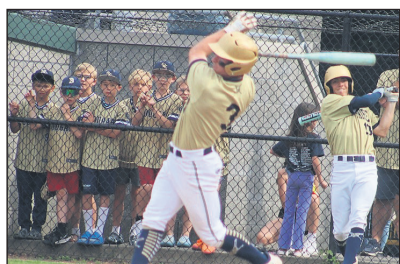


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County Player of the Year

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Hoosiers may see lower food prices ahead of Fourth of July

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LP to accept out-of-state students

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Staff Writer

La PORTE — The La Porte Community School Corp. (LPCSC) will be opening the door to allow out-of-state students.

The LPCSC Board of Trustees, on June 8, unanimously approved a



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resolution for out-of-state resident students to enroll in the school district.

Previously, the school district had to turn down a student, who was

interested in La Porte Online, due to them living in Illinois, and now with a second student, this one out of Michigan, interested in the La Porte school district for the upcoming school year, LPCSC Supt. Sandra Wood said the district wants to set a "formal procedure" into place now on how to

handle any future out-of-state requests.

And because the state does not provide funding for out-of-state students, part of the process the district will set in place would include the families of potential out-of-state students paying "tuition equivalent to the state funding the

district would have otherwise received for an Indiana student who is enrolling with us."

"So, the resolution also establishes expectations related to payment, enrollment and refunds while authorizing the administration to implement the necessary procedures and

agreements," Wood said.

The resolution, she continued, "ensures that we can continue to consider eligible out-of-state students for enrollment without creating an unfunded financial obligation for the district." And while, as of

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Krueger Middle School engaged in a Living History event during the 2025-26 school year which immersed students in a hands-on experience from the past.

Celebrating a year of learning

Krueger sees success in and out of classroom

By ANTHONY HUDSON
Staff Writer

MICHIGAN CITY — From academic achievements to musical performances, Krueger Middle School students had plenty to celebrate this year.

As part of the Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS) Supt. Wendell McCollum's ongoing effort to spotlight each school throughout the district, Krueger Middle School Principal Josh Malone presented a recap of the 2025-26 school year during the May 26 MCAS board of trustees meeting.

Malone also welcomed the Krueger Concert Tour Chorus, a vocal ensemble of seventh- and eighth-grade choir students, who performed "The Greatest Show" and "A Million Dreams" from "The Greatest Showman" soundtrack. The students performed for board members, and their choir teacher, Shirley Allen, rewarded them afterward with a treat in recognition of their



Throughout the school year, Krueger Middle School students participated in service projects, including visiting Silver Birch to make crafts with residents.

performance.

"And the big incentive is I'm taking them to McDonald's to have ice cream afterward," Allen said.

Malone started the night explaining that Krueger initiatives and missions are centered on four habits of charac-

ter: empathy, accountability, flexibility and integrity.

He explained that to reinforce those values, the school hosts a Habits of Character Celebration every nine weeks. Malone clarified that the student assembly nominates peers who exemplify one of

the four character traits. The student making the nomination then stands before an audience of more than 300 students and reads aloud why they selected that classmate for the recognition.

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Juvenile arrested for possession of firearm and a conversion kit

STAFF REPORTS

La PORTE — A La Porte juvenile is facing multiple adult charges for his alleged possession of a Glock and a machine gun conversion kit.

Izaya Hancock, of La Porte, has been preliminarily charged with possession of a machine gun, a Level 5 felony; and possession of a firearm by a child, also a Level 5 felony.

According to the probable cause affidavit, at 5 a.m. June 11, detectives from the La Porte County Drug Task Force, assisted by the La Porte County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team, executed a residential search warrant in the 1200 south block of Walnut Street in La Porte regarding an ongoing firearms investigation.

Investigators said ERT members knocked on the front door and announced their presence. Since nobody responded, ERT members breached the entranceway. They soon encountered a male, who turned out to be a relative of the suspect, and escorted him outside of the residence where he was handcuffed. He told law enforcement the suspect was still inside.

Following a search of the home, investigators located the suspect downstairs, hiding in a room adjacent to his bedroom, investiga-

tors said. He previously faced charges of dangerous possession of a firearm, an A misdemeanor. He was escorted outside and placed in handcuffs as well, then taken to a holding cell at the La Porte Police Department.

The male relative, after being removed from his handcuffs, told investigators he owned multiple firearms, including an AR-15, Glock 48, AK-47, Ruger .22 and a few Glocks, but was uncertain of the exact number. He also had trouble describing the firearms. "I found this comment odd, due to the fact that the majority of people know make, model and caliber of their firearms, as well as the number of firearms they have," said Det. Jacob Piszowicz in his report.

On top of that, the relative claimed to have a few hundred dollars inside a safe.

Following a search of the property, investigators located numerous marijuana/THC products, including vapes and suspected raw marijuana; a box of Armscor 9mm ammunition and one .223 cartridge; boxes of 17 HMR, .22 long rifle, 9mm and 7.62 ammunition; three Glock firearm boxes; six machine gun conversion devices and accessories; a loaded 24 round 9mm Glock magazine, two "drum" magazines,

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Michigan City's annual Patriotic Parade is Saturday

STAFF REPORTS

MICHIGAN CITY — Michigan City will celebrate America's 250th Birthday when the city's annual Patriotic Parade steps off on Saturday morning ahead of the Independence Day holiday.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. along Franklin Street, traveling south from 10th Street to Ames Field.

This year's theme is "America's 250th Birthday" and the parade will feature a slate of floats, bands, organizations, characters and more.

Food trucks will start serving at Ames Field at 10 a.m. in preparation for the Braden Fiske Family Fun Day at Ames Field immediately following the parade from 12:30 to

4 p.m. The event features bounce houses, food trucks, free haircuts, raffles, entertainment and hands-on activities led by Michigan City Area Schools athletics teams.

Michigan City native and NFL superstar Braden Fiske of the Los Angeles Rams, who graduated from Michigan City High School in 2018, will be on site for autographs and to connect with the community.

Fiske will also serve as the parade's grand marshal.

As of Wednesday, there were 118 entries in the annual event. The parade lineup includes:

■ Michigan City Police Department Motor Patrol

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Natural Resources Commission members resign

By JACK FORREST
Indiana Capital Chronicle

INDIANAPOLIS — Two members of the Indiana Natural Resources Commission — including its long-serving chair — have resigned, blaming Gov. Mike Braun's administration for "stifling" citizen input and curtailing



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the board's role working with the Department of Natural Resources.

"After decades of service, it is disheartening to see the Commission's role dimin-

ished and the voices of those who have supported and worked with it for generations increasingly disregard-

ed," wrote chair Bryan Poynter in a resignation letter to Braun on Tuesday.

At the commission's last meeting in March, Poynter sounded off against a new practice by DNR Director Alan Morrison that the chair said excluded the citizen

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