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# Hammond City Council to Consider Food & Beverage Tax

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. announced a new funding source for the planned expansion of the Hammond Sportsplex and the construction of a Downtown South Shore Train Station on the West Lake Corridor commuter line, two pivotal developments in the City of Hammond. "I want to thank the Indiana legislature for giving the City of Hammond the ability to pass a food and beverage tax to help fund these important projects that bring people and revenue into our city," said Mayor McDermott.

The proposed ordinance that will be introduced at the City Council meeting on Monday, June 10th will place a 1% tax onto food and beverage sales throughout the city. The revenue raised from the tax will help fund these transformative projects. This minimal 1% tax on food and beverages (for example, the tax on a \$20.00 restaurant bill will be .20 cents) will add up and allow the city the needed funds for the construction of these projects.

The Hammond Sportsplex has been so successful since day one that the City of Hammond is already planning an expansion that will allow more tournaments to come to Hammond. This means more people staying in our hotels and more people eating at our restaurants. "It would be short-sighted of us not to expand our Sportsplex," said Mayor McDermott. "The Sportsplex is a top destination for people all over the Midwest and we

are bursting at the seams. This expansion will secure its success and bring even more people to our City. When they eat at our restaurants, they are helping to pay for this expansion too."

In Hammond's downtown, the City is designing and building a new train station on the upcoming West Lake Corridor South Shore commuter train line to help drive the revitalization of downtown. "This station is going to be a signature station along the new South Shore line and will complement all the work we are doing downtown to make our downtown walkable and accessible to people all along the South Shore line" stated Mayor McDermott. "Although this wasn't part of the original Westlake expansion plans, we recognize how important this station is for Hammond and so we are building it on our own. Connecting new residents in downtown Hammond to Chicago, Michigan City, and South Bend is a huge step forward."

With the support of dozens of local restaurants and food establishments in Hammond, this 1% food and beverage tax will help Hammond grow and expand and continue to be a vibrant city for people to work, live, and visit.

For further information, please contact Anne Taylor or Juan Moreno in The City of Hammond Planning and Development Department at [taylora@gohammond.com](mailto:taylora@gohammond.com) or [morenoj@gohammond.com](mailto:morenoj@gohammond.com).

Source: City of Hammond



# Mayor's Night Out 2024

August 28th	4th District	Edison Elementary School Cafeteria 7025 Madison Avenue
September 18th	5th District	Jefferson Elementary School-Cafeteria 6940 Northcote Avenue
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[www.hammondrc.org](http://www.hammondrc.org)

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# Up & Coming Events

## Festival of the Lakes Hosts Kid's Day

Festival of the Lakes invites children 12 and under (accompanied by an adult) can enjoy free, unlimited play at the splash pad. On Saturday, July 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weather permitting. The Wolf Lake Aquatic Play Center is located at 2100 Calumet Avenue.

## Fishing Derby

Don't miss the 20th Annual Festival of the Lakes Fishing Derby on Saturday, July 20, 2024! From 8:00 AM to Noon.

## Polka Party

The 20th Annual Festival of the Lakes invites all Polka enthusiasts to attend the popular Polka Party on Sunday, July 21st. From 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hammond Marina, 701 Casino Center Drive.

# Meats by Linz Celebrates Ribbon Cutting of New Headquarters and Production Facility in Hammond

Meats by Linz, one of the most renowned meat purveyors in the country, celebrated the grand opening of its state-of-the-art headquarters and production facility with a ribbon cutting followed by a tour of the \$52 million, 120,000-square-foot building.

Distinguished guests and speakers included Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. from the city of Hammond, Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Meats by Linz and Linz Heritage Angus Frederick Linz, and advisor to second-generation companies 219 Development and Bauer Construction, Rob Ferrino, who managed the development of the project for Meats by Linz.

The ceremony highlighted the opportunity for Meats by Linz to better serve its national and international customer markets and support the community's future growth by transitioning over 300 jobs to Hammond, Indiana. Guests participated in a guided facility tour showcasing 80,000 square feet of operational space, a 4,000 square foot dry-aging room, a



luxury office area, and top of the line test kitchen. A lively luncheon followed catered by Rosebud Steakhouse, a proud partner of Meats by Linz.

“Our growth and success since my grandfather opened a neighborhood butcher shop 60 years ago stems directly from the dedication and unwavering spirit of every member of our team,” said Frederick Linz, Chief Executive Officer of Meats by Linz. “Along with our world-class ranching operations, this grand opening reflects our exciting growth within the industry, and we’re honored to share this milestone with the Hammond community, our team, our partners, and our supporters.”

“Having an internationally known company like Meats by Linz relocate its global headquarters to Hammond is a huge economic development victory for our city,” said Mayor McDermott. “The \$52 million investment, construction of the 120,000 square foot facility, and over 300 jobs are a testament to the hard work and partnership of my administration with the leadership of Meats by Linz.”

The project was led by Alston Construction with 219 Development Services and Baurer Construction Services, financed through Wintrust Banking, and designed by Rieke Interiors.

Source: Meats By Linz



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# The Towle Theater announces their third production of their 21st season, Pippin!



prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the

The Towle Theater is pleased to present their third production of their 21st season, a musical, Pippin. Music & Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and Book by Roger O. Hirson. The production is Co-Directed by Jeff Casey and Jim LaPietra, music directed by Ron Attreau, and features choreography by Nikki Dizon. The production is sponsored by Greg and Beth Zargocki.

battlefield, the temptations of the flesh and the intrigues of political power (after disposing of his father, King Charlemagne the Great). In the end, though, Pippin finds that happiness lies not in extraordinary endeavors, but rather in the unextraordinary moments that happen every day. With an infectious unforgettable score from four-time Grammy winner, three-time Oscar winner and musical theater giant, Stephen Schwartz, including the classic songs Corner of the Sky and Magic to Do, Pippin is a soul-

Pippin is the story of one young man's journey to be extraordinary. Heir to the Frankish throne, the young

searching exploration of one man's journey to find himself, his place and purpose in life.

The Towle Theater is pleased to welcome back Autumn Christensen (Chicago), Lili Galluzzo (Chicago), Natalie Rae (Chicago), Daniel Raush (Chicago) and Allison Sokolowski (Chicago). The Towle welcomes newcomers Mara Currens (Chicago), Anthony James (Chicago), Sarah Beth Lipsman (Chicago), Kacey Marovich (Chesterton), Cris Moreno (Chicago), Travis Shanahan (Chicago), Carlos Toral (Hobart), Jay Torrens (Chicago) and Amanda Wilt (Arlington Heights).

at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. The box office opens 1 hour prior to performance time. Tickets are only \$24 and must be paid for in advance. They are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Group rates are available. There is no late seating. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to curtain. IF you arrive after curtain, you will not be seated as there is no intermission.

Pippin runs, July 12th-14th, July 19th-21st, and July 26th-28th. Fridays and Saturdays

Educator Appreciation Nights are July 12, 19, 26. Teachers and Administrators will receive buy-one-get-one FREE tickets just show a school ID. Reservations Required. This is a buy one get one free offer only. No half price tickets will be available.

Source: Towle Theater

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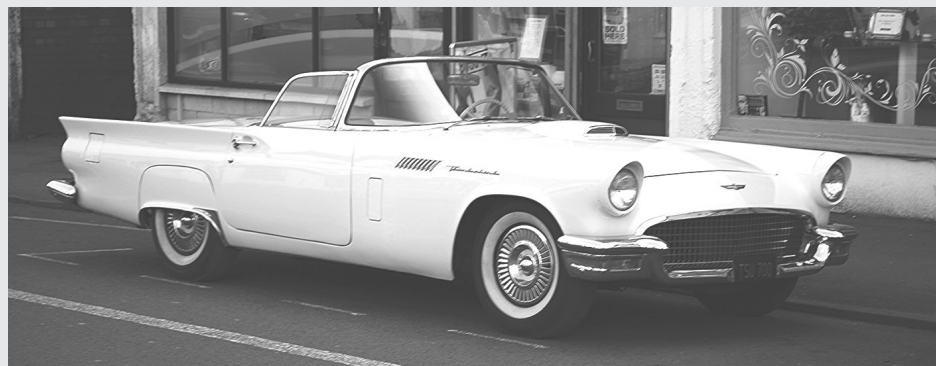


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## Last Ford Thunderbird produced



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In addition to the powerful V-8 engine that Ford was known for, the Thunderbird boasted all the conveniences consumers had become accustomed to, including a removable hard convertible top, soundproofing and the accessories standard to most Ford cars. In 1958, to satisfy critics who thought the

T-Bird was too small, Ford released a four-seater version with a roomier trunk and bucket seats. The Beach Boys elevated the Thunderbird to pop-culture-icon status in 1964 by including it in the lyrics of their hit single "Fun Fun Fun" ("she'll have fun, fun, fun 'til her daddy takes the T-Bird away"). By that time, President John F. Kennedy had already included 50 Thunderbirds in his inaugural procession in 1961, and a T-Bird would also feature prominently in the 1973 film "American Graffiti."

Thunderbird sales slowed during the 1990s, and Ford discontinued the Thunderbird in 1997. In 2002, however, in an attempt to capitalize on car buyers' nostalgia, the company launched production of a retro T-Bird, a two-seater convertible that took some of its styling from the original classic. The luxury retailer Neiman Marcus offered an early special edition version in their 2000 Christmas catalog, priced at just under \$42,000; their stock of 200 sold out in two hours and 15 minutes. Despite brisk early sales and good reviews, sales of the new Thunderbird couldn't justify continued production, and Ford discontinued it again in mid-2005.

*Source: History.com Staff*

## Red Cross Welcomes Next Generation of Blood Donors

For these donors—it may have been their first, but not their last, blood donation.

We celebrate those who support their community through the mission of the Red Cross, including generous blood and platelet donors. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. But unlike other treatments, those lifesaving blood transfusions are only possible thanks to the generosity of volunteer blood donors. To ensure that the Red Cross can meet the needs of all patients, the organization continues to seek ways to engage more communities around its blood mission.

In the past year, the Red Cross has welcomed newly eligible members of the LGBTQ+ community in response to new



*Kamariya McDonald, a social media influencer and sophomore business management major at Alabama A&M University made her first whole blood donation Oct. 23, 2023, at the Magic City Classic Blood Drive. "I wanted to donate to help others," Kamariya said. "I want patients to keep going, stay healthy and be happy."*

FDA guidance, which eliminated eligibility questions based on sexual orientation. In addition, through the Red Cross Sickle Cell Initiative, the number of Black or African American blood donors has increased by half to 4% to help meet the needs of sickle cell warriors.

This Red Cross Month, the Red Cross invites those new to blood donation, individuals who haven't given in a while and dedicated blood and platelet donors to give. A strong, diverse blood donor base is not only vital to helping to ensure a stable national inventory of blood products, but also critical in helping to provide closely matched blood products to reduce complications for patients.

*Source: American Red Cross*



*Cris Van Bibber is a first-time blood donor who gave in honor of his mother who needed blood when he was born. "Being able to contribute after all these years is not just a personal achievement, but a collective step forward for inclusivity and equality. This cause is close to my heart, as my mother received a blood transfusion during childbirth. I'm proud to honor her by giving back to the community."*

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# Ancient Olympic Games

The Ancient Olympic Games were a sporting event held every four years at the sacred site of Olympia, in the western Peloponnese, in honour of Zeus, the supreme god of the Greek religion. The games, held from 776 BCE to 393 CE, involved participants and spectators from all over Greece and even beyond.

The Olympic Games were the most important cultural event in ancient Greece and they ran for 293 consecutive Olympiads. So important were the Games in the ancient world that they were even used as a basis for the calendar.



*Patrick McLaughlin send us a personal picture of the Stadium of Olympia, from his recent visit*

## Origins of the Games

Sporting events were originally associated with funeral rituals, particularly those of heroes and the fallen in battle, for example, the games for Patroklos in Homer's Iliad. At Olympia, in particular, some mythological accounts credit Zeus with beginning the Games to celebrate his victory over Kronos whilst other accounts state the hero Pelops began them in honour of Oinomaos. In any case, sport, a healthy body and the competitive spirit were a large part of Greek education and so it is hardly surprising that organised athletic competitions

would at some point be created, as they had been in the earlier Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations.

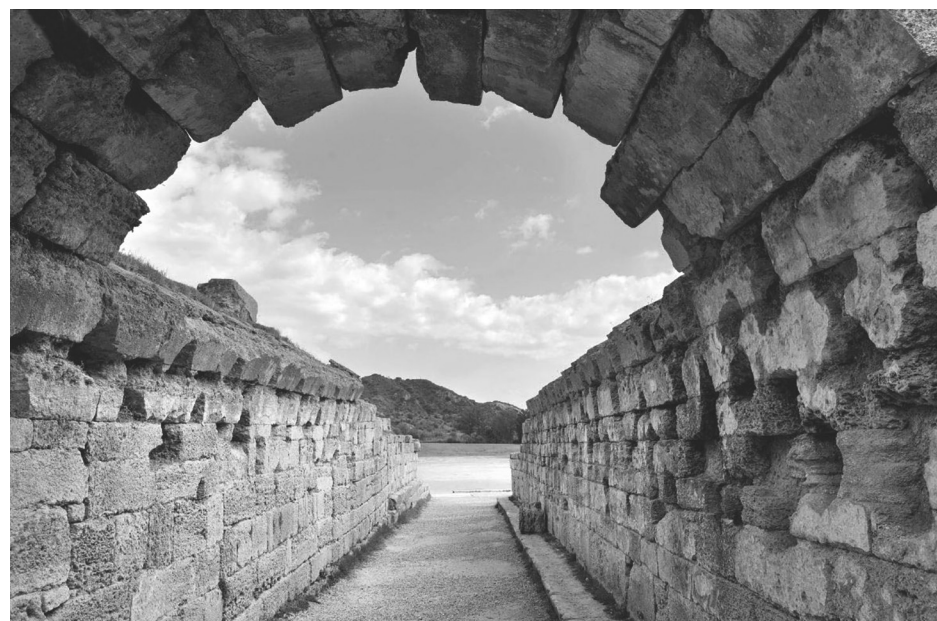
The first Olympics were held from 776 BCE at the first full moon after the summer solstice (around the middle of July) in honour of Zeus. The winner of the first and only event, the stadion foot-race was Koroibos of Elis and from then on every victor was recorded and each Olympiad named after them, thus giving us the first accurate chronology of the ancient Greek world. An Olympiad was not only the name of the event itself but also of the period between games. During a three-month pan-Hellenic truce, athletes and as many as 40,000 spectators came from all over Greece to participate in the Games at Olympia. Later, other games would be organised at other sacred sites such as Delphi, Isthmia and Nemea but the Olympian Games would remain the most prestigious.

## The Athletes

Athletes trained under the watchful eye of a professional trainer (gymnastes) or physical trainer (paidotribes) who knew how to best develop particular muscles, the best diet and the correct amount of exercises to be done. Trainers were often thanked by their more successful athletes by the dedication of a statue of them at the site. Athletes also had an aleiptes who rubbed them down with oil and massaged them both before exercising and after.

## The Stadion Footrace

For the first 12 Olympics the stadion foot-race was the only event and it remained the most



*Stadium Entrance, Olympia*

prestigious event throughout the history of the Games. The race was ran over one length (a stadion) of the stadium track, 600 ancient feet or 192 m and preliminary heats were held with heat winners going into the final. Athletes were grouped by lot and in the interest of fairness this was also the way pairings were matched in the other events. The eventual winner of the stadion would even give his name to that particular Games and so be remembered for all time.

## Olympic Prizes

The Hellenodikai also gave out the victory crown (kotinos) of wild olive leaves and an olive branch cut from the sacred tree (Kallistephanos) to each event winner. The olive was significant because the trees of Olympia were believed to have been originally planted by Hercules. Another prize could be a red woollen ribbon which was worn on the upper arm or around the head, especially for chariot racers as it was the horse owner who actually received the olive crown.

## End of the Games

The Games continued through the Hellenistic period with more buildings added to the



*The starting line of the stadium in Olympia. Athletes had to place their toes in the front grooves on the block.*

site, greater comforts offered for the spectators and an increase in the professionalism and event specialisation of the athletes. In Roman times, although there were some changes to tradition such as Sulla's moving of the 80 BCE Games to Rome, the Games continued to be popular and their prestige increased under hellenophile emperors such as Hadrian. However, it was Emperor Theodosios who finally decreed that all cult practices, including Games, be stopped and the final Olympics was held in 393 CE after a run of 293 Olympics over more than a millennium.

*Research by: George Triantafyllou*



# Purdue University Northwest designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by U.S. Department of Education

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) has earned official designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). This designation makes PNW the largest HSI in the state of Indiana.

Upon completion of assessment, the U.S. DOE designates colleges and universities as HSIs that have enrolled at least 25% of undergraduate full-time students who self-identify as Hispanic or Latino. Since the 2022-23 academic year, PNW has enrolled a full-time undergraduate student population that is over 25% Latino. Within that population, approximately 70% are first-generation students. PNW's enrollment figures also show it serves the most Latino students among all Northwest Indiana higher education institutions.

"Purdue University Northwest is tremendously

proud to earn this designation and represent our metropolitan region and Indiana as the Purdue University system's first Hispanic-Serving Institution," said PNW Chancellor Kenneth C. Holford. "It is central to our institutional mission and strategic plan to provide a high-quality academic and learning environment that is welcoming, inclusive and supportive of all students and their backgrounds. We are excited for the continued progress of our Latino and first-generation students at PNW."

Higher education institutions designated as HSIs become eligible for several federal programs and grants intended to enhance academic, on-campus and professional development opportunities for all students. In 2023, the Biden-Harris administration awarded more than \$40 million to HSIs around the U.S. to expand educational opportunities and improve retention for Latino students.

"At PNW, we understand that the core responsibility of an HSI is to intentionally serve Latino students and their families by embracing the richness of each background and culture to enhance the student and family experience," said Elizabeth Babcock Depew, vice chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. "From K-12 engagement to recruitment through graduation and career, PNW is committed to serving the needs of our metropolitan region. We are very excited about the opportunities our HSI designation presents to expand our strong relationships with local school districts to encourage future generations, as well as to expand on-campus programming and student support services to increase student retention and ultimate graduation. Hispanic-Serving Institution is not only a designation, it is a commitment to empowering students and their families through education and

to successfully be designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution. I look forward to continuing to build on this initiative and appreciate the tremendous academic services and career opportunities that PNW provides to all students throughout our region."

"Identity is something to be celebrated, especially at Purdue University Northwest," said Indiana State Rep. Mike Andrade, co-chair of the PNW Hispanic-Serving Institution Initiatives Advisory Board. "I am proud that PNW has been designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the federal government, as I have witnessed firsthand how Latino and Hispanic students bring something unique to this university and our community. The diverse backgrounds, cultures and viewpoints of Hispanic and Latino students strengthen PNW and ultimately enrich our nation."

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Regional and national leaders praised PNW's intentional efforts to advance higher education opportunities for Latino students and help them persist to their degrees.

Congressman Frank Mrvan stated, "Congratulations to all the leaders at Purdue University Northwest on this outstanding announcement

"Congratulations to Chancellor Holford and the institutional team at Purdue University Northwest for achieving Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) status and for demonstrating a steadfast commitment to accelerating Latino student success by joining the Presidents for Latino Student Success network," said Deborah A. Santiago, Excelencia in Education CEO. "Excelencia is honored to make common cause with an action-oriented, trendsetting chancellor who has answered our national call to intentionally serve Latino, and all, students in higher education and ensure America's future."

Source: *Purdue University Northwest*



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