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GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP NEWS



CENTIER BANK NAMED “BEST BANK” FOR SECOND YEAR

Forbes has recognized Centier Bank as the #1 bank in Indiana for the second consecutive year.

Centier is Indiana’s largest privately owned bank by the Schrage Family since 1895, with over 900 employees and 64 branches. This year Centier is celebrating 125 years in business highlighting its’ “Not-For-Sale” promise pledging to all families, businesses and communities that they will continue to preserve independent and hometown banking in Indiana.

The success of Centier Bank and the Schrage Family legacy is through good business and philanthropy.



LOCAL HOOSIER HONORED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Indiana Civil Rights Commission and Indiana Black Expo (IBE) hosted a virtual Governor’s Celebration of Community Service Awards on 8/26.

Six African-American Hoosiers were honored for their exceptional efforts across diverse fields including educa-

tion, community and civil rights. The 2020 recipient of the Rev. Charles Williams Award went to Mrs. Nina Johnson, Community Outreach Coordinator for Edgewater Health. Nina was recognized for her achievements that have stood the test of time and left a lasting legacy and positive impact on the Northwest Indiana community.

INDIANA TECH

Indiana Tech College of Professional Studies an approved education provider for Indiana’s Workforce Ready Grant is offering an undergraduate certificate at no cost. Qualifying students can have the cost of an undergraduate certificate covered by the grant. Indiana Tech is offering:

- Career-focused degree programs and certificates designed to fit busy schedules.
- Classes offered online, on-site or a combination of both.

For more information, contact Norma Galvan, NRGalvan@IndianaTech.edu or 219.836.1910 ext. 4805 or visit the campus at 9245 Calumet Avenue, Suite 201, Munster, Indiana.

GRAND OPENING!
Join us for the grand opening of our new primary care location.
Wednesday, August 12, 2020
10A-12:30P
1100 W. 6th Ave., 2nd Floor

edgewater health

Edgewater Health recently celebrated the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of a new Primary Health Care location at 1100 W. 6th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.

Edgewater Health is a full service health care provider that provides Mental Health and Addiction services and now Primary Health Care Services.

To learn more about all the services Edgewater Health provide, call 219-885-4264 .

COMMUNITY HEALTHNET HEALTH CENTER
15th ANNIVERSARY
5K WALK
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS 5K WALK
FIGHT BREAST CANCER

MARQUETTE PARK BEACH
1 N. GRAND BLVD.
GARY, IN 46403

REGISTRATION @ 9AM
WALK STARTS @ 10AM
INDIVIDUAL WALKER - \$20
TEAM OF 10 - \$150

EVENT DATE
SATURDAY
SEPT. 26th

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: CHN-INDIANA.ORG/BCA5KW - INFO: 219.484.2444

REMINDER: 2020 CENSUS—EVERYONE COUNTS

What's time is it Chuck?



Chuck Hughes
President/CEO

There are two important things essential to business. The Census and Voting. I implore you to do both.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Terry Velligan • Cline Avenue Bridge, LLC
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Terry Velligan

A Region native, Terry Velligan serves as the General Manager of Operations for Cline Avenue Bridge, LLC. He joined the parent company, United Bridge Partners in 2018 and has over 25 years of experience in Construction and Management. His Lake County roots run deep – his parents lived in Gary and he has fond memories of his childhood in East Chicago.

Since Cline Avenue Bridge construction began in June of 2017, the foundations and support columns have been constructed, existing steel bridge preservation work is complete, all the segments have been fabricated, and superstructure erection has sur-



Cline Avenue Bridge

passed the halfway point. The Cline Avenue Bridge is currently intact from the west end up to the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal. While segment erection progresses from the west end of the mile-long new construction to the east, finishing touches are being added to the driving deck, including the addition of lighting structures, fabrication of barrier walls, and installation of the tolling system.

The new bridge is scheduled to be complete in the fourth quarter of 2020. It will serve as the **Gateway of Lake County** and help reduce congestion and emissions, spur economic growth, and provide local first responders with a more efficient route while making Lake County more accessible to all.

Terry has a BS from Kansas Newman College in Wichita, Kansas and a MA from John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, California. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, playing baseball, riding motorcycles and volunteering in community youth programs. For construction updates on the Cline Avenue Bridge, contact Terry at: tvelligan@unitedbridgepartners.com.

- Terry is a vital member of the Chamber's Economic/Business Development Committee •



Member Activities for August 2020

► **MGT Consulting** was awarded by the Indiana State Board of Education, a new 2yr, \$7.4 Million contract for Gary Community School Corporation's management, headed by Emergency Manager Dr. Paige McNulty. Also, Kimberly Bradley, a Gary public school product was recently appointed Chief Academic Officer and Nicole Wolverton, from Cender & Company named Chief Financial Officer.

► **September 9, 2020**—The Leadership Institute at Purdue University Northwest invites the entire community to help support The Leadership Institute's "Day of Giving". Your contribution will help create new scholarships and build existing scholarships. For additional information call: 219-989-3252, advance@pnw.edu, or mail donations to: Purdue University Northwest, 2200 169th Street, Hammond, IN 46323 (see flyer).

► **September 9, 2020**—The Urban League of NWI's 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Award Winners Award Presentations, will be streamed live from Purdue University Northwest. Watch it on the Urban League of NWI's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/UrbanLeaguenwi or Purdue University Northwest's Youtube page at [Youtube.com/PurdueNorthwest](https://www.youtube.com/PurdueNorthwest) (see flyer).

► **September 16, 2020**—A Special Events Open House at the Gary SouthShore RailCats Steel Yard, 4-7:00 p.m., One Stadium Plaza, Gary. Invitation includes a Venue Tour, Sampling Menu, Gift Bag and Ruffled Prizes. RSVP to ylopez@railcatsbaseball.com (see flyer).

The Lake County Health Department is ordering every person inside a business, or any other indoor public space, to wear a mask over their mouth at all times.

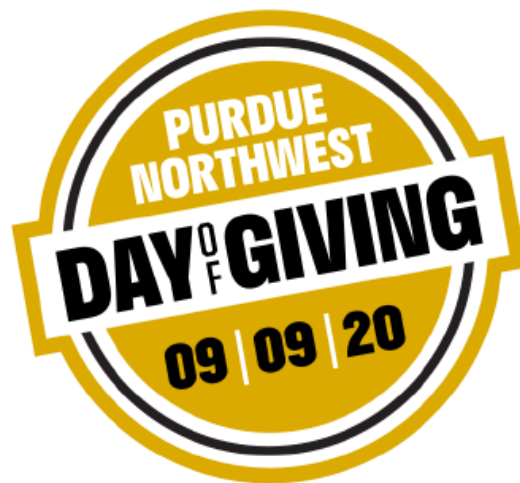




Leadership Institute

at **PURDUE NORTHWEST**™

Save the Date for
Purdue Northwest's
Day of Giving.



Help support The Leadership Institute programs for
Day of Giving on September 9th, 2020!



2020 DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD WINNERS

COMMUNITY AWARD

**Reins of Life, Therapeutic Horseback Riding
Girls On The Run of NW Indiana**

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Horizon Bank

ASW Foundation

WORKPLACE AWARD

Ameristar Casino

YOUTH AWARD

Boys & Girls Club of NWI

**Muslim Student Association-Valparaiso High School
Unified Sports Youth Awards-Valparaiso High School**

MINORITY BUSINESS LEADER AWARD

Chicagoland Popcorn-Dwayne & Mogda Walker

WINNERS ONLY AWARD PRESENTATIONS

To Be LIVE STREAMED on Facebook

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 11:30 AM

Purdue University NW

Commercialization & Manufacturing Excellence Center

7150 Indianapolis Blvd.

Hammond, Indiana



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Invited!*

SPECIAL EVENTS
OPEN HOUSE AT
THE STEEL YARD

SEPTEMBER 16TH
4-7 P.M.

VENUE TOUR, SAMPLING MENU,
GIFT BAG, RAFFLE PRIZES

RSVP: YLOPEZ@RAILCATSBASEBALL.COM

