The monthly luncheon of the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by Center for Hospice Care will take place on May 14th at the Yoder’s Homestyle Cooking.

Yoder’s Homestyle Cooking is located at 10667 W 325 N, Shipshewana, IN. The menu will be family style dining with two meats, mashed potatoes, noodles, dressing, veggies, pie and beverage. Sounds good, doesn’t it?

Make sure to come hungry!

For reservations, phone the Chamber at 260-463-2443 or email info@lagrangechamber.org.

Cost of the luncheon is $12.00 for members and their guests, $17.00 for non-members.

Reservation deadline is May 10th.

Keep Small Businesses From Closing Permanently After the Crisis is Under Control.

1. Shop local – online. Online shopping is convenient and can be done right from the comfort of your couch! While going through mega-retailers like Amazon might be your go-to, for now, change it up and buy items online from shops in your local community. More and more small business are offering their products online, with a click of your mouse that can be delivered right to your door, so you’ll never have to worry about running low on your favorite items.

2. Purchase gift cards. Restaurants and bars who were forced to close are suffering as no patrons filled the barstools or booths. Consider buying gift cards for the businesses you visit most often to use later when they are officially up and running again.

3. Order takeout. Can’t wait until you can eat your favorite meals from your favorite local restaurants? Many have been offering meals to go, and some are even providing free delivery. This is a great way to keep money going into the local community, and as a bonus, you still get to enjoy all your favorite dishes.

4. Increase the tip amount. Don’t forget, servers and delivery people will also be feeling the decrease in business, and many of them survive on the tips they’re now missing. If you’re ordering takeout or delivery, consider giving a little more than usual when tipping. The tip may not go right back to the restaurant, but it goes to the workers who can put it towards the essentials they may need during this slower time.

5. Practice patience. We’re all in this together. Don’t forget that many small businesses are most likely working with a skeleton staff, so your wait time may be a little longer for deliveries to arrive or for items to become available to purchase.

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The Chamber News is a member publication and is distributed free of charge to businesses in LaGrange County and surrounding areas. Advertising in the Chamber News is available only to Chamber members who invest in the business community by supporting the Chamber.

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- Grate’s Wrecker Service
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- Pizza Hut
- Mike Thomas Associates
- Parkview LaGrange Hospital
- Therma-Tru Doors
- Lewis Quality Homes
- Crabapple Cove, LLC
- Servpro of Steuben, Dekalb & LaGrange
- Cedar Lake Golf Course
- Northern Nutrition, LLC
- Miller’s Merry Manor
- Lakeside Occasions
- Shur Ply
- King Veterinary Clinic
- Lake City Bank
- Focus LaGrange
- Kathy’s Oil Painting Studio
- F & N Woodworking LLC
- The Canvas Shop

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**Flea Market**

- Drive-Thru/Curbside Plant & Produce Market Scheduled for May 5th-6th & May 12th-13th. (Enter from SR 5 and follow directions. Opens at 8 am till sold out or traffic slows. Closing hours will vary based on traffic.)

- Opening May 19 (8 am - 4 pm) Tuesdays & Wednesdays through September 30

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**All Events**

Due to Covid 19 events have been canceled or postponed and we are unable to post.

- Enjoy the outdoors!

- LaGrange County Parks are now open

- Take a hike on one of the Park’s trails

- Pack a Picnic

- Play disc/ frisbee golf
New Members

Supreme Systems LLC  
2540 N 250 W  
LaGrange, IN 46761  
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Welcome to the Chamber!
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More value in the long run—consider PHP. Learn more at phpni.com/considerPHP
Farmers State Bank Shares Scam Warning

With all of the challenges going on right now amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic, one thing to watch out for are scams related to the Coronavirus. Here are some tips to help avoid popular scams right now.

- Do not respond to texts, emails or calls about stimulus funds from the government.
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits.
- Hang up on robocalls.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO.
- Do not donate cash, gift cards or wire money without doing your homework when it comes to donation requests.

This information above was obtained by the FTC website. For more information visit, consumer.ftc.gov/features/coronavirus-scams-what-ftc-doing.

Additionally, you may receive emails appearing to be from financial institutions. Cyber thieves may try to capitalize on this current pandemic by inserting their own phishing emails about interest free loans, accounts or other information in an attempt to steal your sensitive information. If you receive an email or phone call, please do not give out any information unless you have initiated the call. Please be wary of any unsolicited emails or phone calls that request sensitive information, and call us at 888.492.7111 right away with any questions.

ABOUT FARMERS STATE BANK
Founded in 1915 in Stroh, Indiana, Farmers State Bank is one of northeast Indiana’s leading financial institutions and the Home of Blue Button Banking. With corporate headquarters in LaGrange, Indiana, Farmers State Bank has been providing banking and financial services to both consumers and businesses for over 100 years. To learn more, visit GoFSB.com.

Empire Electrical and Heating Joins Chamber Membership

Empire Electrical and Heating, owned by William and Christine Warner, recently joined the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce.

Based out of Wolcottville, Empire Electrical and Heating serves all of LaGrange County and surrounding areas.

Empire Electrical and Heating offers all types of services including the “little stuff” we can’t handle ourselves like, USB wall plugs, ceiling fans, bathroom fans, update plug ins and outlets, outdoor outlets, outdoor lighting, etc. Now just because they offer to do the “little stuff” doesn’t mean they can’t handle the “BIG STUFF”. Feel confident in calling them when your electric panel needs an upgrade, when you would like your garden shed to have electric or when you have decided that it would be nice to have a whole house generator hooked up…..just in case!

You can make an appointment with Empire Electrical and Heating by calling (260) 214-0728 or visit their Facebook page to schedule a day and time that works for you!

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SHOP LOCAL

Pictured above from left to right: Karen Fleisher, Flagstar Bank; Colin Eley, Farmers State Bank; William Warner, Empire Electrical and Heating; Beth Sherman, Executive Director of the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce; Mareen Barton, Lake City Bank and Deb Sills, Miller’s Merry Manor.
No one could have guessed when Kathleen McCormick, owner of the Subway in LaGrange picked the third week in March to close and remodel that other businesses would also close because of Covid 19. The timing was perfect in a way and then again not so much!

The newly remodeled store in LaGrange is beautiful and has a fresh feeling to it, not to mention it looks so much bigger in the there!

“It’s more than a remodel,” said Don Fertman, chief development officer at Subway. “It’s a total refresh: The décor package, the overall improvement of the entire dining experience. We’re incorporating our digital footprint, changing how we present our vegetables and our breads, and how we present the entire experience to Subway customers.”

Although you can not dine in at present do to the “Stay at home” order, you can phone in your order or stop by and place an order to go. Some ingredients are unavailable this time but most of your favorites are waiting for you to enjoy.

Subway LaGrange is located at 802 N Detroit, LaGrange in the North Pointe Plaza. Phone them at (260) 463-7224
We are all currently faced with many new norms and challenges these days. As a result of numerous supply chain shortages on traditional products from traditional vendors, Office360 has found new non-traditional suppliers to help secure product in key areas. Hand sanitizers, toilet paper, face masks, gloves, wipes and disinfectants are in high demand. We wanted to share the complete listing of Covid-19 related items we’ve sourced recently in an easy to comprehend manner.

Here is a list of protection and WFH items that Office360 can help you and/or your organization with:

1. Face Masks (non-PPE)
2. Face Shields (PPE) - Special Order
3. Gel Hand Sanitizers
4. Retail Barrier Protection - Hanging, Mounted, and Countertop
5. Air Purification
6. Quat based hard surface cleaners
7. Personal Space Disks
8. Thermometers - Special Order
9. Home Office Furniture
10. WFH activities for our children

Below is a safe link to a Google Drive that holds the PDFs with the details on all of the products mentioned above. Feel free to download the PDF files for items you want to share with others in your organization. We will be adding new items to this link as we move forward.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-iQxkh3enoQC52Xhc7byptUeU0yr4p94?usp=sharing

Some of these items will only be available temporarily, others will be in stock the future proceeds. To discourage hoarding we have modified our return policy on all COVID-19 related products. These items may not be returned.

Please feel free to reach out to Gary Wohlwend, Regional Manager office360° at 260-710-3098 or g.wohlwend@office3sixty.com with any questions you may have. Quantities and lead times are changing daily and orders will get filled oldest to newest. Stay healthy and safe!
THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR LOCAL HEROES
MOVING OUR COMMUNITY FORWARD
Stay Healthy, Stay Connected.

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