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## INDOT, Purdue to develop wireless electric vehicle charging solution

The Indiana Department of Transportation and Purdue University announced plans to develop the world's first contactless wireless-charging concrete pavement highway segment. The project will use innovative magnetizable concrete – developed by German startup Magment GmbH – enabling wireless charging of electric vehicles as they drive.

“Indiana is known as the Crossroads of America and we’re committed to fortifying our position as a transportation leader by innovating to support the emerging vehicle technology,” Governor Eric J. Holcomb said. “This

partnership to develop wireless charging technology for highways sends a strong signal that Indiana is on the leading edge of delivering the infrastructure needed to support the adoption of electric vehicles.”

“As electric vehicles become more widely used, demand for reliable, convenient charging infrastructure continues to grow, and the need to innovate is clear,” INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness said. “We’re excited to partner with Purdue and Magment to explore incorporating wireless charging technology into highway infrastructure.”

“The field of transportation is in the midst of a transformation not experienced since the invention of the automobile,” Nadia



Gkritza, Professor of Civil Engineering and Agricultural and Biological Engineering and ASPIRE Campus

Director at Purdue University said. “Through this research, we envision opportunities to reduce emissions and near-road exposures to pollutants,



coupled with other transportation innovations in shared mobility and automation that will shape data-driven policies encouraging advances.”

The project is part of the Advancing Sustainability

through Power Infrastructure for Road Electrification (ASPIRE) Initiative, an Engineering Research Center funded by NSF, the National Science Foundation, and involves the collaboration of universities, government laboratories, businesses, and other stakeholders developing next-generation charging technologies for the electrification of Transportation vehicles of all classes.

“We’re quite eager to see this first of its kind project unfold in Indiana,” said David Christensen, ASPIRE Innovation Director. “This partnership that includes Magment, INDOT, Purdue

University, and the larger ASPIRE consortium has great promise to really move the needle on technology development, which will, in turn, enable more positive impacts from deeper electric vehicle adoption.”

Phases 1 and 2 of the project will feature pavement testing, analysis, and optimization research conducted by the Joint Transportation Research Program at Purdue’s West Lafayette campus. In phase 3, INDOT will construct a quarter-mile-long testbed at a location yet to be determined, where engineers will test the innovation. (See *INDOT* Pg. 4)

## Total Noobs. Only 1-in-3 Indiana parents understand teen slang

To parents, it must seem that their offspring speak a different language half the time, especially if they’re online playing games with friends. When it comes to slang and gaming lingo, then they literally do. Messaging each other with acronyms such as TTYL, ROTFL, or GOAT, teens immediately get what their friends are saying, even if it comes across as a weird, alien terminology (translation: Talk to You Later; Roll on the Floor Laughing; Greatest of All

Time). But how much do parents really understand? Solitaired.com quizzed 3,000 parents to find out, testing their knowledge of general and online gaming phrases.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, they didn’t come out of this well. Just over 1-in-3 (35%) Indiana parents were able to understand the meaning of words like ‘Lit’ [amazing, cool, or exciting]; ‘Dope’ [cool or awesome]; ‘Thirsty’ [trying to get attention]; ‘Snatched’ [looking good,

perfect, or fashionable]; or ‘Shook’ [to be shocked or shaken up]. The rest showed themselves up as total ‘Noobs’ [a person who doesn’t know what they’re doing or who is bad at something; in other words, a ‘newbie’].

However, moms can congratulate themselves a bit more; 29% of them knew what most of the terms meant, unlike only 24% of dads. And broken down by state, Alaska parents are the most lit, scoring a dope 66%. They’d probably

throw shade at parents in Montana, who could only manage a lame 7%.

You can test your own familiarity with online gaming vocab at [www.solitaired.com/online-gaming-terms-parents-should-know](http://www.solitaired.com/online-gaming-terms-parents-should-know)

And when it comes to online games, one of the most interesting results from the survey, given that kids have mostly been off school for the past year, is how many parents now view their offsprings’ obsession with it as a

blessing. Forty percent of parents have changed their attitudes towards online games since the start of the pandemic, and are seeing it as a positive, rather than something the kids can’t be dragged away from.

Parents have been crediting online games as providing them with the opportunity to get precious time to do their jobs, prepare meals, and even get some quiet time away from the rest of the family. And they have, on average, allowed their kids

to spend roughly 41% more time online than before the pandemic. Their views of the benefits include that it’s a boost to their kids’ reading skills (9% of parents agreed); good for visual-spatial skills (9%); good for problem-solving (38%); provides good social connections for those playing against friend or those with similar interests (16%); that it’s good for creativity (16%); and an optimistic 13% feel it could turn into a career.

(See *Total* Pg. 4)

## Purdue Northwest educator prep program recognized for national excellence

Purdue University Northwest’s School of Education and Counseling is one of 60 providers from 26 states to receive accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, the Council announced recently.

The CAEP accreditation standards are rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in education preparation programs. A total of 423 providers from 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are approved for accreditation by the Council.

“These institutions meet high standards so that their students receive an education that prepares them to succeed in a diverse range of classrooms after they gradu-

ate,” said CAEP President Christopher A. Koch. “Seeking CAEP accreditation is a significant commitment on the part of an educator preparation provider.”

The Purdue University Northwest education preparation program notably produces high-quality educators. Of teachers who graduated from PNW, 96% were marked effective/highly effective in their annual reviews. Additionally, 80% of candidates passed their pedagogy license exams on the first attempt.

“Our students and instructors should be very proud of the work they are doing. We’ve set a very high bar for our teacher preparation program, and our CAEP ac-

creditation validates the hard work we are doing,” said PNW School of Education and Counseling Director Anne Gregory. “Our students and their families are investing in an education program that is designated as nationally accredited for teacher preparation.”

CAEP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. It is a unified ac-

creditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. Approximately 700 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including some previously accredited through former standards.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review of the CAEP standards, which are based on two principles: Solid evidence that the provider’s graduates are competent and caring educators; and solid evidence that the provider’s educator staff have the capacity to create a culture of evidence and use it to maintain and enhance the quality of the professional



programs they offer.

The CAEP Board of Directors updated the educator preparation standards in 2020 as part of its commitment to reviewing the standards at least every seven years. The changes to the

CAEP standards reflect the Board’s commitment to equity and diversity and also place an emphasis on the importance of technology in preparing future educators.

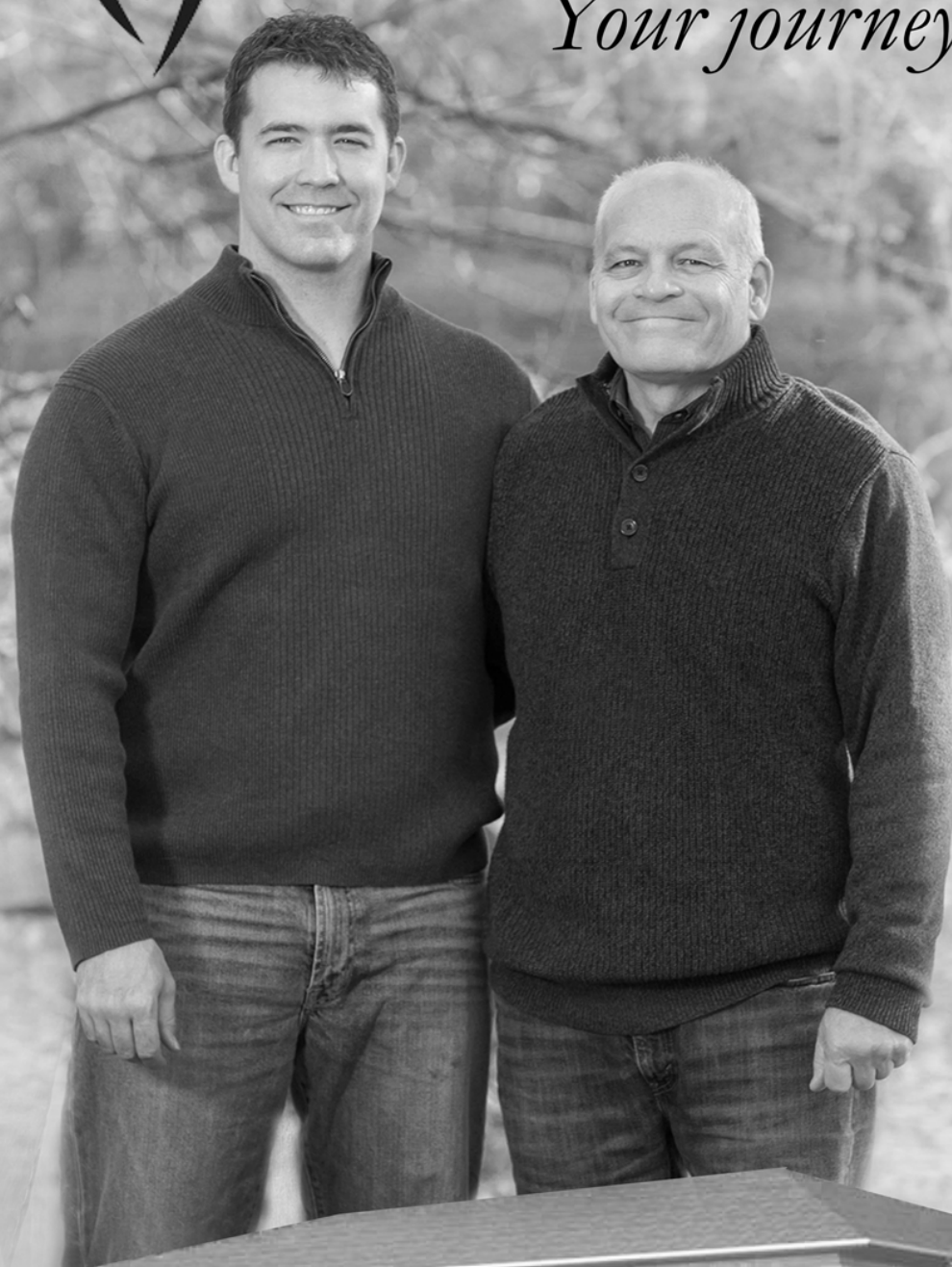
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# Community Healthcare System Physical Therapy Services return to Valpo Family YMCA

Community Healthcare System is resuming Physical Therapy and Rock Steady Boxing at the Valparaiso Family YMCA, with services provided by the St. Mary Medical Center Physical Therapy department.

“With Northwest Indiana emerging from the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is gratifying to see the resumption of physical activity by so many members of the YMCA,” said John Doherty, vice president of Therapy Services, Sports Medicine, & Occupational Health for Community Healthcare System. “Exercise truly is preventive medicine.

We look forward to serving the needs of the Y’s members and the Valparaiso community at large.”

Also making a comeback at the Valparaiso YMCA is Rock Steady Boxing, an innovative therapy helping people fight back against Parkinson’s disease. The program is designed to meet unique exercise needs by stepping up its defense against this disease through a non-contact, boxing-inspired fitness training.

“Rock Steady Boxing uses a force-driven exercise routine to challenge balance, fine motor, strength and function for those diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease,” said Brian Hoener, manager of Outpatient Physical Therapy Services for St. Mary Medical Center. “Exercises are applied in a circuit-style training regimen. Not only will you fight Parkinson’s, but also you will gain a community of support in your corner.”

Rock Steady Boxing therapists combine friendly encouragement with a touch of competitive intensity, guiding boxers through a variety of drills and exercises to improve strength, balance and flexibility.

Rock Steady Boxing challenges the participant’s abilities, teaches the participant about safety and falling in a safer manner, and improves the quality of life for people battling Parkinson’s.

If you or someone you know could benefit from such a program, contact St. Mary Medical Center’s Health and Wellness coordinator Christy Cleveland, BSN, RN, at 219-218-2399.

## State auditor announces \$3.9 billion reserve; cash reserves jump despite pandemic, economic downturn

State Auditor Tera Klutz, CPA announced today that Indiana closed the 2021 fiscal year with reserves of \$3.9 billion.

“Indiana once again exceeded expectations and soared through the recession with one of the fastest recoveries on record to end with a cash reserve of \$3.9 billion at the end of June,” said Auditor Klutz. “Indiana is poised to make an excess reserve transfer of \$1.1 billion, which will be split between retirement funding and a refundable income tax credit for Hoosier taxpayers.”

The annual report, prepared by the State Budget Agency, highlights the state’s fiscal year ending on June 30, 2021.

Auditor Klutz credits strong fiscal leadership and teamwork for how Indiana was able to financially navigate through the national pandemic and economic uncertainty while ensuring a reasonable state reserve.

“The official revenue forecast on April 15 added \$463 million to our projections for FY 2021,” said Zac Jackson, State Budget Director. “In the last 75 days of the fiscal year, we exceeded those projections by an additional \$1.222 billion. It’s unprecedented for the General Fund reserve balances to increase by nearly \$1.7 billion in less than three months.”

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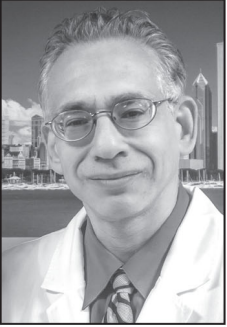
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## Porter Township School Corporation online student registration announced

The Porter Township School Corporation announced online student registration for the 2021-22 school year will be available through Harmony family accounts for all returning students beginning on Monday, July 26.

Returning students with an address change must also provide proof of residency, such as a utility bill, tax forms, or other.

New students to the dis-

trict should contact their main offices at the following numbers to schedule an appointment:

- Porter Lakes Elem. School 219-306-8076, Ext. 5002
- Boone Grove Elem. School 219-462-1032, Ext. 4000
- Boone Grove Middle School 219-464-4828, Ext. 3003
- Boone Grove High School 219-476-3455, Ext. 2232

All new students to the district must provide a certi-

fied birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency. Additional registration information is posted online at the district's webpage.

All PTSC students are required to register and pay book rental fees. Book rental fees for the 2021-22 school year are: Kindergarten, \$136; 1st Grade, \$125; 2nd Grade, \$113; 3rd Grade, \$122; 4th Grade, \$100.25; 5th Grade, \$100.25; 6th Grade, \$117.00;

ing," said Mauricio Esguerra, CEO of Magment, "that will undoubtedly set the standard for affordable, sustainable and efficient transportation electrification."

will use the new technology to electrify a yet to be determined segment of interstate highway within Indiana.

"This project is a real step forward towards the future of dynamic wireless charg-

(INDOT from Pg. 1)

tive concrete's capacity to charge heavy trucks operation at high power (200 kilowatts and above). Upon successful completion of testing of all three phases, INDOT

(Total from Pg. 1)

Over half of parents (56%) admit that lockdowns would have been harder without their kids having access to online games. But that aside, it's nice to hear that 55% of parents say they've bonded more with

their children since the start of the pandemic.

"It's something that would have been totally unexpected in pre-pandemic times: parents now view online games in an overwhelmingly positive

way," says says Neal Taparia from Solitaired.com. "Rather than have to drag kids away from laptops and consoles, they now appear to recognize online gaming's overwhelmingly positive attributes."

7th Grade: \$111.90; and 8th Grade, \$96.65.

Additional middle school fees are based upon class schedule: 7th and 8th Grade Art: \$8; Choir and Band:

\$9.00. Book rental fees for Boone Grove High School students are based upon class schedule and are provided at registration.

The first day of school

for students is Wednesday, August 11 and will begin with a 30-minute delayed start as scheduled for every Wednesday throughout the school year.


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## This week in history

July 26, 1931

On this day in 1931, a swarm of grasshoppers descended on crops throughout the American heartland, devastating millions of acres in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota, which suffered tremendously from this disaster.

Farmers have always struggled to prevent insects from eating their crops. Locusts and grasshoppers, insect cousins, are among the most feared pests. A plague of these insects can occur when conditions cause their populations to suddenly explode. Usually this happens under drought or very dry conditions.

"They explode from beneath your feet," said Professor Jeff Lockwood. "There's sort of a rolling wave that forms out in front of you. They hit up against your body and cling against your clothes. It's almost like being immersed in a gigantic living being."

Locusts and grasshoppers undergo a significant transformation when they become part of a swarm. Their wings and jaws grow, enabling them to travel greater distances and increasing their already voracious appetite.

The July 1931 swarm was so thick it blocked out the sun. Since the early 1930s, swarms have not been seen in the United States. However, North Africa and parts of the Middle East continue to experience problems with insect swarms, which can include upwards of 1 billion bugs per swarm.

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# Volunteers needed to report turkey hens and young to DNR through August

Volunteers can help Indiana Department of Natural Resources learn more about Indiana's wild turkey populations by reporting turkey broods through August 31. The report form has been improved and updated to be more convenient for volunteers.

Each summer, wildlife biologists and volunteers from across Indiana conduct brood surveys, counting the number of turkey hens with or without

broods to estimate how many young turkeys live through the summer. Summer brood survival is one of the primary factors influencing wild turkey population trends in various regions of the state and informs wild turkey management.

This year DNR aims to collect 3,000 reports across the state with a goal of at least 25 reports per county.

Individuals will have an easier time submitting sightings

using the new form, which requires no password and can be found at [www.bit.ly/3z2Vx5h](http://www.bit.ly/3z2Vx5h). That link also includes instructions for the survey and an illustrative guide on how to report wild turkey broods and hens, as well as the results of the previous summers' brood surveys.

For more information about wild turkey biology and management, see [www.in.gov/turkey](http://www.in.gov/turkey).

# Porter-Starke Services receives three-year accreditation from CARF International

Porter-Starke Services was awarded a three-year accreditation for its behavioral health services and opioid treatment program by CARF International, an independent, nonprofit organization that surveys health and human service providers for high quality standards.

The survey was conducted virtually in July and examined multiple facets of Porter-Starke Services operations. The CARF team identified many positive strengths at Porter-Starke Services, including that "the leadership and staff members of the organization are collaborative, partnering with other human service organizations in the community in order to ensure that a full continuum of services is available to meet the needs of persons served."

Porter-Starke Services President and CEO Matt Burden congratulated the entire Porter-Starke Services staff and Board of Directors on the accomplishment.

"Our staff consistently meet the highest standards for client care, and they do so with dedication and compassion," said Burden. "Receiving this accreditation is truly a validation of all those efforts."

A three-year accreditation is the maximum term an organization can be awarded. A new survey will be conducted prior to the current awards expiration on June 30, 2023. This accreditation demonstrates that the organization's programs and services are of the highest quality and house accountability measures.

Porter-Starke Services' CARF accredited programs

are Case Management/ Services Coordination: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents); Community Housing: Mental Health (Adults); Day Treatment: Mental Health (Adults); Inpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults); Integrated Behavioral Health/Primary Care: Comprehensive Care (Adults); Outpatient Treatment: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addictions (Adults, Children, and Adolescents); Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents); Prevention: Mental Health (Adults, Children, and Adolescents); Outpatient Treatment: Opioid Treatment Program (Adults).

For more information visit [www.porterstarke.org](http://www.porterstarke.org).



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Northwest Indiana’s infamous Pierogi Fest marks a return to ‘abnormalcy’ this weekend after a cancelled 2020

Pierogi Fest, which takes up all of 119th Street in downtown Whiting, Indiana, is being held this weekend from July 23 to 25. It has delighted attendees with all kinds of off-the-wall humor, food, entertainment, and an atmosphere that is not duplicated. This nutty festival draws more than 300,000 visitors annually and has won all manner of acclaim. The annual parade is even more bizarre than the festival, and held on Friday evening at 7 p.m., featuring entries like the ‘Dance of the Plum-Butter Fairies’, the ‘World Famous (Anything but) Precision Lawn Mowing Team’, and the ‘Babushka Brigade’.

Readers Digest named it one of the 15 best festivals in America; and TripAdvisor

called it one of the 10 wackiest festivals on the planet. Pierogi Fest was the subject of a front-page article in the Wall Street Journal in 2015; it was named by Oprah Winfrey for five years straight as one of her favorite things to do; it was named for 18 consecutive years as the Times of Northwest Indiana’s Best Festival. It won the Blue-Ribbon Festival of Summer in 2013 from Yahoo.com; the Heritage Award from the Polish National Congress; it was featured on The Food Channel; Travel Channel; Pawn Stars Chicago; Wild Chicago; CNN; and television stations in Germany, Slovakia, Poland, China, and Australia; and was the subject of stories on WTTW’s ‘Savor Indiana’ and PBS’s

‘Wild Travels’. It was named as a Best of Indy Festival, even though Indianapolis is 165 miles away. It’s favorite festival amongst extra-terrestrials. There is a nun-dunk tank, too. And it’s one of the largest food festivals in the Midwest. It offers pierogis that have been deep fried, boiled, fried and baked, stuffed with everything from cheese to meat, and even alligator. The festival operates five performance stages, with just about every genre of music, from classic rock to contemporary, to folk, and plenty of polkas. The festival also features ethnic dancers and quirky contests like the pierogi eating contest, and the annual Pierogi

Toss Contest, both of which will be held on Sunday, July 25. According to Indiana Beverage/Miller Brewing, the Beer Garden, sponsored by the Hard Rock Casino, is one of the largest in the State of Indiana. A family beer garden area will operate during the entire festival and be accessible for the convenience of families, located next to the children’s area so that parents and children are not separated. Pierogi Fest also offers a second, more relaxed beer garden, The Silver Streak Lounge, sponsored by the Horseshoe Casino. For more information visit the festival website at: [www.pierogifest.net](http://www.pierogifest.net). or call 219 659-0292.

Community and Urban Forestry Assistance grant applications for up to \$25,000 now being accepted

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Community and Urban Forestry program has opened its 2021 Community & Urban Forestry Assistance Grant application period. CUFA funds are provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Northeastern Area. We encourage communities throughout Indiana to advance their urban forestry goals through application to

this program. This grant supports a variety of urban forestry projects throughout our state. The types of activities CUF seeks to promote include public tree inventories with urban forestry management plans, urban tree canopy assessments, storm response planning, tree planting, public and/or staff education, program outreach, and the establishment and strengthening of local urban

forestry programs. Note the following:

- Grant awards are available for a minimum \$1,000 and a maximum \$25,000.
- Indiana municipalities, townships, tribal governments, counties, park districts, and 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply.
- Projects must be on public lands or in public rights-of-way.
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match.

- Grant funds are awarded on a reimbursable basis.
- Grant-funded activities will start in early 2022 and end by June 30, 2023.
- Applications are due Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. CT.

All application materials are available for download at [www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/programs/community-and-urban-forestry/grants](http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/programs/community-and-urban-forestry/grants)

**Public Notice for Hearing on:**

Request of variance for installation of a Pool to exceed the rear setback

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**Public Notice for Hearing on:**

Request of variance for the installation of a Cabana without a permit and to exceed Outbuilding Dimensions

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**Monday, July 26, 2021**  
**7:30 P.M. LOFS Seasons Lakehouse**

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How many coins did Pinch...

...find while beachcombing?

Kids: color stuff in!

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## Beachcombing!

Yeah, yeah, I know all about the beach so I'm stuck hosting the page. Listen closely, because I don't repeat myself.

What kinds of things might a beachcomber find in the sand or in shallow waters? Read the clues to find out:

**Across**

1. box of valuable jewels in the ground
5. forts with moats around them
8. trash
9. glass tube formed in sand when lightning strikes the sand
10. soft-bodied water animals live in these
12. carry their "homes" on their backs
13. plants that live in the ocean
14. broken pieces worn smooth
15. paw prints

**Down**

2. reddish-brown coated piece of metal
3. have tentacles that can sting
4. have large oval shells and long stiff tails
6. pieces of trees, furniture, etc. washed ashore
7. birds that live by the seashore
11. soft-bodied water animals with narrow, dark-blue shells

A **beachcomber** is a person who likes to search the sands and shallow waters for things to use, to make into something else or to sell because they have some value. Pretend that you and your family live on the beach and are beachcombers. What do **you** think you might discover?

Grab your colored pencils and color in everything!

Let's Go Beachcombing!

Fill in the blanks to name 2 pieces of equipment used to comb beaches for treasure.

2. s \_ oo \_

1. \_ etal \_ etec \_ or

buried treasure

seagulls

mussels

clamshells

sand castles

sea jellies

animal tracks

snails

horseshoe crabs

rusty junk

driftwood

fulgurite

litter

seaweed

sea glass



## Annual golf outing in Valparaiso to raise funds for Opportunity Enterprises being held August 30

For the 14th year, Friends of Opportunity Enterprises will host its annual ‘One Amazing Golf Outing’ on Monday, August 30, at Valparaiso Country Club. For the fourth year, Senator Ed Charbonneau will serve as the event’s title sponsor.

“The golf outing sells out every year because this is a great way for businesses to highlight their philanthropy supporting Opportunity Enterprises mission of working to maximize self-sufficiency and enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. It also is a great way to enjoy a day out of the office,” said Chris Runnion, golf outing chair and OE board member.

The outing is a scramble golf format and all golfer’s will enjoy one round of golf, a grab and play lunch, beverages during golf, and photo keepsake. For the second year, OE’s ‘One Amazing Golf Outing’ will offer morning and afternoon flights. Morning flight begins with registration at 6

a.m. and a 7 a.m. shotgun – with morning golfers enjoying a continental breakfast. Afternoon flight begins with registration at 11:30 a.m. and a 1 p.m. shotgun start and includes dinner. Additional golf carts are available for purchase to encourage social distancing.

Several participation and sponsorship levels are available. To register, visit: [www.oppent.org/golf](http://www.oppent.org/golf). For more information, contact OE Events Specialist Amy Wulf at 219-464-9621, ext. 333.

## One-in-three Hoosiers use social media while behind the wheel, poll reveals

Due to everyone’s increased obsession with social media, it’s become more common to find drivers turning to their phones while on the road - and not just at the traffic lights, according to a new poll.

Gunther VW commissioned a survey of 3,100 drivers and found that 33% of drivers in Indiana admit to using social media while behind the wheel, compared to a national average of 26%). More specifically, almost 1 in 5 (16%) have taken a selfie while driving.

Over half (58%) said Facebook was their main distraction, which often involves reading status updates or scrolling through quick new snippets. Twelve percent said Snapchat, and 10% said Twitter. Eight percent cited Instagram, and another 8% watch longer videos on

YouTube.

This all adds up to a driver’s attention being severely distracted from what’s going on them, and on the road ahead. And far more seriously, it turns out 1 in 5 (18%) drivers don’t know it’s actually illegal to use a cellphone while driving.

When asked whether people who do this should face the same penalties as drunk drivers, almost half (48%) agreed - but worryingly, 21% of drivers said they didn’t think using social media while driving affected their driving capabilities.

## Indiana DNR begins brown trout rearing program in northern Indiana

The Indiana DNR is expanding its inland trout program to include rearing brown trout in-house at state hatcheries.

In June, Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife officials received nearly 2,500 brown trout from the Ohio DNR. Most of those trout were stocked into streams in northern Indiana, including Pigeon River, Little Elkhart River, and Solomon Creek, but 400 were held back at Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station to develop as broodstock. These are adult trout used for egg production. Once mature, the adult trout will produce enough fertile eggs to meet the demands of the new rearing program.

“There has been a great deal of angler demand for brown trout here in northern Indiana,” said Matt Horsley, Indiana DNR fisheries biologist. “Hopefully now we can meet those demands with our own source.”

Indiana has not had its own brown trout program since 1985. All recent brown trout stockings have either been through privately funded stockings, fish acquired from federal hatcheries or partnerships with hydroelectric companies.

Gabis Arboretum continues their evening summer concert series. The arboretum is located about a ten-minute drive from Winfield-LOFS.

The Steepwater Band will perform a concert steeped in blues-rock. The international-

ly touring band takes the stage on Friday, July 30.

Marrakesh Express ~ a Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young experience, will perform on Saturday, August 21.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.pnw.edu/gabis-concerts](http://www.pnw.edu/gabis-concerts)

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## NISO kicks off the 2021 South Shore Summer Music Festival on Saturday in CP

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Music Director-Conductor Kirk Muspratt announced the return of the South Shore Summer Music Festival. The festival, beginning July 24 and concluding on August 7, will feature free concerts by the Northwest Indiana Symphony in six communities across Northwest Indiana and Illinois.

"After a year off from COVID, we are so excited to bring back relaxing, fun-filled evenings with family and friends, inspiring settings, and beautiful music all in our own backyards," said Maestro Kirk Muspratt, creator of the Music Festival. "Thank you for supporting your orchestra!"

The concerts will have something for everyone, with the orchestra featuring light classical and patriotic music as well as music from Broadway musicals, movies.

The South Shore Summer Festival will be appearing at:

- Crown Point on Saturday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. on the Lawn at Franciscan Communities (Corner of



Music Director-Conductor Kirk Muspratt

Main and Franciscan).

- Lansing, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Fox Pointe (18138 Henry Street).
- Hammond- Wolf Lake on Friday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Wolf Lake Pavilion (Calumet Avenue at Sheffield Avenue).
- Schererville on Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Redar Park (Austin Street, North of U.S. 30).
- Valparaiso on Wednesday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Park Plaza (63 Lafayette Street).
- Griffith on Saturday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Park (500 N. Broad Street)

Rain locations and other

summer concert information is available by calling the symphony office at 219-836-0525 or by visiting the website at [www.nisorchestra.org](http://www.nisorchestra.org).

The South Shore Music Festival is generously sponsored by John W. Anderson Foundation, with additional support from Strack and Van Til, and an anonymous donor.

Additionally, Plum Grove Music will host an interactive Instrument Garden that provides an opportunity for children and adults to try their hand at playing an orchestral instrument, one hour before



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### New Indiana economic recovery dashboard to monitor state's ongoing progress

As Indiana works to bring its economy back, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and its Foundation have launched a dashboard to keep track of key metrics related to the state's progress. The Indiana Economic Recovery Dashboard – part of the organization's new Accelerating Indiana Vision 2025+ initiative – compares on an ongoing basis how Indiana is doing in 10 indicators relative to neighboring and competing states.

Among the statistics analyzed are unemployment rate, labor force participation, average weekly earnings, personal income adjusted for

cost of living and COVID-19 vaccination rate.

The dashboard can be accessed at [www.indianachamber.com/dashboard](http://www.indianachamber.com/dashboard).

One encouraging finding is Indiana's workforce participation is higher than neighboring states and the national average. At 63%, it's only one percent off the competitor state mark.

Most of the 10 indicators are updated monthly, with the current dashboard reflecting May data. Two items – total change in wages and salaries, plus the state gross domestic product percentage change – are updated quarterly.



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