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St. Mary's Chess Club competed in a virtual tournament

Eighteen Chess Club members from St. Mary Catholic Community School recently participated in a virtual chess tournament. After elimination rounds, nine semi-finalists competed in the final round.

All students played well, but three achieved first place within their age groups. In the 6th to 8th grade division, Emily Jen earned the top spot. In the 4th to 5th grade division, John Mouser was victorious. Finally, among the 3rd grade and under par-

ticipants, Joseph Mullally won top honors. St. Mary's is grateful to the Walsh family for sponsoring the tournament and is very proud of all the students that participated.

St. Mary Catholic School was opened in 1872. The school offers grade levels Junior Pre-Kindergarten (for three-year-olds) through eight and is the largest school in the Diocese of Gary. St. Mary's faculty teaches a rich curriculum supported by leading-edge technology. All students are encouraged to

participate in extracurricular activities such as Academic Team, Chess Club, Geography Bee, Spanish Club, Science Olympiad, Scouts, Environmental Club, WSMW News Cast, a full slate of athletics and more. St. Mary's is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2020-2021 school year.

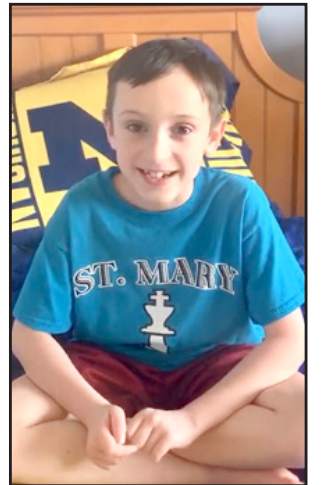
To learn more about enrollment visit www.stmary-cp.org/school.



Emily Jen



John Mouser



Joseph Mullally

Crown Point Community Library now offers 'no contact' curbside pick-up

The Crown Point Community Library has announced no-contact curbside pickup for library materials, which began last week. The service will be available:

- Crown Point location: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Winfield location: Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To request library materials for curbside pickup:

- Place a hold via the library's online catalog or call the library location by phone. When your items are available for pick-up, you will receive a notification, by text or email, or if you have opted out of notifications, the library will call you when your items are available for pick up.
- Only after you have received the notification, from the library, should you arrive for curbside pick-up.
- Pull into a designated curb-

side pick-up spot, call the library and notify the staff member of your parking spot number.

- Remain inside your vehicle.
- Library staff will bring your bagged items out to you and place them on the curbside pick-up sign.
- Library staff is following strict sanitation, hand-washing procedures, and wear masks/face shields while delivering your materials.

Library materials can only be returned to our book drops.

- All items are quarantined for three days before they are checked in, so you may still see items listed on your account after you return them.
- Any fines accrued during the quarantine period are waived when they are checked in.
- Note that in severe weather, curbside pick-up service

may be suspended temporarily. Curbside pick-up is a new procedure, please be patient as we work through the logistics of this new library service.

The library asks their patrons to help in their efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 when using the curbside service. Please do not use this service if you are showing symptoms, have had a fever in the last 24 hours, or otherwise think you may have or need to be tested for COVID-19.

As a reminder, the buildings remain closed to the public at this time, all in-library programming and meeting room use is suspended until further notice. Library leadership is carefully considering and planning the necessary precautions to determine when we can reopen to the community. We will communicate further information, regarding our re-



Library Board of Trustee member Vicky Klein picking up library materials at the Crown Point Library.



opening, as soon as possible.

In the meantime, your digital library is always open. Free WiFi access in the parking lot at both locations, download books, access

free databases, virtual programming, and more. Visit www.crownpointlibrary.org/2020/04/16/new-digital-services/ to learn about all the new library services

available to the community during the building closure. Contact the Crown Point Library at 219-663-0270, contact the Winfield Branch at 219-662-4039.

High school graduates are better prepared, but more need higher education

College enrollment has declined for several years in Indiana and the trend continues, as outlined today in the state's 2020 College Readiness Report. The new report from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education shows 61% of Indiana's high school graduates in 2018 enrolled in post-secondary education at the certificate, two-year and four-year degree levels. This compares to college-going rates of 63% in 2017 and 65% in 2015.

"We have been keeping a sharp eye on this slow decline for several years. What we have found is that historically, fewer people enroll in college when the economy is strong, choosing instead to enter the workforce," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "It is too early to tell if that trend will continue due to the coronavirus-related downturn. However, for many Hoosiers who are out of work or considering a new career path, this is the time to

re-skill or enhance their options with advanced education."

Though the college-going rate has declined, the report also shows high school graduates who go to college after graduation are better prepared for higher learning than ever before. Just 9% of the class of 2018 required remediation (additional classes or coursework to be able to take college-level courses), compared to 28% of the class of 2014.

Also highlighted: The

college-going rate for students enrolled in the state's early college promise program, 21st Century Scholars, remains high at 86%. Grade point averages of the state's college freshmen are going up, particularly for Black and Hispanic Hoosiers.

"Again and again, the data show the 21st Century Scholars program is one of the best tools we have for educational equity in Indiana," Lubbers said. "It is encouraging to see this positive momentum for low-income

Hoosiers and students of color."

High school graduates who earn the state's Academic Honors Diploma are significantly more likely to enroll in college, compared to the Core 40 and general diploma (91%, compared to 49% and 15%, respectively).

Additionally, a majority of Hoosier students pursue some form of early college credit while in high school, with 64% of graduates in 2018 earning dual credit or Advanced Placement credit.

Of those students who earn any form of early college credit through an Indiana public college, nearly three-quarters enrolled in college.

The report also shows more high school graduates are choosing to study Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-related programs than any other program. This is also the only program area that grew year-over-year for college-going high school graduates.

More high school gradu-

(See *School* Pg. 2)

Indiana Pearl Harbor survivor conquers COVID-19

Robert Bates is a survivor. The Hoosier native was a young man, serving as an army air corps mechanic in WWII when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Mr. Bates was one of only three men from his company to survive the attack on that fateful day. Returning home to Indiana after the war, Robert raised a family and devoted his career to serving others as a postal worker. He first came to American Village, part of American Senior Communities, in 2011 for rehabilitation and he returned to the campus in 2015 as a long-term care resident. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread through communities across the nation, Robert was not spared. Having tested positive for COVID-19, he recently spent weeks in the VA Hospital, Indianapolis battling double pneumonia at 98 years of

age. Once cleared to return home, he rejoined his American Village family in recovery mode. According to Director of Nursing, Ashley Collins, “Robert has never given up his fight and he is getting stronger every day.” Ashley and Robert are close friends; as Robert’s CARE Companion, Ashley regularly joins him for breakfast where they often talk about Colts football, their shared passion. Returning to American Village after his COVID battle, Robert had lost both weight and strength but thanks to the dedication of his American Village team of care givers, he is making wonderful progress on his road to recovery. Under the guidance of occupational and speech therapists, Robert is regaining his appetite and working on his mobility. He’s affectionately referred to as ‘Paw Paw’ by those closest to him and hearing “Paw Paw, you can do it!” always makes Robert give his best effort. When asked how he’s survived his recent bout with COVID, Robert humbly says, “God and the love of my family keep me going every day. Life is a blessing and I still have some living to do!”

Pop Warner Jr. Wolves football, cheer, and dance registrations underway; deadline June 13

Registration for tackle football, cheer and dance are happening now for children aged 5 to 13. “Come on everybody and let’s make this season a great one for our kids,” said George Vargas, president. “If your son or daughter wanted to try a new sport or return to the sport they love then register now.” Season begins August 1. Practices for football will take place at Boone Grove Middle School and Cheer and Dance will take place at Hebron Middle School. You can register online at www.jr-wolves.com. Registration ends June 13. Contact George Vargas with any questions at jrwolvespresident@gmail.com or call/text at 219-241-9371.

Campground hosts needed at state parks and forests

Indiana’s state parks and state forests are looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in exchange for free camping during their service. Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week. The volunteer period varies at respective sites, based on the number of applicants and the amount and type of work required. Properties are looking for dedicated campers who enjoy working outdoors, with the public and with DNR staff. A complete list of hosting duties is at www.on.IN.gov/DNRCampgroundHost or potential applicants can contact the property at which they would like to serve as host. Completion of a volunteer application is required to apply. Download a volunteer application form at www.on.IN.gov/INStateParksVolunteer.

(School from Pg. 1)

ates who went straight to college after graduation in 2018 pursued a four-year degree than in the previous year (71%, compared to 69%); over a quarter of high school graduates pursued a two-year degree. Additionally, the percentage of students pursuing certificates, including short- and long-term workforce certificates, has increased by over 50% since 2012. The Commission’s new strategic plan, Reaching Higher in a State of Change, outlines numerous policy positions and action areas to drive college-going access and success, including improving completion rates and expanding the definition of “higher education” to include a full range of credentials – including short- and long-term certificates, apprenticeships, two- and four-year de-

grees and more. “It is more crucial than ever to emphasize the value of higher education. That includes ensuring students connect with the most appropriate options for their futures, so that they persist and complete and are able to fully utilize the opportunities that come along with higher learning – whatever form it takes,” Lubbers said.

Got stuff for the paper?

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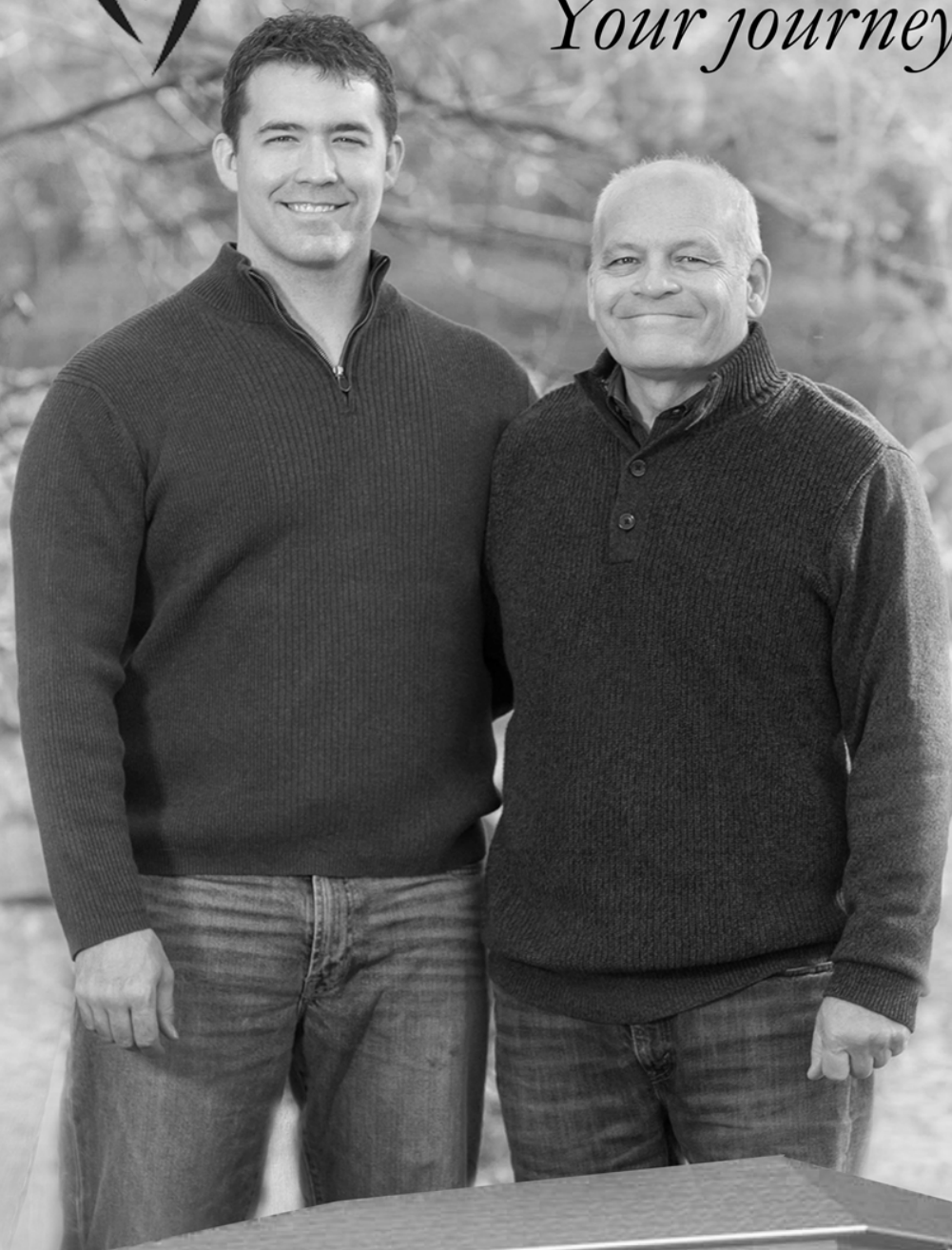
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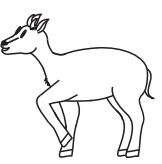
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I'd like a robot that bakes desserts!



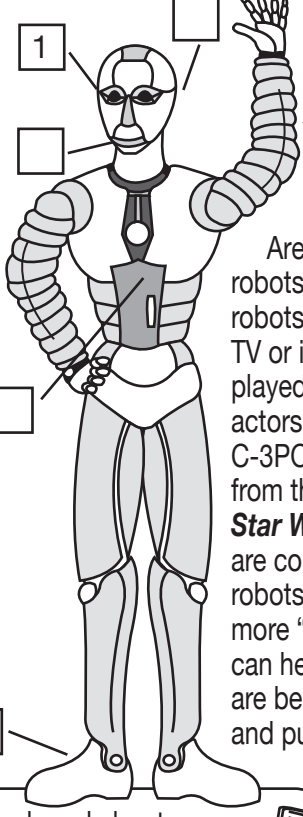
Phew!



I'm bored, and tired of doing the same chores over and over. I want a...**Robot**...so I can tell it what to do!

The kind of robot I *really* want is only found in science fiction stories and movies. Most robots that exist today are used in industry to make cars or other items. Some are used to paint or pack items. Robots in movies often look like humans, while real-life factory robots usually have only one big arm to do the work they are built to do. Robots have computers for "brains." People can program them with a set of directions to "teach" them a job. If something goes wrong, robots can't teach themselves how to fix it – yet!

Ready for Robots?

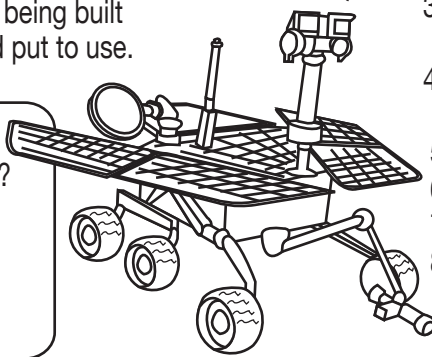


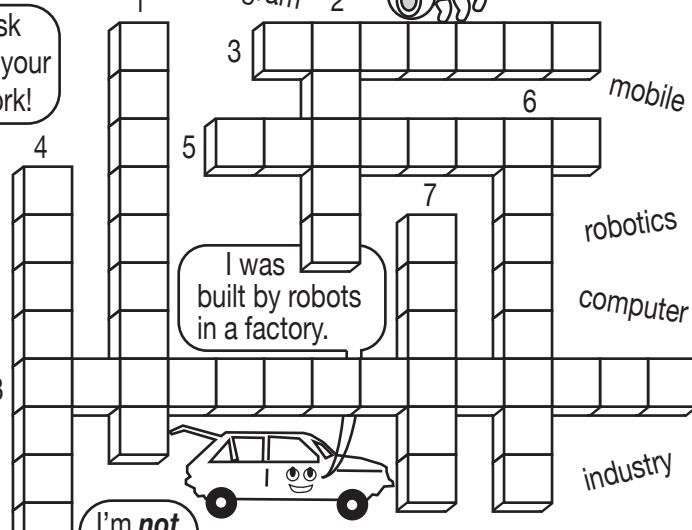
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Don't ask me to do your homework!

Are **you** ready for robots? A lot of the robots we see on TV or in movies are played by human actors. Remember C-3PO and R2-D2 from the movie **Star Wars**? Many are computer generated robots. But, more and more "real" robots – that can help humans directly – are being built and put to use.

Have you heard about NASA's Mars Exploration Program? Robots, like this one, are sent to Mars. They help scientists study the planet by sending photos and data from Mars to Earth.





robot program 2 automatic science fiction 3 6 mobile 5 7 robotics computer 8 industry

I was built by robots in a factory.

I'm **not** cleaning Chitter's room!

Fill in this puzzle to show how much you know about robots:

1. working, moving or acting by itself
2. machine that automatically does a job
3. set of directions put into the computer to tell the robot what to do
4. business, work that produces things we use, such as cars and bicycles
5. field of work designing, building robots
6. the "brain" of the robot
7. able to move from place to place
8. fun stories that show how a real or imagined scientific thing such as a robot might change our way of life

Can You Figure it Out?

Check out my robot! Can you fill in the number where he has:

1. cameras for eyes
2. feet for moving from place to place
3. computer "brain" area; panel for repairs
4. bendable, flexible arms to reach and stretch
5. microphones for ears to pick up sound
6. a loudspeaker for "talking"

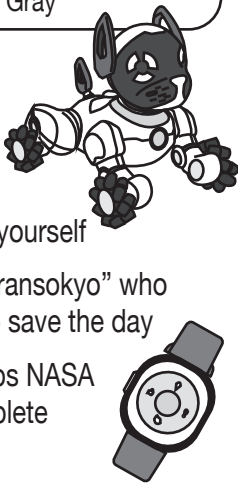
Beep!...Identify These Robots

Here are some favorite and famous robots from cartoons, toys and real life! **Can you match each one to its definition?**

1. Baymax (Big Hero Six)
2. Mars "Curiosity" rover
3. Asimo (Honda)
4. Chip (by WowWee)
5. Mindstorms (by Lego)
6. Transformers

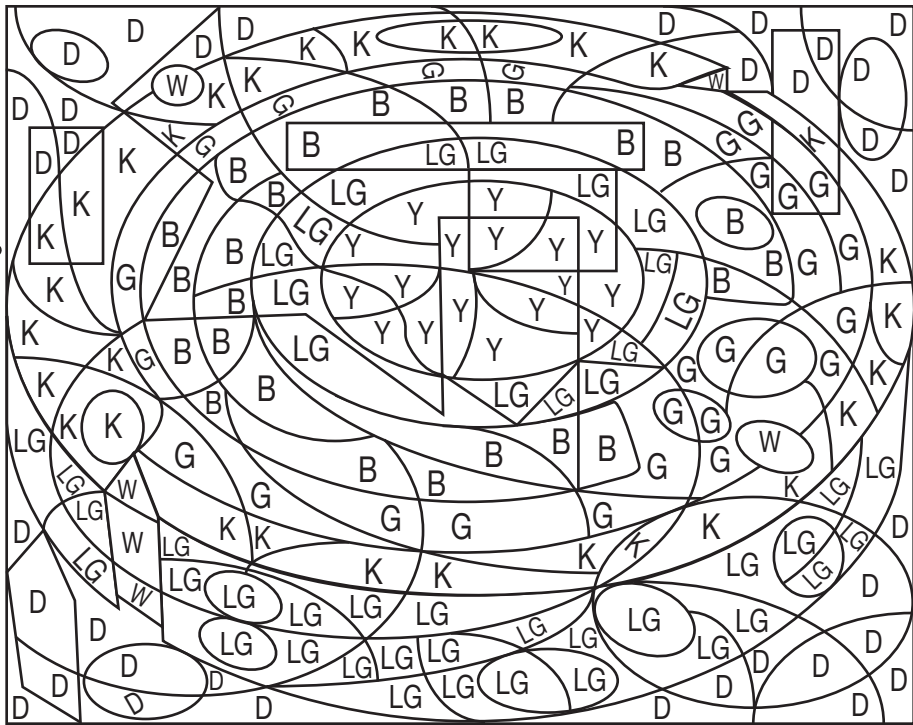
- A. robot dog that can play fetch and recognize you
- B. colorful robots that you can build and program yourself
- C. medical robot in "San Fransokyo" who wears a suit of armor to save the day
- D. car-sized robot that helps NASA explore space and complete its science missions
- E. robots from the planet Cybertron that can take the shape of cars or airplanes
- F. real-life walking and talking robot, can climb stairs or serve you drinks

B = Bright Blue
D = Dark Blue
G = Dark Gray
LG = Light Gray
K = Black
W = White
Y = Yellow



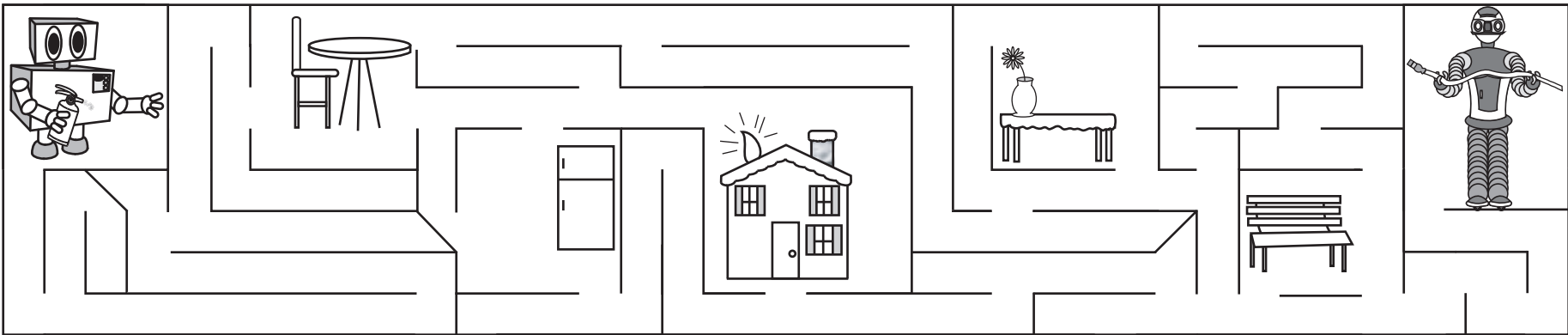
Is There A Robot in Your House?

A simple "robot" is an automatic machine that will complete an easy task, such as a microwave oven and dishwasher. Follow the color key to see a smart "robot" that people use to vacuum:



Robot Fire-Fighting Competition!

At this competition the **2** robots must find the house with the candle flame inside it and put out the flame. To get there, each robot must find its way "in and out" of the other **4** rooms first. **Can you help each robot find its way through the maze?**



Update on summer recreation opportunities at Department of Natural Resources properties

As campgrounds, inns, restaurants, park offices and nature centers reopen at Indiana State Parks, some other features that summer guests traditionally use at those and other DNR properties will open soon, while others will remain closed.

Rentable picnic shelters, recreation buildings and rally camps opened June 1 for groups of 100 or fewer people, with social distancing. Property offices have reopened to members of the public who want to purchase passes, permits and fishing licenses.

The DNR's public outdoor swimming pools will remain closed for the 2020 summer season due to limitations in the ability to practice social distancing on the confined space of pool decks. Locations of those closed pools include Mounds, Prophetstown, Turkey Run, McCormick's Creek, Spring Mill, Brown County, Versailles, Clifty Falls, O'Bannon Woods, Shakamak and Harmonie

state parks, along with the pool at Cagles Mill Lake (Lieber State Recreation Area).

Even with pools closed there are many other places at DNR properties across the state to cool off on a hot day.

Most beaches, which have adequate space for guests to practice social distancing on the sand and in grassy areas in most locations, opened Memorial Day weekend and are great places to enjoy the water.

These are located at Pokagon, Potato Creek, Chain O'Lakes, Indiana Dunes, Ouabache, Lincoln, Whitewater Memorial and Summit Lake state parks, Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon SRA), Mississinewa, Monroe, Patoka, Brookville and Hardy lakes and Deam Lake and Starve Hollow SRAs and Ferdinand State Forest. The beaches at Cagles Mill (Lieber SRA) and Salamonie lakes will reopen when the currently high water returns to safe levels.

Kayaks, canoes and pad-

dleboats provide an alternative option for water-based recreation. Some or all types of watercraft are available for rent at several park locations with lakes, including Pokagon State Park and Trine SRA, as well as Chain O'Lakes, Lincoln, Ouabache, Potato Creek, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Versailles and Whitewater Memorial state parks, and at Cagles Mill Lake (Cataract Falls SRA.) Boat rentals are also available at Ferdinand and Yellowwood state forests, and Deam Lake and Starve Hollow, all of which are operated by the Division of Forestry. Marinas at Brookville, Cagles Mill (Lieber SRA), Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon SRA), Mississinewa, Monroe, Patoka and Salamonie lakes offer rental boats to explore the water.

For additional information about what is open or closed at DNR properties visit www.on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

USDOT announces \$177.5 million in funding for transit infrastructure projects, including Lake County

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration recently announced a \$177.5 million federal funding allocation to two transit projects in Lake County and Indianapolis, Indiana. The projects are among 12 transit infrastructure investment projects across the country that are receiving part of a \$891 million funding allocation as they advance toward readiness for a construction grant agreement. Funding is provided through FTA's Capital Investment Grants Program.

"This \$891 million in federal funding for our country's public transit system will facilitate the ability of millions of Americans to access jobs and critical services," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The Indiana transit proj-

ects receiving a funding allocation are the West Lake Corridor Commuter Rail Project in Lake County, Indiana, and the IndyGo Purple Rapid Transit Line in Indianapolis.

The West Lake Corridor Commuter Rail Project is a 7.8-mile southern extension of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's (NICTD) existing South Shore Line commuter rail service between Dyer and Hammond in Indiana, and includes four new stations. FTA is allocating \$100 million in FY 2020 funds to the project.

The IndyGo Purple Rapid Transit Line is a 14.8-mile Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line to be constructed by the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo) between downtown Indianapolis and downtown

Lawrence. FTA is allocating \$27 million in FY 2018 CIG funds and \$50.5 million in FY 2019 CIG funds to the project, to complete the CIG funding request.

"These projects will help Lake County and Indianapolis improve access to jobs and essential services for transit riders, and will help these areas recover from the impacts of COVID-19," said FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams.

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all who have been impacted by COVID-19 around the world, and for all of us in our university community as we prepare for 2020-2021 academic year. Our enrollment projections for the fall look good now, but time will tell. We are very excited about the

Community deer hunting coordinator training offered July 11; registration deadline June 26

Individuals interested in becoming qualified as Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP) deer hunting coordinators are invited to attend this year's training session on Saturday, July 11.

CHAP is designed to increase hunting opportunities for white-tailed deer in communities and help alleviate human/deer conflicts. CHAP is described in detail at www.wildlife.IN.gov/9420.htm.

The training will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DNR Fish & Wildlife Bloomington

Field Office. Coordinators may be hired by communities applying for CHAP to implement safe deer hunting practices in various types of communities, parks, and terrains in accordance with the CHAP program. Training will cover topics including the biology of white-tailed deer, deer management options, and successful deer hunting in urban communities.

The training will be contracted through White Buffalo, Inc. An online portion of training will be required prior to attending the in-person training session.

Training-session participants should come ready to participate and take notes. An outdoor field trip portion of the session is planned, and participants should come dressed appropriately for the weather, ready to caravan to the field trip location with their own lunches. Lunch will not be provided.

Registration is required for the event, and the deadline is Friday, June 26. Participation is limited to 20 people. To learn more and register, visit www.bit.ly/2THjFHM.

Department of Natural Resources seeks volunteer paddlers for wildlife monitoring

The DNR is asking paddlers to report their wildlife observations while paddling Indiana waterways from June 1 to July 31.

Paddling is a great way to enjoy Indiana's natural beauty, observe wildlife, and connect with nature, and DNR is hoping to collect more information about the wildlife that frequents Indiana's waterways. Hoosiers who paddle can collect information that will help Indiana manage wildlife for future generations.

The Indiana Paddlecraft Wildlife Index compiles wildlife observations from people who use canoes, kayaks, or other non-motorized paddlecraft around the Hoosier state. Volunteer paddlers can help by signing up to complete paddling trip postcards documenting the wildlife they observe while on the water.

The collected information will allow wildlife managers to estimate changes in

key wildlife populations over time. With paddlers' help, DNR may also gain insight into new locations where these species live.

Those interested can learn more or sign up to volunteer by visiting www.on.IN.gov/Paddlecraftindex.

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Fire Force Volunteers Requested

Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force, which serves LOFS, Winfield, Winfield Township, and the WPTFP district, is always in need of more dedicated volunteers to join our ranks. Want to help your community by giving back through service? Please call 219-662-7576 and speak with Chief Gikas, or he may be e-mailed at chief@lofsfire.com. (950)



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Department of Natural Resources has interpreters on the move

Park staff members were excited to see so many visitors enjoying the outdoors over the recent Memorial Day weekend. And park interpreters were there to greet them. With a lot of planning and creativity, park interpreters maintained safe environments while still engaging with visitors and sharing the park's stories.

Visitors can expect to see interpreters "on the move" in and around the nature centers, at historic sites, out on the trail, and other places.

All nature centers are staffed and open. Visitors are welcome to come inside to learn about the respective park's natural and cultural stories. Most will have occupancy limits to achieve social distancing. If you have to wait your turn, we appreciate your patience.

Park interpreters will be offering in-person programs such as talks, hikes, and more in the upcoming weeks. You can find program details on the DNR Calendar at www.calendar.dnr.IN.gov

Whether you visit indoors or out, the DNR hopes you find one of the park interpreters. They are happy to see you and happy to share the park with you.

Indiana Secretary of State issues advisory to raise awareness of private offering risks

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disruption and anxiety to individuals and the financial markets. Because fraudsters often try to capitalize on current issues and problems to promote their scams, Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson today issued an investor advisory on exempt securities offerings, also known as "private placements," in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

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This day in history

June 5, 1968

Senator Robert Kennedy was shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles after winning the California presidential primary. Immediately after he announced to his cheering supporters that the country was ready to end its fractious divisions, Kennedy was shot several times by the 22-year-old Palestinian Sirhan Sirhan. He died a day later.

In the summer of 1968, both the Vietnam War and the anti-war movement were peaking, especially after the Tet Offensive. Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated in the spring, igniting riots across the country. President Lyndon B. Johnson decided not to seek a second term in the upcoming presidential election.

After winning California's primary, Kennedy was in the position to receive the Democratic nomination and face off against Richard Nixon in the general election.

As Rafer Johnson and Roosevelt Grier accompanied Kennedy out a rear exit of the hotel, Sirhan Sirhan stepped forward with a rolled up campaign poster, hiding his .22 revolver. He was only a foot away when he fired several shots at Kennedy.

Sirhan confessed to the crime at his trial and received a death sentence. However, since the California State Supreme Court invalidated all death penalty sentences in 1972, Sirhan has spent the rest of his life in prison.

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Indiana State Department of Agriculture photo contest highlights Indiana agriculture

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture is now accepting submissions for the 13th annual Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest. The contest is open to Indiana residents and was created to recognize the hard work and contributions of Hoosier farmers, as well as the beauty of the state's agricultural landscape.

"Indiana has some of the most breathtaking views and unique areas, and this contest is the perfect opportunity to showcase what you find most beautiful about our great state," said Lt. Governor Crouch.

Participants are encouraged to submit photos that reflect the wide array of agriculture. The categories photos can be entered under are:

- *Conservation:* Highlighting Indiana's natural beauty with photos of landscapes, water

and wildlife.

- *Agritourism:* This category includes seasonal and agricultural destinations, orchards, wineries, farmers' markets and produce.
- *Faces of Agriculture:* Featuring those who grow and produce food, fuel and fiber engaged in farming/agricultural activities.
- *On the Farm:* Every building, piece of equipment or activity that is a part of life on an Indiana farm can be included.

In total, ten winners will be selected: two from each category and two overall. Winners will be invited to attend a special ceremony at the Indiana State Fair, where they will be recognized and receive certificates from Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce

Kettler. Contest winners will also have their photographs featured in the offices of the Lt. Governor's Family of Business in Indianapolis.

"Agriculture touches each part of our state," said Kettler. "Through your photo submissions we can see the diversity, beauty and tradition that is Indiana agriculture."

Contestants can submit up to five photos in digital format. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, composition and category representation. Entries must be submitted by 4 p.m. (CST) on June 30, 2020.

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