The monthly luncheon sponsored by Indigo Web Services will take place at Heron Creek Golf Course on August 13th.

LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation will be the presenter. Ryan Chasey from the HPG Network will give an update on LaGrange County Housing. Ryan collaborates with local leaders to identify critical community needs and design customized solutions.

Our meal will be prepared by the staff of Heron Creek. Our lunch will include: Pork Burgers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips and Drink

For reservations, phone the Chamber at 260-463-2443 or email info@lagrangechamber.org.

Cost of the luncheon is $12.00 for members and their guests, $17.00 for non-members.

Reservation deadline is August 10th.

Joe Walter Takes on Expanded Role as Vice President, Agricultural Lending Group Manager

Dennis Kuhn, Executive Vice President, Chief Commercial Banking Officer, is pleased to announce the promotion of Joe Walter to Vice President, Agricultural Lending Group Manager. He was previously a Senior Agricultural Lending Officer. The move is part of an established succession plan following the upcoming retirement of Larry Kummer on July 31, 2020.

Kummer began his agricultural banking career in 1979. Throughout his career, Kummer delivered superior agricultural lending solutions and advice, winning many accolades along the way from the agricultural industry and the communities he served.

Walter has over 30 years of experience and has been active in the agricultural industry and in the community as well. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agricultural Economics. He has extensive experience in family agribusiness and provides sound advice to his many clients. Working from his primary Horizon office in Howe, Indiana, Walter oversees the lending group across the bank’s market areas.

Walter’s team includes Eric Aschleman, who has also been promoted to Vice President, Agricultural Lending Officer. He has been in the Ag industry since 2004 as both a lender and an auditor for the US Dept. of Agriculture. He has extensive experience with lines of credit, equipment loans and farm land loans.

Horizon Bank has provided banking services to the agricultural community for over 147 years and they are committed to the Agricultural industry for the long run.

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Shipshewana Antique Festival  
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  368 S Van Buren St
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A ugust 14th & 15th
  Shipshewana Flea Market
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A ugust 27th
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  760 S Van Buren St.

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  760 S Van Buren St.
  Shipshewana
Ladies are invited to go on a “Daycation” with the Chamber staff at Beach Bodz in LaGrange.

The event begins at 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on August 25th.

When you walk into Beach Bodz you automatically feel like you are on vacation. Beach Bodz offers several services to meet those relaxing needs, including: Teeth Whitening, Massage, Red Light Therapy, Yellow Light Therapy and tanning with several beds to choose from.

Join us by calling Beach Bodz and make your appointment on August 25th by calling 260-218-8211.
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Brighton Chapel Joins Chamber Membership

Brighton Chapel recently joined the Chamber Membership.

Brighton Chapel is a contemporary, lively, intimate, and informal worship gathering, where you can worship through music and the Word, get connected with people, be equipped through biblical teaching, and discover places to serve both locally and globally.

The average age of Brighton Chapel attendees is approximately 35 years old. Currently, the two largest segments of the church are ages 0-10 and 31-40. Brighton Chapel is a young-at-heart church and is represented well by every age group. We are thankful that God has blessed our church by giving us the ability to speak into the lives of the variety of walks of life.

Services at Brighton Chapel are on Sundays, First Service is from 9:00 am to 10:15 am. First services is also streamed live. Second service is from 10:30 am to 11:45 am.

The Brighton Chapel Church is located at 5415 North State Road 3 in Howe, IN 46746. For more information phone them at 260-562-2505

Ambassadors Welcome Beach Bodz to Chamber

The newly opened Beach Bodz Salon was welcomed by the LaGrange County Chamber Ambassadors.

The décor at Beach Bodz feels like you are on vacation right here in LaGrange County

Beach Bodz is a full-service tanning salon with five tanning rooms that offer different levels of tanning. Tanning memberships are available for purchase. There is also, full-service massage therapy offered at the salon. Therapist Kim McKibben offers deep tissue and relaxation that can be scheduled for thirty minutes, a hour, or an hour and a half.

Phone the salon to schedule an appointment, however, they do accept walk ins if you decide to make the spur of the moment decision to head over there to try it out.

Beach Bodz is located at 830 N Detroit St in the Northpoint Plaza in LaGrange. To schedule a “day-away” appointment or for more information phone 260-218-8211 today!

You are gonna LOVE IT!!!!
NIPSCO ANNOUNCES ADDITION OF TWO INDIANA-GROWN SOLAR PROJECTS

NIPSCO, a subsidiary of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI), today announced the next phase of its plans to transition to lower-cost, cleaner energy resources, with the addition of two new solar farms that will be based in central Indiana.

The announcement is part of the energy provider’s “Your Energy, Your Future” initiative – a customer-centric effort focused on delivering a more affordable, reliable and sustainable energy mix for the future.

“Renewable energy technology continues to advance and it plays an essential role in our progression toward providing lower-cost energy resources, while maintaining the reliability our customers expect,” said Mike Hooper, NIPSCO president. “This latest addition is another exciting step forward for our customers and the state of Indiana as we look toward the future.”

NIPSCO plans to be coal-free by 2028, and the company is adding a combination of renewable energy sources including wind, solar and battery storage technology to its existing natural gas generation resources. Several Indiana-based wind projects have previously been announced and construction activity is underway.

NIPSCO has finalized two 20-year purchase power agreements (PPAs) with subsidiaries of experienced renewable energy developer NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, for the electricity generated by these latest solar projects. The new solar capacity is expected to be in operation by mid-2023 with the two announced projects representing approximately 300 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity.

“We are pleased to work with our partners at NIPSCO to bring low-cost, renewable energy to customers and economic growth to the state of Indiana,” said Matt Handel, senior vice president of development for NextEra Energy Resources. “These two solar projects will provide exciting new job opportunities, economic growth and clean, homegrown electricity in Indiana for decades to come.”

Project Profiles

The two projects were selected following a comprehensive review of bids submitted through the all source Request for Proposal (RFP) process that NIPSCO underwent in late 2019 – which continues to affirm the conclusions of the 2018 NIPSCO Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), that wind and solar resources were shown to be lower cost options for customers compared to other energy resource options.

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NIPSCO has requested the addition of these new projects to its supply portfolio in filings with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

- **Brickyard Solar** – The 200 MW solar project, to be developed, constructed, owned and operated by a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, will be located in Boone County. The project will include an estimated 675,000 solar panels. NIPSCO will purchase the power directly from Brickyard Solar.

- **Greensboro Solar** – This solar project, to be developed, constructed, owned and operated by a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, will provide 100 MW of solar, along with 30 MW of battery storage. It will be located in Henry County. The project will include an estimated 329,500 solar panels. NIPSCO will purchase the power directly from Greensboro Solar.

NIPSCO expects to announce additional renewable projects later this year. Learn about NIPSCO’s “Your Energy, Your Future” plans and the latest information at NIPSCO.com/future.

**About NIPSCO:** Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (NIPSCO), with headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana, has proudly served the energy needs of northern Indiana for more than 100 years. As Indiana’s largest natural gas distribution company and the second-largest electric distribution company, NIPSCO serves approximately 820,000 natural gas and 460,000 electric customers across 32 counties. NIPSCO is part of NiSource’s (NYSE: NI) seven regulated utility companies. NiSource is one of the largest fully regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 4 million natural gas and electric customers through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. More information about NIPSCO and NiSource is available at NIPSCO.com and NiSource.com.

**About NiSource:** NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI) is one of the largest fully-regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 3.5 million natural gas customers and 500,000 electric customers across seven states through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. Based in Merrillville, Indiana, NiSource’s approximately 8,400 employees are focused on safely delivering reliable and affordable energy to our customers and communities we serve. NiSource is a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability - North America Index and the Bloomberg Gender Equality Index and has been named by Forbes magazine among America’s Best Large Employers since 2016. Additional information about NiSource, its investments in modern infrastructure and systems, its commitments and its local brands can be found at www.nisource.com. Follow us at www.facebook.com/nisource, www.linkedin.com/company/nisource or www.twitter.com/nisourceinc.
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