



December 2024

# NEWSLETTER

## Annual Chamber Dinner Recap

The Annual Chamber Dinner was a memorable evening filled with inspiration, celebration, and community connection. Our guest speaker, Billy Joe Henry, pastor at The Bridge Church in Terre Haute, captivated the audience with his powerful story of transformation. He shared how he overcame a difficult upbringing, found faith in prison, and went on to build a highly successful tattoo business. His heartfelt message on commitment encouraged attendees to embrace perseverance in their personal and professional lives.

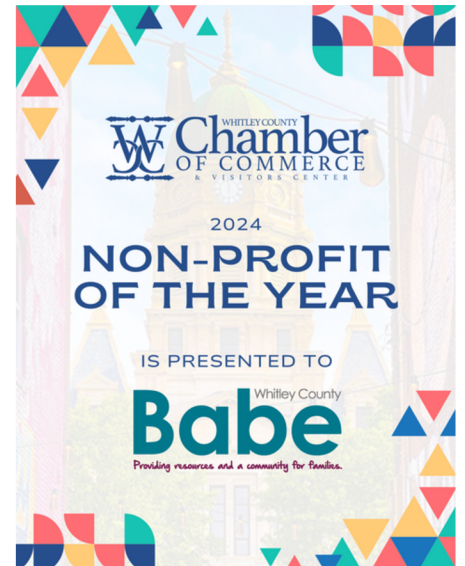
The evening also highlighted the incredible achievements within our chamber as we presented the annual awards and celebrated each Member of the Month. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the successes of the past year, connect with fellow members, and look forward to continued growth and collaboration.





# CHAMBER DINNER Awards

Congratulations to the following Chamber members & ambassadors for these distinguished awards at this years' Annual Chamber Dinner.



Congratulations!



# Bowen Health names new Executive Director



Bowen Health has announced Mista Lauber as its new Executive Director for Northeast Indiana. Lauber, who has been with Bowen Health since 2014, will oversee operations, performance, and community outreach in DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley counties. During her tenure, she has played a key role in expanding services, including the addition of primary care in Whitley County and the opening of a new facility in Columbia City earlier this year. Known for her ability to build strong teams and foster community relationships, Lauber is dedicated to advancing Bowen Health's mission of providing accessible, high-quality health care for all, regardless of financial circumstances. Bowen Health continues to evolve to meet the growing needs of the community, and Lauber's leadership will be instrumental in ensuring these services reach those who need them most. Congratulations to Mista Lauber on her well-deserved new role!

## 2 Years of Culver's in Columbia City

Last Thursday, we were thrilled to celebrate the 2-year anniversary of our Culver's restaurant, a cherished part of our community! Over the past two years, Culver's has become a favorite spot for families and friends to gather and enjoy their famous ButterBurgers, cheese curds, and frozen custard. We're grateful for the positive impact they've made, not just through their delicious food but also through their commitment to exceptional service and community involvement. Congratulations to Culver's on this milestone, and here's to many more years of success and great meals ahead!





# Join Us

## FIVE-COURSE DINNER + KOMBUCHA

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable culinary experience on **Thursday, December 19th**, in South Whitley! This special five-course dinner and kombucha pairing will feature locally sourced ingredients and flavors, including sustainably raised bison from Eel River Bison Ranch and artisanal kombucha from Lunar Infusions, both treasured Chamber members.

From a tableside-carved Bison Tomahawk to a zesty Citrus Olive Oil Cake, each course is thoughtfully paired with bold and refreshing kombucha flavors to create a perfectly balanced dining experience. Email [lunarinfusions@gmail.com](mailto:lunarinfusions@gmail.com) to book your tickets!

### 5 COURSE DINNER and kombucha *Pairing*

Join us for an unforgettable evening at Uncommon Joe's in South Whitley! The farm to table menu is inspired by local bison from the Eel River Bison Ranch. Each course is perfectly paired with locally crafted artisanal kombucha from Lunar Infusions for a bold synchronicity of flavors in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

*featuring*



**Dec 19, 2024**  
5:45 PM



**Location**

123 S State St. South Whitley



# Member of the Month



Congratulations to our December Member of the Month, Brew'ha! This beloved local coffee shop has become a true staple in our community, serving up delicious coffee, cozy vibes, and friendly service for the past 20 years.

Whether you're stopping by to catch up with friends or grabbing your favorite brew from their convenient drive-thru, Brew'ha has been a go-to spot for residents and visitors alike. As they celebrate this incredible milestone, we thank them for two decades of dedication, hard work, and for keeping our town caffeinated and connected!

Cheers to Brew'Ha and many more years of brewing up success!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## Welcome NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBERS

We are so excited to welcome these local businesses to the Whitley County Chamber.

IMPACT X PERFORMANCE (FORMERLY JOURNEY FITNESS 333)





## **Local Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Group to Host Greenhill Cemetery Ceremony**

**WHAT:** Whitley County Veterans Cemetery Cleaning & Restoration is fundraising to support the Wreaths Across America being held locally at Greenhill Cemetery & 89 Whitley Cemeteries. They will be hosting an event at Greenhill Cemetery, 465 E Ellsworth St, Columbia City Indiana to bring awareness to the yearlong mission of the organization which is to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

The ceremony will host the Marine Corps League Detachment #1435 Pride and Purpose presenting the colors. Pledge of Allegiance (Mayor of Columbia City), Laying of Ceremonial Wreaths (Local Veterans), Reading of George Washington Prayer (Air Force Veteran Doug Bone), Playing of TAPS (Tiffany Cariens), follow by the Laying of Wreaths. (Volunteers)

**WHEN:** December 14, 2024 12:30pm

**WHERE:** 465 E Ellsworth Street, Columbia City IN

**WHO:** Gary Bird, Coordinator, Butch Sloan Air Force B52 Pilot Vietnam, Ryan Daniels Mayor

### About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, which was begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's yearlong mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath, please visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).

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# GRINCHMAS

**PARTY!**

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER  
14TH**



Special times this month to make your own ornaments!



December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Candy Sticks  
Community Rooms



December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Stocking & Mitten  
Auditorium Room 2



**HOMESPUN  
WORKINGS**

*Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*

*6 to 7:45 p.m.*



December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Snowman  
Community Room A

visit our online calendar to register for them all!





The Waters™  
of Columbia City

A REHABILITATION & SKILLED NURSING CENTER

# Donuts & Pictures with Santa



**Wednesday, December 18th**  
**from 4PM-6PM**

The Waters of Columbia City  
640 W. Ellsworth Street  
Columbia City, IN 46725

**Please join us at The Waters of Columbia City  
for donuts and pictures with Santa!**

260-248-8101 | [www.watersofcolumbiacity.com](http://www.watersofcolumbiacity.com)



# UGLY SWEATER PARTY

**The Ugliest Sweater Wins A Prize !**

**DECEMBER 21, 2024**

**SATURDAY | 10-4PM**

**202 N CHAUNCEY ST.  
COLUMBIA CITY, IN.**

**Check us out on Facebook/ Instagram**





Remnant  
CHURCH

PRESENTS  
a special

Christmas Eve  
SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24 @ 6pm

CITY  
Smiles  
PEDIATRIC  
DENTISTRY

Please  
RSVP!

285-5245

All are  
Welcome!



Join us for a Craft and a Story!  
at  
City Smiles Pediatric Dentistry

January 16<sup>th</sup>  
February 13<sup>th</sup>  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

604 West Connexion Way, Columbia City

A parent or guardian must stay with the kid (s) they bring!

# December Special

## Let's Get Ready!

Call me-260-271-9400  
tangel090603@gmail.com



Tammy

Before

After

Are you ready to start 2025 out right?

- ❄️ Lose 5-500lbs
- ❄️ Increase Energy
- ❄️ Better Sleep
- ❄️ I help-diabetics, people with high blood pressure, PCOS, Peri-menopause, seniors, professionals, teens, nursing moms
- ❄️ Physically fit that needs clean Amino Acids or clean Whey Protein to help with muscle recovery & muscle health!