**Dr. Lisa Philips**

Teresa Exline spoke with Dr. Lisa Philips, an associate professor of history at Indiana State University, to discuss research she’s been conducting with her students into the Vigo County Home or ‘The Poor Farm.’ After Philips’ husband, Dr. Sean Philips, professor in the environmental science department at ISU, unearthed some unmarked graves at the home’s site, Lisa Philips became curious and began her research. Philips explained the reasons someone would live in a poor farm, the stigma that surrounded them at the time, and why the institution was crucial. She broke down the history of the home from the beginning to well past the end and the journey she and her students have gone through to get this information. Finally, she described why this is important experience for her students and examined what might come of their research.