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17,000 SQUARE FEET OF ADDITIONAL SPACE

Central Ministries looking toward future with expansion

The first phase is almost finished and has a gathering space and coffee shop

By MARY ANNE GATES
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Construction of a nearly \$3 million "gathering space" and a children's ministry area — featuring several new classrooms, each with its own bathroom — is nearing completion at Central Ministries, 5801 Schwartz Road. No exact date has been set for opening the new space, but the church expects to schedule an open house in the next few weeks.



Helmuth

"The great thing is, we have already paid off half of it," said Pastor Jeremy Helmuth. "A portion of that has been through Project Reach and the pledges people have given. But most of it has actually come in throughout the last few years from us being fiscally responsible and being very conservative, financially."

The approximately 17,000 square feet in the addition include the open two-story gathering space and children's ministry areas.

In the gathering space, several video screens have been installed around the spacious room for remote viewing of worship



By Mary Anne Gates of The News-Sentinel
A fireplace is part of the gathering space in the addition to Central Ministries, 5801 Schwartz Road.

services. Comfortable seating, a fireplace and a coffee shop called the Perk round out the amenities in the large, airy space.

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How to have a Thanksgiving feast that's free of 'cultural appropriation'



A column by
KEVIN
LEININGER

HEY, BUDDY — DROP that turkey leg.

And you, using yoga to burn off a few holiday calories. Shame on you.

Don't you know you could be guilty of gross insensitivity and even "cultural appropriation"?

That's right. Fresh from our campuses of higher learning comes another

salvo in the tedious culture war that is both increasingly bizarre and unintentionally hilarious. The latest alleged microaggressions — innocent acts that could be construed as racist or sexist — include both eating and exercise, one of which is essential and the other merely beneficial.

What's a health-conscious but socially enlightened person to do, especially at this time of year?

Rachel Kuo, an Asian doctoral student in New York University's media, culture and communications program, has provided a helpful guide by expressing frustration over how her "culture gets consumed and appropriated as both trend and tourism. Cultural appropriation is when members of a dominant culture adopt arts of another culture from people that they've also systematically oppressed."

Does that mean white people can safely eat only white bread? Not necessarily.

"Enjoying food from another culture is perfectly fine. But food is appropriated when people from the dominant culture ... start to fetishize or commercialize it, and

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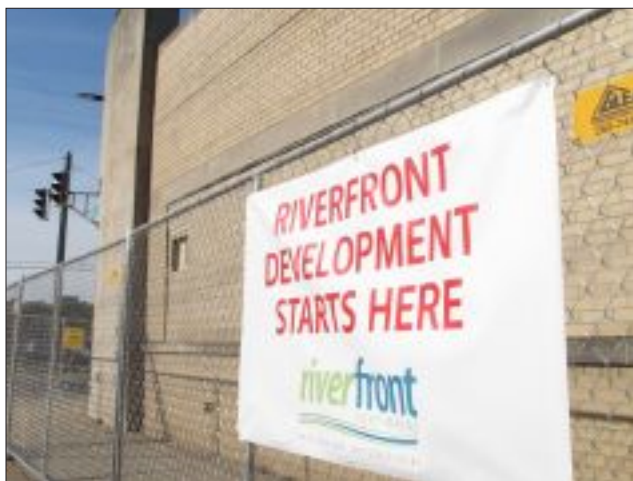
City selects group to design first phase of riverfront project

Consortium includes local companies.

By KEVIN LEININGER
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Efforts to redevelop Fort Wayne's downtown riverfronts may never really end, Mayor Tom Henry said Wednesday. Areas along the banks will always be evolving as new generations adapt the three rivers to meet their unique needs and wants.

But that development effort could be said to have begun in earnest Wednesday when Henry announced a consortium of local and national firms



By Kevin Leininger of The News-Sentinel
The Smurfit building at Superior and Harrison streets will be torn down before the end of the year to make room for a promenade, the first phase of the city's riverfront development project.

to design the project's first-phase centerpiece: a promenade stretching about 1,500 feet along both sides of the St. Marys River between

the Harrison Street Bridge and the historic Wells

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Norwell graduate named Indiana poet laureate

She will promote poetry throughout the state.

By TANYA ISCH CAYLOR
for The News-Sentinel

Shari Miller Wagner wrote her first poem in Somalia.

Then 13, the medical missionary's daughter struggled to describe the impact desert culture made on a Hoosier who had grown up in Markle.

"I wanted to describe large empty places," wrote Wagner decades later in a poem from her book "Evening Chore," where girls wore "oily lockets sewn shut like their virginity," holding "pages from a holy book with print too small to read."

Looking back, Wagner sees many similarities between that Somali village and her hometown strad-



Wagner

ling the border between Wells and Huntington counties. Both were rural villages built on rivers with a house of worship — a mosque in one case, a church in the other — playing a central role in the community.

"That's kind of what I do," explains Indiana's new poet laureate, a 1976 graduate of Norwell High School who now teaches at Butler University and the Indiana Writers Center in Indianapolis. "My specialty is looking for connections between things that might not seem to be connected on the surface."

To learn more

■ To contact Shari Wagner about setting up a poetry event, visit www.shariwagnerpoet.com or email shariwagner@aol.com.

■ To learn more about current poet laureate George Kalamaras, visit www.wabashwatershed.com.

■ To learn more about the Indiana poet laureate program, visit www.in.gov/arts/2393.htm.

Wagner's poetry has been featured on Garrison Keillor's radio program, "The Writer's Almanac," and on poetryfoundation.org, where her poem "Creek-Song" describes Wells County's Griffin Ditch, which crossed

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TONIGHT: Rain likely after 1 a.m. with a low of 58.
Sunset at 5:15 p.m.

FRI: Rain likely
HIGH 53 || LOW 32

SAT: Partly sunny
HIGH 41 || LOW 32