



September Chamber Member of the Month

We're excited to recognize **Columbia City Goin' Postal** as our September Member of the Month!

More than just a place to ship a package, Goin' Postal is a convenient local resource for individuals and businesses throughout our community. From shipping and packing services to Amazon returns, moving truck rentals and more, their team is always ready to help make everyday tasks a little easier. And the best part? Family owned and operated.

We're grateful to have Columbia City Goin' Postal as part of the Whitley County Chamber and appreciate their continued commitment to serving our local community. Congratulations on being named our September Member of the Month!



Fall Musical Prep

Rehearsals are officially underway for the CCHS Fall Musical!

These 26 talented students are already sounding amazing, and we can't wait to see all of their hard work come together on stage. It's shaping up to be a great show!

We love seeing the arts thriving in our local schools. Keep up the great work, CCHS Fine Arts!



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, OCTOBER 2ND
AT 8:00AM**

Cafe & Collaborations

Start your Friday with coffee, conversation, and connection at our next Café & Collaborations networking event on Friday, October 2nd.

Join fellow Chamber members for a casual morning of building relationships, sharing ideas, and making new connections. Location TBD — stay tuned for details!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
AT 6:00PM**

Annual Chamber Dinner

Join us for an evening of networking, celebration, and a little luck at our Annual Chamber Dinner: Fortune on the Fairway on Thursday, November 12 at Eagle Glen Event Center.

Enjoy a fun night with fellow Chamber members as we celebrate another great year in Whitley County. More event details and registration information coming soon!

Whitley County Caveman Becomes an Indiana Artisan

COLUMBIA CITY, IN — Whitley County artist Adam Boyle, founder of Infinite Series Arts, has been inducted as an Indiana Artisan, a juried designation recognizing Indiana artists and craftspeople for excellence in craftsmanship, originality, authenticity, and quality.

“I am genuinely proud of this,” Boyle said. “Above all, I am grateful.”

For Boyle, the recognition represents more than an accomplishment for his studio. It is a milestone in a journey that began with stone carving as a hobby and eventually grew into a full-time career.

“I can point to a lot of pieces of stone and say, ‘I made that,’” Boyle said. “But I can’t look at this and say I did it alone.”

That distinction is important to Boyle. Along the way, friends, family, fellow artists, galleries, collectors, clients, mentors, and members of the community have all played a part in helping him develop his craft and build Infinite Series Arts.

“There were people who believed in the work before there was much reason to believe anybody else would,” Boyle said. “People who bought something, commissioned something, made an introduction, opened a door, offered honest feedback, shared my work, encouraged me when things weren’t going well, or simply kept showing up.”

“That support is something I don’t take for granted.”

Boyle’s work is rooted in a deep appreciation for craftsmanship. His sculptures explore Möbius loops, curvilinear forms, geometry, movement, and the natural character of the materials themselves.

“I love the physicality of the work,” Boyle said. “There is something about taking a raw piece of material and slowly figuring out what it wants to become. Every cut matters. Every surface matters. You learn to pay attention or consequences.”

That commitment to craftsmanship is part of what makes the Indiana Artisan designation particularly meaningful. The program's juried selection process evaluates artists and craftspeople on qualities including craftsmanship, design, originality, authenticity, and presentation.

For Boyle, being recognized alongside other Indiana artists is both an honor and an encouragement to keep pursuing the standard of craftsmanship he has set for himself.

"I am proud to have my work recognized," Boyle said. "But when I think about everyone who helped me get here, the word that keeps coming back is grateful."

"And I hope the people who have supported me over the years know that they are part of this, too."

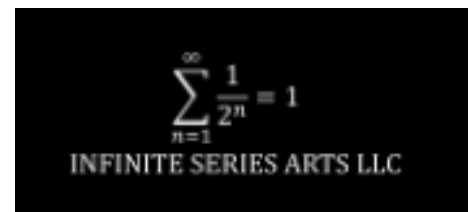
The accomplishment also carries a certain amount of irony for the Whitley County artist.

"Whitley County caveman becomes an Indiana Artisan," Boyle said. "I never really saw that coming."

Today, Boyle continues to create original sculpture and commissioned work through Infinite Series Arts, using traditional hands-on craftsmanship to explore ideas about form, connection, place, and the stories people want to tell.

Say it in stone.

About Infinite Series Arts



Infinite Series Arts is the studio of Whitley County artist Adam Boyle, specializing in hand-carved stone sculpture and original works of art. Boyle's work explores form, geometry, movement, and the relationship between people and place through a hands-on approach to traditional craftsmanship.

For more information, follow Infinite Series Arts on social media or visit the studio online.

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.



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Whitley County Battle of the Badges



Friday, September 11th 2026
1 PM – 7 PM



Whitley County Family YMCA - Gym
950 E Van Buren St, Columbia City, IN 46725

All presenting donors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite group of first responders, and the battle is between local Fire/EMS and local Law Enforcement. As a thank you, they will also receive an American Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last.

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Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19**



6:00 PM



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★ LOCAL INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES,
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★ PLEASE RSVP BY 9/12 ★



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EQ: SKILLS THAT DRIVE SUCCESS

How Emotional Intelligence Supports Performance, Leadership, and Collaboration

Individuals and organizations don't succeed on technical expertise alone. The ability to navigate relationships, communicate effectively, adapt to change, and make thoughtful decisions has become one of the strongest predictors of long-term success. This workshop explores the science of emotional intelligence and provides participants with practical strategies to strengthen the human skills that improve teamwork, leadership, and organizational performance.



Facilitator

ANDIE HINES-LAGEMANN, MPSYCH

AGENDA

HOUR ONE

Why "Soft Skills" Aren't Soft

HOUR TWO

Emotions as Data

HOUR THREE

Emotional Skill Building

HOUR FOUR

Applying EQ at Work

8 AM - NOON
THURSDAY, SEPT 24

Ivy Tech Community College
2545 Silveus Xing, Warsaw, IN

Questions:

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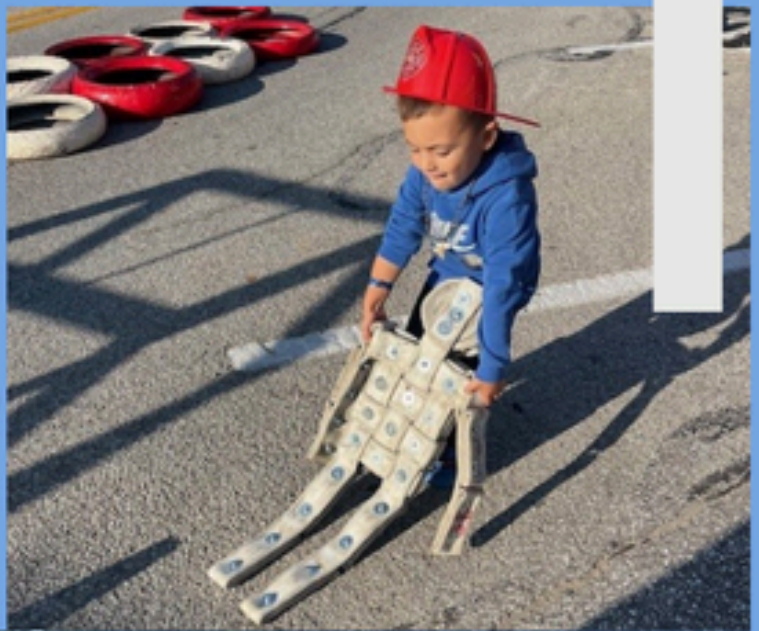
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Virtual connection makes heart health support group convenient for Whitley County women

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind. – May 4, 2026 – Surviving a heart-related event, or being diagnosed with heart disease, is a wake-up call that it's time to take care of your health. And if you are a woman, then you may be part of a growing sisterhood seeking heart-healthy lifestyle support in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio.

That's why Parkview Heart Institute (PHI) created the Her Heart Support Network – to encourage women living with heart disease to live well and to inspire them with education and connection to other women through shared experiences.

Based at PHI in Fort Wayne, the monthly Her Heart support group serves women from across Parkview's service area. Now, however, Whitley County women don't need to drive that far to participate. Instead, they can meet closer to home, at The Whitley County Government Center, 220 W. Van Buren St., Columbia City, and connect with the Fort Wayne group virtually via Zoom.

Her Heart Support Network meetings take place every second Thursday of the month, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Meeting Room C on the first floor of the center. Parking is available behind the building. Attendees should enter Door 5 at the back of the building to access Meeting Room C.

The free meetings offer useful information on heart health from Parkview experts, plus group activities and social support.

Darcy Hoopingarner, FNP-BC, Whitley County community health nurse, will facilitate the meetings, managing the Zoom connection, coordinating any hands-on activities, and relaying questions from the Whitley County group to speakers during their presentations to the group in Fort Wayne. Darcy, recently diagnosed with heart disease herself, works in partnership with PHI's Her Heart Program Coordinator Jill Zahm, MSN, RN-C, AHN-BC, who plans and facilitates the Fort Wayne meetings.

Zahm is excited that this new, virtual support group option will enable more Whitley County residents to be actively involved in improving their quality of life. May is Women's Health Month, so she reminds local women that there's no time like the present to get started.

"Women who join the group can expect to be encouraged, discover new strengths in themselves, connect with other people who understand the experience of living with heart disease, and learn about valuable health information and community resources," said Zahm.

Participation in the support group is free, and no registration is needed.

MORE

MEETING TOPICS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2026

May 14: Women's Check Up Night – Let's celebrate National Women's Health Week! Join us to learn more about preventive screenings and vaccinations. Body composition, bone density and blood pressure screenings will be available.

June 11: My Chart: Your Best Friend That You Never Met – Get to know Parkview's patient portal. MyChart can help you track your health, communicate with your providers, and so much more.

July 9: Her Heart Annual Family Gathering – Join in the summer fun and games and healthy snacks. Invite your family to get in on the fun, too!

Aug. 13: When and What to Expect When Calling 911 – Going to the emergency room is stressful. Lisa Strebig, CCEMTP (critical care paramedic), will explain when to call 911, what to expect when you call and how calling 911 can improve your survival.

Sept. 10: Heart Rhythms and Drum Circle – Feel the beat! Mary King, MBA, BS, AS, virtual care manager, will explain heart rhythms as group members imitate their heartbeats in a drum circle.

Oct. 8: Ask the Pharmacist – Back by popular demand, Kris Howard, Pharm D, will answer your pharmacy questions. Jot down questions ahead of time and bring them with you.

Nov. 12: Ask the Cardiologist – Join Dr. Sabeena Ramrakhiani for a lively discussion on the hot topics in women's heart health and get answers to your questions. Make sure to write down your questions so you don't forget.

Dec. 10: Her Heart Holiday Party – Time to celebrate! Join the group for some festivities and crafts to enrich your holiday season.

The Her Heart Program at Parkview Heart Institute is made possible by generous donations to The Parkview Health Foundation.

CURIOUS? FIND OUT MORE

Zahm can be reached with questions at jill.zahm@parkview.com or 260-266-6153. More information is available at <https://www.parkview.com/medical-services/heart/womens-heart-health>.

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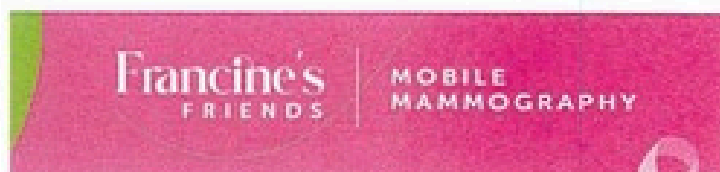
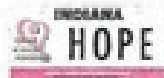
Mobile Mammography

The best protection from breast cancer is early detection. Francine's Friends offers quick, 15-minute breast cancer screenings in a convenient and private mammography coach.

All women age 40 and over who have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months are welcome to be screened. Many insurance providers are accepted, and funding is available for women who need financial assistance.

Parkview.com/FrancinesFriends

Thank you to the Parkview Health Foundation and the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust for making this program possible.



Whitley County | 2026

March 18	PPG – Family Medicine 4084 N US Hwy 33 Churubusco
April 20	Whitko Career Academy 710 N SR 5 Larwill
May 15	PPG Family Medicine 1270 E SR 205 Columbia City
August 11	80/20 1701 S 400 East Columbia City
September 16	PPG – Family Medicine 4084 N US Hwy 33 Churubusco
September 22	Whitley County Government 220 W Van Buren St Co. City
October 7	Peabody Public Library 1160 E SR 205 Co. City
November 16	Kroger 621 Countryside Drive Co. City
December 21	PPG – Family Medicine 4665 S State Rd 5 South Whitley

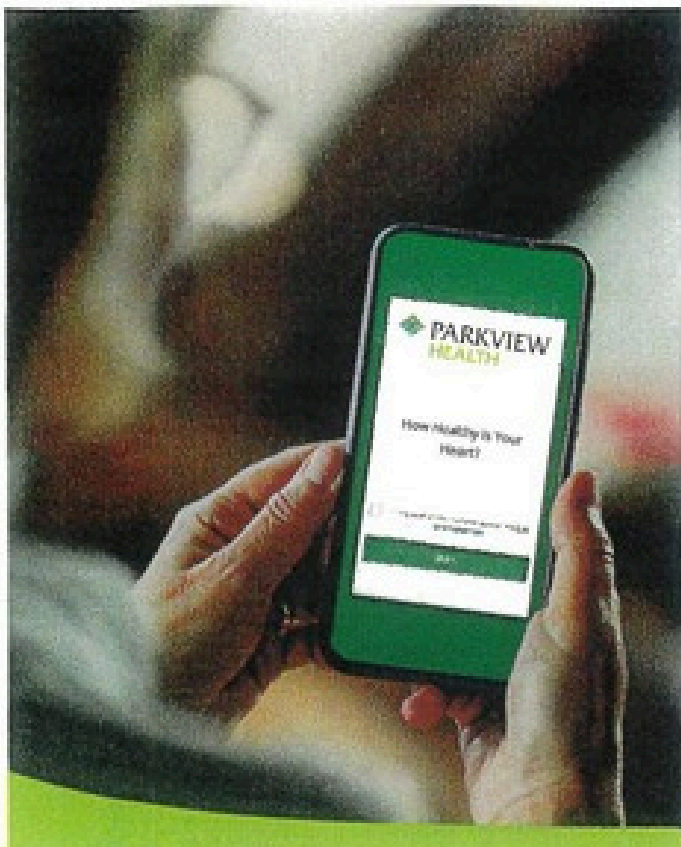
Call 260-483-1847 or 800-727-8439, ext. 68120 to schedule. Appointments preferred; walk-ins accepted based on availability.

Francine's Friends is a partnership between Parkview Packnett Family Cancer Institute and Breast Diagnostic Center. Mammograms and follow-up diagnostics are made possible by funding from the Parkview Health Foundation FF Mammography Fund and the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust, Inc. (IBCAT).

The coach is sponsored by: Med Pro Group, Radiation Oncology Associates, Vera Bradley, Steel Dynamics, Inc. and English, Bonter & Mitchell.

Schedule is subject to change.
For the most current information
visit Parkview.com/FrancinesFriends.





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Valuable insight about your risk for heart disease is just a short, free online assessment away. Knowledge is power when it comes to your health—and your results will allow you to make informed decisions.



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What to expect with the heart disease risk assessment

This is a quick questionnaire-style assessment that will take you less than five minutes to complete. After you provide your name and email, you'll be asked questions regarding the following:

- Age
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- Where you live
- Height and weight
- Activity level
- Sleep habits
- Tobacco usage
- Blood pressure
- Cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Various heart-health data points
- Family history of heart disease

When you're finished, you'll receive an assessment of your cardiovascular disease risk and access to view your full report, which will provide an estimate of your heart's true age along with details regarding your personal risk factors. You'll also receive valuable resources and information on how you can take action to improve or maintain your heart health.



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Tour our facility, meet our team, learn more about our mission,
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