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St. Mary School students enjoy outdoor adventure at Camp Tecumseh

The 5th grade students from St. Mary Catholic Community School recently visited Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. The students participated in the Foundations For Success program, which focuses on the five pillars of self-confidence, communication, leadership, trust, and problem solving.

The students were placed into groups and were tasked with applying these pillars to nature related activities. Some of these activities included: building a campfire, shelter building, reading a map while navigating the nature trails, rock climbing, and complet-

ing the team obstacle course.

At the culmination of each activity, students were asked to reflect and journal how they can incorporate these five pillars into their daily schooling and lives. Two fifth graders, Olivia Valdes and Haley Gibens said, "We can especially use the pillars of self-confidence and leadership by believing in ourselves and being a leader for others."

Overall, all the students worked together to successfully complete their tasks and create lasting memories.

"My favorite activity was the rock-climbing wall because it taught me to be more

confident with activities and I can take that confidence back into the classroom," said student TJ Raggs.

St. Mary Catholic Community School offers grade levels Junior Pre-Kindergarten (for three-year-olds) through grade eight. Students in all grades are provided with opportunities for fun projects and activities to make learning interesting and relevant. St. Mary's is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year. To learn more about St. Mary's School visit school.stmarycp.org or call 219-663-0676 to request a tour.



Anna DeVries getting ready to complete her reflection and journal.



Working as a team. From left to right: M. Sawochka, Andrew Hernandez, Graham Kolodziej, Cassidy Tran, and Olivia Luttrell.

Purdue University Northwest announces 2024 winners of 'The PNW Big Sell'

Three innovators were awarded investment capital for their startup pitches after earning judges' top picks in the 13th annual The PNW Big Sell pitch competition.

The PNW Big Sell is hosted by PNW's Office of Commercialization and Research and sponsored by PNW's College of Business, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) and Centier Bank.

Jonathan Rose earned first place and \$10,000 for the pitch for ModMath. The application is intended to assist students with dyslexia and

dysgraphia complete math exercises with a digital interface instead of a physical writing utensil and paper.

Emily Edwards earned second place and \$3,000 for the pitch for Paradise Spreads. Edwards' business involves a collection of organic, gluten-free, plant-based spreads and snacks. Edwards previously earned second place for Paradise Spreads in the 2021 The PNW Big Sell and has received subsequent support from PNW CMEC staff for further commercialization.

Danielle Cruz-Lopez received third place and \$1,000

for Sepsis Slayers, a business that aims to reduce sepsis-related deaths within the medical field.

Ten finalists presented to a panel of four judges inside PNW's Commercialization and Manufacturing Excellence Center (CMEC). The competition was also aired and streamed on WJOB and JEDtv.

"The PNW Big Sell pitch competition provides aspiring entrepreneurs from all walks of life to present their innovative ideas for potential commercialization," said Niaz Latif, interim provost and vice chancellor for

Academic Affairs and associate vice chancellor for Commercialization and Research. "We appreciate the community sponsorship that we receive each year, which helps to recognize these talented individuals and promote potential startups in Northwest Indiana."

"The PNW Big Sell serves as a valuable opportunity to support regional entrepreneurs and forward a university goal of fostering transformative innovation for our communities," said Alexandra Moran, clinical instructor of Entrepreneurship.

"We appreciate the contestants' ingenuity and look forward to continuing to support their business goals."

Mont Handley, entrepreneur in residence and associate director of CMEC, and Moran jointly directed the event. A panel of four judges included Vincent Arcuri, professional casting director; John Fountain, professor of Journalism at Roosevelt University; Max Moses, former for-profit and non-profit director; and Alex Wisniewski, co-founder and CEO of Cultivation Connect.

A recording of The PNW

Big Sell can be viewed on-demand via subscription at jedtv.com. For more information about The PNW Big Sell, visit www.pnw.edu/thepnwbigsell.

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) is a premier metropolitan university dedicated to empowering transformational change in our students and in our community. Located in Northwest Indiana, near Chicago, PNW values academic excellence, supports growth, and celebrates diversity. For more information about PNW, visit www.pnw.edu.

NIPSCO marks Electrical Safety Month by providing electrical safety tips to customers

May is National Electrical Safety Month and NIPSCO is reminding customers of the importance of safety by providing tips and guidelines to help keep customers safe around electricity.

"Safety is at the forefront of everything we do at NIPSCO," said Orville Cocking, NIPSCO Senior Vice President of Electric Operations. "That is why it is important for everyone to understand how to safely utilize electricity to power everyday life, and how to respond when encountering an emergency."

What to Do if You Find a Downed Power Line

Downed wires can pose serious risks, including electric shock and fire hazards.

Therefore, it is important to consider all downed wires as energized and dangerous, even if it appears that the wire is not live.

If a downed wire is encountered, follow these safety tips:

• **Stay Away and Keep Others Away:** Maintain at least 50 feet from the wire and the surrounding area. If you are in a populated area, warn others to stay away.

• **Call 911:** Call 911 and provide as much detail as possible about the downed wire and its location. Let them know if anyone requires medical attention.

• **Call NIPSCO's 24/7 Electric Emergency Hotline:** Call our 24/7 emergency number at

1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726). Let the operator know you have called 911 and notify them of the downed wire. Provide as much location detail as you can.

• **Wait for Assistance:** Remain calm and wait for emergency responders to arrive and safely remove the downed wire. Keep in mind that electricity can travel through the ground, trees and other objects. Never move these objects or use another object to move a downed wire.

If inside a vehicle and a downed wire falls on it, follow these instructions: • **Stay Inside the Vehicle and Remain Calm:** Your instincts may tell you to exit

the vehicle, but it is imperative to stay inside your car and do not attempt to exit. The car's tires can possibly

• **Report the downed power line to 911 and NIPSCO:** Await assistance from emergency responders. Do not at-



act as a catalyst for electric shock.

• **Only Exit the Vehicle if You're in Immediate Danger:** If you absolutely need to exit your vehicle, exit by jumping away from the vehicle and try landing with both feet close together. Avoid making contact with the metal frame of the vehicle. Walk away by shuffling your feet.

tempt to move the wire.

Keep in mind that if you see trees near power lines, that can also pose serious risks. Sometimes after storms, branches can break and trees can fall, pulling down power lines. Treat this as an emergency and follow the tips above on what to do if you encounter a downed power line.

Power Generator Safety: Use Caution and Prevent Hazards

Generators are handy when it comes to outages; however, it is crucial to make sure that everyone is taking steps to stay safe when using them. Below are some tips to follow.

• **Use Generators Outside Only:** Make sure to position the generator (especially gas-powered generators) in a well-ventilated area away from doors, windows and garages to avoid the potential for carbon monoxide entering the home. • **Use Only Outdoor-Rated, Grounded Extension Cords:** Look for extension cords with a GFCI (See NIPSCO Pg. 2)

Department of Natural Resources recreation and fishing guidebooks are online

Your latest guides to exploring Indiana's great outdoors are now available at your fingertips and at a DNR property near you. Indiana.

The 2024 Indiana Recreation Guide is available now at www.on.IN.gov/rec-guide.

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to Indiana fishing, the Indiana Fishing Regulations Guide, is available at www.on.IN.gov/fishingguide.

The DNR's 2024 Indiana Recreation Guide is the source for information on state parks, state forests, lakes, fish & wildlife areas, nature preserves, state park inns, and

other DNR properties. The guide includes a great facilities chart and information about accessibility and fees.

Soon, free printed copies of each will be available at local retail outlets, state parks, lakes, and other DNR properties.

Annual entrance passes

for state park properties can be purchased in person at the gatehouse or offices of state park properties during business hours, at www.shopIN-stateparks.com any time, or at the Boat, Sport and Travel Show.

Indiana resident passes cost \$50. For individuals 65

years old or older, the price is \$25. Annual passes for vehicles with out-of-state license plates are \$70. Normal daily gate fees for residents at most properties are \$7 per in-state vehicle. For more information on Indiana state park properties, visit www.stateparks.IN.gov.

Fishing and hunting licenses can be purchased and printed at www.INHuntFish.com. They can also be purchased at retailers, county clerk offices, and most DNR properties throughout the state, as well as at the Boat, Sport and Travel Show.

Purdue University Northwest announces wide range of summer camp programs for K-12 students

Parents looking for fun and engaging programs for their children for summer 2024 can check out more than 20 programs serving a variety of interests for K-12 students. PNW summer camps allow participants to have fun while gaining memorable hands-on

experiences.

Various camps' themes and activities will include robotics, artificial intelligence, forensics, nursing, leadership, environmental sciences, psychology, sports and more. Students can explore their areas of interest, deepen

their knowledge, meet peers with similar interests, engage with knowledgeable PNW faculty members, and build their skills for future education and work careers.

Several PNW summer camps are made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.'s

Indiana Youth Programs on Campus. The grant supports higher education institutions in providing high-quality programming for K-12 students.

Registration is required for all camps. For a list of camp programs, additional information, updates or to register,

visit www.pnw.edu/camps.

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The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra concludes season with Romeo and Juliet

The Northwest Indiana Symphony and conductor Kirk Muspratt conclude the 2023-24 season with "Romeo & Juliet," one-night only, Friday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Auditorium at Living Hope Church.

The romance and tragedy of Shakespeare's famed

couple, Romeo and Juliet, comes to life in two different musical interpretations. Tchaikovsky's overture-fantasy features a well-known love theme that has been used in many movies and television programs. Prokofiev's ballet, composed in 1935, features actors Erika and

Ryan Morrison narrating excerpts from Shakespeare's text.

"These magnificent composers present Romeo and Juliet with music that is the height of romance," Maestro Muspratt said. "This is the eternal story of true love."

Maestro Muspratt will host

a pre-concert discussion before the concert beginning at 6:15 pm to talk about the history and nuance of the pieces to be performed. The guest artists will also join the discussion. This talk is free to all ticket holders.

Tickets for the concert range from \$40 - \$75 each

and students are \$10. Group sales are available at a discount. Call the Symphony office at 219-836-0525 or visit the website at www.NISOchestra.org to order tickets for Romeo and Juliet.

(NIPSCO from Pg. 1) (ground-fault circuit interrupter) to avoid getting shocked if cords get wet.

- **Don't Plug a Generator into a Regular Household Outlet:** Keep the extension cord for the generator separate from the outlets in the home. Only connect individual appliances to the receptacle outlet of the generator. Otherwise, it may damage the home's wiring, start a fire and back-feed electricity into the utility system and energize a line thought to be without power. This can seriously injure or kill a NIPSCO worker because they wouldn't know the line is live.
- **Use a Different Extension Cord to Power Your Home:** Use a separate extension cord exclusively for the generator powering the home.
- **Use a Transfer Switch to Prevent "Back-Feed":** The installation of a transfer switch safely allows the home's wiring system to be easily and cleanly attached from NIPSCO's system. This allows the user to control the flow of electricity to those

circuits needed most until power is restored— such as to a fridge or furnace fan. Transfer switches require installation by a licensed electrician. If a transfer switch is not installed, shut off the main breaker of the service panel to help prevent electricity from feeding back into the power grid or household circuits, which could cause hazards.

- **Avoid Overloading the Generator:** Don't overload the generator with too many appliances and equipment. Read and follow wattage guidelines in the owner's manual.
- **Keep Children and Pets Safe:** Keep children and pets away from portable generators at all times.
- **Turn it Off Safely:** Before shutting down the generator, turn off all the equipment being powered by it.

Ladder Safety: Ladders and Electricity Don't Mix

Outdoor spring projects are underway, and it is important to note that ladders and electricity don't mix. When completing outside work and carrying a ladder, make sure

to use caution when carrying the ladder near overhead electrical lines.

Remember these tips:

- **Stay 10 Feet Away from Power Lines:** Make sure to keep the ladder and your body away from power lines.
- **Use Fiberglass Ladders:** When possible, consider using fiberglass ladders. Electricity can travel through ladders made of metals such as aluminum and even wooden ladders, especially if they are wet.
- **Use Caution Near Trees:** Trees contain water and electricity can travel through water and harm you.
- **Be Aware of the**

Surroundings: Don't let any tools or materials make contact with power lines.

Additional Electric Safety Tips:

- **Inspect Electrical Cords and Equipment:** Regularly check electrical cords, plugs and equipment for signs of damage, such as fraying, exposed wires or cracks. Replace damaged items immediately.
- **Use Extension Cords Safely:** Use extension cords temporarily and avoid running them under rugs or carpets. Do not overload extension cords or use damaged cords
- **Keep Water Away from**

Electricity: Keep electrical appliances and cords away from water sources to prevent electrical shock.

- **Unplug Unused Appliances:** When not in use, unplug appliances to reduce the risk of fire and save energy.
- **Use Childproof Outlets:** Install outlet covers to protect children from inserting objects into outlets.
- **Avoid DIY Electrical Work:** Leave electrical repairs and installations to the licensed professionals.

To learn more about electrical safety, visit www.NIPSCO.com/Safety/Electrical-Safety.

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New Outdoor Indiana magazine features dragonflies

Outdoor Indiana magazine's May/June issue features a cover story on the 97 species of dragonflies that can be found in the Hoosier State and how to enjoy watching them.

The issue also includes an article on Tippecanoe River State Park, which is near Winamac, and the upcoming vintage camper rallies to be held at Clifty Falls and Spring Mill state parks in June and August, respectively.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at Indiana State Park Inns across the state for \$4. You can subscribe online or by phone for \$15 for one year (six issues, a 27% savings over cover price) or \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42% savings).

Subscribe at www.ShopINStateParks.com or by calling 317-233-3046. To read article excerpts, go to www.OutdoorIndiana.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Our aim is To Serve!

Crown Point Community School Corporation details Summer Nutrition Assistance Program

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

Participating families will receive \$120 for each eligible child on a card that you can use to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers. If you think your children are eligible, you can get SUN Bucks by filling out a simple application. To apply for SUN Bucks 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/service/customer/portal/11.

You will need to provide your child's name, school, date of birth, along with

the names of other people in your household, your household income, and address where you would like the benefit card to be sent. You will not need to provide any documentation to apply. Receiving Summer EBT will not affect children or families' immigration status.

In addition to SUN Bucks

the children under 18 years of age in your household can also receive free meals during the summer at a summer meal site. You can call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (or text 914-342-7744 with the 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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This week in history

May 11, 1934

A massive storm sent millions of tons of topsoil flying from across the parched Great Plains region of the United States as far east as New York, Boston, and Atlanta.

At the time the Great Plains were settled in the mid-1800s, the land was covered by prairie grass, which held moisture in the earth and kept most of the soil from blowing away even during dry spells. By the early 20th century, however, farmers had plowed under much of the grass to create fields.

The U.S. entry into World War I in 1917 caused a great need for wheat, and farms began to push their fields to the limit, plowing under more and more grassland with the newly invented tractor. The plowing continued after the war, when the introduction of even more powerful gasoline tractors sped up the process. During the 1920s, wheat production increased by 300%, causing a glut in the market by 1931.

That year, a severe drought spread across the region. As crops died, wind began to carry dust from the over-plowed and over-grazed lands.

The dust storms forced thousands of families from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico to uproot and migrate to California, where they found work was scarce and pay meager during the worst years of the Great Depression.

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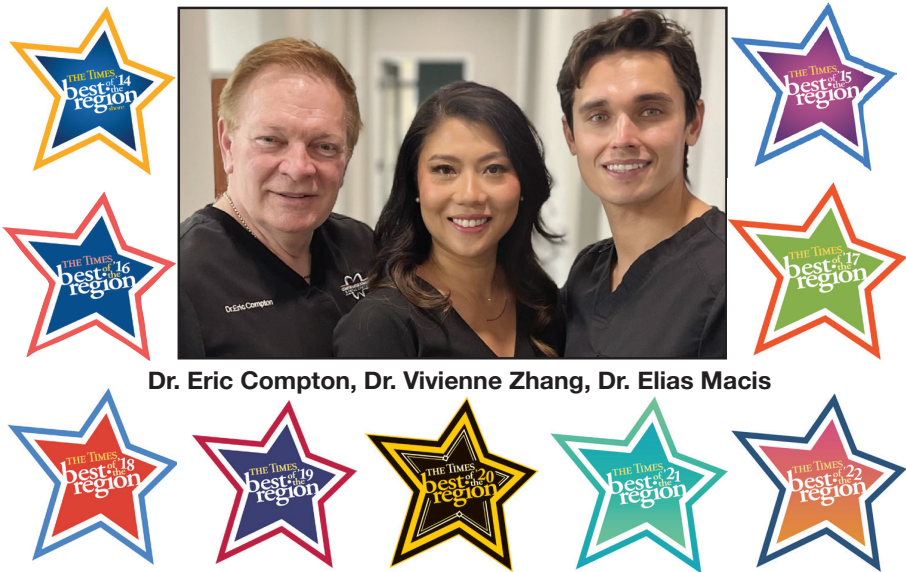
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Let's see: pancakes, bananas, coffee, and juice.

I'm so excited about our plans for Mom!

First, we are going to serve her breakfast in bed. Chitter is making a card for her food tray. Then, we are taking her to the park for a picnic.

Do I spy the first picnic basket of the season?

Grandma's favorite things:

1. box of _____
2. cellular _____
3. teacup _____
4. family _____
5. ten-speed _____
6. garden _____

Five Famous Mothers!

We talk about mothers all the time in rhymes, stories and art. **Can you read the clues and fill in the names of these five famous mothers?**

Mom's favorite things:

1. locket _____
2. baby _____
3. laptop _____
4. coastal _____
5. stack of _____
6. running _____



necklace

beach

1 computer 2 shoes

3 birds 4 books 5

6

1 Nature 2 Whistler's 3

4 Queen 5 Hubbard Goose

1 collection 2

3 bicycle 4 scrapbook 5

6 gloves phone

1 son's painting of her in chair is famous: _____ Mother

2. "parent" to all the natural world (not made by man): Mother _____

3. "author" of a collection of nursery rhymes: Mother _____

4. character of a nursery rhyme: Mother _____

5. Her Gracious Majesty: _____ Mother

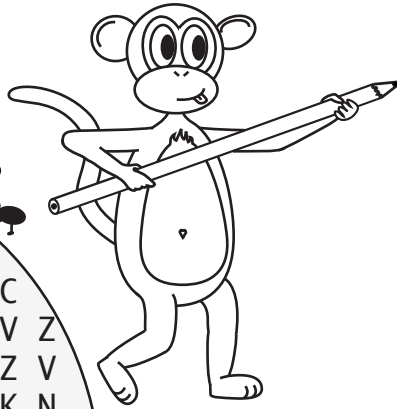
How can you surprise your Mom on her special day? Is there something that you can do that would be helpful? Read Chitter's list. **Find and circle the words in bold print in the strawberry.**

1. be very **quiet** in the morning and let Mom sleep in late
 2. make a **card**, put it in a place where you know she will see it
 3. with an adult's help, make **breakfast** and serve it to her in bed
 4. put little, fancy **soaps** into a basket or on a clean face cloth in the bathroom
 5. save your **money** and buy a gift just for her (write a few clues on some paper and let Mom search for it)
 6. finish a **chore** that Mom didn't have time to complete
 7. dip some **strawberries** into chocolate
- What ideas do you have?

How to Surprise a Mom!

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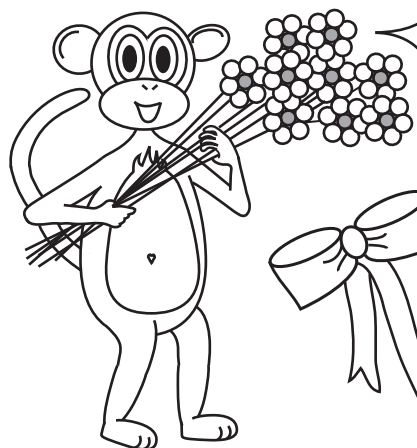
If you need a little help starting a surprise, then **finish this note for Mom**. Fill in the middle with your ideas. Color and decorate it to give it your special touch. Cut it out and give it to your mother!

(Or, slip this into a fancy card that you make for your Mom.)

Happy Mother's Day!

Mom, thanks for...

With all my love,



I picked these flowers for Mom. I need a finishing touch - something I can put them in to present them. **Can you help me by crossing off the silly idea and coloring in the good ideas? Next, unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks with the name of each item.**

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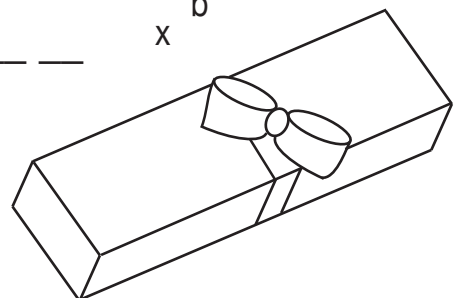


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BBB Scam Alert: Watch out for SAT prep scams

Submitted by Rick Walz - President/CEO BBB Northern Indiana

For parents of high school students, SAT and ACT scores are a huge deal. With college admissions and scholarships on the line, paying for tutors and test prep materials may be worth the price. But watch out for con artists eager to take advantage of this. Scammers – with access to kids’ names and school information – are tricking parents into paying for bogus SAT and ACT prep materials.

How the scam works

You get an unsolicited call from a person claiming to be from the College Board, the company responsible for the PSAT, SAT, and AP tests, or another educational organization. The caller claims to be confirming your address, so they can send test prep materials, such as books, CDs, or videos, that your child requested at school.

It seems so believable. Several people reported to BBB Scam Tracker that the caller even had their child’s name, phone number, address, school information, and/or the date and location of their child’s scheduled test.

Of course, there’s a catch. The caller needs you to pay a deposit, sometimes several hundred dollars, for the materials. They claim it will be refunded when the materials are returned after a set number of days. Unfortunately, if you provide your address and credit card details, the materials will never arrive, and your deposit will never be refunded. Scammers now have your

credit card number and other personal information.

In a recent BBB Scam Tracker report, a consumer shared, “Caller, Carson, stated my son had requested SAT prep materials through College Board student services. He had my address, my son’s name, date and location of the SAT test my son is scheduled to take. Caller stated they needed parental permission prior to sending documents and that I needed to give him a credit card number for collateral. We would be sent the college SAT prep materials; the materials would be free of charge for 30 days and we would need to return the materials in the envelope provided and my card wouldn’t be charged. The caller stated they send email reminders prior to the return deadline and will send shipping confirmation once the material package is mailed out. My card was charged \$249.95 instantly.”

Another consumer shared on BBB Scam Tracker, “I received a call from Brad [redacted] with College Prep Tutors. Stated that my daughter (knew her name) had requested ACT and SAT study prep materials. He said that they would be sent out via USPS and were free if returned within 30 days, but needed to charge my card to initiate the process, and that it would be refunded upon return of the USB materials. He sounded very legitimate and provided a confirmation number. I should have looked further before committing as this appears to be a scam.”

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Purdue University Northwest announces wide range of summer camp programs for K-12 students

Parents looking for fun and engaging programs for their children for summer 2024 can check out more than 20 programs serving a variety of interests for K-12 students. PNW summer camps allow participants to have fun while gaining memorable hands-on experiences.

Various camps’ themes and activities will include robotics, artificial intelligence, forensics, nursing, leadership, environmental sciences, psychology, sports and more. Students can explore their areas of interest, deepen their knowledge, meet peers with similar interests, engage with knowledgeable PNW faculty members, and build their skills for future education and work careers.

Several PNW summer camps are made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.’s Indiana Youth Programs on Campus. The grant supports higher education institutions in providing high-quality programming for K-12 students.

Registration is required for all camps. For a list of camp programs, additional information, updates or to register, visit www.pnw.edu/

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This is the time of the year when you may start to notice nests and dens occupied by young wildlife around your home. If you do, help keep wildlife wild by remembering the following if you encounter a young animal alone.

Adult animals rarely abandon their young. Parents often leave young unattended for long periods of time to gather food and may only return a few times a day. A nest or den without a parent present does not necessarily mean that the young have been abandoned.

Do not hover to see if a parent has come back to its young. An adult animal will not return if people or pets are close to the nest or den. Give the young space and only check back periodically. If you can't tell if a parent has checked on a nest, place straw

or grass over the nest and return later to see if it has been disturbed.

Young wildlife should not be handled. Human scent is unlikely to cause parents to abandon their young; however, handling young wildlife and disturbance of a nest can alert predators to the young animal's presence. Young may also carry disease or parasites they can transfer to people or pets, and are capable of biting or scratching.

Rescuing young wildlife is legal, keeping them is not. Rescued wildlife must be given to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator within 24 hours. For a list of wildlife rehabilitators or more information on orphaned and injured wildlife, visit www.on.IN.gov/keepwildlifewild.

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This consumer reported losing \$250.

How to avoid test prep scams

Always be wary of unsolicited callers. If someone calls out of the blue asking for payment, always research their organization before you share personal information or agree to receive services or products. Look up the business they claim to represent at BBB.org. Search the name along with the words "scam" or "complaint" to find out if others had negative experiences. Check BBB Scam Tracker to see if anyone else has filed a report about the company.

Double check with your child. If scammers say they

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

Understand the College Board's practices. The College Board will never ask you for bank or credit card information over the phone or via email. If a caller suggests otherwise, hang up. Learn more about the College Board's policies.

Use your credit card when possible. Credit cards may refund your money if they

Public cautioned to avoid Flint Creek after Tippecanoe County fish kill

Following the discovery of a large fish kill, IDEM is advising the public to stay out of the waters around Flint Creek in Tippecanoe County.

IDEM Emergency Response was dispatched to a report of a significant number of dead fish in West Point, Indiana, after notification from conservation officers with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The IDEM On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) noticed the fish kill stretching approximately 10 miles starting in a tributary to Flint Run in the area of 7700 700 W. Flint Run connects to Flint Creek, where dead fish were also observed. Flint Creek flows into the Wabash River, which is being evaluated for immediate impacts.

Elevated levels of ammonia nitrogen were detected at the initial site. The OSC determined the source to be a leak from a large (30,000 gallon capacity) tank at the nearby Scott Miller Farm containing liquid nitrogen fertilizer. IDEM has contacted the property owner, who has implemented containment measures to stop the

fertilizer leak.

IDEM and DNR will monitor the area and is recommending that the general public and animals stay out of the tributary to Flint Run, Flint Run, and Flint Creek while mitigation efforts are ongoing.

IDEM will continue to monitor the situation and compliance staff will thoroughly investigate the cause

of this incident.

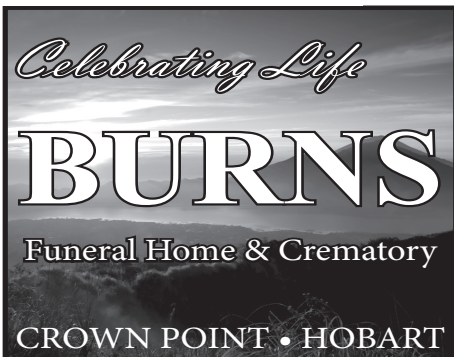
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