

FE BR U ARY

2026



February's Chamber Member of the Month

Congratulations to **The Shops at the Sanctuary**, our February Member of the Month!

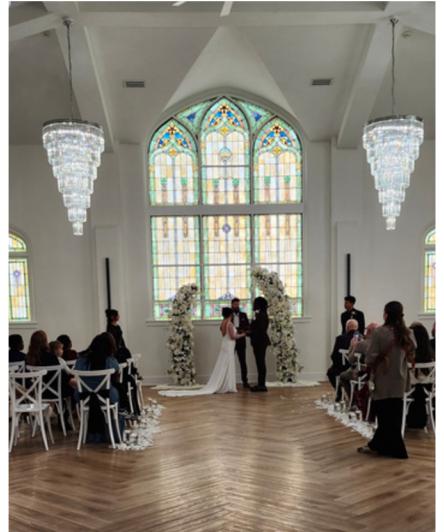
Located at 202 N. Chauncey Street in Columbia City, this unique shopping destination brings together local vendors, makers, and creatives in a beautifully restored space. From antiques and vintage treasures to new and reFunked furniture, home décor, handmade art, jewelry, pottery, and more, there's truly something for everyone to discover.

Beyond offering an incredible shopping experience, The Shops at the Sanctuary is also a strong supporter of the Chamber and our local business community. Their continued involvement, collaboration, and commitment to shopping local help strengthen connections and keep our downtown thriving. We're grateful for their partnership and proud to highlight them as this month's featured business.



Member Spotlight

Kaleidoscope Weddings & Events is one of those special hometown venues that truly makes celebrations feel personal. With engagement season in full swing, now is the perfect time for couples to start planning their big day in a space that's warm, welcoming, and full of charm. From weddings and receptions to showers and family gatherings, Kaleidoscope offers a beautiful backdrop where memories are made and moments are shared — all with that small-town hospitality we know and love. **Thank you for being a member!**



Upcoming Chamber Events

From networking opportunities and ribbon cuttings to educational sessions and special gatherings, these events offer a great way to stay engaged and get the most out of your Chamber membership. We encourage all members to attend, participate, and take advantage of the connections and resources these events provide. We hope to see you at the following events:

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 6TH
@ 8:00AM**

Cafes & Conversations Networking

Held the **first Friday** of every month at **8 a.m.**, Cafés & Conversations is a casual networking event where members connect, share ideas, and chat about just about anything. We rotate between local cafés throughout Whitley County, and this month we'll be meeting at **Busco Beans**.

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 23RD
@ 10:30AM**

Level Up Seminar Series

Held the **last Monday** of every month at **10 a.m.**, this educational seminar focuses on practical topics like marketing, technology, accounting, and more to help your business grow. This month's seminar will be held at the **Chamber of Commerce**, talking about the secrets to success!

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 24TH
@ 6PM**

Farmers Market Callout Mtg.

The Chamber is excited to take the lead on the Farmers Market and strengthen our community connection! Join us for a Callout Meeting **at Peabody Public Library**. New and returning vendors are invited to ask questions, reserve dates, meet fellow vendors, and connect with the Market board.



ATTENTION ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS!

**YOUR 2026 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE.
VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO ENROLL IN
OUR NEW AUTO-RENEWAL SYSTEM.**



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/whitley-county-chamber-annual-membership>

Smiles on Main HAS MOVED!

The rumors are true; Smiles on Main Family Dentistry has moved locations!
ALL APPOINTMENTS starting in February will be at their new location

**405 North Main Street
Columbia City, IN 46725
Just south of Dairy Queen!**





VENDORS WANTED

Your Whitley County Chamber is excited to take the lead on the 2026 Farmers Market and strengthen our community connection! Join us for a Callout Meeting at Peabody Public Library. New and returning vendors are invited to ask questions, reserve dates, meet fellow vendors, and connect with the Market board.

Looking for but not limited to:

- Fresh Produce
- Artisan Meats
- Baked Goods
- Florals + Plants
- Services
- Handcrafted & Artisanal Goods
- Food Trucks
- Pet Products
- Boutiques/Clothing



Scan the QR code or click the link below to view our **Vendor Agreement & Application**

CALL OUT MEETINGS

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 24TH
@ 6PM**

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 26TH
@ 6PM**

AT PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-whitley-county-farmers-market-vendor-application>

Upcoming Member Events

Our Chamber members are always hosting exciting events throughout the community, and we love helping spread the word. From grand openings and open houses to workshops, sales, and special celebrations, member events are a great way to support one another and stay connected.

If you'd like your upcoming event featured in a future newsletter, please message or email the Chamber with your event details.



FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Homeschool 1 pm Crochet 5:30 pm	3 Puzzle Palooza 10:30 am Teen Bookflix 4:30 pm	4 Create & Connect 1 pm	5 Storytime 10:30 am Art Lab 4:30 pm Paperback Writers 6 pm	6 Baby Storytime 9:30 am Storytime 10:30 am Lego Club 4:30 pm	7 Take your Child to the Library Day 10:30 am
8	9 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Crafting Connections 11 am Homeschool 1 pm Brush w/Madness 5:30 pm	10 Exploration Station 10:30 am A Novel Idea 11 am Teen Quirky Crafts 4:30 pm A Bird in the Hand 6 pm	11 Before 5 10 am	12 Storytime 10:30 am Stem Challenge 4:30 pm Cupcake Decorating 5:30 pm	13 Baby Storytime 9:30 am Storytime 10:30 am Bored Let's Board 4:30 pm	14 Mural of the Month 9 am - 5 pm Guitar & Flute Music 10:30 am Master Gardener Series 2 pm
15	16 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Homeschool 1 pm Otherworldly Book Club 5:30 pm	17 Block Party 10:30 am Teen Saved by the Binge 4:30 pm The Evidence Room 6 pm	18 Family Game Night 6 pm	19 Storytime 10:30 am Junior Detectives 4:30 pm	20 Baby Storytime 9:30 am Storytime 10:30 am Inventor's Workshop 4:30 pm	21
22	23 Baby Storytime 10:30 am Homeschool 1 pm	24 Yoga Sprouts 10:30 am Teen Game Night 4:30 pm Dungeons & Dragons 6 pm	25 Homespun Workings 6 pm Family Movie Night 6 pm	26 Coffee & Cadavers 10 am Storytime 10:30 am Career Spotlight 4:30 pm No Sew Rice Heating Pads 5:30 pm	27 Baby Storytime 9:30 am Storytime 10:30 am I'm Booked 4:30 pm	28 Speed Puzzling 10 am



Program Color Guide	
	All Ages
	Adults
	Children
	Teens



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

The Royal Ball

Father Daughter Dance

PRESENTED BY THE COLUMBIA CITY PARKS DEPARTMENT



FEBRUARY 6TH OR FEBRUARY 7TH

6:00PM-10:00PM

WHITLEY COUNTY 4H CENTER

\$25.00 PER PERSON

MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND

SPACE IS VERY LIMITED GET YOUR TICKETS
BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2026

FOR SPECIFIC DATE PURCHASE TICKETS EARLY AT THE
PARK OFFICE MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM-4:00PM. FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT THE PARK OFFICE 260-248-5180.



SUN KISS SPRITZ & SHOP

- GALENTINE'S -

FEBRUARY 11 4-8PM

107 DIPLOMAT RD
COLUMBIA CITY



♥ DRINK, GRAB A SWEET TREAT ♥

AND SHOP LOCAL VENDORS

♥ PERMANENT JEWELRY WILL AVAILABLE TOO! ♥





Feb 14, 2026
Love is in the Air
♥ Bridal Show ♥

Featuring:

- The Press Room Event Center Bar & Grill
- Eberly Photography & Videography
- Stan's Smokin' BBQ & Catering
- The Copper Cactus Design and Decor
- Mary Carney ~ Wedding Officiant
- Elated Entertainment
- Bridal Hair & Makeup by Zoe Foutz
- Sweet Tooth Confections By Christa Austin
Ellen's Bridal – Roanoke, IN
- Tuxedo Rental by Bravo Florists
- SimplySweet Cake Shop
- Gough Legal Group ~ Estate Planning

More vendors to come!

Contact: Jen | 260-609-8883
12-3pm | 113 South State Street
Downtown South Whitley



CYBER Facebook Live SALE

FEB 23 • 6:30PM

- Deep discounts on last-chance/clearance items
- One-of-a-kind “singles” left on the shelf
- Out-of-season finds at can’t-miss prices
- Easy claim-and-pickup shopping
- All from the comfort of your couch

**Follow Vintage Blessed General Store on
Facebook to access the Facebook Live link!**



WHITLEY COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Business & Breakfast

Join Us in Columbia City!

February 24th | 9:00 - 10:00 AM



Whitley County Community Foundation

— Breakfast Provided By: —

Kitchen & Co.



2026 STATE OF THE CITY



**FRIDAY
MARCH 13, 2026**

11:30AM CHECK-IN

NOON LUNCH

12:30PM ADDRESS

+ A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MAYOR

FREE TO ATTEND - RSVP REQUESTED

LUNCH PROVIDED BY FOODOLEGY



PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY
1160 IN-205 | COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

*Kindly RSVP guest count and businesses attending to
jesterline@whitleychamber.org by March 1, 2026.*

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DERBY**

**WOULD YOU
SPONSOR US?**

**ALL SPONSORSHIP
INFORMATION MUST BE
COMPLETED BY APRIL 1, 2026
TELL THEM HONEY BEE SENT
YOU!**

**CELEBRATING 20 YEAR OF
ROLLER DERBY IN THE FORT!**

SPONSORSHIPS ON NEXT PAGE:

HELP FWRD KEEP ROLLING FOR OUR 20TH YEAR!

VIP \$2500

- RED CARPET SEATING
- LARGE LOGO WITH AD IN HOME GAME PROGRAMS
- LARGE LOGO ON FWRD WEBSITE W/ LINK
- COMPANY ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT ALL HOME GAMES
- LOGO ON SELECT FWRD PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS
- BOOTH AT EACH HOME GAME
- BANNER DISPLAYED AT HOME GAMES – LEAGUE PROVIDED
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS TO 10,000+ FOLLOWERS
- 10 EXCLUSIVE FWRD SPONSOR T-SHIRTS
- 10 TICKETS PER GAME

JAMMER LINE \$1000

- MEDIUM LOGO WITH AD IN HOME GAME PROGRAMS
- MEDIUM LOGO ON FWRD WEBSITE W/ LINK
- COMPANY ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT ALL HOME GAMES AND WHEN ACTION OCCURS ON THE JAMMER LINE
- LOGO ON SELECT FWRD PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS
- BOOTH AT EACH HOME GAME
- BANNER DISPLAYED AT HOME GAMES – LEAGUE PROVIDED
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS TO 10,000+ FOLLOWERS
- 8 EXCLUSIVE FWRD SPONSOR T-SHIRTS
- 8 TICKETS PER GAME

PENALTY BOX \$1000

- MEDIUM LOGO WITH AD WRITTEN COPY IN HOME GAME PROGRAMS
- MEDIUM LOGO ON FWRD WEBSITE W/ LINK
- COMPANY ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT ALL HOME GAMES AND WHEN ACTION OCCURS IN THE PENALTY BOX
- LOGO ON SELECT FWRD PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS
- BOOTH AT EACH HOME GAME
- BANNER DISPLAYED AT HOME GAMES – LEAGUE PROVIDED
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS TO 10,000+ FOLLOWERS
- 8 EXCLUSIVE FWRD SPONSOR T-SHIRTS
- 8 TICKETS PER GAME

BLOCKER \$500

- SMALL LOGO IN HOME GAME PROGRAMS
- SMALL LOGO ON FWRD WEBSITE W/ LINK
- COMPANY ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT ALL HOME GAMES
- BANNER DISPLAYED AT HOME GAMES (you provide)
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS TO 10,000+ FOLLOWERS
- 4 EXCLUSIVE FWRD SPONSOR T-SHIRTS
- 4 TICKETS PER GAME

SKATER \$250

- SMALL LOGO IN HOME GAME PROGRAMS
- SMALL LOGO ON FWRD WEBSITE W/ LINK
- COMPANY ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT ALL HOME GAMES
- BANNER DISPLAYED AT HOME GAMES (you provide)
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS TO 10,000+ FOLLOWERS
- 2 EXCLUSIVE FWRD SPONSOR T-SHIRTS
- 2 TICKETS PER GAME

SUPER FAN \$100

- COMPANY/NAME ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT ALL HOME GAMES
- SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTIONS TO 10,000+ FOLLOWERS
- COMPANY/NAME IN HOME GAME PROGRAMS
- COMPANY/NAME ON FWRD WEBSITE
- 2 EXCLUSIVE FWRD SPONSOR T-SHIRTS
- 2 TICKETS PER GAME

IN-KIND DONATIONS

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- GIFT CARDS FOR THE OFFICIALS
- RAFFLES PRIZES
- GAME DAY SNACKS FOR SKATERS
- CASH DONATIONS



2026 SEASON SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT

SELECT YOUR SPONSORSHIP

<input type="checkbox"/> VIP	\$2500
<input type="checkbox"/> JAMMER LINE	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> PENALTY BOX	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> BLOCKER	\$ 500
<input type="checkbox"/> SKATER	\$ 250
<input type="checkbox"/> SUPER FAN	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND DONATIONS:	

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE \$ _____

Cash Card Check# _____



If paying with Zeffy, please choose the dollar amount that lines up with the sponsorship package you have selected. If you are interested in the VIP sponsorship, please enter \$2500 in the "Other" section.

Note: there is an optional gratuity automatically included by Zeffy. This does not go to FW RD. If you do not wish to donate to Zeffy, please select "Other" and put \$0 under contribution.

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO
FWROLLERDERBY@GMAIL.COM OR YOUR
FAVORITE FW RD PERSON, WITH YOUR
PAYMENT, BY APRIL 1, 2026

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

MY FAVORITE FW RD PERSON IS:

SPONSOR T-SHIRTS

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QTY</u>
SMALL	_____
MEDIUM	_____
LARGE	_____
XL	_____
2XL	_____

Please provide the following items to fwrollerderby@gmail.com by April 1, 2026:

- This completed form
- High resolution logos, ads, and any other artwork needed for your sponsorship level
- Website address/link you'd like to use for online promotions (if applicable)
- 200 characters of written copy for online promotions (if applicable)
- Full page ad = 5.5" x 8.5", 1/8" bleed, 300+ dpi
- Half page ad = 5.5" x 4.25", 1/8" bleed, 300+ dpi
- Quarter page ad = 2.75" x 4.25", 1/8" bleed, 300+ dpi

SOUTH WHITLEY COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on over for some Easter fun!

South Whitley Youth League Ball Fields

Thousands of Eggs!

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Hunt starts at the Noon Whistle!

Bicycle Raffle!



Meet the Easter Bunny!

Candy, Prizes & Bicycles
donated by Whitley County Businesses!

★ Fun for kids of all ages! ★
• Bring your baskets & your Easter spirit! •

Daddy Daughter Dance

Taylor Swift Theme

At

THE PRESS ROOM

EVENT CENTER

113 South State Street • South Whitley, IN 46787

Music • Games • Dancing • More!

• \$30 a couple • \$10 for each additional daughter

• *Each couple receives a take-home photo*

Photo provided by Eberly Photography & Videography LLC

DAD

SWIFTIE

LOVE

DANCE

Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 6-8PM

• TICKETS ARE LIMITED •

Advanced Tickets Required

To Purchase Tickets Email:

jenkridere@outlook.com

Dress up, sing along, and make memories that will last forever!

BREAKFAST

Networking Meeting

CONNECT, COLLABORATE, CREATE

"GREAT IDEAS START AT THE TABLE"



**MONDAY 2/2/26
THURSDAY 4/16/26
MONDAY 7/13/26
THURSDAY 10/15/26**

710 N. OPPORTUNITY DRIVE COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

RSVP at **activities@wccoa.biz** or 260-248-8944 ext. 9