

The Perseid meteor shower will peak the evening of Thursday, August 11

Region Communications Inc.
128 S. East Street, Box 505
Crown Point, IN 46307

PRSRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Crown Point, IN
PERMIT No. 811

POSTAL CUSTOMER

Winfield American

Vol. 21, Issue 1,043

Serving Winfield, Lakes of the Four Seasons, and Winfield Township since 2002

August 5, 2022

Newly approved NIPSCO natural gas rates to take effect in September

Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC received a decision from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to adjust its natural gas rates, effective September 1, 2022. The utility, which has been Indiana's lowest cost natural gas provider on average over the last ten years according to a company press release citing the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's 2021 Residential Bill Survey as their source, will phase in the newly approved rates over a two-step process expected in September 2022 and March 2023 with the majority of the increase occurring in September.

"Customers expect service

that is dependable and rates at the lowest cost possible," said Mike Hooper, NIPSCO's President and Chief Operating Officer. "This balanced outcome demonstrates a positive path toward continued investments in essential resources that will support safe operations, upgrading aging infrastructure and enhancing our customers' experience."

The IURC decision follows a nearly year-long, extensive review process including public input and collaborative agreement reached with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) and the NIPSCO Industrial Group (IG).

An average residential customer will see an expected overall increase of approximately \$6 per month, or 10% following the two-step change – which is lower than the previously proposed increase request of 17%. This change also revises the customer charge to approximately \$16.33, which is a reduction from the \$24.50 proposed.

Actual projected bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers may differ as it will depend on usage, rate type and class.

NIPSCO's natural gas base rates were most recently approved in 2018. Since that time, NIPSCO investments

include approximately \$885 million in system upgrades, technology improvements, and pipeline safety and reli-

NIPSCO.com/save and www.nipSCO.com/assistance.

The total overall expected change represents an increase



ability initiatives to be completed through the end of 2022, with plans for future, continued investments.

Bill payment assistance programs, including support for vulnerable customers, as well as energy savings programs, continue to be available. Learn more at www.nipSCO.com.

of \$71.8 million annually. Learn more about NIPSCO's rates at www.nipSCO.com/2022gasrates.

Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (NIPSCO), with headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana, has proudly served the energy needs of northern Indiana

for more than 100 years. As Indiana's largest natural gas distribution company and the second-largest electric distribution company, NIPSCO serves approximately 850,000 natural gas and 480,000 electric customers across 32 counties. NIPSCO is part of NiSource's (NYSE: NI) six regulated utility companies. NiSource is one of the largest fully regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 3.7 million natural gas and electric customers through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. More information about is available at www.nipSCO.com and www.NiSource.com.

Indiana secures up to \$99m to accelerate startup growth, invest in underserved small businesses

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) recently announced that the state of Indiana will receive up to \$99.1 million in federal funding through the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) to expand access to and increase capital for Hoosier entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses.

"As a state, Indiana is strategically focused on creating the economy of the future and investing in the jobs of tomorrow and taking Indiana's Top 40 Global Entrepreneurship Ecosystem to a Top 5 Ecosystem is an essential goal of that initiative," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "This SSBCI award will in-

ject critical funding and resources into our ecosystem of current and future entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses who are solving global challenges, creating new technologies, and positively impacting Hoosier communities statewide."

Indiana is one of the first 14 states and territories to be approved by the U.S. Department of Treasury for this iteration of SSBCI, a program established in 2010 and reauthorized and funded through The American Rescue Plan Act in 2021. This funding, which must be disbursed alongside private dollars, is expected to leverage \$10 in follow-on investment for each \$1 of SSBCI,

providing entrepreneurs and small business owners the resources they need to grow and resulting in at least \$990 million invested in Indiana's innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem by the end of the SSBCI program.

Indiana will receive a minimum of \$86 million and will be eligible to receive another \$13 million – for a total of \$99 million over 10 years – when the state meets expected targets for the initial allocation. Indiana will leverage SSBCI to expand venture capital investments and create a new program to invest in small business loan funds throughout the state. At least 37% of this funding will be allocated to traditionally underserved

small businesses and entrepreneurs, encouraging greater equity in access to capital for Hoosier businesses.

Approximately \$70 million of the state's funding will be directed to accelerating Indiana's innovative startup ecosystem through direct investments in early-revenue companies. This allocation will significantly expand Indiana's ability to support pre-seed and seed funding rounds through Elevate Ventures, Indiana's venture development partner, increasing access to working capital for innovators, entrepreneurs and startups.

This allocation will be invested in Indiana-based companies through the Indiana

Angel Network Fund alongside co-investors, with a strategic effort to participate in early funding rounds led by venture capital partners strategically focused on reaching underrepresented founders.

These investments will be available to Indiana-based companies pursuing seed stage financing, meaning they are typically pre-revenue, preparing for clinical trials or regulatory approval, or actively pursuing product-market fit through initial go-to-market activities. Investments from the Indiana Angel Network Fund, which may be made up to \$1 million, require a minimum 1:1 co-investment.

More information on the Indiana Angel Network Fund

and venture partner-led funding available through SSBCI will be available from Elevate Ventures yet this summer.

The IEDC will leverage \$28 million of SSBCI funding to create a new small business loan fund investment program to provide more capital for entrepreneurs and small businesses, particularly for those that have been historically underserved. Through the program, loan funds that provide debt capital for qualified purposes to Indiana-based small businesses will be eligible to have a portion of those loans purchased by the IEDC, enabling the loan funds to then support more entrepreneurs and small businesses.

(See *Indiana* Pg. 7)

VASIA program swears in spring class of six volunteers

A class of six volunteers were sworn in as Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults (VASIA), joining Franciscan Health Hammond's program to represent those unable to advocate for themselves.

JoAnne McDonald of Crown Point, Erin Weiss of Crown Point, Sandra Seabold of Crown Point, Stephannie Schreiber of Merrillville, Tammara Hill of Lynwood, Ill., along with Mary McNair of Elyria Ohio, who joined virtually, were sworn in at a ceremony at Lake Superior Court. The court collaborates with Franciscan Health to provide trained and super-

vised volunteers to serve as court-appointed agents of the guardian to assist the elderly and incapacitated adults.

VASIA Director LaVonne Jarrett noted that the spring class included fast-track and virtual training. Program Manager Barbara Melendez told the newest volunteers, "You are the heartbeat of the program."

"This program is vital to serve those who don't have a voice," said Lake Superior Court Probate Commissioner Ben Ballou, who performed the swearing in. "You are doing God's work, and we appreciate that."

VASIA specialist Brian

Drummond provided words of encouragement, noting that the intensity of passion is more important than the level of one's talent. "This work that we do, it's about ensuring that we improve the quality of life for the individuals that come our way," he said.

Franciscan Health Foundation Development Director MinDee Richards praised the support provided by the VASIA staff. "When you're out there and you feel like you're on your own, you're not. There's a community behind you," she said.

The VASIA program is partially funded by grants from the Indiana Supreme



VASIA volunteers, from left, Erin Weiss, JoAnne McDonald, Lake Superior Court Probate Commissioner Ben Ballou holding a laptop with Mary McNair, Sandra Seabold, Tammara Hill, and Stephannie Schreiber.

Court, Retirement Research Foundation, Indiana Bar Foundation, Legacy Foundation, Inc. and other local, state and nation-

al funders and generous local donors. To donate, go to www.franciscanhealth.org/org; and to learn more about

the program or find out how to become a volunteer, visit www.franciscanhealth.org/VASIA.

www.winfieldamerican.com

Data for dollars: The average Hoosier would sell their personal data for \$1,786, survey finds

When we shop online, there's very little information that internet browsers don't know about us. We grant websites and apps certain permissions and allow 'cookies' to track our online information and most users know that companies track our activity and sell this data to online advertisers. Targeted advertising algorithms also mean our devices have all our browsing history and personal interests saved and stored. It's clear that nowadays, personal data is a highly valuable asset for businesses when it comes to finding out more about consumer behavior or potential audience, as well as in targeted advertising strategies – but exactly how much (to the dollar) is this information worth?

CouponBirds, provider of consumer information to do with real-time deals and savings, conducted a survey of 3,510 consumers to determine the exact amount at which they would be willing to sell their online shopping data if it were hypothetically possible. This found that the average Hoosier would be willing to sell their personal online shopping data for the price of \$1,786.50 (compared to a national average of \$1,452.25).

When these figures were broken down by state, online shoppers in Colorado would charge the most for their per-

sonal online shopping data if it were hypothetically for sale: \$2,820.67. By comparison, this figure was lowest in Tennessee, where the average online shopper would sell theirs for just \$623.04.

States that place the highest value on their online shopping data:

- 1. Colorado: \$2,820.67
- 2. Nebraska: \$2,784.75
- 3. Wyoming: \$2,347.33
- 4. Minnesota: \$2,202.55
- 5. Oklahoma: \$2,016.00

States that place the lowest value on their online shopping data:

- 50. Tennessee: \$623.04
- 49. Idaho: \$742.30
- 48. Michigan: \$801.17
- 47. Mississippi: \$866.43
- 46. Utah: \$919.75

While many internet users are unenthused about their data being shared with third parties, it's evident that having money involved sways their feelings slightly. Nearly a third of online shoppers said they would sell their personal shopping data if they had the opportunity to profit from it. In fact, a significant 85% of internet users felt they should be financially compensated for any of their personal data that had been sold to a third party.

On a similar note, 65% said they would rather have free access to social media and have their data tracked and sold, as compared to

having to pay for social media where their data is not tracked or sold.

However, despite privacy concerns, only 1 in 5 people said they've done something about changing their privacy settings when surfing online.

It appears curious users are aplenty on the internet as nearly 3 in 4 (70%) admitted they would access or buy another users' social media data if they thought they could go incognito. And whose social media data would these curious internet users be most likely to buy? Well, over a third (35%) said they would

(See Data Pg. 4)

DOWN TO EARTH TREE SERVICE
663-5630
Out on a limb for you since 1992
Firewood/Snowplowing



Now in Winfield.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING BOUTIQUE

7855 E 108TH AVE
(BEHIND DUNKIN' DONUTS)

MYSIMPLYDAISY.COM

URGENT CARE

at Pinnacle Hospital
a physician owned facility

PINNACLE HOSPITAL



Your wait is
MINUTES not hours!
Open 7 days a week
9am-9pm



We are the PINNACLE for the treatment of:

- | | | | |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| • Back Pain | • Dehydration | • Infections | • Pneumonia |
| • Burns | • Ear Aches | • Lacerations | • Sports Injuries |
| • Colds | • Ear Infections | • Migraines | • Sprains/Strains |
| • Concussions | • Flu | • Minor Cuts | • Strep Throat |
| • Coughs | • Fractures | | |



BREAST CENTER
NOW OPEN!

\$25 SPORTS & SCHOOL PHYSICALS

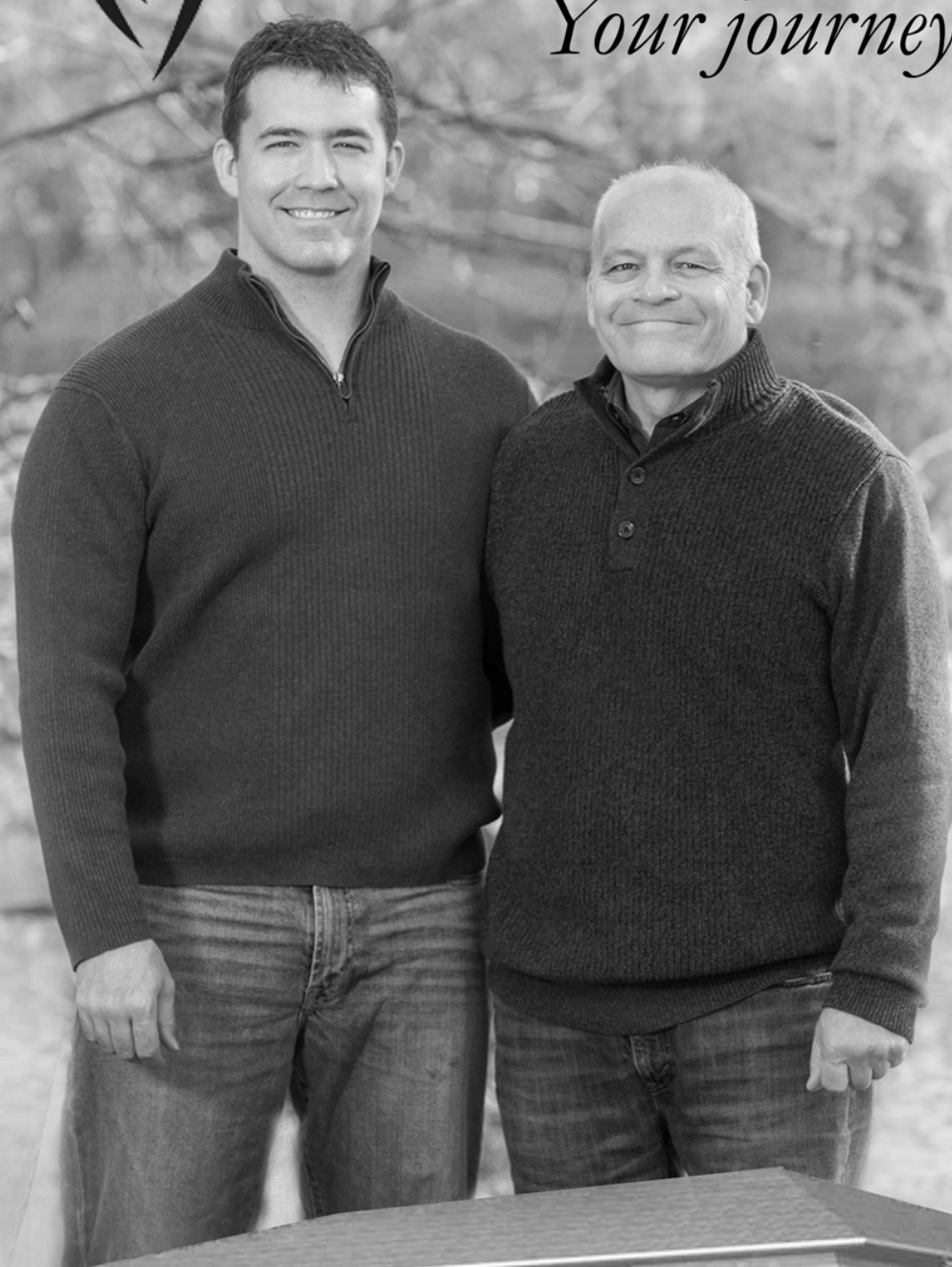
Most Insurance Accepted • Walk-ins Welcome • No Referral Necessary
On-Site Digital Imaging Technology: MRI, CT Scans, & Digital X-Rays

PINNACLE HOSPITAL
a physician owned facility



WINFIELD WOODS Chiropractic

Your journey to wellness begins here.



Dr. Aaron K. Popp
Chiropractic Physician and Nutritionist

Dr. Jeremy K. Popp
Chiropractic Physician and Acupuncturist

Most insurances accepted



Winfield Woods Medical Complex

Phone: 219-661-9161	9150 East 109th Avenue, Suite 2C
Office Hours: Monday through Friday	Crown Point, IN 46307
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	www.winfieldchiro.com

Across the street from Lakes of the Four Seasons

School bus safety enforcement campaign underway in Indiana

As students head back to the classroom, state and local law enforcement agencies are reminding motorists to stop for school buses or face the consequences. Over the next couple of months, officers will be increasing patrols to prevent stop-arm violations, speeding and other forms of reckless driving around school buses and in school zones.

More than 200 agencies plan to participate in the back-to-school Stop Arm Violation Enforcement campaign – better known as SAVE. The overtime patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

“Drivers who illegally pass a stopped school bus or speed in a school zone need to be held accountable,” said Gov. Eric J. Holcomb. “We owe it to our kids to make sure they get home safely. Every driver needs to do their part by paying attention, slowing down and protecting school children and buses.”

Despite thousands of motorists being cited under the SAVE program, unsafe

driving around school buses continues to be a concern, according to state officials.

In April, thousands of bus drivers who participated in a one-day observational survey counted 2,041 stop-arm violations in Indiana. That one-day total, when multiplied by the number of school days, adds up to a potential 367,380 violations throughout the school year.

“The fact that we still have people willing to put students and bus drivers at risk is the reason this campaign is necessary,” said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. “Still, law enforcement can’t be everywhere, so drivers need to do the right thing and exercise caution around buses. Students’ lives depend on it.”

The newly released data comes from the National School Bus Illegal Passing Driver Survey, which is managed by the Indiana Department of Education in the state. The survey has been conducted annually since 2011 but was put on hold for the past two years due to the pandemic.

This year, collection took place on April 26, with 6,665

bus drivers participating from 195 school districts.

“In order for Indiana’s students to learn, they must be able to travel safely to and from school,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “That task is faithfully led by school transportation professionals across the state, but they can’t lead this important work alone. Anytime you see a school bus, please slow down, pause for all stop arms and be mindful that there may be young children near the road. They

are our state’s most precious cargo.”

To prevent unsafe driving, officers will use a range of enforcement strategies from high-visibility patrols to police spotters on buses. For each jurisdiction, officers will coordinate with local bus drivers and school transportation officials, with efforts concentrating in the morning and afternoon hours. Agencies will also be working to raise awareness about the importance of school bus safety and following the law.

Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop when the overhead lights on a school bus are flashing yellow. Once the lights turn red and the stop arm extends, drivers are required to stop on all roads with one exception. On highways divided by a physical barrier, such as a concrete wall or grassy median, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop.

Motorists should also be mindful of posted speed limits, avoid distractions and

watch for children in or near school and residential areas. Planning ahead and allowing for extra time during each commute will help keep all road users safe.

Disregarding a school bus stop arm is a Class A Infraction. Violators could pay a fine of up to \$10,000, have their license suspended for up to 90 days for the first offense or up to 1 year for the second.

For additional school bus safety information, click here or visit www.nhtsa.gov.

Since 1983



WE CAN FIX ANYTHING!

24-Hour Towing (800)358-0122

www.TomAndEdsAutobody.com

- **FREE RENTALS ON SITE**
- **CLAIM ASSISTANCE**
- **INSURANCE DIRECT REPAIR**
- **WRITTEN LIFETIME WARRANTY**

THE BEST IN NORTHWEST INDIANA & THE INDUSTRY!

Crown Point

10730 Broadway

219-661-8877

Schererville

1225 Birch Drive

219-322-5220

Merrillville

8130 Taney Place

219-736-0722

(Data from Pg. 2)

most likely purchase their ex-partner’s social media data, while 1 in 5 (20%) would buy their current partner’s data. Other responses included hypothetically purchasing:

- Friends’ social media data: 15%
- Co-workers’ social media data: 12%
- Family’s social media data: 10%
- Parents-in-law social media data: 8%

“It’s a scary reality that our internet browsing history holds a significant amount

of information about our personal lives, which is an invaluable asset to companies that use this data in their online advertising schemes,” says Tricia Smith for CouponBirds. “It’s important to make sure your personal information is protected online, even if you’re only placing a one-time shopping order from a website. Ensure your passwords are unique and protected, and while you’re at it, double check your privacy settings on social media too.”

This week in history

August 7, 1947

Kon-Tiki, a balsa wood raft captained by Norwegian anthropologist Thor Heyerdahl, completed a 4,300-mile, 101-day journey from Peru to Raroia in the Tuamotu Archipelago, near Tahiti. Heyerdahl wanted to prove his theory that prehistoric South Americans could have colonized the Polynesian islands by drifting on ocean currents.

Heyerdahl and his five-person crew set sail from Callao, Peru, on the 40-square-foot boat on April 28. The Kon-Tiki was made of indigenous materials and designed to resemble rafts of early South American Indians. While crossing the Pacific, the sailors encountered storms, sharks, and whales, before finally washing ashore at Raroia.

Heyerdahl believed that Polynesia’s earliest inhabitants had come from South America, a theory that conflicted with popular scholarly opinion that the original settlers arrived from Asia. Even after his successful voyage, anthropologists and historians continued to discredit him. However, his journey captivated the public and he wrote a book about the experience that became an international bestseller and was translated into 65 languages.

While Heyerdahl’s work was never embraced by most scholars, he remained a popular public figure and was voted “Norwegian of the Century” in his homeland. He died at age 87 on April 18, 2002, in Italy. The raft from his famous 1947 expedition is housed at the Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo, Norway.

www.history.com

How much will you need to retire? Let’s talk.



Pat Hedge
Financial Advisor

10618 Randolph St
Winfield, IN 46307
219-662-5999

Edward Jones

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING™ Member SIPC

Turning 65 or Older?
Get the best in Medicare Supplement Insurance

SENIOR CARE
Insurance Services

219-736-7800
1-800-821-0604

www.scis.us • info@scis.us

Fred M. Ulayyet
Licensed Insurance Agent

Conveniently located in Merrillville, Valparaiso, Schererville, and Munster



DIRECTOR PROFILE: LARRY GEISEN



5th-generation Owner and Funeral Director for 22 years

Attended St. Mary’s School and graduated from Crown Point High School in 1984

Graduate of the Purdue University School of Management in 1988

Member of the Crown Point Rotary Club and Board Member of the Crown Point Community Foundation

Enjoys coaching baseball and basketball, playing golf and spending time with wife Kim, children Alle, Anthony and Nicholas

Geisen
FUNERAL HOMES
Since 1867

CROWN POINT | 663-2500
MERRILLVILLE | 769-3322
HEBRON | 996-2821
MICHIGAN CITY | 874-4214
GEISENFUNERALHOME.COM



Indiana Grown Marketplace allows you to shop local at the Indiana State Fair

The Indiana State Fair is in full swing at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center. The multi-week event has many more days of operation left and plenty of opportunities to shop local at the Indiana Grown Marketplace in the Agriculture/Horticulture Building.

“Like many Hoosiers, I enjoy shopping local in support of Hoosier farmers and small businesses,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. “That is why the Indiana Grown Marketplace is one of my first and favorite stops at the Indiana State Fair. It is always fun to see what is new each year.”

Shoppers can be immersed in a storefront solely featuring Indiana grown, processed, packaged or produced products. In addition to shopping, the store also features educational displays, product sampling and demonstrations from artisans showcasing their craft.

The Indiana Grown Marketplace at the state fair boasts more than 80 vendors and contains nearly 500 unique products, including hand crafted sauces, salsa, drink mixes, popcorn, spices and more. Shoppers can also find ready-to-eat products like cured meats, chocolates and candies. Does the August heat have you down? Stop at the Indiana Grown store for cold local root beer or bottled tea. There are also a variety of artisan made products you can use daily such as, wool dryer balls, yarn, skincare regimes, hand poured candles and more.

“The Indiana Grown Marketplace at the Indiana State Fair is an incredible opportunity for our members to market their products and for consumers wanting to support Hoosier businesses,” said Bruce Kettler, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. “I encourage everyone to stop by and support local businesses on their Indiana State Fair visit. There is truly something for everyone.”

There is plenty of time left to shop and explore at the Indiana Grown Marketplace at the great Indiana State Fair. The Indiana State Fair runs until August 21 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays) and the Agriculture/Horticulture building, where the Indiana Grown Marketplace is located, is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

Learn more about Indiana Grown at www.indianagrown.org.

AMERICAN TIMBER

TREE SERVICE LLC

219-869-5630

- Tree Trimming and Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Storm Damage Clean-up
- Licensed, Bonded, and Insured

• Call for a Free Estimate

We provide excellent care of your yard while safely removing tough trees. We use protective yard mats for our equipment, lower branches and logs with ropes to reduce damage to your yard, and clean up our mess as if we were never there.

Now serving Winfield, LOFS, and the surrounding areas!

KAUFFMAN CHIROPRACTIC

7620 E 109th • Winfield • 662.9855

100 W 84th Dr. • Merrillville • 736.7363

Visit our website at www.kauffmanchiro.com

NEW PATIENTS SEEN SAME DAY!

1ST DAY CONSULT & EXAM \$20



BURNS

Funeral Home and Crematory

Pre-planning is:

- A gift of love for your family
- Provides you with peace of mind
- Is a compassionate means of helping your loved ones during one of the most difficult times of life.

On-Premises Crematory

Serving Winfield/LOFS Since 1985.

Family Owned for 114 Years

CROWN POINT

10101 Broadway

Crown Point

769-0044

HOBART

701 E. 7th Street

Hobart, IN

942-1117



Kessler Family Dental And Associates

Serving the Community for Over 30 Years

- Implant Dentistry
- Sedation Dentistry
- Cosmetic Dentistry

- Family Dentistry
- Emergency Dentistry
- New Extended Hours

FREE CONSULTATIONS • FREE SECOND OPINIONS



Dr. Elias Macis Dr. Eric Compton



Voted “Best in the Region” 9 Years in a Row!

Call Today!! (219) 661-5085

9161 E. 109th Ave. Crown Point (Located in the Four Seasons Plaza)



HOW ARE YOU SLEEPING?



If you or someone you know **SNORES** nightly and has one or more of the following symptoms, it’s best to see a doctor.

- REPEATED SNORING INTERRUPTED BY PERIODS OF SILENCE
- FALLING ASLEEP WHEN YOU SHOULDN’T AT WORK, WHILE DRIVING, ETC.
- RESTLESS SLEEP
- MORNING HEADACHES
- IRRITABILITY
- DEPRESSION

- LOSS OF ENERGY, FATIGUE
- TROUBLE CONCENTRATING
- FORGETFULNESS
- SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION

(These Are All Symptoms Of A Treatable Sleep Disorder Known As Sleep Apnea.)

Board Certified Sleep Physician Emilio D. Soria, MD

Sleep Center Of Northwest Indiana

Accredited by A.A.S.M.

NOW OPEN


In Winfield Woods Medical

9150 E. 109th Ave., Suite A1 • Crown Point, IN 46307

Call: 219-940-9052

www.sleepcenternwi.net


We are so busy having fun that...




Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com

...we don't even think about T.V.




Kids: color stuff in!



Animills LLC © 2021 V17-32

Summertime Action



I can canoe. Can you canoe, too?

1 Echo, why are you bothering to learn how to canoe?

2 Well, I'm already a great swimmer, so I'm trying something new!

3 Don't you feel a bit like a fish out of water?

4 Nah! As you know, dolphins aren't fish. We're mammals. We are warm-blooded. Unless, of course, you are talking about the dolphin fish, which isn't **really** a dolphin. It's a cold-blooded animal. It's found in warm waters such as those around Hawaii and is commonly called Mahi-mahi.

Summertime Fun!



Can you fill in the crossword with these words about summer fun?

Where Do You Go?

There is lots to do during the summer months! Match the summer activities to the spots you might visit to do them:

1. town fairs

2. baseball games

3. running races

4. nature hikes

5. outdoor concerts
- A. woods, mountains, peaks

B. roads around town, tracks

C. fairgrounds

D. gazebos, town greens, parks

E. sports stadiums

1. ship cruises

2. tennis matches

3. yard sales

4. funhouses, rides

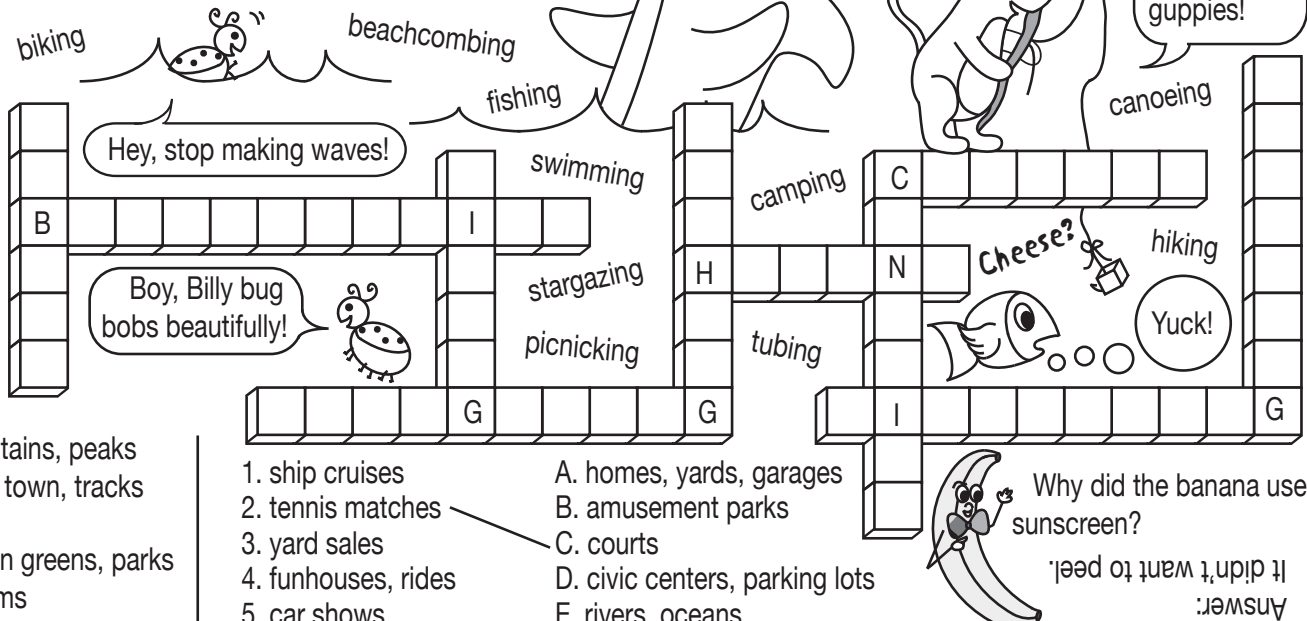
5. car shows
- A. homes, yards, garages

B. amusement parks

C. courts

D. civic centers, parking lots

E. rivers, oceans



biking beachcombing fishing swimming camping hiking canoeing

Hey, stop making waves!

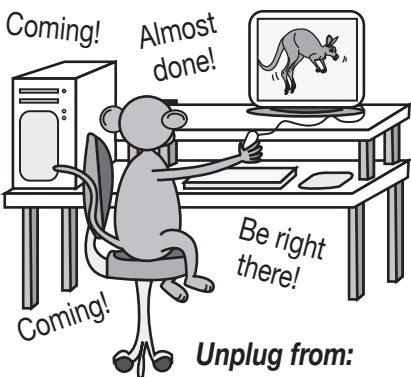
Boy, Billy bug bobs beautifully!

stargazing picnicking tubing

Cheese? Yuck!

Why did the banana use sunscreen? It didn't want to peel.

Answer:



Coming! Almost done! Be right there!

- Unplug from:
1. c _ llph _ n _ s

2. t _ l _ v _ s _ _ n

3. c _ mp _ t _ rs

4. G P S

5. _ m _ _ l
1. music pl _ y _ rs

2. m _ cr _ w _ v _ _ oven

3. w _ bs _ t _ s

4. v _ d _ _ games

5. video str _ _ m _ ng

Unplug, Then Spring Into Action!

Unplug from everything, then spring into action. Fill in the missing vowels to spell the names of things that you can unplug from. Next, match it to a fun activity to replace it!

- Then Spring Into Action:
- A. write letter, address envelope, mail it

B. research reference books at library

C. study paper maps, a globe

D. visit and have a chat in person

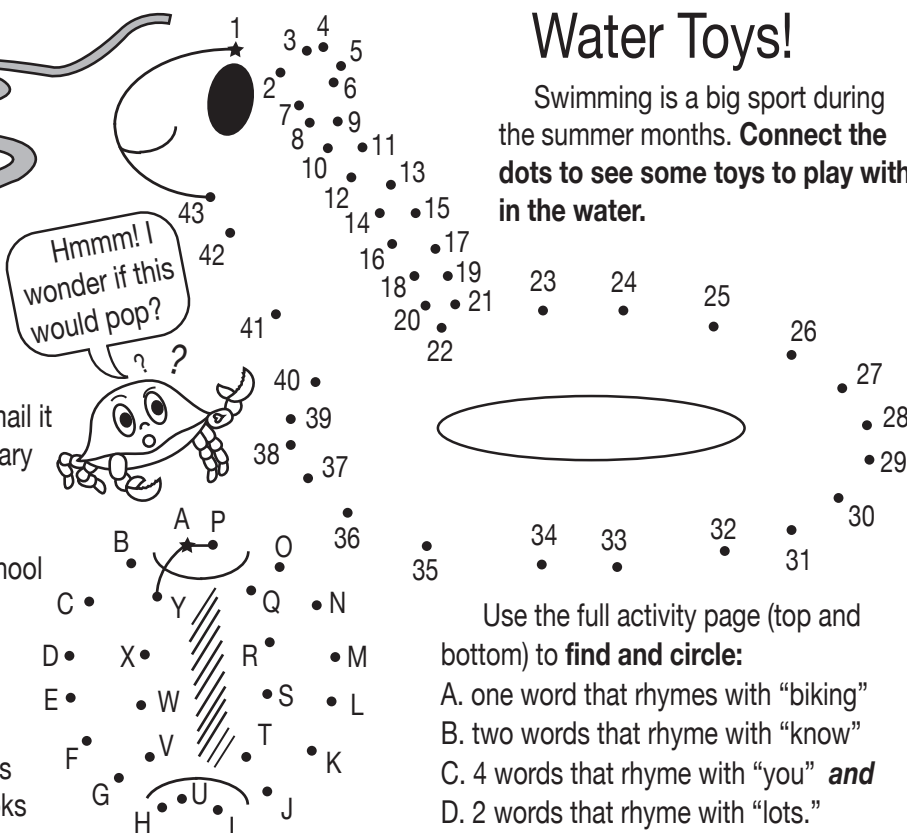
E. enjoy a play at a theater or a school
- A. cook on the grill with Dad

B. go to a drive-in movie

C. rock out at a live concert

D. play board games with friends

E. read comics, magazines, books



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35

Use the full activity page (top and bottom) to find and circle:

A. one word that rhymes with "biking"

B. two words that rhyme with "know"

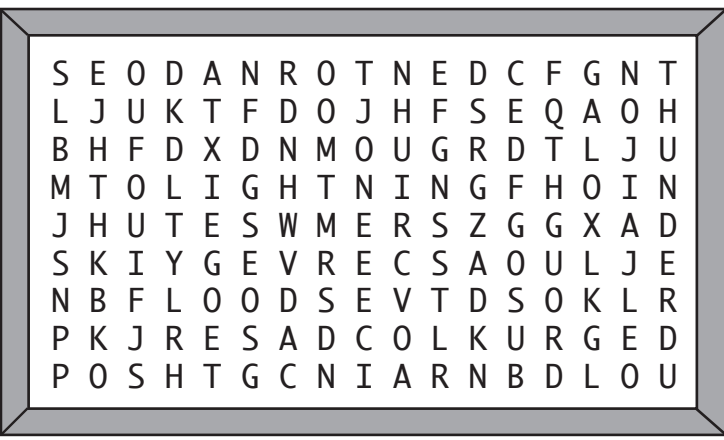
C. 4 words that rhyme with "you" and

D. 2 words that rhyme with "lots."

Weather Watch!

The summertime is full of unsettled weather. Sometimes there are **floods** from too much **rain**. Some areas of the country may hurt from **drought** caused by a lack of rain. **Tornadoes** may wreak havoc on homes and stores. **Lightning** streaking through the air and booming **thunder** will send us scurrying into our houses on **hot** summer afternoons. While having fun, keep an eye on the sky!

Find and circle the underlined weather words:



S E O D A N R O T N E D C F G N T
L J U K T F D O J H F S E Q A O H
B H F D X D N M O U G R D T L J U
M T O L I G H T N I N G F H O I N
J H U T E S W M E R S Z G G X A D
S K I Y G E V R E C S A O U L J E
N B F L O O D S E V T D S O K L R
P K J R E S A D C O L K U R G E D
P O S H T G C N I A R N B D L O U

Next phase begins for project to improve Indiana’s busiest Interstate corridor

A project to improve traffic flow and safety along Indiana’s busiest interstate corridor is moving to its next phase. 80/94 FlexRoad will identify the best solutions for the I-80/I-94 corridor. Innovative strategies are being developed to help reduce travel time, increase reliability and improve safety.

The National Environmental Policy Act study will examine benefits, impacts and costs of those alternatives. The study is required for projects that will receive federal funding.

Strategies being considered include dynamic shoulder lanes, variable speed limits, ramp metering, lane control and queue warning systems. These are known as Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) strategies. Each of the four alternatives recommended for further evaluation in NEPA includes a set of strategies aimed at improving reliability and safety.

The project is along the I-80/I-94 corridor (Borman Expressway) from I-65 in Indiana on the east to IL 394 on the west. The NEPA phase of the project follows a year-long Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study conducted by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

The PEL study determined the purpose and need for the project and developed the alternatives to be studied in greater detail. It was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in April 2022 and can be accessed at www.indianaflexroad.com

The NEPA phase of the project will include detailed analysis of each alternative and collaboration with federal, state and local agencies. Stakeholder engagement and feedback from the public are an important part of the process. The next public meeting is expected this fall.

The NEPA study is expected to be finalized in fall 2023.

(Bank from Pg. 1)

More program information and details will be finalized and announced in the coming months, and loan funds will be able to apply to participate. Generally, to be eligible to participate, loan funds – existing or newly created – must lend to Indiana small businesses (as defined by the U.S. Department of Treasury) and support underserved entrepreneurs and small businesses.

The remaining SSBCI funds will be used to support

administrative costs related to supporting entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses through these initiatives and accelerating venture, debt and working capital to Indiana-based companies, cultivating and diversifying the state’s robust innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Additionally, the IEDC is pursuing another funding opportunity available through SSBCI, the Technical Assistance Grant Program, which will allow the IEDC to

provide technical assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses, readying and empowering them to access capital available through the SSBCI program. The IEDC will use these designated funds to provide businesses and entrepreneurs support as their businesses grow while strengthening the ecosystem of opportunity and entrepreneurship throughout the state.

This is the second SSBCI award Indiana has received, following an initial allocation

at the program’s inception in 2010. Then, the state received \$30 million, which has supported Indiana startups and small businesses through Elevate Ventures’ pre-seed and seed investments. Since its inception, Elevate Ventures has invested \$136 million in Hoosier businesses, attracting \$1.9 billion in private co-investment (13-to-1 investment leverage ratio).

Visit www.iedc.in.gov to learn more about Indiana’s SSBCI programming.

General Classifieds

Submit your general classified ad or real estate classified ad online at www.winfieldamerican.com.

This Yard Sale is Prime

August 5 & 6, 8am - 1pm You need it, we’ve got it! Home goods, home & holiday décor, kitchen, bedding, sporting goods and more. 185 South 675 West, Hebron 46341

Automotive Technician (Crown Point)

Compensation: \$500 signing bonus! \$15/\$30 an hour, based on experience. Full-time. Busy shop has an opening for a full-time Automotive Technician. Should be familiar with the repair of all brands of vehicles. Must have good communication skills, organizational skills, and pride in workmanship. Must have own tools and valid driver’s license with good transportation. Call 219-663-1847

Fire Force Volunteers

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? Call 219-662-7576.

CROWN POINT, INDIANA

NEISES

Lawn Care & Landscaping

661-8354

• Lawn Maintenance

• Snow & Ice Management

• Complete Landscape Services

CALL TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

WINFIELD FAMILY MEDICINE IS NOW HIRING!

• Help Wanted Medical Office

• We are located just outside the LOFS gate

• We are hiring both receptionists and medical assistants.

• Come join our family!

Please email your resume to: llane@winfieldfamilymedicine.com

COUPONS

☆

COUPONS

☆

COUPONS

\$3 OFF any Medium Pizza!

\$4 OFF any Large Pizza!

\$5 OFF any Family Pizza!

STEPHANO’S PIZZA

10703 Randolph Street • Winfield

219-613-6656

Limit one (1) coupon per visit. Must present coupon. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 9/2/22

Winfield American

Coupon

AURELIO'S PIZZA

THE FAMILY PIZZERIA SINCE 1959

10762 Randolph Street, Winfield

219-661-2900

\$2 OFF MEDIUM

\$3 OFF LARGE

Buy a Fiesta and receive a FREE small cheese pizza!

MUST PRESENT COUPON. OFFERS CANNOT BE COMBINED. Expires 9/2/22

Winfield American

Coupon

PLACE YOUR BUSINESS CARD AD HERE

WE BUY GOLD

Serving Northwest Indiana for 50 Years

Always buying Coin Collections, Stamp Collections, Old Gold & Silver

Knight Coin & Jewelry

237 Main St. • Hobart, IN

219-942-4341

On the web: www.knightcoin.com

Jeffrey's BELUSH JEWELERS

JEFFREY A JANOWSKI FINE JEWELER

219.663.5108

1170 E Summit St. Crown Point, IN 46307

facebook Like Us!

Fine Custom Made Jewelry • Diamonds & Precious Gems Remounting • Purchasing Gold & Precious Metals

WWW.BELUSHJEWELERS.COM

DON'S FOUNDATION REPAIR

FREE ESTIMATES!

Buckled Walls Repaired or Replaced • Basement/Foundations Built Under Existing Homes • Floor Leveling/House Raising or Leveling • Rotted Joist and Beam Repair • Sill Plate, Face Plate, & Joists • Egress Window Installation

35+ Years of Reliable Service & Experience

Licensed/Bonded/Insured

219.956.3355

www.donsfoundationrepair.com

BBB

Advertise in the Winfield American

219-662-8888

Clemons' Tree Experts

Residential & Commercial

219-663-3306

Free Estimates • 24-Hour Emergency Service

• Tree & Stump Removal

• Trimming & Pruning

• Lot & Land Clearing

• Storm Damage Removal

• Firewood

• Over 30 Years Experience

Licensed • Bonded • Insured

Place Your Classified Ads Online at

www.winfieldamerican.com

Indiana ranks number one for infrastructure in CNBC’s Top States for Business report

Indiana has been ranked No. 1 for infrastructure in CNBC’s 2022 Top States for Business annual rankings. This marks the sixth consecutive year Indiana has been ranked in the top five, including No. 1 rankings in 2016 and 2019.

“Indiana continues to attract national and global attention for leading the way in providing quality infrastructure for residents and businesses,” Gov. Eric J. Holcomb said. “This No. 1 ranking affirms our approach to making strategic investments in transformative projects, our strong commitment to taking care of what we have, and our close collaboration with local communities and private partners. I’m

looking forward to building on our momentum to further leverage our competitive advantage on infrastructure.”

CNBC analyzed the sustainability of each state’s roads and bridges, along with utilities, other travel means, and potential development. According to CNBC’s analysis, Indiana had an infrastructure score of 274 out of 380 points, leading to an A+ grade.

Indiana’s recent infrastructure accomplishments include:

- 20-year, fully-funded Next Level Roads plan to take care of existing roads and bridges, finish major projects, and plan for the future
- Construction of the I-69 extension from Evansville

to Indianapolis, including a \$600 million investment to accelerate completion of the final section by three years from 2027 to 2024

- More than \$1 billion invested in delivering the largest public transit projects in Indiana history: The West Lake extension and double tracking of the South Shore Line will connect Hoosiers, attract talent and business, and increase quality of life in Northwest Indiana
- \$100 million to bring affordable high-speed fiber optic broadband access to unserved and underserved areas of the state
- \$90 million to connect more Hoosiers to hiking, biking, and riding trails

Crown Point Summer Concert Series continues to rock

The City of Crown Point is rocking out at Bulldog Park this summer at Bulldog Park.

The Summer Concert Series is largely be held in tandem with the Crown Point Car Cruise, with various local bands set to take the stage on select Thursday evenings.

The next phase of the Summer Concert Series line-up includes:

- Saturday, Aug. 6 (Bulldog Daze of Summer Rock Bash) (Free Concert)
- Opening Act (4:30-6 p.m.): James & The Big Breakfast (Classic Rock/Blues)
- Second Act (6:30-8 p.m.): Geddy Trezak Band (Classic Rock)
- Headliner (8:45-10:45 p.m.): M&R Rush (Classic Rock)
- Thursday, Aug. 11 (Car Cruise)
- Opening Act (4:15-5:15 p.m.): Jack Whittle (Blues)
- Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): The Stoney Curtis Band (National Blues)
- Thursday, Aug. 25 (Car Cruise)
- Opening Act (4:15-5:15 p.m.): Deuces Wild (Pop/Country)
- Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): Mellencougar (John Mellencamp tribute)
- Thursday, Sept. 29 (Car Cruise)
- Opening Act (4:15-5:15 p.m.): TBD
- Headliner (5:30-8 p.m.): Reggae Express (Reggae)
- Saturday, Oct. 1 (Oktoberfest)
- Opening Act (4:30-5:45 p.m.): Dyllyngyr (Classic Rock)
- Second Act (6:15-7:30 p.m.): Derek Caruso & The Blues Fuse (Blues-Rock)
- Headliner (8:15-10 p.m.): Marrakesh Express (a Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young experience)

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

WE DON'T JUST WORK ON CARS, WE FIX THEM!

BEST Labor Rates • FREE Local Towing • FREE Loaner Vehicles

Crown Point Auto

Repair & Restoration

219-663-1847 1510 North Main Street

WE VALUE ALL OUR CUSTOMERS!

10% OFF All Services!

Most vehicles, some restrictions apply. See store for details.

back-to-school

STOP IN FOR FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH ANY PURCHASE

Scanteel

- Oil Changes • Brakes & Tires
- Collision Repair • Rust Repair

- Complete Engine Repair
- Belts & Hoses • Transmissions
- Tune-ups • Electrical Systems
- Alignments • Heating & A/C

- Scheduled Maintenance
- Complete Inspections
- Computer Diagnostics
- Emissions Testing

Have an Extended Warranty? Bring it to us!

24-hour Drop-off • Nationwide Warranty • Price Match Guarantee

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Find us on: **facebook**

www.crownpointautorepair.com

MECHANIC WANTED!

See our classified ad in this week's Winfield American

A/C RECHARGE & PERFORMANCE TEST

\$69⁹⁵

Includes 1lb of R134A Freon & Leak Detection Dye

Additional A/C Repairs 15% OFF

Most Vehicles, some restrictions apply. See Store for Details. Expires 9/5/22

Winfield American

SUMMER SERVICE PACKAGE

\$39⁹⁵

Conventional Oil Change, Tire Rotation, Brake Inspection, Alignment Inspection

Most Vehicles, some restrictions apply. See Store for Details. Expires 9/5/22

Winfield American

SAVE GAS

PROFESSIONAL FUEL SYSTEM SERVICE

Fuel Injectors & Top Engine Carbon Cleaning System Service with Fuel System Tank Additive

PREMIUM FUEL SYSTEM SERVICE

Starting at: **\$129.95+ TAX**

PROFESSIONAL FUEL SYSTEM SERVICE

Starting at: **\$189.95+ TAX**

Most Vehicles, some restrictions apply. See Store for Details. Expires 9/5/22


Winfield American

It may not be much but it's all we've got.



Don't just talk about a better world. Do something about one.



Join the Peace Corps.



Lakefront Solutions LLC

Waterfront Specialists

- Seawalls
- Bank Stabilization
- Marine Construction
- Pile Driving
- Custom Waterfront Decks
- Excavation
- Demolition



Julie Sadler
Owner

lakefrontsols.com
lakefrontsolutionsllc@gmail.com

219.712.7515