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Hammond Police to Partner with Businesses and Residents in Blue Net

Hammond Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and Police Chief William Short are pleased to announce a new partnership between Hammond Police, local businesses and residents related to enhancements being made to Hammond's successful Blue Net.

When crimes occur in retail or commercial areas, retrieving video is time consuming and labor intensive. With this program, businesses are encouraged to register a new or existing security camera system with the Hammond Police thereby contributing to Hammond's safety and security. The system will allow police to respond more quickly to crimes in progress and allow them easier access to recordings in the event of an investigation.

Business owners will remain in control of their security systems, but registering your cameras as a Blue Net Partner will allow a streamlined process for the police to review the footage and allow more efficient access. Residents can also register their cameras and become a Blue Net Partner so that the police can use the video in the case of an incident in their neighborhood.

For businesses/residents connecting to Blue Net, visit cityprotect.com to register your cameras on the Blue Net Camera Share Program. Once you register, your camera will be listed as an available resource if an incident occurs in your part of the city. No one can access video without your permission. If Hammond Police believe

video from your camera can assist in an investigation, they will contact you directly.

"I'm excited about the enhancements to Hammond's Blue Net," stated Mayor McDermott. "It is a great tool in keeping Hammond safe. I have registered my property and am excited to be a participant in the program."

Blue Net originally began as a License Plate Reader (LPR) initiative. It was then expanded to video in parks, at intersections, and high traffic areas around the City. The technology was increased to include direct access to city buildings, parks, and fire stations so adding the capability to accept video from private businesses and residents was the logical next step.

"Blue Net will make Hammond safer by allowing the police department to have a real-time view in the event of an emergency and also by having faster and easier access to recordings during an investigation," stated Police Chief William Short. Other cities that have implemented this technology have reported reductions in violent crime as well as more successful investigation and prosecution outcomes in the areas where the technology is installed."

Anyone signing up for this program will receive a window tag or placard that they can place on their building or in their window.

For more information visit hammondpolice.com/bluenet.

Source: City of Hammond



Mayor's Night Out

2021

October 6	5th District	Jefferson Elementary School-Cafeteria 6940 Northcote Avenue
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www.greaterwksmin.com

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Sunday-Prayer 10:00 a.m.

Sunday-Service 11:00 a.m.

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Leadership Northwest Indiana program launches in September 2021



place to build a professional network as participants learn from skilled

The Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest announces the September launch of the 2021-2022 Leadership Northwest Indiana (LNI) program, a professional development program that uses a hybrid model of both in-person training sessions and the convenience of Zoom meetings to create a supportive network while building a practical toolbox of skills for Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana professionals. Participants will experience evidence-based learning activities to strengthen leadership skills, and discover strategies to become a more authentic leader in their career, in their community and in their personal life.

"The LNI program is well-regarded as a robust and relevant leadership training. We provide a great

leadership professors and experienced leadership practitioners while gaining insight into real-world challenges that colleagues bring to the discussions," said Sheila Matias, executive director of the Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest. "Experts from both the academic and business world will lead the sessions and share the latest research-based leadership content and the most current skills."

The team at the Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest will guide participants through this customized leadership development experience. The eight-month program aims to identify growth areas and pathways so that participants can become more insightful, stronger leaders. Included is a 360-degree assessment, custom one-on-one coaching,

personal development plans, evidence-based presentations by leadership experts and a supportive network of leaders.

The Leadership Northwest Indiana program begins in September 2021 and runs through May 2022. Participants will meet for monthly half-day sessions using a hybrid approach of in-person meetings and online Zoom sessions. The program does not meet in December.

To apply to join this unique learning experience, visit pnw.edu/lni. For additional details, please contact the Leadership Institute at 219-989-2800 or via email at leadershipinstitute@pnw.edu.

The Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest

The Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest (PNW) is the hub for leadership development in Northwest Indiana. The Leadership Institute offers a variety of highly regarded programs and resources, including the redesigned Leadership Northwest Indiana (LNI)

program, the Young Leaders Academy and the Explorer Academy as well as seminars and events such as the Lunch and Lead speaker series. The Institute's mission is to develop and support leaders who can continue to nurture their leadership skills through research-based programs and a customized approach. For more information, visit www.pnw.edu/leadership-institute.

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.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

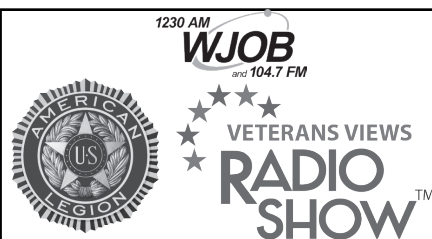
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For over 6 years, Joe and Nancy have been volunteering at Meals on Wheels NWI located at 8446 Virginia Street, Merrillville, IN. Joe is a Volunteer Van Delivery Driver and Nancy is a Volunteer Meal Delivery Driver. Both are retired teachers. Joe coached volleyball, softball, basketball, and taught algebra. Nancy taught 4th and 6th grades in Merrillville. Not only are they each other's companion in life, they often accompany each other on their delivery routes. When asked "How did you get involved with Meals on Wheels?" they replied with the following:

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an immediate need on delivery routes throughout Northwest, IN. Contact Volunteer Manager, Charlie Misovye at Charlie@mownwi.org or 219-756-3663. Visit mownwi.org for further information.

Founded in 1977, Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana delivers 1,700 nutritious meals each day with a wellness check and friendly visit to people in Lake, Porter, Newton, and Jasper counties.

Source: Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana

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Gabis Arboretum announces summer 2021 concert series

VALPARAISO, Ind. — The outdoor Acorn Concert Series will resume at the Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest this summer, after the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellations last year.

“Musicians have been calling us for months because they can’t wait to return to the music scene,” said Stephanie Blackstock, the arboretum’s

executive director. “Everyone on our lineup is excited to get in front of a crowd again and have some fun!”

The concert series includes four outdoor concerts throughout the summer.

Acorn Concert Series Lineup:

- Johnny V.’s Wildflowers: A tribute to Tom Petty - June 26
- The Steepwater Band: A blues rock experience - July 30
- Marrakesh Express: A Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young experience - August 21
- Heartache Tonight: A tribute to The Eagles - September 17

Gates open at 5:30 p.m., opening acts start at 6 p.m. and headliners start at 7:30 p.m.

“We added more variety this year,” Blackstock said, “and we included Fridays in the schedule. We hope to bring more families out to the concerts. I think everyone is ready to get outside.”

The concert series is a fundraiser for the arboretum.



The Acorn Concert Series at Gabis Arboretum

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest serves as a living laboratory for education, research, conservation and engagement with the natural environment. Gabis Arboretum offers a wide variety of activities, events and classes for people of all ages and interests. With 300 acres of magnificent landscapes, education programs and community events, the arboretum has something for any interest. Gabis Arboretum holds an accreditation from ArbNet as a Level III accredited arboretum. To learn more about Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest, visit pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum.

*Source: Purdue University
Northwest*

“It’s truly important for our annual budget. We use these funds to support the arboretum’s operations and education programs,” Blackstock said. “Along with the entrance ticket for the concert, guests can visit the Railway Garden and explore the rest of the arboretum”.

Tickets are available on the Gabis Arboretum website and at the gate the day of the concert. Adult tickets are \$15 per person in advance and increase to \$20 for non-members the week of the concert. Children 12 and under are free. Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Dogs are permitted and guests are allowed to bring picnics. Outside alcohol is prohibited.

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Governor to Join in Honoring 125 Influential Women Finalists

Governor Holcomb will deliver opening remarks during an event celebrating NWI's most distinguished professional and up-and-coming women.

The 125 finalists for the 10th-annual Influential Women Awards Banquet are scheduled to be celebrated for their achievements on September 30th, 2021 at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville. The list includes women from leading companies like Franciscan Health, NIPSCO, MonoSol, Centier Bank, and many others. Also, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb is scheduled to start the celebration with opening remarks.

"Across every Hoosier industry, women are making incredible contributions to the advancement of our state, our communities, and our economy. Evenings like this help shine the spotlight on all of their achievements, and it's an honor to join in recognizing Indiana's Influential Women," Governor Holcomb said.

Two winners will be selected in 12 different industry categories – one up and coming and one influential woman. Additionally, three special awards will be given for empowering businesses, leadership, and individual support.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available. Those wishing to attend are advised to register early, as

the popular banquet typically sells out quickly. Sponsoring this event is a great way to gain high-visibility opportunities to showcase your company's support for women.

The 2021 finalists were chosen from a pool of over 300 nominees. They were nominated by their peers and other members of the public for the impact they've made on their companies, industries, and communities. Nominations were evaluated by Influential Women alumni from their respective fields.

Past winners come from all kinds of different professional backgrounds, including educators, corporate leaders, hospital officials, government officials, nonprofit heads, caregivers, and others.

A full list of the 2021 finalists can be viewed by visiting <http://nwiiwa.org/2021-influential-women-award-finalists/>.

NWIIWA will be holding this event in accordance with all local, state, and federal health and safety standards. Officials have been communicating closely with authorities to ensure a safe and memorable evening.

About NWIIWA: The Northwest Indiana Influential Women Association (NWIIWA) is the leading regional group for the professional development of women and their careers.

Source: The Northwest Indiana Influential Women Association

Purdue University Northwest students earn spring semester Dean's List honors

Purdue University Northwest's (PNW) 2021 spring semester Dean's List recognizes 1,792 undergraduate students for their academic achievement.

Students who have completed 12 credit hours, including at least six during the spring, qualified for Dean's List recognition by sustaining an overall grade point average of at least 3.5 and a semester grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The spring semester Dean's List consists of 1,221 Indiana residents from 87 communities; 450 Illinois residents from 173 communities; 33 residents from Wisconsin; 14 residents from Michigan; six each from California and Ohio; four each from Florida and Iowa; three from Minnesota; two each from Arizona and Washington; and one each from South Carolina and Texas.



PNW's international students were strongly represented on the Dean's List as well. They are as follows: nine students from China; five students from Spain; four from India; three each from Canada, Germany, Mexico and Saudi Arabia; two each from Brazil and South Korea; and one each from Australia, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nigeria, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad-Tobago, Turkey, Vietnam and Yemen.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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Boys & Girls Clubs' Marcus Steele, Jr. Named Midwest Regional Youth of the Year

Marcus Steele, Jr., of John Will Anderson Gary Boys & Girls Club, was named the Midwest Region Youth of the Year last night after being chosen as one of two finalists earlier this month. Steele competed against State Youth of the Year winners from Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin. He is now one of only six Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Youth of the Year finalists.

Youth of the Year has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program since 1947. The

program celebrates the extraordinary achievements of Club teens throughout the country. The process begins with local Boys & Girls Clubs selecting candidates from the nearly 400,000 teens in Clubs across America. This year, Steele and seven others were chosen from Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana's 2,500 teens to serve as local Youth of the Year candidates. In February, Steele was named the organization's Youth of the Year and advanced to compete against 14 teens from Indiana in the state competition. In April, Steele was named Indiana's State Youth of the Year and advanced to regionals.

Steele is Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana's third straight Indiana Youth of the Year winner to make it to the regional competition. In 2019, Portage's Sanja Kirova was named Indiana State Youth of the Year, and in 2020, Merrillville's Azariah Avery took the honor.

"This has been a very long journey," Steele's father Marcus Sr. said after the State competition. "But he's very calm, and he takes everything in stride."



Marcus Steele, Jr. (center right), with Boys & Girls Clubs Professionals Advancing Local Success members (from left) Emilie Hunt, Ben Blohm and Karla Conrad.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana president and CEO Ryan Smiley said Steele's success is a testament to his character and commitment to helping others.

"Marcus has developed into an outstanding young man. He's a mentor inside our Club, and younger members look up to him and follow his lead," Smiley said. "We're so proud of what he's accomplished, and we know he's on his way to accomplishing so much more."

For being named Midwest Region Youth of the Year, Steele receives a \$20,000 scholarship and moves on to the national competition. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional \$50,000 scholarship and a new Toyota Corolla.

Steele delivered his speech live from his home Club while staff and his family watched from the gymnasium. After the announcement, Steele was all smiles. He thanked his family, friends and Boys & Girls Club staff for supporting him.

"It's truly a blessing to be just a kid from Gary, Indiana

who made it to Nationals," Steele said. "I thank everyone who has supported me and invested in me. It hasn't gone unnoticed."

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 bgcgreaterwnwi.org. Great Futures Start HERE.

Source: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana



Marcus Steele, Jr. (left) and Boys & Girls Clubs Vice President of Human Resources Kris Condon.

140 years of service: Work of today's volunteers mirrors 1918 influenza pandemic response

As the coronavirus pandemic spread across the country in 2020, American Red Cross volunteers joined a new project to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by making face coverings for veteran and military hospitals and military bases across the world.

Similarly, more than 100 years ago, the United States found itself juggling the effects of World War I and the 1918 influenza pandemic. The Production Corps of the Red Cross, one of the most popular volunteer units in Red Cross history, manufactured and provided millions of surgical dressings and articles of clothing for soldiers, veterans and refugees during its years of operation, also making gauze face coverings to prevent the spread of influenza.

THE PRODUCTION CORPS TRACES ITS ORIGINS BACK TO 1916

When the Women's Bureau of the Red Cross recruited women across the nation to make surgical dressings, hospital garments and refugee clothing for sister Red Cross societies and military hospitals in war-torn Europe.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, the program expanded to meet the needs of U.S. service members. The Army and Navy regularly requested thousands of surgical dressings and what were referred to as "comfort" items — hand-knitted socks, sweaters, soap and razors. Between 1917 and 1919, more than 8 million women, along with many Junior Red Cross members, produced over 370 million relief articles for the Allied armed forces and civilians in Europe.

From 1919 to 1939, the Production Corps continued its work as a peacetime operation. Volunteers made thousands of comfort items and surgical dressings for hospitalized service men and veterans, as well as for soldiers at remote military outposts or Navy stations. In addition, these volunteers provided the same items for civilian hospitals and disaster relief responses.

DURING WORLD WAR II, THE PRODUCTION CORPS WAS THE MOST POPULAR UNIT

With more than 3.5 million members spread across more than 3,000 local Red Cross

chapters. Unlike other volunteer jobs, there was no prerequisite training, and recruitment and task assignments were accomplished quickly. The women, and in some cases men, who volunteered enjoyed the camaraderie. Workrooms were set up not only at chapter buildings, but also at schools, churches and other public or private facilities for their convenience. From 1939 to 1946, the volunteers of the Production Corps made:

- *More than 63.5 million garments for civilians and the military*
- *More than 31.2 million kit bags with items like playing cards and soap*
- *Nearly 2.5 million surgical dressings*
- *More than 1.4 million infant garments*

IN 1950, THE RED CROSS COMBINED THE PRODUCTION CORPS

With the Community Service to Camps and Hospitals — which supplied recreation equipment to the armed forces — to create the new Production and Supply Service. By the late 1960s, these services phased out: War-time demands declined, and the introduction of synthetic textiles and advances in manufacturing sterile medical supplies eliminated the need to hand-make such items.

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Have sewn more than 130,000 face coverings for military installations, veterans' hospitals and military families in need.

Last year in Bahrain, women joined together to make face coverings for the U.S. military community. With the demand extending beyond Bahrain, they also shipped them out to other installations all over Europe.

In Japan, the Red Cross answered the call for face coverings as well. Volunteers and employees filled requests made from the U.S. Naval Hospital in Okinawa and quarantined service members.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

In the face of emergencies like COVID-19, the American Red Cross and global Red Cross Red Crescent network join together to ease people's suffering. Find out how you can volunteer at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).

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The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) or [cruzrojaamericana.org](https://www.cruzrojaamericana.org), or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Source: American Red Cross



During WWI, American Red Cross workers made large quantities of warm garments and medical supplies for service members. Shown here are a group of workers making face masks during the 1918 influenza epidemic.



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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.

Anyone with information regarding these individuals, or anyone who witnessed any unlawful violent actions at the Capitol or near the area, is asked to contact the FBI's Toll-Free Tipline at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) to verbally report tips. You may also submit any information, photos, or videos that could be relevant online at fbi.gov/USCapitol. You may also contact your local FBI office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.

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