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to reward rural collaboration

McKinney Family Foundation on Thursday announced a new award designed to help enhance Indiana's communities through new connections and collaboration.

Robert H. McKinney Legacy Prize will award \$10,000 to applicants demonstrating new or existing partnership in rural Indiana working together to solve challenges on sustainability. The ultimate goal is to create economic opportunity, improve access to resources, support farms and businesses, and make communities better places to live, work and engage.

The foundation said priority will be given to applicant partnerships and projects that bring together nonprofits, farmers, ranchers, healthcare providers, educators and community organizations to create lasting impact and improve quality of life in their region. Applications should demonstrate collaboration — either proposed or existing — that will make a difference in rural Indiana today, while also building a stronger long-term future.

The foundation will also prioritize applications that are replicable, within reach and repeatable in other rural communities.

Applications for the Legacy Prize are being accepted via the foundation's website and are due by July 31. For more information and to apply, go online to mckinneyfamilyfoundation.org and click Legacy Prize on the top right of the page.

Car show scheduled for June

The City of Fort Wayne's Renaissance Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 12, officials announced Thursday. The annual event celebrates Fort Wayne's deep connection to the automobile industry.

The free event at the Renaissance Pointe YMCA, 2323 Ave., is open to the public. Free food will be distributed while supplies last.

The cost to show a car is \$10. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 entries. Motorcycles, trucks and hot rods are also welcome. In-person registration begins at 3:30 p.m. For more information or to register a vehicle online, go to www.cityoffortwayne.org/renaissance-car-show.

All proceeds will be donated to the Renaissance Pointe youth services program.

Veterans memorial offering worship

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum is offering Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. in the Shrine Chapel at 2122 O'Day Road, Fort Wayne. Previously,

the chapel was used mainly for weddings and funeral services for veterans.

Pastor Garrett Disinger will conduct a more contemporary service starting Sunday. Chaplain John Ray will perform a more traditional service starting May 31. The two will alternate every week. The services will be nondenominational but will both be Christian services.

Disinger said, "The goal is to service the needs of all veterans and their families. We encourage any veteran seeking religious inspiration to attend, we are here to help."

Regular days of operation at the War History Museum are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Memorial grounds are open 24/7. Group tours are available by appointment by calling the shrine office at 260-267-5022.

Literacy Alliance hosts GED testing

The Literacy Alliance has been designated the exclusive public testing site for the GED in Allen County. The GED is one of Indiana's approved exams for earning a high school equivalency credential.

This transition establishes The Literacy Alliance as a primary hub for adult learners across the region to prepare for and complete their high school equivalency exams in a professional and accessible environment.

As an official GED testing center, The Literacy Alliance provides the local community with a streamlined process for scheduling and completing exams. Testing services remain free of charge for students currently enrolled in The Literacy Alliance's educational programs.

Community members ready to schedule an exam can do so at GED.com. Those seeking more information about the testing process or looking to enroll in Project Graduate are encouraged to call The Literacy Alliance at 260-426-7323. Community members can also learn more about TLA's free education programs by going online to literacyalliance.org.

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Grant match to help Auburn splash pad

Fortify Life has been approved for a matching grant opportunity of up to \$50,000 through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's CreatiNg Places program, officials announced Thursday.

The grant is in support of DeKalb County's first public splash pad, Fortify Play, which will be at Memorial Park in Auburn.

Through the CreatiNg Places program, community donations made during a 60-day crowdfunding campaign will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000, helping turn a vision into reality.

In addition to traditional features, the future splash pad will include accessible and inclusive features designed to support a range of physical, developmental and sensory needs.

The organization launched its public crowdfunding campaign Wednesday. During the 60-day campaign period, donors throughout the community will have the opportunity to contribute directly toward the project and help us reach our goal of \$100,000 through CreatiNg Places.

Donations can be made through the partnering organization, Patronicity, by going online to www.patronicity.com/fortify_play/.

As of late Thursday, more than \$700 had been donated to the project.

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