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When you get there, be sure to sign our "You Know You're From 'da Region If...." boards posted around the Civic Center.

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Source: City of Hammond



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May 14th	3rd District	Hammond Central HS Cafeteria 5926 Calumet Ave
August 27th	4th District	O'Bannon Elementary School Cafeteria 1317 173rd St.
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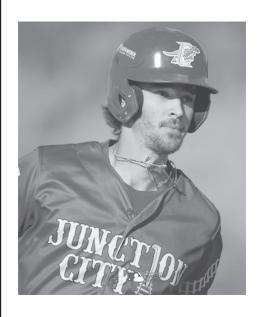
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For more information, call (219) 554-0155 or visit jeanshepherdcenter.com.

Source: City of Hammond

Pioneer League All-Star Becomes First Addition in 2025



The Gary SouthShore RailCats signed their first player of the new year. Putting on the green and maroon for the first time is left-handed hitting outfielder, and Pioneer League All-Star, Nick Ultsch.

Ultsch is entering his 6th year of professional baseball after graduating from Puget Sound as a two-way player. The 6-4 slugger started his career in the Pacific Association in 2019, then jumped to the Utica Unicorns in the United Shore Baseball League, and then spent the last three years in the Pioneer League.

In 2022, Ultsch played in just 21 games with the Billings Mustangs and performed well, by next season he was with a new club, the Ogden Raptors. He broke out in 2023, where

in 89 games he had a teamleading .373 average, belted 7 home runs, and drove in 73.

This past season, the California native continued where he left off from the year prior. Ultsch contributed with 10 bombs, 21 doubles, and set a new career-high in RBIs with 86. He played in 83 games with Ogden before being dealt to the Boise Hawks in late August and was named to the Pioneer League All-Star team.

"Nick has produced back to back outstanding offensive seasons in the Pioneer league, he's shown an ability to get on base, hit runners in , hit for average, hit for power and hit gap to gap." RailCats Manager



Lamarr Rogers said. "He'll also provide flexibility with his ability to play OF and 1B if needed."

The Gary SouthShore RailCats are entering their 22nd season and opening day is scheduled for May 9th in Franklin against the Milwaukee Milkmen. The home opener at the US Steel Yard will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:45 as the Cleburne Railroaders come into town. Tickets for all RailCats games can be purchased by clicking the link, or you can call the office at (219)-882-2255. https://railcatsbaseball.com/

Source: Gary SouthShore RailCats

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The Towle Theater opens their 1st show of their 22nd season with a humorously touching musical, The Mad Ones!

The Towle Theater is pleased to open their 2025 Season with The Mad Ones by Kait Kerrigan and Bree Lowdermilk. The production is Directed by Dion Stover, with Music Direction by John Phillips. The production is exclusively sponsored by Hammond Horseshoe Casino.

The Mad Ones follows 18-year-old Samantha Brown, as she sits in a hand-me-down car with the keys clutched in her hand. Caught between a yearning for the unknown and feeling bound by expectation, she telescopes back to a time before her world had fallen apart. As she sits in the driver's seat, she faces a choice: will she follow in her mother's footsteps, or take the dare of

her impetuous best friend and chart a new path?

Making their Towle debuts are Elizabeth Bushell (Wilmette,IL), Tony Calkins (Chicago, IL), Madison Meeron (Chicago, IL), and Lauren Reece (Chicago, IL).

The Mad Ones runs February 28th, March 1-2, & March 7-9. Friday performances are at 7:30pm, and Saturdays & Sundays are at 2pm. The box office opens 1 hour prior to performance time. Tickets are \$24 in advance and \$28 at the door. Reservations 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 until intermission.

The Towle Theater is located in beautiful downtown Hammond at 5205 Hohman Avenue. Due to major renovations happening in

Downtown Hammond parking is available right in front of the building on Hohman Avenue as well as the gravel lot located on Sibley. For more information call 219-937-8780 or visit www.towletheater.org.

Source: Towle Theater





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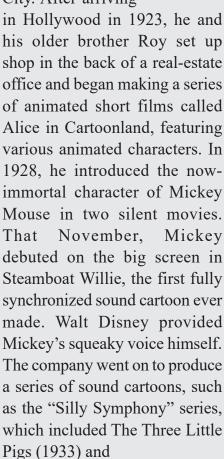
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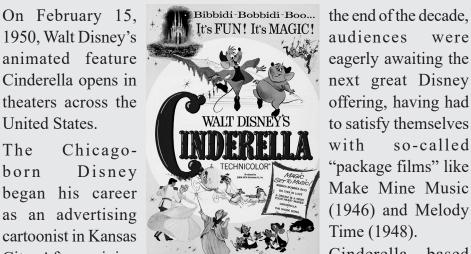
Disney's "Cinderella" opens in theaters

1950, Walt Disney's animated feature Cinderella opens in theaters across the United States.

The Chicagoborn Disney began his career as an advertising cartoonist in Kansas City. After arriving



Disney made a risky bet in 1937 when he championed and put \$1.5 million of his own money into-Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the first-ever full-length animated feature film. The risk paid off in spades after the film grossed \$8 million at the box office, an incredible sum during the Great Depression. Four more animated hits followed in the growing Disney canon-Pinocchio (1940), Fantasia (1940), Dumbo (1941) and Bambi (1942)-before fullscale production was stalled by wartime economic problems. By



audiences were eagerly awaiting the next great Disney offering, having had to satisfy themselves so-called "package films" like Make Mine Music (1946) and Melody Time (1948).

Cinderella, based

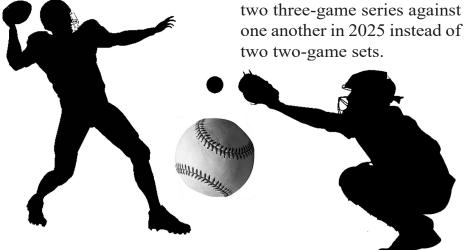
on another Brothers Grimm fairy tale, was chosen for its similarity to the Snow White story. The film's immediate source was Charles Perrault's French version of the fairy tale, which tells the story of a young girl whose father dies, leaving her at the mercy of her oppressive stepmother and two unsympathetic stepsisters. As in Snow White, Cinderella gets the help of a few friends-in this case singing mice and birds as well as a Fairy Godmotherto escape the prison of her servitude and win the heart of Prince Charming. Along the way to its happy ending-a Disney trademark-the film featured lively animation sequences and enduring songs like "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and the Oscar-nominated "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo."

Six years in the making, Cinderella became one of Disney's best-loved films and one of the highest-grossing features of 1950. As with Snow White and other classic animated features, the studio held periodic re-releases of Cinderella in 1957, 1965, 1973, 1981 and 1987, keeping its popularity alive among new generations of moviegoers.

Source: History.com Staff

Football season is over, what do we do now?

For those of us that follow NFL to the end, the football season is over. But don't worry, Baseball is next



The 2025 season will begin in Japan at the Tokyo Dome, with the Dodgers and Cubs squaring off. Shohei Ohtani will take the field in his home country to open the 2025 campaign This will also be the 25th anniversary of the first regular-season games being held in Japan, when the Cubs faced the Mets at the Tokyo Dome on March 29-30, 2000. It marks the sixth time in MLB history that the league's season opener will be played in Japan.

May 16-18: Rivalry Week

MLB revamped its schedule format in 2023 so that each team would play all 29 other ballclubs each season. That took away a couple of games away from some of baseball's

Eleven of the 15 Rivalry Week matchups will be played between prime interleague rivals, including Mets-Yankees, Angels-Dodgers and White Sox-Cubs.

top interleague rivalries,

but MLB is increasing the

number of games between

rival sides in 2025.Prime

interleague rivals will play

2025 MLB All-Star

All-Star Game will be played on Tuesday, July 15, at Truist Park, which opened in 2017.

Sept. 28: Final day

Final day of the regular season All 30 teams will close out the 2025 regular season on Sunday, Sept. 28. The day will feature eight divisional matchups, including Orioles-Yankees, Cardinals-Cubs and Diamondbacks-Padres.

Research by: George Triantafyllou



Purdue University Northwest welcomes Alejandra Y. Castillo as Senior Fellow for Economic Development

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) is excited to announce the appointment of Alejandra Y. Castillo as the university's Senior Fellow for Economic Development. Castillo, a distinguished leader in federal economic development, will bring her extensive experience to PNW, where she will play a key role in advancing economic growth, innovation and community development for the university and the greater Northwest Indiana and Chicago region.

Castillo's impressive career spans over two decades of public service and nonprofit leadership. She most recently served as the 23rd U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, where she led the Economic Development Administration (EDA) through a period of unprecedented growth, overseeing the distribution of more than \$6.8 billion in federal investments. These funds supported over 800 projects, created or retained over 700,000 jobs, and fostered inclusive economic growth in critical sectors such as workforce development, technology and innovation, and economic disaster recovery.

"I am delighted to welcome Alejandra Y. Castillo to the PNW campuses and our greater South Shore region. Having someone of her profile join the university is an excellent example of the positive impact PNW has for the communities we serve and beyond," said PNW Chancellor Kenneth C. Holford. "She brings a wealth of experiences and expertise that will significantly benefit our students, faculty and staff, and community members."

At PNW, Castillo will focus on fostering economic engagement and development through the university's College of Business, teaching seminars on economic development and supporting initiatives that enhance regional competitiveness. She will also be integral to the launch of the Roberts Impact Lab at Purdue Northwest, an innovation hub located in downtown Hammond, which will serve as a center for collaborative problemsolving on regional and global challenges.

"I am thrilled to join Purdue Northwest as the chancellor's Senior Fellow for Economic Development," Castillo said. "I am eager to bring my experience in leading transformative initiatives such as the American Rescue Plan, Tech Hubs, and Recompete

programs to PNW and the broader region. Together, we can develop innovative strategies to create sustainable economic opportunities for all, while supporting the growth of regional businesses and preparing the next generation of leaders."

Castillo's appointment is part of PNW's broader commitment to regional development and innovation. As a member of the Greater South Shore Steering Committee, she will provide expert guidance on strategies to spur economic expansion in the South Shore area. Her work will directly benefit PNW students and faculty through the advancement of research and community engagement initiatives.

PNW also looks forward to leveraging Castillo's leadership in economic disaster recovery, workforce development, and tech innovation to advance the university's mission of transforming lives through education, research, and community engagement. Castillo's recent work includes



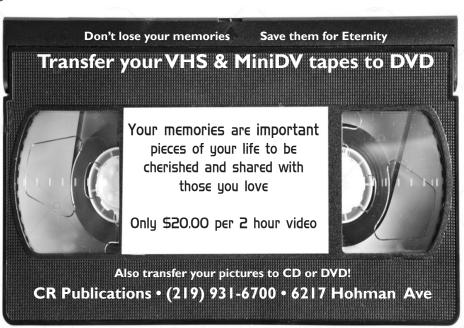
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her role as a Fall 2024 Institute of Politics Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where she explored the intersection of democracy, national security, and technological advancement.

Castillo holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, an M.A. in Public Policy from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, and a J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law. Her civic and professional involvement includes memberships in the Hispanic National Bar Association, the American Constitution Society, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Castillo begins her role with PNW on January 6. She will report directly to Holford.

Source: Purdue University
Northwest



Meet Alison



My name is Alison Sharkey-Hines, and I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 11. Shortly after being diagnosed, I dove into the diabetes community. My pediatrician referred to me as "His Star Diabetic", it was a title I wore proudly. I participated in youth groups, attended camps, and even spoke on panels. I did everything I could in the diabetic community because it gave me the hope and strength I needed. As time went on and I grew older, life became more demanding, and I wasn't able to dedicate as much time to the community as I had in the past. My extra curriculars in the diabetes community came to a halt. I was still able to maintain relationships with my diabuddies, but that became my only involvement.

At age 21, I married my best friend and high school sweetheart. Shortly after, he was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as well. We both managed to stay afloat, but neither took the care we truly needed. We attempted to grow

our little family, but we were met with loss. Soon, our grief would be met with a great blessing, our beautiful blue-eyed daughter, Dante. We were absolutely thrilled that we were starting to make progress towards our dreams of an abundant family.

As Dante grew older, we became ready to work towards growing our little family. We tried and tried, and though the process brought us continued grief, we were blessed with another rainbow, Kilian.

My pregnancy with Kilian was when I learned the most about my diabetes and self. During this pregnancy, I had begun to ration my insulin. My insulin alone costed \$100-\$150 a month for one kind of insulin for just myself,

when I started rationing I was trying to switch to an insulin pump for better control, this was all very costly and with switching to an insulin pump I would need more insulin. My husband and I were both rationing our insulin because the growing price tag of taking proper care of our diabetes became unaffordable for my husband and me. My blood sugar was not regulated well.

I went in for my anatomy scan at the 20-week gestation mark. I was filled with anticipation to find out if Dante would be getting a little brother or sister. Instead, we were giving lifechanging news. Kilian was diagnosed with hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS-underdeveloped left ventricle) and heterotaxy syndrome. Heterotaxy syndrome affects the placement and presence of organs.

The coming weeks were filled with dread. Though the news for Kilian continued to get worse, I tried my best to remain positive and hopeful. My husband and I were bound and determined to do everything we could for our baby boy. We visited many avenues, one being genetic testing. The results came back, and we found out the root of the issue was not genetic, but rather uncontrolled blood sugars.

I call Montana my home. Our rural state may be beautiful, but it doesn't have access to the care that Kilian and I needed at the final stretch of my pregnancy. I had to temporarily relocate to Colorado. My husband was fortunate enough to be able to join me for Kilian's arrival, but due to the pandemic, Dante had to stay in Montana with family.



Press Release



Our warrior was born prematurely on October 24, 2020, weighing a whooping 8lbs 5oz. He had no gall bladder or spleen, a midline liver, a right-sided stomach, and HLHS. Kilian's medical team was one of the best in the region, and I am forever thankful for them. Despite all their efforts, Kilian did not respond to treatment. There was even concern more abnormalities were present, but the team was unable to further diagnose due to Kilian's condition.

Kilian lived to be two weeks old before he passed away in my arms. My son is a fighter. Kilian's time with us was short lived, but he has left behind a huge impact on our family and community. My husband and I fought alongside Kilian until the very end. Kilian's passing was not the end of our story. We continue to march on and proudly share our story to spread awareness about the high cost of insulin. We strongly advocate for the movement to cap the cost of insulin. I have testified with the legislature here in Montana, and after our second attempt, we capped the cost of insulin to \$35 a month with insurance. The access of affordable insulin is a necessity, and had it been in place prior, I'd be practicing ABC's with my toddler instead of writing this post.

Source: American Diabetes
Association

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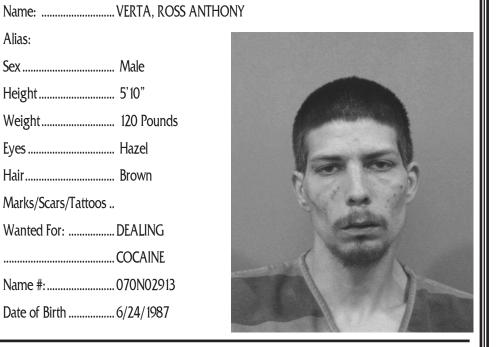
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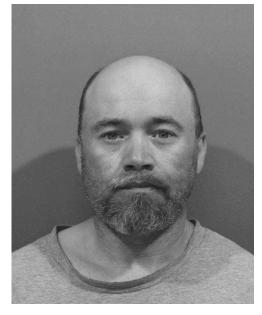
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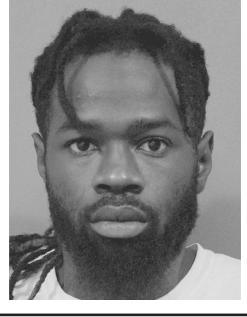
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Alias: Sex..... Male Height......6'0" Weight...... 185 Pounds Eyes Brown Hair..... Black Marks/Scars/Tattoos.. Wanted For:POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A VIOLENT FELON Name #:..... 100N39018

Name:SHACKELFORD, RONALD



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