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Local physician explains radiculopathy, and when to seek treatment

Radiculopathy is what's commonly referred to as a pinched nerve. This refers to one or more nerves being pinched, causing the nerve to not work properly. Most commonly the symptoms associated with radiculopathy are numbness, tingling, burning, pain, and most concerning, weakness. The symptoms occur in the arms and/or legs.

"Many people who start to have these symptoms, whether in their arms or legs, do not seek immediate treatment," said Dr. Zeshan Hyder, DO. "Many patients don't even attribute these symptoms to a spine condition but believe they could be coming from



Dr. Zeshan Hyder, DO (center) discusses radiculopathy and its treatment options.

other areas in the arms and/or legs. The problem with not seeking treatment for these issues is that irreversible damage can be done if left un-

(See Local Pg. 2)

The Doubletree Social Committee recently delivered collected school supplies to both Jerry Ross School and Winfield Elementary School.

The school supplies were collected courtesy of Doubletree Lake Estates East residents, from the Winfield Community Foundation and Winfield Walgreens. Thanks to all who donated with a special thanks to Tom Magurany, Winfield Walgreens manager, who also serves on the foundation.

Pictured in first photo are, from left: committee member Janet Curley, Jerry Ross Principal Jennifer Linsley, and committee chair Deborah Laverty. Pictured in the other photo, from left, seated are:



Madison Kirk, second grade and Sophia Nail, kindergarten. Standing in middle row, from left, are: Keith Keller



and Kellan Packard, both second grade. Top row, from left, are: Committee member Janet Curley; Winfield

Elementary principal Jillian Alonzo, and committee chair Deborah Laverty.

More can be done to prevent children from having in-flight medical emergencies

Resources are limited on an airplane during an in-flight emergency and access to care is not always immediate. A new study published in the medical journal 'Annals of Emergency Medicine' reveals that 15.5% of in-flight emergencies involve children and that one in six cases require additional care.

"While traveling on a plane, it's important to make sure our most vulnerable and precious cargo — our children — are as safe as possible, especially if a medical emergency should occur," said Alexandre T. Rotta, MD,

chief, Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at Duke University Medical Center and lead study author. "We hope this study informs opportunities to improve in-flight safety equipment and highlights the importance of coordination between in-air and ground-level emergency response. It is also important for parents to be mindful of steps they can take to avoid emergencies while traveling."

The most common medical incidents involved nausea and vomiting (33.9%), fever or chills (22.2%), or acute

allergic reaction (5.5%). Other common incidents were abdominal pain (4.7%), stomach flu (4.5%), syncope (3.5%) and seizure (2.6%). There were 11 in-flight deaths.

Lap infants comprised 14% of the global sample of in-flight pediatric emergencies. The most common emergencies for these tiny travelers included fever (33%), vomiting (18.3%), blunt trauma (6.9%), respiratory distress (5.7%) or seizures (4.8%).

"Parents should take precautions to avoid in-flight

medical events when possible," said Dr. Rotta. "For example, remember to carry your child's medicine onto the plane rather than leaving it in checked baggage, since on-board emergency medical kits currently are not tailored to address issues most commonly experienced by pediatric travelers."

The study found that crew members provided the vast majority of pediatric in-flight emergency care (86.6%), with physician and nurse passenger volunteers providing 8.7% and 2.1% of the care, respectively. While

most incidents were resolved in-flight (82.9%), one in six (16.5%) required additional care upon landing and only 0.5% required airplane diversion.

"Certain types of pediatric in-flight medical events, like seizures or cases requiring the involvement of an onboard nurse or physician medical volunteer, are significantly more likely to result in aircraft diversion," added Dr. Rotta. "However, not every serious in-flight emergency leads to diversion. Although input from the onboard medical volun-

teer is considered, the decision to divert rests ultimately with the pilot in command and must weigh multiple factors, including the safety of all passengers and crew, fuel load, and the availability of suitable diversion points."

Study authors examined in-flight medical emergency records from January 2015 through October 2016 involving children under the age of 19. A total of 75,587 unique calls were analyzed and 11,719 (15.5%) involved children. The calls originated from flights involving 77 airlines on six continents.

Local students travel to Washington, D.C. as part of annual tradition at school

Students from St. Mary Catholic Community School recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to experience history firsthand.

The trip is an annual tradition at St. Mary's that students over the decades have enjoyed. The sixty 8th graders and chaperones toured the Capitol building, visited monuments and memorials, and learned how paper money is made at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The students had time to experience the Smithsonian Museums, International Spy Museum, and the Holocaust (See Students Pg. 2)



St. Mary's annual Washington D.C. included a trip to the Capitol Building where Congressman Pete Visclosky gave a motivational speech to the students.



Peyton Mori, Molly Scott, James Mullally, Abi Lucka, and Jessica Evenson pause for a photo at the Lincoln Memorial with the Washington Monument in the background.



St. Mary's Crown Point students Bella Gonzalez, Gabe Vivo, Luke Nieman, and Martina Eliscupides, were selected by their classmates to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They are flanked by their teachers, who organize the annual trip, Theresa McLoughlin and Brad Nieman.

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Outdoor Indiana's magazine includes calendar, DNR's 100 years in November-December issue

Outdoor Indiana magazine's November-December issue always includes a wall calendar for the coming year, but this year it also includes a bonus — an article and timeline reviewing 100 years of the DNR.

If you or someone you know loves reading about and looking at photos of the Indiana outdoors, an attractive and money-saving holiday gift solution is ordering a subscription to Outdoor

Indiana magazine before December 10.

The calendar, which is sold separately for \$10 by mail or online but included in subscriptions, features exclusive photos from all over the state. Highlights for 2020 include shots from Pokagon State Park, Anderson Falls Nature Preserve, Clinton Falls near Greencastle, Bonneyville Mill near Bristol, Prophetstown State Park, Parke County,

Tippecanoe County, and many others.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 38% savings off cover) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42% savings off cover).

Subscribe at www.innsgifts.com or by calling 317-233-3046. To read article excerpts, go to www.OutdoorIndiana.org.

Northwest Indiana Middle East Veterans Memorial site dedication service will be held this Sunday

The Friends of the Veterans Memorial Parkway, Inc. along with the Town of Hebron, will be hosting a Site Dedication Service for the future Northwest Indiana Middle East Veterans Memorial.

The service will take place this Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m. CST at the intersection of Park Place and Wilson Street in Hebron.

The FVMP encourages all those who served in the

Middle East from Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, and Pulaski Counties to participate and aid in the development of this memorial project.

To date, 26 soldiers from these seven counties have been killed in service to our country in the Middle East wars.

In June, the Hebron Town Council leased the FVMP approximately 1.5 acres of land

for 99 years along US 231 east of town for a memorial to those who served and died during conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and other tours of duty in the Middle East.

In addition, there will also be a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the first phase of the Veterans Memorial Trail, which was funded last May as part of the state's Next Level Trails program.

Congressman Pete Visclosky will not seek re-election in 2020 after serving for 35 years

Congressman Pete Visclosky announced the day after the recent election that he will not seek re-election next year. Remarks from his statement included:

"For my entire career I have worked to build support for our domestic steel industry and organized labor, secure investments in transformational projects and improve our quality of place to benefit the only place I have ever called home."

"For the last 35 years our office has vigorously advocated on behalf of thousands of constituents for assistance on any number of local, state and federal issues. While we could never guarantee positive results, we could guarantee our

hard work and best efforts."

"While some successes have been achieved, we still suffer from declining population — including the loss of over 15,000 school children since 2010. And far too many people lack fulfilling employment, economic opportunity and the hope for a better future. Much work remains to be done."

"Too often we have blamed our problems on others whether in Washington or Indianapolis. Too often a sense of urgency has been blunted by the question, 'What's the hurry?' And continued systemic racism has rendered a sense of community almost impossible to achieve."

"For those who wish to

serve our next generation of citizens I would encourage each to apprise us of your vision for our area and the priorities you will dedicate your attention to at the national level. Be for something and not against someone. Strive to overcome the intolerance that grips our nation and recognize that only through mutual respect, rational discourse, cooperation and fair play can we build a good and strong community and country."

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the experience really helped her understand this tragic event in our world's history. The students and chaperones were moved by the sight of the graves and the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery.

St. Mary Catholic Community School in Crown Point opened in 1872. The school offers grade levels Junior Pre-Kindergarten (for three-year-olds) through eight. To learn more about St. Mary's School, visit www.stmarycp.org/school.

(Students from Pg. 1)

Museum.

Student Kennedy Heath enjoyed the Thomas Jefferson Memorial because he is someone she admires. Peyton Mori found her great-grandpa's name on the wall at the World War I Memorial. Scott Ballentine liked International Spy Museum where he and his classmates crawled through vents and conducted an interactive secret mission. Yohanna Calzonzi was touched by the various exhibits at the Holocaust Museum. She said

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treated."

"When a patient has radiculopathy/nerve compression and it is not treated in a timely manner, weakness can ensue," continued Dr. Hyder. "This is when we, as providers, become more concerned. The nerve innervates and controls the muscle. If the nerve is being compressed and weakness ensues the weak-

ness can become permanent and progressively worse."

If you start to have radicular symptoms, don't waste time, seek treatment immediately.

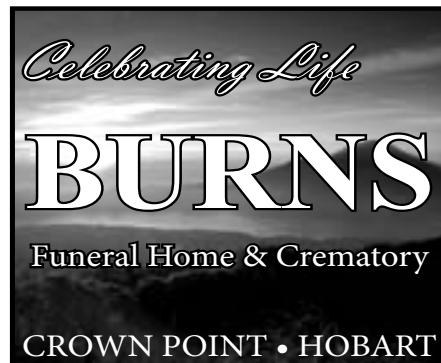
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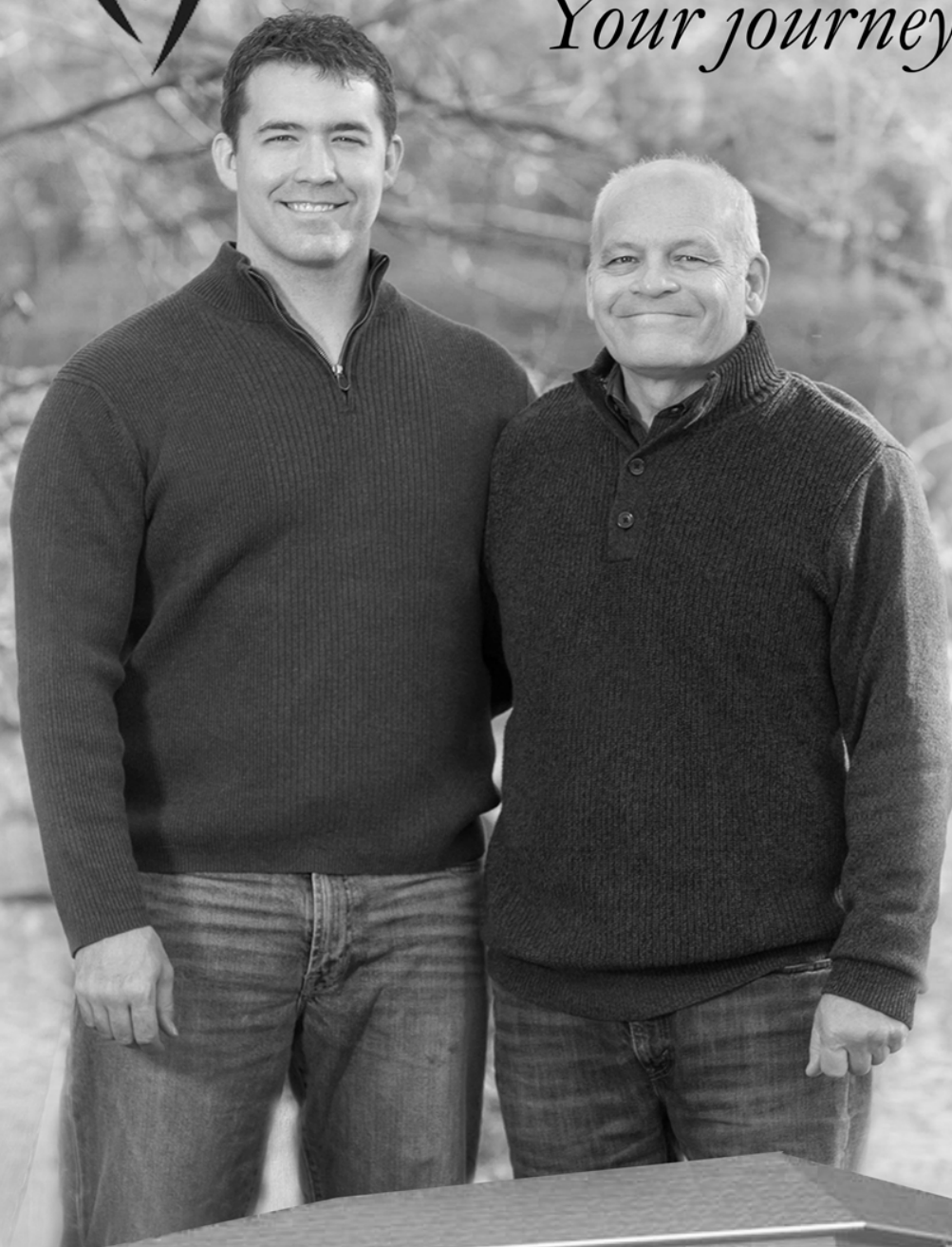
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Certain Indiana state park properties to temporarily close for deer hunts

Select Indiana State Park properties will close temporarily for controlled deer management hunts.

Each hunt runs two days. The first hunt is on Monday, November 18, and Tuesday, November 19. The second is on Monday, December 2, and Tuesday, December 3. The participating state park properties will close to the general public on the evening before each of the two hunts.

Participating state park

properties are Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Indiana Dunes, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, and Whitewater Memorial state parks, as well as Cave River Valley Natural Area and Trine State Recreation Area.

These state park properties will re-open the morning after each two-day hunt. All

Indiana state park properties not mentioned will be operating under normal hours.

Indiana DNR biologists evaluate which state park properties require a deer management hunt each year based on habitat recovery and previous harvest rates at

each park. The state parks are home to numerous natural communities that serve as significant habitat. The deer management hunts help control browsing by deer to a level that helps ensure healthy habitat for native plants and animals.

Only individuals selected from the draw may participate at any site. A full report on the 2018 deer management hunts is at www.stateparks.IN.gov/files/sp-DeerRMRR.pdf. The 2019 report will be available in March, 2020.

Information regarding

2020 state park deer management hunts, including online applications, will be available next summer at www.on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The application deadline is usually in mid-August of the year in which the hunts are to take place.

Pigasus Pictures announces 2019-20 film screenwriting contest for high schoolers

Pigasus Pictures, Indiana-based film company behind feature films 'The Good Catholic', 'Ms. White Light', and 'The Miseducation of Bindu', has an announcement for Indiana high school students.

For the fourth year running, Pigasus is hosting their annual high school short screenplay competition 'Project Pigasus'. This is no ordinary contest however, as the winning screenplay is fully produced by the professional production company alongside students in their hometown. For this competition, Hoosier high schoolers should submit a 12-page screenplay, a one-page description of their film idea, and a short intro video

to www.projectpigasus.org.

The submission deadline is January 5, 2020.

"This is an unparalleled opportunity for young people," said John Armstrong, COO of Pigasus. "Growing up in Indiana it often feels like the film industry is so far away. With Project Pigasus we bring the film industry right to their doorstep."

Past winners include Kira Daniels from Madison, Whitney Roberts and Cynthia Foulke from Fishers, and most recently, Marjorie Abrell from Spencer.

Production of the film will take place over three days near the end of the 2019-20 school year. The finished film will be screened in

(See *Pigasus* Pg. 8)

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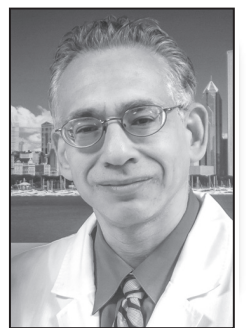


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Obituary ~ Harold Reid

Harold Reid, age 91, of Crown Point, IN passed away on November 5, 2019, at Crown Point Christian Village surrounded by many loving family members. He was a proud Navy veteran who served during the Korean Conflict. Upon discharge from the service, Harold met and married the love of his life- Patricia Ann Brown, and together they raised their family of five children as lifelong residents of Crown Point. Harold was a lifelong salesman and sales supervisor for several food brokerage and beverage firms serving the local retail food community. Harold’s sales skills and “Gift of Gab” made him a well-respected top performer in his industry. Throughout his life, Harold most enjoyed family gatherings, cook-outs, and special occasions.

Indiana Department of Veterans’ Affairs will award grants to organizations serving homeless veterans

The Indiana Department of Veterans’ Affairs will award up to \$900,000 in grant money to organizations throughout the state that assist homeless veterans. The solicitation for the Grants for Veterans’ Services program is now available on the IDVA website at www.in.gov/dva and includes details and guidelines about the grant program and eligibility criteria. The GVS program originated through an act of legislation designed to provide funding for organizations that serve veterans. Through the GVS, the IDVA plans to award nearly a dozen grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The IDVA will also assist recipients by creating marketing materials to explain the services they provide to veterans. “We are thrilled about the prospect of working with great organizations across the state that every day seek to end veteran homelessness,” said Dennis Wimer, IDVA director. “The GVS program will allow us to recognize work being done by these organizations in every corner of Indiana.” Eligible applicants must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and work with veterans in any of the following areas:

- Work to eliminate homelessness
 - Prevent near-term homelessness
 - Provide safe and secure living conditions for homeless veterans
 - Provide assistance for veterans moving from public housing programs toward home ownership or long-term rental status
 - Provide assistance in finding available state and federal resources
 - Provide on-the-job training and job search assistance
 - Provide therapeutic services
- All applications, procedures and documentation

and Amanda Reid, Megan Cole (Derek), Jenni Collins (Ryan), Hannah and Derek Reid, Nicole Pushka; great grandchildren-Kyle and Reid Kaegi, Caroline and Andrew Reid, and Christian Cole. Memorial visitation was held on Friday, November 8, 2019 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, from 2 p.m. Rev. John Starr officiated. www.burnsfuneral.com.

should follow Indiana Code, Indiana Administrative Code, and Indiana Department of Veterans’ Affairs policies. Applications are due on December 20 by 4 p.m. GVS money will be awarded by early 2020. GVS may only be used to provide services to veterans who reside in the state of Indiana, served in any branch of the U.S. armed forces and hold an honorable discharge in the form of a DD-214 or National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 22. More information and a link to the application can be found on IDVA’s homepage or by visiting www.in.gov/dva.

High school students can apply for Young Leaders Academy at Purdue Northwest University

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Young Leaders Academy program for high school students, conducted by the Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest. The former SLYCE program has been redesigned with a more robust curriculum that includes action-based learning and brings PNW faculty and staff into the classroom with youth participants. Sheila Matias, executive director of the Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest, said schools and parents are encouraged to invest in youth leadership because it offers a three-for-one investment. “Training young leaders develops productive, empowered students who better understand their community, supports youths’ healthy development, and provides training for the next generation of community leaders,” Matias said. Important background about the Young Leaders Academy at PNW includes:

- The Young Leaders Academy is a 6-month program, running January through June.

- Students will participate once a month during the school day; the applicant must therefore be a student in good standing.
- Each student will be awarded a certificate from the Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest upon completion of the program.
- The Leadership Institute at Purdue Northwest will work with each participant’s school to ensure that absences are excused.
- Program cost is \$1,000 for the six-month program of full-day sessions. Breakfast,

lunch and snacks are included during each session. Limited scholarship funds may be available. • Apply online at www.pnw.edu/yla Scholarship support for students helps ensure program access for all high school students across Northwest Indiana. Anyone interested in helping to fund a full or partial scholarship to the Young Leaders Academy for an area high school student is encouraged to contact LeadershipInstitute@pnw.edu or call 219-989-2802.

Applications open for two teaching stipends; up to \$4,000 for student-teachers available

Two scholarship opportunities for teachers are now open, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities and the Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields applications are open through January 31. “Indiana is committed to attracting more quality teachers, especially teachers of color and those teaching high-

need subject matter to better serve Hoosier students,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “Because student teaching is critical to equipping future teachers with the tools needed for success, we hope that these stipends can help alleviate some of the costs of college.” “My advice to current students is that they need to explore their options and make sure they have a plan to be

able to afford college. There are many financial aid opportunities out there but you have to put in the work to find them,” said Porter. The Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities is open to minority students (defined as Black and Hispanic individuals) who will participate in student teaching or a school administration internship as part of their degree requirements. The Student Teaching

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This day in history

November 15, 1943

On this day in 1943, Heinrich Himmler makes public an order that Gypsies and those of mixed Gypsy blood were to be put on “the same level as Jews and placed in concentration camps.” Himmler was determined to prosecute Nazism racial policies, which dictated the elimination from Germany and German-controlled territories all races deemed “inferior,” such as Jews and Gypsies, as well as “asocial” types, such as the mentally handicapped, homosexuals, and hardcore criminals. Gypsies fell into both categories according to the thinking of Nazi ideologues, and had been executed in droves both in Poland and the Soviet Union. The order of November 15 was merely a more comprehensive program, as it included the deportation to Auschwitz of Gypsies already in labor camps. That Himmler would promulgate such a program would come as no surprise to anyone familiar with his resume. As head of the Waffen-Schutzstaffel (‘Armed Black Shirts’), the SS, the military arm of the Nazi Party, and assistant chief of the Gestapo (the secret police), Himmler was able over time to consolidate control over all police forces of the Reich. This power grab would prove highly effective in carrying out Adolph Hitler’s ‘Final Solution’. It was Himmler who organized the creation of death camps throughout Eastern Europe and the creation of a pool of slave laborers.

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Celebrate the holidays with the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra’s ‘Holiday Pops’ concerts

The Northwest Indiana Symphony and conductor Kirk Muspratt present their annual ‘Holiday Pops’, with three performances – Wednesday, December 11; Thursday, December 12; and Friday, December 13; all at 7:30 p.m. at the Auditorium at Living Hope Church.

The concert will feature the Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus, directed by Nancy Menk, Plum Grove Strings, and the Crown Point High School Choir.

Their annual ‘Holiday Pops’ has become a favorite way to celebrate the festive season. With a mix of classic and contemporary holiday music and the chorus-led carol sing-along, attendees will be sure to hear all their fa-la-la favorites.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$75 and students are \$10.

Bring a donation of any non-perishable food item to the concert to benefit the Northwest Indiana Food Bank. Food items can also be dropped off at the Symphony offices in the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, at the Youth Orchestra Concert on November 24 at Hobart Middle School. And at the Women’s Association’s Festival of Trees Luncheon in the Center on December 4.

After a season of following the music to a number of local venues, the Symphony announced they have a new home at the Auditorium at

Living Hope Church located at 9000 Taft Street, on the Crown Point-Merrillville border.

“We received so many rave reviews of this venue last year, from its intimate setting to its superb acoustics, we are so excited for everyone to experience it,” Maestro Muspratt said. “One

Symphony. One Home.”

Tickets for the concert range from \$35 to \$75 each, concert season subscriptions are still available, and group sales are available at a discount. Call the Symphony office at 219-836-0525 or visit the website at www.NISOchestra.org to order tickets for ‘Holiday Pops’.

(Pigasus from Pg. 4)

Indiana theaters, submitted to film festivals across the country, and subsequently made available for online streaming. Submissions are currently open to any high school student in the state of Indiana.

“We really want everyone to know that if you’ve never written a screenplay before, that’s okay!” said Zachary Spicer, CEO of Pigasus.

“We want to tell real stories about the real experiences of young people growing up in Indiana, so keep it simple and just write what you know.”

“There are a lot of really skilled and talented people in Indiana,” says Armstrong. “A large part of our work is simply connecting them and creating new opportunities. And we especially want to show young people that cool things

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