

West Central Neighborhood Association Meeting

February 17, 2025



Our Vision

The vision of the West Central Neighborhood Association is to create a friendly environment that is rich in history, culture, diversity, and community that is valued by its residents, business owners, and visitors.



Agenda

- Yesterday's West Central
 - Fort Wayne M.E. College, Dodd Kattman
- Electric Works & Union Street Market Update
 - Scott Ferguson, Owner of Chapman's Brewery
- Member Announcements
- February Gift Direction
- Other Business

Yesterday's West Central

History of Fort Wayne College

Dodd Kattman





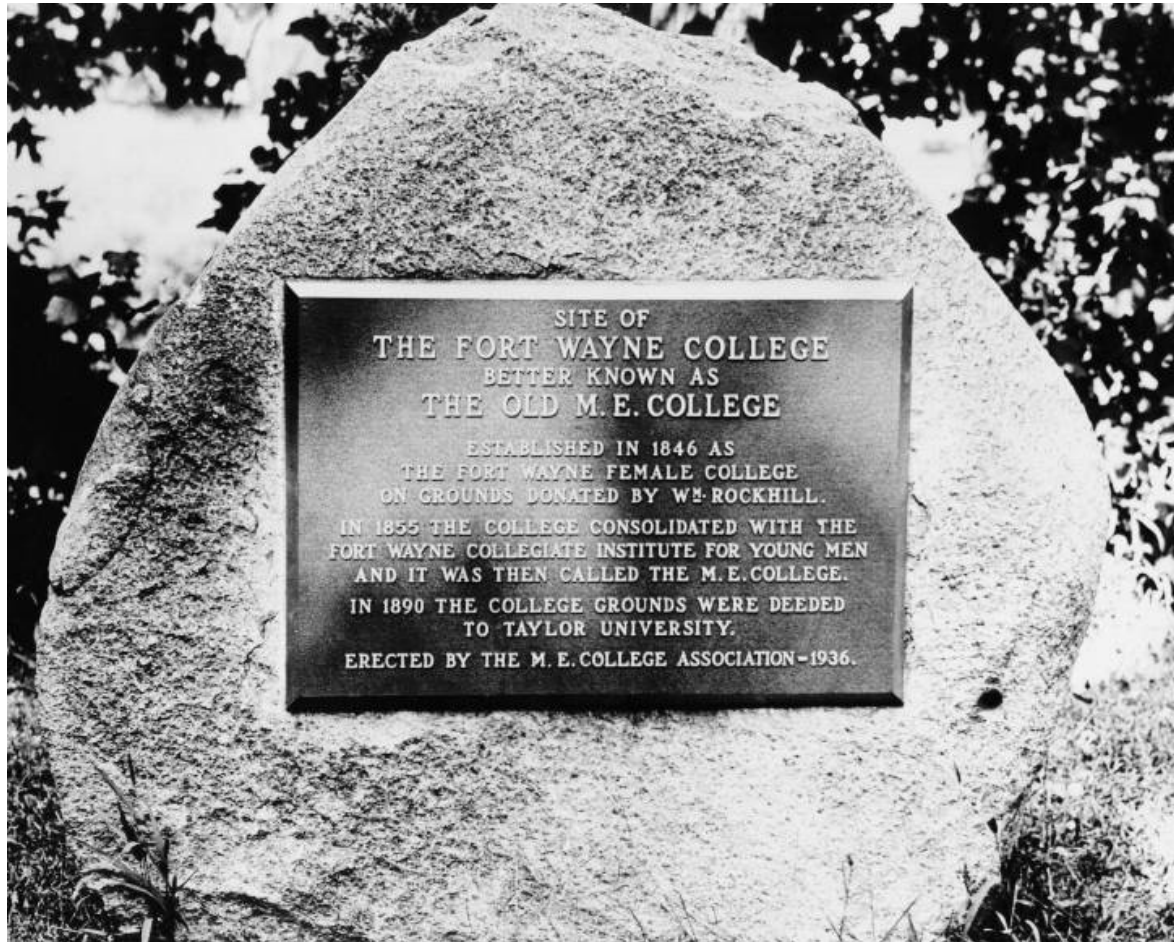
Taken 1889

WAYNE STREET M. E. COLLEGE.

4329 1889



Current Historic Marker



**On the riverbank
at the end of
Wayne Street**



1868

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE INDIANA 1868.

1. Market House	21. St. W. L. R. R. Depot
2. District Schools	22. Hospital
3. St. Wayne College	23. Episcopal
4. Market Houses	24. Episcopal
5. F. W. & C. R. R. Depot	25. St. John's
6. F. W. & C. R. R. Depot	26. St. John's
7. W. H. R. R. Depot	27. St. Paul's
8. St. Paul's	28. St. Paul's
9. St. Paul's	29. High School
10. St. Paul's	
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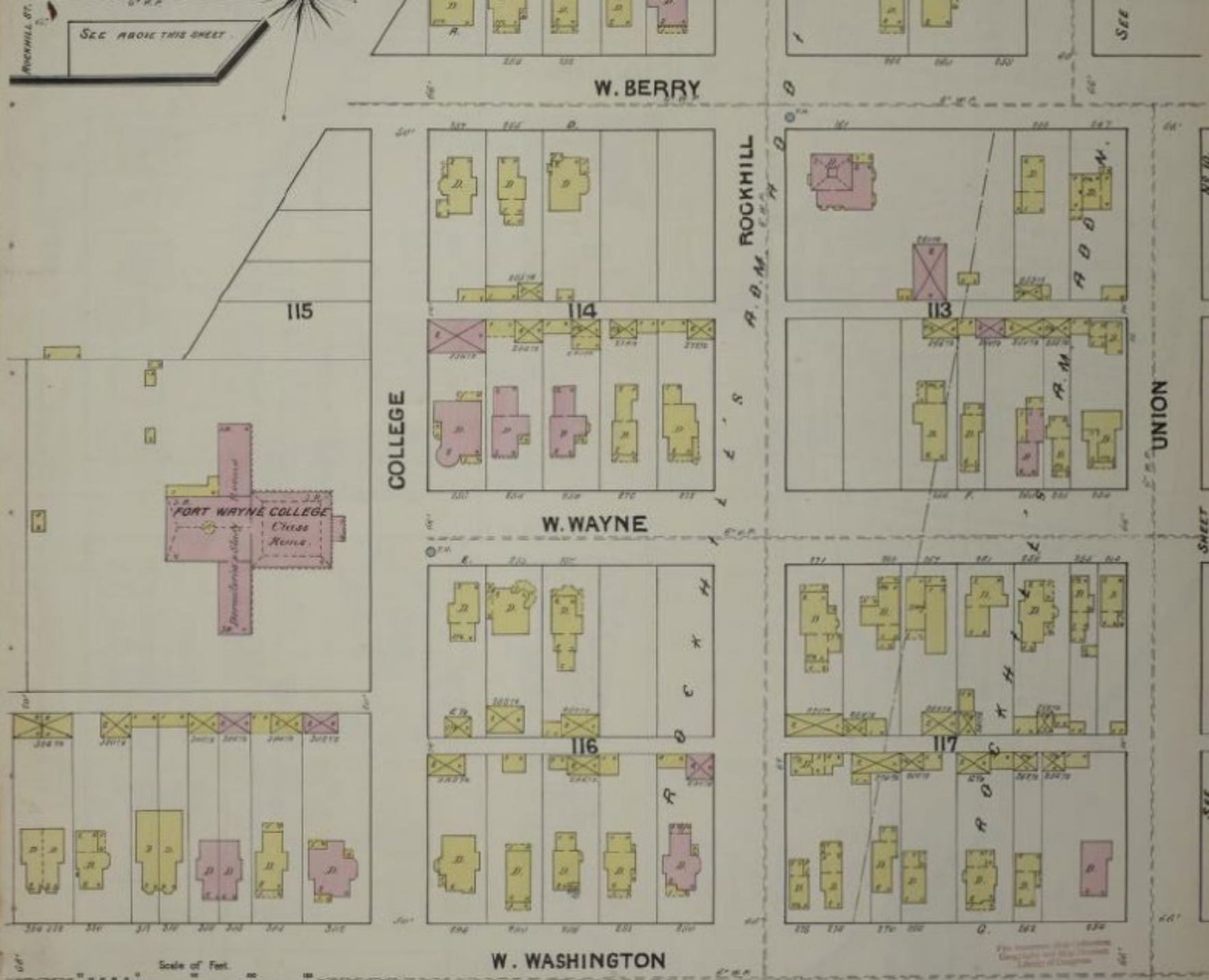
29. HIGH SCHOOL.

300. GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.





1868



Sanborn Map 1890



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ST. MARY'S RIVER

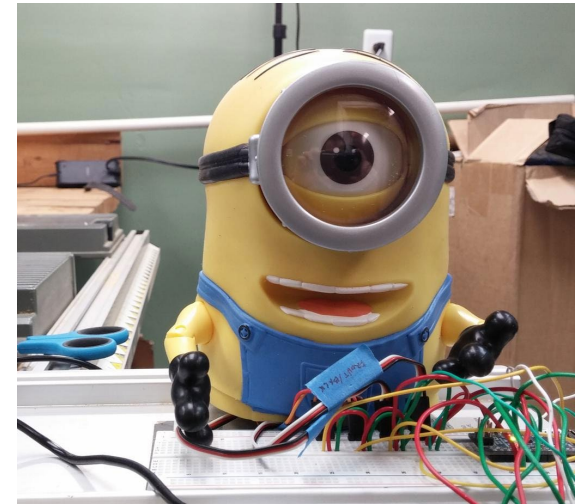


Sanborn Map 1902



Electric Works Campus Update

Scott Ferguson



Agenda



2024 Quick Review

BSW/3PO Update

The Crane Bar

The Neon Pear

Survival Rate / Failure Rate

Events, attendance, types

2025 - The Campus

The Elex

Aon Insurance

Tru-Steel

New Mill

Indiana Tech



2025

More options to stay and play – the West Hall, anchored by The Crane Bar is installing more games, programming, and entertainment options to stay and catch the big game, join your weekly pool players club, compete against other teams in trivia, or try out your technique in the test kitchen.

More options to shop – The East Hall, anchored by The Neon Pear, is surrounded by unique and distinctive upscale merchandise that showcases Indiana themed items. We are adding over 10,000 square feet of retail shopping.

More reasons to come visit – we will be hosting 200+ events in the market this year, from the weekly Farmers Market to The West Central Wine Club to the Summer Concert Series and Hogworks2025, we have set our attendance goal to 55,000 people, a 10% increase over 2024.



2025

New Concepts in flight

- Savor Burgers - 2/22
- Saladworks - 3/30
- The Berry - 4/1
- Bakery - 4/1

New Concepts in Development

- Outdoor Adventure shopping
- Expanded Market Options
- The Pear Patio
- Vegan, Wagyu, prospects

Working together as neighbors

Roof-top receptions and dinners

USM Curb-side and Campus Delivery service

Home and Garden Show

Programming and Events for West Central

Public Market Trust

Welcoming the Elex

Regular updates

Announcements

Coming up soon



2025 Events

- Winter Mixer: February 10th
- Easter Egg Hunt: April 13th
- Neighborhood Clean-up/Trash & Tire Day: TBD but usually in May
- Yard Sale: June 6th-8th
- Block Party: July 19th (tentative)
- Neighborhood Clean-up: September 3rd
- Home & Garden Tour: September 6th & 7th
- Movie Night: October 4th
- Cookie Exchange: TBD
- Officer Election: November 17th
- Holiday Party: December 8th

2025 Home & Garden Tour

Ryan Benton, Committee Chair



Volunteers needed!!



February Gift Direction

Monthly \$250 contribution



Giving Guidelines

- Must be a charitable organization and/or a charitable activity
 - Cannot support a specific ideology
- No political organizations
- Want to try and “spread the love”

Other Business??

Membership



Adjourn

