

14TH ANNUAL RURAL STUDIO TOUR IS MAY 4



Visit area artists at their studios and host businesses during a casual self-guided tour on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The first "Rural Studio Tour" was held in May 2010. It was such a hit with both the artists and attendees that we are now gearing up for our 14th annual event! We've added some artists, plus a few scenic stops along the way.

Viewing an artist's work, visiting with them and seeing where they create the work is a unique experience. The majority of the artists on the tour are full-time artists, who show at art fairs and galleries

around the country. Some also teach and host workshops. For many of us, May 4 will be the only day of the entire year when we invite the public in. The rest of the time, our studios are simply a place to create. The Rural Artist Studio Tour is the weekend before Mother's Day, so this is the perfect time to snag a thoughtful gift for the special women in your life!

This event is a great chance to support local artists, some of the artists might even be your neighbors! Each location will be open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. It will be casual and self-

guided, meaning people can visit as many studios and in any order as they wish and on their own time. It's an amazing way to spend a day with your family or get a carload of friends together, have fun and be inspired. Get ready for an art adventure!

We have a fan page where anyone interested can get updates and a map: <http://www.facebook.com/ArtStudioTour>. or, just type in "Rural Artist Studio Tour - Fort Wayne, Indiana & Beyond" on Facebook. Printed maps will be available at all stops in advance at several local businesses, including The Orchard Gallery, Old Crown and Mocha Lounge Dupont in Fort Wayne, Olde Church Shoppes, Steady Eddy's and (Continued on Page 8)

A PEEK AT OUR PAST

This is a continuation from the article in the Apr. 23 issue.

A large brick home still graces State Street in Grabill. This edifice was built in 1882 by the family of John Henry Klopfenstein. In 1901, Grabill founder, Joseph Grabill, purchased this home and the surrounding farm land on the south side of what is now State Street. Mr. Grabill made several changes in the early structure. He added a kitchen and dining room to the east side of the building, plus some time later, Mr. Grabill had indoor plumbing installed. This caused no small amount of local comment.

An early picture taken by a traveling photographer in 1906 shows the house and yard enclosed by an iron fence. The gate was quite elaborate. Mr. Grabill is pictured with a beard. It is estimated that he was 32 years old at that time. Also pictured are two of his young daughters, Wilma and Priscilla.

Farmer Grabill commented on the fragrance of the soil which he plowed with a one-horse shovel plow. The soil in this area was quite different from any they had ever known before. When it was wet, it was sticky and when dry, it was hard and unyielding. They called it "wang." (Continued on Page 5)

LEO METHODIST VOLUNTEERS AT RIVERSIDE GARDENS PARK



Leo Methodist Church youth and adults spent an evening at Riverside Gardens Park weeding and picking up sticks to help with the mowing. The parks in the town of Leo-Cedarville are a beautiful asset in the community and it is worth the time to help keep them beautiful.

The park department ap-

preciates help that they get from churches, clubs, schools and community members. If your organization or you, personally, would like to do a service project at the park, call the town office park department for needed help. (More pictures on page 4)



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**Death Notices/
Obituaries**



Harold L. Jennings, known as "Hal" by his loved ones, passed away on Apr. 17, 2024, at his residence in Indianapolis. He was born in Fort Wayne on Jan. 3, 1998, along with his twin brother, Marcus. From the age of four, Hal was raised in Leo by his guardian parents, Gordon and Nancy Lewis. Hal enjoyed sharing the newest funny internet memes, watching and playing sports, and throwing footballs in the backyard with his nephews. He loved to go on walks, do target practice with his brothers and dad, and was happy talking about anything and everything during car rides! After attending school in the Leo area, Hal received

his high school diploma from the Excel Center in Indianapolis in 2017. He had worked at a variety of jobs since his graduation, mostly in landscaping. He was a member of Taylor Chapel Ministries in Fort Wayne. Hal will be deeply missed by his family.

He is survived by his guardian parents, Gordon and Nancy Lewis of Leo; two brothers, Robert (Angela) Warstler of Kendallville and Marcus Jennings Lewis of Muncie; a sister, Mary Jennings of Fort Wayne; guardian siblings, Kara (Dave) Snoke of Cary, NC, Collin (Brittany) Lewis of Fort Wayne, Evan (Amanda) Lewis of Apex, NC and Aaron Lewis of Wilmore, KY; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Bill and Mary Ann Warstler, who lovingly cared for him and his siblings in their early years.

A funeral service was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Apr. 23, at Taylor Chapel Ministries, 10145 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne. The family received guests from 4:00 p.m. until the time of service. A meal was provided after the service for all who attended. Memorial contribu-

tions may be made to Taylor Chapel Ministries or Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY. Fairhaven Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled the arrangements.



Jamie Sue Thompson, 61, of Harlan, IN, passed away at home on Thursday, Apr. 11, 2024. Jamie was born in Fort Wayne, IN, on June 12, 1962. She was a graduate of New Haven High School, where she was a member of the track team and the band. Jamie was a valued employee of East Allen County Schools, but will always be remembered for the special love she had for her family.

Jamie will be sadly missed by her husband, Scott Thompson; mother, Judith (Stapleton) Hubbard; sons, Matthew (Tara) and Andrew and Adam Thompson; siblings, Jeff Hubbard, Greg (Julie) Hubbard and Jennifer Gregg; and her cat, Elley. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Hubbard.

A celebration of life was held Friday, Apr. 26, at 4 p.m. The family received friends from 1 to 4 p.m. at Woodburn Missionary Church, 5108 Bull Rapids Rd., Woodburn, IN. In keeping with Jamie's generous spirit, please consider a memorial gift to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Mary Renner, 87, of Greenville, OH, died Apr. 24, 2023 at Ayden Healthcare in Greenville, OH. Mary was married to former Woodburn resident, Marlin (Red) Renner. He preceded her in death. Mary was born June 22, 1936, in Darke County, OH, to Berl and Eva (Deiser) Biddle, both deceased. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Helen and Dorothy. Mary is survived by many nephews, nieces and great-nephews and great-nieces. She enjoyed Bingo and attending Sprint car and Midget racing until she could no longer travel. She also belonged to Old Timers of Winchester Speedway, lifelong member of Dayton Auto Race Fan Club, along with the Eldora Booster Club. Mary's love for racing started before she met Red, but it grew stronger in one year and they were married. She got to meet several of Red's racing friends and stayed in contact with them after Red received head injuries at Winchester

in late July of 1962. He was in a local hospital for about three weeks, then transferred to Miami Valley in Dayton and on Sunday, Sept. 9, 1962, passed without regaining consciousness. Mary was 26 and Red, the love of her life, was 36. Both have been laid to rest on a hill north of Palestine, OH, along with her father and sister in Darke County.

Obituary Policy

The East Allen Courier publishes death notices of individuals from or formerly from our circulation area, submitted to us from funeral homes, individuals or other publications at no charge with no arrangements listed.

Obituaries (full information) will be charged \$35 for up to 350 words and \$40 with a black and white photo.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who can we thank for skyrocketing property taxes?

Have you received your 2024 property tax bill yet? Mine went up significantly. If you pay your property tax via your mortgage payment, plan on a big increase. Why the increase?

A significant proportion of the increase is due to those running our fire district. In 2019, I paid \$72 for the "Township" line item, which included fire protection. My 2024 bill shows a tax of \$1020 for the "NE Fire Dist". Why did the taxes go up so much?

Their prior leadership and some past volunteer firemen in NE Allen County decided to become involved in politics and ran for township boards. Once elected, they voted in a fire territory, raising the fire/EMS budget 10 times, giving full time jobs (including medical and pension benefits) to individuals who previously volunteered their time for the good of the community. These same leaders immediately pushed for the fire territory to become a fire district, giving local control over to Allen County. Why? In my opinion, it is because a fire territory could have been disbanded by unhappy taxpayers via their township boards but a fire district cannot.

I don't blame the firemen. The mantra has been that no one was volunteering any longer. Well, that's because a full-time position was dangled in front of them. No, this was cooked up by their leadership.

The same people who are responsible for this tax increase are still not satisfied. They wrote a letter to the editor in the Nov. 14, 2023 Courier, threatening to cut fire/EMS services unless the Allen County council gave them more money. Who are these people? They are four board members of the NE Allen County Fire Protection District: Brian Amstutz, chairman; Greg Peck, vice chairman; James Kruse, secretary; and Wilmer Delagrang, trustee.

We need to hold these people accountable for the tax increase and for the way they went about it. Especially if you see their names on a ballot in the near future.

— Mark Shuttleworth,
Cedar Creek Township
Resident

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Lindsey Hammond, candidate for Allen County Council At-Large, as well as Precinct Committee and Delegate.

I am a God-fearing, Christ follower. My husband Tim and I have five children whom we homeschool, two of which have graduated. We have a small homestead outside of Harlan, where we've lived for about 12 years. Our family regularly attends church at Harvest Fellowship. I'm a National Board-Certified Health and Wellness Coach, I also hold a BSBA in accounting and worked in the private sector for 10 years, before leaving my career to be a stay-at-home mom.

I'm not a politician, but rather a concerned mom who feels called to serve and ensure we have a true voice on county council. I am a Constitutional conservative who stands on conviction, prioritizing fiscal responsibility, transparency and accountability, advocacy and community engagement. I am a passionate fighter who wants to ensure people and principles take priority over

politics. I am unapologetically pro-life and support protecting life from conception, as every person is created in the image of God, has worth and deserves the right to life.

As a fiscal conservative, I support the core principles of small/limited government, fiscal responsibility, low taxes and free market capitalism. I believe transparency and accountability are of utmost importance for those elected to represent We the People, and fiscal responsibility should be a priority when it comes to the government's stewardship of our tax dollars. Our taxes continue to increase year after year, as the size and scope of the county budget continues to grow. The path we are on is completely unsustainable and does not represent the conservative values of small government and low taxes. I'm ready to see this change!

With the county council being the fiscal body, my accounting background and experience with financials and budgeting will be an asset to the council and the taxpayers. Part of my responsibilities as an accounting manager was working with department heads to build

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YOUNGER WORKERS MUST BALANCE FINANCIAL PRIORITIES



If you're a younger worker just starting out in your career, you've got tremendous personal and professional opportunities ahead of you. But this is also when you will need to make some key decisions – especially about your financial priorities.

When considering your priorities, you may find it helpful to look at these three areas:

Paying off debts – If you're like many young working people, one of your biggest debts may be your student loans – and paying these down is, by necessity, a priority, because falling behind on your student loan payments can lead to late fees and other problems. So, if you haven't done so already, you may want to enroll in autopay, which will help you stay current on your loan and possibly earn a rate reduction.

Saving for short-term goals – At this stage of your life, you may be thinking about saving for at least one or two significant short-term goals, such as a wedding or a down payment to a house – or perhaps both. Obviously, your ability to save for these goals will depend on your income, your current cost of living and your debt situ-

ation. But if a wedding or a new home is indeed a priority for you, you'll want to look at what's possible, in terms of putting money away. Since you know you'll need a certain amount of money at a given time, you may want to automatically move a set amount from your checking or savings account each month to a low-risk account whose principal is essentially protected. You might not earn a lot on such an account, but at the same time, you won't have to worry about a drop in value just when you need to take out the money.

Saving for retirement – Even though you may just be at the beginning of your working life, it's not too soon to begin preparing for its conclusion. You could spend two, or even three, decades in an active retirement, so you will need to accumulate considerable financial resources. Fortunately, here's an area in which you may be able to get some help, starting right away. If you work for a mid-size or large company, your employer may well offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Your pre-tax salary deferral contributions are generally not taxable, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. (If your employer offers a Roth 401(k), your contributions will be taxable, but withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.) These days, even many small employers often offer some type of retirement plan, so it's likely to your benefit to take full advantage of it by contributing as much as you can afford.

Prioritizing these long-term savings goals, and striving to meet them with the appropriate solutions, can certainly be challenging. But as a young worker, you

have the greatest – and most irreplaceable – asset on your side: time. So, make the most of it. Think carefully about your needs and options and take the steps that enable you to keep making progress toward all your objectives.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by Michael Richardson of Leo.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Letter to the Editor . . . (Continued from Page 2)

their budgets, I then compiled all of them to prepare the forecast financials to be presented to our board of directors for approval. My monthly tasks included preparing our P&L and comparing actual spending to budget and prior year amounts to analyze variances and trends. The goal in the private sector is to be as lean and efficient as possible. I believe the government should aim to do the same.

I will bring a fresh perspective to the council as a grassroots leader and community advocate. I will fight to end the constant tax increases, ensure tax dollars are spent wisely, and regain the trust of the community. My campaign platform focuses on the community and how they can be served better by local government. My message of people and principles over politics simply means the government having the people's interest at the forefront of every decision they make and applying constitutional principles in every case, both should take priority over politics. Too many times politics take priority, and the interests of the people take a backseat in the name of progress. We deserve a government that is responsive and effective without being burdensome to the people they serve. We need a balanced approach that entails government working with the community.

If you don't like the tax being levied on you or how it's being spent, you need to vote differently as it is the elected officials who direct the spending. I'm challenging the incumbents because I feel the voters deserve a choice.

There has never been a more important time to elect those who will represent the voice of the people! I am a candidate for the people, with a passion to fight for Allen County taxpayers, engage with them, and give them a voice on the council. I will only vote to spend your hard-earned money on things the government is required to provide, leaving more in your

wallet. I humbly ask for an opportunity to serve you and I'd appreciate your vote on May 7. Protect Your Wallet, Vote Hammond!

– Lindsey Hammond

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAR. 18

The Woodburn city council meeting of Mar. 18 began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Hileman, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker and council members, Graber, Gerig, Gentz, Sarrazine and Watts.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Walls reported we are waiting for AEP to acquire a transformer to get the high school lift station active, no timeline at this moment.

A billing issue with a business was presented, discussions to waive late fees was denied by council.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the Mar. 4 meeting. After discussion, Mr. Gerig moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Graber, all present in favor.

The warrants were presented. After discussion, Mr. Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, seconded by Ms. Sarrazine, all present in favor.

Clerk-treasurer presented a quote from Boyce for \$40,880 for new accounting and bill software. After discussion Mr. Watts moved to approve the quote, seconded by Ms. Sarrazine, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Mr. Gentz presented his thoughts about sewer costs for citizens within and out of city limits.

Audience: A citizen was in attendance to ask council to adjust the sewer portion of his utility bill. The citizen informed the council that his outside water was left on and the water had not entered the sewer. After discussion Mr. Watts moved to approve an adjustment, seconded by Ms. Sarrazine, all present

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SHEEP AND GOATS
By Andy Ford
 "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40
 This section of Matthew begins at Matt. 25:31 where the Son of Man is sitting on His throne and separating the sheep and the goats. Judgment! But the tone and the message of the next few verses does not feel like a courtroom; at least not to me. Let's visit some other verses in Scripture and then come back to Matthew.
 In Proverbs 14:31, there is just a dash of judgment. "He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has mercy on the needy." It seems those who love the Lord are called on to love their neighbor.
 In Isaiah 58, God speaks against those who fast to win God's favor, and suggests other means which He has chosen. "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;" (Isaiah 58:7)
 Hebrews 13:1-2, first the reason. "Let brotherly love continue," and then we are

reminded not to judge others for we might be surprised. "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." Don't want to turn away any angels.
 In Mark 9, we find the disciples wanting to forbid strangers from casting out demons in Jesus' name. But Jesus says not to forbid the strangers. "For he who is not against us is on our side," and "For whoever gives you a cup of water in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." (Mark 9:40-41)
 Back to Matthew. After separating sheep and goats, God talks to the sheep (the good guys) about inheriting the kingdom, a kingdom prepared for them since the beginning. And He speaks of all the things they've done for Him. Food and drink, taking Him in, clothing, comforting Him, visiting, etc. And the people respond with a puzzled tone: when did we do that? They are not like the Pharisees who do charitable deeds only to be seen by others. Instead "when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." (Matt. 6:3)
 And the Lord's answer is like a blazing light. "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." It has been said: Blessings come when you bless others. But there is no greater blessing than being able to do something for God, and whenever we help our neighbor whom we love, we are doing it for God as well.

ACTS 2
By Evangelist Harvey Hacker, Church of Christ at Grabill
 Isaiah 2, Daniel 2 and Joel 2 are fulfilled in Acts 2. Acts 2:1, "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." Now Pentecost was a Jewish feast day celebrating their harvest. The word Pentecost means 50th, because it was 50 days after the Passover. Now Pentecost always fell on the first day of the week, Sunday. That is when the Christians came together to partake of the Lord's Supper.
 Now, can you meet on Saturday? Sure, but you cannot forget Sunday. Can you meet on Monday? You sure can, but you cannot forget the first day of the week. They did not take the Lord's Supper on Saturday. They only took the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day. I like to say, "The Lord's people take the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day." That is what the Bible teaches.
 The prophecies of Isaiah, Daniel and Joel were fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. Now the prophecies were not speaking of a physical kingdom on this earth. What was prophesied was that the church of Christ, the kingdom, was going to be established. Most people believe the kingdom is not here, but we find that on the day of Pentecost it came. Mark 9:1, "And He said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death

till they see the kingdom of God present with power.'" It happened in Acts 2.
 I always tell people that if your church did not begin on the day of Pentecost it is the wrong church. This is a great day for bringing the kingdom of Christ. If these things had not taken place, prophecy would have been wrong. Prophecy is never wrong in the Word of God. Acts 2:2-4, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."
 Now let me just say, you're not going to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You're going to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and that is just as important as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Maybe more so, because He produces fruit in our lives. There is no one living today that has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and can speak in tongues, like the apostles. It was only promised to the Apostles, and Cornelius in Acts 10.
 Paul had the baptism of the Holy Spirit but not like the other Apostles, because he was an Apostle to the Gentiles. What people do today is totally different than what the Apostles did and what the Word of God teaches. They get their ideas from men rather than from God. We need to do exactly what the Bible says, and we will be okay. It does not make any difference what we think. God is always right. We can disagree and get mad all we want. We can be wrong. God can never be wrong. Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."
 Today the Word of God is the power. Not the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of Jesus is the power that saves people. The day of Pentecost was a wonderful day. The great Kingdom of Christ was started, the church! That's why all this has happened, and don't tell me that one church is as good as another. There is one universal church of Christ. Jesus is King.

THE NEW EARTH
By Doris Applegate, August 2015
 The time is getting shorter,
 The hour is almost here
 When we will hear God's trumpet blast
 And the glorious shout of Jesus Dear.
 The sky will split apart so wide
 To show the coming host
 Angels, saints and our own Lord
 The one we love the most.
 We who are left on earth alive
 Will meet them in the air
 And then forever be with Christ
 With wondrous bodies, oh so fair.
 The prayer we prayed, "Thy Kingdom come"
 At last it has arrived



And we with Christ will rule and reign
 Forever by His side.
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in favor. Representatives from Baseline Communications and GovGrant were in the audience to present an idea to the board of bringing a fiber network to the city. After discussion Mr. Watts moved to enter into contract with GovGrant,

seconded by Mr. Gentz, all present in favor. Mr. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Go to cityofwoodburn.org to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.
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AREA BALD EAGLES



This pair of bald eagles was spotted in the 1400 block of Schwartz Road, just south of Riverside Gardens. (Photo contributed by Conrad Getz.)

TRAVELING BACKWARDS

Interior decorator Jim, and auto mechanic Charlie, were thinking about a way of getting into the Guinness World Records. They came up with a unique idea. In fact, it was so bizarre that the record would be impossible to break.

They were going to drive coast to coast and back in an automobile, without shutting off the engine the entire trip. Not only that, they would drive backward the entire trip. They were going to drive a 1932 model A Ford two-door roadster, but Ford would not sponsor them. Then they took their idea to a Texaco executive, and he agreed if they made it half-way he would sponsor them.

They left St. Louis July 24 for the trip to New York. And two days later they were ready for their big trip. They put a big Texaco star on the doors, saddled up and away they went. They tuned the car up, put on new tires, and took spare parts for everything that might go wrong. They took off everything that was not necessary. Since they were traveling backwards they took out all of the gears but reverse. The top speed of the car would be 11 mph. They changed the headlights and taillights around, the steering and the seats so that they were facing in the opposite direction. They would take turns driving and sleeping. They put a mattress in the backseat, and their head would be in the rumble seat.

They left Staten Island on July 26, and arrived at the ocean in LA on Aug. 13. It took six days to reach Municipal Bridge in St. Louis. The trip going was approximately

three weeks, over 500 hours, with very few stops. They took a brief break and then turned around. They never shut the motor off. They were stopped twice and taken to court for public disturbance, but were able to keep going, and they never shut off the motor.

This was not the entire story. There were actually two cars. There was a lead car that went before them. The lead car arranged a police escort through towns, procured fuel in gas cans, and food and supplies so they could eat on the go. They traveled on Route 66 nearly the entire trip west.

They arrived at Staten Island the afternoon of Sept. 7. They were greeted by a band playing, and thousands of people. They shut off the engine for the first time in nearly 42 days, with the car facing the Pacific. You may be wondering correctly what this trip proved. I guess it proved that you can drive from the Atlantic to Pacific and back backwards. Also a Ford V8 is capable of traveling for six weeks without ever being shut off.

These were the days when people were just starting to travel out west for a vacation. Prior to this, cars were not reliable, and flat tires common. I guess the roaring twenties really got things going.

— Jim Neuhaus

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A Peek at Our Past . . .
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Picture taken from "Remembering Grabill, Indiana" by Kathryn Moore.

But through trial and error, these early settlers learned how to farm the "wang."

Another use for this strange soil was soon learned. Pottery and tile making soon became an industry in early Grabill. Some years later, "The Gerig" brothers found a way to make sand brick. A kiln was built to fire these bricks made from the "wang." Local builders used the brick in home construction. When, in 1882,

the Klopfensteins decided to build their large home, it was lined with four layers of this local product. The new home had six bedrooms. At the top of the stairs was a small room. This was used long before indoor plumbing, to "wash." Years later, Mr. Grabill used this area for an upstairs bathroom.

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— Joanne Sauder, Grabill Historical Society

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Perennial weeds, such as dandelion, plantain and clover, are present in the lawn all year long. In winter, the plants may wither and disappear, but their root systems are still alive and well. These noxious roots are lurking beneath the surface of your lawn, and waiting for warm spring weather to reappear as eyesores in the lawn. When warm weather (finally) arrives, new leaves begin to grow, and begin their "crowding out" tactics to take over the lawn. Summer annual weeds, such as chickweed, oxalis, spurge and purslane also begin to invade.

Control of these pesky weeds is done by applying a post-emergent weed control. Unlike digging or pulling weeds, weed controls get rid of weeds from the roots to help ensure the weeds cannot grow back from root stubs that may be left in the soil. This is not accomplished overnight. Instead, the weeds slowly disappear over a period of a few weeks as the weed control kills the roots. Weed controls come in both liquid and granular form. Whether liquid or granular, the weed control needs to have an opportunity to adhere to the leaves of the plant in order to be effective because the ingredients enter

the weed primarily through the surface of the leaves.

For those who prefer a non-granular, fertilizer free post-emergent control for spot treating small areas, liquid controls provide an ideal option. Some are water-proof in an hour(s). The ready-to-use and concentrate versions are effective for treating a host of broadleaf weeds without harming the lawn. Because the weed control is already in a liquid form, it adheres to the plant and absorbs into the weed more quickly than the granular versions.

The granular forms of the weed controls are typically combined with a grass fertilizer to feed your lawn - hence the name weed & feed. All granular applications should be made on a damp lawn in order to help the weed control adhere to

the weed plant. Application after a light rainfall or early morning dew is ideal. Additionally if it's possible, apply the granular weed & feed to a freshly cut lawn. If within 24 hours of mowing, it will help the granules of nutrients and weed control absorb in the fresh cuts on grass and weeds alike. After application, avoid foot traffic on the lawn and hope the weatherman was right in predicting no rainstorms from 24 to 48 hours. The heavy rain and foot traffic with the 24 to 48 hour window could dislodge the granules and make the weed control less effective.

The timing of post-emer-

gent weed control application is important if the lawn is to get the maximum benefit from the product. As a general rule, the application should be made when the weeds are actively growing. Application for the most northern part of the U.S. is recommended in mid- to late-spring. For our area this means an application (Continued on Page 8)

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STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF ALLEN, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ALLEN COUNTY, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA CAUSE NO. 02D03-2202-MF-000059

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. NICOLE R. DINIUS; CITY OF FORT WAYNE NEIGHBORHOOD CODE ENFORCEMENT; KNOLLS OF ARDMORE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

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This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).

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1ST SOURCE BANK, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT M. PIERCE, DECEASED; DANIEL PIERCE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF ROBERT M. PIERCE, DECEASED; ESTATE OF ROBERT M. PIERCE, DECEASED; CITY OF FORT WAYNE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD CODE COMPLIANCE; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; INDIANA FARM BUREAU INSURANCE COMPANY; SOLID ROCK PROPERTIES LLC, D/B/A WAYNE DALE VILLAGE APARTMENTS, Defendants.

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STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF ALLEN, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ALLEN COUNTY, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, CAUSE NO. 02D03-2307-MF-000217

WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE FOR JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF POPULAR ABS, INC. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff, vs. ANITA A. ROBINSON-DAVIS A/K/A ANITA ANN ROBINSON-DAVIS, DECEASED; LOUIS E. BRIGHT; CROWN COLONY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; COMMUNITYWIDE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; CITY OF FORT WAYNE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD CODE COMPLIANCE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Allen Superior Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 01/23/2024, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Allen County, in Allen County, Indiana, located at 102 Courthouse 715 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 on June 5, 2024 at 2:00 PM Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Allen County, Indiana, to-wit:

Lot 298 Crown Colony, Section "E", Block "D", an Addition to the City of Fort Wayne, according to the plat thereof recorded in the office of the Recorder of Allen County, Indiana.

Commonly known as: 4031 Lynfield Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46816

State Parcel Number: 02-13-29-401-011.000-077

This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).

It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Allen County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.

Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Wilmington Trust Company as successor trustee to The Bank of New York as successor trustee for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificateholders of Popular ABS, Inc. Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-5. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisalment laws.

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Lawn Care . . .
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should be made sometime in late April or early May when air temperatures are between 60-90 degrees F. Another time for applying weed controls is in the early fall. From mid-September to early October, weeds are actively growing. Weeds are susceptible to the weed controls in the fall because they are naturally translocating nutrients to their roots in preparation for winter dormancy.

Make sure to space out your feedings. You need a

period of at least six to eight weeks between feedings. Otherwise you maybe over-feeding your lawn causing you to mow your lawn more often. If you have broadleaf weeds coming up and you have recently fed your lawn, use a granular or liquid weed control that doesn't have fertilizer to get rid of those eyesores.

The only times weed controls should not be used is on newly planted grass. Once that new grass has had time to grow and has been mowed at least four regularly spaced mowings (approximately 20-plus days), then you can

apply a weed control to the newly seeded area. If you've already applied weed control but need to overseed, it is best to wait one month after your last application. Whether liquid or granular, using a weed control will help ensure your lawn stays weed free in the warmer weather to come!

— Len Schrock,
Jonathan Green Lawn
Consultant,
Grabill & Woodburn
Hardware

Rural Studio Tour . . .
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Cedar Creek Candles in Leo. Artists are located in Fort Wayne, Leo and Spencer-ville. Riverview Native Nursery and Beside Still Waters Greenhouse are both on the route and you can shop for your spring plants while visiting! Last year, we added the new local restaurant, Steady Eddy's, which was a huge hit! They will be hosting a guest artist and serving up their delicious menu during the tour.

This year's participating artists are Sharon Zych, Kristy Jo Beber, Holly Heath, Derek Bastian, Andrea Bjorab, Jordan Fine Art Jewelry, William Stefen, Lisa Vetter and Paul Siefert.

Printed maps will also be available at each stop the day of event.

Sharon Zych Watercolors, 8245 Notestine Road, Fort Wayne. Sharon uses watercolor as her medium of choice, with a focus on seascapes and tall ships.

Kristy Jo Beber Stone-ware Pottery, 9719 Hosler Road, Leo. Explore the studio and browse Kristy Jo's newest wheel thrown pottery. With a playful twist, she explores animal subjects, nature and graphic patterns.

Holly Heath Photography, 14435-B Leo Rd. (State Rd 1), Leo. Holly not only enjoys portraits and weddings, her first love is fine art photography with a focus on small town Americana. Try your hand at acrylic pouring on canvas or wine glass painting during your visit.

Metal artist, Derek Bastian, guest artist, at Steady Eddy's Station, 14436 Leo Rd. (State Rd 1), Leo. Derek transforms repurposed cutlery into metal animal sculptures through his welding artistry. Hosted by Steady Eddy's, serving lunch, dinner and drinks seven days a week, starting at 11 a.m. Indoor and outdoor seating! Food service starts at 10 a.m. on the day of the Studio Tour.

Andrea Bjorab: Oil paintings, guest artist at Olde Church Shoppes, 10629 Main Street, Leo. Andrea is a representational painter from Indiana who enjoys plein air and still life painting. She continually challenges herself. Hosted by The Historic

Olde Church Shoppes, with three floors of unique shoppes in a circa 1861 church on the the St. Joseph River.

Jordan Fine Art Jewelry, guest artist at Beside Still Waters Greenhouse, 18017 Devall Rd., Spencerville. Hand built mixed metal jewelry inspired by the natural world around us. Wearable art! Shop the greenhouse for herbs, vegetable starts, hanging baskets, perennials and annual flowers.

William Steffen, wood artist, 12724 County Line Road E., Spencerville. Using wood to create vases, keepsake boxes and bowls, William strives to showcase the natural beauty in each piece of wood he uses.

The Art Farm: Lisa Vetter and Paul Siefert, 17612 N. County Line Rd. E, Spencerville. Lisa and Paul's philosophy that life is art translates in the functional found object assemblage pieces and jewelry that they create for both love and money at their restored 1860 farmstead studio.

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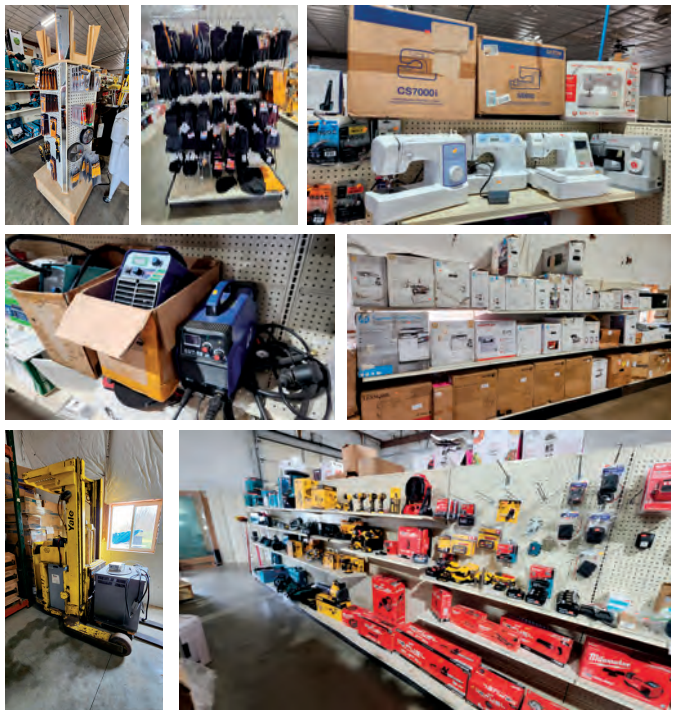
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Collectibles and Toys: Old meat grinders; white rocking chairs; Tonka toy trucks; Hot Wheel cars; wire bench; many chalk ware figurines, vases and other; old cabinet; wash basin w/stand; strawberry canister set; butter churn; salt and pepper shakers; old bottles; tins; jugs; Avon decanters; old sled; concrete Snow White and 7 Dwarfs set; concrete figurines; concrete Holland girl and boy; many toy wrecker trucks; semi trucks and trailers; collectibles cars and trucks, still in boxes; signs; car pictures. **Car Parts:** Many sets of 50s to 60s Ford hubcaps; emblems; old license plates; truck signs; Chilton books; several old 4-barrel carburetors; several sets of 55 to 67 Ford truck tail lights. **Tools and Misc.:** (2) engine stands; torch set; drill press; Craftsman router; clamps; air tools; wrenches and misc. hand tools; cut off saw; air compressor; chain saws; scroll saw; ceiling hopper gun; Reddy PRO115 heater; kerosene heater; gas cans; 20-gal. hand sprayer; hitches; post hole digger and misc. garden tools; leaf blower; grass weed eater; ladders; alum. loading ramps; charcoal grill; misc. building supplies and wood; garage door opener; misc. fencing. **Sports Items:** Fishing poles, many lures; deer stand; bow target; Coleman lantern; camping chairs; gun cases; loader supplies; muzzle loader; pistol bench; Remington gun w/scope; duck decoys; bikes; electric power chair; several mosquito magnets; coolers; 10x10 canopy; outdoor speaker rocks; patio heater; life jackets; patio set. **Household Items:** Barrel chairs and gaming table; refrigerator; freezer; twin bed frame; roll-top desk; lamps; mirrors; recliners; couch and love seat; several chairs; 4-piece queen bedroom suite; telephone stand; old sewing machine in cabinet; corner shelves; kid's rocker and other rockers; misc. shelves; tater box; old table lamps; exercise inverter; meat slicer; 7-qt. crock pot; entertainment center; several flat screen TVs; DVD player; chrome pole dancing pole; Christmas tree. **Jewelry and Money:** Silver certificates, red and blue ink; Kennedy dollars; and 1/2 dollars; buffalo nickels; wheat pennies; broaches; pearls; and costume jewelry. Watch web site for photos and full listing of items.

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