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Crown Point Community Foundation awards \$480,690 in scholarships

The inaugural Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship Awards Night was held on April 23rd at the Halls of St. George. The event brought together scholarship recipients, including graduating high school students, current college/trade school students, and non-traditional adult learners, and their families to celebrate their outstanding achievements as they embark on a journey filled with growth and opportunity.

The Crown Point Community Foundation (CPCF) is proud to continue its tradition of helping to make higher education pos-



Kalliopi Sakaleros and Riley McQuaid were awarded the 2024 Dean and Barbara White Scholarship. Pictured left to right: Crown Point Community Foundation Program and Engagement Officer Katie Sly; 2024 Dean and Barbara White Scholarship recipients Kalliopi Sakaleros and Riley McQuaid; and Crown Point Community Foundation President Mary Nielsen.

sible for local scholars. The Foundation awarded 118 scholarship awards to 94

students, totaling \$480,690. The scholarships included eight awarded by Crown



CPCF Women's Giving Circle Scholarship recipient Jennifer Reissman celebrates with her family.

Point Tri Kappa (six current high school students and two non-traditional learner/adult



Sarah Leitzel, Russ Keller Family Scholarship recipient with CPCF Board Member Ben Ballou and Scholarship Fund Holder Paula Keller.

learners). Community Foundation allows donors to invest in

“Establishing a scholarship fund at the Crown Point

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Valpo U awarded the Carnegie Elective Classification for Leadership for Public Purpose

Valparaiso University has been awarded the Carnegie Elective Classification for Leadership for Public Purpose, a designation that acknowledges the strength of Valpo's mission that “prepares students to lead and serve in both church and society.”

Valpo is in a select group of only 25 universities in the United States to earn the Leadership for Public Purpose classification in 2024. The 2024 list of institutions — which is the inaugu-

ral class to receive this classification — was announced by the Carnegie Foundation. Visit www.valpo.edu for more information on the classification, including the list of 25 universities.

“This honor speaks to Valparaiso University's demonstrated commitment to provide an educational experience that prepares our graduates to lead lives of leadership and service,” said Valpo President Jose Padilla. “Our graduates are sought af-

ter for their knowledge, character, integrity, and wisdom. That translates into thoughtful, compassionate, and ethical leaders ready to take on the challenges of a complex global world.”

Leadership is at the foundation of a Valpo education and the focus of initiatives in the University's strategic plan, Uplift Valpo: Our Beacon for the Journey Forward. The successful application and awarding of the Carnegie Foundation's Elective Class-

ification for Leadership for Public Purpose has accomplished a primary goal of Uplift Valpo. The impact of the recognition will accommodate further efforts to align the campus mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices in support of dynamic and noteworthy leadership engagement.

Specifically, the Classification supports the academic goal that all graduates will establish a leadership and service portfolio prior to

earning their degree. Every student's tenure at Valpo will conclude with a unique portfolio of leadership and service

experiences with a combination of theory and practice

that demonstrate their abilities within these domains.

The notification letter from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching stated, “This classification acknowledges campuses like yours that are intentionally cultivating leadership abilities across students, faculty, and staff.”

Valpo has long been recognized for graduates who are leaders in their workplace and communities. (See *Valpo* Pg. 5)



Sinai Forum at Purdue Northwest announces 2024 speakers

The Sinai Forum at Purdue University Northwest (PNW) announced the lineup of notable speakers to be featured in its 2024 season. The series will feature renowned personalities who will engage in topics from politics and constitutional law to conservation, comedy and mental health.

Liz Cheney, who formerly served as the U.S. representative for Wyoming's at-large congressional district from 2017 to 2023, opens the season on Sept. 15. Her program will take place at Stardust Event Center, Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa, Michigan City, Indiana. Cheney served as Vice Chair of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol. She is a recipient of the John F. Kennedy



Liz Cheney

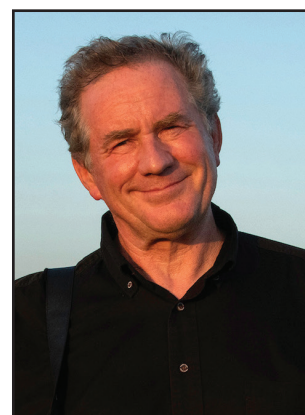
Presidential Library's prestigious Profile in Courage Award, with commendation for her “consistent and courageous voice in defense of democracy.”

Jim Gaffigan, a seven-time Grammy nominated comedian, actor and author who grew up in Chesterton, Indiana, returns to the region as a part of the Sinai Forum



Jonathan Turley

at Purdue Northwest on Nov. 24 at Stardust Event Center, Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa. Gaffigan grew up in a large family, which often serves as inspiration for his jokes. Beyond stand-up, he's a dedicated husband and father of five, often weaving his family's antics into his routines. Gaffigan's approachable everyman perso-



Joel Sartore

na, combined with his witty insights on daily life, has endeared him to audiences worldwide.

Additional speakers featured in the 2024 season will include Briana Scurry, Hall of Fame U.S. Soccer Goalkeeper and two-time Olympic gold medalist; Jonathan Turley, the Shapiro Professor of Public Interest



Jim Gaffigan

Law at George Washington University; and Joel Sartore, National Geographic Explorer, photographer and conservationist.

Program tickets, as well as dates, times and location information, are available at www.pnw.edu/sinai-forum. College and high school students can attend programs for free by registering on the



Briana Scurry

PNW Sinai Forum website and presenting their student IDs at program check-in.

Liz Cheney — Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

“Defending Democracy: A Conversation with Liz Cheney”

Liz Cheney served as the U.S. representative for Wyoming's at-large congress- (See *Sinai* Pg. 7)



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the future of our community," said Mary Nielsen, President of the Crown Point Community Foundation. "We are delighted to offer opportunities to so many deserving students of all ages and academic pursuits."

"I felt privileged and honored to once again be involved in the CPCF scholarship night," said CPCF Board Member Dean Jones. "The evening was fantastic and experiencing it with the deserving students & families gives me a first-hand glimpse of an important role the Foundation plays in our community. You really get to see the results of the hard work and dedication these talented students have put forth."

We are grateful to our Community Partner, the Halls of St. George, for generously hosting the special evening; our Platinum Sponsor, Strack & Van Till; our Silver Sponsors, Gigi's Bake Shoppe, Puntillo & Crane Orthodontics, SLP Commercial & Janitorial Services, and Southlake Auto; and our Bronze Sponsors, Levin Tire & Service Center, CP Coworking, Tri Kappa of Crown Point, Alex Nickla and The Nickla Group, and LGS Plumbing, Inc. Their support, along with that from Twisted Sugar, The Party Girl Charcuterie, Albanese Candy, Cake Pop Craze by Mallory, and John Bir Photography, was instrumental in making this event a success.

Additionally, we would like to thank our CPCF Board of Directors, whose dedication to community improvement through education is inspiring, and our donors, whose generosity not only funds these scholarships but demonstrates a remarkable commitment to enhancing the futures of our local students.

The scholarships were made available through the generosity of the Foundation's donors. Scholarships are awarded through special funds that have been established at the Foundation. Many scholarship funds are established with the purpose of honoring or memorializing an individual or family member.

Each year, the Scholarship Committee (made up of community volunteers) reviews applications, interviews stu-

dents and selects the recipients.

This year's scholarship recipients are Alec Matalin Memorial "Dope" Scholarship - Evan Ballou - \$5,000; Alfred J. Gruber Senior Social Studies Honorarium - Sarah Leitzel - \$1,325; American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship - Christopher Marlow - \$1,850; American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship - Kathleen Pampalone - \$1,850; American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship - Tanner Pavicich - \$1,850; American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship - Vincent Pisano - \$1,850; American Italian Benevolent Society Scholarship - Jacob Roytan - \$1,850; Barbara Jenkins Tyler Speech Scholarship - Myles Querimit - \$1,150; Barney Family Scholarship - Josephine Nelson - up to \$5,000 per sem. for 8 sems.; Barney's Hub Bootery Scholarship - Isabella Sevenz-Coleman - \$2,690 per yr for 3 yrs.; Bryan C. Niedert Memorial Scholarship - Abigail Foster - \$2,500; Bryan C. Niedert Memorial Scholarship - Lorain Goetz - \$2,500.

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Scholarship - Gabriella Morache - \$2,500.

Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship - Andria Murry - \$2,500; Crown Point Community Foundation Scholarship - Therese Priesol - \$2,500; Crown Point Lions Club Scholarship - Caitlin Ashby - \$1,000; Crown Point Swim Club Alumni Scholarship - Nikolai Petkov - \$5,000 per yr for 4 yrs.; Crown Point Youth Baseball Scholarship - Jackson Fronck - \$1,000; Crown Point Youth Baseball Scholarship - Sidney Smith - \$1,000; David Gergely Memorial Scholarship - Elsie Kiran - \$600; Dean and Barbara White Scholarship - Riley McQuaid - Full Scholarship - 8 sems. Tuition, Room & Board; Dean and Barbara White Scholarship - Kalliopi Sakaleros - Full Scholarship - 8 sems. Tuition, Room & Board; Donald and Phyllis (Dillabaugh) Ross Purdue Scholarship - Jerzy Mayer - \$3,000; Donald and Phyllis (Dillabaugh) Ross Purdue Scholarship - William Sherman - \$3,000.

Dr. J. Robert Mayden Memorial Scholarship - Rachel Magtira - \$2,500; Dr. James W. Gentleman Memorial Scholarship - Bella Lamparski - \$2,500; Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary PTO Scholarship - Megan Szpak - \$500; George Letz III Memorial Scholarship - Elsie Kiran - \$2,500; Gil and Gail Stiener Family Scholarship - Caelyn Thiel - \$2,980; Helen Zielinski & Ray Stuck Family Scholarship - Abigail Edwards - \$1,500; Jerry A. Caravana Athletic Director Scholarship - Lilia Hacker - \$1,300; Jerry A. Caravana Athletic Director Scholarship - Jeffrey Meschede - \$1,300; Jerry Ross Elementary PTO Scholarship - Jude Anderson - \$1,000; JoAnne and Jim Haag Scholarship - Clark Noble - \$2,225; John D. Amodeo Scholarship - Elise Depta - \$1,000; John D. Amodeo Scholarship - Alyson Foster - \$1,000; Joseph & Evelyn Skora Memorial Scholarship - Jacob Huppenthal - \$3,200; Joseph & Evelyn Skora Memorial Scholarship - Connor Thiel - \$3,200; Joseph N. and Annette M. Allegretti Scholarship - Zach Brooks - \$1,000; Karen & Cornel Raab Scholarship - Zach Brooks - \$2,700; Karen Pruzin Scholarship - Emma Charles - \$2,000; Karen Pruzin Scholarship - Preston Matthyse - \$2,000.

Kathy, Russ and Jim Keller Scholarship - Sarah Hill - \$800; Kay Hubbard Music Scholarship - Rachel Magtira - \$2,000; L. Jane Keene Memorial Scholarship - Dimitri Zaronias - \$760; Lake Street Elementary PTO Scholarship - MaryClare McConnell - \$500; Lisa Schaefer Stover Scholarship - Grace DeVine - \$1,630; Liss CARSTAR Scholarship - Ethan Ogrentz - \$1,500; MacArthur Elementary PTO Scholarship - Lillian Caddick - \$1,000; Manhart/Gibbons Family Memorial Scholarship - Samantha Zivkovich - \$3,055 per yr for 4 yrs.; Marie Van Slyke Scholarship - Andrew Panozzo - \$500; Marilee Thanholdt Memorial Scholarship - Madeline Thunberg - \$2,540; Marion Kellum Performing Arts Scholarship - Zander Abraham - \$1,000; Marion Kellum Performing Arts Scholarship - Ella Moon - \$1,000; Marion Kellum Performing Arts Scholarship - Julianna Rush - \$1,000; Marion Kellum Performing Arts Scholarship - Samantha Zivkovich - \$1,000.

Mark and Lindsay Bates Scholarship - Zander

Abraham - \$1,000; Mark Edwards Memorial Scholarship - Scott Ballentine - \$750; Marty Shahbaz Football Scholarship - Seamus Malaski - \$1,525; Mary Gregory Geimer Memorial Scholarship - Jocelyn Mollet - \$2,500; Maurine Schlemmer Memorial Scholarship - Tanner Pavicich - \$600; McMichael Family Scholarship - Clarita Mabon - \$1,435; Mike Brown, Jr. Memorial Scholarship - Jude Anderson - \$2,650; Mike Brown, Jr. Memorial

Scholarship - Samantha Walden - \$2,650; Millicent & Forrest Everett Memorial Scholarship - Sarah Hill - \$730; Paul and Dorothea Everett Scholarship - Allie Hopkins - \$1,780; Pete Breuckman Sr. Tradesman Scholarship - Trent Hurysz - \$2,500.

Pete Breuckman Sr. Tradesman Scholarship - Ethan Sauter - \$2,500; Pettit Family Memorial Student Athlete Scholarship - Seamus Malaski - \$2,500; Ralph E. and Dee Bennett Scholarship

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Obituary ~ Linda Grube Eisenhauer

Linda Grube Eisenhauer, cherished friend and beloved family member, died unexpectedly on June 19, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and enduring service. She was born in Logansport, Indiana to Donald and Isabel (Murdock) Grube. In 1961, she married the love of her life Ronald G. Eisenhauer. Linda brought joy and laughter to every event, making countless

friends along the way and creating treasured memories for all. She will be remembered for her unwavering dedication to her friends and the numerous organizations she supported. Linda is survived by her son, Donald (Mary Jane) and grandchildren Mary Frances, George and Harriet. A visitation was held on June 26, 2024, and funeral was on June 27, 2024, both taking place at Burns Funeral



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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 at www.indiana-sunbucks.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/serVICEDesk/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 keyword "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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The Institute for Leadership and Service, the Richard C. and Francelia A. Gozon University Chair in Values-Based Leadership, Study Abroad and service-learning

experiences, committed faculty, and a wide range of student organizations and activities all provide leadership opportunities for students. "Leadership is core to Valpo's mission," said Provost Eric

Johnson '87, Ph.D. "As a Valpo graduate, who has come back to this special place and served as a faculty member, dean, and now provost, I believe that every student has the opportunity to develop and hone their leadership skills. This Carnegie recognition will drive us to develop even more impactful curricular and co-curricular initiatives across the University."

The 2024 class of 25 institutions is the inaugural group of universities to receive the Carnegie Elective Classification for Leadership for Public Purpose. Of the 25 institutions, they are located in 19 states across the United States, 15 are public institutions, 10 are private, and two are service academies. Valpo is the only school in the state of Indiana to hold this classification.

Valparaiso University is an independent, Doctoral/Professional University with a comprehensive liberal arts

curriculum in Valparaiso, Indiana. Nearly 3,000 students and 250 full-time faculty comprise a community of learning dedicated to excellence and grounded in the Lutheran tradition of scholarship, freedom and faith.

Valpo is nationally recognized for the quality and innovative character of its academic programs. Valparaiso University offers more than 70 undergraduate programs through the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business,

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This week in history

July 20, 1969

American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, spoke to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

The American effort to send astronauts to the moon has its origins in a famous appeal President John F. Kennedy made in 1961: "I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth."

Apollo 11 took off from Kennedy Space Center with astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins aboard. After traveling 76 hours, Apollo 11 entered into a lunar orbit on July 19. The next day the lunar module Eagle separated from the command module, where Collins remained. Two hours later, the Eagle began its descent to the lunar surface, and at 4:18 p.m. the craft touched down on the southwestern edge of the Sea of Tranquility. Armstrong immediately radioed to Mission Control in Houston, Texas, a famous message: "The Eagle has landed."

Armstrong opened the hatch of the lunar module. As he made his way down the lunar module's ladder, a television camera attached to the craft recorded his progress and beamed the signal back to Earth.

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The 6th Generation from the Geisen family to serve funeral families, Anthony is a graduate of Purdue University and Worsham School of Mortuary Science. He lives in Crown Point with his wife Mackenzie and their son Lincoln.







Career scholarship account application now open for Indiana high school students

The State of Indiana is now accepting applications for students to participate in the Career Scholarship Account (CSA) program during the upcoming school year. The first-in-the-nation CSA program provides \$5,000 annually for tenth through twelfth grade students enrolled in eligible work-based learning programs, including internships, apprenticeships, applied learning experiences and credential attainment experiences.

“In K-12 education, we have an incredible opportunity to help every student find their purpose, know their value and understand the possibilities for their life’s path,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “In order to maximize the four years of high school, we must work together to ensure more students have access to quality experiences that set them up for success, including high-quality work-based learning and educational

attainment opportunities. Indiana’s CSA program is one way to remove barriers, such as transportation, and ensure more students have the opportunity to experience careers and earn a credential of value while still in high school.”

Indiana’s CSA program provides all students the opportunity to explore their interests, gain hands-on experience and build skills that will ensure a seamless transition from high school to higher

education and quality careers. CSA funds can be used to cover eligible expenses in the following categories:

- Enrollment fees for courses, sequences, apprenticeships or programs of study;
- Career coaching and navigation services;
- Postsecondary education and training;
- Transportation and equipment; and
- Certification and credentialing examinations.

“Career exploration through work-based learning programs is incredibly valuable to a student’s journey to determine their ideal pathway after high school,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “As students receive more flexibility to participate

in these hands-on experiences, Indiana’s CSA Program will remove potential barriers and increase opportunities for students to discover possibilities for education and training beyond high school.”

Through a coordinated cross-agency effort, the Indiana Department of Education approves eligible programs, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education approves eligible providers and the Treasurer of State approves eligible students and provider expense reimbursements.

“We are really excited to see how Career Scholarship Accounts will continue to provide great alternative career paths for our students,” said Daniel Elliott, Indiana

Treasurer of State. “With apprenticeship programs gaining momentum, this is another example of how Indiana is leading the way in offering more options for school choice, ensuring that everyone can find the path that’s right for them.”

Students at any Indiana high school are encouraged to apply. Applications for the 2024-2025 school year will be accepted through Tuesday, October 1. Visit the student resources page for additional information on the CSA program, eligibility requirements and to access the student application.

Additional details on how funds may be used can be found at www.in.gov/tos

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sional district from 2017 to 2023. She chaired the House Republican Conference from 2019 to 2021 and served as the Vice Chair of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. Cheney is the author of the memoir “Oath and Honor” and co-authored “Exceptional: Why the World Needs a Powerful America” with her father, former Vice President Dick Cheney. In 2022, Cheney, along with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, received the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library’s prestigious Profile in Courage Award.

Jonathan Turley — Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024

“The Indispensable Right: Free Speech in the Age of Rage”

Jonathan Turley is the Shapiro Professor of public interest law at George Washington University. Professor Turley has written extensively in areas ranging from constitutional law to legal theory to tort law. He is the author of The Indispensable Right: Free Speech in an Age of Rage

(Simon & Schuster 2024). Turley is currently the legal analyst for Fox News. He is a columnist for USA Today, The Hill, and other newspapers including the New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Los Angeles Times and Wall Street Journal.

Joel Sartore — Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024

“Building The Photo Ark: One Man’s Quest to Document the World’s Animals”

Joel Sartore is a National Geographic Explorer and photographer, as well as a noted speaker, author, teacher and conservationist. His hallmarks are his sense of humor and Midwestern work ethic. Sartore is the founder of the National Geographic Photo Ark, a multiyear effort to document every species — big or small, common or rare — living in the world’s zoos, aquariums and wildlife sanctuaries in order to inspire people to help protect biodiversity before it’s too late.

Jim Gaffigan — Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024

“Beyond Humor: An Afternoon with Jim Gaffigan”

Jim Gaffigan, a seven-time Grammy nominated comedian and actor, is known for his unique brand of humor which largely revolves around his observations on life. Raised in Chesterton, Indiana, Jim grew up in a large family which often serves as inspiration for his jokes. Recently, he starred alongside Jerry Seinfeld in the movie “Unfrosted,” showcasing his versatile talent in both comedy and acting.

Briana Scurry — Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024

“From Gold to Grit: A Champion’s Journey Through Traumatic Trials and Mental Health Triumph”

Briana Scurry is a pioneering American soccer goalkeeper and one of the most accomplished players in women’s soccer history. Scurry was a key figure in the U.S. Women’s National Team, winning two Olympic gold medals (1996, 2004) and the 1999 FIFA Women’s World Cup. After suffering a career-ending concussion in 2010, Scurry faced a challenging mental health journey, battling depression and anxiety.

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Jackson Saliwonczyk - \$1,085; Robert “Bob” Brown Scholarship - Clayton Walden - \$570; Robert Taft Middle School PTO Scholarship - Addison Kiran - \$1,285; Robert Taft Middle School PTO Scholarship - Olivia O’Keefe - \$1,285; Ronald & Suzanne Borto Scholarship - Therese Priesol - \$700; Russ Keller Family Scholarship - Sarah Leitzel - \$2,000; Shirley Mudy Scholarship - Makenzie Keever - \$1,000; Shirley Mudy Scholarship - Sienna Ridgley - \$1,000; Solon Robinson Elementary School PTO Scholarship - Michael Lee - \$500. Solon Robinson Elementary School PTO Scholarship - Alyssa Petersen - \$500; St. Mary’s Catholic Community School Scholarship - Rae Holok - \$1,000; St. Mary’s Catholic Community School Scholarship - William Mouser - \$1,000; Tim Galusha Memorial Scholarship - Nolan Ferrell - \$4,000; Timothy Ball Elementary PTO Scholarship - Eva Obetkovski - \$500 per yr for 4 yrs.; “Tiny” Knesek Bohling and Karla Stienen Scholarship - Luke Sargent - \$940; Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship - Emmi Doty - \$585; Todd Szanyi Memorial Scholarship - Collin Foy - \$585; Tri Kappa - Sue Crisman Memorial Scholarship - Sara Kamp-Austin - \$1,000; Tri Kappa - Women’s Giving Circle Scholarship - Madison Donofrio - \$1,000; Tri Kappa Scholarship - Jude Anderson - \$2,000; Tri Kappa Scholarship - Chelsea Droza-Tants - \$2,000; Tri Kappa Scholarship - Reilly Lustina - \$2,000; Tri Kappa Scholarship - MaryClare McConnell - \$2,000; Tri

School Scholarship - Kappa Scholarship - Lea Nikolov - \$2,000; Trinity Lutheran School PTL Scholarship - Emily Gardiner - \$750; Trinity Lutheran School PTL Scholarship - Andrew Ives - \$750; Trinity Lutheran School PTL Scholarship - Brayden Shea - \$750; Virgil A. Place Scholarship - Isabella Gonzalez - \$3,950 per yr for 4 yrs.; Walter J. Bernacki Memorial Scholarship - Jeffrey Meschede - \$500; Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship - Andrew Ives - \$1,000; Wilbert Buth Music Scholarship - Brayden Shea - \$1,000; William G. & Phyllis M. Fatch Scholarship - Tanner Pavicich - \$555; Winfield Elementary PTO Scholarship - Austin Guerrero - \$1,000; Youche Country Club Scholarship - Reilly Lustina - \$750; Zondor Family Scholarship - Scott Ballentine - \$1,765.

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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.

One-third of Indiana households unprepared for extreme weather events, reveals survey

In recent years, natural disasters such as droughts, floods, and hurricanes have become increasingly frequent, gradually becoming the new norm.

A survey of 3,000 respondents to gauge the level of preparedness among households for coping with catastrophic weather conditions. The survey was commissioned by ServiceMaster. For example, do Texans stockpile water in anticipation of droughts, Illinoisans maintain their sump pumps to withstand flooding, and Californians take precautionary measures like cleaning gutters, porches, and decks to mitigate the risks associated with wildfires? Alarmingly, the survey revealed that a significant 31% of households do not take any proactive measures ahead of natural disasters. This lack of preparation is particularly concerning in states like Washington, where only 44% of households reported taking preventive steps, de-

spite the state's vulnerability to several natural disasters due to its diverse geography and climate. Washington is prone to earthquakes, floods, and wildfires, making it essential for residents to be well-prepared.

On the other hand, Idaho emerged as the state with the most prepared residents, with 80% of households taking steps to prepare for natural disasters. Idaho's fire season typically extends from late spring through early fall when conditions are dry and hot. Additionally, flooding is a frequent hazard in the state, particularly during the spring when snowmelt from the mountains swells rivers and streams, and flash flooding can occur during heavy rainstorms.

When it came to Indiana specifically - a state affected by flooding during the spring and summer months - the survey found that over one-third of households do not take proactive steps to prepare for extreme weather

events. Heavy rainfall from thunderstorms, combined with snowmelt in the spring, can lead to flooding in Indiana. Rivers, streams, and low-lying areas are particularly susceptible to flooding, which can cause property damage, road closures, and disruptions to transportation.

The survey also shed light on the psychological impact of extreme weather events, with over 1 in 3 (35%) respondents reporting that they suffer from anxiety due to these occurrences. Among households that do not take preventive measures, financial constraints were cited as the primary reason, followed by uncertainty about the necessary supplies or actions to take. Surprisingly, 13% of respondents said that no one had explained to them what they need to do and why.

The survey also revealed a significant knowledge gap, with less than half (48%) of participants stating that they fully understand the risks of natural weather events in

their area. Furthermore, only 1 in 5 respondents reported having a set plan among household members in case of a natural disaster.

Finally, when asked about their household's ability to sustain itself with current emergency supplies after an extreme weather event, 22% said they could only last for a few days, while 36% said they could survive for one week. Only 3% of respondents declared that they could sustain themselves for three weeks.

"The results of our survey are a wake-up call for all Americans," said Diana Rodriguez-Zaba, founder of ServiceMaster Restoration by Zaba. "It's alarming to see that so many households are not taking any proactive measures to prepare for natural disasters, despite the increasing frequency and severity of these events. Diligent property maintenance can mean the difference between preservation and loss - in fact, preparedness should not be

considered a choice, but a necessity."

ServiceMaster Restoration has included some basic tips on how best to prepare for extreme weather events:

Floods

- Elevate electrical systems, appliances, and install flood vents to reduce damage.
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container and create digital copies.
- Ensure proper landscaping to direct water away from your home.
- Consider investing in sandbags and other flood-defense materials.
- Create an evacuation plan that includes a go-bag with essentials and know local flood evacuation routes.

Tornadoes

- Identify a safe room or storm shelter in your home; if not available, a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor without windows is best.
- Keep helmets and heavy shoes in your shelter area to protect against flying debris.

• Conduct regular tornado drills with your family so everyone knows where to go and what to do.

• Have an emergency kit ready in your shelter area.

Wildfires

- Create a defensible space around your home by clearing away brush and dead vegetation.
- Use fire-resistant materials for roofing and siding if possible.
- Prepare a 'wildfire action plan' with evacuation routes and a communication plan.
- Have an emergency kit with N95 respirator masks to protect against smoke inhalation.
- Keep a hose connected and ready to douse small fires if safe to do so.

Have fun, but make water safety a priority this summer

In the midst of swimming season, 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 assessment of water levels and current speed are essential.

Designate a sober boat operator. Alcohol causes impaired balance, blurred vi-

sion, 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.

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

Nominations sought for 20th anniversary of South Shore Legends induction

Nominations are now open for a new South Shore Legend to be added to the Wall of Legends at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond. Nominees should have accomplishments that resonate in and beyond northwest Indiana that demonstrate innovation, creativity, courage and/or exploration.

"Recognizing people from Northwest Indiana for their contributions to the region and to greater society is an important part of creating region pride and providing inspiration to future generations," said Kelly Anoe, Legacy Foundation President & CEO. "We are excited to be a partner in bringing this program back."

Legends are individuals,

living or dead, who have had a substantial impact with lasting implications and have lived or worked in Lake, Porter, La Porte, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski or Starke counties.

"With the support from Legacy Foundation and BP Whiting Refinery, the Indiana Welcome Center completely redesigned the Wall of Legends to an interactive kiosk for the 20th anniversary," stated Phil Taillon, CEO & President at the South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority. "The rich history of these legends is an inspiration to all of us who live and work in the area."

South Shore Legends are typically historical



contributors, not modern-day innovators. Past Legends include Orville Redenbacher, Charles Bowman & Garnet Findling for revolutionizing the popcorn industry, Frank Borman - Apollo 8 Commander, "A Christmas Story" author Jean Parker Shepherd, and many others.

Nominations will be

accepted through July 31, 2024. Multiple individuals engaged in the same activity can be included in one nomination. Direct questions to Stephanie@southshorecva.com. For more information, to view past Legends or to make a nomination visit www.alongthesouthshore.com/legends

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