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It's an exciting week here at LCEDC!

If you follow us on social media you may have noticed our logo change at the end of last week, and if you follow us on facebook then hopefully you saw our post about our BRAND NEW WEBSITE and the rebranding project we've been hard at work on for the last several months. If you don't follow us (you should!) and this is the first you're hearing about it, please use the link below to visit us on the web.

You can learn more about what we do here at LCEDC and our initiatives, our mission and vision, who our investors are and become an investor yourself!

[Visit our new website](#)

Leadership LaGrange County 2022 is HERE!

Leadership LaGrange County (LLC) returned in 2021 with a mission to identify, train, prepare and inspire community engagement and development, and economic growth and development throughout LaGrange County. In 2022 we're setting out to do the same thing with some improvements based on feedback from our program alumni and staff. LLC is open to individuals living and working in LaGrange County, Indiana, who have demonstrated their interest in promoting and elevating LaGrange County communities through civic and economic engagement and personal servant leadership. Each class is representative of the rich fabric and diversity of our community. A special emphasis will be placed on economic development, education, place-making, and community history as they pertain to the specific skills necessary to be a successful leader. It is important that applicants have the support of their employers or sponsoring organizations due to the commitment of time and devotion to community action projects. This program is for everyone from current leadership to those in training, and even aspiring leaders of all ages. For more information, to fill out an online application or print a hard copy, or to view the session schedule please follow the link below:



Save The Date
First Wednesday Monthly
October - March
9 am - 1pm
10.5.2022
11.2.2022
12.7.2022
1.4.2023
2.1.2023
3.1.2023

**Leadership
LaGrange County**
A program of the LaGrange County EDC

\$300 Class Fee due by 10.5.2022
Lunch will be provided.

SPONSORS NEEDED

We are looking for a variety of sponsors for Leadership LaGrange County this year to help cushion the cost for our participants. Other counties in our region charge over \$800 for similar programming, but with the help of our community members and the amazing businesses in it we are able to offer \$300 tuition to our participants! We have the following sponsorship types available:

WORKSHOP SPONSOR - \$300: Workshop sponsorship supports program materials, lunch and refreshments during any one of the six regularly scheduled workshops in 2022. Sponsors are invited to give brief opening remarks at the start of the program, and are recognized with signage and on class materials distributed during the workshop.

EMPLOYEE SUPPORT - \$300: Employee support and education is key to talent development and retention. Supporting an interested employee by giving them the time to participate and paying their LLC tuition, if selected for participation, is

a statement of employer support. Individuals who submit an application supported by their employer and are selected for participation will submit their tuition invoice to their employer for payment. Please include attendee name below.

BOOK SPONSOR - \$200: We are planning to purchase several content appropriate books for the class to read in between workshops to encourage both personal and professional development, and drive conversations between our participants. A great way for you to support our efforts in the county is to become a book sponsor and help provide copies of these books at no additional cost to our participants.

REFRESHMENT SPONSOR - \$100: Providing lunch funding for all of our participants is a great show of support from your business to the entire community, its retention of talent, and leadership development

For additional information on sponsorship or a sponsorship form please email Emilee at efincher@lagrangecountyedc.com or call 260.499.4994

Checks can be made payable to LaGrange County EDC with sponsorship type listed in the memo and dropped off at 304 N Townline Rd. Suite 2, LaGrange, IN 46761



LaGrange County Together is a community-driven process that was used to prepare a comprehensive plan for the County, including the towns of LaGrange, Shipshewana, Topeka, and Wolcottville, and all unincorporated areas. The 16 month process, led by the LaGrange County Plan Commission and the LaGrange County Community Foundation, was a blend of technical analysis and community engagement. After a lot of hard work and collaboration, the plan draft is here and on Monday, August 22, the adoption process will begin!

For more information, to provide feedback or if you have any questions about the Comprehensive Plan, you can contact Octavia Yoder, Executive Director of the LaGrange County Community Foundation at 260.463.4363 or oyoder@lccf.net

[View the Comprehensive Plan Draft Here](#)

-BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT-

S&H Metal Products Celebrates 50 Years

S&H Metal Products of Topeka celebrated their 50th Anniversary in business this week with a well attended open house complete with homemade baked goods and refreshments, informational tours of their new facility with employees, and meet and greets with the owner, Fritz Helmuth. Helmuth was interested in design and metal work beginning as early as third grade, and grew up working and dreaming in his father's metal shop. In 1972 he started S&H Metal Products with a partner (Harley Schlabach) who he bought out in 1979. S&H specializes in quality customized sheet metal products and components and finished goods for a broad range of industries with the majority of business from the RV and modular home industries. We would like to extend our heartfelt Congratulations to Fritz and his entire team on an incredible accomplishment!

[S&H Metal Website](#)

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