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LaPorte County WORKS! honors the many businesses who call LaPorte County home. We aim to highlight our local businesses, their products, services, and history because they contribute to making our county the premiere place to work, live, and play. We want to ensure that LaPorte County people who are seeking a new career, a better job or an opportunity for success can look no further than the many great employers right here in beautiful LaPorte County, Indiana.

Interested in having your company's story told? Sign up today [here](#)!



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Sullivan Palatek

AIR COMPRESSORS

Sullivan-Palatek, Inc.

- Founded in 1984.
- Located at 1201 W US Hwy 20, Michigan City, IN.
- Considered one of the leaders within the air compressor equipment manufacturing industry. Their products are used in the following industries: Pharmaceutical, automotive, construction, food, and beverage, drilling and mining, sandblasting, and coating, oil and gas, and plastics to name a few.
- Privately held, family-owned company currently employs 149 people. They are actively hiring for entry level positions starting at \$15.00 per hour with administrative and production positions ranging from \$30,000-\$50,000 annually.
- Boasts an average length of service of 6.5 years, with many staff exceeding 20 years. The company is family oriented providing a clean and orderly environment. In addition, company management believes in promoting from within.
- Sponsors sporting events for the employees, employee appreciation awards, and company picnics.
- Applications can be found on their site under Careers or at this link <https://www.sullivan-palatek.com/careers/>.

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Sims Meat Processing Inc.

- Located at 6961 South 3rd Line Road in Kingsbury Industrial Park.
- Founded in 2008 by the dynamic husband-wife team of Craig and Sabrina Sims who have grown their business incrementally for the past 13 years.
- The family-owned business specializes in the custom meat processing of beef, pork, lamb and chicken which contains no added hormones or antibiotics; meat is cut and dry-aged.
- Retail business hours are Monday through Friday from 9-5pm.
- Currently Sims Meats employs 13 employees.
- The Sims family has just completed a 3,000 ft. expansion project that added retail space and additional space for processing.
- With this investment in increased space, there is a need for entry level employees starting at \$15.00 per hour with a possible 2nd shift in the future.
- For new employees with meat experience, positions may start at \$20.00 per hour with higher wages based on experience.
- The company is very interested in hiring high school students who are interested in full or part-time work experience while learning a skilled trade.
- Sims Meat Processing may be reached by calling 219-393-1000 or by visiting their website at simsmeats.com.
- They can be reached by email at simsmeats@simsmeats.com.

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OTECH CORP.

OTECH Corp.

- Incorporated in 1999
- Located at 4744 E Oaknoll Rd, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371
- OTECH Corporation is a leader in thermoplastic compounding and is one of the largest vinyl compounders in the Midwest. They develop, design, and custom manufacture high-quality specialty PVC compounds, thermoplastic elastomers and alloys used in electrical wire and cable, footwear, housewares, roofing, agricultural parts, and automotive industries.
- Have grown tremendously because of the way they treat their employees in a family atmosphere. Examples include: monthly luncheons for employees, benefits, promoting from within, and many other systems in place to make people happy and productive.
- Production positions start around \$15/hr., and after 60 days, they go up to \$16/hr.
- Administrative positions can earn between \$30,000-\$50,000 annually.
- Currently employ 90 employees with many entry level positions available.
- Applications can be found on their site under Careers or at this link <https://otechcompounds.com/careers/>.

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People...Products...Knowledge®

Helena Agri – Enterprises

- Established in La Porte County in 2012 and are located in Kingsbury Industrial Park at 1732 Hupp Road La Porte Indiana.
- Employs over 6000 employees that work throughout their 500 branch locations.
- Helena is one of the nation's foremost agronomy solutions providers. They rank near the top nationally in volume and sales for crop production products, fertilizer, custom application, seed and precision agriculture, turf management, industrial weed control, forestry, aquatics and more. Their products and services include: Crop Protection Products, Fertilizer and fertilizer Application Services, and software. They also offer their own line of products.
- Their goal is to help its customers succeed. This is achieved with a unique combination of dedicated and knowledgeable people, unique and useful products and the latest technical knowledge.
- At Helena, you are family. Their employees take care of each other and support each other at work and in their personal life. Their family-like atmosphere creates a positive work environment that allows their employees to be high-performers because they feel comfort and compassion from their leader and work team.
Their family-like culture is centered on their successful business model - "People...Products...Knowledge." "People" being the first for good reason. They believe that when their employees are treated right and feel cared for, their customers thrive and the business grows.
- They are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work environment where all their employees feel safe, valued and have the opportunity to succeed. They embrace different backgrounds and human experiences because their customers are also diverse.
- Helena was ranked one of the Best Places to Work for the 4th year in a row.
- Benefits include life insurance, dental, vision, medical, paid parental leave, and disability and infertility benefits.
- Offers employees the opportunity to grow with the Company by reimbursing tuition costs to obtain a CDL license and for chemical application license obtained at Purdue University.
- They have numerous job openings for truck drivers, applicators and warehouse supervisors. If interested in employment please visit <https://helenaagri.com/careers>.

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VANAIR®
MOBILE POWER SOLUTIONS™

Vanair Manufacturing Inc.

- Known originally as “Sullair PTO”, Vanair was founded as a division of Sullair Corporation in 1972. They became Vanair Manufacturing in 1984 and located to New Buffalo, Michigan. The company grew and in 1997, Ralph Kokot purchased Vanair. In 2008, Vanair moved into its new building in Michigan City.
- Vanair continued to grow and expand its facility to its current production and office space of over 160,000 square feet.
- Vanair Manufacturing is now located at 10896 West 300 North, Michigan City, Indiana.
- Vanair has over 50 years of experience providing the best -in-class products, installation and service training.
- Vanair offers a comprehensive line of mobile power solutions in the industry. Their products include a wide variety of air compressors, generators, welders, battery chargers, battery boosters, and engine starters.
- Vanair is an engineering – driven company, known for its problem-solving capabilities to meet the customer demands.
- They currently employ 170 people with open positions including:
 - Service Technician
 - Parts Packer
 - Regional Sales Manager
 - Assembler
 - Drafter
 - Electrical Engineer
- Vanair offers a competitive salary and an average wage of \$25.00 per hour, including a benefit package that includes medical, dental, and vision insurance, matching 401K, and paid vacation, holidays, and wellness time.
- Interested and qualified candidates should send their resume to hr@vanair.com. A complete list and qualifications for positions at Vanair can be found at <https://www.vanair.com>. Scroll down to “careers” to fill out an application.

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Enprotech Industrial Technologies

- Enprotech Industrial Technologies was established in La Porte, Indiana at 3234 North Indiana State Road 39 in La Porte, Indiana in 2001 in order to expand and better serve steel industry customers in our region.
- They have over 60 years of experience in designing, manufacturing and repairing manufacturing equipment for the steel manufacturing and aluminum manufacturing industries
- Enprotech is one of the largest providers of repairs, rebuild services and new press manufacturing services for metal stamping, metal forming and metal forging equipment in North America. The company is also a leading supplier of repair, rebuilding and new equipment for the steel manufacturing industry.
- They currently employ 26 employees with wages between \$25.00 to \$34.00 per hour.
- Attracting good people and keeping them is essential to the success of the company. The company attracts talented, qualified professionals and provides them with opportunities for advancement in all aspects of their professional lives.
- The company offers the following benefits, health plans, Blue Cross & Blue Shield Medical Plans, Cigna Dental Plans, Blue Cross & Blue Shield vision Plan, 401K Plan, Life Insurance, Short- and Long-Term Disability Plans, paid vacations and holidays.
- The company has openings for:
 - *Welder (night and day)*
 - *Machine Disassembly*
 - *Manual Machinist Boring Mill*
 - *Mechanical assembly*
 - *CNC Mill Machinist (night)*
 - *Class B Driver (local)*
 - *Shipping and Receiving Coordinator*
 - *Millwright*
 - *Project Manager*
- The wage rate for these positions also ranges from \$25.00 to \$34.00 per hour.
- To review and apply for these jobs, go to <https://www.enpromech.com/careers/> and click on the 'Apply Now' button.



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Alexander Chemical Corporation

- In 1950, Alexander Maley founded the Alexander Chemical Corporation. In 1959, Alexander Chemical Corporation became the Chemical Division of North American Car Corporation.
- The blending of all the right elements enabled Alexander Chemical to grow its product line, and in 1985 they first opened their doors at the now consolidated facility at 7593 S. First Road in Kingsbury, Indiana with the purchase of Cardinal Chemical Corporation.
- Alexander Chemical Corporation is a leader in the water purification industry that supplies industrial gasses and chlor-alkali products to major chemical and petroleum companies, pharmaceuticals, industrial users, and municipalities throughout the Midwest.
- Alexander Chemical is also an industry leading supplier of industrial gasses to a wide range of industries such as the pulp paper, steel, and agricultural industries.
- The reason why Alexander continues to be a leader in the industry is because of their tireless dedication to safety and employee education.
- Alexander Chemical has a transportation arm, Circle Transport, Inc., with an extensive fleet which allows them the opportunity to offer safe and dependable transportation of their products to their customers.
- Their trucks are equipped with specialized equipment and unloading configurations to assure efficient and safe transport of products to receiving sites. From order placement to the final shipment, Alexander Chemical Corporation is committed to the singular goal of customer satisfaction in the safe use and the handling of its products.
- They are a privately held company with a total of 62 employees for both Alexander Chemical and Circle Transport, of which 38 are union positions, with an average wage of \$29.50 per hour.
- Alexander Chemical is proud to offer many different paths to those who want to build a career in the chemical industry.
- They offer competitive wages, union benefits with a 401(K) with company matches, and competitive paid time off.
- For more information on ACC's markets, products, and services, please visit <https://www.alexanderchemical.com/>.
- To review the open positions at Alexander Chemical and Circle Transport, Inc. please go to <https://www.alexanderchemical.com/careers/>. Send your resume to recruitment@alexchem.com.

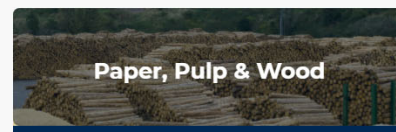
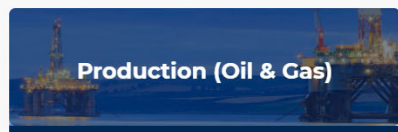
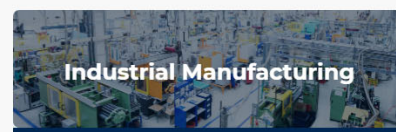
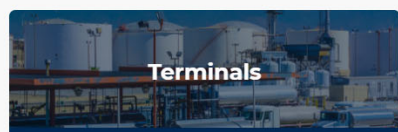
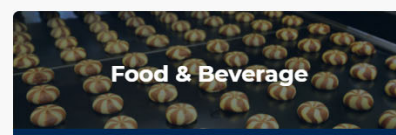
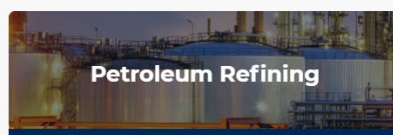
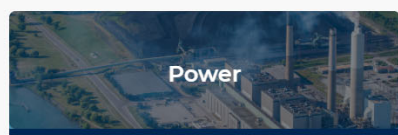
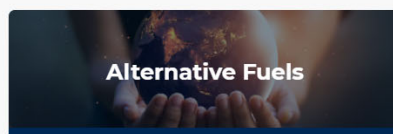
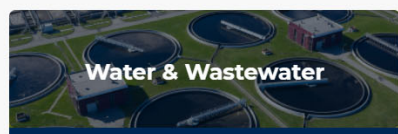


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Alexander Chemical Corporation Markets

As an industry leader in the chemical water purification field and chemical distribution industry, Alexander Chemical provides Chlor-alkali products and industrial gases to a wide range of business sectors, including:





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E-PAK Machinery, Inc.

- E-PAK Machinery, Inc., an industry leading manufacturer of in-line liquid packaging machinery, was founded in 2001 and is located at 1535 South State Road 39 in La Porte Indiana.
- The company is led by the original founding executives and has maintained its privately-held ownership throughout its history. This has allowed E-PAK Machinery to control key strategic and business decisions that have ensured a consistent focus on meeting and exceeding specific needs of its customers.
- Tony Swedersky, E-PAK's president, reflected on the company's 20th Anniversary by saying "We started out with a philosophy of listening to our customers, delivering a quality product and providing attentive customer service before and after the sale. Our founding beliefs remain our top priority today 20 years later. Because of that, our company remains viable, strong and growing."
- Produce a wide variety of manual, semi-automatic and fully automatic machines for filling, capping, plugging, labeling, date coding and bottle handling solutions. E-PAK provides filling machines for: Food Products & Sauces, Bottled Water, Still Beverages, Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies, Industrial & Agricultural Chemicals, Petroleum & Automotive Products, Acid & Corrosive Products, Cosmetic & Personal Care Products, and Pharmaceutical Products to name a few.
- Currently going through an expansion that will add an additional 26,000 sq. feet to their 47,000 square foot facility that will retain the 54 employees currently working and will add an additional 10 jobs ranging from entry level to skilled level position. The company offers competitive wage, health benefits, paid vacation, 401K with match, and first shift positions.
- If you are interested in a career at E-PAK, you may obtain an application for employment at <https://www.epakmachinery.com/careers/>.
- E-PAK Machinery has reached an exciting milestone as the company celebrates 20 years of manufacturing innovative and versatile liquid packaging solutions to a variety of industries including:

E-PAK Provides Filling Machines For:

Food Products & Sauces	Acid & Corrosive Products
Bottled Water	Cosmetic & Personal Care Products
Still Beverage	Pharmaceutical Products
Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies	Paint, Stain & Sealant/Sealing Products
Industrial & Agricultural Chemicals	Candles & Molten Products
Petroleum & Automotive Products	CBD Oil Products
	E-liquids & E-Juices



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**A & A Sheet
Metal Products, Inc.**

A & A Sheet Metal Products, Inc. / Securall

- A & A Sheet Metal Products / Securall was founded in 1964 as a manufacturer of high- quality safety products.
- The company is a 3rd generation family-owned company with a proud history of longevity for its valued employees. Their motto: We do not offer jobs but careers.
- Located at 5122 N State Road 39, La Porte, IN, A & A Sheet Metal Products is the manufacturer of the Securall brand of storage products including containers used for flammable, corrosive, industrial, and pesticide storage as well as containers for paint, laboratory and hazardous waste, oxygen gas cylinder storage equipment, and various custom applications. The company additionally manufactures tornado shelters, explosive storage magazines, & commercial or tornado-rated doors.
- Their customers include NASA, Space X, Microsoft, Hershey, Intel, Disney, and all branches of the military service, among many others.
- A & A Sheet Metal Products is committed to quality which is reflected in all workmanship and products. The A & A/Securall team maintains knowledge and understanding of the latest codes and regulations, which dictate the use and build-design of safety storage products. Their products are manufactured using the highest quality materials, including high grade steel and commercial quality hardware. Every product is designed with a focus on detail.
- The company has a total of 80 employees with a wide salary range. The company offers a 99% employer-funded health care coverage, supplemental eye and dental coverage, and optional life insurance.
- The company has approximately 20 current open positions. Entry level positions have a starting pay of \$17. Persons with experience in vocational positions such as welders, material handlers, CNC machine operators, etc. may apply at a higher starting wage depending on experience level and position. On-the-job training is available.
- For further information for employment, please contact Human Resources at 219-326-7890.



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Filtration^{Plus} Inc.

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- Located at 4208 N. 900 West. Michigan City, IN 46360, Filtration Plus Inc. is a manufacturer of high-quality micron rated liquid filter bags & bag filter housings.
- They have over 20 years in business and are one of the largest filter bag manufacturers in America. All of their products are manufactured in America, and they are dedicated to providing excellent customer service and high-quality products.
- Their customers deal in water treatment, plating, and chemical manufacturing industries and include: Hormel, Tyson, Gatorade, and Campbells Soup.
- They are an independently operated “sister company” to Filter Technology Inc., located in Chicago, IL, which is owned by Herman Hertsberg.
- Filtration Plus employs 17 people, and the factory staff have starting wages of \$15.00 an hour.
- They offer 401k, complimentary life insurance and health insurance. The company pays half the premiums for dental and another health insurance plan. All major holidays are paid along with 1-week paid vacation after specific years of employment.
- Filtration Plus has a very family-oriented atmosphere. Due to the number of different materials, filters and application, employment here stays interesting. The company is competitive in wages and benefits with the shift from 6:00am-2:00 pm.
- They currently have openings for seamstresses and are willing to train applicants. They also have openings for material spreaders, bag assemblers, and general utility / labor. All positions start at \$15.00 an hour.
- Applications are available in their lobby. Once filled out, applications and resumes can then be dropped off at their plant. Reach out to Filtration Plus through their website: <http://www.filtplus.com/contact.html>.



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Sammann Company / Peepers

- Sammann Company is a fourth-generation, family-owned spectacle company founded originally in 1908 as a screen cloth and hardware provider. They then founded Peepers Reading Glasses by PeepersSpecs.com in 1993.
- They are currently located at 9935 E. U.S. Hwy 12 Michigan City, IN 46360.
- The Sammann Company/Peepers currently employs 80 people with a salary range between \$40,000 to \$80,000 and an hourly wage rate between \$19.00 to \$20.00 per hour. The company offers employees major medical, 401K, disability insurance dental and eye care insurance.
- Peepers offers employees a clean, state of the art facilities that is climate controlled. The facility also maintains a full exercise room for the employees.
- Alec Sammann, who serves as company president, encourages company pride in his employees and focuses on ensuring that Peepers is their employment of choice.
- Today, the company creates stylish, optical quality reading glasses and sunglasses that are on style for each season!
- Of note is that the Peepers' Center Stage sunglasses has made the Oprah's Favorite Things Lists for four consecutive years. They are sold at Peepers.com, optical stores, and grocery stores.
- Peepers has also been named the best place to work in the State of Indiana for four years. In addition, from 2013-2020, Peepers has been honored as one of Inc. 5000's fastest growing companies due to their 162%¹ growth in the past few years.
- If interested in employment, please go to the Peepers' home page at <http://www.peepers.com/pages/careers>.

¹ Joseph S. Pete, "Peepers experiencing rapid growth in Michigan City," *NWITimes.com*. The Times, August 18, 2020, https://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/peepers-experiencing-rapid-growth-in-michigan-city/article_07466a69-b9ca-52dd-8336-6e25160d00c1.html. (Accessed 13 March 2022).



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History:

Paul E. Sammann started the company importing screen cloth and other hardware from China. In 1943, Mr. Sammann had two offices, one in China and one in Japan. In 1943, during World War II, he closed both offices and moved the company to New York. In 1944, Mr. Sammann moved the company to Chicago and added shears and cutlery to the lines of imported goods.

Paul N. Sammann purchased the company from his father, and in 1988 purchased See Aid Optical thus expanding in the eye care industry. The Peepers brand was founded in 1993 when Paul's wife, Terri, could find only ugly "readers" in the marketplace. Peepers started with one frame style and six colors of fashionable readers. Peepers was then introduced to the world through the internet in 1996. In January 2012, the Sammann Company was purchased by the 4th generation of owners, Alex and Lindsay Sammann. In 2015, Peepers built 10,000 square feet addition to accommodate 30 new work spaces. A new showroom, kitchen, breakrooms and a gym were added in 2016. In May 2019, Peepers headquarters added a massive expansion of a 30,000 square foot distribution center in Michigan City.



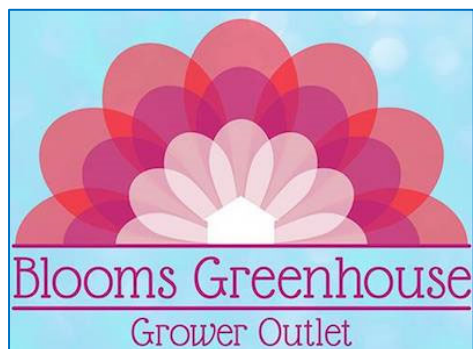
We are family

PEEPERS IS A 4TH GENERATION FAMILY RUN COMPANY THAT IS CONTINUOUSLY
REINVENTING THE SPECTACLE, AND WE HAVE FUN DOING IT!

Our company began with a quest to find upbeat eyewear, and that light-hearted spirit is embedded in everything we do. From our unique designs to a caring customer experience, our family's legacy is dedicated to the pursuit of fashion as its most fun.



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Blooms Greenhouse

- Located at 719 E. Hupp Road, Kingsbury, Indiana, Blooms Greenhouses has over 35 years of experience in the wholesale greenhouse business providing spring annuals, including hanging baskets, bedding flats and vegetables to the general public. In the fall season, they offer a vast assortment of fall mums and grasses.
- According to the company, they “have developed a collaborative corporate culture where everyone is hands-on and has input in the company’s direction. They are committed to exceeding their customers’ expectations – and feel strongly that in order to do that, they must have employees that are a cut above. If you are a cut above and wish to be included in their plan for growth and success – apply today.”
- Blooms currently has a total of 8-10 core employees, but they will expand to 30 seasonal employees in the spring. Their operating hours are 7:00 am to 5:30 pm seasonally. They have a competitive compensation of \$14 per hour for part time workers and \$15 per hour for full time workers with an incentive bonus plan. They also have numerous mid-level positions open that require experience in the greenhouse industry. They are currently hiring for General Labor, Sales Associates, Growing Facility CDL Delivery Drivers, and Non CDL Drivers. To view the open positions at Blooms and to apply for those open positions, go to <https://www.bloomsgreenhouse.com/employment/>.
- Blooms will be opening on April 15th for the season and will be having their Annual Open House on the 23rd and 24th with raffles, door prizes, and free popcorn.



We're Hiring!

- General Labor & Order Shipping
- Competitive Compensation:
 - Part Time \$14/hr
 - Full Time \$15/hr
- 30 Day Performance Review



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Garwood Orchards

Family Farming Since 1831

- Located at 5911 W. 50 S. La Porte, IN is Garwood's Orchard and Farm Market, a family-managed farm and market that the Garwood family has been running for over 180 years. For 6 generations, the Garwood family has maintained a focus on farming, family, and community. It was started by John Garwood, a carpenter who moved to La Porte County in 1831 and took up farming. He was considered to be one of the founding fathers of the La Porte County area - in Scipio Township and Pinola.
- Garwood Orchards is a recipient of the Hoosier Homestead Award (1992) and the AgriVision Award (2020) for being a family-owned farm that has made significant contributions to the agricultural industry and has been owned by the same family for 100 years or more.
- Currently, the day-to-day operations are operated by the 6th generation Garwood's: Tom, Brian and Mike Garwood. The Garwood's currently farm over 440 acres which includes approximately 100 acres of apples and 340 acres of peaches, raspberries, pumpkins, strawberries, cherries, sweet corn, peppers, cucumbers and a variety of other vegetables. The market will open May 5, 2022.
- During the season, school and group tours can be booked through their website. Booking must be done in advance only. Scheduling is from May-August. Tours are available from early September into early October, and prices start at \$5 per person. More information can be found here: <https://www.garwoodapplefarm.com/school-tours>.
- Garwood's Orchard currently employs 24 people at an average wage \$18- \$19 per hour. In the summer months of operation, Garwood's will hire 40 to 50 persons to work the retail store at a wage range from \$10.50 to \$14.00, depending on position and experience. Employment opportunities provide an excellent opportunity for individuals-including high school students- to obtain new skills and work experience through seasonal employment.
- To apply, call and ask for Carey Garwood. The e-mail address is apples@garwoodorchard.com; the website is www.garwoodorchard.com, and the phone number is 219-362-4385. The market hours are from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm seasonally from May to November.



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A Feature on LaPorte County's / NWI Construction and Building Trades

- Northwest Indiana was built by the skilled hands of countless hard-working men and women in the building trades who worked together to build the vast industrial complexes, commercial districts, residential neighborhoods, interstates, highways, and railways across the Region. In these exhilarating times for the construction and building industries in Northwest Indiana, “work practices are becoming increasingly more technical and specialized. Environmentally sensitive green construction methods and renewable energy technologies also are driving demand for a more highly skilled workforce. There is an increased need for skilled workers in these industries.”²
- [We Build Northwest Indiana](#) is a resource for people interested in a construction and maintenance related career. While some opportunities require a college degree, most require a comprehensive training and education program known as an apprenticeship. [We Build Northwest Indiana](#) welcomes you to explore the various career opportunities available in the Northwest Indiana construction industry. Post updates, job postings, apprenticeship application periods, photographs, and industry news can be found on their [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) accounts.
- The United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship defines apprenticeships as a “unique, flexible training system which combines job related technical instruction with structured on-the-job training experience.” Trades such as ironworker, operating engineer, sheet metal worker, carpenter, electrician, construction laborer, roofer, millwright, boilermaker, plumber, painter, glazier, cement finisher, HVAC tech, and bricklayer are examples of the building trades careers that provide good living wages for families across La Porte County and Northwest Indiana.

² <https://webuildnwi.com/index.html>



A Feature on LaPorte County's / NWI Construction and Building Trades (Continued)

- According to John Carr, Senior Representative for the IN/KY/OH Regional Council of Carpenters, “Apprenticeships in the trades are a great opportunity for people who want on-the-job training and a valuable education in order to increase their access to quality jobs. Other benefits to this pathway include career advancement, credentials, technical skills, good benefits and wages, and job security. Also, our apprentices do not have any debt at the end of their training. This is an ‘earn while you learn’ program that is funded by the union and our signatory contractors.” Thanks to this program, by the time an apprentice finishes their education, they are debt-free and already have the experience to thrive in the workforce.
- Most apprentices begin employment day one, with incremental wage increases as they advance and become more proficient on the job. For example, construction apprenticeship programs last from 3 to 5 years in length. Once the apprenticeship period is completed and the student passes all of the required-coursework, he or she will have the technical skills necessary to be recognized as a master craft professional.
- Apprenticeship programs can be challenging, but they are the pathway to a full and rewarding career pathway. Individuals who demonstrate the special blend of academic, mechanical aptitude, and physical requirements will qualify. Qualities of successful applicants include strong work ethic, positive attitude, and dependability. General, minimum qualifications include being at least 18 Years Old, in good physical shape, and drug-free and having a valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and a high school diploma (or equivalent.)
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statics, employment in construction and extraction occupations are projected to grow 4% from 2019 to 2029. A skilled tradesperson working in the building trades can expect to earn anywhere from \$70,000 to \$90,000 depending on the trade and hours worked. In addition, people employed in the building trades receive health and welfare benefits as part of their benefit package. Most plans provide some form of medical, prescription, dental, vision, weekly accident and sickness, death and or dismemberment benefits. Most building trade employees also receive defined benefit pension plans depending on the trade.³
- To find out more about the local building trades, see the attached document. To find out more and to apply for positions within the building trades, please go to the following websites for apprenticeship applications at <https://webuildnwi.com/index.html>.
- The link to the Indiana Plan for the pre-apprenticeship program can be found here: [Application Form | Indiana Plan for Equal Employment](#).

³ <https://webuildnwi.com/why-construction.html>



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Alexandria Moulding Midwest

- Alexandria Moulding Midwest is a leading moulding manufacturer and distributor of wood and wood composite mouldings in North America and the world. Their Midwest location sits at 4747 West State Road 2, La Porte, Indiana.
- The Alexandria Moulding Company has been in operation for 72 years and is privately owned and operated by third-generation family members. Alexandria Moulding Company has manufacturing facilities on both the east and west coast that provide Alexandria Moulding Midwest with primed finger jointed mouldings in pine and poplar, light density fiberboard (MDF) and solid wood moulding such as poplar oak, and pine. In addition to their own manufacturing, they import commodity mouldings from various locations around the world that have advantages over domestic production. Their customer base is box stores, lumber yards, pre hangers, and pro dealers.
- The company has five domestic Mega Centers that control its manufacturing and distribution requirements. They include:
 1. Alexandria East (Canadian East Coast Manufacturing and Distribution) - Alexandria, Ontario
 2. Alexandria West (Western Canada & American Pacific Northwest Manufacturing and Distribution) - Moxee, Washington
 3. Alexandria Midwest (American Midwest Distribution) - La Porte, Indiana
 4. Royal Woodworking (Hardwood Manufacturing) - Bradford, Ontario
 5. Alexandria North East (American Northeast Distribution) - Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
- Alexandria Moulding Midwest was established in LaPorte in April 2005. It was locally known as the House of Fara before it was purchased by Alexandria Moulding. Alexandria Midwest serves the Midwest market of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Northern Missouri.
- Alexandria Moulding Midwest currently employs 173 people with an average wage of \$18.00 per hour. The company also offers medical, dental, and vision insurance and life insurance.
- If you would like to work in a family-oriented business that is both rewarding and challenging and is outright fun for employees, submit your resume today on their website at http://www.alexmo.com/index.php?page=online_application.



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Pyrotecnico/Melrose

- Located at 1 Kingsbury Industrial Park, Kingsbury, IN 46345, Pyrotecnico brings 125 years of experience as a nationally recognized leader as an innovative full-service fireworks, special effects, and laser display production company.
- Their decades of experience provide the company with the knowledge and ability to use the absolute best technology, techniques, and the most innovative products with the utmost safety. The company has lived and breathed fireworks, lasers and special effects and are able to provide a “wow” experience that is affordable, safe, and memorable for their customers. Pyrotecnico will assure that every aspect of their shows is taken care of from permitting and safety regulations to execution and clean up. Pyrotecnico has won many international awards for their unique choreography synchronicity and safety regulations including the coveted Gold Jupiter Award.
- LaPorte County residents might not know of Pyrotecnico, but they will remember Melrose Polytechnics, which was founded in Kingsbury in 1984. Melrose Pyrotechnics recently merged with worldwide known company Pyrotecnico in October 2021. The main office is located in New Castle, Pennsylvania with locations across the nation.
- Some of the company’s clients include:
 - + Super Bowl Live
 - + Houston Texans
 - + Tampa Bay Buccaneers
 - + The Orange Bowl
 - + Cleveland Indians and Cavaliers
 - + Chicago Bears and White Sox
 - + University of Notre Dame
 - + South Bend Cubs
 - + Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
 - + Jimmy Kimmel Live
 - + New York City Rockets
 - + Plus Countless More!
- Pyrotecnico is always looking to hire hard-working and passionate individuals, interested in joining the Pyrotecnico team of pyrotechnicians. Specifically, they are in need of CDL Truck Drivers. The company has an average wage of \$15 to \$30 dollars per hour and offers a full benefit package and has 6 current local job openings paying between \$15 and \$20 dollars per hour.
- To view the current positions, visit their web site here: pyrotecnico.com/careers. Successful applicants are reliable and dependable and must pass a background check and drug test. For more information, you may contact them at 800-854-4705.



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