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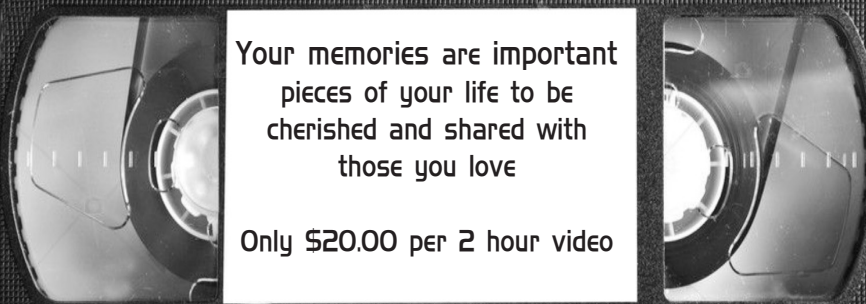
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Applications for 2024 funding through the City of Hammond's Gaming Advisory Committee are now available. Applications are available at Hammond City Hall from the Mayor's Office, Suite 215 or available online at [www.gohammond.com/departments/mayors-office](http://www.gohammond.com/departments/mayors-office).

Funding is available to local not-for-profit organizations that demonstrate their project, activities, and services provide direct benefit to the citizens of Hammond. The funds and application process are overseen by the Gaming Advisory Committee, an eleven-member body that represents a cross section of Hammond residents and city council members. It is chaired by Phil Taillon, Mayor's Chief of Staff. "Since the inception of the Gaming Advisory Committee, we have donated over \$10 million to various community organizations," stated Mayor McDermott.

Applications must be received by February 23, 2024, for consideration for funding.

The application process provides the advisory committee with information about the projects. Applicants may be requested to appear before the committee to further present their proposal.

According to Mayor McDermott, "the process continues to demonstrate that our approach provides an equitable method of funding for not-for-profit initiatives within the City, along with demonstrating a high level of accountability to Hammond taxpayers and residents. I knew early on in my administration that we needed to make this process as fair as possible." Prior to the establishment of the current process, there were no guidelines as to how gaming dollars were distributed to charities and not-for-profit organizations.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the committee through Alex Stahura, at 219 853-6302 or online at [www.gohammond.com/departments/mayors-office](http://www.gohammond.com/departments/mayors-office)

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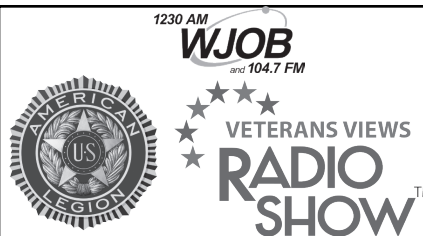
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(219) 931-1301

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Friday 7:30 p.m.

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4822 Kennedy Ave. East Chicago, IN 46312

Apostle Jose Ruiz (219) 852-0677

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

[www.greaterwksmin.com](http://www.greaterwksmin.com)

## Hammond Christian Reformed Church

1910 167th St, Hammond, IN

Pastor Josh Christoffels

(219) 844-3331

Sunday School 9:50 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Coffee Break Tuesday 9:00 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Study Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

[www.hammondrc.org](http://www.hammondrc.org)

## Hyde Park United Methodist Church

6348 Harrison Ave., Hammond, IN

Pastor Darryl Dorton

(219) 932-0613

Sunday 10:30 p.m.  
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## Living Water Missionary Baptist Church

6511 Jefferson Avenue

Hammond, Indiana 46324

Pastor Roosevelt Dixon

(219) 853-9951

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:15 p.m.  
Waterliving621@gmail.com

## Mt. Zion Baptist Church

1047 Kenwood St., Hammond, IN

Reverend William R. Collins

(219) 931-4337

Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer 6:00 p.m.

## New Community Baptist Church

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219 931-8407

Rev. Charles W. Ricks, Pastor

Sunday school 9:00 a.m.  
Worship service 10:00 a.m.  
Bible study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
newcommunitybapt@att.net  
ncbchammond.org

## New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

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(219) 932-5955

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
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[www.newziontemple.org](http://www.newziontemple.org)

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[www.trinityhammond.com](http://www.trinityhammond.com)

## Woodmar United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
[www.woodmarumc.org](http://www.woodmarumc.org)

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# Council Swearing-in Ceremony Hammond 2024



Left to Right: William Emerson 4th District Councilman, Katrina Alexander, Councilwoman at Large, Carolyn Jackson Indiana State Representative, Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Scott Rakos, 6th District Councilman, Barry Tyler, Jr., 3rd District Councilman

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# Police Swearing-in 2023



Hammond Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., and Hammond Police Chief, William Short welcomes new police officers

# Hessville Democratic Club New Officers



Back row Gene Hauprich, Trustee, Tony Hauprich, 2d Vice President, Nancy Hauprich Trustee, Janice Polka, 1st Vice President, Scott Rakos, President, Carol McCormack, Secretary, Caryn Janiga, Treasurer.  
Front row Cindy Murphy, Sgt at Arms, Dawn Tomich Sgt at Arms, Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr



## The Jeannette Rankin Brigade: 5,000 women march against Vietnam War

On January 15, 1968, an 87-year-old Jeannette Rankin leads 5,000 women—nicknamed the “Jeannette Rankin Brigade”—in a march in Washington, D.C. against the Vietnam War. The march is a capstone of Rankin’s long career as a suffragist, pacifist and the first woman elected to U.S. Congress.

Inspired by Mahatma Gahndi, Rankin organized a group of 5,000 women who wanted America out of Vietnam. They intended to present an anti-war petition to the Speaker of the House, John W. McCormack. Most of the women protesters dressed somberly in all black, to mourn the loss of their fathers, brothers and sons in the conflict. Another contingent of the protesters eschewed this approach; instead, they dressed in bright colors and provocative outfits, exhorting women to “resist approaching Congress playing these same roles that are synonymous with powerlessness,” and instead to “[unite] into a force to be reckoned with.”

Jeanette Rankin was a fierce advocate for women’s rights and a staunch pacifist throughout her long career. She was born in the Montana Territory in 1880, and worked on women’s suffrage campaigns across 15 states. Her advocacy included organizing New York City garment workers after the notorious Triangle Shirtwaist Fire.

In 1916, she was the first woman elected to the Congress, representing the state of Montana. Her platform included nationwide women’s

suffrage, prohibition of alcohol and protections for children. On the first day of the 65th Congress, she introduced House Resolution 3, which became the Nineteenth Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote. It was eventually ratified by the states and added to the Constitution on August 26, 1920.

Rankin also opposed U.S. involvement in the ongoing First World War in Europe. Rankin was one of fifty members of Congress to vote against the U.S. entrance into World War I. This vote cost her the support of many voters, including suffragists, and she did not win reelection in 1918.

For the next two decades, Rankin worked as an organizer and advocate for the welfare of women and children, and for pacifist causes. In 1940, with World War II looming, Rankin again ran for Congress in Montana, and won. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, she voted against war with Japan. Famously, she was the only member of Congress to vote no. She declared, “As a woman, I can’t go to war, and I refuse to send anyone else.” Her vote was so unpopular that she had to hide in a phone booth until Capitol police could escort her back to her office.

Rankin died on May 18, 1973, at age 92. The Vietnam War continued for another two years, until April 30, 1975. A total of 58,220 Americans died in the conflict

*Source: History.com Staff*

## Purdue Northwest receives \$3 million federal grant to increase services for NWI children exposed to trauma

Purdue University Northwest’s (PNW) department of Psychology was recently awarded a five-year, \$3 million grant from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to partner with pediatric healthcare clinics in Lake, Porter and La Porte counties to support mental health services and interventions for child traumatic stress.

The project, Northwest Indiana Identification and Management of Pediatric Experiences of Trauma and Underlying Stress (NWI IMPETUS), was selected as part of the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative to implement routine screenings and brief in-office and group interventions for child traumatic stress, as well as increase access to longer-term services by training large cohorts of local mental health providers in specific evidence-based interventions for child trauma.

“The size and scope of this type of direct mental health services grant is unprecedented at Purdue Northwest,” said Amanda Zelechowski, NWI IMPETUS Project Director and professor of Psychology at PNW. “The clinical and research expertise of our faculty, as well as our new psychology graduate programs, position us extremely well to work with our pediatric healthcare partners in the region to change the trajectories for our most vulnerable youth and families.”

Pediatric primary care clinics have become a key entry point for the rapidly increasing number of children exposed to potentially traumatic or stressful experiences that result in physical and mental health symptoms. PNW will partner with two of the largest pediatric clinics in Northwest Indiana,

Associated Pediatricians and HealthLinc. The grant funds will be used to implement child trauma screenings, add behavioral health professionals at each pediatric clinic, provide brief in-office and group interventions and train 25-50 therapists per year in several child trauma intervention models.

“HealthLinc is proud to partner with PNW to prioritize and normalize mental health support for children,” stated Beth Wrobel, HealthLinc CEO. “Partnerships between healthcare and universities are essential for driving progress, addressing health disparities and improving the quality of life.”

A primary component of the NWI IMPETUS program is to hire and embed mental health professionals into the pediatric clinic, which has long been a goal for Associated Pediatricians. “Mental health care has become such a large part of the care we provide to kids and being able to provide timely interventions and resources to families is critical,” said Dr. Elizabeth Campbell, pediatrician and partner/owner of Associated Pediatricians. “The impact of bringing these mental health providers into our office space where they can work directly with our families is going to be tremendous. We’re grateful to partner with PNW to advance the care we provide to the communities we serve.”

“The effects of traumatic stress on children can look similar to other behavioral health issues, like ADHD and disruptive behavior disorders, but the treatments can be quite different,” Zelechowski added. “So, it’s important that we screen appropriately and support children and families with the right interventions.”

*Source: Purdue University Northwest*



# The flu vaccine: What you need to know this year

## Reasons to Get Your Flu Shot

- Reduces the likelihood of severe illness, hospitalization, death, and spreading the virus
- People with heart disease are less likely to experience cardiac events
- People with diabetes and chronic lung disease are less likely to be hospitalized for those conditions



The facts are simple: Getting a flu shot every year decreases your chances of getting the flu — and you're less likely to be hospitalized or die from it, especially if you have heart disease or have had a stroke.

- Have heart disease or a history of a stroke? During recent flu seasons, about half of all adults hospitalized for the flu also had heart disease, so it's incredibly important to get a flu vaccine every year, which decreases your risk of serious illness or hospitalization. Early estimates show that last season, people who were vaccinated against flu were about 40% to 70% less likely to be hospitalized because of flu illness or related complications.

But skip the nasal spray vaccine — it's only approved for use in healthy non-pregnant people, ages 2 to 49 years old.

- 65 or older? A high-dose vaccine provides extra protection.

Typically the flu season hits people 65 and older the hardest. Between 70 and 85% of seasonal flu-related deaths occur in people 65 and older, and between 50 and 70% of seasonal

flu-related hospitalizations hit this group.

Ask your health care professional about a high-dose vaccine. If one isn't available, a standard flu vaccine is better than none.

- Got kids, including babies? The recommended age for flu shots was previously 2, but now it's 6 months and up. Talk to your health care professional for details.
- Unclear on timing? September and October are the best times for most people to get vaccinated. Try to get vaccinated by the end of October, but vaccination after October can still provide protection during the height of flu season.

Bottom line: Getting a flu shot will help protect your health and the people you care about. Now let's bust some common myths

### *Flu Myths Busted!*

**MYTH:** The flu isn't that bad.

**BUSTED!:** It can be bad, especially if you're in a high-risk population for severe flu complications including adults 65 and older and those with chronic health conditions

like heart disease or diabetes, pregnant women and children under the age of 2.

There's a strong correlation between the flu and heart disease and stroke. During recent flu seasons, about half of all adults hospitalized for the flu also had heart disease. And a 2018 study found that the risk of having a heart attack was six times higher within a week of a confirmed flu infection.

**MYTH:** The vaccine's side effects are worse than the flu.

**BUSTED!:** Most people tolerate the vaccine very well. Some people report mild side effects like soreness, redness, tenderness or swelling, low-grade fever, headache and muscle aches.

But the flu can cause much worse symptoms such as fever or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and/or fatigue.

Reduce your chances of feeling bad after you receive a flu shot. Stay hydrated, move your body with arm circles or a walk, apply ice at the injection site if it's sore and avoid smoking or drinking.

**MYTH:** I got a flu vaccine last year, so I'm good to go.

**BUSTED!:** You need a flu vaccine every year because immunity wanes over time and because flu virus vaccines are constantly updated to protect against the most recent strain.

**MYTH:** I got my COVID-19 vaccine(s), so I don't need a flu shot.

**BUSTED!:** Unfortunately your COVID-19 vaccine won't prevent the flu since they're caused by two different viruses. But the good news is that you can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, including a flu vaccine, at the same visit.

**MYTH:** Only elderly people need to worry about the flu.

**BUSTED!:** People 65 and older are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications(link opens in new window)(link opens in new window)(link opens in new window) compared with young, healthy adults, but people from under-represented racial and ethnic groups are also hit harder by the flu. Black, Hispanic, and American Indian and Alaska Native people have had consistently higher rates of severe flu outcomes, including hospitalization and ICU admission from 2009 to 2019.

Source: American Heart Association

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# Purdue University Northwest promoted to First Scholars designation by Center for First-generation Student Success



*The Center for First-generation Student Success has elevated Purdue Northwest to the First Scholars phase in recognition of its continued efforts to support first-generation students' outcomes. One way PNW recognizes its first-generation students is through silver cords as a part of their commencement regalia.*

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) has been elevated to the First Scholars phase by the Center for First-generation Student Success in recognition of its continuous efforts to support first-generation college students.

Earning First Scholars status means PNW has demonstrated sustained commitment to support its first-generation students. These practices are evidenced by intentional institutional frameworks that foster a supportive campus culture for first-generation students, student and professional leadership development and resources for student academic success.

“We are honored and excited by PNW’s inclusion in the First Scholars cohort,” said Elizabeth Babcock Depew, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at PNW. “It is both a recognition of our current initiatives supporting first-generation students at Purdue Northwest, as well as a vote of confidence that we can rise to the

next level of support integration. By leveraging additional research and resources, PNW is committed to expanding and enhancing our offering of programs that include tutoring, mentoring, fostering a sense of belonging, promoting academic achievement and celebrating the successes of first-generation students.”

PNW is a member of the First Scholars Network of Institutions, which is facilitated by the Center for First-generation Student Success. The network is a community of institutional partners committed to transforming the higher education landscape in ways that advance outcomes for first-generation students. PNW earned the status of First-Gen Forward Institution in the network in spring 2022 and has now been promoted to the next phase, First Scholars.

As a welcoming, diverse and inclusive metropolitan university, PNW proudly celebrates and supports its first-generation students, who make

up over half of the university’s undergraduate population. First-generation students are defined as students whose parents or guardians did not complete a four-year college degree.

“The designation of First Scholars serves as institutional proof that we are committed to integrating the first-generation college scholar experience into the essence of PNW for generations to come” said Ronnell DuBose, executive director for Diversity, Inclusivity and Belonging at PNW.

PNW supports and recognizes its first-generation students through multiple campus resources and initiatives, including but not limited to:

- Robust TRIO and Educational Opportunity Programs, the most among all Indiana higher education institutions
- Annual National First-Gen College Celebration events on campus
- Honorary silver cords provided to first-generation graduates as part of their commencement regalia
- Affinity graduation ceremonies for first-generation and historically underrepresented student groups
- Internally funded faculty and staff research dedicated to developing improved outcomes for first-generation student academic success
- Collaboration between the Leadership Institute at PNW and the Indiana 21st Century Scholars Program

- Annual recognition in U.S. News & World Report as a top Midwest higher education institution for social mobility, a category measuring how well a university graduates Pell Grant recipients

In its capacity as a First Scholars institution, PNW will continue developing evidence-based and research supported student-focused resources to enhance future outcomes. Benefits of participation in First Scholars include:

- An evidence-based and research-supported framework of actionable priorities supported through monthly workshops
- Diagnostic tools providing critical institutional insight
- Robust data sharing as part of the national Postsecondary Data Partnership
- Guidance of expert coaches along each step of the experience
- Customized solutions and continuous improvement plans personalized to allow each institution to meet its first-generation student success goals

Upon meeting milestones in the First Scholars phase, institutions are eligible to earn the Champion Campus designation.

The Center for First-generation Student Success is an initiative of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

*Source: Purdue University Northwest*





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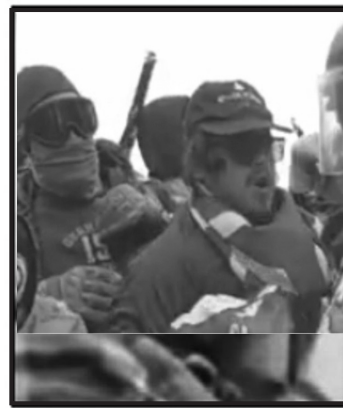
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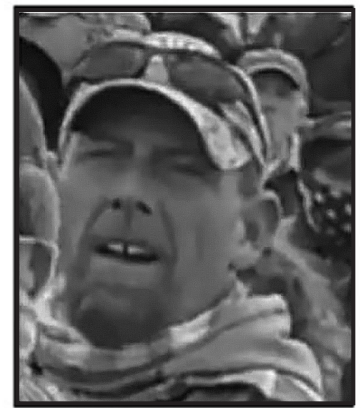
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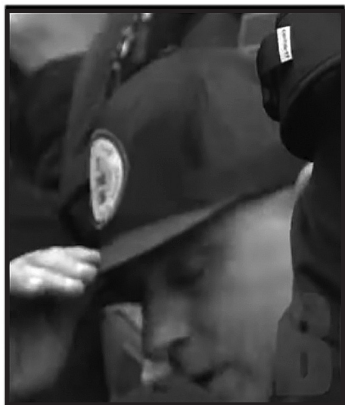
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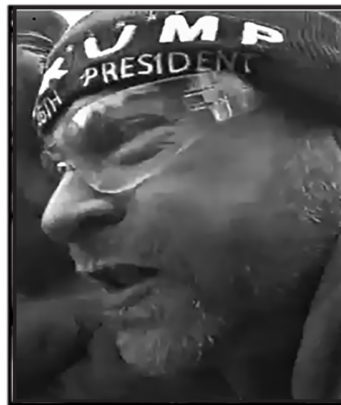
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