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Above: Ophelia Steen board members and board members of the Hammond NAACP along with Hammond 3rd District Councilman, Barry Tyler, Jr. and Hammond Mayor, Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.

Hammond NAACP invests \$30,000 in Ophelia Steen Community Center

HAMMOND - The Indiana NAACP's generosity is funding a brighter future for the Ophelia Steen Community Center in Hammond, 5627 Columbia Ave. In Hammond.

Mayor McDermott is invited to join National, state NCAA and other local leaders in kicking off the environmentally friendly and economical project at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020.

Through a partnership with Energy Harness, an Indiana LED lighting solutions company, the state NAACP is partnering with the local community center that provides day care, WIC, and health clinic services to several hundred

families. An energy assessment by Energy Harness demonstrated that replacing the older lighting with newer LED technology could save the Steen Center more than 50% a year on lighting costs.

The state chapter is providing th Steen Center a &30,000,00 grant to cover approximately 90% of the costs. That savings will be reinvested in community programs to serve lower-income African American families here in the Hammond area, said Tina Dent, the Center's Director. She also said the expected savings will pay for the investment over a short period of time.

In addition to the cost savings, Denise Abdul Rahman with the NAACP's environmental climate justice program, says that the changes will actively reduce CO2 from 258,009 lbs to only 66,884 lbs per year. That's the equivalence of taking 19 cars off the highway for an entire year!

The NAACP hope efforts like this will serve as an example of what equitable energy policies could achieve in Indiana. This program of the state chapter is part its larger effort to: reduce energy waste; become more environmentally friendly, and to lower facility maintenance and energy costs, she said.

As a part of this effort, Ms. Abdul-Rahman and Energy Harness are exploring a job internship program with Energy Harness to equip unemployed, underemployed with the skills they need to get involved in the growing sustainability workforce in the state of Indiana.

"We aren't just getting new light," said OSCC Director Ms/Dent. The NAACP has provided more than just lights, they have created a brighter future for our community."

Source: The NAACP Hammond Branch

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Flu vaccine, blood donation both help save lives

Healthy donors are needed to maintain blood supply

Oct. 21, 2020 — The American Red Cross is urging healthy donors of all blood types to give blood to ensure a strong blood supply for patients as the U.S. braces for flu season while in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Flu shot doesn't affect blood donation eligibility

Medical experts are urging people to get the flu shot to avoid a flu epidemic on top of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Because blood can only be given by those who are feeling well, a severe flu season could create additional challenges to maintaining a sufficient blood supply for hospital patients in need.

Get the flu vaccine this year to help protect the nation from the virus but also to ensure that patients continue to have access to lifesaving blood products. There is no waiting period to give blood or platelets after receiving a flu shot as long as the donor is symptomfree and fever-free. There is no risk of transmitting the influenza virus after receiving a flu vaccination.

For those that have the flu, it is important to wait until they no longer exhibit flu symptoms, have recovered completely and feel well before attempting to donate. Donors must feel healthy and well on the day of donation.

Stay healthy this flu season and make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In thanks for making time to donate, the Red Cross will send those who come to give Oct. 15-Nov. 11 a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Suburban Propane. Plus, those who come to give in October are automatically entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Amazon.com Gift Card. Five lucky people will win. (Restrictions apply. Additional information and details are available at RedCrossBlood. org/Unite.)

Important COVID-19 information for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus. regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and

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infection control, and additional precautions - including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Oct. 22-Nov. 15:

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11/14/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 300 West Wirth Road

HAMMOND

10/30/2020: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Cabela's, 7700 Cabela Drive

11/2/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Jean Shepherd Community Center, 3031 Mahoney Drive

HIGHLAND

11/5/2020: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Highland Parks & Recreation Center, 2450 Lincoln Street

MUNSTER

11/1/2020: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Ridge United Methodist Church, 8607 Columbia Avenue

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Source: American Red Cross

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Every 2nd & 4th Thursday

The New Hope Baptist Church Food Pantry will be held every 2nd and 4th Thursday starting May 28, 2020 at New Hope Too Fellowship Hall, 6634 Calumet, Hammond, IN, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM or until food runs out. Drive thru only. The pantry will operate on a first come first served basis. For further information or if you would like to donate toward this worthy cause, please call the church at 219-932-5955, or Shirley at (219) 680-6109.

Free Drive-By Community Dinner

Hammond Christian Reformed Church will sponsor a Drive-by Community Dinner on Thursday evening, October 29, 2020. Dinner will be served 6 – 7 p.m.

You are invited to join members of the Hammond Christian Reformed Church for this drive-by meal. There will be one meal per customer to be received in person. Chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, dessert and a beverage will be served.

The Hammond Christian Reformed Church is located at 167th St. and Baring Ave. across from the Woodmar Sports Complex. Call (219) 844-3331 for more information.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Announces No Cost Flue Clinics at the Steel Yard.

(RailCats Stadium, One Stadium Plaza.)

October 29

November 5, 7, 12

Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. Special Halloween Little Listeners Storytime at the Hammond Public Library

The Hammond Public Library invites children between ages 3 and 5 to dress in costume to listen to stories and parade through the library. The library is at 564 State St., Hammond; (219) 931-5100, ext. 336.

Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. Friends of the Library / Hammond Historical

/ Hammond Historical Society Joint Meeting

Friends of the Library and the Hammond Historical Society plan a joint meeting. Dr. Larry McClellan and Tom Shepherd present "The Underground Railroad in the Calumet Region." Live attendance is limited, and registration is required by signing up at http://hammond. evanced.info/admin/signup/ Calendar. You may also view the meeting virtually on Zoom at https://tinyurl.com/FriendsHHS The library is at 564 State St., Hammond; (219) 931-5100, ext. 310 or 307.

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HAMMOND RESIDENTS

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Veteran Appreciation Day Parade

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and the City of Hammond celebrate its 7th annual Veteran Appreciation Day parade on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. in Hammond's 5th and 6th districts. The parade route travels from Olcott Avenue, down 173rd Street and ends at the Hessville Park Veterans Memorial.

Some of the parade participants include members of local American Legions and VFW posts, musical entertainment from area high school bands, military vehicles, Those Funny Little People and a flyover by the Lima Lima Flight Team.

The Co-Grand Marshals for the parade this year will be:

Airman Ernie Dillon, USAF 76th

Squadron, SAC. Airman Dillon was on a Huey helicopter crew in rescue and reconnaissance training missions in Central America during the Vietnam War Era. Airman Dillon is a member of the Hammond American Legion Post 168 for 30 years and was past Commander four times.

US Army SP4 Armando Blanco, Sr., 173rd Airborne Brigade Sep, Commendation Medal Vietnam 1966-1968. In 1965, the Brigade became the first major unit of the United States Army to serve in Vietnam. They conducted the only combat parachute jump of the war in February 1967. During more than six years of continuous combat, the brigade earned 14 campaign streamers and four unit citations. "Sky Soldiers"

serving in Vietnam earned 13 Medals of Honor. The brigade was deactivated in 1972.

A short program will immediately follow the parade at the Hessville Park Veteran Memorial at 173rd Street & Kennedy Avenue.

For more information on participating or sponsoring the parade, contact the Hammond Parks Department at (219) 853-6378.

Source: City of Hammond





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HAMMOND, IN – Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and the Hammond Holiday Parade Committee invite you to attend the 2020 Hammond Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5 beginning at 10a. The parade starts at Gavit High School, 1670 – 175th Street, heads east to Indpls. Blvd. turns north on Indpls. Blvd. and proceeds down Indpls. Blvd. to end at the Hammond Sportsplex between 167th and 165th Streets. **Note: this is a route change from past years! **

The parade's Grand Marshal this year is the cast from the Towle Theater. Those Funny Little People and area high school marching bands will also provide entertainment. New this year before the parade, jump in on the Santa Sprint Fun Run! This one-mile run starts at 175th & Indianapolis and ends in front of the Sportsplex just past 165th Street. Shirts will be available for purchase online and at the event. There is no cost to enter, simply register at the event or pre-register here: phttps://www.gohammond.com/product/santa-sprint-fun-run/

If your business/organization wishes to enter a float, vehicle or walking group in the parade, find the online participation form at https://www.gohammond.com/hppf call (219) 853-7708 for more information. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Entry deadline is November 18. Don't forget to bring your camera!

Source: City of Hammond



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Boilermakers Hall Local #374, 6333 Kennedy Ave.

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Columbia School, 1238 Michigan St.

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New Zion Temple Church, 926 E Morris St.

Ophelia Steen Center, 5927 Columbia Ave.

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American Legion #80, 2003 Indpls Blvd. USW Union Hall, 2045 Schrage Ave.

Whiting High School Gymnasium, 2800 New York Ave.

"Five Money Questions for Women" in New Webinar

Crown Point, IN – 10/23/20 – A new webinar will address several of the unique financial questions that women encounter. Presented by Northwest Indiana Influential Women's Association (NWIIWA), the new "Five Money Questions for Women" presentation will be taking place online on November 11th, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM, CST.

"Women have distinct circumstances and considerations when it comes to questions about financial strategies," said Erica Dombey, NWIIWA board chair. "The economics of the last 12 months or so has only brought that more to light. That's why we're proud to offer accurate

insights that might help make a big impact for NWI women."

Details will be presented by Gina Ribota, a financial advisor with Edward Jones. Ribota has over twenty years in the banking industry prior to moving to the investment world. She is passionate about educating and empowering others from new investors to business owners and to those living in retirement. Ribota believes possessing a trustworthy and transparent relationship with a financial advisor is key. She serves on the executive board for the Highland/Griffith Chamber of Commerce as well as the Highland Education Foundation.

The presentation will include:

- Financial Facts That Affect Women
- Financial Steps to Take to Connect to Y our Financial Goals
- The Rule of 72
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"Serving nearly 3.3 million households across Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana, we are proud to offer viewers an additional option to access quality television that educates, informs, and, connects them with their community," said James A. Muhammad, President and CEO of Lakeshore Public Media. "Now they can watch Lakeshore PBS live anywhere on their TV, desktop, laptop, tablet, or phone."

The Lakeshore PBS high-definition channel can be streamed live online by visiting video.lakeshorepbs.org and clicking the Live TV button. The livestream is also available on the PBS Video app on many popular streaming devices like ROKU, Android mobile, iOS, Apple TV, Chromecast, Android TV, Amazon Fire tablets, and Amazon Fire TV devices.

PBS video app users and online viewers at pbs.org can elect to watch the livestream from their favorite PBS station from anywhere. If viewers are served by multiple PBS stations in their broadcast area, they will need to select their preferred local station on the site or in the app settings to view its livestream.

Viewers may need to logout and update their device and app settings before watching the Lakeshore PBS livestream. Additional support for smart TVs is planned for 2021 and the Lakeshore PBS digital team is currently working to make the livestream accessible on additional streaming platforms.

"Every year, more and more households are seeking alternative ways to view their favorite PBS programs," said PBS Chief Digital and Marketing Officer Ira Rubenstein. "PBS is committed to making trusted content available to all households across as many platforms as possible."

In addition to the livestream, many national and local Lakeshore PBS programs are available for free ondemand at LakeshorePBS.org/ watch, as well as in the PBS Video app available on iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung TV, and Chromecast. Station members are also able to view an extended library of ondemand programming online and on the PBS Video app with the Lakeshore PBS Passport benefit.

"Lakeshore Public Media strives to bring programming that educates and engages our audience – especially those in Northwest Indiana – where we were created to serve," said Muhammad. "We can now offer this programming to cord-cutters and anyone wherever they are connected."

Lakeshore Public Media is a community-license public media organization that is the Northwest Indiana member of the Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, serving Indiana's second largest urban area

through their Lakeshore PBS and Lakeshore Public Radio service.

Lakeshore PBS broadcasts its main channel over the air on 56, on Comcast on 17 or 21 (HD Channel 239), on Dish Network HD Channel 6320, AT&T U-verse HD Channel 1056 and DirecTV on 56 and online at lakeshorepbs.org. Lakeshore Public Radio can be heard on 89.1 FM and streaming online at lakeshorepublic radio.org.

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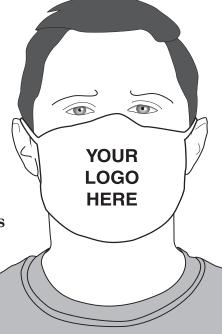
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Purdue Northwest participates in statewide College Goal Sunday

Indiana students to get free FAFSA filing help on Oct. 25

HAMMOND and WESTVILLE, Ind. —

Financial aid professionals from Purdue University Northwest (PNW) are among the experts from all across Indiana who will be volunteering to help college-bound students and their families open the door to financial aid during College Goal Sunday. The virtual event is set for 1 p.m. (CDT) on Sunday, Oct. 25.

The free program assists Indiana students in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, scholarships and student loans at most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools nationwide. The FAFSA MUST be filed by April 15 to be eligible for Indiana financial aid. College Goal Sunday is important since completing this required form correctly and by the deadline is sometimes perceived to be complicated and time consuming. In less than one afternoon during College Goal Sunday, students and their families can get free help and file the form.

Now in its 32nd year, College Goal Sunday has helped more than 94,000 Indiana students and families complete the FAFSA properly and on time. College Goal Sunday is a charitable program of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA).

College Goal Sunday Doubles the Help Offered

"The event ISFAA is offering on October 25 will be the first completely virtual College Goal Sunday," said Bill Wozniak, cochair of College Goal Sunday. "We hope all Hoosiers who have not filed already, take advantage of College Goal Sunday, file the FAFSA, and get one step closer to fulfilling their educational goals."

According to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching first-generation college students. In recent years, according to CHE statistics, more single-parent Hoosier families have filed for financial aid, indicating programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching high-risk students and their families.

"Students who don't complete their financial aid paperwork properly and on time are often very disappointed when they find out how much financial aid they lost," said Wozniak. "This is why the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association not only continues to provide College Goal Sunday, but offers two events during the year. If our assistance gives students a better chance at higher education and less debt, we're fulfilling our mission."

What students should have ready

Students should participate in College Goal Sunday with

their parent(s) or guardian(s), and before logging in to the virtual event, parents should have available their completed 2019 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2019 income and benefits information. Students who worked last year should bring their income information as well. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their own completed 2019 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2019 income and benefits information. Students and parents are encouraged to apply for their U.S. Department of Education FSA IDs at studentaid.gov before logging in to the event.

Volunteers will answer families' individual questions as needed. To attend College Goal Sunday, simply go to CollegeGoalSunday.org on October 25th, and click the link displayed on that page to enter the virtual event. For the best filing experience, working from a computer/laptop during the event is highly recommended.

Attendees may win educational prizes

Students may also win one of five \$1,000 scholarships. Students who attend College Goal Sunday and submit a completed evaluation form will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship. The winners will be notified in April, and prizes will be sent directly to the higher education institution selected by those students.

21st Century Scholars benefit

21st Century Scholars are income-eligible students who sign a contract in the 7th or 8th grade promising they will graduate from high school, meet grade point requirements, fulfill a pledge of good citizenship, and apply for college financial aid. Upon high school graduation, Scholars who have fulfilled the commitment receive state funds to help cover their college tuition and fees for eight semesters at eligible Indiana colleges. To fulfill their pledge, Scholars must submit a completed FAFSA form on time. College Goal Sunday can help.

Program is a national model

College Goal Sunday originated in Indiana and is now a national model. Following Indiana's example, College Goal Sunday events organized by more than 34 states have opened doors to higher education for hundreds of thousands of students all over the country.

For more information about College Goal Sunday visit CollegeGoalSunday.org.

Source: Purdue University
Northwest

Bishop Noll Institute STREAM Lab receives national recognition for excellence in design

HAMMOND | The architecture and design company that designed Bishop Noll Institute's new STREAM Lab has received an Award of Excellence from Learning by Design magazine for the project. The lab, which opened last year, was selected in the top 12 of more than 55 submitted projects from around the country.

Bishop Noll Principal Lorenza Jara Pastrick and a team of Bishop Noll teachers and students known as the STREAM Team envisioned the state-of-the-art lab as a way to utilize the large space in the school's former natatorium. The lab design by architects from Wightman, located in Benton Harbor, Mich., was among four Honorable Mention Award winners named by the magazine.

The design was human-centered in exploring what teachers and students would be able to do in the new space that they could not do before in the Project Lead the Way STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs, said lead architect Gregory Monberg, the son of a Bishop Noll alum.

"There are a lot of great features in the STREAM Lab including dedicated spaces for small group work, instruction, design, prototyping and testing," Monberg said. "The spiral stair connecting to the old spectator seating area provides an easy connection between the labs and breakout areas, which can be supervised from one space without students having to go out into the corridor. The makerspace and prototyping labs especially allow students to build, test, and tinker with the projects they design in a way that wasn't possible in the previous spaces available."

The lab design is STEM coming to life, said Pastrick. Bishop Noll currently runs four courses out of the STREAM Lab space and it is utilized by more than 160 students each day, she said. For example, while computer programming meets in the mezzanine, an engineering course takes place downstairs.

"It has been fruitful because it's meeting all the educational needs we had for our kids and is doing so in a functional and fluid way," Pastrick said. "Even with COVID, we have been able to implement multiple sections and social distance students thanks to the size of the lab. We've had to be more creative, but it still functions."

The STREAM Team worked together to develop each area of the lab, Pastrick said, and its success is a testament to the team's research and time they put into mindfully crafting the new space.

Bishop Noll senior Alejandra Castellanos, a STREAM Team member, said she loves working in the lab she helped design.

"The large open space makes it easy to work in and gives us access to the equipment and materials we need when completing projects. I always knew that the lab was going to come out great - it's a breath of fresh air that helps modernize the school - but I have to say it really did come out even better then I imagined. As soon as students walk in the room, they feel excited to get to work, promoting productivity, creativity and innovation."

The Fall 2020 Awards of Excellence edition features a host of recently completed education facilities from across the United States. Learning spaces range from early childhood and elementary school environments to middle schools, high schools, specialized education and institutions of higher education.

Projects were juried on innovation; incorporation of sustainable construction and operational features; appropriate use and application of interior design elements; floorplans and physical space design that enhance Next Generation Learning pedagogies; good planning and functional design strategies; and meeting needs of communities they serve.

Twelve well-designed spaces were bestowed top awards. Four projects were awarded Grand Prize awards, four were designated with



The Bishop Noll STREAM Lab, designed by the Wightman architecture firm, received an Award of Excellence from Learning by Design magazine, selected from more than 55 projects from around the country. The lab includes a learning studio and design lab, with flexible seating allowing students to work collaboratively; a makerspace for more hands-on work and creating prototypes based on original designs; and a prototype studio to build models and use larger equipment to build final products for display.



Bishop Noll students taking courses in the school's STREAM Lab have access to multiple 3D printers and 30 computers with AutoCAD engineering software.

Citation of Excellence awards, and four Honorable Mention awards.

A panel of four peer reviewed, scored and debated the merits of all the submissions.

Bishop Noll continues to be an educational beacon for the Region as it lights the way in the STEM arena, adding "R" for religion and "A" for the arts as the only fully integrated high school STREAM program in northern Indiana. At least one of every three jobs now requires STREAM skills, and student mastery of STREAM disciplines correlates to college success. Bishop Noll unveiled

its \$1.45 million STREAM Lab, located in the Whelan Innovation Center, last year. Students study science, technology, engineering and math with art and religion components in the lab, which was constructed with funds from the school's Ignite & Inspire capital campaign and some assistance from the Diocese of Gary.

For information on how to enroll at Bishop Noll, please email Director of Admissions Jeff Stur at jstur@bishopnoll.org.

Source: Bishop Noll Institute