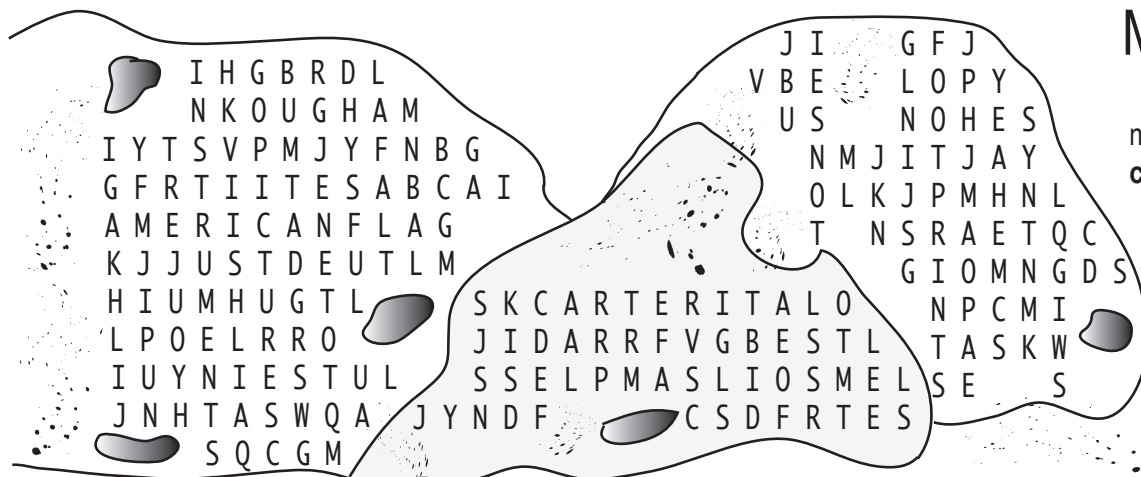
Gray dust. That's what the astronauts stepped into on the surface of the Moon. They brought back rocks for scientists to study. You can see and touch one at the Smithsonian Museums in Washington, D.C.

What do you know about the moon? **Read each sentence. Mark the letter "T" for True or "F" for False in the boxes.**

- In 1969, two American astronauts walked on the Moon. ☐
- The Moon is thought to be about the same age as the Earth. ☐
- A Moon day = 100 Earth days. ☐
- 100 pounds on the Earth = 100 pounds on the Moon. ☐
- The Moon is about 240,000 miles from Earth. ☐
- The Earth has its moon, but other planets *also* have moons. ☐
- The Moon's gravity causes the fish to fly in our planet's oceans. ☐
- The Moon looks small, but it is twice the size of the Earth. ☐



Here we go again.



Moonscape - Give and Take

Mankind has stepped on the moon and has left its mark. We have also taken items away to study. **Find and circle these items taken from or left on the Moon:**

taken from the Moon:

- rocks
- soil samples
- pictures

left on the Moon:

- footprints
- American flag
- tire tracks
- instruments

‘Camping Indiana’ Facebook group to host ‘Give Back Weekend’

Members of Camping Indiana, a Facebook group, are participating in a ‘Give Back Weekend’ for the DNR on July 10 to 12.

During that span, members will be picking up trash at various state parks, fish & wildlife areas and state forest properties. The group comprises around 15,000 members.

Earl Reagan, the group’s founder, said he started the group in 2011 to share information on parks and help new campers.

“We have a diverse group from campers who prefer primitive campsites to those who use travel trailers and motorhomes,” Reagan said. “Our common bond is a love of the outdoors.

“The Indiana DNR offers us so much that we want to invest time to give back.”

Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for state parks, said the help is needed because there has been an increase the number of visitors at all DNR properties this summer.

“Having members of Camping Indiana focus their efforts across the state over a weekend will make a positive impact in keeping the DNR properties clean,” Heaston said. “It’s a great way to give back.”

Winfield Township Trustee appreciates community’s generosity to food pantry

“During these hard and trying times the Winfield Community has been very kind and generous to the Township’s Food Pantry,” said Trustee Paulette Skinner. “The Township prepared for our citizens in need. Many thanks to the following that helped: Wiseway donated hams; LOFS Lions provided gift cards; and thank you to the following: Phil, Donna abd Christene, Janet, Barb, Barb, and Barb, Jim and Nancy, Hank, Manny, Lane and Jacob’s mom, and many more. A very special thank you to the community’s soccer club. Your caring and kindness is what makes the Winfield community such a wonderful place to call home.”

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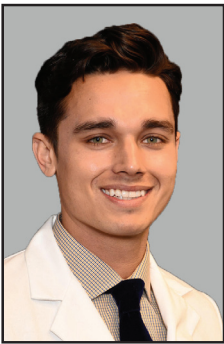
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This day in history

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The Allies began their invasion of Axis-controlled Europe with landings on the island of Sicily, off mainland Italy. Encountering little resistance from the demoralized Sicilian troops, the British 8th Army under Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery came ashore on the southeast of the island, while the U.S. 7th Army under General George S. Patton landed on Sicily’s south coast. Within three days, 150,000 Allied troops were ashore.

Italian leader Benito Mussolini envisioned building Fascist Italy into a new Roman Empire, but a string of military defeats in World War II effectively made his regime a puppet of its stronger Axis partner, Germany.

In an elaborate plot to divert German forces away from Italy, a British submarine off Spain released the corpse of an Englishman wearing the uniform of a British major and carrying what appeared to be official Allied letters describing plans for an invasion of Greece. The body washed ashore, and the letters were sent by the Spanish to the German high command, who reinforced their units in Greece.

Montgomery and Patton advanced steadily toward Messina, prompting the Germans to begin a withdrawal of Axis forces to the mainland. The Allies suffered 23,000 casualties in their conquest of Sicily. German forces sustained 30,000 casualties, and the Italians 135,000.

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Have fun, but make water safety a priority this summer

With summer in full swing, Indiana Conservation Officers remind Hoosiers to make safety a priority when recreating around bodies of water.

"Even when fun is your main focus, always recognize the danger water poses, even to strong swimmers or experienced boaters," said Capt. Jet Quillen of DNR Law Enforcement.

If you are going to be recreating around water, follow these basic safety tips:

- Discuss the dangers of water with your family and loved ones before going out.
- Wear a lifejacket.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will

return.

- Go with a buddy.
- Do not venture around flooded or fast-moving waterways.
- Avoid alcohol.

In addition to basic water safety, Indiana Conservation Officers also stress the importance of boating safety and remind boaters to know the rules of the water.

Reducing a boat's speed in unfamiliar areas and being aware of unusual water conditions respective to the size and type of boat are not only safety tips, but also important environmental considerations. Regardless of your boat type, doing an initial as-

essment of water levels and current speed are essential.

Designate a sober boat operator. Alcohol causes impaired balance, blurred vision, poor coordination, impaired judgement, and slower reaction time. These impairments can be magnified by wave action, sun exposure, and wind. It is illegal to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft in Indiana while intoxicated due to alcohol or drugs. Indiana law defines intoxication as having a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

A lifejacket should be United States Coast Guard approved, in good working

condition, and size appropriate for the wearer. New lifejackets are designed to be lighter, less obtrusive, and more comfortable. Inflatable lifejackets allow mobility and flexibility for activities like boating, fishing, or paddling, and are much cooler in warmer weather.

"A person is never too old to wear a lifejacket," said Lt. Kenton Turner, Indiana's Boating Law Administrator. "The majority of Indiana drownings on public waterways involve adults."

To learn more about boating education and safety, see: www.dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor/8678.htm

Nipsco seeks grant applications for public safety education and responder training

Nipsco is accepting applications for a grant to support local nonprofit organizations who provide public safety education and training across northern Indiana.

Grants are available in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Applications are being accepted through August 7, with grant awards announced during the week of August 24.

Grant opportunities will include, but are not limited to, community and youth public safety education programming and training for first responders, police and fire department fire and carbon monoxide

safety programs, education and training in the prevention of damage to underground natural gas lines, and child-related safety education.

Grant funding is not intended to cover the purchase of equipment other than tools needed to support public safety education programs and training.

Organizations with a mission to support public safety education and training are invited to submit a grant request through Nipsco's online request site at www.nipsco.com/SafetyGrant.

When submitting an ap-

plication online, select the 'Safety Action Grant' option from the 'Type of Support' drop-down box on the application. Documents to submit with a grant request include:

- A detailed project description, including the amount requested, scope of the project and community impact.
- An overview of how sup-

port will be recognized (press release, social media, website, etc.) and how it will benefit your organization.

- Attach project budget, a list of the board of directors and other project contributors.

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novation in the private, public, not-for-profit and government sectors.

The award was created to honor the late Richard C. Sussman Ph.D., former chairman for the Society of Innovators and head of Research and Development at ArcelorMittal. Known as a prolific team builder and innovator, Sussman is credited for pushing creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship as critical elements to remain competitive. This award builds on his legacy for a stronger Northwest Indiana.

A Lifetime Achievement Award winner may be select-

ed upon recommendation of the Selection Committee and at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Not only must the Lifetime Achievement Award winner demonstrate significant innovation, but that the work was sustained over a significant amount of time and their success was not limited to just one role, company or sector. This award is the Society's highest honor for an individual leader whose work took place in or significantly impacted the Northwest Indiana region.

The award was renamed to honor John H. Davies who was recognized as the

Society's inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award recipient in 2019. As the founder and retired managing director of the Society of Innovators, he successfully led the organization from its inception in 2005 until 2018. Davies was also instrumental in re-launching the South Shore poster series in the late 1990s and worked with the South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority Northwest Indiana to create the Wall of Legends in 2004. A self-proclaimed champion for Northwest Indiana, Davies was one of the first to say that innovation exists in the region. He was

responsible for driving a culture of innovation here.

More information about the 2020 Innovators Awards can be found online at www.pnw.edu/society-of-innovators/awards/ or by reaching out to Jason Williams at jawilliams@pnw.edu.

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest aims to contribute to economic and community development throughout the region as the champion of innovation in Northwest Indiana. For more information about the Society of Innovators, visit www.pnw.edu/soi.

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Department of Workforce Development issues fraud alert to unemployment insurance claimants

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is issuing a fraud alert to notify those who have filed for unemployment insurance benefits in 2020 that they need to protect their personal information from potential scammers.

The U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General has discovered that scammers are sending emails in an effort to steal claimants' passwords, account numbers, and/or Social Security numbers. With this information they can gain access to email, bank, or other accounts.

The scammers are sending emails using the names of companies or individuals familiar to claimants. They use familiar icons, folder names, and programs to trick claimants into providing their personal information to them.

Claimants can protect themselves by hovering over the links scammers include in the emails, but not clicking on it, to see where it will take them. Most scammers will use a URL shortened to hide the website's true identity. You can also call the sender to inquire if the email is legitimate.

The links send the victim to a webpage, which looks like a Microsoft SharePoint website. It further requires the user to sign-in using a Google, Microsoft, Apple, Yahoo! or other user account.

Once you have signed into a personal account, the scammers will obtain your username and password. They will have access to the files you have stored online and your contact lists. They may use this contact list to send the same scam email to your friends and family.

The scammers may use your personal information to collect unemployment insurance in your name or change your bank account number to one of their own.

DWD does NOT require claimants to use a secondary account to sign into its online filing system. To report an allegation of fraud involving unemployment, please visit the DWD's fraud reporting webpage at www.Unemployment.IN.gov and click on 'Report Unemployment Fraud'.

Department of Natural Resources launches 'Where to Paddle' interactive map

DNR's Division of Outdoor Recreation has launched a new interactive "Where to Paddle" map that is designed to highlight Indiana's water trails. It can be found at www.on.IN.gov/wheretopaddle.

"Previous river guides that were available for Indiana were outdated," said Dale Brier, director of of Outdoor Recreation. "This new map provides Hoosier paddlers with critical and updated information about our water trails in one convenient resource."

Public access sites, canoe and kayak outfitters, low-head dam locations and river miles are displayed in the map, which also includes USGS water gauges that display real-time stream flow at stations across the state. The map compiles data layers that were collected over many years and managed by multiple divisions into one location.

"Indiana has needed a good statewide paddle guide for many years," said Dan Valleskey, co-founder of the statewide paddling organization Indiana Paddlesports Alliance. "We have some great rivers in this state, and paddle sports are growing rapidly. I look forward to having the use of a good, up-to-date portable tool that will help plan trips."

For more information on Indiana's water trails, see www.dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4236.htm.

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Prairie Farms Dairy makes a special delivery of 1,000 gallons of milk

Prairie Farms Dairy had gallons of thanks for Franciscan Health healthcare providers and to the public who have supported their efforts during the coronavirus pandemic.

The well-known milk distributor, working jointly with a U.S. Department of Agriculture program, recently made a special delivery at Franciscan Health

Fitness Centers, 221 U.S. 41 in Schererville.

A truck in the south side of the parking lot had 1,000 one-gallon jugs of 2% milk ready to deliver to hospital workers and to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cars were lined up at 3:30 as distribution began, continuing until all the gallons were given away by Prairie Farms and Franciscan

Health volunteers.

"Prairie Farms and dairy farmers across the state would like to say a huge 'thank you' to our frontline workers," said Jenni Browning, chief executive officer of American Dairy Association Indiana Inc. "They would like to help nourish our communities with nutritious and wholesome milk."



Indiana State Medical Association connects Hoosier doctors with protective equipment

The Indiana State Medical Association has announced a new program to supply individual medical offices with the personal protective equipment needed to safely treat patients and protect their staff.

Shortages of PPE caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency have made re-opening difficult for many doctors. Now, physician practices of all sizes can purchase selected items at discounted rates that are comparable to bulk pricing. These items include hand sanitizer, isolation gowns and surgical masks.

"When the coronavirus first hit, many Hoosier doctors donated their own equip-

ment for medical teams that needed it on the frontlines," said ISMA President Lisa Hatcher, MD. "I'm proud that the ISMA has joined with these Hoosier companies to give back to our physicians so they can get their patients and the state back on track. We are truly all in this together."

The shortage was severe enough that many doctor offices reduced hours or remained closed altogether. In survey responses collected by ISMA, physicians estimated needing on a monthly basis 700,000 patient masks; 600,000 respirator masks and 500,000 gowns, pairs of gloves and face shields to op-

erate at full capacity.

ISMA staff turned to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), which identified several PPE suppliers and vetted them for quality and price.

"It has been truly incredible to see businesses all over the state step up to help in the fight against COVID-19 by providing PPE for our frontline workers," said Luke Bosso, IEDC chief of staff.

Additional vendors will be added over time to offer equipment at discounted bulk rates, regardless of quantities purchased. Orders for PPE can be submitted by visiting www.ISMANet.org/PPE.


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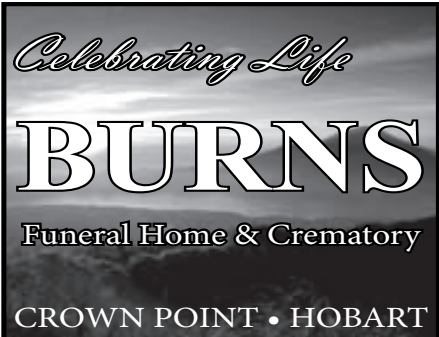

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