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Career Center is Possible New Site for Historic Railroad Depot News from the region

Landmarks' grant supports effort to save Valparaiso depot
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A \$2,000 Endangered Places Grant from Indiana Landmarks will help the City of Valparaiso assess the condition of the historic Grand Trunk Depot and determine if the landmark can be moved to a new site to save it from demolition.

The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada built a line from Chicago to Valparaiso in 1880. The depot served continuously until Canadian National recently vacated the building and slated its demolition.

Indiana Landmarks is working with the city's preservation commission to identify new uses and locations for the building. The modest Prairie Style depot remains sound and in nearly original condition. The building could easily be adapted for use in a new location.

For more information on the depot and efforts to save it, call Taylor Wegrzyn, Valparaiso Assistant City Planner, 219-462-1161, or contact Tiffany Tolbert in Indiana Landmarks' Northwest Field Office, 219-947-2657,

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Grand Trunk Depot, Valparaiso



The possible new location for the Depot (see arrow at left) would be in the green space between the parking lot and railroad tracks of the Career Center.



Learning that works
for America

Culinary Students Assist Morning Kiwanis Club in their Fundraiser



Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Level I & II students at the Sunrise Kiwanis Choc-O Lots fundraiser last Friday Nov. 16. Mr. Buford is shown with his students above who produced hundreds of chocolate confectionaries that benefited the Kiwanis community cause.

Spencer Finney – Right Person in the Right Place at the Right Time



Ms. Flanigan, English and Cheer Coach at Kouts High School, wrote to Emergency Rescue Academy instructor, Mr. Lawley about one of his students, Spencer Finney. She said, that on Saturday a cheerleader fainted and that because of Spencer and his training, everything fortunately turned out fine.

When the student fainted, she fell between the cheerleaders line and the basketball court. Meanwhile, Spencer was sitting at the scorers' bench, keeping stats for the team. Once Coach Flanigan got to Kyra, she called for Spencer, who came running right away. He rolled her over after stabilizing her spine and then got the crash kit from our nurse's office. He took her blood pressure and monitored her pulse, working with two nurses who came from the crowd. He also worked with the police and the paramedics, helping even to load her into the ambulance.

Coach Flanigin continued that she has always depended upon Spencer to help with many tasks, but she never dreamed he would be her support in a medical emergency. He behaved admirably and took control of the situation as a trained professional.

Portage CTE Students Recognized for Excellence at Portage Economic Development Annual Meeting

PHS seniors, Fallon Pugh, Senior, Health Occupations student; Alex Schreier, Med Terms/Anatomy and Physiology and Senior, Health Occupations student; and Cody Piro, Senior, 2nd year Auto

Tech Student are pictured after being recognized by business and community leaders at the Annual Portage Economic Development meeting at Woodland Park. Helping recognize these students in the picture are Superintendent E. Ric Frataccia, and PHS Principal Caren Swickard.



"Let's be grateful for what we have. Let's be mindful of those who have less. Let's appreciate those who hold a special place in our lives, and make sure that they know it. And let's think about those who can't spend the holiday with their loved ones – especially the members of our military serving overseas."

- President Barack Obama

"Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all." - William Faulkner

First Grading Period Student Stars



Congratulations to the students selected as the Outstanding Students of the First Grading Period. We are proud of each of you.



"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude."
- Cynthia Ozick

Health Careers Students Visit Pines Village Retirement Center



Jake and Dennis at Pines Village

Fatima and Jill

Mrs. Marcus' students enjoyed singing Christmas carols with the Pines Village residents.



Nacho Mommas Student Store Grand Opening Attracts Enthusiastic Crowd



The store is the class project of the Sports and Entertainment Marketing class. Students can help with holiday baking needs. For example, a box of a dozen freshly baked Otis Spunkmeyer cookies sell for \$6. Current varieties are chocolate chip, an M&M type cookie, and white chocolate/macadamia nut. For a quick snack, items like nachos and cheese, ice cream, coffee/hot chocolate, fresh cookies, or an energy drink are available.

If there is anything you'd like to order ahead of time, please email Mrs. Commers, at jcommers@valpo.k12.in.us.



Solar Farm Almost Complete

The Career and Tech Center rooftop solar project is nearing completion. When finished, the solar array will generate nearly 7KwH of electricity from 32 photovoltaic panels installed by our Electronic students under the supervision of Mr. Kenning.



Pictured above are visitors being shown our new solar array on the roof of our building. This solar farm will generate approximately 7 Kwh. The installation was entirely conducted by students and students will be able to monitor solar panel performance as part of their classroom work.

Hebron High School students are shown at right learning life saving CPR in their Health Occupations class.



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." – **President John Fitzgerald Kennedy**

Calendar

- Holiday Break, December 24 – January 4
- Jan. 14-18, Spirit Week at the Career and Tech Center
- Jan. 25, Notre Dame Hockey Trip, PCCTC Student Tickets \$5
- Feb. 11-14, Valentine Gram Week, Fundraiser for Charity to be selected
- April 11, County Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30, Career Center

Our Newsletter

Porter County Career and Technical Education News is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our staff and students. Written contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Most articles should be written in 100 words or less. Please fax (531-3173), call (531-3170), or email (jgroth@valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.

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