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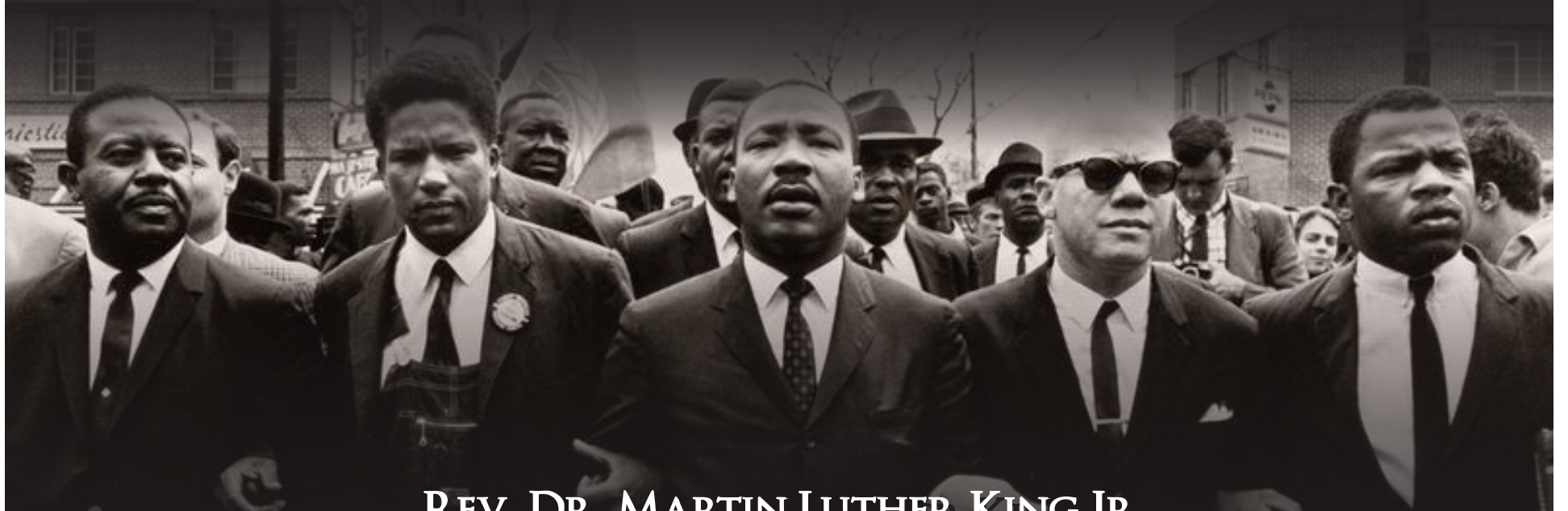
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January 10 th 6:00 pm	Administration Center	41 Williams St. Hammond, IN 46320
January 24 th 6:00 pm	Administration Center	41 Williams St. Hammond, IN 46320

Meeting dates and times are subject to change




*Season's Greetings*  
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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Friday 7:30 p.m.

## Black Oak Church of Christ

2844 Stevenson St., Gary, IN

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

## Faith United Church of Christ

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Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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Pastor Darryl Dorton

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Last Saturday of the month

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Hammond, Indiana 46324

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Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Wednesday Prayer 6:00 p.m.

## New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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*~ Dieter F. Uchtdorf*

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# Munster Theatre Company's "Wit" wins second consecutive Regional title

The Munster Theatre Company (MTC) recently won its second consecutive Regional title with their adaptation of Margaret Edson's play "Wit." The show received perfect scores from all three judges, and junior Clover Sarkady was named Outstanding Lead Performer by the judging panel.

The Regional Competition, held at Hobart High School on Dec. 3, is sponsored by the Indiana Thespians, which is the state organization of the Educational Theatre Association, the professional theater association for theater educators and the honor society for middle and high school theater.

According to Ray Palasz, MTC program director, six schools competed to be one of the two top-scoring shows to advance to the State competition in January. In addition to Munster, the other schools that competed were Wawasee, Hobart, Merrillville, and Boone Grove high schools as well as Munster's Wilbur Wright Middle School. Merrillville

High School placed second in the competition, and Wilbur Wright, the feeder school for Munster High School, came in fourth. Wilbur Wright also won the judges' Best Ensemble Award.

"'Wit' really is the result of so much ownership by our students," said MTC director Ray Palasz. "The title was brought to me last spring as I was putting together this current season. Since the cast and crew were selected in September, everyone has given 100 percent to every detail of the show. My job as director has been one of the most fulfilling with this show because I really was able to serve as a mentor to everyone, rather than just telling everyone what to do. The students came to me with ideas, and I was able to help shape those ideas for the performance."

"Wit," a drama that explores the meaning of life through the contemplation of mortality, represents the fifth contest show that the MTC has entered since 2017 and the ensemble's third trip to the State Conference.

"Wit," was presented to the public in November alongside Wilbur Wright Middle School's entry into the competition, "Afflicted: Daughters of Salem."

At the State competition in January, students not only vie for top honors, they also will be adjudicated to be named the Chapter Select show to represent Indiana at the International Thespian Festival (ITF) in June 2023, at Indiana University in Bloomington. The ITF is the largest gathering of middle and high school theater programs from around the world, showcasing the best of middle and high school theater programs. If selected,

Palasz said it would be MTC's first time performing at the prestigious event.

The Munster Theatre Company's "Wit" ensemble includes: Robert Brunetti, Michael Casner, Clara Dumaresq, Delaney Craig, Josh Decker, Kyle Farnell, Jim Ferguson, Tara Gaither, Wesley Harle, Izzy Iglesias, Charlie Ilijevski, Yumna Jawad, Seamus Keegan, Will Keegan, Evvy Kikkert, Josephine Mittelberger, Pemi Ogunjimi, Lindsay Opiola, Lucas Opiola, Isidora Pavlic, Marija Pavlic, Clover Sarkady, Rhiannon Shelton, Emma Starkey.

*Source: Munster High School*

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# Boys & Girls Clubs Hosts Annual Christmas to Remember Event



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest hosted their annual Christmas to Remember event, which saw record giving and volunteer participation. With Meijer and People's Bank as the presenting sponsors, the organization was able to provide over 500 Club members with at least \$150 dollars worth of gifts, totaling around \$75,000 in resources distributed back to the youth of Northwest Indiana.

"While we certainly did buy a lot of toys, we made sure to provide the basic necessities for our youth that might not always have everything they need. They year, we really wanted to display our thoughtfulness. For a lot of families, the holiday season can be an immense financial burden," said Director of Community Outreach, Wendy Mang, "We are hopeful

that this moment of joy affects their home life, their academic life, and so on. We had over 200 volunteers at the event, and this only scratches the surface of the massive community effort that made this year so great. I am honored to be a part of it."

Each year, the organization identifies Club members in need, and sponsors and volunteers come together to donate, shop for presents, and decorate, all in an effort to give Club members a magical holiday. Volunteers consisted of groups like Meyers Glaros, First Merchant's Bank, Centier Bank, Safety Kleen, Portage Exchange Club, Lake County Police Department, and many of the Valparaiso University Athletic Programs, including the football team, baseball team, volleyball team, and girls' basketball team.

For incoming interim-CEO, Larry Moore, this was his first experience with Christmas to Remember.

"The holidays are a time of joy, hope, and togetherness, and I'm so proud to be part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana. Through our organization, we help to bring the spirit of the season to all of our members, helping families bridge the financial gap many face during the holidays. With this being my first Christmas to Remember in my time with the organization, I am glad that the turnout was so strong for our kids."

This year's Christmas to Remember program was co-presented by Meijer and Peoples Bank. In addition to gifts, the organization will provide 500 holiday meals to Club families, courtesy of the combined efforts of Strack & Van Til, Aunt Millie's, and Indiana Beverage.



## About Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana has been opening doors to GREAT FUTURES for Porter and Lake County youth for over 60 years. Clubs are open after school and provide great places for youth in grades K-12 to meet friends and have fun while in a safe, supervised environment. Clubs are open during holidays and in the summer. Annual membership is only \$40.00. For information on membership, volunteer opportunities, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact your local Club by calling (219) 764-2582 or visiting [bgcgreaterwi.org](http://bgcgreaterwi.org). Great Futures Start HERE.

*Source: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana*



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## Johnny Cash plays San Quentin State Prison



“Folsom Prison Blues” gave Johnny Cash his first top-10 country hit in 1956, and his live concert performance at Folsom—dramatized memorably in the film *Walk The Line*—gave his flagging career a critical jump-start in 1968. But the prison with which Johnny Cash was most closely associated wasn’t Folsom, it was San Quentin, a maximum-security penitentiary just outside of San Francisco. San Quentin is where Cash played his first-ever prison concert on January 1, 1958—a concert that helped set Merle Haggard, then a 20-year-old San Quentin inmate, on the path toward becoming a country music legend.

Haggard was a product of Bakersfield, California, a hard-bitten Central Valley town that was the final stop for tens of thousands of poor, white farmers and laborers who migrated west during the 1930s, ‘40s and ‘50s seeking work in the factories, farm fields and oilfields of California. These Oklahomans, Texans and others referred to by the blanket term “Okies” brought with them a love of country music, and not just any country music, but “Loud music that plays until all hours,” as Wynn Stewart sang in his 1962

country hit “How the Other Half Lives.” Merle Haggard would eventually become an architect of the hard-driving, no-frills Bakersfield Sound, which shook the Nashville establishment in the

1960s. But not before he ran afoul of the legal establishment in ways that most country singers only sing about.

Haggard did his first stint in jail at age 11, when his mother turned him over to the juvenile authorities as “incorrigible.” As a teenager, Haggard went into jail at least three more times, and went out via escape at least once. In 1957, at the age of 18, Haggard was arrested on a burglary charge and sentenced to 15 years in San Quentin. He ended up serving only two years of that sentence, though, and he credits Cash with giving him the inspiration to launch a career after prison that included 38 #1 hits on the country charts, including “Sing Me Back Home,” “Okie From Muskogee” and “Today I Started Loving You Again.” Of Johnny Cash’s prison debut, Haggard said this: “He had the right attitude. He chewed gum, looked arrogant and flipped the bird to the guards—he did everything the prisoners wanted to do. He was a mean mother from the South who was there because he loved us. When he walked away, everyone in that place had become a Johnny Cash fan.”

*Source: History.com Staff*

## NIRPC to hold public comment period on amendments of 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) will hold a 21-day public comment period on an amendment to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). The comment period begins today and will end on January 4, 2023. Amendment #22-08 contains various new projects for INDOT, and the City of LaPorte. Michigan City, Schererville, and Valparaiso wish to add funding and phases to the projects in those municipalities in Northwestern Indiana. Amendment #22-08.5 contains various projects for Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD or South Shore Line) in Northwestern Indiana.

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

Comments may be submitted until January 4, 2023, in the following ways:

- Email: [comments@nirpc.org](mailto: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 January 10th, 2023 meeting of the Technical Planning Committee, followed by the January 19th, 2023 meeting of the NIRPC Commission.

Documents and information will be available for review at NIRPC’s website at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org). Requests for alternative formats may be directed to NIRPC by calling 219-763-6060, or by email at [comments@nirpc.org](mailto:comments@nirpc.org). TTY users may use the Relay Indiana service by calling 711 or 800-743-3333.

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*Source: NEWS FROM NIRPC*



# How Can You Stay Safe After a Winter Storm?



- Continue listening to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio station for updated information and instructions. Access to some parts of the community may be limited or roads may be blocked.
- Help people who require special assistance—infants, elderly people, those without transportation, large families who may need additional help in an emergency situation, people with disabilities, and the people who care for them.
- Avoid driving and other travel until conditions have improved.
- Avoid overexertion. Heart attacks from shoveling heavy snow are a leading cause of death during the winter.
- Check on your animals and ensure that their access to food and water is unimpeded by drifted snow, ice, or other obstacles.

- If you are using a portable generator, take precautions against carbon monoxide poisoning, electrocution and fire.

## If You Are Stranded in your car

- Stay in the vehicle and wait for help. Do not leave the vehicle to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards (91 meters).
- Display a trouble sign to indicate you need help. Hang

a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) on the radio antenna and raise the hood after snow stops falling.

- Turn on the engine for about 10 minutes each hour. Use the heater while the engine is running. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow, and slightly open a downwind window for ventilation.
- Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that you can be seen.
- Do light exercises to keep up circulation. Clap your hands and move your arms and legs occasionally.
- If more than one person is in the vehicle, take turns sleeping.
- Huddle together for warmth. Wrap yourself in newspapers, maps, and even the removable floor mats to help trap more body heat.

## Avoid Frostbite and Hypothermia

Frostbite and hypothermia are cold-related emergencies that may quickly become life or limb threatening.

Take these steps to avoid frostbite and hypothermia:

- Be aware of the wind chill. Dress appropriately and avoid staying in the cold too long. Wear a hat and gloves when appropriate with layers of clothing. Avoid unnecessary

- exposure of any part of the body to the cold.
- Drink plenty of warm fluids or warm water but avoid caffeine and alcohol. Stay active to maintain body heat.
- Take frequent breaks from the cold.
- Get out of the cold immediately if the signals of hypothermia or frostbite appear.

## Emotional Responses

When we experience a disaster or other stressful life event, we can have a variety of reactions, all of which can be common responses to difficult situations.

These reactions can include:

- Feeling physically and mentally drained

- Having difficulty making decisions or staying focused on topics
- Becoming easily frustrated on a more frequent basis
- Arguing more with family and friends
- Feeling tired, sad, numb, lonely or worried
- Experiencing changes in appetite or sleep patterns

Most of these reactions are temporary and will go away over time. Try to accept whatever reactions you may have. Look for ways to take one step at a time and focus on taking care of your disaster-related needs and those of your family.

*Source: American Red Cross*

# Happy Holidays



**Bill Emerson, Sr.**  
*Hammond 4th District Councilman*



&



**Bill Emerson, Jr.**  
*Lake County Surveyor*

# Purdue University Northwest announces new dean of the College of Business



Rachel Clapp-Smith, Ph.D., has been named the Teddy Jacobi Dean of Purdue University Northwest's College of Business effective Jan. 3, 2023.

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) is pleased to announce Rachel Clapp-Smith will serve as the Teddy Jacobi Dean of the College of Business, effective Jan. 3, 2023. Clapp-Smith was selected through a national search process.

Clapp-Smith has served as interim dean of the PNW College of Business

since February 2022. She oversees academic programs, faculty and operations in Managerial Studies, Quantitative Business Studies, the White Lodging School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, the White Lodging Professional Selling Center, the Center for Business and Economic Development, and hosts the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center.

“Dr. Clapp-Smith is a recognized authority in leadership development who has been instrumental in building community among her fellow faculty members, integrating a cohesive recruiting and retention plan, and facilitating promising increases in enrollment in the freshman class,” said PNW Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Kenneth C. Holford. “Her enthusiasm and leadership will bring great advances to our students, faculty and staff as our College of Business completes

its upcoming reaccreditation process with AACSB and continues to grow.”

Clapp-Smith is a professor of Leadership and academic director of the Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest. She previously served as associate vice chancellor of Academic Affairs for PNW, focusing on student success and retention as well as faculty development. She was one of the most recent winners of PNW's Outstanding Administrative Leader award in March 2022.

“I could not be more excited about the meaningful work my College of Business colleagues and I have ahead of us. We believe in ‘Business for Good’ - the positive effects our programs have in preparing our students to make a difference in their businesses and communities,” Clapp-Smith said. “I am humbled and grateful to have the opportunity to work with an amazing group of students, faculty, staff and community partners in the coming years.”

Clapp-Smith earned a bachelor's degree in History and German from Bowdoin College (Maine), an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management (Arizona), and a doctorate degree in Organizational Behavior and Leadership from the University of Nebraska. She has been active in leadership development consulting, coaching and facilitation in the United States and Europe.

## Purdue University Northwest

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

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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### DETAILS

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Washington Field Office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying individuals who made unlawful entry into the United States Capitol Building and assaulted federal law enforcement personnel on January 6, 2021, in Washington, D.C.

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