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LaGrange County's 14th Annual Power of the Purse & Wallet Auction

The 14th Annual LaGrange County Power of the Purse & Wallet auction fundraiser will be held at the Farmstead Inn & Conference Center on November 7th. This year, the auction fundraiser will be held in 2 different segments. A lunchtime event will take place from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, with a dinnertime event taking place starting at 6:00 pm. During both events, attendees will be able to take part in a live purse and wallet auction, enjoy a delicious meal provided by Shawana Rae's, and try their shot at winning stuffed purses by purchasing raffle tickets.

This annual event brings members and residents from around the county together with one goal in mind: to ensure that "No Tummy Goes Hungry."

All proceeds from this event go towards the three county school corporations, which partner with Boomerang Backpacks and Blessings in a Backpack to ensure that county children have nutritious foods to eat over the weekends, or when schools are on extended breaks. These programs are critical for those children whose only meal of the day is provided at school.

Funds raised through the selling of event tickets, sponsorships, and monies raised throughout the auction and raffle will be divided equally between Westview, Lakeland, and Prairie Heights School Corporations to help fund these programs.

You can purchase your event tickets by calling the chamber office at 260-463-2443 or by visiting lagrangechamber.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

REGISTER AT LAGRANGECHAMBER.ORG

\$35.00 Single Ticket (Lunch or Dinner)

\$60.00 Single Full Day Pass (Lunch & Dinner)

\$240.00 Single Event Table of 8

\$450.00 Full Day Pass Table of 8

October's Luncheon with a Twist

The Chamber's monthly luncheon event allows area business professionals to network, gain invaluable insight into different topics, and enjoy incredible meals from businesses around LaGrange County.

The October 12th luncheon will be hosted at Ben's Soft Pretzels, family owned pretzel shop with a belief that "Our pretzels have the power to change the world". Ben's Soft Pretzels can be found in the red barn at 100 Berkshire Dr. in Shipshewana.



Interested in knowing more about the current housing situation in LaGrange County? Sherri Johnston from the Economic Development Corporation, along with a representative from the Housing Resource Hub will present on the regional housing landscape. Town managers, Mark Eagleson, Stewart Bender, and Terry Martin will also be giving updates on their town's housing projects.

October's luncheon is sponsored by LaGwana, a creative company located in Shipshewana that does services from signage and promotional products to website and vehicle graphics.



Members can register themselves and their guests for \$15.00 per person, and non-members for \$20.00. Please call 260.463.2443, visit lagrangechamber.org.

Please Notice:

During October's luncheon, the Chamber will be holding a special membership meeting to vote on proposed by-law changes. You can view the proposed changes by visiting lagrangechamber.org/bylaws.

Welcome to our New Members

Knotty Pine Trading Post
8040 E 500 S
Wolcottville, IN 46795

Something Blue Stylists
415 Third Street
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122 S Detroit St.
LaGrange, IN 46761

Pro Seal Insulation
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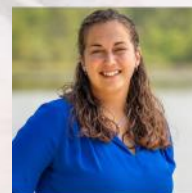
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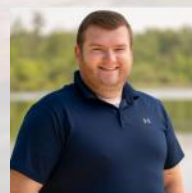
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At the event

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Cole's Auto Detailing Shines Chamber Membership

Owner Cole Alber has been detailing cars since 2017. Alber grew up working around and on cars, so starting a business dealing with cars was a no-brainer. In 2010 Alber began tinting windows as a past time hobby; this soon led to a calling to begin his own business.

Cole's Auto Detailing prides itself on being able to do everything on location, from installing window tint to detailing the interior and exterior of vehicles. Most of their work has a one-day turnaround time.

Cole's Auto Detailing not only offers detailing and window tinting, but they also offer a ceramic coating with a lifetime warranty and rustproofing work. Everything is done at their location at 0735 E 400 N in Howe.

To learn more about what Cole's Auto Detailing can do for you, or to schedule your detailing work you can check out their Facebook page or call them at 260-350-8511.



Pictured left to right: Tony Schneider, LigTel; Jennifer Neff, Lakeland Title Company; Erin Olinger and Joe Walter, Farmers State Bank; Cheri Perkins, LaGrange County Council on Aging; Mareen Barton, Lake City Bank; Denise Landers, Crossroads United Way; Kourtney Jackson, Lake City Bank; Jerry Alber, Mike Bryant, Courtney Alber, and Cole Alber, Cole's Auto Detailing; and Sara Patrick, LaGrange County Chamber.

Lakeland Auto Glass sees itself into Chamber Membership

Lakeland Auto Glass began with a dream to keep the legacy of Chuck Miller alive when he unexpectedly passed earlier this year and his business was sold. Their goal is to stay community minded and stay apart of the LaGrange County community through their works, and supporting of community activities.

Not only does Lakeland Auto Glass fix any of your auto needs, but they also work on commercial and residential glass as well. "If it's glass, we can get it and we can fix it," stated owner Cole Alber.

You can reach Lakeland Auto Glass through their Facebook page, or by calling them at 260-350-8511.



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Pro Seal Insulations warms up Chamber Membership

Working alongside the previous owner, Cole Alber, current owner Cody Smith enjoyed the change in pace from the RV Industry. When Alber was ready to sell the business, Smith was ready to tackle the rewarding challenge of being a small business owner. That's when Pro Seal Insulation was born.

Currently Pro Seal Insulation deals primarily in residential insulation needs, but they also work with commercial clients. Their biggest clients are those that are building new homes or pole barns.

Pro Seal Insulation uses a two part system in installing their spray foam product. This allows the insulation to be sprayed on as a liquid and as it sets up, expands to become solid. Spray foam is not only super energy efficient, but is also a great sound proofing product.

To learn more about Pro Seal Insulation you can reach out to them at 260-585-4650.



Pictured left to right: Sara Patrick, LaGrange County Chamber; Tony Schneider, LigTel; Joe Walter, Farmers State Bank; Kasey and Cody Smith, Pro Seal Insulation; Chris Miller, Camp Lutherwald; Cheri Perkins, LaGrange County Council on Aging; and Kenny Wright, Farmers State Bank.

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This month, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church will be praying specifically for the staff and participants at the following groups.

October 5: Corn School visitors and participants

October 12: LaGwana

October 19: Lagrange Veterinary Clinic

October 26: LigTel

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Department of Labor Announces Proposal to Restore, Extend Overtime Protections for Salaried Workers

Adapted from U.S. Department of Labor

The proposed rule would do the following:

- Restore and extend overtime protections to low-paid salaried workers. Many low-paid salaried employees work side-by-side with hourly employees, doing the same tasks and often working over 40 hours a week. But because of outdated and out-of-sync rules, these low-paid salaried workers aren't getting paid time-and-a-half for hours worked over 40 in a week. The department's proposed salary level would help ensure that more of these low-paid salaried workers receive overtime protections traditionally provided by the department's rules.
- Give workers who are not exempt executive, administrative or professional employees valuable time back. By better identifying which employees are executive, administrative or professional employees who should be overtime exempt, the proposed rule will better ensure that those who are not exempt will gain more time with their families or receive additional compensation when working more than 40 hours a week.
- Prevent a future erosion of overtime protections and ensure greater predictability. The rule proposes automatically updating the salary threshold every three years to reflect current earnings data.
- Restore overtime protections for U.S. territories. From 2004 until 2019, the department's regulations ensured that for U.S. territories where the federal minimum wage was applicable, so too was the overtime salary threshold. The department's proposed rule would return to that practice and ensure that workers in the U.S. territories subject to the federal minimum wage have the same overtime protections as other U.S. workers.

Upon publication in the Federal Register, the notice of proposed rulemaking will be open for public comment for 60 days. The department will consider all comments received before publishing a final rule.



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