



## March Chamber Member of the Month

Congratulations to **Busco Beans** for being awarded our Member of the Month for March 2026!

Busco Beans has been a wonderful supporter of the Chamber and our local business community. From hosting our *Cafés & Collaborations* networking events to providing coffee for community gatherings, they are always willing to show up and support local connections.

Their business continues to grow with exciting additions like their mobile coffee trailer and local delivery options, making it even easier for residents, businesses, and events to enjoy their handcrafted coffee. We're grateful for their partnership, their community spirit, and the energy they bring to Churubusco **and** Whitley County.



# Member Spotlight

A longtime staple in our community, Shoes & Moore has built a strong reputation for quality footwear and friendly, knowledgeable service. They focus on carrying the brands customers love, including favorites like Brooks, Birkenstock, and more, helping shoppers find the perfect mix of comfort and style.

Just in time for warmer weather, they've also released their spring sandal lineup, perfect for spring break and the sunny days ahead. Stop in to see what's new and support this trusted local business.



## 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,  
MARCH 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 **Brew-Ha**.

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 11TH  
@ NOON**

### Chamber Ambassador Meeting

Join us for the next Chamber Ambassador Meeting at the **Chamber office at noon**. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to get more involved, build connections, and learn about ways to volunteer and support upcoming Chamber events. All members are welcome!

**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 13TH  
@ 11:30AM**

### State of the City Address

Join us for the upcoming State of the City Address with the Mayor Ryan Daniel to hear updates on our community's progress and future plans. **RSVP is required to attend**. This is a great opportunity to stay informed and connected with what's happening in our city.



# 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>

## Columbia City Connect Nationally Recognized

Congratulations to Columbia City Connect on being named a Nationally Accredited Main Street! This prestigious designation recognizes communities that meet high national standards for downtown revitalization, economic development, and community engagement. It's a testament to the hard work of their team, volunteers, local businesses, and community partners who continue to invest in the future of downtown Columbia City. We're proud to celebrate this exciting milestone for our community!





# 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**



<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.**



**Saturday  
March 14<sup>th</sup>  
2 pm - 4 pm**



***Gardening Techniques you need  
for your spring garden!***



# 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 FOODOLOGY

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**FORT WAYNE METALS**  
Turning knowledge into solutions.



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# LEGACY OF LIFE

## SPRING BANQUET



March 30, 2026



6:30pm-8:30pm  
Doors open at 6pm



Indian Springs Middle School  
Carver Center  
Columbia City



[prolifebanquet.com](http://prolifebanquet.com)



**EVENING EMCEE:**  
JACOB ALLES



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
WESLEY J. SMITH

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ROLLER  
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 20<sup>TH</sup> 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
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- 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



FORT WAYNE ROLLER DERBY

# 2026 SEASON SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT

## SELECT YOUR SPONSORSHIP

- VIP** **\$2500**
- JAMMER LINE** **\$1000**
- PENALTY BOX** **\$1000**
- BLOCKER** **\$ 500**
- SKATER** **\$ 250**
- SUPER FAN** **\$ 100**
- IN-KIND DONATIONS:**

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**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Cash    Card    Check#    \_\_\_\_\_

Zeffy QR Code



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 FWRD. 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 FWRD PERSON, WITH YOUR  
 PAYMENT, BY APRIL 1, 2026**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ST/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE FWRD PERSON IS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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

**Saturday, April 4, 2026**

*Hunt starts at the Noon Whistle!*

**Thousands of Eggs!**

**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*



**Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 6-8PM**

✦ **TICKETS ARE LIMITED** ✦

*Advanced Tickets Required*

To Purchase Tickets Email:

**[jenkrider@outlook.com](mailto:jenkrider@outlook.com)**

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

Woodlands Center

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# BREAKFAST

## Networking Meeting

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CONNECT, COLLABORATE, CREATE

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"GREAT IDEAS START AT THE TABLE"

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

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**710 N. OPPORTUNITY DRIVE COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725**

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RSVP at [activities@wccoa.biz](mailto:activities@wccoa.biz) or 260-248-8944 ext. 9