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Renovations proposed for Kiwanis Field

By ELIZABETH BUNTON
Staff Writer

La PORTE — The comprehensive feasibility study on Kiwanis Field has been completed.

In the fall of 2024, the La Porte Community School Corp. (LPCSC) was approached by the local organization Preserve Historic La Porte on the possibility of the two joining forces to investigate what issues were occurring at the field to help repair it back to its former glory.

And after multiple discussions throughout 2025, the comprehensive feasibility study – which was completed by Schmidt and Associates and

paid for by both the school district and Preserve Historic La Porte – was approved by the Board of Trustees on Dec. 8 that year.

Additionally, after placing third on Indiana Landmarks’ list of the “10 Most Endangered” sites within the state in 2025, a Kiwanis Field committee was formed, which included LPCSC Assistant Supt. Aaron Owney, LPCSC staff and coaches, community members, members from Preserve Historic La Porte, as well as three school board members: Ryan Seaburg, Jim Arnold and Tucker King.

With the committee, according to Seaburg, “pretty locked in on keeping [the stadium]

right where it’s at and preserving the experience that is a football game on a Friday night in the fall at Kiwanis Field,” Schmidt and Associates, said design architect Steve Schaecher first looked to verify that the stadium still scored the same on their facility assessment.

Scoring around 40 percent in 2020, which was the last time an assessment was completed, Schaecher said the stadium is scoring around the same and hasn’t “changed much” besides the added sump pump improving the water infiltration on the lower levels, as well as the added “turf on

Members of the La Porte High School Class of 2026 sit during commencement exercises on Jun 4 at Kiwanis Field. A comprehensive feasibility study on Kiwanis Field was recently completed.

More Info

Kiwanis Field among ‘Most Endangered’ places – A3

The Michigan City Police Department, Michigan City Fire Department and Michigan City Area Schools joined forces during the United Way of La Porte County’s 14th annual “Fun” Raising Car Wash on Aug. 27. The event, which kicked off the United Way’s annual campaign, raised more than \$2,600.

Driving lasting impact in the community

United Way of La Porte County launches campaign with car wash

STAFF REPORTS

MICHIGAN CITY — The United Way of La Porte County recently launched its annual fundraising campaign with a day of suds, sparkle and fun.

The annual fundraising campaign kicked off with the 14th annual “Fun” Raising Car Wash on Aug. 27 held across from Ames Field in Michigan City.

Together, the Michigan City Police Department, Michigan City Fire Depart-

Michigan City Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch accepts a donation during the United Way of La Porte County’s 14th annual “Fun” Raising Car Wash on Aug. 27 which kicked off the United Way’s annual campaign.

ment, and Michigan City Area Schools rolled up their sleeves, washed cars and raised more than \$2,600 to support the United Way.

United Way of La Porte County recently announced impact of more than \$300,000 invested in local nonprofit partner organizations during 2025, demonstrating how community generosity translates into meaningful results for individuals and families throughout La Porte County.

Through strategic investments focused on Financial Security, Youth Opportunity, Healthy Community and Basic Needs, United Way-funded programs reached tens of thousands of residents, helping neighbors overcome immediate challenges while building pathways toward long-term success.

“Every dollar invested through United Way

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Road work, travel impacts continue on I-94

STAFF REPORTS

PORTER / LA PORTE COUNTY — I-94 in La Porte and Porter counties will see travel impacts into September due to construction.

Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Milestone Contractors LP will have additional lane closures on I-94 eastbound between State Road 49 and

U.S. 421 starting on or after Tuesday, Sept. 8 and week-end ramp closures at I-94 and U.S. 421 on or after Friday, Sept. 11.

In the current work zone between mile marker 29-34, westbound traffic is in counterflow lanes on the eastbound side with two lanes of traffic in each direction.

Travel lanes taper off leading up to this area in both directions to prepare for the

traffic switch. This work zone is in place for ongoing resurfacing activities.

On or after Sept. 8, the eastbound work zone will be extended three miles west to State Road 49 for drainage work to install a pipe at mile marker 27.

The right lane and both shoulders will be closed through this part of the work zone. The weigh scales on I-94 eastbound will remain

accessible. This work will take about three weeks.

Ramp closures will occur for two weekends at the I-94 and U.S. 421 interchange for pavement restoration.

Ramps will close Friday around 9 p.m. and reopen by Monday at 5 a.m. U.S. 421 traffic will have access to one entrance ramp to both directions of I-94.

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MCPD investigating Flock misuse

STAFF REPORTS

MICHIGAN CITY — Michigan City Police Department (MCPD) is investigating unauthorized Flock system searches.

MCPD announced Friday evening that it identified a violation of department policy involving an officer’s use of the Flock public-safety camera system.

During a routine audit of Flock system activity, MCPD discovered searches conducted by an officer that raised concerns regarding their legitimacy.

The department immedi-

ately initiated an internal investigation and placed the officer on administrative leave.

The officer resigned from MCPD while the investigation was underway.

The department’s administrative review determined that the officer’s use of the system violated MCPD policy.

MCPD stated that once the investigation is complete, the matter will be forwarded to the La Porte County Prosecutor’s Office for review.

“Public trust requires transparency and accountability,

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Quilts of Valor is inviting the community to its Breakfast Awareness Gathering in support of local veterans on Friday at Schoop’s Hamburgers in Michigan City.

Breakfast to be held in support of veterans

STAFF REPORTS

MICHIGAN CITY — Quilts of Valor is inviting the community to its Breakfast Awareness Gathering being held this week in support of local veterans.

“Quilts of Valor Foundation” (QOVF) is the name of our non-profit charitable organization, established and organized in 2003 by ‘Blue Star’ mom Catherine Roberts,” said Flo Schneider of String-A-Long Stars & Stripes QOV of NW Indiana.

“With a son deployed in Iraq – a ‘Gunner sitting atop a Humvee – she felt ‘10 seconds away from panic’ 24 hours a day. One night she dreamt of a post deployment warrior struggling with his war demons. She saw him sitting on the side of his bed, wrapped in a quilt. The quilt comforted him and fended off the ‘demons’ that troubled him. From this vision,

the Quilts of Valor Foundation began,” she added.

The Quilts of Valor Breakfast Awareness Gathering will be held Friday from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Schoop’s Hamburgers, 4105 Franklin St., Michigan City.

The breakfast is sponsored by Moshe Shemian, who owned Marquette Mall East.

“My mission is to make sure the veterans and their spouses are recognized and appreciated and not forgotten,” said Shemian, who has supported previous veterans breakfasts.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover members and all veterans of the U.S. Armed Services who have been touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

The vision of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is awarding Quilts of Valor as tangible

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