

ILLUMINATIONS

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Centier Celebrates 115 Years of Service to N/NW Indiana

This April, Centier celebrates its 115th anniversary as a Schrage family-owned and operated, independent community bank. This longevity is attributable to four-generations of continued Schrage family ownership, value-driven service, and a promise to remain an independent community bank.



Among the Bank's most impressive accomplishments during its 115 year history, is its resilience in remaining independently owned and operated. Unlike other area banks, Centier truly values its independence and did not accept Government Bailout Money (TARP) to increase the Bank's capital and give the government an ownership interest in the Bank. Instead, Centier raised its own capital to be well capitalized without resorting to the inclusion of government funds.

"Community banks are rare in today's economy, but Centier has always been unique," stated Mike Schrage, president and CEO. "Independence is the cornerstone of our business, and that's the reason we publicly acknowledge how much it means to us."

In 2008, Schrage signed a corporate "Declaration of Independence" to symbolize this promise to the citizens of N/NW Indiana. This promise affirms that Centier will continue to meet the needs of its communities for generations to come.

"We've pledged our commitment to preserve Independent Community Banking for the 21st Century," stated Schrage. "By following sound business practices and remaining true to our vision, Centier is on a solid path toward continued success."

News Briefs

Centier is named "Best Bank for Business" by *Northwest Indiana Business Quarterly* magazine readers for the eighth consecutive year.

Centier is named "Best Place to Work" by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Bank has been honored.

Illuminations is going paperless! Receive copies of future newsletters by signing up for Estatements or visiting www.centier.com to view the current issue.

In observance of Easter, Centier grocery store locations will be closed Sunday, April 4, 2010.

In observance of Memorial Day, all Centier locations will be closed Monday, May 31, 2010.

In observance of Independence Day, all Centier locations will be closed Sunday, July 4, and Monday, July 5, 2010.



Member FDIC



Centier Advantage Meetings

Lake County Public Library
1919 W. 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Centier Advantage Meetings begin with blood pressure screenings conducted by St. Anthony Medical Center.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Meetings conclude with Bingo and prizes with a Centier Guest Banker.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings and presentations!

Friday, May 14, 2010

Understanding Osteoporosis

Presented by: Community Hospital

Friday, July 9, 2010

"Cousins' Camp" Book Discussion

Presented by: Yvonne Stadt, Author

Friday, September 10, 2010

Northwest Indiana's "Hidden Gem"

Presented by: The Challenger Learning Center

Centier Advantage Day & Extended Trips

Belle City Explorer

Explore Racine, Wisconsin, known as the "Belle City" of the Great Lakes.
Wednesday, June 30, 2010
Client \$92 • Non-client \$97

Tastes of Southwest Michigan

Southwestern Michigan is easy to get to and hard to forget. Includes a tour of Tree-Mendous Fruit and Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant.
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
Client \$95 • Non-client \$100

Fall for Michigan with Centier

October 11-15, 2010

This 5-day, 4-night fall adventure includes visits to Coopersville, Mackinac Island, and Frankenmuth, Michigan. Prices start at:

Twin: \$850

Single: \$1,045

Price includes hotel accommodations, motorcoach transportation, gratuities, taxes, and 10 meals. \$50 deposit due upon making reservation.

*To reserve your seat, or to obtain additional information, please contact Sharon St. Myers, Centier Advantage Program Manager, at 219-755-6140, ext. 1839, or 1-888-CENTIER.

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