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Partnership extends Digital Crossroads Northern Indiana fiber network

Franciscan CP awards two healthcare scholarships, including Hebron resident

Leaders from Digital Crossroad and Vivacity Networks now have a partnership to create the Digital Crossroad Fiber Network that, once completed, will activate the fiber conduit that is part of the Indiana Toll Road.

"The Digital Crossroad Fiber Network is an unprecedented stride in our state's march toward broadband access for every Hoosier," said Tom Dakich, managing member for Digital Crossroad. "This revolutionary project will bring the world's fastest fiber networks closer than ever to every community along the Indiana Toll Road corridor."

A series of roundtable events featured Lt. Governor

Suzanne Crouch along with state and local officials.



"Hoosiers know that access to high-speed internet is a critical factor, not just for economic development and businesses, but also for the quality of life of our families and communities," said Crouch. "Indiana has already made significant commitments to broadband expansion and will continue supporting collaborative efforts like these as we work together to connect all Hoosiers."

The Digital Crossroads Fiber Network will serve (See *Network* Pg. 4)

Two students with plans for healthcare careers are getting a boost in their education from the medical staff at Franciscan Health Crown Point.

The 2021 Franciscan Health Crown Point Medical Staff Healthcare Provider Scholarships were awarded to nearby Hebron High School graduate Jacob Stewart, and also to Hanover Central High School graduate Julia Moloney.

The \$1,000 scholarships, which are renewable for a second year, are given to students who are applying for post-high school education in a healthcare related field. Moloney plans to major in nursing at Purdue University in West Lafayette, and Stewart is attending



Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis with the goal of eventually becoming a physician.

Moloney and Stewart were chosen from scholarship applications that were reviewed by physicians on

the Franciscan Health Crown Point Medical Executive Committee.

Pictured left to right are Franciscan Health Crown Point medical staff and scholarship winners, from left, Falvy Tunca, MD; Venkat

Vavilala, MD; Giovanni Infusino, MD; Julia Moloney; Jacob Stewart; Jeannine McMahon, DO; Priti Nikte, MD; and Ryan Misk, DO.

Young entrepreneurs: Age keeps us from being taken seriously

Any young Hoosier budding entrepreneur who starts their own business is often reminded about a bleak statistic that more or less remains constant each year: that around 90% of startups fail. If starting up a new venture during a global pandemic wasn't hard enough, young businesspeople also feel their age is yet another obstacle they need to overcome in order to be successful.

That's according to a survey of more than 25,000 re-

spondents (age 18-40) across 35 countries conducted by OnePoll, which found that 62% of young entrepreneurs in the United States fear that their age hinders them when trying to launch their own businesses.

Hoosiers also feel strongly about this - over half (53%) here worry they won't be taken seriously when starting a business because of their youth.

Despite this, it appears that many view these chal-

lenges as opportunities on the path to success, rather than obstacles that can't be overcome. When asked why, almost six in 10 (56%) said they're better at adapting to new technology than other generations, and 43% said they're more likely to have fresh, unexplored ideas.

Moreover, the survey also found 28% of those who want to open a business said they're "less afraid to fail" than other generations.

However, the majority of

respondents agreed that gaining valuable experience in business for a few years before starting their own would be beneficial, with Americans believing the best age to start a business is 30 years old (compared to a global average of 28). Indeed, the survey found that almost two thirds (65%) of young adults are hesitant to start a new business as they feel intimidated by their lack of experience.

The average American said they believe someone

should have seven years of experience before starting their own business.

When it comes to industries, 34% of young Hoosiers would like to launch businesses in the clothing/apparel industry, perhaps launching their own fashion labels. In second place was starting up in the food service industry (30%), presumably on the back of a growing trend for producing sustainable foods that are less harmful to the environment. This was fol-

lowed by wellness + fitness (23%); trade (23%); professional services (21%); technology (28%); professional services (16%); and education (14%).

Other statistics revealed from the global survey include:

- Seventy-four percent of respondents have dreams of becoming an entrepreneur.
- Of those Americans interested in entrepreneurship, "becoming my own boss"

(See *Young* Pg. 2)

Local PBS station earns awards for local series and non-broadcast work

Northwest Indiana's Lakeshore PBS was recognized with four national awards at the 42nd Telly Awards, including its highest award for a video about the Old Joliet Prison.

"We are thrilled that our work - showcasing some of the great stories to come out of Northwest Indiana and Chicago - has been recognized with these prestigious national awards," said James A. Muhammad, President and CEO of Lakeshore Public Media. "Receiving a Gold Telly Award is truly a great honor."

The Telly Awards annually showcases the best work

created within television and across video, for all screens. Receiving over 12,000 entries from all 50 states and 5 continents, Telly Award winners represent work from some of the most respected television stations, production companies, advertising agencies, and publishers from around the world.

Lakeshore PBS earned a Gold Award in the Television - Public Interest / Awareness category for a segment from Friends & Neighbors about the Old Joliet Prison. The segment was also awarded a Bronze Award in the Television - History category. Opened in 1858, the



Sunghee Kim, organist at Valparaiso University, and the Reddel Memorial Organ.

Illinois State Penitentiary was considered the high watermark of correctional facilities. Its architecture and history made it a formidable presence in the town of Joliet,

Illinois ever since. When the Old Joliet Prison, as it's now known, fell into disrepair, the historical society stepped in. Their goal was to acknowledge the past and infamous



Lakeshore Public Media's 'Friends & Neighbors' series won a Telly for a segment on the old Joliet Prison.

baggage of the prison while providing visitors an opportunity to learn about its place in history.

Lakeshore PBS earned a Silver Award in the

Television - Cultural category on a segment from Eye on the Arts that showcased the Reddel Memorial Organ located in the Chapel of the (See *PBS* Pg. 6)

Tickets, subscriptions now available now for NISO’s ‘80+20 Season of Anniversaries’

Join the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Music Director-Conductor Kirk Muspratt for their 80+20 Season of Anniversaries, celebrating 80 years of the Symphony and 20 years of Maestro Muspratt.

The season will start with three performances of the annual Holiday Pops concert in December and conclude in June of 2022. All concerts will be performed at the Auditorium at Living Hope Church, located at 9000 Taft Street on the Crown Point-Merrillville border.

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra began in Gary, Indiana, on December 7, 1941. As the nation pulled together on that momentous day, a group of individuals, without hesitation or prompts, burst into “The Star Spangled Banner” and played to a grieving audience, recovering from the day’s events. Now

(See NISO Pg. 8)

(Young from Pg. 1) was found to be the top motivating factor (38%), followed by the ability to follow their passion (35%).

- More than three in 10 global respondents said they were looking to support their family (37%) or wanted more flexibility in their job (32%).
- Thirty-one percent look toward entrepreneurship as the opportunity for a career

change, while 26% were looking to supplement their income after their job hours were reduced — for many, likely a result of the ongoing pandemic.

- For those who have been employed previously, who are now interested in entrepreneurship, 60% said one of the reasons was because they’re tired of being told “no” by older employees and managers.

- The same number (60%) didn’t feel like their ideas were taken into account in previous roles.

Results also found that 63% believe their generation faces unique challenges when starting a business, compared to older generations.

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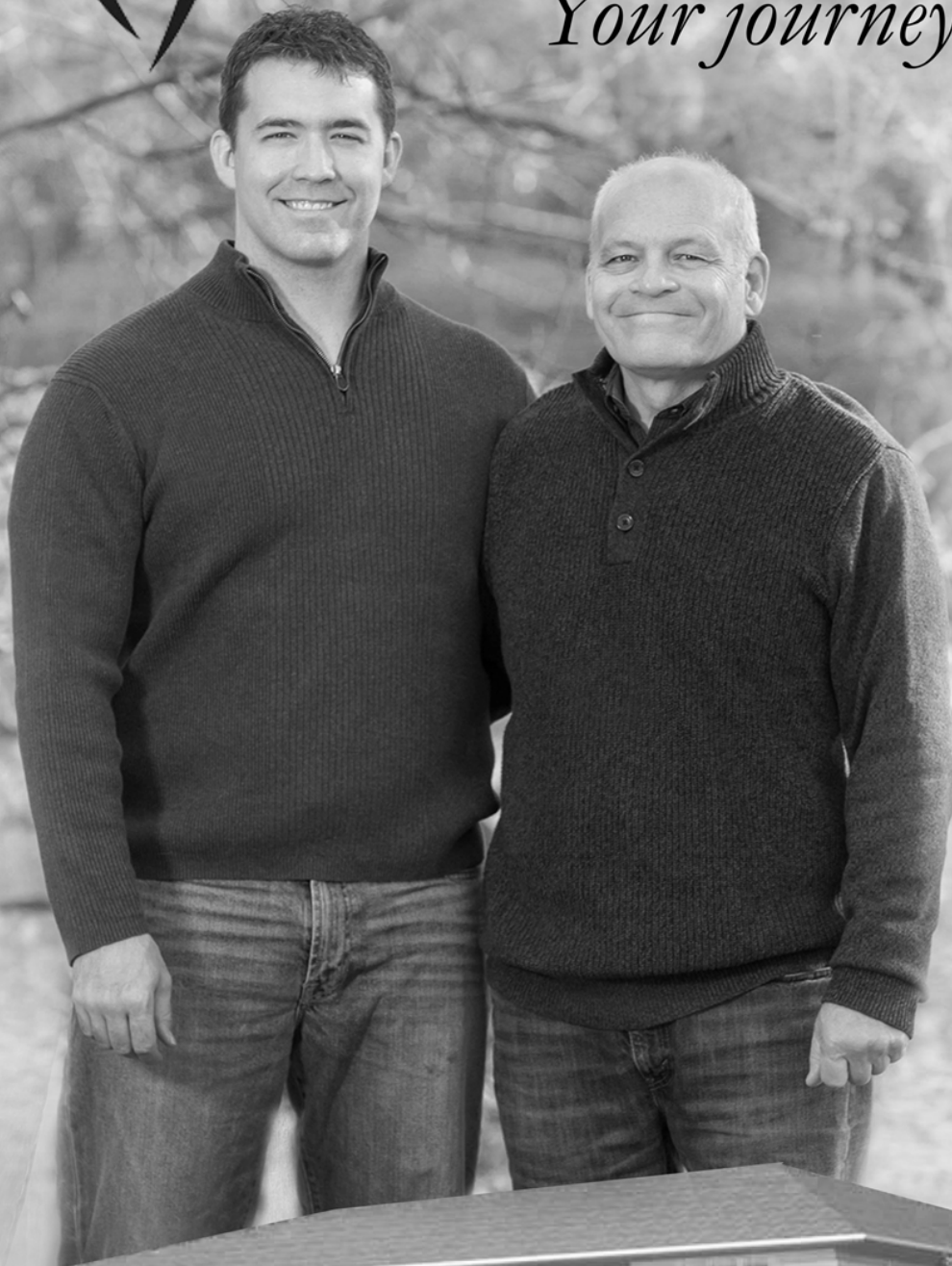
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Northwest Indiana residents may be missing out on child tax credits

Many Northwest Indiana residents are eligible to claim the Child Tax Credit (CTC) but may not realize it, due to recently-expanded eligibility requirements that are more inclusive of immigrant and lower-income filers. Legacy Foundation has partnered with the South Shore Neighborhood Development Corporation, Urban League of Northwest Indiana and FAITH CDC to assist resi-

(Network from Pg. 1)

as a wholesale, open-access facility that will enable local internet service providers (ISPs), utility providers, wireless network providers, municipalities, schools and libraries, and more, to have easier and more cost-effective connection to the fastest fiber networks available.

In the partnership, Vivacity Networks will invest in the activation of the fiber and conduit that is part of the Indiana Toll Road and Digital Crossroad will complete this connection to the 'backbone of the internet', located at 350 East Cermak Road in Chicago.

"For the past several years, the Indiana Toll Road Concession Company, Digital Crossroads, Vivacity, and others have been developing the key pieces of communications infrastructure to unlock the potential of the Crossroads of America."

dents who are eligible to receive the CTC but were not required to file taxes.

Eligible families can receive a payment of up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6, and up to \$250 per month for each child ages 6 to 17.

To provide financial relief during the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2021 American Rescue Plan expanded the federal Child Tax Credit to more fil-

ers by making the credit fully refundable, meaning that even if taxpayers don't owe income tax, the IRS will issue them a refund if they're eligible; but they must file a tax return or register with the new Non-filer Sign-up Tool to receive it.

Northwest Indiana residents may be eligible to receive the CTC if:

- They are under the income

(See Child Pg. 8)

said Scott Bergs, CEO of Vivacity Networks. "We are thrilled to partner with Digital Crossroad to bring those pieces together to fuel Indiana's growth technology, economy and livability."

The Indiana Toll Road begins at the state's border with Illinois in the west and runs approximately 156 miles as Interstate 90 to the state's border with Ohio in the east, passing through seven Indiana counties.

Digital Crossroad is a wholesale colocation company comprised of proven industry veterans who are committed to delivering sustainable data center solutions that reduce environmental and economic cost. For more information visit www.digitalcrossroad.com.

Vivacity Networks addresses a specific industry need for communications assets by owning, operat-

ing, maintaining and offering carrier-neutral infrastructure on a wholesale basis, supporting the customized needs of multiple users. Vivacity Networks works with customers to optimize their CAPEX/OPEX and develop their rights of way and related infrastructure.

'Run for Your Life 5k' to benefit LOFS Volunteer Fire Department

The Winfield Township Democrats are hosting the Stoney Run County Park 'Run for Your Life 5k' and 'Zombie Walk' on Saturday, October 30 at 8 a.m. to support the Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Department.

"This event is important to our community because firefighters are trained to do a lot more than just fight fires" said Jeff Baird, an event organizer. "Nowadays, medical emergencies make up the majority of the calls fire departments respond to." All proceeds will go to help provide much needed Fire-EMS equipment and gear. The Tech Credit Union and Strack & Van Til's grocery store are event sponsors.

"We encourage folks to run the haunted course as you

get chased," said Mark Lash, chairman of the Winfield Township Democrats. "There will be face painting and other local vendors and more. In addition, we will have custom medals to all finishers. THTiming.com will provide mats at the starting line and chip timing for finish results. All turns will have directional signs. No processing fees for online signup"

Register at www.runsignup.com/runyourlife

In 1969, members of the LOFS Community came together to form the LOFS Volunteer Fire Force. Initially armed with nothing more than burlap sacks, shovels, and buckets, they offered fire protection for our growing subdivision and surrounding area. Nicknamed the 'Bucket

Brigade', they selflessly volunteered their time to keep the community safe.

The tradition has continued over the years as the community of Winfield Township has grown. This race seeks to honor the heritage of the founding LOFS Volunteer Fire Force.

Participants must be registered before October 15 to guarantee t-shirt size availability. Each participant's start time will be recorded as they cross the starting line. A list of overall finishing times for all competitors will be continually updated at www.thtiming.com while the race is in progress

The Winfield Township Democrats meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. at Baja's Restaurant in Winfield.

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Indiana Learning Lab expands online resource for educators

The Indiana Department of Education has partnered with philanthropic groups across the state to expand the Indiana Learning Lab. With this new partnership, educators will gain expanded resources to enhance their teaching and growth.

The Indiana Learning Lab is built to support educators with instructional resources, professional development opportunities, and other best practices. This includes live, on-demand workshops for educators, as well as live coaching from IDOE staff. As part of this resource, educators have access to expanded online communities focused on supporting literacy instruction, digital instruction and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) instruction. The platform also includes ready-to-use re-

sources and lesson ideas.

The resource, founded as the Indiana eLearning Lab in 2020, was originally launched as an initiative to help educators and families navigate digital learning occurring as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. As part of the new Indiana Learning Lab, educators will gain resources to support best practices in a variety of instructional modes.

The original eLearning Lab was developed by Five Star Technology Solutions and the State Educational Technology Directors Association. It was supported by the Indianapolis eLearning Fund and the 2022 College Football Playoff Indianapolis Host Committee and the CFP Foundation, all of which are dedicated to supporting Indiana educators. The CFP National Championship will

take place in Indianapolis in January 2022.

As part of the CFP National Championship, the CFP Foundation supports projects in the host city that make a positive impact on education for years to come. The Indianapolis Host Committee and the CFP Foundation made a \$1.5 million total contribution to support education in Indiana, including the Indiana Learning Lab (formerly Indiana eLearning Lab) and Teach Indy, an effort to recruit and develop high-quality, diverse educators in Indianapolis.

To access the Indiana Learning Lab, educators can visit the Indiana Learning Lab website at www.inlearninglab.com and log in with their school email address or through IDOE's Link Portal.

Access Indiana portal surpasses one million users for its 43 services

Access Indiana (www.access.IN.gov), a Next Level project, has surpassed one million users. Access Indiana is a single sign-on system that provides a more streamlined and secure approach to government services. With a single username and password, users can access 43 services.

Users have access to a variety of services on their personal dashboard including the Indiana Vaccination Portal, myLicense, INBiz, DRIVE, DNR Fish & Wildlife, and

more.

"I urged the creation of Access Indiana to make it more convenient and simple to get services from or do business with the State of Indiana. Access Indiana is an easy, one-stop shop for a variety of important state government services," Gov. Eric Holcomb said. Access Indiana went live with its first service in March 2019 and has steadily added new applications. Over the past twelve months, more than 900,000

new users have joined the system.

Users can update all of their account information, like email and phone number, check notifications such as scheduling a BMV appointment or checking tax refund status, and more by signing in at www.access.in.gov.

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Donation will fund habitat restoration at NWI’s Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area

Currently degraded savanna habitat at Northwest Indiana’s Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area will be restored using a \$40,000 donation from the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation.

The restoration will involve removing woody vegetation from approximately 100 acres of what is now poor savanna habitat. This work will allow light to reach the ground, leading to a greater assortment of savanna plants and animals. Standing dead trees will be left in place for bats and tree-cavity nesting birds.

After the initial removal, the area will be managed to maintain plant and wildlife habitat with prescribed fire. These burns will mimic historical burn intervals.

With staff at Willow Slough already implementing some of these practices on other parts of the FWA, the abundance of native wildflowers has increased and Northern bobwhite numbers have more than doubled. Turkeys, deer, quail, and other species bring their young to these areas to forage on insects, browse fresh vegetation, and escape from predators and biting insects. Other species that will benefit from the improved habitat include Eastern whip-poor-wills, red-headed woodpeckers, Eastern wood-pewee, and six-lined racers.

Once restored, the savanna habitats will provide visitors with a distinctive place to hike, see wildflowers, pick berries in the summer, admire fall colors, and observe many savanna wildlife species. Hunting opportunities will also increase for Northern bobwhite, deer, and turkey.

Learn more about Willow Slough FWA at www.on.IN.gov/willowsloughfwa.

Learn more about the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation at www.indiananrf.org.

(PBS from Pg. 1)

Resurrection at Valparaiso University. The segment offered viewers an intimate look at the history of the magnificent instrument and featured an interview and performance by organist Sunghee Kim.

Friends & Neighbors is a half hour series celebrating the idea that behind all of the many good things in the Region are a diverse group of good people making it happen. Eye on the Arts is a half hour program that showcases a diverse range of local artists, artistic organizations, events and stories, demonstrating the power of arts in people’s lives.

Lakeshore Public Media was also recognized in the Non-Broadcast - Public Awareness category for the short video ‘There’s No Place Like Home’, a video produced in partnership with the Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation of Chicago.

The Telly Awards was founded in 1979 to honor excellence in local, regional, and cable television commercials with non-broadcast video and television programming added soon after. The

Telly Awards are judged by members of the Telly Awards Judging Council, a group of over 200 working industry professionals who have previously won the Telly Awards highest accolade and as such, have demonstrable expertise in the categories they review.

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, as is also seen on Comcast on 17 or 21 (HD Channel 239), on MediaCom on 711 or 716HD, AT&T U-verse HD Channel 1056, Dish Network HD Channel 6320 and DirecTV on 56 and online at lakeshorepbs.org. It also broadcasts NHK World Japan on its secondary channel 56.2. Lakeshore Public Radio can be heard on 89.1 FM and streaming online at www.lakeshorepublicradio.org.

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2. I have hair
almost everywhere!
A full moon
makes me howl in the air!

3. I wear a
pointy black hat;
I fly with
my broom and my cat!

4. Yo Ho! I have a dagger
and a hook;
I've hidden a treasure
map in a book!

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when I smell a rat;
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- cat got your tongue
- as the crow flies
- to turn into a pumpkin
- to start a witch-hunt
- blind as a bat
- white as a ghost
- scaredy-cat
- a ghost of a chance
- like a kid in a candy store
- very nervous and fearful
- to stay out too late
- dark or shameful secrets you keep hidden
- the straightest possible path
- happy and excited
- very pale; frightened
- to have nothing to say
- only a very small chance of success
- to search for people to find guilty
- not able to see very well

Hey! So, what's the problem with turning into a pumpkin at midnight?

Porter County students invited to join America Recycles Art Day contest

Lake Michigan Coastal Program now accepting pre-proposals for 2022 funding cycle

Recycled art is in the spotlight as the Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County will kickstart America Recycles Day celebrations with invitation to an upcycle art contest for Porter County students.

The contest is open to all K-12 grade level students in Porter County. This year's theme prompts 'What Can You Create with Recycled Materials?'

Porter County students are asked to create projects using recyclable materials such as plastic bottles, newspapers, aluminum cans, and more.

First, second, and third place winners will be selected by the Recycling & Waste Reduction District. Top place

winning students will nominate a teacher that's inspired their project. Selected teachers will receive \$100 eBay gift card for classroom purchases.

Winning artwork will be showcased on selected billboards across Porter County and also featured within the Times of Northwest Indiana print and digital publications.

America Recycles Day held annually on November 15, is the only recognized date in the U.S dedicated to celebrating the importance of recycling.

Porter County students are encouraged to recycle more and recycle right.

"Recycling everyday objects, such as newspaper, bottles, and magazines saves

energy and helps our environment in Porter County. We encourage all students to be mindful of the items they consume, and understand ways on how to properly recycle products," said Keri Marrs Barron, executive director of Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County.

For more information on official contest entry and submission guidelines contact the Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County at 219-510-1124 or visit www.PorterCountyRecycling.org.

The Indiana DNR's Lake Michigan Coastal Program grants program has begun accepting pre-proposals for its 2022 funding cycle. The submission deadline is December 10, 2021.

The LMCP supports projects that improve the connection between the public and communities and the natural, cultural, and/or historical resources of Indiana's Lake Michigan watershed, as well as projects that assist communities and organizations in the coordination and planning for the management or

restoration of these resources in the coastal area.

Proposed projects must fall under one of the following categories: Education & Outreach, Planning/Coordination/Management, Low-Cost Construction, Land Acquisition, or Applied Research.

The LMCP awards approximately \$600,000 annually from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, Office for Coastal Management for pass-through projects. All funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis.

A match of 50% of the total cost of the project (1:1 match rate) is required. In

order to be eligible, projects must begin on or after August 1, 2022 and be completed by December 31, 2023.

For more information, access the Guidance and Preproposal Form and visit www.on.IN.gov/lakemichigancoastalprogram and select 'Grants'.

Applicants should email the preproposal form and additional documents to jeorsburn@dnr.IN.gov by the December 10 deadline. Those needing more information or who have questions should contact program manager Jenny Orsburn at 219-983-9912.



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Olthoff, Slager urge Hoosiers to connect to free training, careers in fast-growing fields

State Reps. Julie Olthoff (R-Crown Point) and Hal Slager (R-Schererville) urge Hoosiers in Lake County to join the thousands who are already taking advantage of Indiana's Next Level Jobs certificate program to skill up at no cost and obtain a higher-paying job.

With many high-wage positions requiring specially trained workers, Olthoff said Hoosiers can skill up for free with a Next Level Jobs Workforce Ready Grant, which covers tuition costs for those earning a high-value certificate from Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University. Since launching in 2017, more than 50,000 Hoosiers have enrolled to complete a high-demand certificate program

through Indiana's Next Level Jobs Workforce Ready Grant.

"Skill up can help you realize your true potential and reward you with exciting career opportunities," Olthoff said. "There are thousands of open positions that require skilled workers, and this program is a great launching pad."

According to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, those who earn a Workforce Ready Grant certificate see an annual median wage increase of \$6,800.

Slager said the program is designed so that participants can continue to work while earning a certificate in 1 of 5 in-demand job fields, including health and life sciences, IT and business services, building and construction, transportation and logistics, and

advanced manufacturing.

To learn more about Workforce Ready Grants, visit www.NextLevelJobs.org.

Slager said to connect to a career in a fast-growing field today, Hoosiers can also visit www.IndianaCareerReady.com/INDemandJobs. This website helps job seekers easily explore industries experiencing significant growth, both in the number of hires and in rising wages. High-demand jobs in Indiana include nurses, accountants, computer systems analysts, construction managers, electricians, plumbers, and software developers. The web portal offers a sortable list displaying the educational requirements, average salary, job postings, and training opportunities for each occupation.

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80 years later, the Symphony is happy to return to performing for its community.

"I want to thank everyone for welcoming this Canadian musician into your lives," Maestro Muspratt reflected on his 20th Anniversary. "I hope I have contributed something of beauty and joy into yours."

The 2021-22 season kicks off with three performances of the beloved Holiday Pops, December 7, 9, and 10.

Pianist Wail Farouk returns to perform masterpieces by Rachmaninoff and Gershwin at two performances March 3 and 4. Movie soundtracks and classical music used in the movies mix at two performances May 5 and 6. The season concludes with guest artists Aj Swearingen and Jayne Kelli performing 'Iconic Hits of the 70s', with two performances June 16 and 17.

Additionally, the Symphony will hold a Gala dinner

before the March 4 concert. More information will be available after the new year.

Supporters of the Symphony can also join the 80+20 Anniversary Club. With a donation of \$100 or more per person, patrons will be listed all season long on the 80+20 Club Honor Roll and will be invited to a special pre-concert party before the December 7 Holiday Pops

concert to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of that first performance.

Tickets for the concert range from \$35 to \$75 each, concert season subscriptions are available, and group sales are available at a discount beginning with 10 people. Call the Symphony office at 219-836-0525 or visit www.NISOchestra.org to order tickets.

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- Donna Catalano at South

Shore Neighborhood Development Corporation: 219-736-1880

- Tersina Jones at Urban League of Northwest Indiana: 219-239-2892

Claiming the CTC will not affect an individual's immigration status or other benefits. The IRS does not share citizenship information with immigration or any other federal agency and receiving stimulus checks or tax credits is never considered under the public charge rule.

Legacy Foundation received a grant of \$50,000

from the EITC Funders Network to help families access the Child Tax Credit in Lake County. Legacy Foundation is providing a \$50,000 match to convene and support community partners that can help connect families to the credits.

Virtual, free tax filing assistance is available to anyone earning \$66,000 or less at www.getyourrefund.org.

Learn more about the Legacy Foundation of Lake County at www.legacyfdn.org.

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Chief of the Soviet general staff, Georgi K. Zhukov, assumed command of Red Army operations to stop the German advance into the heart of Russia.

By the time of the German invasion of Russia, Zhukov had been promoted from chief of staff of the Soviet army during the "winter war" against Finland, to commander in chief of the western front. It was in this capacity that he now prepared to beat back the German invaders, first from Moscow, and then from central Russia.

Stalin's wise choice in handing so much power and responsibility to this one man was regretted only after the war, when Zhukov's popularity threatened his own. Stalin "rewarded" the general with obscure positions that wasted his talent and kept him out of the spotlight.

Zhukov was finally made minister of defense after Stalin's death in 1953 in Premier Nikita Krushchev's new government. But as the military attempted to remove itself from the grip of internal Communist Party politics, Zhukov, who supported autonomy for the army, began to butt heads with the premier, who wanted to keep the Red Army under the Central Committee's collective thumb.

Zhukov would eventually win the Order of Lenin medal (1966) and publish his autobiography in 1969.

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