



May Chamber Member of the Month

Congratulations to **Vintage Blessed General Store**, our May Member of the Month!

A true staple in the community, Vintage Blessed is known for the iconic mural on their building and the welcoming spirit they bring to downtown Columbia City. Located on the corner of Jackson and Main, their shop is filled with fun finds, unique gifts, home décor, treats, and something new (or vintage) around every corner.

Beyond the store itself, Vintage Blessed continually shows incredible support for our community. From sponsoring many community events and supporting the fair, to giving local authors and small vendors a place to showcase and sell their products. Their heart for local connection and small business support makes them so deserving of this recognition.

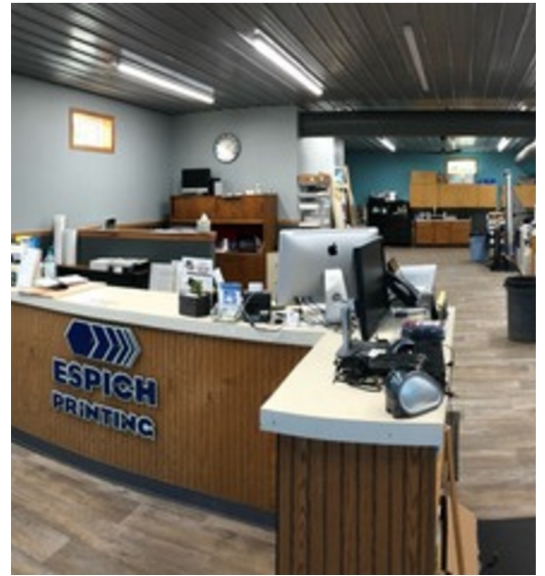


Member Spotlight

Espich Printing has been a valued local partner and a business we're proud to spotlight this month.

Located in Churubusco, they have been a tremendous help in bringing designs from our marketing team to life, often on short timelines and always with quality results.

Their reliability, craftsmanship, and willingness to help fellow small businesses make them a true asset to our local business community. Check 'em out!



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:

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND
@ 8:00 AM

Farmers Market Ribbon Cutting

Join us this Saturday at the Whitley County Courthouse Square as we kick off two exciting community favorites in one morning! Come support local businesses, shop fresh produce and handmade goods, connect with neighbors, and help us welcome a new season of downtown fun. It's the perfect way to spend a Saturday morning in the heart of our community!

SATURDAY, MAY 16
@ 10:00 AM

Go Topless Jeep Event

Join us for the upcoming Go Topless Day with the Chamber starting at **10:00 AM at Paige's Crossing!** Like last year, the day will be packed with fun including vendors, food, a Show & Shine competition, a Jeep ride/parade through town, and an after-dark party to wrap it all up. More details can be found on our Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

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.



CAREGIVER CONNECT

Connect. Share. Grow.

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but also comes with challenges. Join our peer-led group to share insights and find encouragement from others who truly understand.

3rd Wednesday of each month
Beginning May 20th
1:00pm

Autumn Trace Senior Communities
616 Opportunity Drive
Columbia City, Indiana 46725
Theater Room

**For any questions, please contact
765-661-3062**

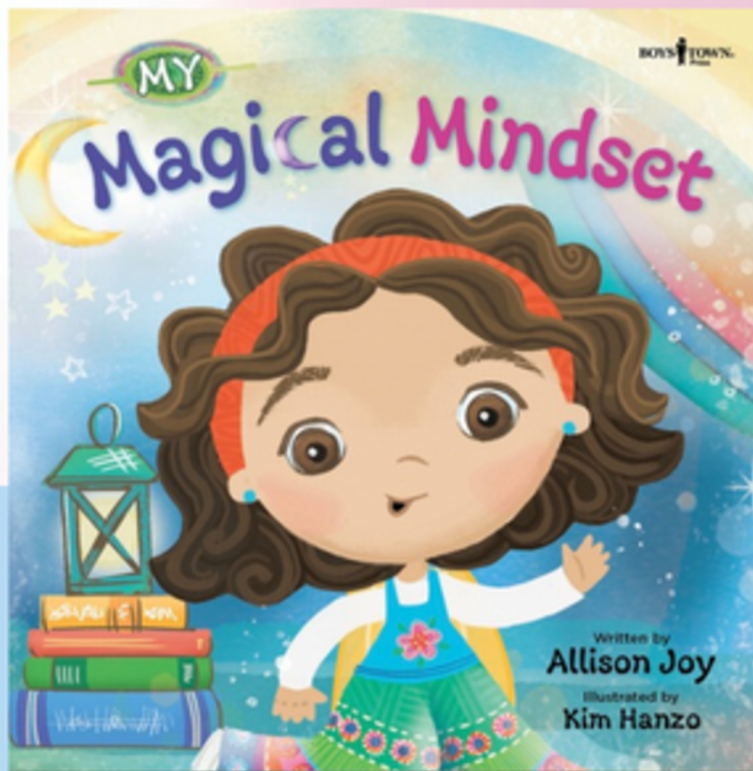


Please join us for our 2nd
book signing of 2026 by:

Local author Allison Joy



Come kick off the First Friday season with a night of fun by supporting local!!! Allison is the guidance counselor at Churubusco Elementary School, plus she and her family live in Columbia City ❤️



Friday, May 1st
5-8pm
Vintage Blessed General Store
127 N Main St Columbia City



Upcoming Events at



5/7: NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING



FREE Hot Wax when you donate a pack of diapers

5/13-5/16: FREE JEEP WASH

In Partnership with Amanda Adamson State Farm

~FREE Jeep Duck **While Supplies last*

~5 LUCKY Customers will get a
Special Gift



Amanda Adamson
501 W Van Buren St
Columbia City, IN 46725
260-212-1033

PRE-ORDER
Mother's Day
GIFT PACKAGE



- Including:**
- 1 Month Works VIP
 - Express Interior
 - Permanent Bracelet
 - And a Special Gift

Act Now!

ONLY 25 AVAILABLE

**Select gold filled or sterling silver chains*



Reinholt's Furniture & Mattresses

**Spring into
Summer Sale**

May 9-16

VISIT US DURING OUR BIG SALE

- **Special pricing on La-Z-Boy**
- **Up to an additional \$900 off mattress sets**
- **Storewide HUGE savings**
- **Spin & Win with any purchase**

Why Shop at Reinholt's?

- **90 Years Family Owned**
- **Free In-House Finance**
- **Delivery, Setup, & Haul Away**
- **Competitive Pricing**



212 W Van Buren St, Columbia City, IN 46725

260-244-5805 | www.reinholtsfurniture.com

Mon-Fri 9 AM-5:30 PM, Sat 9 AM-5 PM



Join Us For Our
Flower Crawl

- DAHLIA JOY HANGING BASKETS & PLANTS
- MAMA HAD A LITTLE LAMB COOKIE CART
- PERMANENT JEWELRY BY SUN KISS
- FIZZ N' BERRIES TRUCK
- \$35 FLANNELS
- MOTHER'S DAY GIVEAWAY
- 10% OFF INIS PRODUCTS
- FLOWER CRAWL STOP AS WELL!

SATURDAY, MAY 9 • 9AM - 3PM

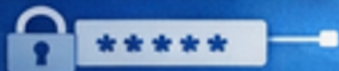


FUTURE PROOF YOUR PHONE



Back Up Your
Contacts & Data

Update Your Passwords



Set Up Recovery Email



Add Recovery Phone Number



DATE: May 12

TIME: 2 PM – 3:30 PM

FEE: \$20 - Cash/Card accepted at the door
(Debit subject to a 3% fee)

LOCATION: 128 West Van Buren Street,
Columbia City, IN 46725

There will be a Q&A at the end.



WHITLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and DIRTY ADDICTION OFF-ROAD PRESENT:

'GO TOPLESS DAY DAY 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
10 AM – 5 PM EST

LOCATION: PAIGE'S CROSSING, Columbia City, Indiana



REGISTER HERE →



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Show & Shine Competition: Enter your vehicle to win one of our multiple awards.



Vendor Alley: Explore the latest gear and local services.



Countywide Cruise: Join the convoy for a scenic drive through Whitley County.



ADMISSION IS FREE!

Join the Whitley County Chamber of Commerce and Dirty Addiction Off-Road for our annual celebration of the off-road lifestyle!



Event
Sponsors



A close-up photograph of a welder wearing a blue protective suit and a clear face shield. Bright orange and yellow sparks are flying from the welding point, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene. The background is a dark green with a subtle dot pattern.

Welding Class at Fort Wayne Ivy Tech

- Mondays and Tuesdays
- 4:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
- April 6 – June 15, 2026
- \$3000 per person

For more information contact
Heather Vance
hvance6@ivytech.edu

Woodlands Center Presents



BINGO Night

Every Thursday Night !!

710 N Opportunity Drive Columbia City, IN 46725

Early Birds:

5:30 PM

Regular Bingo:

6:00 PM

Early Birds

Regular Bingo

Specialty Cards

Food & Alcohol

50/50 Drawing

Pull Tabs

Come & Join the fun !!



The Woodlands Center's

SUMMER FEST

VENDOR & FLEA MARKET

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS MONTHLY EVENT!

Crafts, Produce, Clothing, Gifts, Food Trucks, and So Much More

MAY 30TH, JUNE 13TH, AND JULY 11TH
AT 9 AM-3 PM

There will be two vendor options and one food truck option. All options are first-come, first-serve. Vendor spots will only be reserved upon receiving payment. If the vendor pays for all three dates at one time, they will receive a \$10 discount.

- Option 1 - 10x10 inside space \$30 each
- Option 2 - 20x20 outside space \$50 each
- Food Trucks - \$50 setup fee

This is a rain or shine event. All payments are final. Proceeds from these events will go towards the Free Fall Festival that will be open to the public on 10/4/26. We are also accepting "booster groups" for our event. If you are involved in school/sports fundraisers, please reach out to us.



710 N. OPPORTUNITY DRIVE COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

Woodlands Center Presents

CASH BINGO

Nights

Every Thursday Night starting 3/5/2026

710 N. OPPORTUNITY DRIVE COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

5:30 PM TO 8 PM

Play hard • Win big • Have fun



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO INVOLVE YOUR KIDS IN THE FARMERS MARKET?

Look for our interactive kids' tent



LITTLE



SPROUTS

WHITLEY COUNTY FARMERS MARKET ON

MAY 30TH

JUNE 27TH

JULY 25TH

AUGUST 15TH

SEPTEMBER 26TH

FROM 9AM – 12PM

HOSTED BY:



WHITLEY RESOURCE FAIR SPONSORED BY UNITED WAY

HELPING OUR FAMILIES, ADULTS, & SENIORS CONTINUE TO GROW BY BUILDING
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INCREASING AWARENESS OF LOCAL SERVICES IN
WHITLEY COUNTY

FREE ACTIVITIES:

- Lunch (for the 1st 500 People)
- Vendors
- Back to school supplies / backpacks
- Back to school hair cuts
- Sports Physicals
- High School Athletic Cardiac Screening (50 screenings available)
- Dental and Vision screenings (for school aged children)
- Sensory Station
- Story Times
- Craft Tables
- A Marketplace
- Shoe Vouchers

LOCATION: Indian Springs Middle School 1692 IN-9 Columbia City, IN 46725



8/1/2026 10 am - 2 pm



*Vendors
Wanted*

WHITLEY COUNTY 4-H FAIR

JULY 17-23

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A
COMMERCIAL BUILDING VENDOR FOR
THE BIGGEST WEEK OF THE YEAR?

Send us an email for more info: whitleycounty4h@gmail.com

FAIR WEEK ENTERTAINMENT

FRI	MOW KART RACES	7PM
SAT	MODIFIED DEMO DERBY	7PM
SUN	HARD HITTER DEMO DERBY	7PM
MON	TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS	7PM
TUES	FARMER OLYMPICS	7PM
WED	RERUN & POWDER PUFF DERBY	7PM

Visit www.whitleycounty4h.com for all things fair related!