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# Welcome ATA Excellence Martial Arts to the Chamber!



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The LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome ATA Excellence Martial Arts as a new member of our Chamber community. ATA Excellence Martial Arts provides high-quality martial arts instruction focused on building confidence, discipline, respect, and leadership skills for students of all ages.

Through structured training and a supportive environment, ATA Excellence Martial Arts helps students develop both physical skills and positive character traits that extend beyond the classroom.

Community members interested in learning more about ATA Excellence Martial Arts, class schedules, or enrollment opportunities are encouraged to connect with them directly. Information can be found through

their website or social media platforms, where they share updates on programs, classes, and upcoming opportunities. [www.ataexcellence.com](http://www.ataexcellence.com).



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# Welcoming the GO Foundation to the Chamber!

The LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome the GO Foundation as a new Chamber member. Founded in 2024 by sisters Jessica Downey and Jeannie Owsley in loving memory of Gwendolynn Owsley, the GO Foundation is dedicated to supporting children and families during the critical early years of development.

The GO Foundation operates Imagination Station, a childcare center that has served LaGrange County families for more than 14 years. Imagination Station is NAFCC nationally accredited and holds a Level 4 Paths to QUALITY rating, the highest quality designation and the only Level 4 provider in the county. The center currently serves children from 6 weeks through preschool age and is working toward expanding into a 72-seat childcare facility to meet growing community needs.

Through high-quality childcare, play-based learning, and access to family resources, the GO Foundation is committed to strengthening the well-being of children and families while fostering lasting community connections.

We are excited to welcome the GO Foundation to the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce and look forward to their continued impact in our community.

To learn more or follow their journey, you can follow them on Facebook @gofoundation15 or by visiting their website at [www.gofoundationearlylearning.org](http://www.gofoundationearlylearning.org)



Pictured Left-Right: Front Row: Jamie Fennell, LaGwana; Jeannie Owsley, GO Foundation; Mike Howard, Hosler Realty & Steadfast Auctions; and Cori Vilardo, First State Bank. Back Row: Joe Walter, Farmers State Bank; Tony Schneider, LigTel; Erin Olinger and Lauri Couture, Farmers State Bank; Mareen Barton, Lake City Bank; and Sara Patrick, LaGrange County Chamber.

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# Welcome The Happy Caterer to the Chamber!

Founded five years ago this June, The Happy Caterer began as a dream sparked on a beach in Siesta Key and has since grown into a full-service catering business rooted in family, faith, and joyful service. After conversations with Janet Byers at Lakeside and drawing from years of experience, including a former Amish banquet business, this longtime dream became a reality for the whole family.

Specializing in hearty, home-style Amish dining, The Happy Caterer offers full meal menus along with appetizers and open house options. Their largest event to date has served 500 guests, and they travel wherever they are booked, from north of Fremont into Michigan to south of Columbia City. Weddings are a favorite, thanks to the chance to work one-on-one with each bride and create something truly unique for every celebration.

Quality and local sourcing are at the heart of everything they do, with meats from Yoder's Meat in Shipshewana, dinner rolls from Country Lane Bakery, and many of their pies, cakes, and cupcakes baked by a daughter-in-law. The name The Happy Caterer was a family decision, chosen to reflect the joy they aim to bring to every event. To learn more or inquire about catering, visit their website to view menus and connect online. [www.thehappycaterer.com](http://www.thehappycaterer.com) or call 260-499-1271.



Pictured Left-Right: Dave and Jo Schlabach and their team; Tony Schneider, LigTel Communications; Cori Vilardo, First State Bank; Jess Linder, Mongo Trading Post & Mongo General Store; Jamie Fennell, LaGwana; Lauri Couture, Farmers State Bank; Mike Howard, Hosler Realty and Steadfast Auctions; and Joe Walter, Farmers State Bank.

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The LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize and thank our 2026 Chamber Partners for their continued commitment to supporting our local business community. These partnerships play a vital role in advancing the Chamber's mission of fostering connections, promoting growth, and strengthening LaGrange County.

Through their investment, our Chamber Partners help make it possible to host meaningful programs, events, and initiatives that support businesses of all sizes while enhancing the overall vitality of our community. Their support allows us to expand opportunities for networking, professional development, advocacy, and community engagement throughout the year.

We are grateful for the trust our 2026 Chamber Partners place in the Chamber and look forward to working alongside them in the year ahead. Thank you for your leadership, generosity, and dedication to helping LaGrange County thrive.

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Parkview LaGrange Hospital, Bowen Health, Tiffany's Restaurant, and Freedom Finish Works

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