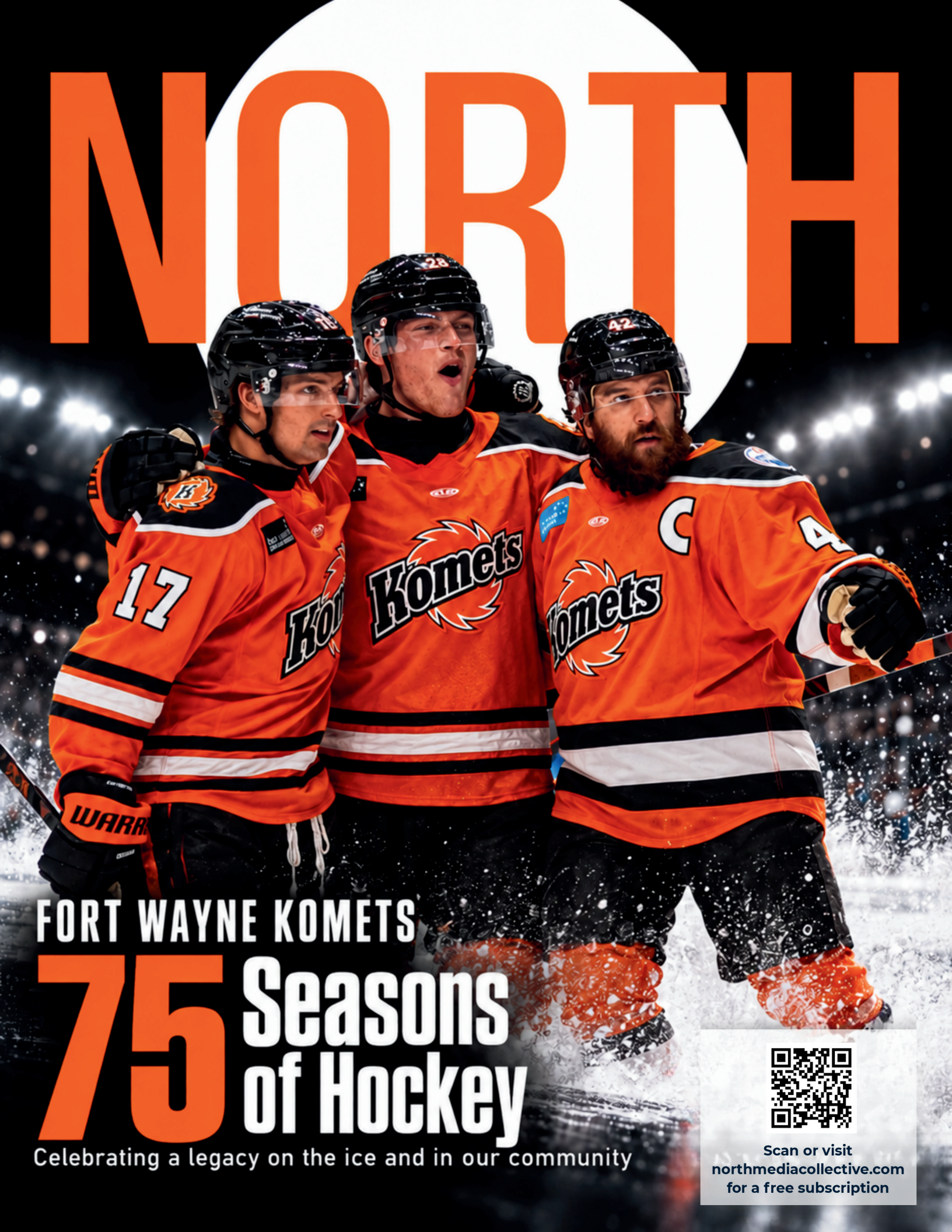
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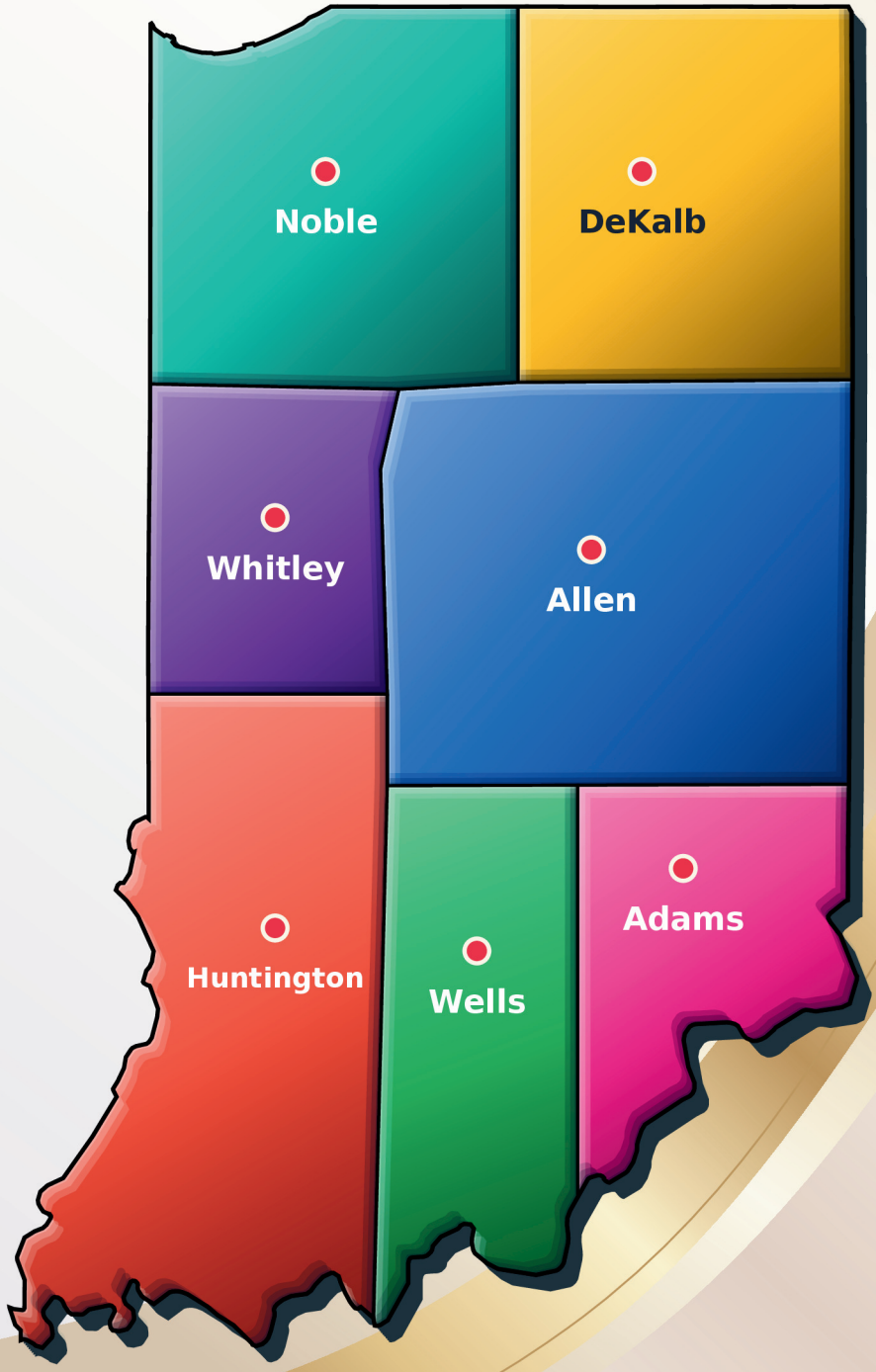
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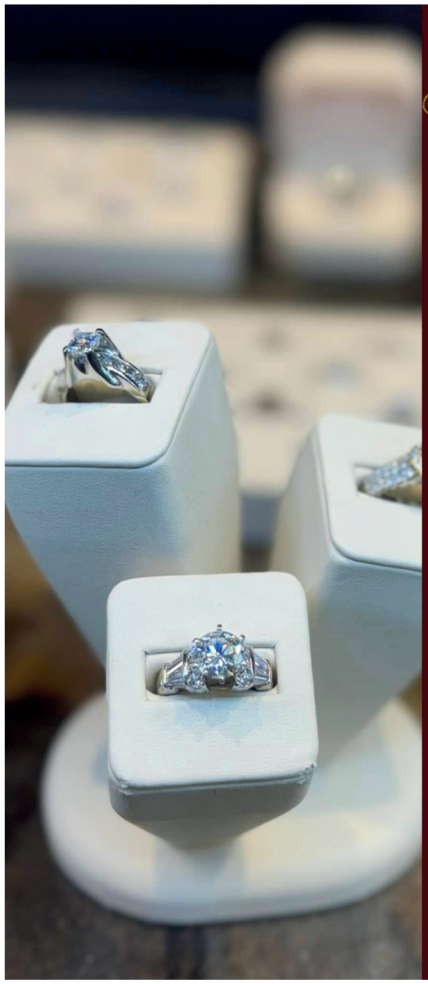
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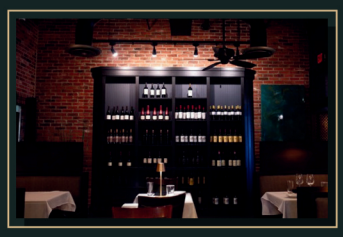
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Story source & photos: bakerstreetfortwayne.com






# COMMUNITY EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
**Friends of the Library Book Sale**
**Peabody Public Library, 1160 E. State Road 205, Columbia City**
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Find your next read while browsing books at the Friends of the Library sale. Admission is free.
**www.columbiacityconnect.com**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
**W.O.O.F. Trail Run**
**Ouabache State Park, Bluffton**
9:00 AM START
Choose a 5, 10, or 15-mile trail run through Ouabache State Park. Check-in and race day registration begin at 8:00 AM.
**www.raceroster.com**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
**Veterans Day Parade**
**Downtown Huntington**
10:00 AM START
Honor local veterans as the parade travels from Huntington North High School through downtown to the Huntington County Courthouse. A Veterans Day ceremony follows at the courthouse.
**www.huntington-chamber.com**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH
**Traders Days**
**Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne**
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday: Noon to 4:00 PM
Shop traditional crafts, goods, and wares while enjoying demonstrations and interactive educational programs. This event is free and open to the public.
**www.fwhistorycenter.org**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH & 14TH
**Fort Wayne Village Marketplace**
**PSM Fieldhouse, 3946 Ice Way**
Friday: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Start your holiday shopping with more than 100 vendors featuring gifts, clothing, home décor, handmade items, and gourmet foods. Admission is $8; children ages 12 and younger enter free.
**fortwaynevillagemarketplace.com**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH & 14TH
**Fort4Fitness Winter Wonder Dash**
**Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Boulevard, Fort Wayne**
Friday 2K Walk: Start between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Saturday 5K: Starts at 5:45 PM or 6:15 PM
Walk or run through the holiday light displays before the drive through attraction opens to the public. Friday features an untimed 2K walk, while Saturday offers timed 5K events. Registration is required.
**www.runsignup.com**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
**Fall Clean Up at Black Pine**
**Black Pine Animal Sanctuary, 1426 W. 300 N. Albion**
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Help prepare the sanctuary's grounds and buildings for winter during this community volunteer day. Volunteers are asked to register in advance.
**www.bpsanctuary.org**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
**Taste of Noble County**
**Community Learning Center, 401 E. Diamond Street**
**Kendallville**
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Discover local restaurants, bakeries, caterers, and specialty food businesses at this indoor community food festival. General admission is free; tasting tickets and regular food purchases are sold separately.
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
**Auburn After Hours**
**Participating Auburn shops and restaurants**
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Spend an evening shopping, dining, and exploring Auburn during this monthly Main Street event. November's theme features a giveaway with purchase.
**www.auburnmainstreet.org**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
**Chocolate and Wine Tour**
**Historic Downtown Auburn**
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Enjoy chocolate treats, wine samples, live music, and shopping throughout downtown. Begin at the DeKalb County Chamber Partnership office, 208 S. Jackson Street. Some participating venues require guests to be 21 or older.
**www.auburnmainstreet.org**

## NOVEMBER 25TH THROUGH DECEMBER 2ND

**42nd Annual Festival of Trees**
**Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Fort Wayne**
November 25: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
November 26: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
November 27 through 30: 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
December 1 & 2: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Explore decorated Christmas trees throughout the Embassy Theatre and former Indiana Hotel. Enjoy seasonal entertainment and vote for your favorite tree. Admission is $12 for adults and $5 for children ages 1 through 12; infants enter free.
**www.fwembassytheatre.org**

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

**HolidayFest Featuring Night of Lights**
**Downtown Fort Wayne**
5:45 PM to 8:00 PM
Welcome the holiday season with the lighting of downtown favorites, including Santa and His Reindeer and the Merry Christmas Wreath. Gather with the community for this annual Fort Wayne tradition.
**www.downtownfortwayne.com**

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

**Thanksgiving Day**

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH & 28TH

**Walk of Trees**
**The Clugston, 108 S. Chauncey Street, Columbia City**
Friday: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Admire decorated Christmas trees and purchase voting tickets for a chance to take home your favorite. Proceeds support downtown revitalization and Columbia City Connect events. Additional viewing dates are December 3rd, 4th, and 5th.
**www.columbiacityconnect.com**

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

**Bluffton's Golf Cart Parade of Lights**
**Downtown Bluffton**
6:00 PM START
Celebrate the season as Christmas-decorated golf carts parade through downtown. Santa arrives at the end of the parade, followed by awards at the plaza.
**www.blufftonindiana.gov**

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

**Christmas in the City**
**Downtown Huntington**
3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Enjoy wagon rides, train rides, games, and visits with Santa at the courthouse. The celebration also includes a Christmas tree lighting at Rotary Centennial Park. All activities are free and open to the public.
**www.huntington-chamber.com**




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# A Note from Adan

**Dear Neighbors,**

November has a way of bringing gratitude back into focus. Between work, family, and everything else filling our calendars, it is easy to keep moving without pausing to appreciate the people around us. I am grateful for the neighbors who show up when someone needs help, the business owners who invest in our towns, and the families who make this place feel like home. These everyday connections are a big part of why I started North Media Collective.

My hope for this magazine is that you find something in each issue that brings you closer to your community. Maybe you discover a business you have never visited, recognize someone whose story deserves to be shared, or find an opportunity to get involved. There are people throughout our towns doing meaningful work, often without expecting much recognition. Sharing their stories is one way we can encourage one another and appreciate what is happening close to home.

To our readers, partners, and everyone who has trusted us to share a piece of their story, thank you. Your support allows us to keep building a publication rooted in the communities we serve. I am thankful to be doing this work and excited about the stories still waiting to be told. As you gather with the people you love this month, I hope you find time to rest, laugh, and enjoy being together. Happy Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and your family throughout this season.

With Gratitude,

*Adan Beckett*



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# Around Town

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**KENDALLVILLE**



## WhatchamaCAKES

There's a little extra entertainment with your sweet treat here. WhatchamaCAKES decorates cakes in the same space where customers enjoy them. The bakery moved into its Main Street home in 2017, bringing custom cakes, cupcakes and coffee to a building from the 1800s.

**NORTHERN FORT WAYNE**




## Crazy Pinz

Cold weather doesn't have to put family fun on hold. Crazy Pinz brings 24 bowling lanes and 18 holes of indoor adventure mini golf under one roof, along with laser tag and an arcade. Bring a little friendly competition to your next afternoon together.

**NEW HAVEN**



## Trion Tavern

Say it like a local: "tree on." Trion Tavern takes its name from the partnership of its three original owners. The New Haven gathering spot features a handcrafted mahogany bar and a separate family dining room, giving visitors a few ways to settle in.

**CHURUBUSCO**



## Brevin's Downtown

Owner Kevin Riecke first cooked at this location when he was 15. In 1991, he and his brother Brian bought the former Aristocrat and created Brevin's. Today, Kevin and his wife Trina carry on the tradition of American favorites, with most dishes made from scratch.

**HUNTERTOWN**



## Willows Restaurant

A familiar meal and a game on TV make an easy afternoon at Willows Restaurant. This Huntertown spot pairs family dining with a sports bar featuring 16 taps. Its Brew Dogs Beer Garden even has beach volleyball and cornhole, adding another side to the neighborhood gathering place.

Explore a little. Shop local. Make a day of it.

Photos and information: featured businesses and the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce.

# RILEY

## NOW IT'S HER TURN.

FORT WAYNE, ALLEN COUNTY

When Riley arrived at Humane Fort Wayne, she needed the sort of care she had been giving to her puppies. The shelter says she came in as a stray, very thin and recently a mother. Even with little to spare, she had been looking after her babies.

The team describes Riley as gentle and affectionate, grateful for the attention she receives. At three years old, this tan pit bull terrier weighs about 40 pounds. Her shelter story starts with a dog who needed help, but it also introduces a companion with plenty of love to offer.

There is something especially moving about that change of roles. After caring for her puppies, Riley deserves to be cared for herself. A reliable meal, a warm bed and a place beside someone who is glad she is there would make a very different kind of day.

With her pale eyes and white blaze, she is easy to notice. We hope a reader will take the time to get to know the dog behind the photograph. A shelter biography can introduce a pet, but meeting her is where a new relationship can begin.

### A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

November brings plenty of talk about home and gratitude. Riley's story offers a simple way to put those words into practice. For a family ready to adopt, opening the door to a pet can turn an ordinary room into the place where her next chapter starts.

Riley was listed for adoption when this article was prepared on October 13. Her profile does not confirm compatibility with dogs, cats or children, and the shelter recommends introductions. Humane Fort Wayne asks potential adopters to complete its online application before meeting adoptable pets. Contact the team to check her latest status and discuss whether she fits your home.

**HUMANE FORT WAYNE**
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RILEY AT HUMANE FORT WAYNE

### MEET RILEY

**3 years old**
Pit bull terrier

**40 pounds**
Female

*A gentle dog ready for a fresh start.*
Photo and profile: Humane Fort Wayne






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LTD began in March 2018, when Logan Kimmell, Tony Moore, and Dakota Bailey turned their shared interest in real estate into a business. At the time, all three were still working full time while taking on projects, learning the industry, and building the foundation for what LTD would become. What started as a small local operation has grown into a team serving homeowners across Northern Indiana.

Today, LTD gives sellers another option besides preparing a home for the open market. Instead of requiring repairs, cleanup, showings, or a long timeline, the team creates direct-sale solutions based on the property, the seller's timeline, and their goals. Whether someone is dealing with an inherited house, a difficult rental, a vacant property, major repairs, or simply a home they are ready to move on from, LTD works to make the process clear, respectful, and manageable so homeowners can move forward with confidence.



**DAKOTA BAILEY**
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# A Sweeter Kind of Home

Cathy Brand-Beere, Tim Beere, and the family behind DeBrand Fine Chocolates




The Brand-Beere family, together at DeBrand.



Cathy Brand-Beere, founder of DeBrand.




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## ROOTED IN FAMILY. MADE WITH HEART.

For Cathy Brand-Beere and Tim Beere, the story behind DeBrand Fine Chocolates is also a family story. Their three daughters grew up alongside the Fort Wayne business. Today, they share the work of carrying it forward.

Cathy's own childhood planted the seed. Raised in a family immersed in confectionery arts, she began making chocolates at eight and selling them to classmates. Wedding cakes followed in high school, but chocolate remained her favorite creative pursuit. In 1987, she opened the shop she had dreamed of in her hometown of Fort Wayne.

A family business, however, was never meant to be an obligation for the next generation. In a 2024 Northeast Indiana profile, Cathy explained that she wanted her daughters, Audree, Jasmine, and Niki, to explore their own interests. They did, then returned to DeBrand. They brought different strengths to operations, the kitchen, and wholesale.

The daughters also described a mother who offers encouragement and room to grow. Whether developing recipes or persevering through sales challenges, they found support in her leadership.

On DeBrand's website, Cathy celebrates having her husband and all three daughters beside her, along with longtime employees and customers. That sense of connection gives this Fort Wayne story its warmth. The chocolates may be the familiar public face, but behind them is a family whose separate paths have brought them back to a shared creative home.

Sources: DeBrand Fine Chocolates; Northeast Indiana

Photos: DeBrand Fine Chocolates website.



HOMEMADE

# Green Bean Casserole

Fresh beans. Creamy sauce. Golden crunch.



SERVES 6 | OVEN 350°F | BAKE 40-45 MIN



MEET THE COOK

**Cassie Johnston**

Founder of Wholefully

Cassie is a cookbook author and lifelong Hoosier who lives with her family on a small Indiana homestead. She shares her kitchen tested recipes on Wholefully.

## What You'll Need

### MUSHROOM CREAM SAUCE

- 1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 4 oz fresh mushrooms, chopped
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

### FOR THE CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 lb fresh green beans, trimmed and cut
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups crispy fried onions, divided

## How To Make It

**01 Make the mushroom sauce**

Heat the oven to 350°F; grease a 9 x 13 inch dish. Blend all sauce ingredients until smooth. Pour into a saucepan; cook over medium heat, stirring, about 5 minutes, until thick.

**02 Cook the beans**

Boil the beans 6-8 minutes until crisp-tender; drain.

**03 Bring it together**

Toss beans with sauce, cheddar and 1 cup onions. Spoon into the dish.

**04 Bake until golden**

Bake uncovered 30-35 minutes until bubbling. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup onions; bake 10 minutes more, until crisp.



Recipe from Cassie Johnston, Wholefully.

Photography: Wholefully

# BUSINESS UPDATES

New ideas, local investment and places to watch across three counties.



ALLEN COUNTY / FORT WAYNE

## A new pour on West Main

Wunderwerk Brewing Co. is planning a German-style beer hall in the former Junk Ditch space at 1825 W. Main Street. Owners John Kuker and Casey Dazey envision communal seating, German dishes and a welcoming place to gather, with American favorites and vegetarian options also planned. September reporting identified November as the hoped-for opening window, while licensing and the building acquisition were still underway. For diners, it is a promising addition to watch as West Main Street evolves.



ALLEN COUNTY / FORT WAYNE

## Sweetwater builds for growth

Sweetwater reached a major milestone on October 7 when crews placed the final structural beam on its approximately 170,000-square-foot distribution center addition. Part of a $36.7 million investment, the project expands the music retailer's capacity while reinforcing its commitment to Fort Wayne. Related public infrastructure plans include a Flaugh Road roundabout and road and stormwater improvements. The formal grand opening is expected in summer 2027, making this fall's construction progress a fresh chapter in a familiar local success story.



DEKALB COUNTY / ST. JOE

## A stronger future in steel

Vulcraft, a division of Nucor Corporation, has announced plans to invest more than $59 million in its St. Joe operations. The expansion includes a new 127,000-square-foot facility on the company's existing 250-acre site to manufacture steel grating products. Announced in August, the project is expected to create up to 20 new jobs by the end of 2027. The investment puts DeKalb County's manufacturing sector in the spotlight as the region looks toward its next phase of industrial growth.



NOBLE COUNTY / KENDALLVILLE

## Room for a little creativity

Yarn Crafter's Boutique is celebrating a newly renovated community crafting space at 219 S. Main Street in downtown Kendallville. An event listing attributed to the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce schedules a ribbon cutting for October 31 at 10 a.m., followed by an open house until 2 p.m. The celebration invites visitors to explore the refreshed space and connect over a shared love of crafting. The listed event details should be confirmed with the boutique or chamber before attending.

Reporting current as of October 13, 2026. Planned dates may change.

Sources: The Local; Sweetwater; Indiana Economic Development Corporation; chamber event listing via StayHappening. B

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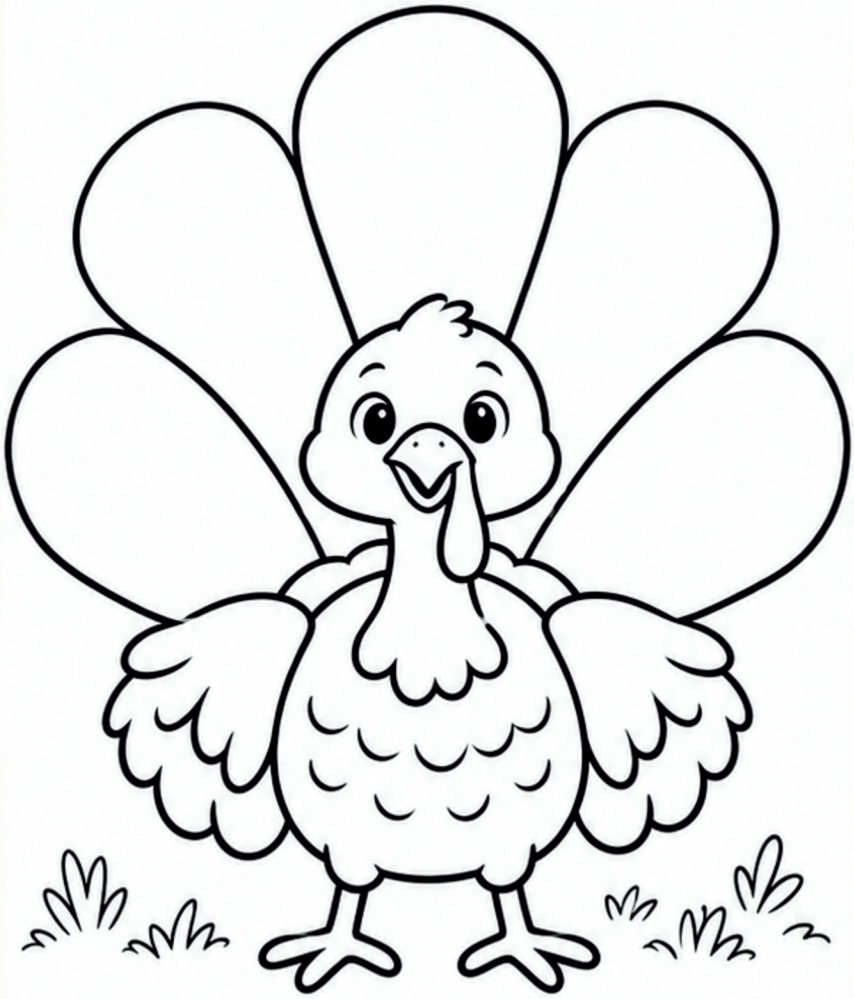
NOVEMBER

A little thanks. A lot of fun!



## My thankful turkey

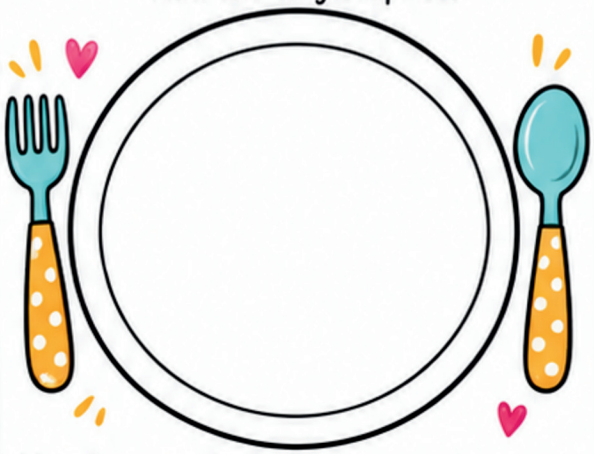
Write or draw something you are thankful for in each feather. Then color your turkey!



My turkey's name: _____

## Silly supper

Draw your favorite foods on the plate. Add one silly surprise!



My silly surprise: _____

## A note of thanks

Write a kind note to someone who helps you.

Dear _____,

_____

_____

_____

From _____

## November kindness challenge

How many can you check off this month?

- ☐ Help clean up.
- ☐ Share with a friend.
- ☐ Tell someone thank you.
- ☐ Make someone smile.



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

# Sarah Stegall

*A champion's next chapter*

**CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL**
Senior outside hitter






**17** KILLS IN THE 2025 STATE FINAL

Stegall (No. 6) at the 2025 Class 4A final.
Action photo: Double Edge Media / IHSAA
Portrait: 2025 IHSVCA All Star program

At the 2025 Class 4A state final, Sarah Stegall gave Carroll exactly what it needed at the net. She finished with 17 kills, matching teammate Bailey Sinish for the team lead, as the Chargers swept Plainfield at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Carroll finished with 37 wins and no losses, securing a second consecutive state title.

Now a senior, Sarah stands six feet tall, wears No. 6 for Carroll and has committed to play volleyball at Notre Dame. She also earned a spot on the 2025 IHSVCA Junior North All Star roster. Her performance on Indiana's biggest stage and the college opportunity ahead make her our November Athlete of the Month.

The memories Sarah described in the 2025 All Star program were about moments shared with her team. Winning state and finishing unbeaten topped her list, along with playing on Carroll's turf field. That outdoor match brought volleyball onto the football field and gave the Fort Wayne community a different way to experience the sport.

When the same program asked about her hero, Sarah named her mother, Laura, and recalled the strength she showed while overcoming ovarian cancer. It is a personal detail that helps readers see the student behind the statistics. A college commitment points toward what comes next, but the people and memories Sarah singles out keep this story close to home.

**Sources** Carroll Athletics IHSAA IHSVCA





THE HOLIDAY AHEAD

# BEFORE THE *Christmas* RUSH

A little less scramble.
A little more season to enjoy.

GIFT THOUGHTFULLY. GATHER SIMPLY. ENJOY MORE.

The tree can wait a little longer. The planning does not have to. Before December turns into a blur of school programs, shopping bags, and that one roll of tape nobody can find, take a little time to get organized. A few small decisions now can leave you with more room for the part of Christmas you actually look forward to.

## Make a plan you can live with

Start with one calendar and one spending list. Add the gatherings and traditions you want to keep, then leave a few evenings open. When you plan your spending, remember the extras: groceries, postage, travel, and the gifts you suddenly remember in the checkout line. If your family wants to draw names or set a gift limit, bring it up now. Everyone will appreciate knowing the plan before the shopping begins.

## Take the scramble out of shopping

Check the holiday bins before buying more lights, ribbon, or ornaments. Make a gift list and keep track of what you have already bought, including where you hid it. A local shop, a favorite restaurant, or a shared outing can offer a thoughtful gift without another box of stuff. Put tape, scissors, tags, and receipts in one basket. Future you, wrapping presents at ten at night, will be grateful.

## Make room for the good stuff

If you are hosting, choose a manageable menu and let people bring something. The familiar dessert everyone asks for is plenty special. Ask your family which traditions they want to keep this year, whether that means a Christmas service, baking cookies, or driving around to see the lights. Save time to check on a neighbor or help someone else enjoy the season. Those moments deserve a spot on your calendar, too.

*Leave a little room for the joy.*

### YOUR NOVEMBER HEAD START

- ☐ Set a comfortable gift budget.
- ☐ Choose one tradition to keep.
- ☐ Save an evening with no plans.

*One small task now. One less later.*




# THE HEART OF HOCKEY COUNTRY

As the Komets celebrate 75 seasons, Fort Wayne's hockey tradition keeps bringing people together.

A hockey team can give a city something simple and powerful: a reason to gather. For Fort Wayne, the Komets have become part of that shared rhythm. The orange and black connect the excitement of a night at the rink with a much longer local story. In the 2026-27 season, the club is celebrating its 75th season, inviting both longtime supporters and first-time visitors to find their place in the stands.

## A Tradition Takes the Ice

The story began with Ernie Berg, who saw the possibilities of hockey as Fort Wayne prepared to build the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. A trip to watch an International Hockey League game in Toledo helped turn that idea into a plan. The Komets began playing in the 1952-53 season, and even their unusual spelling carried a personal connection: the K honored Berg's wife, Kathryn, who went by Kay.

The team's history includes change as well as continuity. When the previous ownership moved the club in 1990, the Franke family brought the Flint franchise to Fort Wayne and retained the Komets name. Different leagues followed, but the local tradition endured. Three consecutive Turner Cup championships from 2008 through 2010, a Central Hockey League title in 2012 and the ECHL Kelly Cup in 2021 added defining chapters. Behind those milestones is another kind of legacy: former players who stayed in the area, raised families and became part of its business community.

## A Night Everyone Can Share

Today, a Komets game can be the centerpiece of a family outing, a reunion or an evening with coworkers. The club offers group discounts beginning with 12 guests, with additional savings for larger groups. Benefits include seats together when available, videoboard recognition and access to experiences designed for groups. Hospitality options add another way to turn a game into a shared occasion.

Community recognition shares that stage. Team of the Game invites nominations for teams, while the Hoosier Lottery Community Impact Award recognizes retired teachers, police officers and firefighters. Hometown Hero nominations offer another connection between the action on the ice and the people in the region.

## More than a Seat in the Stands

The team's Fan Experiences program offers ways to get closer to game night. Options listed on the Komets website include a pregame penalty box experience, on-ice contests, Zamboni rides and opportunities to sing the national anthem. Fans can also enter promotions involving a game-used stick or puck. Each provides a different perspective on the familiar rink, whether the highlight is taking part or cheering on someone who does.

## An Unmistakable Personality

For younger fans, one of the most recognizable figures may not carry a stick at all. Icy D. Eagle brings a playful presence to the Komets experience. The mascot first appeared in Fort Wayne at the 1994 IHL All-Star Game and moved to the city that fall. Decades later, Icy remains part of the club's identity, linking generations through a familiar face and a spirit of fun.

That connection can continue outside the arena. The Komets accept requests for player and mascot appearances, including charitable events, subject to availability. Organizers are asked to submit requests at least 60 days ahead. It is another way for a professional team to become part of everyday community life, showing up in settings where a handshake or a photograph can mean as much as a highlight on the ice.

## A Milestone Worth Celebrating

The 75th Anniversary Fan Fest, scheduled for November 13 through 15, 2026, brings the past and present together across a weekend of events. Hockey Night at the Grand Wayne opens the celebration, followed by Komet Kon and two home games. The plans include returning alumni and a Komets Hall of Fame induction, giving supporters a chance to revisit the people and moments that helped shape the franchise.

An anniversary is also an invitation to carry a tradition forward. For longtime supporters, that may mean sharing a favorite memory. For a family discovering the team, it may mean choosing a first game. The next chapter unfolds one gathering and one new fan at a time. In Fort Wayne, there is still room to be part of the story.

Source: komets.com — History, Group Tickets, Fan Experiences, Icy D. Eagle,




**All in, together.** Fans in orange and black turn a game into a shared celebration.




## READY FOR THE NEXT SHOT

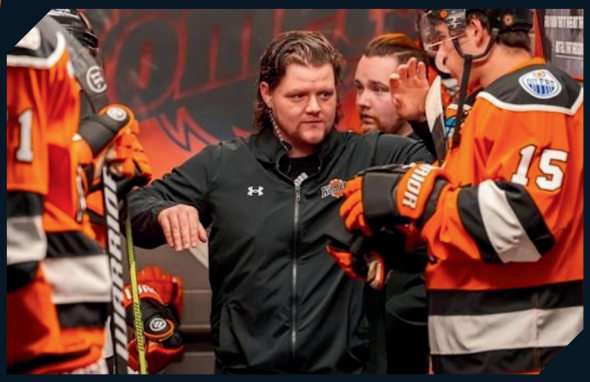
A Komets goaltender tracks the play.



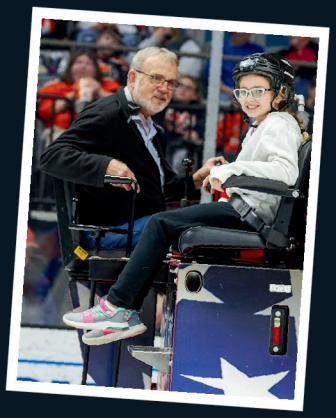
**A familiar face.** Icy D. Eagle brings the fun right to the fans.




**Tools of the trade.** A colorful lineup of sticks, ready for the rink.




**Behind the game.** Equipment work keeps the bench ready.



**A different view.** A Zamboni ride puts fans on the ice.

Photos: Josh Gales / images published at komets.com. Archival photographs.

# A Little Drive. A Lot of Joy.





Promotional gallery photos: Keith James Photography / Lights of Joy. Previous displays shown; cropped.

Turn up the Christmas music and settle in for a holiday outing with plenty of sparkle. Shipshewana's Lights of Joy transforms an evening drive into a colorful escape, with more than two million LED lights spread along a route of nearly two miles. Brilliant scenes and animated displays bring a little extra wonder to the season.

The best part on a chilly November night? You can enjoy the experience from the comfort of your vehicle. Tune your radio to the attraction's Christmas music broadcast, gather your favorite people and let the glowing scenery set the mood for a festive family night.

Make it a simple seasonal getaway: plan an early dinner, bring along a warm drink and save the light show for after dark. It is an easy way to trade the usual evening routine for shared smiles, favorite songs and a little holiday magic.

The 2026 season runs November 10 through December 31, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6–10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Standard admission is $30 per vehicle. Enter from State Road 5, also called Van Buren Street, and follow the lighted entrance signs.

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FIRST SERGEANT / JUSTIN SNYDER

Portrait supplied with the Indiana State Police announcement.

# ROOTED IN SERVICE

## Justin Snyder

A Noble County officer brings local experience to a wider mission in digital forensics.

### LOCAL ROOTS. A NEW CHAPTER.

Noble County remains home for Justin Snyder, even as his responsibilities reach across northern Indiana. Promoted to first sergeant in September 2026, he now oversees digital forensics and audio/video examiners in the northern half of the state. Indiana State Police announced the appointment October 1.

A Central Noble High School graduate, Snyder studied fire science at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and played on its golf team. He earned a criminal justice bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2017.

After the 70th State Police Recruit Academy, his Fort Wayne District assignment centered on Noble and LaGrange counties. His work included field training, the All-Crimes Policing Unit, digital media recovery, background investigations and youth camp counseling.

A 2020 promotion brought him to the CyberCrimes Unit as a digital forensics examiner. The unit moved into the Forensic Services Division in 2024. Today, Snyder lives in rural Noble County with his wife and two children at home; his family also includes an adult son and daughter-in-law.

### BEHIND THE DIGITAL EVIDENCE

What does this specialized work involve? Indiana State Police describes a unit that helps law enforcement recover digital evidence and, when needed, examine computers at a scene. It is an investigative resource whose work often happens beyond public view.

The agency's procedures outline several disciplines. Examiners analyze information on computers, phones and other devices with digital memory. Video and image analysis can clarify details in recordings or photographs, including material from surveillance systems. The focus is on recovering and explaining what the evidence contains.

Preserving that evidence is part of the job. The unit's responsibilities extend from acquiring and processing information to analyzing it and reporting the results. Its written procedures provide a framework for this work, with documentation required when approved departures from those procedures occur.

This work connects local investigations with specialized expertise, helping investigators make sense of information recovered from digital devices.

### LOCAL ROOTS. WIDER REACH.

## From local service to a broader responsibility.



### DIGITAL FORENSICS

ISP reference photography of digital evidence work. The person pictured is not identified as Snyder.

Reporting: ISP announcement, Oct. 1, 2026, via AroundFortWayne and InkFreeNews; ISP Forensic Services Division and Digital Forensic Procedures Manual. Images: published ISP portrait; Indiana State Police digital evidence webpage.

LOCAL CARE. LASTING COMFORT.

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**PROTECTION WITH PURPOSE**

Targeted care for pests such as wasps, plus a focus on prevention.



Home should be a place to unwind. It is where families gather, friends feel welcome and the routines of everyday life take shape. When unwanted pests interrupt that comfort, having someone local to call can make the next step feel more manageable.

For homeowners and businesses in Fort Wayne, Pest Patrol offers that local connection. The company brings more than six years of experience to its work, with an emphasis on responsive service, thoughtful treatment and customer care. Its approach centers on understanding the property and the problem before putting a plan in place.

That begins with an inspection. The team looks at the type of pest, the extent of activity and the areas that may be contributing to the issue. Entry points, nesting spots and hidden spaces help guide a treatment plan suited to the situation. It is a practical approach built around the details of each property.

Pest Patrol's services address ants, bed bugs, cockroaches, rodents and wasps. The company works with residential and commercial customers, offering help with active pest problems as well as preventive care. A concern in a family home may call for a different plan than one in a workplace, and the service is designed to reflect those differences.

The work also looks beyond the immediate concern. Pest Patrol outlines follow-up checks and guidance on maintenance practices that can help reduce recurring activity. By identifying risk areas and discussing conditions that may attract pests, the company helps property owners think about protection as an ongoing part of caring for their space.

Behind that process is a straightforward goal: helping people feel more comfortable where they live and work. For Fort Wayne property owners ready to address an unwelcome visitor, Pest Patrol offers a local starting point and a plan for moving forward.

**SCAN TO VISIT THE WEBSITE**

**PEST PATROL**

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THANKSGIVING

# Gather around.

Good food. Familiar faces. One more chair.

NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving in Northern Indiana turns a chilly November day into a full house. Across Auburn, Kendallville, and northern Fort Wayne, picture coats piled by the door, a crowded kitchen, and somebody asking whether the pie is ready before dinner even starts.

The menu can hold a little of everything: the stuffing someone makes from memory, the casserole that disappears first, and a dessert brought home from a favorite local bakery. Buying a pie in Auburn or gathering baking apples in Kendallville makes the preparations part of the holiday, too. It is a good excuse to bring out a family recipe and let another generation try it.

## Making room for one more.

A beautiful table can feel personal. Bring out the serving platter with a story, mix colorful napkins with the dishes you love, and let children make place cards. Ask everyone to share one good thing from the year, then see where the conversation goes. Somebody always remembers a story the rest of the table has forgotten.



ALWAYS SAVE ROOM.

Leave time for a walk, a board game, or a family photo before everyone heads home. Thanksgiving can reach beyond the guest list, too. Invite someone who would otherwise eat alone, take a meal to a neighbor, or support a local food drive. Send guests away with leftovers and linger over the coffee. The dishes will still be there after one more story.



## Make it local.

### A LOCAL TASTE

Find scratch made pies at **The Deli at Sixth & Main** in Auburn. Ask **Orchard Hill Farms** in Kendallville about baking apples and cider. The orchard is closed Thanksgiving Day.

### FRESH AIR FIRST

Fort Wayne's **Galloping Gobbler** returns November 26 with a four mile course. For a quieter outing, **Bicentennial Woods** near Huntertown offers two miles of trails.

### GRATITUDE IN ACTION

Help **Community Harvest Food Bank** with a donation, volunteer time, or a food drive.





Sources: The Deli at Sixth & Main | Orchard Hill Farms | VEEP Races | ACRES Land Trust | Community Harvest

Seasonal photography: Monstera Production, RDNE Stock project, kaboompics & Element5 Digital / Pexels.

# A Place to Grow Together

PINE HILLS CHURCH






A welcoming place to discover faith, build friendships and grow together as a family.

## A warm welcome starts here

A church home offers room  family, opportunities for your children and a community where faith becomes part of everyday life. On Carroll Road in Fort Wayne, Pine Hills Church invites people of different ages and life stages to take that next step together.

The church describes its purpose through three connected ideas: introducing people to Jesus, helping them live like Him and encouraging them to serve others. Its beliefs are grounded in Scripture, and its ministries give that mission practical expression, from children's classrooms to small groups and care for families.

For newcomers, Sunday mornings offer a relaxed starting point. Dress comfortably or dress up; the church welcomes either. Gatherings last about 70 minutes and include worship and Bible teaching intended to connect with daily life. There is free coffee, too, and an invitation to come as you are, wherever you find yourself on your faith journey.

## Make Sunday your starting point

Pine Hills gathers at 8:30,10 and 11:30a.m. on Sundays. Online worship and sermon resources offer a way to get acquainted before an in-person visit.

## Little hearts, meaningful beginnings

Pine Hills Kids serves childrenfrom 6 weeks through fifth grade, with activities suited to each stage. Infants and toddlers receive attentive care through play, rocking, crafts and Bible stories. Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 explore faith through the First Look curriculum, using videos, games, crafts and lively worship.

For kindergarten through fifth grade, 252 Kids combines biblical teaching, worship, interactive games and small groups. Across the ministry, children are encouraged to learn Scripture, pray, understand Jesus' love and put their faith into action by serving others.

Parents receive practical support, too. On a first visit, the Connections team helps with registration. Children and parents receive tags with matching security codes, which are checked at pickup. The church says children's team members complete interviews, background checks, training and shadowing, and a security team monitors access to the kids area.

A nursing room beside the registration desk offers a service livestream and private restroom. If a child needs a parent during the gathering, the team sends a text to the registered phone number.

**Room for little ones. Connection for parents. Faith for the whole family.**



Information and photography: pinehills.church

Visit the website for current programs, hours and updates.

# Connection for Every Generation

Friendship, purpose and practical support reach beyond Sunday morning.




**Faith. Friendship. A place to belong.**



## A place for teens to belong

Pine Hills Youth gives students in grades 6 through 12 a place to build friendships with peers and connect with adults as they explore a personal relationship with Jesus.

Wednesday gatherings run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with open gym, games, worship and teaching from the Bible. During the school year, evenings end with small groups, creating space for conversation and relationships within the larger gathering.

Students explore the Gospel, develop spiritual habits and learn to share their faith. Find youth events online or contact family@pinehillschurch.com.

## Find your people

Build Groups connect people through focused topics and shared learning. Times and formats vary. Some require books or other resources, and childcare differs by group. Review current options online to find a fit.

## Support through life's seasons

A church community can matter most when life becomes difficult. Pine Hills Care brings together ministries for prayer, encouragement and practical help. Its Deacon Team supports needs such as meals after illness or loss, hospital visits, care for widows and visits to seniors and people who are homebound.

The church also lists marriage mentoring for couples preparing for marriage or seeking guidance in an existing relationship. A Health & Cancer Care Group offers Scripture, prayer and connection for people facing serious health challenges and those who love them. Families can contact care@pinehillschurch.com to ask about care ministries.

Alongside these opportunities, the church offers ministries for young adults, men, women and seasoned adults. Together, they create multiple points of entry for people seeking friendship, spiritual growth and a meaningful way to participate in church life.



## Play, explore and make a connection

The free indoor Playland welcomes the wider community with slides, tunnels and room for children to explore, plus seating for adults. It is a simple way to spend time together or meet friends during the week. Regular hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Check the website for holiday closures and schedule changes.

**Plan Your Visit**

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# *Welcome*

# November

Thoughtful preparations for a warm, welcoming Indiana home.







November in Indiana is a season of transition: colorful leaves give way to bare branches, evenings arrive earlier, and home becomes the heart of everyday life. Before holiday guests arrive and freezing weather settles in, a few thoughtful projects can protect your property, improve comfort, and make the weeks ahead feel more welcoming.

## *Protect the exterior*

Once most leaves have fallen, clear gutters and downspouts so rain and melting snow can drain freely. Check that downspouts carry water away from the foundation. From the ground, look for loose shingles, damaged flashing, or overhanging limbs; leave high or difficult repairs to a professional.

Disconnect garden hoses, drain them, and store them indoors. Winterize outdoor faucets according to their design, and arrange proper winterization for irrigation systems before a hard freeze. Store delicate planters and patio cushions, and secure outdoor furniture against wind.

## *Give the yard a final pass*

Clear wet leaves from steps, walkways, and storm drains. Remove thick piles from the lawn, or mulch a light layer into small pieces with a mower. Put garden tools away clean and dry, and follow equipment manuals for seasonal storage.

Check porch lights and handrails. Keep a shovel and suitable ice melt accessible before the first slick morning. A clear, well-lit path makes coming home safer for family and guests.

## *Keep warmth indoors*

Schedule annual professional maintenance for your furnace or heat pump if it has not been serviced. Check the filter and clean or replace it as directed by the manufacturer. Keep furniture and rugs away from supply vents and return grilles so air can circulate.

Feel around doors and windows for drafts. Replace worn weatherstripping and seal suitable gaps around stationary frames with caulk. Open curtains on sunny days to welcome warmth, then close them after dark to reduce the chill near windows.

## *Make comfort safer*

Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and check their replacement dates. Follow battery instructions for each model. Place carbon monoxide alarms on every level and outside sleeping areas.

Have fireplaces and chimneys inspected and cleaned as needed before use. Keep combustible materials at least three feet from space heaters. Plug electric heaters directly into wall outlets, and switch them off before leaving the room or going to bed. Never heat a home with an oven.

## *Be ready for a cold snap*

Check exposed plumbing in unheated areas and insulate vulnerable pipes appropriately. Know where the main water shutoff is located. If you travel, leave the heat on and arrange for someone to check the house during severe cold.

Gather flashlights, spare batteries, drinking water, shelf-stable food, blankets, and a charged power bank. If using a generator during an outage, operate it outdoors at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents, with exhaust directed away from the house.

## *Welcome the season*

Add an outdoor mat, absorbent indoor rug, and boot tray to the entryway. Add hooks for coats and a basket for gloves. Clear space in the coat closet and kitchen before Thanksgiving gatherings.

Finish with soft throws, warm seasonal colors, and a simple centerpiece of natural textures. Tackle one project at a time, then enjoy what the preparations make possible: a comfortable home, fewer seasonal surprises, and more time with the people who matter.

**BEFORE THE FIRST FREEZE** Disconnect hoses / Check heat / Test alarms / Clear walkways

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, energy.gov; Indiana DHS, in.gov/dhs/get-prepared.

# Top Homes
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### FEATURED LISTINGS

| Area | Address | List Price | DOM | SF | Beds/Baths |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Auburn | 1238 Heritage Way | $425,000 | 14 | 2,498 | 4/3 |
| Kendallville | 421 Pinecrest Dr | $315,000 | 27 | 2,104 | 3/2 |
| Huntertown | 9825 Cedar Ridge Ct | $539,900 | 8 | 3,276 | 5/4 |
| New Haven | 3014 Maple Grove Ln | $369,900 | 21 | 2,180 | 4/2 |
| Churubusco | 1160 River Trails Way | $299,900 | 33 | 1,920 | 3/2 |
| North Fort Wayne | 7612 Copperleaf Dr | $459,900 | 12 | 2,850 | 4/3 |
| Garrett | 315 E. Houston St | $274,900 | 29 | 1,684 | 3/2 |
| Avilla | 7208 Meadow View Dr | $339,900 | 18 | 2,312 | 4/2 |
| Leo | 10021 Stonehaven Dr | $394,900 | 24 | 2,640 | 4/3 |
| Woodburn | 902 Willow Creek Ln | $309,900 | 16 | 1,986 | 3/2 |

### RECENTLY SOLD

| Area | Address | Sold Price | DOM | SF | Beds/Baths |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Auburn | 2099 Sycamore Ln | $410,000 | 7 | 2,360 | 4/3 |
| Kendallville | 704 Brookside Dr | $287,500 | 19 | 1,945 | 3/2 |
| Huntertown | 11701 Graystone Ct | $525,000 | 11 | 3,124 | 5/4 |
| New Haven | 4427 Hickory Hill Dr | $348,000 | 15 | 2,006 | 4/2 |
| Churubusco | 501 W. Ohio St | $236,000 | 28 | 1,672 | 3/2 |
| North Fort Wayne | 9344 Weatherstone Run | $447,000 | 9 | 2,918 | 4/3 |
| Garrett | 108 S. Randolph St | $261,500 | 22 | 1,720 | 3/2 |
| Avilla | 5373 Parkside Pass | $322,000 | 14 | 2,188 | 4/2 |
| Leo | 8341 Heritage Oaks Dr | $372,500 | 20 | 2,476 | 4/3 |
| Woodburn | 228 E. Wayne St | $229,900 | 26 | 1,560 | 3/1 |

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| OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10/21 @ New Orleans | 11/1 vs Brooklyn | 12/1 @ Cleveland | 1/2 vs Minnesota | 2/1 vs Miami | 3/2 vs Boston | 4/1 vs Orlando |
| 10/23 vs Dallas | 11/2 vs Atlanta | 12/3 @ Atlanta | 1/4 vs Chicago | 2/3 vs Atlanta | 3/4 @ Orlando | 4/4 @ Toronto |
| 10/25 @ Brooklyn | 11/4 @ Memphis | 12/6–10 Cup TBD ×2 | 1/6 @ San Antonio | 2/5 @ Oklahoma City | 3/6 @ Miami | 4/6 @ Charlotte |
| 10/26 @ Milwaukee | 11/7 vs Denver* | 12/13 vs Detroit | 1/7 @ Atlanta | 2/8 vs New Orleans | 3/8 vs Charlotte | 4/7 @ Detroit |
| 10/28 vs Philadelphia | 11/9 @ Dallas | 12/16 vs Golden State | 1/9 vs Milwaukee | 2/10 vs Cleveland | 3/11 @ Charlotte | 4/9 vs Cleveland |
| 10/30 @ Miami | 11/11 vs Washington | 12/17 vs Portland | 1/11 vs Brooklyn | 2/11 vs Utah | 3/13 @ Houston | 4/11 @ New York |
| | 11/13 vs New York | 12/20 @ LA Clippers | 1/13 vs Milwaukee | 2/13 vs Sacramento | 3/15 @ Brooklyn | |
| | 11/15 @ Philadelphia | 12/21 @ LA Lakers | 1/15 vs Phoenix | 2/15 @ Golden State | 3/16 vs Detroit | |
| | 11/18 vs Houston | 12/23 @ Phoenix | 1/17 @ Washington | 2/17 @ Sacramento | 3/18 vs Toronto | |
| | 11/20 @ Cleveland | 12/26 @ Utah | 1/19 @ Philadelphia | 2/18 @ Portland | 3/20 @ Milwaukee | |
| | 11/22 @ New York | 12/27 @ Denver | 1/20 @ Boston | 2/26 @ Minnesota | 3/22 @ Orlando | |
| | 11/23 vs Oklahoma City | 12/29 vs LA Clippers | 1/22 @ Detroit | 2/28 vs Toronto | 3/24 vs Memphis | |
| | 11/27 vs Philadelphia | 12/31 vs Orlando | 1/26 vs Chicago | | 3/25 vs San Antonio | |
| | 11/28 @ Chicago | | 1/28 vs LA Lakers | | 3/29 @ Chicago | |
| | | | 1/30 vs Washington | | 3/30 vs Boston | |

*Mexico City • Two NBA Cup games remain TBD • Source: Pacers.com

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## 2026–27 ECHL REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

| OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10/17 vs Toledo | 11/1 @ Indy | 12/2 @ Toledo | 1/2 @ Bloomington | 2/5 vs Cincinnati | 3/3 vs Bloomington | 4/2 vs Cincinnati |
| 10/23 @ Bloomington | 11/6 vs Bloomington | 12/5 @ Toledo | 1/6 @ Kalamazoo | 2/6 vs Trenton | 3/6 vs Indy | 4/3 @ Indy |
| 10/24 vs Indy | 11/7 @ Toledo | 12/6 @ Wheeling | 1/8 vs Maine | 2/7 vs Kalamazoo | 3/6 vs Indy | 4/9 @ Bloomington |
| 10/30 vs Wheeling | 11/8 @ Kalamazoo | 12/11 vs Bloomington | 1/9 vs Maine | 2/11 @ Wichita | 3/10 vs Kalamazoo | 4/10 vs Toledo |
| 10/31 vs Toledo | 11/14 vs Toledo | 12/12 vs Wheeling | 1/10 vs Toledo | 2/12 @ Wichita | 3/12 @ Kalamazoo | 4/11 vs Cincinnati |
| | 11/15 vs Cincinnati | 12/13 @ Kalamazoo | 1/14 @ Allen | 2/13 @ Wichita | 3/13 vs Kansas City | |
| | 11/20 @ Bloomington | 12/18 @ Kalamazoo | 1/15 @ Allen | 2/17 @ Kalamazoo | 3/14 vs Kansas City | |
| | 11/22 @ Bloomington | 12/19 vs Indy | 1/16 @ Allen | 2/19 @ Cincinnati | 3/17 vs Bloomington | |
| | 11/22 vs Bloomington | 12/20 vs Kalamazoo | 1/20 @ Trenton | 2/20 @ Cincinnati | 3/19 @ Indy | |
| | 11/26 vs Cincinnati | 12/26 @ Wheeling | 1/22 @ Trenton | 2/26 @ Toledo | 3/20 @ Bloomington | |
| | 11/28 vs Toledo | 12/27 vs Kalamazoo | 1/23 @ Trenton | 2/27 @ Toledo | 3/21 @ Bloomington | |
| | 11/29 @ Toledo | 12/29 vs Wheeling | 1/29 vs Trenton | 2/28 @ Wheeling | | |
| | | 12/31 vs Indy | 1/30 vs Trenton | | | |
| | | | 1/31 vs Trenton | | | |

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## 2026 NFL REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

| WEEKS 1–6 | WEEKS 7–12 | WEEKS 13–18 |
|---|---|---|
| W1 9/13 vs Baltimore | W7 10/25 @ Minnesota | W13 BYE |
| W2 9/20 @ Kansas City | W8 11/1 @ Jacksonville | W14 12/13 @ Philadelphia |
| W3 9/27 vs Houston | W9 11/8 vs Dallas | W15 12/20 @ Tennessee |
| W4 10/4 @ Washington* | W10 11/15 vs Miami | W16 TBD vs Cincinnati |
| W5 10/11 @ Pittsburgh | W11 11/19 @ Houston | W17 1/3 @ Cleveland |
| W6 10/18 vs Tennessee | W12 11/29 vs NY Giants | W18 TBD vs Jacksonville |

*London • Dates and times subject to change • Source: Colts.com

BELONGS TO MORE THAN ONE.



SHOPPING CLOSE TO HOME

# Black Friday

## *& Cyber Monday*

Advertised holiday sales in northern Fort Wayne, Auburn and Kendallville.

**NOVEMBER 27 TO 30, 2026**



Black Friday is November 27, and Cyber Monday follows on November 30. Around northern Fort Wayne, Auburn and Kendallville, retailers are advertising their holiday sales. Goodwill has scheduled a sale for Friday itself, while other retailers are giving shoppers an earlier start.

Lowe's Black Friday offers begin October 29, while Home Depot lists a November 4 start for its 2026 event. An earlier launch leaves more time to shop, but the offer you want may still have its own purchase window.

## Northern Fort Wayne

In northern Fort Wayne, Lowe's at 6931 Lima Road is part of the retailer's announced holiday promotion. Its lineup includes tools, appliances, holiday decor and outdoor power equipment. A daily series called 12 Days of Deals begins November 16, with more offers leading into Black Friday. Watch the advertised dates for the items on your list.

Goodwill Industries of Northeast Indiana has a 50 percent off sale scheduled for Friday, November 27, with exclusions. North side locations include Dupont Village at 525 East Dupont Road and Glenbrook Commons at 4122 Lima Road, Suite B6. Clothing and household finds make these stops a different kind of Black Friday shopping trip, with selection depending on what each store has available.

## Auburn

In Auburn, Goodwill's 50 percent off Black Friday sale makes the Auburn Plaza store at 1003 West 7th Street a stop to consider. Look through clothing and household items for something that fits your list. Review the sale exclusions and store policies before shopping, since some purchases will not qualify for the discount.

Auburn's Home Depot at 403 Smaltz Way is another retailer advertising 2026 Black Friday participation. Its official sale page lists November 4 as the start date and organizes shopping around categories including appliances, tools and home decor. For a household upgrade or a practical gift, use the sale page to compare offers, then check availability at the Auburn store.

## Kendallville

CVS advertises Black Friday deals through its holiday gift shopping page. For Kendallville residents, its local store is at 224 West North Street. Look through the online offers and the Kendallville weekly ad for smaller gifts and stocking stuffers, checking the advertised terms before deciding what belongs on your list.

Photo: Visit Fort Wayne. Sources: Goodwill Northeast Indiana, Lowe's and The Home Depot. Retailer announcements and promotion pages checked October 13, 2026.



THE WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

## Three dates to keep

**27** — **BLACK FRIDAY**
Friday, November 27

**28** — **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**
Saturday, November 28

**30** — **CYBER MONDAY**
Monday, November 30

Check each store's holiday hours.

For that CVS stop, check whether an offer applies online, in the store or through a coupon in your account. Match the item to its advertised terms, and choose the Kendallville location when checking stock. That attention to the details carries into Monday's online shopping.

## The weekend goes online

Best Buy has confirmed its Cyber Monday 2026 sale for November 30. Its north side Fort Wayne store is at 737 Northcrest Shopping Center. The online event highlights electronics and technology products, giving shoppers a place to look for bigger purchases still remaining after Friday.

For a computer or television, compare the exact model. Best Buy's Cyber Monday page also highlights appliances and tech accessories. Review what is included with the product, then confirm whether the order will ship or is available for pickup near you.

Lowe's has also announced extended Cyber Deals as part of its holiday promotion. That gives shoppers another online sale to compare after visiting the Lima Road store. Check each product's promotion dates before assuming Friday's offer will still be available on Monday.

## A head start at Lowe's

Lowe's rewards members get early online access to Black Friday doorbusters one day before they open to everyone on November 27. That is November 26. Lowe's stores are closed on Thanksgiving, so this early access is online. Check membership requirements and offer terms.

Compare the complete cost, including shipping and fees, and read return policies for sale merchandise. The Federal Trade Commission recommends keeping records of online purchases. Save the receipt and confirmation email together in case you need to follow up.

## A route close to home

Build the trip around the offers you actually want. A north side route can include Lowe's and the Dupont or Glenbrook Goodwill stores. In Auburn, the Goodwill and Home Depot stops serve different kinds of purchases. Kendallville's CVS holiday offers can help with smaller gifts, while Best Buy's online event brings the weekend into Cyber Monday.

Leave time between stops to enjoy the day, too. Meet a friend for lunch or compare your finds over coffee. A shopping plan can leave room for both the sales and a little time together.

Sources: CVS Pharmacy, Best Buy and the Federal Trade Commission. Offers and local availability may change.

Check promotion dates, exclusions, purchase channels and local ads before shopping.

# Close to Home, Far from Ordinary

Make November a season of discovery. These four northeast Indiana stops turn a family weekend into a mix of hands on fun, tropical greenery, classic cars and fresh air.



## Science Central

**FORT WAYNE | ALLEN**

Start with hands-on discovery at Science Central, where interactive exhibits invite children to experiment, build and explore. Add a planetarium experience for a little cosmic wonder. Keep curiosity moving indoors when November turns chilly.



## Botanical Conservatory

**FORT WAYNE | ALLEN**

Trade gray skies for tropical plants, a cascading waterfall and desert greenery at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory. The Silver Bells holiday exhibit brings a festive touch beginning November 21, 2026.



## Auto & Truck Museum

**AUBURN | DEKALB**

Head to the National Auto & Truck Museum for vintage vehicles and the remarkable GM Futurliner. Children can choose their favorite designs while adults share road-trip memories. Pair this indoor adventure with a relaxed lunch in Auburn.



## Chain O' Lakes

**ALBION | NOBLE**

On a pleasant November afternoon, bundle up for lake views and a woodland walk at Chain O' Lakes State Park. The easy, 1.3-mile Trail 5 follows Sand Lake through the woods. Let the children set the pace and watch for birds.

PLAN AHEAD Check hours before leaving. National Auto & Truck Museum is closed Thanksgiving Day. Choose a dry day for the hike.

Photo sources: Science Central; Visit Fort Wayne; National Auto & Truck Museum; Indiana DNR. Photos show attractions in varying seasons.





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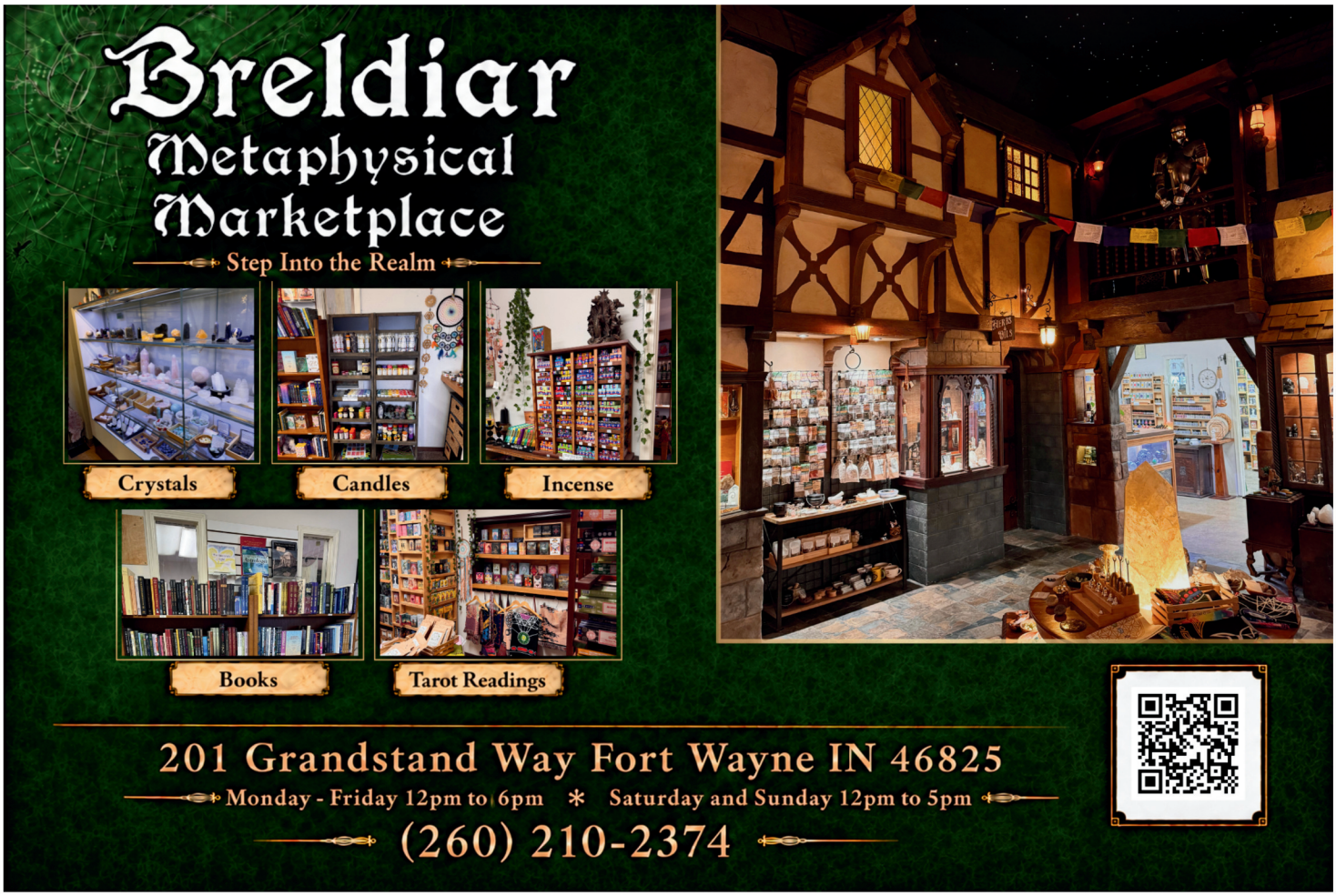
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