

Coffee with the Mayor

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Spent a few days in Portland visiting the daughter's family and enjoyed a few cups of Stumptown coffee and cups from the coffee shop called Heart. Good times!

Want to take this opportunity to talk about a couple new businesses in town. Actually, one is new, and the second one has new owners. The new one is Ollies, located next to Tractor Supply! The official opening was 23 Oct and, by the looks of the parking lot, has been busy ever since. This store has a wide variety of inventory. Some have compared it to Big Lots, which used to be in town several years ago. Guess I could see some similarities but only on a limited basis. I browsed through the store to check out the areas and was surprised at what they had. Ok, I'm not the shopper my wife is so can't say much about the prices and how they compare to other stores. That is one aspect you'll have to determine on your own. The store was very clean, organized and the shelves organized and mostly well stocked. It's good to see this facility fully occupied and thriving. I did meet the manager and so far he is very pleased with the attention the store has received! Welcome to Linton Ollies!

The second is the hardware store, formerly known as Riles. Riles had been in business for some time but the store was recently purchased by the Clouse Family Business. This family has been in business since 1914 and is currently managed by Clouse brothers. Their history includes several grocery and hardware stores and have proven to be very successful. They currently own several Ace Hardware stores (20 actually) and grocery stores in Michigan. This is their first store opening in Indiana! You may have noticed the change in the storefront. They also have plans to reconfigure the store and adding items not currently stocked. Along with their history, as a company, they provided their 5 values: 1) Honor God, 2) Be Local, 3) Do Our Best, 4) Build relationships and 5) Stay Small While Growing. Their website is clouseacehardware.com if you want more background. I will note they haven't added Linton on their website to their list yet. One of the owners made the observation that people in Linton are very friendly! One note I might add is they have a discount for Veterans!

Speaking of Veterans, it is anticipated that the Veterans Hall of Honor will officially open on Monday, 11 November, Veterans Day. The veteran photos that were displayed at Shields Hardware have been relocated to the William T Murphy Community Building located across from Glenburn, at the corner of 5th St NW and Glenburn road. The students from Twin Rivers have made and installed the displays for the walls in addition to two moveable walls. A lot of effort has been put in to properly display these veteran photos. The Hall will be open for visitors from 1:30pm to 3:30 on Veterans Day. All are welcome to stop by! The Veterans Hall of Honor mission: "Honor those who have served, who are currently serving and an example to those who will serve."