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WALKABLE USA Documentary Re-Airs in March

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and the Department of Planning and Development are pleased to announce the re-airing of WALKABLE USA, a documentary over four years in the making, focusing on the revitalization of downtown Hammond, Indiana. "The downtown part of our city is so important for our psyche in Hammond," said Mayor McDermott. "If we expect our downtown to thrive, we really need to slow the traffic down... and make it more walkable. And we're going to do it." See below for network broadcast times on PBS later this month.

The hour-long film premiered at the Towle Theater on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 to a packed crowd of stakeholders, sponsors and invested citizens in Hammond. "WALKABLE USA couldn't have shown the importance of walkability to a transitioning downtown core better," said Anne Taylor, Executive Director of Planning and Development.

"This film captures the essence of Hammond and shows all the hard work the City is doing to make the vision of a vibrant downtown into a reality."

Director and Producer of WALKABLE USA, Tom Desch, said that Hammond "embraced the production with open arms and was excited to share its efforts." Along with his editor Mike Meyers and Assoc. Producer Pat Wisniewski, Desch has created a film that fully conveys the importance of walkability and shows how a walkable design can improve a space, such as downtown Hammond, and create a lively neighborhood once again; reimaged and improved.

You can view the full documentary on Lakeshore Media PBS channel 56 or on your cable or streaming provider:

Friday, March 1st @ 9:00am
Friday, March 22nd @ 4:00pm
Friday, March 29th @ 9:00pm

Source: City of Hammond



Mayor's Night Out 2024

March 27th	2nd District	Irving Elementary School Cafeteria 4727 Pine Avenue
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Society of Innovators at PNW to host inaugural Uthiverse StartUp Madness pitch competition

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest (PNW) will host the inaugural Uthiverse StartUp Madness Business Pitch Tournament during a live event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 30 inside the Fitness and Recreation Center gymnasium at PNW's Hammond campus.

The Uthiverse StartUp Madness is an innovative pitch competition designed to give high school students participating in a diversity of entrepreneurship programs an opportunity to win \$2,500 in seed money. Thirty-two teams will be selected from regional applicants to compete live in a bracket-style pitch tournament.

Winners can use the seed funding to improve their business idea, develop a prototype, create a minimum viable product (MVP), implement a marketing strategy or fund some other activity that helps them launch their venture.

"Across the region, throughout the state of Indiana, and across the nation there is a movement to create a youth entrepreneurship ecosystem," said Ken Patrick Barry, co-founder of The Uthiverse and a Gary, Indiana native. "Providing additional opportunities for seed money to help teens take another step toward the successful launch of their dream ventures seemed

to be one of the greatest needs that we would help meet.

"My wife, Nicole, and I have firsthand experience working with enterprising teens with innovative ideas who want to launch businesses. After observing how other organizations are discovering and training thousands of teens with an entrepreneurial spirit, we realized that there is demand for more opportunities like the one The Uthiverse is presenting."

"The Society is thrilled to be the supporting host of the inaugural StartUp Madness pitch competition," said Jason Williams, assistant director of the Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest. "We will also host the 2024 Innovate WithIN region finals in April at PNW. There is an overwhelming need to provide more of these pitch showcases and competitions for the growing number of high school students in our

region who are designing and launching a business. The Society is always going to help when there is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the problems the young innovators in our region are solving."

Applications are now open for the 2024 StartUp Madness Business Pitch Tournament. The application deadline is March 8. Startup Madness is also open to public spectators.

More information and free registration can be found at pnw.edu/soi.

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest (PNW) aims to contribute to economic and community development throughout the region as the champion of innovation in Northwest Indiana. For more information about the Society of Innovators, visit www.pnw.edu/soi.

The Uthiverse

Founded by husband-and-wife team Ken Patrick and Nicole Barry, The Uthiverse provides space for young people to explore infinite opportunities as they prepare to transition into adulthood. Five key priorities for the organization include: Teen Mental Health, College and Career Readiness, Workforce Development, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Transition to Adulthood. For more information about The Uthiverse, visit www.uthiverse.com.

Source: *Purdue University Northwest*

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Munster Theatre Company celebrates stellar performances at Indiana Thespians State Conference

The Munster Theatre Company (MTC) brought home several awards for their efforts at the Indiana Thespians State Conference on Jan. 19-21 at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. Indiana Thespians is the state organization of the Educational Theatre Association, the professional theater association for theater educators and the honor society for middle and high school theater. At the conference, Munster students earned these International Thespian Superior and Excellence Awards: • Clover Sarkady, Wesley Harle, and Evvy Kikkert earned a Superior and Best of Show in Group Acting. They performed in the showcase on Sunday and qualified to compete with their piece at

the International Thespian Festival in June 2024 at Indiana University in Bloomington. • Charlie Ilijevski and Ariel Chen earned an Excellent Award in Duet Acting. • Isla Utterback and Logan Hayes earned an Excellent Award in Duet Acting. • Marija Pavlic and Rhiannon Shelton earned an Excellent Award in Duet Acting. • Clover Sarkady earned an Excellent Award in Scenic Design.

During the conference's play competition, Munster's ensemble performed David Saar's play "The Yellow Boat" and placed third in the competition in a pool of ten school theater programs. Munster students earned the following honors: • Clover Sarkady was named one of two Outstanding Lead Performers by the play

judges. • Delaney Craig was named one of two Outstanding Supporting Performers by the play judges. • Oluwapemisola Ogunjimi was recognized by the technical staff at Indiana Wesleyan University for her work stage-managing our show. • Kyle Farnell and Elena Crocker were recognized by the Technical Staff at Indiana Wesleyan for their work in lighting the show. • Munster's production of "The Yellow Boat" was named the Chapter Select Production, which means the Munster Theatre Company will be taking the show to the International Thespian Festival in June at Indiana University in Bloomington.

"The International Thespian Festival is the largest gathering of middle and high school theater

programs from around the world, showcasing the best of middle and high school theater programs," said Ray Palasz, MTC program director, who was inducted into the Indiana Thespians Hall of Fame during the conference for his contributions to educational theater. "This will be our first time performing at this prestigious event, and I couldn't be more proud of our students and our program." Munster senior Clover Sarkady and junior Evvy Kikkert earned a combined total of \$222,000 in scholarship offers from nine different college theater programs. Kikkert also was elected to be a Student Thespian Officer for the next year. She succeeds Sarkady in Munster's representation on the board.

Source: Munster High School

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CITY OF HAMMOND CELEBRATES THE REGION WITH 8th ANNUAL 219 DAY



On Saturday, February 17, the City of Hammond celebrated the Region with its 8th annual 219 Day at the Hammond Civic Center.

The theme of the 8th annual 219 Day was country/western theme. The Bands played Bluegrass and Country songs.

There were cutout photos of Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. along with plenty of props that everyone was able to get pictures with. Also a mechanical bull for the brave ones.

Mayor M Thomas McDermott Jr. made sure he went around the room and gave everyone his greetings

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Yellowstone Park established



Yellowstone's future as a national park, though, was the 1871 exploration under the direction of the government geologist Ferdinand Hayden. Hayden brought along

President Grant signs the bill creating the nation's first national park at Yellowstone on March 1, 1872.

Native Americans had lived and hunted in the region that would become Yellowstone for hundreds of years before the first Anglo explorers arrived. Abundant game and mountain streams teeming with fish attracted the Indians to the region, though the awe-inspiring geysers, canyons, and gurgling mud pots also fascinated them.

John Colter, the famous mountain man, was the first Anglo to travel through the area. After journeying with Lewis and Clark to the Pacific, Colter joined a party of fur trappers to explore the wilderness. In 1807, he explored part of the Yellowstone plateau and returned with fantastic stories of steaming geysers and bubbling cauldrons. Some doubters accused the mountain man of telling tall tales and jokingly dubbed the area "Colter's Hell." Before the Civil War, only a handful of trappers and hunters ventured into the area, and it remained largely a mystery. In 1869, the Folsom-Cook expedition made the first formal exploration, followed a year later by a much more thorough reconnaissance by the Washburn-Langford-Doane expedition. The key to

William Jackson, a pioneering photographer, and Thomas Moran, a brilliant landscape artist, to make a visual record of the expedition. Their images provided the first visual proof of Yellowstone's wonders and caught the attention of the U.S. Congress.

Early in 1872, Congress moved to set aside some 2 million acres of public land straddling the future states of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho as America's first national park. President Grant signed the bill into law on this day in 1872. The Yellowstone Act of 1872 designated the region as a public "pleasuring-ground," which would be preserved "from injury or spoilation, of all timber, mineral deposits, natural curiosities, or wonders within."

For a nation bent on settling and exploiting the West, the creation of Yellowstone was surprising. Many congressmen gave it their support simply because they believed the rugged and isolated region was of little economic value. Yet the Yellowstone Act of 1872 set a precedent and popularized the idea of preserving sections of the public domain for use as public parks. Congress went on to designate dozens of other national parks, and the idea spread to other nations around the world.

Source: History.com Staff

Purdue University Northwest affirmed as doctoral-granting institution by Higher Learning Commission

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) has been affirmed by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) as a doctoral-granting institution with its recent approval of a substantive change in mission or student body.

The change coincided with the HLC's approval of PNW's third applied doctoral program, a Doctor of Psychology (PsyD).

"Purdue Northwest's recognition as a doctoral-granting institution is emblematic of the university's reputation for offering high-quality academic programs," said PNW Chancellor Kenneth C. Holford. "Besides signifying a high mark of academic excellence, the expansion of applied doctoral programs at PNW helps meet needs that are important to our local communities. Students accepted into these programs will be rigorously challenged, distinguished by their credentials upon graduation and be well-qualified to deliver impactful change needed in our metropolitan region."

PNW now offers three applied doctoral programs: the PsyD; a Doctor of Technology (DTech); and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). These degrees place research and theory into action instead of a primarily scholarly research focus of a Doctor of Philosophy, or Ph.D.

The first cohort of doctoral students in the PsyD program will begin in fall 2024. The PsyD is intended to prepare students as both practitioners and scholars to address local needs



for mental health resources in Northwest Indiana. The curriculum will be grounded in psychological science and intended for students primarily focused on clinical practice. A Master of Science (M.S.) in Psychology will also be added to the curriculum.

PNW began offering a Doctor of Technology (DTech) in spring 2023. The DTech allows students to expand and apply knowledge and research to solve practice-based problems in several technology-related fields. The degree is designed to encompass best practice techniques that can be implemented in business, industry, government and non-governmental organizations, as well as by entrepreneurs.

PNW has offered a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) since 2015. This postmaster's doctorate focuses on translation science. Nurses who earn this degree are prepared to lead transformative healthcare by becoming experts in the search, appraisal, synthesis, transfer and application of evidence – and in the evaluation of its impact on outcomes.

For more information, visit pnw.edu/graduate-studies.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

Up & Coming Events

2024 HPD CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Citizen Police Academy April 16th to June 4th 2024 Deadline to Signup--- April 9th, 2024

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The Towle Theater has hired a new Executive Director

As the longtime duo - Kevin Bellamy, Director of Administration and Jeff Casey, managing Director, announce their retirement at the end of 2024, the Towle Theater would like to welcome their new Executive Director, Emily Nelson. Emily will be taking the helm as Jeff Casey and Kevin Bellamy concentrate solely on the artistic aspects at the Towle Theater throughout its 21st Season. The Towle Board of Directors is thrilled to have such an experienced leader joining the team.

Emily is an experienced actor, director, and teaching artist. She studied acting at Columbia College Chicago and spent years training at the Goodman Theatre where she began her career as a teaching artist. Emily has spent most of her time working for the non-for-profit,

The Beverly Arts Center. There she held the title of Associate Artistic Director and streamlined a successful Youth Theatre Program.

Outgoing Managing Director, Jeff Casey said "We launched a search late last year and among all the interested candidates, Emily was far and away our top choice. The board acted swiftly, and Emily was able to begin her Towle journey on February 1". "Kevin and I couldn't be happier with such an accomplished artist taking over the day-to-day operations at the Towle". New executive director Emily Nelson said "Embarking on this new journey fills me with excitement and gratitude. I'm eager

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to dive in and make the most of this opportunity. Special thanks to Jeff and Kevin for their support and belief in me. Let's make great things happen together!"

Source: Towle Theater

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Obesity Treatment Access Policy Focus Areas:

- Expand access to and funding for diabetes prevention, research, and evidence-based support programs.
- Support access to medically appropriate healthy and nutritious foods and meals—especially for those who are economically disadvantaged.
- Support access to safe places to exercise and recreate.
- Improve access to person-centered treatment for the chronic disease of obesity including intensive lifestyle modifications support (nutrition counseling, physical activity, and

- Eliminating burdensome requirements and barriers to access, such as requiring prior authorization, like step therapy.
- Ensure patient and provider-centered choices for obesity programs and treatments. Choice should be individualized based on patient's needs, requirements, skill level, and availability of programs.
- Make Your Voice Heard
- The ADA's Engagement Platform makes it easy to use your voice to help support the diabetes community on the issues that matter most.

Help Make Affordable Insulin a Reality

As part of the Inflation Reduction Act, President Biden signed a historic provision that caps what seniors on Medicare pay for insulin to \$35 per month. As you know, this accomplishment has been years in the making, driven by the American Diabetes Association's (ADA's) leadership on the issue of insulin affordability and lower out-of-pocket costs. In the weeks leading up to this vote, more than 71,000 advocates reached out to their representatives and senators through the ADA's Advocacy Engagement Platform. We greatly appreciate you raising

your voices in support of passing the first national insulin co-pay cap.

As happy as we are about this historic news, we are extremely disappointed the Senate did not cap monthly co-pays on insulin in commercial plans. The cost of insulin has become out of reach for too many people with diabetes and our work is not over until we make insulin affordable for all people who rely on it to live.

In the meantime, we have created What You Need to Know: Important Information about the Inflation Reduction Act (PDF). This resource provides information about the new Medicare insulin co-pay cap, a provision that sets an annual out-of-pocket maximum for prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries, and an extension of current health insurance subsidies for individuals and families through 2025.

Please Ask Congress to Support the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2023

Obesity is a rising problem in America. The Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2023 (TROA) would improve

access to evidence-based obesity treatment and services for Medicare beneficiaries. The American Diabetes Association® (ADA) is pleased that the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health took the first step in considering this legislation. Please encourage your member of Congress to co-sponsor the TROA and work to advance its passage.

Improving Needed Safeguards for Users of Lifesaving Insulin Now (INSULIN) Act.

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for Users of Lifesaving Insulin
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The legislation would limit the cost of insulin to \$35 per month for people with commercial insurance plans and group insurance plans covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). The bill would also help reform the insulin rebate system, driving down costs for all people with diabetes, including those without insurance.

*Source: American Diabetes
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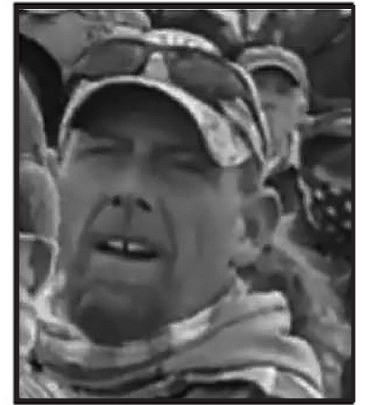
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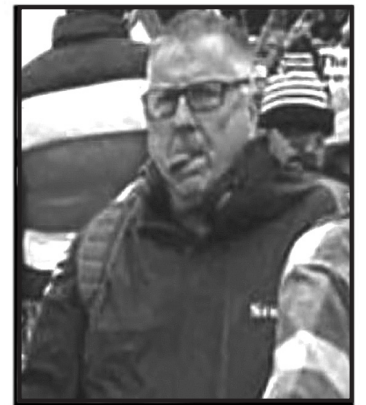
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