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Every 2nd & 4th Thursday

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Sunday, September 27 — Noon to 6 PM Octoberfest at Hammond Mohawks Picnic Grove

4040 Calumet Avenue, Hammond
Admission is \$5.00; 10 and under free
Everything is \$1.00
Music provided by Deustch Meisters and DJ Scott
Food: Brats, Schnitzel, Cabbage and noodles, German Chocolate cake, etc.
Drinks: Pop, water, beer and other libations
Lawn chairs are welcome
For more information call: 219-933-9823

Munster High School Senior Shriya Iyer selected as Coolidge Senator



Shriya Iyer

Munster, Indiana, August 9, 2020—Munster High School senior Shriya Iyer was recently selected as a Coolidge Senator by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation and earned a \$1,000 college scholarship. Based in Plymouth Notch, Vermont, the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation is the official foundation dedicated to preserving the legacy and advancing the values of America's thirtieth president.

The Foundation's signature initiative is the Coolidge Scholars Program, which awards college scholarships to

selected applicants. Coolidge Scholars are distinguished by their academic excellence, interest in public policy, and appreciation for the values of humility, service, and leadership that Mr. Coolidge championed. Iyer was selected as a Coolidge Senator, an honor awarded to only the top 100 out of roughly 3,400 nationwide applicants.

In addition to receiving the scholarship, as a Coolidge Senator, Iyer is invited to participate in the Coolidge Foundation's annual "Coolidge Senators Summit" in Washington, D.C., an exclusive,

all-expenses-paid, multi-day program featuring in-depth tours, seminars with prominent speakers, and the opportunity to connect with other high-achieving students and national leaders. Due to COVID-19, the date for the summit has not been confirmed.

Iyer is the daughter of Gayathri Iyer and Arun Balakrishnan of Munster.

Source: Munster High School

Hammond Legal Aid Clinic To Offer Legal Services Relating To Immigration and Daca

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and the Hammond Legal Aid Clinic are pleased to announce that beginning in September the Clinic will be offering legal services relating to immigration and DACA. "Given the needs and sometimes limited resources of Hammond's immigrant population, I felt these services were needed and would further add to the important mission of the Hammond Legal Aid Clinic," McDermott said.

Alfredo Estrada, Partner at Burk Costanza & Carberry LLP, will be teaming with the Clinic

to provide immigration legal services for qualified Hammond residents. Alfredo Estrada immigration practice involves representing immigrants and immigrant families in affirmative applications submitted to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and defensive applications for relief in immigration court. "Mayor McDermott is leading the way in improving services and engaging Hammond's diverse community. In the absence of a workable national immigration policy, the Mayor and the City of Hammond are responding

to challenges presented to Hammond residents. I am excited to work with the Mayor and the Clinic to provide these vital legal services Hammond families.", said Alfredo Estrada.

"We are excited to offer these additional services and look forward to working with Attorney Estrada, to assist clients with their immigration law issues," said Kris Costa Sakelaris, Executive Director of the Clinic. In order to receive services from the Clinic, you must be a resident of the City of Hammond for the last nine months and meet the economic

guidelines for your household size. For more information please call the Clinic at 853-6611.

The award winning Hammond Legal Aid Clinic was founded in 2004 by Mayor McDermott and the City Hammond Council. It has served thousands of residents in need of legal services that they otherwise could not afford.

Source: City of Hammond

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Abundant Life Community Church

6808 Missouri Ave., Hammond, IN

Pastor Dr. Michael White

(219) 845-0954

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wed. Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.

www.alcccogop.org

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Deacon Lester Stokes

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Friday 7:30 p.m.

Black Oak Church of Christ

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Pastor Steve Martinez

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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5125 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN

Apostle Jose Ruiz (219) 852-0677

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Friday

www.greaterwksmin.com

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Reformed Church

1910 167th St, Hammond, IN

Pastor Donald Jabaay

(219) 844-3331

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

www.hammondrc.org

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6348 Harrison Ave., Hammond, IN

Preacher Darryl Dorton

(219) 932-0613

Sunday 12:30 p.m.

Thursday Thrift shop 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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1047 Kenwood St., Hammond, IN

Reverend William R. Collins

(219) 931-4337

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

Wednesday Prayer 6:00 pm

New Community Baptist Church

707 169th Street, Hammond, IN

Rev. Patrick H. Gillis, Pastor

(219) 931-8407

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study Wednesday 12:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

www.ncbc-hammond.com

New Hope Missionary

Baptist Church

1117 Merrill St., Hammond, IN

Reverend Herman A. Polk, Sr.

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 am

Wednesday 8:30 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm

New Salem Missionary

Baptist Church

833 Conkey St., Hammond, IN

Pastor Wayne Hudson

(219) 932-0999

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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926 Morris Street, Hammond, IN

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Worship 11:30 a.m.

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Friday 7:30 p.m.

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Habitat For Humanity of Northwest Indiana Receives Funding From The Lake Area United Way Nwi Covid-19 Community Economic Relief Fund

GARY — Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana announced today that it received a \$14,980 grant from the Lake Area United Way NWI Covid19 Community Economic Relief Fund. Funds will be used to purchase plumbing materials related to a Habitat home currently being built in Merrillville, Indiana and the purchase of four laptops. Habitat requested the funds due to the negative financial impacts of covid19 on the generation of funds to complete the home build. The laptops were requested also in response to the pandemic as staff needed to have the ability to work from home.

“Finding new ways to navigate our builds, fundraising activities and the work week in general has been challenging these last few months. I am grateful for having been awarded a grant from the Lake Area United Way to help support all of those activities. With this funding, we have been able to move forward on completion of one of our habitat homes that had stalled during the initial months of the covid19 pandemic. I am also able to purchase laptops for staff to allow them to for work from home when and if needed. The most important this is that we are able to continue our mission to build

homes, communities and hope! Thank you LAUW!” said Dawn Michaels, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana.

Executive Director of Lisa Daugherty remarked, “Lake Area United Way fights for working families on a path to financial wellness through livable wage jobs, affordable child care and basic supports. Now more than ever, an affordable home is the most basic support for a family and a key opportunity to build wealth. We are excited to work with Habitat for Humanity

of NW Indiana in support of their mission.“

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana serves struggling, working families earning between 30 to 80% of the average income across northwest Indiana. Through strong community partnerships with donors, volunteers and dedicated families, Habitat has served 110 families since its inception in 1986.

Source: Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana

Outdoor Movie Night in Hammond

HAMMOND, IN – Hammond Parks & Recreation has teamed up with the Hammond Public Library to show a Movie Night on September 19, 2020 at the Dowling Park Athletic Complex Plaza, next to the Jean Shepherd Community Center at 3031 J.F. Mahoney Drive. The movie will be a Tim Burton Film called “Miss Peregrine’s Home for

Peculiar Children”. The doors open at 7:00 pm and the movie starts at 7:30 pm. Concessions will be available for purchase. Call (219) 853-7705 or (219) 931-5100 ext. 330 or email piecha@hammond.lib.in.us with any questions.

Source: City of Hammond

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Bishop Noll offers new course in biomedical science as part of its innovative STEM program

Hammond, IN – A lifeless body lay behind police tape as inquisitive investigators took photos on iPads and looked for clues.

“Look, there’s a bug on the body,” one said.

“I see some blood splatters,” said another.

The death scene was staged in the back of Bishop Noll Institute’s new STREAM Lab, and investigators were Bishop Noll students in a new course called Principles of Biomedical Science. This interactive learning experience is part of a unit on forensics and is the first of several cool activities in this course, said Bishop Noll science teacher Rebecca Dostatni said.

As part of its STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) initiative, Bishop Noll added the new course this semester to give students the chance to explore concepts of biology and medicine as they take on roles of different medical professionals to solve real-world problems.

Dostatni completed two weeks of professional development this summer to gain skills to teach the course. She learned how to challenge students in various scenarios, including investigating a crime scene to solve a mystery, diagnosing and proposing treatment to patients in a family medical practice, tracking down

and containing a medical outbreak at a local hospital, stabilizing a patient during an emergency, and collaborating with others to design solutions to local and global medical problems.

The next unit will include a fake, but realistic, phlebotomy arm that will allow students to learn how to draw blood, Dostatni said. “We will also do microbiology lessons when studying the ‘outbreak’ unit, and students will learn how to culture and analyze bacteria in petri dishes.”

All of the students who registered for the course this semester are girls. Most are sophomores, but the material is interesting and challenging enough for juniors and seniors as well, Dostatni said. Several of the students are interested in nursing or medicine.

“All of the students seem to be extremely curious and excited about the course. I can’t say enough great things about this intelligent, positive, strong, driven, confident group of young women,” Dostatni said. “They seem completely ready to take on any challenge that awaits them. I can already tell it’s going to be a great year thanks to their energy and inquisitive minds.”

“I’m looking forward to solving our first mystery, and finding out who or what killed the person,” said student sophomore Maria Quiroga, who hopes to learn more about the nursing field and



Bishop Noll sophomore Airyal Smith uses her iPad to take photos during her Principles of Biomedical Science at Bishop Noll Institute.

gain knowledge about how police officers investigate crimes. She is thinking of a career in nursing or immigration law.

Sophomore Airyal Smith chose to take the course because she wants to major in biomedical engineering/science in college and would potentially like to work in a hospital setting.

“I hope to learn about basic biomedical sciences to help me be ‘ahead of the game’ so to speak when I’m heading into my college life. Plus, this class will help show me if biomedical sciences is something for me to continue to have a passion for.”

Smith said, “I am interested in sciences of almost any kind. I come from a family that have all studied in some sort of science, math, and engineering and I intend to do the same. I’ve had a fascination with all sorts of STEM activities since a younger age and am really excited to have the chance to learn all about my favorite subjects.”

While at Noll, Smith has taken biology and is currently taking chemistry. She encourages other students to sign up for the biomedical science course. “It’s a hands-on class, and I personally think that’s the best way to learn.”

Classmate Maria Quiroga, sophomore, is also considering a career in the medical field.

“I am especially interested in science because I feel that there are many career choices in science. When I grow up, I want to be a pediatrician. I hope to gain information on possible careers in which I can use the skills I learned in this class.

Quiroga has taken chemistry and is taking AP environmental science at Bishop Noll. She would tell potential students that Bishop Noll offers a variety of science classes that touch on different possible career choices.

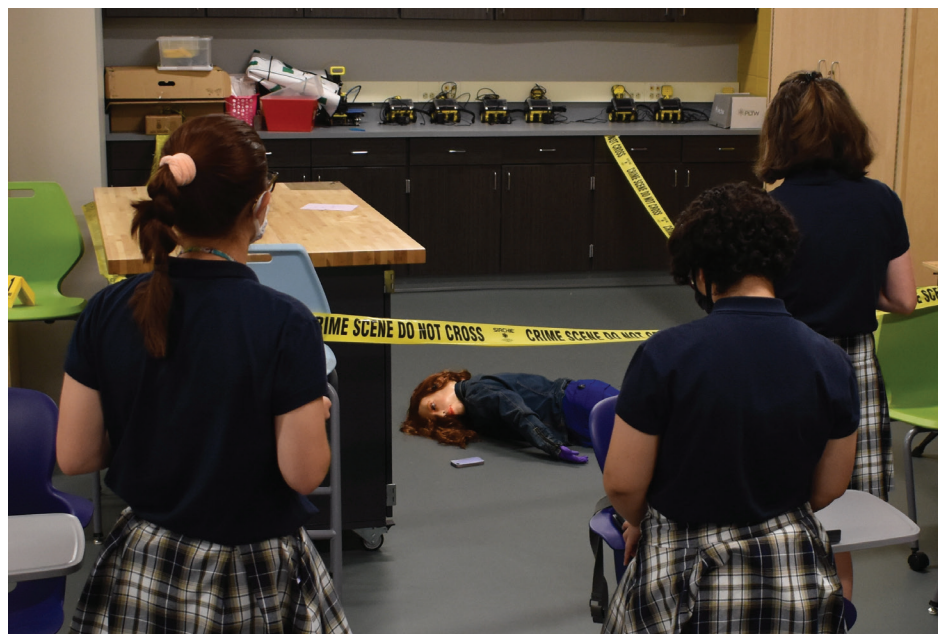
“I think this course is critical to those students interested in any career related to healthcare,” said Dostatni, a 2000 BNI alumna and head of Bishop Noll’s science department.

“The students learn about real-life connections more so than in regular science courses. Understanding biomedical science will allow students to have the skill set to identify biomedical-related problems, which will lead them to innovation ideas. These are the kind of skills we will need people to continue to have in the future. In our current world, innovation in testing for COVID-19 is just one example of the importance of biomedical innovation skills for the purpose of human health.”

The next course offered in Noll’s STEM biomedical pathway is still being determined but will be either Human Body Systems or Medical Interventions. The final course will be Biomedical Innovation.

For more information on becoming a Bishop Noll student, please contact Jeff Stur, director of admissions, at jstur@bishopnoll.org or (219) 932-9058, ext. 1008. Visit bishopnoll.org for more information.

Source: Bishop Noll Institute



Students in Bishop Noll Institute’s Principles of Biomedical Science class take photos of a staged death scene as part of a lesson on crime scene investigation. As part of its STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) initiative, Bishop Noll added the new course this semester to give students the chance to explore concepts of biology and medicine as they take on roles of different medical professionals to solve real-world problems.

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NIRPC to hold public comment period on the draft changes to 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) will hold a 21-day public comment period on the draft changes to the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period began August 14, 2020 and will end September 4, 2020.

NIRPC's TIP is a short-range financial and spending plan for the utilization of federal transportation funding. These funds can be used for highway, transit, and non-motorized transportation projects. NIRPC's TIP is periodically updated and includes projects undertaken by municipalities, counties, transit operators, and the State of Indiana. Federal planning regulations guide the preparation and development of TIP documents.

Comments may be submitted until September 4, 2020 in the following ways:

**Email: comments@nirpc.org
Phone: 219-763-6060**

**United States Postal Service:
NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368**

All comments received during the 21-day public comment period will be compiled into a public comment report and responded to. This report will be made available to the public and distributed to the relevant NIRPC committees prior to any action on these items. It is anticipated that action will be taken at the September 8, 2020 meeting of the Technical Planning Committee, followed by the September 17, 2020 meeting of the NIRPC Commission Executive Board.

Documents and information will be available for review at NIRPC's website at www.nirpc.org. Requests for alternative formats may be directed to NIRPC by calling 219-763-6060, or by email at nirpc@nirpc.org. TTY users may use the Relay Indiana service by calling 711 or 800-743-3333.

NIRPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and regional council of local governments for Northwest Indiana. NIRPC's purpose, as

put forth in Indiana state statute, is to "provide a coordinative management process for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties and to institute and maintain a comprehensive planning and programming process for transportation, economic development, and environmental policy.

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August 19, 2020 – Indiana American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation is providing \$5,000 to Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana (MOWNWI) to support meal delivery to seniors and others in need in the northwest Indiana region. The funds are being provided as part of the Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund.

“Indiana American Water and Meals on Wheels share a mission to deliver vital services that support health and safety,” said Justin Mount, Major Account Manager with Indiana American Water. “We appreciate Meals on Wheels’

daily meal delivery to seniors and others in need throughout this pandemic and beyond.”

Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana delivers 1,300 nutritious meals each day with a wellness check and friendly visit to people in Lake, Porter, Newton, and Jasper counties.

Sandra Noe, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels said, “The nutritious meals and social support we provide to residents is more essential than ever. Thanks to our partners at American Water, together we deliver so much more than a meal.”

To donate and support Meals on Wheels, register for meals, or volunteer your time, visit www.mownwi.org.

Source: Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana

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Purdue University Northwest encourages pledges to support students during Day of Giving on September 9

HAMMOND and WESTVILLE, Ind. – Purdue University Northwest (PNW) hopes to inspire its alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends to help its students “Power Onward” by making a pledge of support during the Purdue Northwest Day of Giving on Wednesday, September 9. The online event is a 24-hour opportunity to support PNW’s student scholarships, academic programs, athletics, and areas of community impact.

Designed to provide a convenient, daylong opportunity to make a monetary gift of any amount to PNW, Day of Giving sees gifts from thousands of supporters who answer that call.

Supporting students, scholarships and more

Donations can be made online beginning at 11 p.m. CDT, or

local time in Northwest Indiana, on Sept. 8 at dayofgiving.pnw.edu. Visitors to the website will learn how their donations benefit PNW, how to give to their favorite college or cause, and about various giving challenges and matching funds that increase the value of their donations to PNW even more.

Donors can give to the PNW Dean of Students Emergency Fund; College of Business; College of Engineering & Sciences; College of Humanities, Education & Social Sciences; College of Nursing; College of Technology; Athletics; Strategic Initiatives; Sinai Forum; Gabis Arboretum; Alumni Community; Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest, and others.

Sharing the hashtag #PNWDayOfGiving through a tweet or social media post will

also generate money on behalf of PNW during designated challenge hours.

Purdue Northwest Day of Giving

Purdue Northwest Day of Giving, scheduled for Sept. 9, 2020, is a 24-hour opportunity to give to PNW and to support student scholarships, academic programs, athletics and areas of community impact. Donations can be made online from 11 p.m. CDT Sept. 8 through 10:59 p.m. CDT on Sept. 9. Information about donations, how to give to a specific college or cause, and various giving challenges and matching funds can be found at dayofgiving.pnw.edu.

Source: Purdue University Northwest



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 Eyes Brown
 Hair..... Black
 Marks/Scars/Tattoos ..
 Wanted For Failure To Appear
 Warrant Issued by..... Northern District of Indiana
 Hammond Division
 Date of Warrant..... 3/21/1996
 Original Charge Possession With Intent To
 Distribute Dangerous Drugs



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“Checkout Challenge” to Benefit The Salvation Army Begins August 31

“Rounding Up” is Easy and Will Help Your Neighbors in Need During these Difficult Times.



MUNSTER, INDIANA – August 21, 2020 – Cynthia had been struggling day-to-day to pay important bills since the COVID-19 pandemic began. In recent years, Cynthia has had multiple surgeries to repair damage to her internal organs. After exhausting her medical leave benefits from her employer and purchasing a home, Cynthia’s job was eliminated. As her medical bills continued to pile up, The Salvation Army of Lake County stepped in and was able to help with Cynthia’s mortgage and utilities payments, food, hygiene products and spiritual care. The Salvation Army meets with Cynthia regularly, and continues to connect her with other resources and support.

Stories like Cynthia’s are becoming increasingly common

since the pandemic began – in Lake County Indiana and elsewhere, hard-working men and women who have lost their jobs due to no fault of their own have run out of resources. Banks, landlords and utilities companies are now closing in to collect what is owed to them. Recently, a man who had been unemployed since last April asked The Salvation Army for help. He presented the caseworker at the Hammond-Munster Corps Community Center with a shut-off notice from the utilities company, demanding more than \$1,900 that was owed to the company. Since the COVID-19 crisis hit, The Salvation Army of Lake County has experienced more than a 500% increase in the need for emergency assistance.

To help us to meet the growing needs of Lake County residents, Strack & Van Til Food Markets and The Salvation Army of Lake County have again teamed up for a “Checkout Challenge” to run August 31 through September 13 at each of its Lake County stores. Stores in Porter and Jasper Counties will also be participating to meet the needs of residents of those counties as well.

Last year’s Checkout Challenge raised almost \$26,000 for The Salvation Army of Lake County in just two weeks. All because of shoppers like you rounding up to the nearest dollar when paying for your groceries. The goal for 2020 is to raise \$35,000 or more to help your neighbors in need who have been hit hardest by the COVID-19

pandemic. So, be sure to tell the cashier to “Round Up, please!”

The Salvation Army of Lake County consists of three Corps Community Centers – Gary-Merrillville, East Chicago and Hammond-Munster, as well its Service Extension programs serving southern and eastern Lake County. The Salvation Army Corps Community Centers remain open and staffed to serve their respective communities. If you are in need of emergency services due to the COVID-19 crisis, or would like to partner with The Salvation Army to help your neighbors in need, please visit SalArmyLakeCounty.org, or call 219.838.1328.

THANK YOU!

*Source: The Salvation Army,
Lake County*