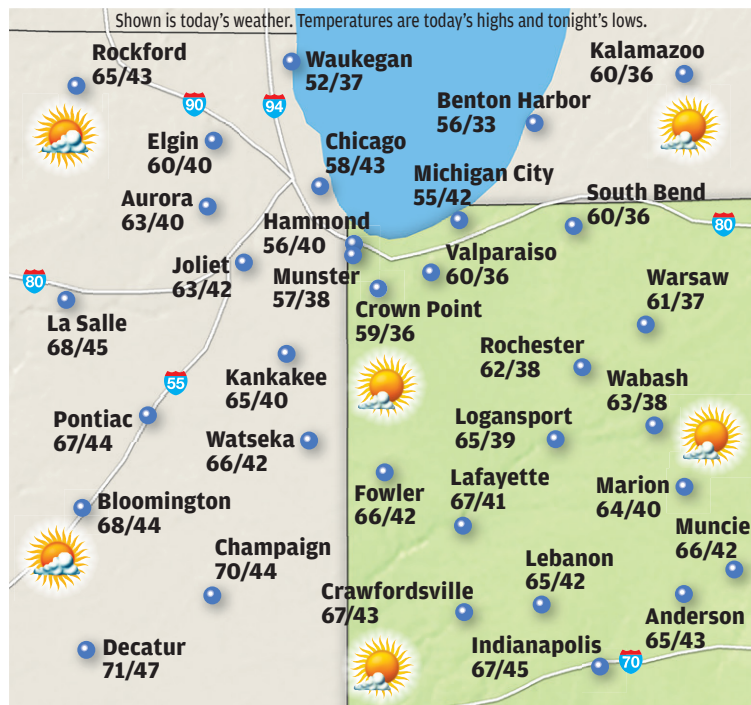


FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST INDIANA

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly sunny and cooler	Mainly clear and chilly	A few showers	Breezy	Sunny	Breezy
WIND NNE 7-14 mph	WIND E 6-12 mph	WIND S 10-20 mph	WIND NNW 8-16 mph	WIND NNE 6-12 mph	WIND S 8-16 mph
54° to 60°	35° to 41°	71° to 77° 46° to 52°	60° to 66° 38° to 44°	60° to 66° 46° to 52°	67° to 73° 55° to 61°

REGIONAL OUTLOOK: Mostly sunny and cooler today. Clear to partly cloudy and chilly tonight. Breezy and warmer Tuesday with a couple of showers. **LAKE MICHIGAN:** Wind northeast 7-14 knots today. Seas 1-2 feet. Visibility clear. Wind south 10-20 knots Tuesday. Seas 2-4 feet. A few showers.



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NATIONAL OUTLOOK

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Tuesday HI/Lo/W
Atlanta	81/61/pc	77/61/s
Billings	82/47/s	75/51/s
Boston	63/46/pc	62/47/s
Charleston, SC	81/62/t	77/60/s
Chicago	58/43/s	74/50/sh
Cincinnati	66/45/pc	73/55/c
Cleveland	55/38/pc	64/56/pc
Dallas	80/62/s	86/66/s
Denver	85/51/pc	80/54/s
Detroit	59/40/pc	62/51/sh
Houston	83/66/t	85/68/s
Kansas City	78/56/pc	82/53/t
Las Vegas	103/78/s	102/77/s
Los Angeles	81/59/s	74/60/pc
Miami	91/76/t	90/76/t
Milwaukee	51/41/pc	71/51/t
Minneapolis	68/54/s	74/48/pc
New Orleans	83/71/t	84/68/pc
New York City	63/47/c	64/51/s
Orlando	88/73/t	86/69/t
Philadelphia	66/47/c	68/51/s
Phoenix	110/82/s	107/80/pc
Pittsburgh	61/35/pc	65/53/pc
St. Louis	76/56/pc	83/59/pc
Salt Lake City	92/64/s	92/68/s
San Francisco	69/53/pc	67/55/s
Seattle	71/52/s	82/53/pc
Washington, DC	66/50/c	67/55/s

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, i-ice, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow



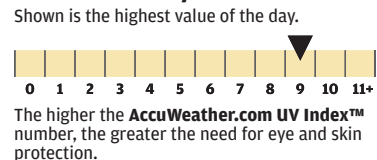
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Statistics through 3 p.m. Sunday

Temperature	
High/low	64°/40°
Normal high/low	68°/49°
Record high	90° (2011)
Record low	28° (1983)
Precipitation	
24-hour total	0.00"
Month to date (normal)	0.27" (1.47")
Year to date (normal)	14.69" (11.63")
Record for this date	2.84" (1951)

UV Index Today



Today's Air Quality

airnow.gov
Forecast index based on presence of man-made particulates affecting aspects of human health.



Pollen Today

Grass	Moderate
Trees	High
Weeds	Low
Mold	Low

Source: National Allergy Bureau

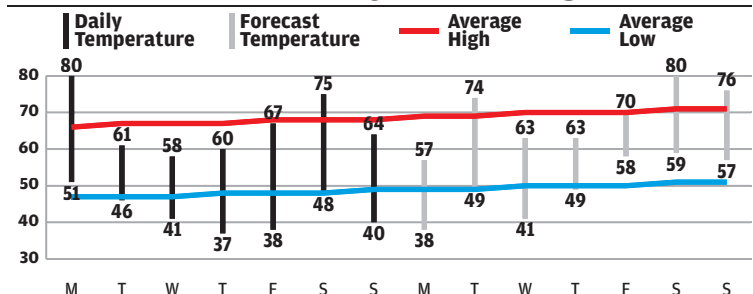
Heating Degree Days

Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to heat.

Sunday	13
Month to date (normal)	120 (90)
Since July 1 (normal)	5475 (5838)

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TEMPERATURE TRENDS



Comedy

From A1

a dangerous situation. According to Schoon, two out of three people served at St. Jude House are children under the age of 18.

The idea for the fundraiser was sparked nearly 15 years ago with a desire to raise money for a serious topic in a more joyful setting, and no one else at the time was raising money in this way, Board Chair John Vidal said. The event is one of his favorites of the year because everyone involved has a good time while also giving St. Jude House exposure in the community.

"When we get a lot of people at an event, the nice part about it is we're always bringing in new people," Vidal said. "I like the fact that we're out in the community, new people hear about us, we're spreading the word and it's an event where everybody has a good time. It's hard not to."

The center introduced a new Laugh-A-Minute segment to Stand Up for St. Jude House this year. The segment features amateur comedians, who are really just community members with a strong presence in Northwest Indiana and at St. Jude House. There was no casting call for the segment. The comedy contenders were chosen because they "say yes to new opportunities and have big networks and love St. Jude House," Schoon said.

"They're just community members who love St. Jude House who agreed to raise money in order to be able to get on stage and tell some jokes," she said.



Michael and Amilia Stehman check out an item they are considering bidding on for the silent auction at the Stand Up for St. Jude House event at the Hard Rock Casino in Gary.

"I'm so excited to celebrate them and the work they've done on behalf of St. Jude House, and to have the audience celebrate them tonight."

The segment was comprised of Curt Bowers (Wintrust Indiana); Evelyn Harris (United Way Northwest Indiana), accompanied by her husband Jay Harris; Nicholas M. Neal (Geminus); Rick Peltier (Franciscan Health Foundation); and Jen and Bill Trowbridge (CoAction and Regional Care Group, respectively).

The group got the laughs going for the night, full of live music by Frank Ruvoli, a silent auction, a Survivor Panel moderated by Amy McCarthy, educational reminders of the center's mission and live fundraising. The event was capped off with performances by professional comedians, Dr. Bill Miller and Jeanie Doogan.

Each nominated comedic act had to raise at least \$1,000 within 24 hours to even reach the stage. This was no problem for Bowers, a member of the St. Jude House

Development Committee. Two of his friends donated \$500 each when he pitched the opportunity as raising money so people could see him embarrass himself on stage. Bowers was first roped into the fundraising idea at a Development Committee meeting searching for input on the segment.

"I was sitting at the head of the table, and everybody at the table immediately turned and looked at me, just like, 'You're gonna be one of them! I looked down at the table, and I was like, 'This is gonna



Christian Rivera bids at the live auction at the Stand Up for St. Jude House event at the Hard Rock Casino in Gary.

happen, isn't it?" he said.

Bowers inevitably won the audience-voted award for Funniest Comic for an act focused on the familiar yet dreadful and awkward reality of networking. Evelyn Harris won the Top Fundraiser award for raising the most money out of the group.

Accolades aside, Bowers was willing to get up on the stage and deliver a, hopefully, funny 90-second performance for a center and a mission he believes in. Through a bit of exposure and laughs, he stood behind St. Jude House's highest-earning annual fundraiser and the people the center serves.

"These are some of the most vulnerable people at their most vulnerable times, and this organization steps up, and they're an answer for prayer," he said. "There are literally people sitting in their living room praying for help, and this organization steps up and provides it."

For more information on St. Jude House, visit www.stjudehouse.org/.

Protest

From A1

trespass and confiscated "Scabby" and the "rat patrol" van. The union then moved its picket line across the street.

The union later returned to its original location after determining the property boundaries, the lawsuit says. Despite that, Michigan City officers arrested two picketers on criminal trespass charges and again confiscated "Scabby" and the "rat patrol" van, according to the suit.

What happened after the arrests?

The LaPorte County Prosecutor's office later dismissed the criminal charges, citing insufficient evidence of the property rights outside of Project Maize.

The union's suit alleges that Phoenix Investors sent Michigan City officials a bogus or mislabeled map that granted the development group ownership of Royal Road as a private road. The suit suggests that the misrepresented map could have been used to direct police officers to arrest the picketers.

Phoenix Investors would eventually erect a temporary barricade to force the union off of public property.

An attorney representing Michigan City, Jacquelyn Pillar, wrote to the union and Phoenix Investors on Dec. 4 concerning the fence and the picket. Her letter stated that the fence was indeed on public property managed by Michigan City and not on private property owned by Phoenix.

"The public right-of-way must remain open and unobstructed unless expressly permitted by the city. Additionally, the city is aware that the fence appeared to have been installed, at least in part, for the purpose of limiting or restricting ongoing union picketing activity. Public property must remain accessible for lawful public use, including peaceful expressive activity protected under state and federal law," Pillar wrote.

Pillar also directed the union to follow all orderly standards, including avoiding traffic obstruction, maintain safe distances from work areas and to comply with all directives from law and public safety officials.

The union responded to Pillar's letter to let her know that while the fence was removed, Phoenix Investors would later replace it with a truck to obstruct the same public property.

"Local 150 remains deeply disappointed that conditions on the ground have not changed," Kavanaugh told The Times. "Despite the mayor acknowledging that

the disputed right-of-way is not owned by Phoenix Construction, temporary fencing remains positioned within inches of the roadway, continuing to obstruct lawful public access and displace union picketing south of the project property line.

"The city cannot claim to support workers' rights while allowing private interests to barricade public access and silence lawful labor activity. Every day these barriers remain in place is another day workers' rights are ignored, constitutional protections are undermined, and public property is effectively handed over to private control."

A of March, Phoenix Investors continued to temporarily obstruct public property without enforcement or response from Michigan City, according to court filings.

The union's suit demands Michigan City and the Town of Trail Creek refrain from unlawfully arresting the union's picketers and demands punitive damages for alleged civil rights violations, including 1st Amendment violations.

The defendants have a June 8 deadline to respond to the complaint.

Attorneys, officials and representatives for Michigan City and Trail Creek police departments and Phoenix Investors did not respond to a request for comment.

Shooting

From A1

Michigan City students.

Michigan City police confirmed early Sunday they had received a complaint about local gunfire but knew of no people or property struck.

"We can not confirm or deny this shots fired complaint is associated with the shooting in the Pines," police there said.

The site of the shooting is near the Porter/LaPorte county border.

"This appears to be an isolated

incident, and we do not believe there is an on-going threat to public safety at this time," according to Porter County police.

Anyone with information about the shootings is encouraged to contact Porter County Sheriff Detective Sgt. William Marshall at 219-477-3136.

"If you were at this residence when the disturbance took place, we encourage you to contact Sgt. Marshall."

Lake County Sheriff Oscar Martinez confirmed early Sunday that his department had assisted with its aviation unit.



BOB KASARDA, THE TIMES

The home in the 1700 block of Liberty Avenue in Pine Township where neighbors said Saturday night's fatal shooting took place.