Pain management services to be offered at Parkview hospitals in LaGrange, Noble and DeKalb Counties

Parkview LaGrange, Parkview Noble and Parkview DeKalb hospitals have announced the addition of Nida A. Aziz, DO, to their medical staff. Dr. Aziz is a board-certified anesthesiologist and a member of Parkview Physicians Group—Anesthesiology. He will be offering pain management services at each of these locations.

“I was drawn to this opportunity with Parkview Physicians Group because I grew up and did my training in smaller towns,” said Dr. Aziz. “I noticed the lack of care available in the community, particularly specialized medical care. I want to be a part of helping to fill in the gap for patients whose lives are disrupted by pain.”

Dr. Aziz received his medical degree from the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio. He completed his residency in anesthesiology and perioperative medicine, as well as a fellowship in pain medicine at the University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

“I’ve served on research studies into neuromodulation and some of the advanced therapies for the management of chronic pain. But at the end of the day, I am more than logistics. Each of my patients is the center of their care. We are all humans, first, and I need to understand what is important to them – their families, their friends, their faith – and learn how their pain has affected their day-to-day living and relationships. Together, and coordinating with their primary care doctor, we will develop short- and long-term goals for managing their pain,” Dr. Aziz continued.

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September Luncheon To Take Place at Camp Lutherwald

Sponsored by Horizon Bank

The monthly luncheon sponsored by Horizon Bank will take place on the deck overlooking South Twin Lake at Camp Lutherwald on September 10th.

Our presentation will be by Joanne Gillespie on Teen Court. LaGrange County Teen Court began in May 1995, as a collaboration between Circuit Court Judge J. Scott VanDerbeck, the Prosecutor’s Office and the Division of Family and Children. The program is currently under the supervision of Judge Walz with the Coordinator being Joanne Gillespie. Our meal will be catered by Romer’s Restaurant and Spirits. They will be serving: Chicken wraps with your choice of sauces, pasta salad, fruit salad and drinks.

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 September 7th.
The Chamber News is a member publication and is distributed free of charge to businesses in LaGrange County and surrounding areas. Advertising in the Chamber News is available only to Chamber members who invest in the business community by supporting the Chamber.
Aziz has been a co-author of several articles for peer-reviewed publications. He has given over two dozen lectures on a variety of pain-related topics, including chronic pancreatitis, complex regional pain syndrome, acute and chronic shoulder pain treatments and others. He is a member of the North American Neuromodulation Society, the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine, The American Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Aziz is a member of Parkview Physicians Group–Anesthesia. He sees outpatients for pain management at Parkview LaGrange, Parkview Noble and Parkview DeKalb hospitals, in addition to providing anesthesia services at these facilities. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Aziz, call 260-425-6330.
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Barnyard Marketing Joins Chamber Marketing

Barnyard Marketing recently joined the Membership of the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce. The Barnyard Marketing is located in Shipshewana, Indiana and was opened in March of 2020 by Liz Stump.

The marketing company is made up of local marketing professional who have over thirty-seven combined years of experience. With being a small local company, they can focus more time on you and your needs and give that extra special touch. At Barnyard Marketing they specialize in graphics, social media, and web design to help you get noticed by new potential clients.

The mission of Barnyard Marketing is to help leverage local marketing solutions, build relationships, and help the local economy thrive.

For all your marketing needs, reach out to Liz Stump and her team at Barnyard Marketing. Phone them at 574-536-3163 or visit them at their office located upstairs at 150 Harrison Street in Shipshewana, IN 46565.

LaGrange County Trails receives Major Moves Grant

LaGrange County Commissioners and Councilmen voted (9-1) to award a Major Moves grant of $1.5M to LaGrange County Trails, Inc. The money will be used to purchase the Norfolk Southern railroad corridor that follows along CR 700 S in southern LaGrange County and be used to construct the Hawpatch Trail, a bike/pedestrian trail in southern LaGrange County.

It is hoped that negotiations for the purchase of the land will be finalized later this year and the project can begin in the spring of 2021. The trail is to be completed in 3 phases. Phase I will begin on the east edge of Topeka and end at CR 75W. The estimated cost of Phase I is $3.1M.

When completed, the Hawpatch Trail will be approximately 17 miles in length and extend west of Topeka to the Strawberry Valley Trail in Elkhart County, and connect east of Wolcottville at the Fishing Line Trail in Noble Co.

Jeff Wingstrom, President of LaGrange County Trails said, “The trail will improve our county’s quality of life by providing a safe hiking/biking trail for families, commuters, fitness enthusiasts and more.” He went on to share, “Studies have also shown businesses are more likely to locate near communities that have activities families can enjoy together.”

Other donations and grants will be sought from government entities, businesses and individuals to help fund the project. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so at lagrangecountytrails.org, or to Beth Sherman, Treasurer of LaGrange County Trails, Chamber of LaGrange County, P.O. Box 313., LaGrange, IN 46761.

LaGrange County Trails, Inc. is a nonprofit organization formed in 2019. It is comprised of a nine-member board whose mission is to develop recreational bike/pedestrian trails in LaGrange County. The Hawpatch Trail is their first planned trail, which will be constructed for the safety and quality of life of our community, not only for those who will benefit today, but for succeeding generations.
Indiana Tech partners with state for Indiana’s Workforce Ready Grant

Indiana Tech is now an approved education provider for Indiana’s Workforce Ready Grant, which is part of the state’s Next Level Jobs program. The initiative provides state residents with free training in high-paying, in-demand industries like manufacturing, construction, health sciences, business, information technology and more. Qualifying students can have the entire cost of an undergraduate certificate from Indiana Tech covered by the grant.

Indiana Tech offers undergraduate certificates in high-demand fields that allow students to improve their knowledge and skills, giving them a competitive edge and enabling them to advance in their careers. Each undergraduate certificate is comprised of six to seven courses, and students can choose from the following programs:

- Basic Accounting
- Management
- Construction Management
- Marketing
- Health Care Administration
- Organizational Leadership
- Human Resources Management
- Production Management
- InsurTech

“This is exciting news for the university and students alike, as Indiana Tech is the only four-year university that’s part of the Workforce Ready program,” said Steve Herendeen, vice president for enrollment management at Indiana Tech. “All of our degree and certificate programs are industry-focused and designed with employers’ needs in mind. The undergraduate certificates offer students skills and training they need in order to prepare for the jobs of the future.”

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Indiana Tech was awarded $1 million in Workforce Ready Grant funding for the 2020-21 academic year, with expanded opportunities through the end of this calendar year thanks to additional funding provided by the CARES Act. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be an Indiana resident and a U.S. citizen (or eligible non-citizen)
- Have a high school diploma (or equivalent) but less than a college degree (NOTE: Through Dec. 30, 2020, Hoosiers with an associate or bachelor’s degree are also eligible to participate.)
- Enroll in any qualifying training program at an eligible training provider
- Complete the FAFSA
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Enroll at least half-time

Indiana Tech offers career-focused degree programs and certificates in a format designed to fit busy schedules. Accelerated six-week courses are offered online, on-site at 19 regional locations, or a combination of both. Students can take one class at a time and make rapid progress toward certificate or degree completion.

Learn more about Indiana Tech’s undergraduate certificate programs at indianatech.edu/CERTIFICATES. For more information or to apply, students can work with their local Indiana Tech admissions team or contact the Warrior Information Network at 888.832.4742 or cps@indianatech.edu.

How Shareable Social Media Stories Power Your Employer Brand

Currently the business world is in a candidate-driven market, with many business owners and HR’s feeling the pressure when it comes to recruiting top performers. Around 75% of companies are struggling to find good candidates, and the number of job openings has surpassed the number of unemployed workers, meaning it’s slim pickings for your open positions.

How your business is perceived by those looking for employment is more important than ever. Candidates have an army of tools at their disposal to gain insights into your company and evaluate your culture (like Glassdoor, The Muse). Social media has also become very powerful as employees can share their employee experience and feedback (their love for their team, or even worse…their discontent of the workplace)—meaning your current employees can become your businesses greatest ambassadors when given the right praise and motivation.

Remember that kind words and appreciation go a long way!!!
The LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the winners of our 22nd Annual Chamber Golf Classic played at Cedar Lake Golf Course. Everyone had a fantastic time golfing and networking, an added bonus was how amazing Mother Nature was good to us! “The continued support we received from our members for this event is great,” said Chamber director Beth Sherman. “Even though our event was attended by one half of our normal it was still a wonderful turnout and it was so good to see everyone “in person”!

Nate Fanning, TJ Kemp and Mark Thompson. Absent from the picture was David Young.