

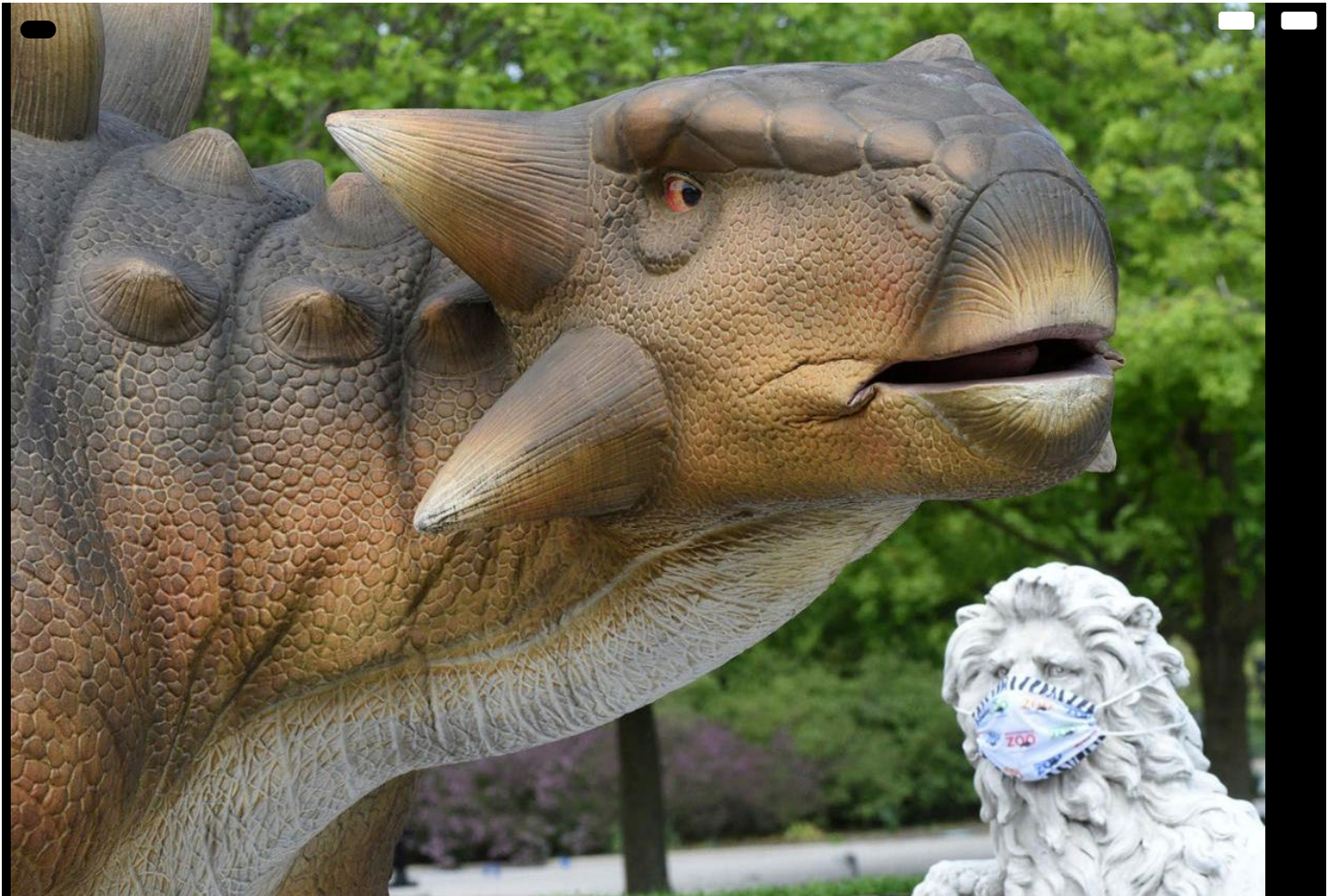
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WATCH NOW: Wrap up your Spring Break with polar bears, Peeps and outdoor fun

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By our count — and remember, math was never our strong suit — you have just a few days left of this Spring Break Week, if you're following the Kenosha Unified School District calendar.

And if you're not desperately trying to entertain kids with a week off from school and the added excitement of warmer weather and longer daylight hours enticing them to get out of the house? Well, there's still never a better time than the present to meet the new polar bear couple at the Brookfield Zoo or to challenge yourself to walk all the way around Lake Andrea in Pleasant Prairie.

Here are other ideas to help you and your family to avoid sitting home and staring at screens:

Go wild

You can also find plenty of wild animals at the **Milwaukee County Zoo** and the **Racine Zoo**, which are operating under COVID-19 guidelines.

And, we mentioned earlier, the **Brookfield Zoo**, located near Chicago, features two polar bears, Hope and Hudson, who have just started cohabitating. Hope, a 5-year-old female polar bear, arrived at the Brookfield Zoo in January from Utah. Hudson, the Brookfield Zoo's 14-year-old male polar bear, finally met his potential mate after Hope was slowly introduced to her new home.

Now zoo visitors can see both bears in outdoor habitats.

Also at the zoo: Dinosaurs! **The Brookfield Zoo's "Dinosaurs Everywhere" features more than 40 animatronic dinosaurs placed throughout the zoo grounds.** The dinosaurs include the largest dino — argentinosauros — that was estimated to measure more

than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons. The dinosaurs will be there through Sept. 6.

The scoop: The Racine Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors (62 and older), \$8 for youths (15 and younger) and free for children age 2 and younger. *For more information, go to www.racinezoo.org.* The Milwaukee County Zoo is open 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Admission is \$16.75 for adults, \$15.75 for seniors (60 and older), \$13.75 for kids (ages 3 to 12) and free for children age 2 and younger. *For more information, go to www.milwaukeezoo.org.* The Brookfield Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends. Admission is \$24.95 for adults, \$19.95 for seniors (65 and older), \$17.95 for kids (ages 3 to 11) and free for children age 2 and younger. *Note: All Brookfield Zoo tickets must be purchased online in advance at www.czs.org.*

Get your Peep on

The Racine Art Museum's annual International Peeps Art Exhibition runs through Saturday, giving you three more days to celebrate the wonderful world of marshmallow artistry. (You do have to keep your hands off the colorful pieces, however; signs in the exhibit warn tempted visitors not to touch or eat the artwork.)

This year's show features 138 entries from across the country, including several artists in this area.

Local artists with Peeps pieces on display include:

- **Carol Boehm and Brian Boehm of Pleasant Prairie:** "Peep Erickson, Noticer of North America," which won an Honorable Peep Mention Award and was constructed using paper, cardboard, wood, copper and rope.
- **Marie Christenson of Kenosha:** "Peep Kai," related to the Netflix series "Cobra Kai" and constructed using wood, foam, acrylic and cotton fabric.
- **Rachel Graham of Kenosha:** "Up, Up and Away My Peeps," constructed out of

paper.

- **Dale Mellor of Trevor:** "Not Going to Sugar Coat It — Coronavirus has Broken our Heart." The sculpture includes a wire hanger (to sugar "coat" it), foam and acrylic.
- **Liz Shanahan of Pleasant Prairie:** "Jedi in Training," one of the exhibit's "Star Wars"-related pieces. It was made using cardboard, aluminum foil, fabric, artificial moss, dryer lint, grass and pipe cleaners.
- **Karen Stanlaw and Linda Noggle of Kenosha:** "Protecting Our Peeps!" The diorama, which shows a COVID-19 vaccine clinic, contains paper, wood, plastic syringes, elastic and glass bottles.
- **Heidi Voelz of Kenosha:** "Peeps Here and There," an acrylic piece.
- **Kendra Voelz of Kenosha:** "Blooming Peeps," an acrylic piece.

While you're at the exhibit, don't forget to vote for your favorite piece. The winner takes home the coveted PEEPlE's Choice Award.

The museum, 441 Main St. in downtown Racine, is open noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 12-18) and senior citizens and free for kids 11 and younger, with a paid adult admission. www.ramart.org. Note: Can't make it in person to the show? Check out the virtual tour, available to watch on demand on Facebook, YouTube and the RAM website.

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