

November 2025

# NEWSLETTER

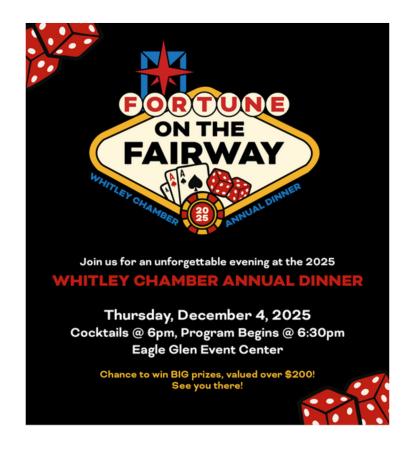
### **Annual Chamber Dinner is near!**

Get ready to roll the dice on an unforgettable night at the 2025 Whitley Chamber Annual Dinner - Fortune on the Fairway!

Join us Thursday, December 4th at Eagle Glen for cocktails, community, and a night full of fun. The program kicks off at 6:30pm, and guests will have the chance to win BIG prizes valued at over \$200. Don't miss it!

Purchase tickets here:

https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fortune-on-the-fairwaywhitley-chamber-annual-dinner



### **November Member of the Month**









Congratulations to our November Chamber Member of the Month, **Columbia City Bridal**!

Located on the second floor of the Van Buren Event Center, this charming boutique has become a go-to destination for brides across Northeast Indiana. Columbia City Bridal specializes in beautifully curated bridal gowns, accessories, and even flower girl dresses — a unique offering you won't find anywhere else in the region. They are dedicated to creating an unforgettable, joy-filled experience for every bride who walks through their doors, making dress shopping feel personal, comfortable, and truly special.

We're proud to celebrate a business that brings so much heart, style, and celebration to our community. Cheers to you, Columbia City Bridal!

**CONGRATULATIONS!** 



NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

HAYWOOD CREATIVE DESIGN

# Recognizing AMAZING MEMBERS



## Honoring Our Heroes: Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Each December, Whitley County Veterans Cemetery Cleaning & Restorations hosts the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Volunteers from across the county come together to ensure every veteran is remembered with a fresh evergreen wreath — a symbol of honor, sacrifice, and gratitude.

The event includes a full ceremonial program with the presentation of colors by the Marine Corps League Pride and Purpose Detachment #1435, remarks from Mayor Ryan Daniels, and readings from local veterans including Bill Helm, Chris Judy, and Jim Schader, a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient. Volunteers then spread across Greenhill and surrounding cemeteries to carefully lay wreaths, each placed with respect and remembrance.

This heartfelt effort embodies the mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach – ensuring that the legacy of our nation's heroes lives on in our community.



Staging of Whitley County Wreaths, and Volunteer pickup for the upcoming National Wreath Day. Those in forefront of picture headed to South Whitley Cemetery



US Army Veteran, Purple Heart, Chuck Beery Lays wreath, honors veteran



Each Branch of Service Receives a ceremonial Wreath, placed by Honor Veterans



# SANDWICHPALOOZA

### COMPETITION

FRIDAY, NOV. 14TH STAN'S SMOKIN' BBQ

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19TH MOYER'S CORNER CAFE

FRIDAY, NOV. 21ST TIMES SQUARE CAFE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26TH SUGAR CREEK MEATS AND TREATS

FROM THEIR MENU. YOU GET TO TRY THEM AND THEN VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE.
ONLY VOTE ONE TIME, PLEASE.



11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. SWCPL AUDITORIUM







## 22 NOVEMBER

105 South State Street

South Whitley - Old Bronwstone

11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Free for the entire community!















# Thanksgiving Dinner

#### NOVEMBER 27 NOON TO 6PM

You're invited to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving gathering at the brewery. Come and enjoy a warm and joyful meal together as a community.

Full buffet of all our families favorites.

Freewill donation to go to Wreaths Across

America Whitley County and Community

Harvest Food Bank





8324 W STATE RD 14 SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787



The 2025 Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade that will be held on Friday, **November 28, 2025, at 6 p.m**. in downtown Columbia City. Our rain date is the following day, November 29.

Please watch our social media page on Facebook for any updates.

Most aspects of the parade are the same again this year -- including the closure of parking along Van Buren Street. This change was made for safety and keeping parade watchers a bit further back from the moving parade floats. If you would like to hand out candy or treats, we would recommend that you have volunteers walk alongside your float and hand the treats or materials out closer to the sidewalk so that children do not feel compelled to run into the street.

Once again this year, lineup will begin around 5:15-5:30 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Marshall Building on North Walnut Street. Larger floats or vehicles may be staged in that area. Please look for Tony Romano that evening to determine your exact placement.

If you would like to support the parade and/or Santa's House with a financial gift, our parade fund is held by the City of Columbia City, Attn: Leslee Robinson/Christmas Parade & Santa's House, 112 South Chauncey Street, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Please fill out and return the attached parade form and return it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know. You can also text me at (260) 610-1873.

Thank you for participating! We are looking forward to wonderful parade night!

Jennifer Zartman Romano
Parade Organizer & Caretaker of Santa's House

### 2025 Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade Entry Form

(Form must be completed in its entirety.)	
CONTACT PERSON:	(ONE PER ENTRY)
ADDRESS:	CITY/STATE/ZIP:
	E-MAIL:
TYPE OF ENTRY: (Check one)	
Wheeled EntryFloatMusica	al Walking Unit (Groups on Foot, Mascots, etc.)
Estimated Length of entry, in feet:	(Includes cars, anything towed and walkers)
Describe your float:	
Special Needs or Requests:	
Description of Group/Business/Org. to be	
Float Driver's Name:HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT	Driver's License #
Printed Name:	
Signature:	Date:
By executing this agreement as a participant in the 2 responsible for the entry) agrees for himself, herself Lighted Christmas Parade, Santa's House and festiv releases and forever discharges and expressly agree the officers, directors, employees, agents and mem demands, actions, causes of action, suits, dues, sun	2025 Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade, the undersigned (must) be signed by person f, itself and its (their successors), heirs and assigns that participation in the Whitley County ral, as described herein, shall be at the risk of the undersigned, and that the undersigned hereby es to indemnify and hold harmless Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade, Santa's House and bers of the organization, together with their successors and assigns of and from all debts, and sums of money, accounts, reckonings bonds, specialties, contracts, covenants, sions, variances, extents, execution and liabilities whatsoever including, without limiting the

For additional information, call 260-610-1873 or email artofizart@gmail.com

undersigned's participation in Whitley County Lighted Christmas Parade.

Return form via email to artofizart@gmail.com or deliver in person to: Whitley County Historical Museum attn: Jennifer Romano

generality of the foregoing, claims for contribution, exoneration or indemnity, or any other thing whatsoever which might arise from the



November 29th, 2025

8am-4pm

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Columbia City, IN 46725

Please join us for a day of holiday festivities, local vendor shopping, chili cookoff, Santa and more!

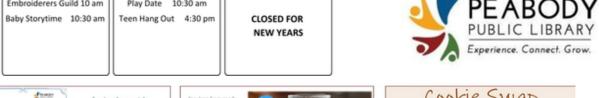


### DECEMBER 2025

Friday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Embroiderers Guild 10 am Puzzle Palooza 10:30 am Awaken Yoga 9:30 am Toddler Story 10:30 am Baby Storytime 9:30 am Mural of the Month 9 am - 5 pm Art Lab 4:30 pm Baby Storytime 10:30 am Teen Bookflix 4:30 pm Toddler Story 10:30 am KNOWvember Finale - 4:30 pm Hmschl Happenings 1 pm Paperback Writers Lego Club 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Gift Wrapping 5:30 pm Create & Connect 5:30 pm Yoga Flow 6 pm 8 10 12 13 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Exploration Station Awaken Yoga 9:30 am Toddler Story 10:30 am Baby Storytime 9:30 am - 10:30 am Stitch & Snitch 11 am Before 5 10 am I Survived Book Club Toddler Story 10:30 am Hmschl Happenings 1 pm Homemade Holiday 11 am - 4:30 pm CLOSING AT NOON FOR Teen Quirky Crafts Cookie Swap 5:30 pm Yoga Flow 6 pm STAFF DEVELOPMENT - 4:30 pm 14 15 16 17 18 19 Awaken Yoga 9:30 am Baby Storytime 10:30 am Block Party 10:30 am Toddler Story 10:30 am Baby Storytime 9:30 am Once Upon a Gingerbread - 10 am - 1 pm Hmschl Happenings 1 pm Teen Movie Night STEM Challenge 4:30 pm Comp Mobile Lab 10 am - 4:30 pm Otherwordly Book Club Toddler Story 10:30 am - 6 pm Career Spotlight 4:30 pm Yoga Flow 6 pm 21 25 22 27 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Yoga Sprouts 10:30 am

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31 PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY Embroiderers Guild 10 am Play Date 10:30 am Baby Storytime 10:30 am CLOSED FOR Teen Hang Out 4:30 pm **NEW YEARS** Experience. Connect. Grow.















#### Library Lowdown



#### PPL's 125th Anniversary Library Card Contest

Help us celebrate by designing our new library card! Create a one-of-a-kind design that celebrates Peabody Public Library's 125th anniversary, the joy of reading, and the spirit of our community. Scan the QR code above for all of the official details!

#### Coming in January...

A month of "Reading in Harmony" during our Winter Read Program! Keep track of your books, activities, and programs for a chance to win fun prizes. Cozy up, get creative, and make this winter a symphony of stories and discovery!



#### Contact Us: ppl.lib.in.us librarian@ppl.lib.in.us 260.244.5541

#### **Hours of Operation:** Monday - Thursday

9 am - 8 pm Friday 9 am - 6 pm Saturday 9 am - 5 pm December 6th Birthday



Free Sugar Creek (raspberry) (for every person in the store)



SUNDAY DEC 14

Visit Santa Claus & his animal elves



Brewing Company 12 NOON TO 3PM

Kringle Market Food.Drinks.Gifts

E Brewing Company at Esterline Farms 8324 West State Rd 14 South Whitley IN 46787