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East Chicago Chooses NITCO as Fiber Partner

Hebron, Indiana, March 5, 2018: Northwestern Indiana Telephone Co. (NITCO) is pleased to announce that it has signed a long term operating agreement with Connected. Always. the City of East Chicago to manage the City's new fiber optic

communications and data network. The City of East Chicago completed construction of the advanced technology 17- mile high speed fiber optic broadband network in July of 2017. The East Chicago Fiber Optic Network (ECFON) is now active and ready to provide valuable service to its citizens. The operating agreement will now allow local businesses and residences to purchase NITCO services such as Voice, Internet, TV, and Long Distance using the city owned network.

NITCO shares the vision that Mayor Anthony Copeland had years ago of improving the speed, efficiency, and reliability of East Chicago's communications infrastructure. ECFON will create economic development leading to job creation and growth as well as contributing to the quality of life in East Chicago. The backbone of ECFON is a 72 strand single mode fiber optic loop which includes the business areas of Chicago Avenue, Indianapolis Boulevard and Columbus Drive. The network is the first municipal network to become active and available for service in the Region.

"I am so proud we have completed this project. East Chicago is wired for the future and we are open for business. The possibilities are abundant, and we are looking forward to a return on our investment. Through this agreement I am confident our city will prosper and our residents will enjoy its benefits" stated Mayor Anthony Copeland.

NITCO President Tom Long was in agreement with the Mayor: "NITCO believes that offering high quality fast internet and voice services to local residents and businesses are top priorities." Mr. Long added "Nitco is from the Region. We are local. All of our employees and customers are in Northwest Indiana. We have deep roots here in NWI giving us a more responsive connection to the communities we serve. For 80 years NITCO has worked with municipal, business and residential customers to provide the best in telecommunications services and that commitment will continue in East Chicago thanks to its new fiber network!"

The city is currently utilizing ECFON throughout city offices at a much more efficient speed, but more importantly, minimizing the costs of the associated communications for these applications. Some examples of these applications are as follows; data transport between city facilities, a centralized VOIP phone system between facilities, the networking of nearly 700 high resolution cameras communication on a high speed fiber network, automated SCADA communications within our utilities facilities, and Wi-Fi hotspots being installed throughout the city for public Wi-Fi access.

NITCO will begin offering services to business, education, commercial and medical customers immediately.



NITCO is a leader in high speed broadband Gigabit service in Northwest Indiana. For over 10 years NITCO has provided gigabit capable fiber services to customers including Porter County Government, School corporations in Porter and Jasper County, and Fair Oaks Dairy Adventure. NITCO is currently designing and operating fiber networks for municipalities in northwest Indiana. With over 10,000 residential and 900 business customers NITCO is growing by making significant investments in infrastructure in Porter, Lake, Jasper and Newton counties.

Left to Right – Tom Long, NITCO President, East Chicago Mayor Anthony Copeland, Tom Carroll, NITCO SVP-Sales & Marketing





<u>The DeMotte Historical Society</u> (DeMotte Museum) Open Saturdays from 9am-noon







Jasper County Airport welcomes local students, parents, teachers, administrators, or anyone interested in learning about aviation, to Aviation Career Day on May 11, 2018 (rain or shine). Schools interested in attending and individuals interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact the airport at (219) 866.2100 or email Info@JasperCountyAirport.com.

*Careers represented:

- **Pilot/Flight Crew**
- **Aircraft Maintenance**
- Airport Management
- **Airport Engineering**
- Aircraft Manufacturing
- Military Aviation
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)/Drones
- Air Ambulance
- Government Agencies (FAA, NTSB, TSA, INDOT)
- Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF)
- Air Traffic Control (ATC)

*Subject to change



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DeMotte Carpet has been in business since 1974. It closed the doors on the original DeMotte location on Halleck in the fall of 2008 when the previous Owner sold the property to Walgreens.

After refurbishing an existing pole barn that housed a machine shop, it reopened the doors to the current location at 12160 Industry Drive, DeMotte in January 2009. The showroom had

pretty much stayed the same until this spring. The hard surface (hardwood/laminate/vinyl floors and ceramic tile) area of the showroom got a nice update!

After disposing of some outdated

displays to make room for new, tearing out floor covering & updating with new product to give customers a better feel for how their own rooms could look, reinstalling displays (after rearranging several times) the area actually feels bigger with a better visual flow.

There is a nice mix of classic and new product for customers to view, choose from with even more to come!

Please stop in and see what you think.



NOW HIRING

New Leaf Resources, a professional Christian counseling center, is seeking an Indiana licensed therapist to join its staff in its Crown Point and Wheatfield, Indiana locations. The ideal candidate should have the ability to work with a broad range of clients from child to adult. Experience working with children is highly desirable along with working with marriage, family, and/or addictions.

Resumes should be emailed to the attention of Terry Top, Executive Director, at <u>terry@newleafresources.org</u>. No phone calls, please.





<u>DeMotte United</u>
Methodist Church

DeMotte United Methodist Church Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2018/2019 school year.

All classes are 9-11:30 ages 3/4 on Tues & Thurs for \$75 and 4/5 on M,W,F for \$90.

Call our church office @ 219-987-3671 or contact us on <u>Facebook</u> for more info and to schedule a tour.

Openings are limited and already filling fast so don't delay to reserve your child's placement.



Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning

As many of you know Autism is very near and dear to my family. So on Monday April 2nd for <u>World Autism</u> <u>Awareness Day</u>, I will be participating in the <u>#pieintheface</u> challenge to help raise awareness for Autism. I will be challenging all our employee family.

Anyone who would like to join us is welcome to stop by

the office anytime from 8 AM to 4 PM for a free pie in the face :) We will be uploading our video to Facebook after. For anyone wishing to join in the fun we are at 213 7th St SW in Demotte.

Anyone who joins us will get a 10% coupon off their next plumbing or heating service call. We will make sure to have refreshments and some cookies as well.

I will be happy to take a pie in the face with any of our customers who would like me to take one with them!



Jason Krooswyk <u>www.krooswykplumbingheating.com</u>

Hot off the Grill has ARRIVED!

Our quarter meat now comes in fresh and never frozen. Your sandwich is made fresh as soon as you order it.

We also have a new sandwich coming our way. Come try a **garlic white cheddar signature crafted sandwich**. You can enjoy it with our new quarter meat, crispy or grilled chicken on an artisan roll.

Our **macchiato products** have added a new flavor also, turtle. And you can get that hot or iced and in an iced coffee.

So come try our new additions, we would love to serve you!



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The Farmhouse Restaurant at Fair Oaks Farms is now offering a Rewards Club for our frequent guests

The Farmhouse Rewards Club allows us to reward loyal customers each time they dine with us. As a member, you will earn points for every dollar spent on food and beverage at the restaurant.

Join us today for a fabulous meal and ask your server how you can join and start earning points! There is No Cost to join!



AS YOU WALK THE JOURNEY OF GRIEF,

YOU DON'T NEED TO WALK ALONE

COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP IS HERE TO WALK WITH YOU



Community Grief Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the DeMotte Library.

All are welcome. This is an ongoing group to meet people wherever they are in their grief journey. The format is informal, and everyone's viewpoint and contribution is valued.

2017 schedule	2018 schedule
August 22, 2017	January 23, 2018
September 26, 2017	February 27, 2018
October 24, 2017	March 27, 2018
November 28, 2017	April 24, 2018
December 26, 2017	May 22, 2018
	June 26, 2018
	July 24, 2018

Facilitator: Karen Eck, Deaconess For any questions: call 219 987-2358 or e-mail ksue46@gmail.com

Click here to visit their e-mail Karen!





The American Flags fly along Halleck St. on the light poles from the end of May until mid-November. Each 3'x5' American flag is accompanied by a durable PVC placard with business names/logos printed on them.

Your participation works like this:

- The placards and flags get erected around the end of May (Memorial Day) and fly until around the middle of November (Veteran's Day)
- The cost of the initial year that you participate is \$160, each subsequent year is \$75.
- Your full-color business logo appears on the 28" x 23" PVC placard

Deadline to participate as a new sponsor to this event is April 30. A high resolution business logo is necessary from you in order to get the graphics made for your signage.

An invoice will be mailed to you for your participation.

Questions? Call the Chamber office at 987-5800 or <u>e-mail</u>.





FREE advertising opportunity for you!

Bring your promotional items (2-3 dozen items) into the Chamber office to be put into the Welcome Bags for New Residents. Be sure to bring in a handful of business cards and brochures to put in the display racks at the Chamber office too.

Chamber office hours are Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 9am-1pm (closed Wednesdays)

Members in Motion is a free benefit for you. If you have something to share, e-mail it to the Chamber office <u>info@demottechamber.org</u>.

Members in Motion will be e-mailed to all Chamber members the last Thursday of the month. Deadline for your news is the Wednesday before the last Thursday of each month. Members in Motion will also be posted on our website as well as our Facebook page... connecting YOU to the community!



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