

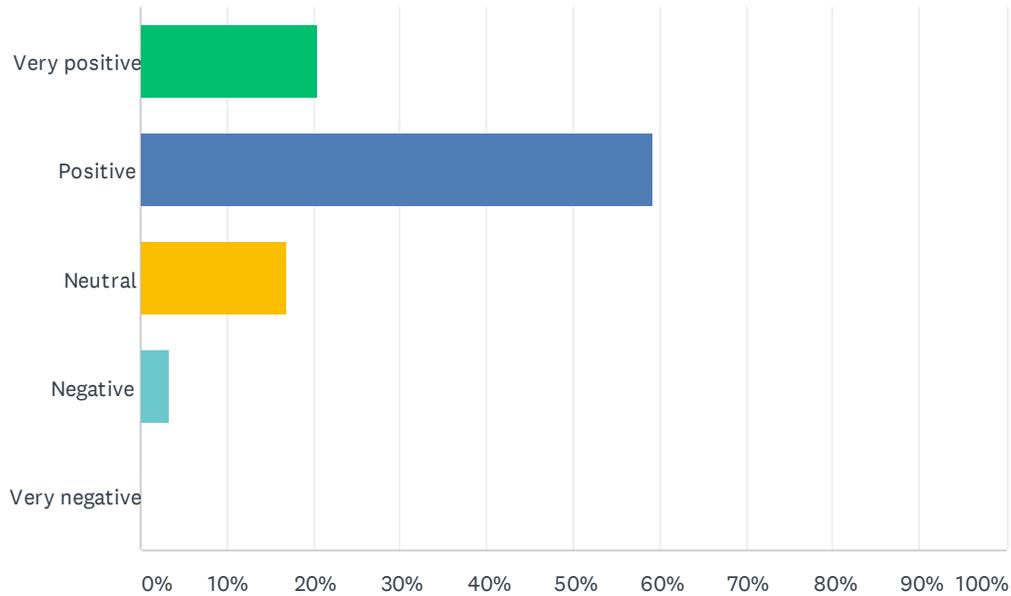


**Help us rank potential Wells County quality of life projects!**  
**Final Rankings From Survey**  
**11/4/2020**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Potential Quality of Life Project</b>   | <b>Score</b> |
|-------------|--|--------------|
| 1           | Improve sidewalks in residential areas   | 7.48         |
| 2           | Expand Parlor City Market  | 7.12         |
| 3           | Modernize the Wells Community Poll   | 7.1          |
| 4           | Develop new sidewalks in residential areas with no existing sidewalks                    | 6.86         |
| 5           | Movie Theater  | 6.79         |
| 6           | Improve downtown Bluffton infrastructure, sidewalks, and landscaping                     | 6.7          |
| 7           | Better maintenance of the current Quality of Life Facilities                             | 6.39         |
| 8           | Better access points on the Wabash River for Kayak / Canoeing                            | 6.36         |
| 9           | Transform downtown Bluffton alleyways into pedestrian and event spaces                   | 6.35         |
| 10          | Improve existing Bluffton Parks  | 6.19         |
| 11          | Develop county-wide park system  | 5.98         |
| 12          | Develop a trail to the Old Bluffton Cemetery   | 5.94         |
| 13          | Develop county bike trail on existing county roadways                                    | 5.84         |
| 14          | Develop the extension of the Interurban Trail to Lancaster Elementry                     | 5.84         |
| 15          | Bike trail from 450 E (White Bridge) to the Ouabache State Park gatehouse get resurfaced | 5.8          |
| 16          | Decommissioning or Repurposing of underutilized Quality of Life Facilities               | 5.78         |
| 17          | Develop SR 124 trail from Interurban Trail to mobile home park                           | 5.72         |
| 18          | Better access points on the Salamonie River for Kayak / Canoeing                         | 5.56         |
| 19          | Improve existing Ossian Parks  | 5.43         |
| 20          | Creative Arts Performance Arts Center  | 5.42         |
| 21          | Develop the Pokabache Trail  | 5.4          |
| 22          | Develop Lancaster Park   | 5.3          |
| 23          | Develop murals   | 5.06         |
| 24          | Develop the Ossian Loop Trail  | 4.98         |
| 25          | Develop a skate park   | 4.95         |
| 26          | Develop sculptures   | 4.8          |
| 27          | Improve Uniondale park   | 4.7          |
| 28          | Improve Zanesville park  | 4.53         |
| 29          | Improve Poneto park  | 4.52         |
| 30          | Improve Vera Cruz park   | 4.36         |

# Q1 How do you rank your quality of life in our community currently

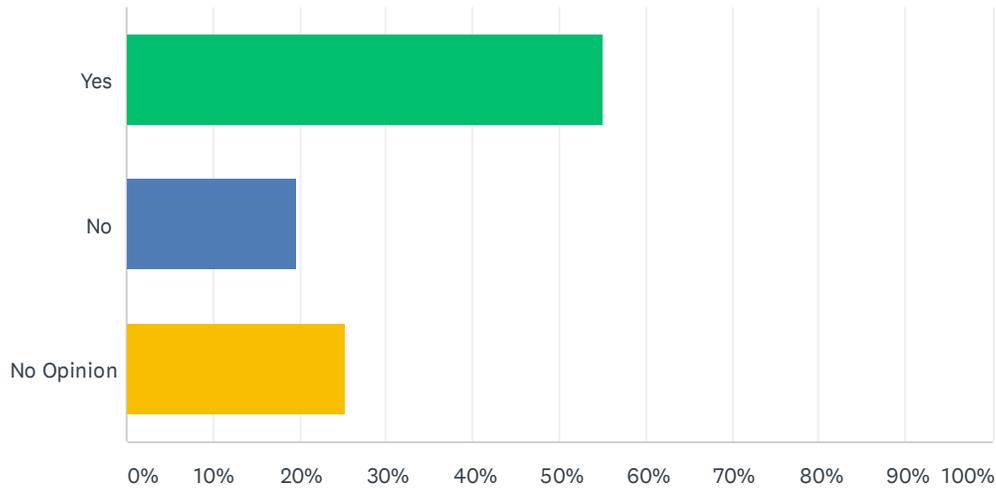
Answered: 243 Skipped: 3



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Very positive  | 20.58%    | 50  |
| Positive       | 59.26%    | 144 |
| Neutral        | 16.87%    | 41  |
| Negative       | 3.29%     | 8   |
| Very negative  | 0.00%     | 0   |
| TOTAL          |           | 243 |

## Q2 Do you feel that our community has plans, funds, and organizational resources ready to complete quality of life projects when opportunities arise?

Answered: 244 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES  |
|----------------|------------|
| Yes            | 54.92% 134 |
| No             | 19.67% 48  |
| No Opinion     | 25.41% 62  |
| TOTAL          | 244        |

Q33 What quality of life projects that are not on the above list should our community be thinking about?

existing skate park N also buildings higher areas new maybe art businesses already city  
families roads Schools place Biking None state park Wells County housing  
Better maintain downtown people Bluffton programs  
parks river need develop community Southern Wells  
restaurant food county paved Things nice use going Improve activities  
offered sidewalks think development kids indoor projects share trail county roads town

## Q33 What quality of life projects that are not on the above list should our community be thinking about?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 116

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| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE                |
|----|---|---------------------|
| 1  | 1. Focus more on the National Day of Prayer like Bluffton use to do. 2. Ignore the controversy talk of having the manger scene on the courthouse plaza. 3. Opening back up the pool is a necessity with maybe some different incentives.  | 10/26/2020 12:14 PM |
| 2  | Maybe food truck rallies on the plaza...not necessarily just wells county food trucks...a lot of them tend to have the same food  | 10/26/2020 8:43 AM  |
| 3  | Get rid of gravel roads.  | 10/25/2020 5:39 PM  |
| 4  | Chip and seal all gravel roads  | 10/25/2020 5:33 PM  |
| 5  | Biking and other enjoyment of the entire community would be well served with paving gravel and stone roads. They are not usable on a bicycle. Maybe more homes would be built along those roads to increase tax base.   | 10/25/2020 5:17 PM  |
| 6  | Better parks or bike trails for those in the southern half of Wells County. A skate park or even a bike/walking path around a park near 218 and S 300 W, or even in partnership with Southern Wells Schools would be nice for those in the southern half of the county would be fantastic.  | 10/24/2020 10:29 PM |
| 7  | I really like the all county parks system idea. Especially in the southern part of our community, there isn't anything for the Southern Wells families. I wonder if the Liberty Center park could be included in the all county idea. I'd be more interested in a bike trail that connects Oubache, Poneto, and maybe Southern Wells - instead of going to Ft Wayne.  | 10/23/2020 6:51 PM  |
| 8  | n/a   | 10/23/2020 3:10 PM  |
| 9  | Bluffton parks should be improved upon, rather than Lancaster park, which is within walking distance of almost nobody. Lancaster school already has a playground...   | 10/23/2020 11:32 AM |
| 10 | It would be neat to have a zipline park or putt putt or other activities for kids to do. And a nice steakhouse it town would be nice.   | 10/23/2020 9:36 AM  |
| 11 | pave all stone roads  | 10/22/2020 10:53 AM |
| 12 | Trees downtown, more playground equipment in existing parks, more music programs in city parks not just Kehoe because Kehoe is not accessible to everyone (for example...the disabled), different types of music in the parks (for example...blue grass jam with local musicians, rock, etc), low cost art programs, art and historical programs offered (for example...get Craig Leonard to talk about businesses in Bluffton's past that may not exist anymore), antiques, arts, and crafts shows, more than one food truck downtown or in various parks. Sorry, but one food truck at the market is nothing to draw people in...you never even had the big favorites...funnel cakes/elephant ears, planting more trees in city parks, cabins at the state park | 10/22/2020 9:48 AM  |
| 13 | None  | 10/22/2020 8:15 AM  |
| 14 | None  | 10/22/2020 4:01 AM  |
| 15 | A youth center Putt Putt Golf   | 10/22/2020 2:10 AM  |
| 16 | Teenagers ...kids in the town need to have activities to connect and get involved ...they are the future  | 10/21/2020 11:54 PM |
| 17 | Pave more gravel roads in the county and improve the quality of many of the county roads overall.   | 10/21/2020 3:33 PM  |
| 18 | N/A   | 10/21/2020 11:52 AM |
| 19 | definitely need an innkeepers tax to help facilitate progress   | 10/21/2020 11:26 AM |
| 20 | the southern part of the county is not included in any of your plans. we pay taxes but get no benefits from any of this.  | 10/20/2020 10:17 PM |
| 21 | Replace existing sidewalks, plant more trees and someone to take care of them, no more murals unless it reflects the heritage Bluffton and the surrounding area. examples: street fair, Conservation corp at Ouabache, interurban, boiling springs, piano factories, cruising between Macy's and B&K. Dutch Mill, 5 point school, Williamson's bearded irises (one named Wabash), Psi Ote pool, the river, etc. Please make them whimsical and fun to look at. I think it is a crock to build more parks when we don't have the money to maintain the ones we have.   | 10/20/2020 5:59 PM  |

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|----|--|---------------------|
| 22 | Access over Railroads when Emergency is Happening  | 10/20/2020 4:35 PM  |
| 23 | More things available for our children and teens to do in Bluffton. .  | 10/20/2020 3:15 PM  |
| 24 | skate park   | 10/20/2020 8:07 AM  |
| 25 | I think our community and parks department does a great job of providing activities and projects for people to use. I think the best project to focus on is the swimming pool for the summer months.   | 10/19/2020 10:14 PM |
| 26 | Rock climbing  | 10/19/2020 9:49 PM  |
| 27 | Fix the current facilities before you add more. We don't need a Lancaster park. Very very north end, very little population, too expensive to maintain and totally not accessible by kids. It's 3 miles from downtown. Work on Lions and Jefferson parks they are dumps. I know it's the west end but do it. Get new park board members. | 10/19/2020 6:20 PM  |
| 28 | can't think of anything right now  | 10/19/2020 3:53 PM  |
| 29 | Educational satellites....take note: John Jay Center in Portland IN. Come on...we need this too!!!!  | 10/19/2020 3:14 PM  |
| 30 | I would like for the gravel county roads to be paved or turned into chip and seal roads.   | 10/19/2020 1:20 PM  |
| 31 | Healthier dining options. Bluffton majority of dining options is unhealthy fast food.  | 10/19/2020 1:05 PM  |
| 32 | Disc Golf Course   | 10/19/2020 12:59 PM |
| 33 | Improve roads and asphalt more heavily traveled roads. Improve county road ties to Allen County especially to Coverdale Rd. Have all communities develop 2030 plans on infrastructure, quality of life and growth plans tied into a Wells County 2030 plan. Update every 5 years or continuous.  | 10/19/2020 12:54 PM |
| 34 | A few nicer sit down restaurants that are not fast food and a different variety restaurant than we already have.   | 10/19/2020 12:24 PM |
| 35 | Downtown business public sidewalks improved or replaced.   | 10/19/2020 11:08 AM |
| 36 | none   | 10/19/2020 10:24 AM |
| 37 | More bars and restaurants. No place in town to take a business meeting besides coffee shops.   | 10/19/2020 10:22 AM |
| 38 | Better paved roads in the county   | 10/19/2020 7:45 AM  |
| 39 | ??   | 10/18/2020 8:35 PM  |
| 40 | Taking the interurban trail to the YMCA and South to Kroger/Bluffton Schools.  | 10/18/2020 3:32 PM  |
| 41 | We need to housing areas developed... we have minimum new housing developments   | 10/18/2020 9:09 AM  |
| 42 | The above list is good   | 10/18/2020 7:45 AM  |
| 43 | River greenway from bluffton to markle eventually from bluffton to geneva  | 10/18/2020 6:46 AM  |
| 44 | Parks or biking trails in southern Wells.  | 10/17/2020 10:29 PM |
| 45 | none   | 10/17/2020 5:02 PM  |
| 46 | We would like to see the encouragement of a small grocery to come to zanesville.   | 10/17/2020 12:37 PM |
| 47 | I think Bluffton does a good job but I think the smaller communities need a LOT of help.   | 10/17/2020 10:06 AM |
| 48 | We seem to have a high rate of drugs in our town. This causes other problems such as theft.  | 10/16/2020 11:09 PM |
| 49 | Bike rental for Rivergreenway.   | 10/16/2020 10:03 PM |
| 50 | Chip and seal or otherwise, pave, all gravel roads.  | 10/16/2020 5:22 PM  |
| 51 | Encouraging a restaurant like the Snug used to be to come to our downtown area. A place were teens could have a place to hang.   | 10/16/2020 4:20 PM  |
| 52 | More restaurant choices in the downtown area. Higher-end downtown residential spaces. Continued focus on maintaining existing parks.   | 10/16/2020 3:56 PM  |

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| 53 | Indoor activities that can be used year round--indoor skating, indoor soccer, indoor jungle gym for kids, lower rates on rentals for things for more accessibility (Washington Park rental, etc.)   | 10/16/2020 3:40 PM  |
| 54 | More businesses in downtown Bluffton such as a sporting goods store, antique stores, a candy/flavored popcorn store (I already mentioned it to Poptique), a restaurant that sells regular lunch and dinner not upscale or trendy food items...a place where people can take a date or their kids for a sandwich and fries or a salad. I would also like to see Brent Garrett get some help to develop a music venue. He's trying to get something started, but I don't see him getting much publicity or help with it. I would like to see the comeback of the Olde 303 music festival at some point. No enormous building for the creative arts please. There are very few people in the community who use the existing creative arts, so it is not feasible to put money into a second larger creative arts center. | 10/16/2020 2:46 PM  |
| 55 | Development of SR 1 into a 4 lane highway.  | 10/16/2020 2:45 PM  |
| 56 | downtown restaurant to replace the Snug; Ice Cream parlor; adding classical music to our CAC events; park for Oak St Extended people  | 10/16/2020 2:17 PM  |
| 57 | Computer and cell phone and cooking classes need to be offered. Local college courses offered.  | 10/16/2020 2:14 PM  |
| 58 | Obstacle course   | 10/16/2020 2:02 PM  |
| 59 | None  | 10/16/2020 1:12 PM  |
| 60 | I think the questions covered most areas that deal with quality of life. The questions about communities outside of Bluffton are difficult to answer.   | 10/16/2020 1:07 PM  |
| 61 | na  | 10/16/2020 1:04 PM  |
| 62 | Outdoor theatre rather than indoor. This would be a draw from surrounding areas too.  | 10/16/2020 12:51 PM |
| 63 | resurfacing of roads. Have not seen any done this year.   | 10/16/2020 12:33 PM |
| 64 | Recycling for downtown residents and businesses. More trees!  | 10/16/2020 12:15 PM |
| 65 | LGBTQ center  | 10/16/2020 12:10 PM |
| 66 | I would love to see a bookstore and more eating places downtown like an Italian restaurant, a diner, etc. It would make me less likely to go to Fort Wayne for things like that. An ice skating rink would also be a fun thing to have.   | 10/16/2020 11:53 AM |
| 67 | N/A   | 10/16/2020 11:44 AM |
| 68 | Improve on the NOW grants and provide additional subsidies for NEW business costs, not just building improvements for any business qualifying as "entertainment." - Canoe, Kayak and bike rentals by Parks Department   | 10/16/2020 11:30 AM |
| 69 | River front development and placement of what is already in the works, ie skatepark, performing arts. They need to be in good visible locations. Not dilapidated parts of town . Need MUCH BETTER dining options. Dining is quality of life. That is half the reason why people leave bluffton to go to other communities to eat and experience different environments and atmospheres.   | 10/16/2020 11:28 AM |
| 70 | Developing a nature center/science center at the state park or in Bluffton with a partnership with the state park would be great.   | 10/16/2020 11:20 AM |
| 71 | Expanding community events, particularly at the Parlor City Plaza.  | 10/16/2020 11:17 AM |
| 72 | need more downtown parking; instead of murals, how about creating a living plant wall.  | 10/16/2020 11:06 AM |
| 73 | .   | 10/16/2020 7:33 AM  |
| 74 | None  | 10/16/2020 6:05 AM  |
| 75 | Half of Markle is a Wells County Community. Why no assistance with park development on the Wells County side? Why no trail development from Bluffton to Markle along the Wabash River?  | 10/15/2020 8:50 PM  |
| 76 | Attracting more Businesses that pay a living wage.  | 10/15/2020 4:40 PM  |
| 77 | Winery Dining Seasonal Agricultural Activities; corn maze, blueberry/strawberry, Iris field, Flower Picking Patch, etc. Dog friendly developments Outdoor Goods Store (think REI) for   | 10/15/2020 1:43 PM  |

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|     | hiking, kayaking, biking  |                     |
| 78  | Eliminating drugs   | 10/15/2020 1:28 PM  |
| 79  | The city needs to be improved for use of bicycles for transportation and well as recreational use. It's somewhat unsafe as compared to other cities.  | 10/15/2020 6:33 AM  |
| 80  | Disc golf, miniature golf   | 10/15/2020 2:18 AM  |
| 81  | More sit down restaurant options.   | 10/14/2020 11:09 PM |
| 82  | Utilize Kehoe park more? Better events there? Get some local businesses to chip in? I would. Would it make any sense to get some type of roof for in climate weather?   | 10/14/2020 9:55 PM  |
| 83  | Activities for all ages. Community dinners. Roanoke has really stepped up for the entire population.  | 10/14/2020 8:53 PM  |
| 84  | Something in the southern part of the county  | 10/14/2020 6:59 PM  |
| 85  | WE CANT STRICXTLY GO ON BEAUTY WE NEED TO VALUE OUR FINANCES TO BETER LIFE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND A PLACE TO GO TO FOR EVERYDAY ITEMS SHOES DRESSES GOOD QUALITY SHOPPONG INSTEAD OF FAST FOOD AND FAST SHOPPING FOR \$CHEAP ITEMS -GOOD QUALITY AND MORE FAMILY AVAILABLE PLACES TO TAKE FAMILIES-THINGS THAT WOULD KEEP SHOPPERS HERE INSTEAD OF FT. WAYNE- PLEASE IN THESE HARD TIMES USE OUR FINANCES FRUGALLY -WE NEED PURPOSEFUL PROJECTS NOT EYE CATCHERS LIKE BIG BUBBA THAT NEVER GO ANYWHERE THANK YOU-THE TEENS HAVE NOWHERE TO CALL THEIR OWN FOR COMPANIONSHIP AND FUN-DRUGS WOULD HAVE TO BE KEPT OUT-SO NEEDED HERE PLACES HTAT CHALLENGE OUR PEOPLE TO SHARE TALENTS-THINK-EDUCATE- AND MAKE THE KIDS HUNGRY TO BE INVOLVED AND LEARN AS THEY ENJOY | 10/14/2020 3:29 PM  |
| 86  | Reopening Yergies, I miss good food   | 10/13/2020 11:17 PM |
| 87  | Miniature golf, go carts, water park, drive in  | 10/13/2020 10:40 PM |
| 88  | Sign on route 1 with event for the 4h park.   | 10/13/2020 7:46 PM  |
| 89  | New trails at Ouabache.   | 10/13/2020 6:10 PM  |
| 90  | Skate park and skating rink. Indoor activity places for kids during winter.   | 10/13/2020 5:33 PM  |
| 91  | N/A   | 10/13/2020 5:20 PM  |
| 92  | High speed internet availability  | 10/13/2020 1:32 PM  |
| 93  | Nothing   | 10/13/2020 11:53 AM |
| 94  | Stop light for Sutton Circle Drive  | 10/13/2020 11:47 AM |
| 95  | Ways to improve and accommodate mental health. More options for free fitness and wellness classes/program.  | 10/13/2020 10:57 AM |
| 96  | Skating rink  | 10/13/2020 10:52 AM |
| 97  | Pickleball Courts. Soccer Fields.   | 10/13/2020 8:45 AM  |
| 98  | Continued development of downtown business to draw in people would help set stage for quality of life improvement   | 10/13/2020 7:47 AM  |
| 99  | Better Maintainance of all the parks that we already have.  | 10/13/2020 12:51 AM |
| 100 | I would like to see the iron bridge on Main St. turned into a rainbow bridge with colored lights shining down into the water and spraying water in the winter to be frozen colors.  | 10/13/2020 12:37 AM |
| 101 | Utilize the river banks more like Fort Wayne has recently done. Get some tourism from those banks!  | 10/12/2020 8:43 PM  |
| 102 | Drag strip  | 10/12/2020 3:44 PM  |
| 103 | City managed golf course or at least miniature golf   | 10/12/2020 2:01 PM  |
| 104 | Concentrate funds on areas that are in Wells county, but not Bluffton. Wells County has multiple smaller towns that are totally dismissed by many and therefore these areas are not   | 10/12/2020 12:18 PM |

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getting any assistance in funding for projects. Bluffton City seems to get more than their fair share of the funding monies and opportunities, yet the projects are being billed as "Wells County" when really in actuality they are "Bluffton" projects. Open up and develop areas other than Bluffton City.

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| 105 | More emphasis on serving people directly with issues. Homeless, food and housing needs, domestic violence, childcare and mental health services more readily available and affordable.   | 10/12/2020 11:06 AM |
| 106 | Bring horse trails back to the state park.   | 10/12/2020 9:10 AM  |
| 107 | Indoors roller skating rink  | 10/12/2020 8:56 AM  |
| 108 | Keep going with art, music, plays, markets, and local festival events that draw the community together. Decatur has metal sculptures. Bluffton Now is on to something and headed in the correct direction.   | 10/11/2020 11:57 PM |
| 109 | Paving all of the county gravel roads.   | 10/11/2020 11:53 PM |
| 110 | Family biking trails not next to a river. Mountain bike trail. Movie night at plaza.   | 10/11/2020 7:47 PM  |
| 111 | none   | 10/11/2020 2:29 PM  |
| 112 | Trees included the landscaping plans for downtown. It looks like downtown Portland In.now.   | 10/11/2020 11:41 AM |
| 113 | Fishing pond or small lake. Lancaster park, maybe?   | 10/11/2020 10:23 AM |
| 114 | Soccer fields developed maybe an ice or skating rink we need thing for the kids to do that gets them outside and moving!   | 10/11/2020 8:57 AM  |
| 115 | Basic quality of life issues relating to higher higher paying jobs that support higher education and technical training. With increased income and education comes increased personal responsibility and financial means to fund such projects. All such projects supported with public funds should be voter I n by the public. All current facilities and projects should be maintained and updated on as needed on a regular basis, if the local tax base is not sufficient to cover such then new project ideas should not be addressed until the current obligations can be maintained.   | 10/11/2020 8:45 AM  |
| 116 | Things for teenagers to do. Things for families  | 10/11/2020 8:13 AM  |
| 117 | Hold first Fridays by closing off market st to traffic and have concerts and food trucks monthly. The benches under the trees downtown are full off bird droppings and need power washed or moved. All restaurants on inter urban need bike racks to encourage bike transportation. Solar lights on greenway Funding to increase parking at current bluffton parks Install a commercial fire pit on plaza that can be turned on for special events Trench river to add a deeper channel, riprap to slow deterioration of path and take care of log jams quicker. Consider buying the equipment needed to remove jams like Fort Wayne has. Frisbee golf State Park offer a bike share program. Give them the unclaimed bikes left at the police station. Encourage 4-h to rent their fleet of kayaks occasionally Create tourism department to share the concerts and programs the city offers, maybe offer building tours of court house or historical buildings | 10/11/2020 7:48 AM  |
| 118 | More breweries. More entertainment venues. Things to do while downtown Bluffton. More non-fast food restaurants!!!   | 10/10/2020 9:47 PM  |
| 119 | Continuing to improve downtown Bluffton and avoiding urban sprawl. ( tear down old houses and buildings or fix them up and use them).  | 10/10/2020 9:41 PM  |
| 120 | An area on the west side of the tracks to house a firetruck and ambulance each with a crew so the west side of town (who pay their taxes at the same rate as the east side of town) to not live in fear of a crisis with the tracks blocked I would think the big industries would be interested in it also as it would lower their insurance payments by being close to emergency services. Trails are entertaining but emergency vehicles past the tracks would be lifesaving.   | 10/10/2020 8:44 PM  |
| 121 | Used book store downtown   | 10/10/2020 7:35 PM  |
| 122 | Ossian needs a 2030 plan.  | 10/10/2020 6:17 PM  |
| 123 | Sidewalks all throughout bluffton need to be the city's responsibility and not the individual home owner. Too expensive to fix but looks awful as you walk   | 10/10/2020 5:30 PM  |
| 124 | Mountain bike trails   | 10/10/2020 5:09 PM  |

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| 125 | Unknown   | 10/10/2020 3:50 PM  |
| 126 | I would like to see the camping "tourists" that come to Oubache get to town and spend money in shops and restaurants and a focus on pandering towards this goal....even a canoe rental at white bridge that would take people to Crosby bridge and up into the shops! | 10/10/2020 1:59 PM  |
| 127 | More green space everywhere   | 10/10/2020 12:04 PM |
| 128 | A car and pedestrian bridge connecting stogdile rd to elm grove rd so you could walk the greenway to white bridge and take trails back to stogdile and cross back over. Also give better access for cars to get across river.   | 10/10/2020 12:03 PM |
| 129 | Frisbee golf, snow sledding hill, more downtown outdoor events  | 10/10/2020 11:35 AM |
| 130 | A trail/sidewalk system extending from Bluffton Regional South to Kroger/Lancaster Senior Apartments/Lilac Lane Apartments.   | 10/10/2020 11:03 AM |

Q34 If money was not an obstacle what would you do to improve the quality of life in our community?

small better restaurant living outdoor etc drug new keeping roads Lower center bluffton  
businesses increase town old kids quality life trails offering  
sidewalks make downtown Add parks street  
community skate park build N things type County bike  
better Ossian restaurants quality movie theater events Improve giving  
also Wells County activities arts center Develop

**Q34 If money was not an obstacle what would you do to improve the quality of life in our community?**

Answered: 138 Skipped: 108

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| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE                |
|----|--|---------------------|
| 1  | N/A  | 10/27/2020 5:10 PM  |
| 2  | More things for older kids to do, skate park would be my #1 choice. Once the younger teens outgrow the parks there isn't much else for them to do except "walk around."  | 10/27/2020 1:38 PM  |
| 3  | I still hear of when the Dutch Mill restaurant was open and is sooooo missed. Bring it back or incorporate the Corner Depot with the Dutch Mill type of restaurant :). 2. Maybe have the old time bottled drinks/candy store downtown, or some of the stores the way it used to be or have. The Snug is missed. People reminisce, miss living life the way it use to be --- is what I often hear, so it would be nice to have something like this develop in the area, so the younger generation could enjoy the experience!! I know that times have changed, pricing has increased, so it will never go back to the "way it used to be" living. But a smaller scale would be a nice glimpse of the past!! | 10/26/2020 12:14 PM |
| 4  | Love to get more variety of restaurants. Also connecting all the existing parks and nature areas with bike trails  | 10/26/2020 8:43 AM  |
| 5  | change gravel roads to paved roads   | 10/25/2020 5:39 PM  |
| 6  | Remove dirt roads and pave all roads   | 10/25/2020 5:33 PM  |
| 7  | Pave all gravel roads Like Howard County did!!!!!!!  | 10/25/2020 5:17 PM  |
| 8  | Add bike paths that go through the country, sort of like the Cardinal Greenway in Marion. This path would go through both country and wooded areas. Re-open the branch of Wells County Public Library that was at Southern Wells.  | 10/24/2020 10:29 PM |
| 9  | An artist studio incubator space where artists could come work in some kind of residency program. Maybe a First Friday Bluffton music/arts night ever month.   | 10/23/2020 6:51 PM  |
| 10 | Trails   | 10/23/2020 3:10 PM  |
| 11 | Sidewalks should be replaced in town in bluffton, ossian, etc but not at the expense of home owners. Some people simply cannot afford it, but sidewalks are for everyone not just the people who live behind them. We dont make people pay to fix roads by their houses...   | 10/23/2020 11:32 AM |
| 12 | I would build something that would draw people to Bluffton.  | 10/23/2020 9:36 AM  |
| 13 | pave all roads and have canoe/kayak rentals in bluffton  | 10/22/2020 10:53 AM |
| 14 | See #33  | 10/22/2020 9:48 AM  |
| 15 | Lower property taxes to increase quality of life   | 10/22/2020 8:15 AM  |
| 16 | Paint the pedestrian bridge on Main Street.  | 10/22/2020 4:01 AM  |
| 17 | More activities for teenagers...and school aged kids that does not cost a ton.   | 10/21/2020 11:54 PM |
| 18 | More locally owned modern attractions  | 10/21/2020 3:33 PM  |
| 19 | better restaurant with out side sitting.   | 10/21/2020 12:17 PM |
| 20 | N/A  | 10/21/2020 11:52 AM |
| 21 | these items require people power as well as money but put an outstanding pub/restaurant at the downtown anchor location of Dwaynes Vac. need another Snug downtown. need a downtown ice cream shop for summer activities that would draw more campers from Ouabache. 4 lane to FW. Would make Bluffton much more of a bedroom community.   | 10/21/2020 11:26 AM |
| 22 | Affordable housing!! Discourage the landlords from buying up all the affordable housing to make rentals and up the prices.   | 10/20/2020 5:59 PM  |
| 23 | Develop things for our teens and young adults to do. Wouldn't it be nice ro keep our money in Wells county instead of Allen?   | 10/20/2020 5:18 PM  |
| 24 | Maybe neighbor Hood Parties, or Block Parties that gather info of desires for community with Gov. and then gather that through out the town,community,etc.   | 10/20/2020 4:35 PM  |
| 25 | Have an indoor movie theater and drive in movie theater. More concerts, worship music nights, things for families to do in our town. I would also love to see multiple food trucks set up  | 10/20/2020 3:15 PM  |

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|    | downtown regularly or twice a week   |                     |
| 26 | trails, sidewalks, water access...ways for our community to be active stay healthy, along with offering a safe alternative for travel by bike/walking  | 10/20/2020 1:35 PM  |
| 27 | skate park   | 10/20/2020 8:07 AM  |
| 28 | Maintaining swimming pool  | 10/19/2020 10:14 PM |
| 29 | All of the above   | 10/19/2020 10:07 PM |
| 30 | Skate-bmx park   | 10/19/2020 9:49 PM  |
| 31 | Once the pandemic is past, I would love to see more free events/concerts offered with greater advertisement so people know they're happening.  | 10/19/2020 3:53 PM  |
| 32 | Quit focusing on arresting young people and potentially ruining their lives. They need help and education and hope for the future. Drug programs to help them.   | 10/19/2020 3:14 PM  |
| 33 | I think a vocational training center would add to the quality of life. One that could serve both high school students and adults.  | 10/19/2020 1:20 PM  |
| 34 | Improvement on family centered options. Toddler activity center, etc.  | 10/19/2020 1:05 PM  |
| 35 | Safety Safety Safety..... Improve crosswalks at park at trail entrances~ adding crossing lights. Make the Market-Mulberry intersection a traffic light or at least 4 way stop. New sidewalks where needed. Make the traffic signal sensors actually work. Restrooms at parks!  | 10/19/2020 12:59 PM |
| 36 | Have forward looking community boards and realize minimizing needed services to continue taxes lower than other counties is not a forward looking plan.  | 10/19/2020 12:54 PM |
| 37 | An old time soda fountain / ice cream shop. Demo Dewaynes building and build a small strip mall and parking lot .  | 10/19/2020 11:08 AM |
| 38 | Movie Theatre, More murals and improving sidewalks and parks   | 10/19/2020 10:24 AM |
| 39 | City owned seasonal attractions that draw outside crowds on weekends   | 10/19/2020 10:22 AM |
| 40 | more police to combat the drug problem   | 10/19/2020 7:39 AM  |
| 41 | I wish the sidewalks in city limits were controlled and cared for by the city and installed in all housing additions. This would ensure safe and updated sidewalks throughout our community. I wish we had a canoe/kyacking company that orchestrated trips throughout the summer from visitors at the State Park and other community tourists. An indoor soft play/obstacle facility would be great for families in the winter when it is too cold to play on the amazing parks we own. | 10/18/2020 3:32 PM  |
| 42 | New additions and new homes  | 10/18/2020 9:09 AM  |
| 43 | legal enforcement of the negative treatment of motorists toward pedestrians and cyclists: i.e. not giving pedestrians the right of way, running cyclists off the road, not giving them the right of way at intersections, throwing objects out vehicle windows at cyclists/pedestrians, etc.l  | 10/18/2020 7:45 AM  |
| 44 | river greenway through the county  | 10/18/2020 6:46 AM  |
| 45 | Dedicated biking trails (Not shared on a roadway) of at least 5 miles in length dispersed throughout the county.   | 10/17/2020 10:29 PM |
| 46 | better drug enforcement  | 10/17/2020 5:02 PM  |
| 47 | Quality sidewalks oblong every community street  | 10/17/2020 12:37 PM |
| 48 | Theater like Decatur, a better restaurant, like Applebees, Brick House Grill in Huntington, Zionios, O'Charlies,   | 10/17/2020 11:27 AM |
| 49 | Push the shop in town harder.  | 10/16/2020 11:09 PM |
| 50 | Have every storefront filled downtown.   | 10/16/2020 10:03 PM |
| 51 | Sidewalks on every street and cleaned off year round. Downtown alley ways revitalized and old buildings refurbished instead of torn down.  | 10/16/2020 5:51 PM  |
| 52 | Pave all gravel roads in the county. Gravel roads are unusable to motorcycles and bicycles   | 10/16/2020 5:22 PM  |

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| 53 | I would build a Creative Arts Center with a proper stage and a movie theatre.   | 10/16/2020 4:20 PM  |
| 54 | N/A   | 10/16/2020 3:56 PM  |
| 55 | Invite everyone to help with the broken people and relationships that exist in the community. Especially concerning fatherless families, drug use/sales, and prostitution downtown. Downtown can only be renovated so much on the outside--but there is a lot of darkness in the lost men and women who stalk the streets day and night (know this as a local homeowner in downtown region).  | 10/16/2020 3:40 PM  |
| 56 | I just mentioned those things in #33. I would also put more playground equipment into the city parks.   | 10/16/2020 2:46 PM  |
| 57 | Completely rebuild the pool into a water park type facility with keeping the 6 lanes for the swim team, adding a zero depth splash pad, lazy river, climbing walls, several slides.   | 10/16/2020 2:45 PM  |
| 58 | State Road 1 would become a 4 lane highway.   | 10/16/2020 2:45 PM  |
| 59 | Start with downtown street-scaping. Replace trees, add flower beds, add lighting; Make downtown a beautiful place to visit in evenings--as well as daytime. Right now we have nice start at courthouse, but rest of streets are barren.   | 10/16/2020 2:17 PM  |
| 60 | Allow Golf Carts to utilize the Interurban trail to the North of the Wabash River. Allow Golf Carts on Wayne street to Whicker Park and to Kroger. These 2 things could be done with the stroke of a pen with NO money issues.  | 10/16/2020 2:14 PM  |
| 61 | Parks with more trees and green space, better sidewalks in town. Movie theater  | 10/16/2020 2:07 PM  |
| 62 | Outdoor programs  | 10/16/2020 2:02 PM  |
| 63 | None  | 10/16/2020 1:12 PM  |
| 64 | The problem is money is an obstacle to improve quality of life and to think it can be separated is not realistic in my opinion,   | 10/16/2020 1:07 PM  |
| 65 | na  | 10/16/2020 1:04 PM  |
| 66 | More physical activities for our youth such as a skating rink. An ice skating rink would be really great- maybe where they do concerts by Dutch Mill plaza. Could put up a temp building where people could change their boots and heat up. Where I grew up the fire dept would pull water from the lake and do it. It was done on a baseball rink.   | 10/16/2020 12:51 PM |
| 67 | Roads and sidewalks.  | 10/16/2020 12:33 PM |
| 68 | I'd buy all of the downtown "storage units" and turn them into unique, interesting and viable businesses. You could always start with the free option and just enforce current city ordinances on "storage" in street level occupancies. I guarantee some of these "businesses" don't have current retail merchant permits so you know they aren't paying taxes either...   | 10/16/2020 12:15 PM |
| 69 | LGBTQ center - maybe with a cafe or bookstore inside  | 10/16/2020 12:10 PM |
| 70 | LOTS OF COMMUNITY DAYS WITH PRIZES AND THINGS TO DO FOR KIDS/FAMILIES/PETS POSSIBLY VOLUNTEER DAYS SO THE KIDS CAN LEARN ABOUT HELPING OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY. (Farmers Market-how the product is grown and how to market it) (Contests for kids to design parks) (Tour of the downtown-find out what people want to see downtown.) (volunteers help elderly with raking leaves) How can we get the youth involved in helping with decisions for the future? | 10/16/2020 11:44 AM |
| 71 | I would build a performing arts, family and recreational center on the river so that there can be river front activities as well as outdoor activities at the site, putt putt, outdoor climbing wall, tree rope course, an observation deck . this arts family music center could also house a 3 screen movie cinema  | 10/16/2020 11:28 AM |
| 72 | The trails between Ossian and Bluffton  | 10/16/2020 11:27 AM |
| 73 | Develop Timber Ridge Golf Course into a first class facility. Finish the trail system to Ossian and beyond. Beautify the downtown with more green space and assist every business with the design and renewal of storefronts. Remove low quality housing from the downtown area. Develop the riverfront area and promote a clean Wabash river.  | 10/16/2020 11:23 AM |

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| 74  | Things that would be nice to have in the community. Performing arts center Science Center/Nature Center Indoor play area like the one in Columbus Indiana Children's museum Canoe Rental Business Bike Rental Business along the River Greenway Mini-Golf More things to do on days when the weather is not good (cold, wet, hot, etc.). If some of these things could be low cost or offer an affordable year round family membership (\$100) that would be even better. | 10/16/2020 11:20 AM |
| 75  | Build a new creative arts center, build or repurpose an existing space for a movie theater. Continue funding for downtown building improvements through the next decade.  | 10/16/2020 11:17 AM |
| 76  | movie theatre; Italian restaurant; entertainment for elementary and middle school aged kids - like laser tag or a trampoline park, or an arts center (like a board and brush for kids);   | 10/16/2020 11:06 AM |
| 77  | Keeping the downtown beautiful and the surrounding area. Like Zionsville, IN. So proud of the Courthouse & Plaza face lift.   | 10/16/2020 10:58 AM |
| 78  | .   | 10/16/2020 7:33 AM  |
| 79  | More places for youth to hang out. Would maybe reduce crime and vandalism   | 10/16/2020 6:05 AM  |
| 80  | Trails connection surrounding small communities   | 10/15/2020 8:50 PM  |
| 81  | -Invest funds to Renovate & Update the pool -Collaboration between farmers and new restaurants to create local owned and grown dining options. -modern activities such as skate park or putt-putt for teenagers to enjoy  | 10/15/2020 1:43 PM  |
| 82  | More downtown SUCCESSFUL business.  | 10/15/2020 1:28 PM  |
| 83  | More entertainment and natural outdoor space with trails would be developed.  | 10/15/2020 6:33 AM  |
| 84  | Build low-cost housing  | 10/15/2020 2:18 AM  |
| 85  | I would give to every family who needed clothes, food etc.  | 10/14/2020 11:09 PM |
| 86  | I think we have plenty of parks. Too many? How can we figure out which ones are or aren't getting used? Sell for new housing and use money for other projects. Would save maintenance expense also. I'd be fine with putting small parks in small outlying towns. Can we find out if folks are interested in paying more taxes for these improvements? Would be good to get master pla  | 10/14/2020 9:55 PM  |
| 87  | Upscale apartments downtown. low income apartments away from downtown. clean and repair sidewalks. install sidewalks. Make the river greenway wider with a bike lane.   | 10/14/2020 8:53 PM  |
| 88  | More parks like promenade park in fw  | 10/14/2020 7:16 PM  |
| 89  | Convince Kroger to build a new store.   | 10/13/2020 11:17 PM |
| 90  | All the above things mentioned  | 10/13/2020 10:40 PM |
| 91  | I like the idea of a small movie theater, but not a big chain.  | 10/13/2020 7:46 PM  |
| 92  | Plant more trees.   | 10/13/2020 6:10 PM  |
| 93  | Anything that would pertain to young adults and teenagers.  | 10/13/2020 5:33 PM  |
| 94  | Adding anything that would be of interest to teenagers and young adults   | 10/13/2020 5:20 PM  |
| 95  | Sidewalks in town   | 10/13/2020 4:00 PM  |
| 96  | Increase trail and walking paths.   | 10/13/2020 2:50 PM  |
| 97  | County wide high speed internet   | 10/13/2020 1:32 PM  |
| 98  | Movie theater !!!!!   | 10/13/2020 11:53 AM |
| 99  | Better quality of restaurants   | 10/13/2020 11:47 AM |
| 100 | complete streets/walkability for ALL abilities  | 10/13/2020 10:57 AM |
| 101 | Get more things here for kids/teenagers to enjoy like skate parks or movie theaters etc. kids have to leave town to go have fun   | 10/13/2020 10:52 AM |
| 102 | Investments that support environmental sustainability, more access and awareness to   | 10/13/2020 10:15 AM |

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wetlands similar to Fox Island Park in Fort Wayne, investments in technology such as high-speed internet infrastructure, and accelerate business development by supporting innovation and entrepreneurialism,

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| 103 | Bike/Walking Trails throughout all communities in the County and along the Wabash River in the County.  | 10/13/2020 8:45 AM  |
| 104 | clean up trailer parks. more murals   | 10/13/2020 7:47 AM  |
| 105 | Add to the park Department concert series. Replace the trees removed on downtown sidewalks with planters.   | 10/13/2020 12:51 AM |
| 106 | Improve living conditions of the less fortunate of our community, no more trailer parks and mega apartment complexes. Renovate existing homes and rent at a low cost  | 10/12/2020 8:43 PM  |
| 107 | Improve roads   | 10/12/2020 3:44 PM  |
| 108 | Arts center   | 10/12/2020 2:01 PM  |
| 109 | Develop programs to help revitalize the smaller towns in Wells County. Make Wells County a "destination" by having more areas that have parks and murals and trails and all of the things that Bluffton has been capitalizing on. Share the wealth with all of Wells County.  | 10/12/2020 12:18 PM |
| 110 | Build a community learning center with offerings of life skills classes for all ages. Also special interest classes of all types and for all ages.  | 10/12/2020 11:06 AM |
| 111 | walkways on both sides of state rd. 1   | 10/12/2020 9:10 AM  |
| 112 | Roller skating, better gymnastics for the kids,   | 10/12/2020 8:56 AM  |
| 113 | 2nd bridge on east side of town and connected to 124 to Dustman allowing for more growth to the east for housing between 124 and dustman east of the existing businesses.   | 10/11/2020 11:57 PM |
| 114 | Drive in. Park on north side. Frisbee disc course.  | 10/11/2020 7:47 PM  |
| 115 | Movie theater, a good restaurant with a liquor license  | 10/11/2020 11:41 AM |
| 116 | County parks system. Lagrange country seems to be a good example. I'd try to replicate their Pine Knob Park. My family has spent hours there.   | 10/11/2020 10:23 AM |
| 117 | Pave all roads  | 10/11/2020 8:57 AM  |
| 118 | Projects to increase education and training for a higher paid workforce. Yes, I read and understand your parameters for this survey. I also understand that money for such projects ultimately are derived from the income of individual workers. One must work in order to pay taxes and support benevolent endeavors. So increase the income of the citizens in the communities and naturally the funding will increase. As will the interest in the quality of life projects that you propose above. When baking pie and the pantry has a limited supply of ingredients then only a small pie with small portions can be achieved. When the pantry is full or overflowing then many variety of pies with larger portions can be achieved. Common sense should set goals to produce numerous enormous pies. (Pies=projects) | 10/11/2020 8:45 AM  |
| 119 | Drive-in or movie theater, roller rink, fixing the buildings downtown and helping new businesses open and help the existing businesses stay open.   | 10/11/2020 8:13 AM  |
| 120 | All projects listed in above question. Solar lights on greenway, trench river etc. trails need more funds to support them after they are installed.   | 10/11/2020 7:48 AM  |
| 121 | Another whicker park style park that is completely fenced in  | 10/11/2020 7:11 AM  |
| 122 | Bring more businesses and higher end restaurants  | 10/11/2020 6:31 AM  |
| 123 | Improve Ossian's parks department. Make it more like Bluffton with decent parks and activities.   | 10/10/2020 9:47 PM  |
| 124 | More activities and events for kids/teens.  | 10/10/2020 9:47 PM  |
| 125 | Again pour money into our downtown ...bringing in businesses and restaurants. Keep streets and roads in good condition...including county roads. Support our local schools.   | 10/10/2020 9:41 PM  |
| 126 | Continue to sponsor events downtown that bring the community together and encourage businesses by providing incentives for new businesses downtown.   | 10/10/2020 8:45 PM  |

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| 127 | Emergency vehicles on west side of town and an ordinance to control junk and storage on properties throughout town. That makes our city look poor and rural in areas peppered all over town. | 10/10/2020 8:44 PM  |
| 128 | Downtown parking be a bit better.  | 10/10/2020 7:35 PM  |
| 129 | Ossian needs a 2030 plan   | 10/10/2020 6:17 PM  |
| 130 | Sidewalks, downtown buildings given face lifts   | 10/10/2020 5:30 PM  |
| 131 | Make the city more bike friendly, trails everywhere. They should be on both sides of main street with crossings to access businesses. Interurban trail should run behind the businesses      | 10/10/2020 5:09 PM  |
| 132 | more country input, of residence.  | 10/10/2020 3:50 PM  |
| 133 | Tear down the old Wells Community Hospital!  | 10/10/2020 1:59 PM  |
| 134 | Sidewalks on every road and crosswalks   | 10/10/2020 12:24 PM |
| 135 | Modernize pool and green space park at Lancaster property  | 10/10/2020 12:04 PM |
| 136 | More street lights in river view housing additions and other additions around the schools. Very dark at night  | 10/10/2020 12:03 PM |
| 137 | More events for teens and 20s to keep kids from moving away after high school.   | 10/10/2020 11:36 AM |
| 138 | a snow skiing mountain, indoor could be an option too.   | 10/10/2020 11:35 AM |