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GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. It is currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

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Please use the weekly Zoom link you receive via e-mail from Bob Naas to access our meetings remotely. If you are not receiving this, contact Bob or Dick LeDuc.

June 15, 2022

Today's speaker was Christina Wicks, Region 9 Coalition Coordinator for the Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program. Trafficking is defined as the use of force (of some kind or another) to compel a person into any form of work or service against his/her will. Many industries are possible sources of trafficking victims: domestic work, restaurant, sex work, health and beauty, massage parlors, social services, hospitality, construction, forestry, agriculture, and door to door sales. Some of these industries are targeted because they deal with vulnerable youth. Vulnerable youth populations include runaways, homeless, those in poverty, those with system involvement (for example, in foster care), those abused/neglected, those with substance abuse issues, those with untreated mental health concerns, LGBTQIA youth, immigrant/migrant youth, and refugee or asylum-seeking youth. Some red flags that a person may be trafficked: chronic runaway/truant/homeless youth, having goods or services they cannot afford (expensive shoes, manicure, etc.), having excessive amounts of cash, carrying multiple hotel keys, cell phones, and/or poker chips (tokens), someone else has control over their I.D., lying about age, false identification, and/or inconsistencies, signs of branding (tattoo, jewelry), restricted and/or scripted communication, physical injuries/signs of abuse, appearing scared or nervous, not making eye contact, lacking knowledge about where they are and why, showing signs of psychological trauma and abuse: anxiety, depression, thoughts of suicide, panic attacks, or lack of emotion (flat effect),

dissociation, unexplained memory loss, and/or having someone with them at all times (this person may seem controlling). Traffickers use social media to recruit and solicit, and they groom their potential victims by playing up to their needs. They may provide special gifts, and agree to "break the rules" of behavior for special occasions. They are secretive. There is frequently a power imbalance between the trafficker and the victim—age, wealth, etc. Statistics show that 36% of traffickers are from the victim's immediate family (sadly, parents do sell their kids for drugs), 27% boy-friends, 14% friends of the family, 14% employers, and only 9% are strangers. If you suspect trafficking, you can call the Indiana child abuse hotline at 1-800-800-5556 or the national hotline at 1-888-373-7888.



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Upcoming events:

July 7: Otters Night Out (6:35 game time, must pre-pay for your ticket/food; **Ken McWilliams** said the **last date to sign up and pay will be June 22**)

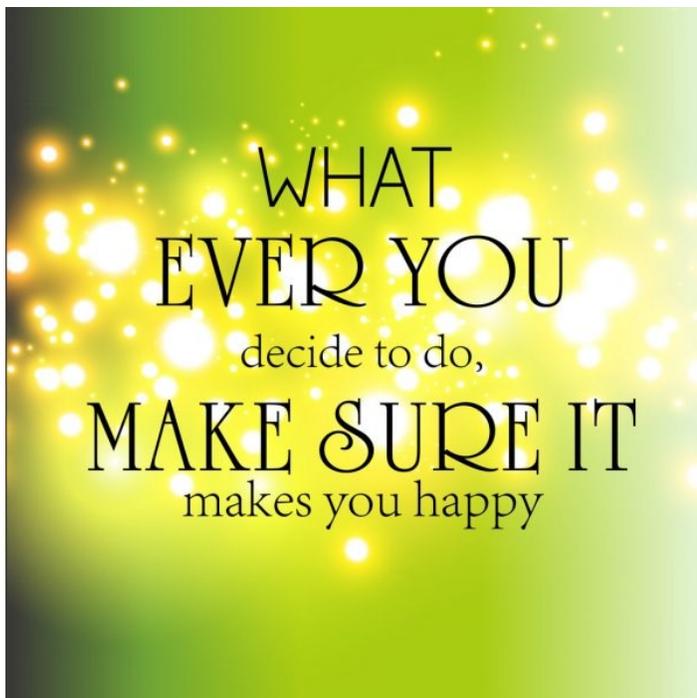
July 27: helping with parking at the 4-H Center for the fair

We will hold another online auction in July, date TBA. **Martha Seal** is looking for items worth about \$75 to be donated. It was suggested that teams could create themed baskets (wine, tickets, etc.) and donate these for the auction. **Martha needs these items by July 10.**

Figures are not yet final, but **Ed Ziemer** thinks we will net about \$32,000 from the recent golf outing. This is below last year's take, but this is due to the increasing cost of food and playing golf.

Carl Linge provided us with this chuckle: What do you call an 85 year old who requires respiratory therapy? An oxygenarian

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Dan Oates**:



Next week
will our
special
Guest
Day,
so be sure
to
invite
friends to
hear a
presentation
on
Internet
crime and
children,
given by a
member of
the EPD

